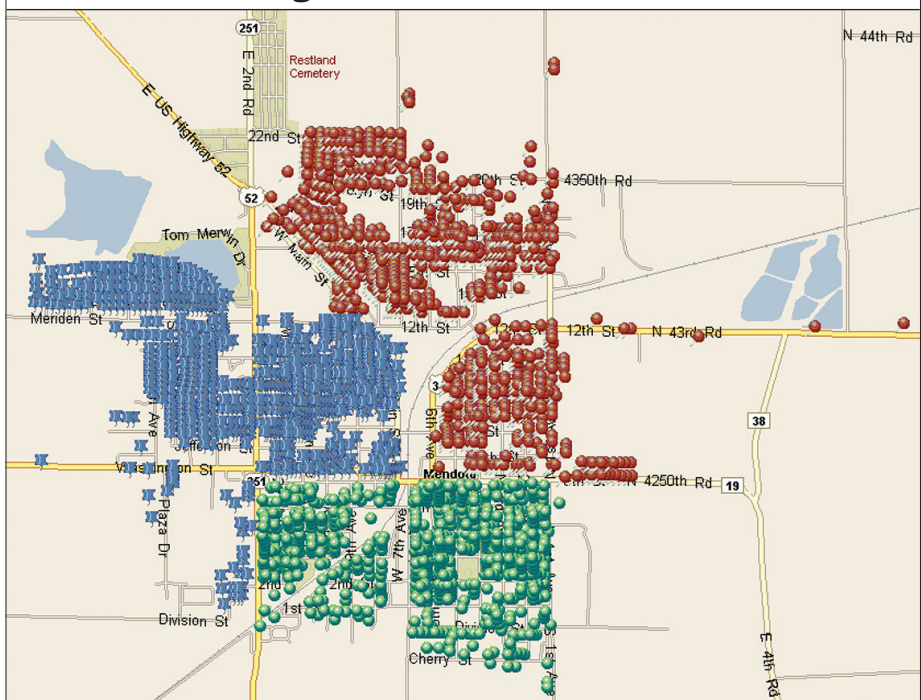


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Mendota garbage collection reduced to three days a week

MENDOTA – Republic Services, the garbage collector for the city of Mendota, has announced it will decrease its service from four days a week to three days a week effective Monday, June 22.

The new service days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Republic Services indicated the change is needed to better serve the city of Mendota and will only affect a small number of Mendota residents. The residents will not see any interruptions in service.

Republic Services appreciates your patience and understanding with this service change. For questions or more information, contact its customer service department at 815-284-2432.

City incinerator is now open to public

Work on Illinois Avenue in full swing

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The city incinerator is now open for business and the next phase of work on the Illinois Avenue project has begun, it was learned at the June 15 regular meeting of the Mendota City Council.

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Jim Fitzpatrick reported that the city incinerator (burn pit) opened on June 15. Hours are Monday from 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

Fitzpatrick said the next step in the Illinois Avenue restoration is underway. Infrastructure work will be done in addition to the installation of new sidewalks and street surface. Other features will be added.

New garbage routes will go into effect on Monday, June 22. Those residents affected by the change should receive a card in the mail detailing the changes.

Fitzpatrick added that spraying for mosquitoes has commenced.

During Kyle Kim’s report, the council discussed the city’s natural hazards mitigation plan.

John Holland presented two requests for donations, both of which were approved by the council. The city will donate \$3,000 to the YMCA for its summer SCAMP program. Also, the council donated its usual \$1,500 to the Mendota Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July fireworks celebration, and it also donated \$5,200 that would normally be used for the Sweet Corn Festival. Holland indicated the money could be used for the fireworks or for whatever activities the Chamber can have for the Sweet Corn Festival.

Two zoning variance requests were approved during John Hessenberger’s report. They include a height

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Aughenbaugh named next superintendent at MHS

Current principal will take over in 2023-24 school year

MENDOTA – The Mendota Township High School Board of Education announced on June 16 that it had approved a five-year contract extension with Principal Denise Aughenbaugh. As part of the contract, when current MHS superintendent Jeff Prusator retires at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year, Aughenbaugh will take over that position. She will continue to serve as high school principal through the 2022-23 school year and assume her new role as superintendent on July 1, 2023.



Aughenbaugh

Prusator has served as MHS superintendent for the past 16 years and has been an administrator in the district for the last 25 years.

Board President Jim Lauer said the board of education has been having internal discussions about how to proceed after the retirement of Prusator in 2023. “We feel very fortunate to have had the continuity of the same superintendent and principal for the past 16 years. We feel this stability has been beneficial to our district and community,” he said. “We have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Aughenbaugh for the past 16 years and are confident that she will be an exceptional leader for our district. We have been impressed with her leadership skills, communication skills, and decision making. We are confident that she will continue to lead our district in a positive direction and make decisions that are in the best interest of our students and community.”

Lauer noted that while serving as the MHS

principal, Aughenbaugh continued her education, earning her education specialist degree and currently finishing her doctorate. “As a school board, we understand that Mrs. Aughenbaugh is ready for her next professional challenge of being a superintendent. We felt it was appropriate and in the best interest of our community to make that commitment now,” he said. “The school board feels that the administrative continuity that we have had for the past 16 years has been beneficial and we wish for that to continue. We feel we have the best candidate and she happens to currently be our principal. We don’t want to risk losing her to another district.”

Aughenbaugh has had a 24-year career in public education, including six years as a business teacher and assistant principal at Ottawa High School and 16 years as principal at Mendota High School. She has also served as the district’s Bilingual and Curriculum Director. Aughenbaugh is currently completing her Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Aurora University. She received her Bachelor’s degree and Master’s in Administration from Illinois State University and received her Educational Specialist degree from Northern Illinois University.

Speaking during the June 16 board of education meeting, Aughenbaugh thanked the board members and Prusator for renewing her contract and entrusting her with the responsibility of the next superintendent. “I am honored and humbled to accept this position,” she said. “Mendota is a very special place, and it is a privilege to accept this responsibility.”

MHS board approves building projects, discusses plans for returning to school

Class of 2020 graduation ceremony still scheduled for July 18

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – Two large-scale projects totaling \$1,242,048 were approved by the Mendota High School Board of Education during its June 15 meeting. Superintendent Jeff Prusator said after several meetings with the district’s performance contractor, ENGIE, details of the Phase I projects were determined and will include roof replacement and the school’s back parking lot.

Prusator also reported on the state’s “Return to Play” rules, which will allow small groups of students to return to school for limited athletic training starting on June 16. “It’s very minimal what they can do,” he said. “No equipment is used, it’s only for conditioning.”

Prusator noted that student interest is high with 80 students signing up to attend. The students will have a designated time slot for the training. Prior to each session, the coaches will take each student’s temperature, ask them some health questions, and fill out a log so everything is recorded. “But the coaches and the kids are excited to get back,” he added.

MHS students are scheduled to return to school on Aug. 14 and Prusator said he is optimistic that will happen.

“We want to have every graduate in the gym and as many guests as are allowed at that time. If that is not possible, we have several different plans for how to handle the ceremony.”

–Superintendent Jeff Prusator, about Class of 2020 graduation

The state’s “Return to Learn” guidelines will be finalized and in place when students come back. These currently include:

Health and Safety Protocols. MHS will proactively prepare staff and students to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any other infectious disease. Teachers are trained on health and safety prior to resuming any in-person instruction. Symptoms of COVID-19 vary widely. Recognizable symptoms of COVID-19 include a new or worsening cough or shortness of breath or a least two of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 F, chills, muscle aches, headaches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or diarrhea. Teachers will request specific symptoms reporting when absences are reported along with COVID-19 diagnoses and COVID-19 exposure.

In accordance with state and federal guidance, school community

members who are sick should not return to school until they meet criteria to return. The school will consider a symptom checklist for students and staff to use to determine if they are well enough to attend that day. For students who were suspected of COVID-19 but not tested, the CDC and IDPH guidelines state that 72 hours must elapse from resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications and 10 days must have passed since symptoms first appeared. It is recommended that medically fragile and immunocompromised students consult their medical provider prior to attending school. Students or staff returning from COVID-19 related illness should check in with the building administrator following quarantine.

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LaMoille man dies in two-vehicle crash

LaMOILLE – An 84-year-old LaMoille man was killed in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of U.S. 34 and Route 92 in LaMoille on June 14.

Rex Gott died at the scene of the accident, which occurred at approximately 9:18 a.m. He was driving an SUV that was struck by a pickup truck occupied by a 43-year-old man, a 40-year-old woman and a 4-year-old girl, all from Geneseo. The woman was transported to OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. The man and girl were not injured.

The Bureau County Sheriff’s Department and the Bureau County Coroner’s Office are investigating the accident.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Service and therapy dog training school opening in Mendota

MENDOTA – Leashes for Living Assistance Dog School is opening soon in Mendota and is accepting applications for students.

The school teaches veterans and persons with disabilities how to train their own service dog through positive training techniques. It also provides therapy dog classes for those who want to make a difference in their community by warming hearts and putting smiles on faces.

A service dog is not a pet. They are necessary medical equipment that enhance a person's ability to live life to its fullest, which is why the school takes its training seriously.

Leashes for Living is a unique program that uses positive techniques where the student/handler learns how to communicate with and train their canine partner. By teaching their dog special skills and manners, the student is capable of achieving an enhanced lifestyle.

The learned skills and tasks are based on the individual's needs, thereby giving



them greater independence not only in their home, but also in the community.

Skills learned are limited only to the imagination, and may include: open/close doors, turn lights on/off, pick up/retrieve items, brace and balance, diabetic alert, seizure alert, hearing alert, PTSD and so much more.

The school works together with each team to develop great service and therapy dog skills.

Leashes for Living Assistance Dog School has been training service and therapy dogs since 2007. It offers A.K.C. S.T.A.R. Puppy, A.K.C. Canine Good Citizen, seven levels of obedience, public access test and appropriate special skills.

For additional information or to request an application, call (815) 293-7415 or (623) 687-1706. Information is also available on Facebook or at leashesforliving.com.

Leashes for Living Assistance Dog School is an Illinois not-for-profit and a federal 501(c)(3) public charity organization.

IVCC

IVCC announces spring graduates

OGLESBY - A total of 351 students graduated this spring at Illinois Valley Community College. Local graduates, listed by hometown, and their degrees or certificates include:

Mendota: Olivia Arteaga, AA; Alysa Bodmer, AAS in Nursing; Grace Brandner, CNA; Jenifer Bresley, AA; Melissa Byrne, AAS in Nursing; Ashley Diaz, AA; Lorene Diaz, AAS in Nursing; Adrian Espinoza, AA, AS; Aldo Figueroa, AA, AS; Fernando Flores, TDT; Stephanie Francis, AAS in Nursing; Lucas Garcia, Basic Renewable Wind Energy Tech; Tiffany Haines, AS; Jade Kerchner, CNA; Mireya Lerma, AAS in Nursing; Fabiola Mandujano, AAS in Nursing; Amber Miller, AAS in Nursing; Tanya Milus, AS;

Amador Nanez, AS; Diana Nanez, AS; Esbeidi Ortega, CNA; Francisco Romero, AA, AS; Myah Trujillo, AA; Elisa Valdes Romero, AAS in Nursing; John Wlodarchak, Automotive Brakes, Suspension, and Alignment, Basic Automotive Technology, Engine Performance; Jonathan Zinke, Machinist and Tool and Die;

Compton: Brittany Menzel, AS (AS); William Tyler, Associate in General Studies (AGS);

Earlville: Kimberly Balas, CNA; Samuel Braley, AA; Jacey Chapman, AS; Emily Cook, AS; Hannah Cwikla, AA; Sarah Westphal, AA, AS;

LaMoille: Rylee Cromwell, AAS in Nursing; Will Flanagan, AS; Morgan Sadnick, Phlebotomy.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing available in Ottawa

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department will begin a drive-thru COVID-19 Community Based Testing Site (CBTS) starting on June 17 at the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency Building, 711 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

The site will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will run by appointment only.

This site is open to all regardless of symptoms; no doctor's order is required. There will be no fee for this test.

Individuals are required to schedule an appointment by calling (815) 433-3366 prior to arriving on site. When scheduling an appointment, instructions will be provided for wearing a mask and directions will be given for how to drive into the site. A photo ID will be required for the test.

Patients utilizing drive-thru testing sites must be seated at a functioning window. Once a person is in line at the testing site, they are not permitted to exit their car. For the safety of testing personnel, drive-thru sites will not be able to accommodate walk-up individuals.

All individuals with symptoms are encouraged to seek testing. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed by visiting their website at www.lasallecounty.org. For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline 1-800-889-3931 or e-mail dph.sick@illinois.gov.

Coffeehouse to host drive-in praise event

MENDOTA - A special drive-in worship/praise event for teens and young adults will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19 at the Mendota Civic Center parking lot.

This Coffeehouse event will feature the Generation Now Praise & Dance Team.

Parking will begin at 6 p.m. and the worship music will get started at 6:30 p.m. Vehicles will be parked in every third parking place and families must remain in/



at their vehicle. Children under 18 must remain in the vehicle at all times.

Everyone is asked to please observe the current Covid-19 Illinois mitigation guidelines to ensure that future worship events can take place. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Please check the Coffeehouse website at www.crossroadshop.com for an updated schedule and/or cancellations due to weather or other circumstances.

State expands emergency assistance programs

◆ Help available for utilities, food, summer employment

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – As Illinois prepares to enter the next phase of Gov. JB Pritzker's reopening plan, his administration is launching a number of initiatives to help individuals and families who have been financially impacted from the economic shutdown brought on by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 15, Pritzker was in Belleville to announce the expansion of two existing programs, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program, or LIHEAP, and the Community Services Block Grant program, which provide food, utility and other kinds of assistance to people who are struggling

financially.

"While we continue to fight to keep Illinois' people healthy and safe from the virus, we must battle the economic pain that it has wreaked upon our communities," Pritzker said. "Unfortunately, in this battle, we are not unique. Every state in

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Healthcare Provider CPR offered at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA – OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is offering a Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course on Thursday, July 2 beginning at 5 p.m. There is a \$35 fee per person for the course, which must be pre-paid to reserve a spot in the class. Class size is limited, and the room will be set up with social distancing in mind.

The class will be held in the hospital's Conference Room C; participants should enter through the Medical Office Building doors. Participants may register online at www.osfsaintpaul.org or contact Michelle Jones, RN at (815) 539-1654.

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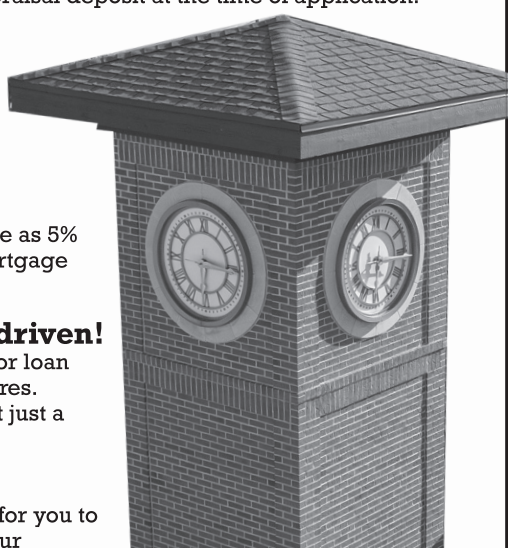
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LOCAL AND AREA

White awards more than \$15 million in library grants

MENDOTA - Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded \$15.4 million in FY20 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants to 638 public libraries statewide serving almost 12 million patrons.

"Due to resource disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our public libraries have never been more important and these funds will help them continue to serve the public with valuable resources," White said. "Libraries have remained committed by providing drive-up WiFi access, significantly increasing the use of eBook collections and implementing curbside services. I am extremely proud of the outstanding service Illinois' public libraries provide to residents. I truly believe libraries are corner-

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Outdoor concerts scheduled at Hegeler Mansion, LaSalle

LA SALLE - The City of LaSalle has approved Hegeler Carus Mansion's 2020 Outdoor Summer Concert Series. Concerts will begin on Friday, June 19 with Steve 'n Steve.

Safety protocol rules will be in place at concerts. To maintain social distancing, there will be 8-foot circles spray painted in the concert area with 6-feet of space between the circles.

Concert safety rules:

- Groups must be 10 people or less. Larger groups may use adjoining circles if available.
- A 6-foot distance is required when attendees pay to enter and when waiting in food vendor line. Patience will be required.
- Contact information will be collected, if needed for contacting.
- Everyone will get hand sanitized at the gate.
- Masks must be worn when going outside a circle.
- Everyone must self-maintain distance when outside a circle.

Cost is \$5 per person, payable at the gate. The grounds open at 6 p.m. and bands will play from 6:30-8 p.m.

Food and drink are allowed, bring chair or blanket for seating. Most nights food vendors will be available.

No smoking, vaping, candles, tiki torches or similar items allowed.

A list of concert sponsors and the band schedule will be made available on the Hegeler Carus Mansion website at www.hegelercarus.org and their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/hegeler/.

For questions, contact Tricia Kelly at (815) 933-4478 or e-mail cindy.waddick@hegelercarus.org.

4H senior spotlight - Madeline-Rose Mudge

LA SALLE COUNTY - The University of Illinois Extension Bureau, LaSalle and Marshall-Putnam 4-H is honoring the seniors of 2020. This week, they are highlighting Madeline-Rose Mudge, a member of the Dimmick Braves 4-H club in LaSalle County.



M. Mudge

Madeline-Rose has enjoyed showing horses and cows. She always liked showing livestock and said that was because of her involvement in 4-H. When she was younger, she also took photography and enjoyed that as well.

While in 4-H, Madeline-Rose learned about how to be a leader.

"I have always liked helping others and during our meetings us older kids have the opportunity to help the younger ones," she explained. "I have also learned responsibility from taking care of our animals. I also learned that we should give back to the community and help people that need things more than us."

Her favorite memories from 4-H are always at the fair. "Every year I look forward to competing with kids that have the same interest as me," she said. "One memory I have is when I was showing horses for my first time and winning three classes. I remember how

excited I was that I won first place."

Madeline-Rose's advice to younger 4-H members is to get involved. "Always try something new because you have the opportunity, so don't throw that away," she emphasized.

Next year Madeline-Rose will attend Illinois Valley Community College to study agriculture business. After IVCC, she plans to attend Iowa State.

She expressed her thanks to her club leader, Mrs. Rich. "She truly cares so much about the kids. Every year at the fair, she would try to watch all of the kids show and make an effort to take pictures for us," Madeline-Rose explained. "She is a club leader and an even greater role model." I

She also thanked the 4-H board for putting on a great fair every year. "This is an event I look forward to every summer. I could not thank you guys enough."

If you have questions or if you would like information about joining 4-H, e-mail Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu for LaSalle County, Danielle Gapinski at des85@illinois.edu for Bureau County or Anne Scheel at amscheel@illinois.edu for Marshall-Putnam. University of Illinois Extension - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit may be reached by phone at (815) 224-0889.

Mendota Rotary's lunch in the park canceled

MENDOTA - The Mendota Rotary Club's lunch-in-the-park scheduled for Friday, June 19 has been canceled. No community events

are allowed in Mendota parks through June.

The Rotary Club apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

UW-Whitewater dean's list

WHITEWATER, Wis. - Several area students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater dean's list for the 2020 spring semester. They include Mia Artman and Jenna Stanford, both of Mendota; and Holly Marsh and Emily Schmitt, both of Earlville.

To be included on the dean's list, students demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Dean's list honorees have shown an outstanding dedication to their academic pursuits - from their work in the classroom to notable projects in our research laboratories and out in the field," said interim Provost Greg Cook. "These hardworking students can take pride in the fact that they are living the Warhawk values of learning and academic excellence. They are deserving of our congratulations."

About 12,400 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses. Of those, the registrar's office

reported that 4,264 students were selected for the spring dean's list.

UK dean's list

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Elle Bottom of Mendota, a journalism major, was among a record number of students who made the University of Kentucky dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. A total of 9,705 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

To be included on a dean's list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the dean's list.

Monmouth dean's list

MONMOUTH - Two local students, Rebecca Monica of Mendota and Joshua Gross of LaMoille, were named to the Monmouth College dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. To be included on the list, students must earn a grade point av-

erage of at least 3.5 for the semester while taking at least 3.0 credit hours.

Ohio University graduation, dean's list

ATHENS, Ohio - Benjamin Marsh of Earlville graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Sport Management. He was among more than 5,000 students who graduated with bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for the spring 2020 semester.

Marsh was also named to the Ohio University spring dean's list. He was one of more than 9,500 students who qualified for the dean's list at the main and regional campuses.

OHIO students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester with classes totaling at least 15 hours, 12 of which are taken for letter grades, to achieve this distinction.

University of Iowa dean's list

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Two local students, Lukas Brand-

ner of Mendota and Katherine Anderson of LaMoille were among more than 8,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2020 spring semester.

To be included on the dean's list, students in the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in nine semester hours (spring 2020) or more of UI graded coursework during the semester and have no semester hours of "incomplete" or "no grade reported" during that semester. Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory or pass/non-pass basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the dean's list.

Brandner is a Biomedical Engineering major in the College of Engineering. Anderson is an English and Creative Writing major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Iowa State graduation

AMES, Iowa - A virtual commencement ceremony

was held this spring at Iowa State University to honor the nearly 5,100 graduates who earned degrees. Among the graduates in the Class of 2020 was Gregory Bator of Mendota who earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Studies.

Iowa State's traditional on-campus celebrations were moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. University leaders recorded three commencement ceremonies to honor graduates.

NIU dean's list

DEKALB - Northern Illinois University has announced their spring 2020 dean's list students. Local students included on the

dean's list are:

Mendota - Aylin Arellano, marketing major; A.J. Chaon, enterprise software major; Paxton Kennedy, economics major; Lillian Rodrigues, nursing major; and Katherine Wohrley, mathematics education major.

Compton - Joseph Gehant, electrical engineering major.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum 3.75 in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

CARL'S QUIZ

Debuting in September 1966, what Chevrolet car was designed to be a competing model to the Ford Mustang?

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Ramona J. Noble

MENDOTA - Ramona J. Noble, 86, of Mendota passed away peacefully in her home June 6, 2020 with her family by her side. She was cared for by OSF Hospice of Ottawa.

A Celebration of Life will be held at later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Ramona was born June 9, 1933 in Old Hickory, Tenn. to Leonard Riley and Tommie Elizabeth (Page) Parnell. She married John Noble on Dec. 26, 1954 in Alexandria, Va.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; one son, Robert "Bob" Noble of Elkhorn, Neb.; one daughter, Debora "Deb" Sisney of Darien; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters.

Ramona worked as a receptionist for Krenz Dentistry in Mendota for many years. She and her husband spent their winters in Florida. She loved the ocean and beaches. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mendota. She will be missed by many.

Memorials may be directed to OSF Hospice of Ottawa or a Humane Society of the donor's choice.



Rex E. Gott

LA MOILLE - Rex E. Gott, 84, of LaMoille died June 14, 2020 in LaMoille.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18 at First Congregational Church, LaMoille with Rev. Paul Butler and Rev. Jerry Graham officiating. Burial will be at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17 at the church. Lundquist-Merritt Funeral Home, LaMoille is handling arrangements.

Rex was born Oct. 7, 1935 in Springfield, Mo. to Joseph Palmer and June (Tate) Gott. He married Suzi Drummer on Sept. 9, 1958 at First Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife of LaMoille; four sons, Greg (Rhonda) Gott of Wyandot, Joe (Tanya) Gott and Jerry (Melody) Gott, both of LaMoille and Rick (Monica) Gott of Port Edwards, Wis.; four brothers, John Gott of St. Louis, Mo., Jack (Janet) Gott of Sherman, Texas, Steve (Angie) Gott and David Gott, both of Springfield, Mo.; six grandchildren, Jeremie Gott, Jackie Gott, Wyatt Gott, Addison Gott, Brandon Kopczynski and Taylor Breedlove; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Patty Gott; and one brother, Joe Bill Gott.

Rex worked at Conco's in Mendota and was a welder at Machinery Maintenance in LaSalle before retiring. He was a member of First Congregational Church and Mendota Golf Club.

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Sublette Village Board discusses reopening timeline

By TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE—The Sublette Village Board members met in person on Monday, June 8 and the meeting was also broadcast remotely for residents who wanted to attend online.

Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel said after hearing from its insurance company, the village has to follow the Governor's rules on each phase of reopening or the village might not be covered by insurance. He said Phase 3 allows for groups of 10 or less and Phase 4, which is looking to begin

on June 26, allows for groups of 50 or less.

Stenzel said the village cannot offer any events with more than 50 people attending until Phase 5. That means the tractor pull and events such as Hops and Harmony cannot be held until Phase 5.

Stenzel stated that the Ellice Dinges Center had no rentals on the books for June. When the state reaches Phase 4, the Ellice Dinges Center can be rented out again to groups under 50.

Stenzel recommended that the village put up all of the tables and keep them up all the time explaining that

it is easier to clean when the tables are set up.

Stenzel also mentioned the village might need to consider charging more to rent out the Center because of having to sanitize everything.

Video Gaming

To help the four businesses that are not getting income from video gaming, the village approved a motion for the reimbursement of video gaming fees to LaFiesta, Bonnell's General Store, BP Express and Route 52 Roadhouse.

The total amount being returned is \$350. The fee to

the village is a one-time fee for each machine.

"We're not getting money off it, they're not getting money off it," Stenzel said.

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported that there are four small businesses interested in coming to Sublette after COVID-19.
- Stenzel said the new contract for garbage disposal was signed and the totes have been ordered. He added that it looks like everything will be ready to go by July 1.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13 in the Ellice Dinges Center.

ISA offers free Agribusiness Management webinars for farmers

BLOOMINGTON - A free webinar series this summer promises go-to advice on a variety of farm business management topics. The series, sponsored by the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff program as part of its new Agribusiness Management Program (AMP), will offer eight webinars from July 8 through Aug. 5. This is being done through a partnership with Illinois Farm Business Management (FBFM) and the University of Illinois farmdoc team.

ISA District 1 Director and farmer from Genoa, Paul Rasmussen, cites agribusiness management resources as a critical operating component for any farm.

"We noticed that farmers have a real need in connecting to resources to help them with financial planning, marketing strategies, land leasing and even succession planning," Rasmussen says. "ISA's AMP program makes those educational resources available, and we encourage farm families to participate in the webinars together."

Interested farmers can learn more about the webinars and register at <https://www.ilsoyadvisor.com/on-farm/ilsoyadvisor/amp-summer-webinar-series>.

ISA's Director of Ag Innovations, Linda Kull, Ph.D., hopes this online webinar series will provide farmers the necessary resources to compete and grow in today's marketplace, even when an in-person event is not a logis-

tical possibility this summer.

"With everything currently happening in the farm economy, how a family farm manages and plans their business now will determine how they thrive into the future. It's even more important that farmers have a strong foundation in farm business management that they can put in practice on their farm. We want AMP to be that partner that helps them maximize their farm profitability, grow their family farm wealth, and continue their operation's legacy for generations to come," she says.

The AMP team is continuing to plan more educational resources that will address a variety of topics that include:

- Strategic farm management and planning
- Succession/transition planning
- Procurement, Breakeven Points, and Marketing Skills
- Farm Labor Management

- Taxes and tax law support
- Local and global markets

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The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) represents more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois through the state soybean checkoff and membership efforts. The checkoff funds market development, soybean production and profitability research, promotion, issues management and analysis, communications and education. Membership and advocacy efforts support Illinois soybean farmer interests in local areas, Springfield and Washington, D.C. ISA programs are designed to ensure Illinois soy is the highest quality, most dependable, sustainable and competitive in the marketplace. For more information, visit their website www.ilsoy.org.

More visitor restrictions loosened at IVCH

PERU - Visitor restrictions at Illinois Valley Community Hospital continue to be eased as the number of new coronavirus cases in the state are still trending downward.

Patients on the hospital's medical floor and in the intensive care unit are each allowed to have one visitor beginning June 15 with certain restrictions. Among them:

- The patient must designate who their visitor will be and that person will be the only visitor allowed to see the patient throughout their hospital stay.
- The visitor will be required to enter IVCH through the northeast entrance and be screened; afterward, they must wear a mask at all times, even in the room of the patient they are visiting.
- The visitor will have to check in at the nurses' station before going to the patient's room and they will have to wear a visitor tag at all times.

Also beginning this week, IVCH emergency department patients may

be accompanied by one other person who will be screened and required to wear a mask at all times while in the hospital. The accompanying person will not be allowed to leave the patient's room in the emergency department unless authorized to do so by an IVCH staff member.

The new visitor rules come after IVCH announced last week that obstetrics patients who have sonogram appointments and day surgery patients are now allowed to have one person accompany them into the hospital.

Patients coming to IVCH for X-rays and lab tests are still being asked not to bring anyone with them unless medically necessary. Patients who have appointments at IVCH Medical Group offices or who are going to the CareToday walk-in clinic are also asked to come alone if possible. These restrictions do not apply to pediatric (children) patients accompanied by their parents or other responsible adults.

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United States at every stage of reopening has suffered job losses and business closures, including those that never formally had a stay-at-home order."

LIHEAP provides direct financial assistance for low-income people who are having trouble affording their utility bills. The Community Services Block Grant program offers financial help for things like food, shelter and medicine.

Both programs are operated by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Activity. In the budget passed during a special session in May, lawmakers added \$90 million to the programs from federal funds, bringing the total available to \$275 million, and they expanded eligibility for the programs so they are now available to

households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$52,400 a year for a family of four.

Pritzker also announced a new web portal, HelpIllinois-Families.com, where people can pre-apply for benefits under either program. Until recently, it was a federal requirement to apply in person at a local office.

Applicants will be asked for proof of employment, such as pay stubs for the head of the household for the past 30 days; copies of heat and electric bills issued within the past 30 days; a copy of their rental agreement if they are renting their home; and proof of Social Security numbers for all people living in the household.

People who need to talk with someone about the application process can also call a new hotline number, 1-833-711-0374.

Library

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stones of our communities and I am pleased to provide funding to help them serve the public, especially during this time."

Some of the services public libraries provide with the grant money include the following:

- Expand WiFi access to include drive-up accessibility
- Curbside services
- Large print material
- Books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs
- Audiobooks and eBooks
- Home visit book delivery service

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- New computers, iPads and printers
- Spanish and dual language materials
- Expanded access to online resources
- Adult programming
- Newsletters, postcards and other promotional materials

Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota will receive \$9,215; Earlville Public Library District will receive \$3,476; LaMoille-Clarion Public Library District will receive \$2,290; and Paw Paw Public Library District will receive \$1,087.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Pritzker: Illinois 'shouldn't have a second spike' of COVID-19 if all the safety rules are followed

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker said last week that Illinois is on pace to enter the next phase of reopening later this month after COVID-19-related shutdowns, and added he doesn't expect a second surge of the virus in the fall as long as safety guidelines are followed.

"If you go to the (Illinois Department of Public Health) website you'll see that every one of the metrics, every one of the metrics by which the epidemiologists say we should be measuring our progress is going in the right direction," the governor said. "Every one of them, and it's because of what everybody has done across the state."

Speaking at an appearance in Moline, he said that while his was "not an epidemiological opinion," he said, "we shouldn't have a second spike" as long as face covering, social distancing and other rules are followed.

"Now we know what the mitigations are that we can put in place," he said. "We know how to manage through, making sure that our health care system doesn't get overwhelmed. But I pray, and I think we should all pray, that the fall doesn't bring the kind of spike that some people expect. But we are much better prepared for that now than we were a few months ago when this first hit."

Under the current schedule, the state could enter Phase 4 as early as June 26. During that phase, gatherings of 50 or fewer people would be allowed; all health care providers would open; public schools, higher education, summer programs and child care would be allowed to resume under safety guidelines; all outdoor recreation would be allowed; and all barbershops, salons, spas and health and fitness clubs would be allowed to open with capacity limits and IDPH-approved safety guidance.

Bars and restaurants, which are currently restricted to outdoor seating, carryout or delivery service, would be allowed to reopen with capacity limits and other safety guidelines.

Earlier in the day, Illinois Senate Republicans sent a letter to Pritzker raising concerns about the continued delay for some sectors of the economy as neighboring states reopen more quickly. They requested the governor employ a 14-day timeline in measuring reopening metrics as opposed to the current 28-day timeline, and they said current hospitalization and positivity rate trends demonstrate Illinois can move forward quicker.

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

"Illinois remains one of the most restrictive states in the nation," the Republican senators wrote. "Illinois restaurants, unlike those in neighboring and Midwestern states, will still need to wait weeks before in-person dining could even be considered. Gyms in Illinois remain shuttered and pools are only open for limited activities."

They asked the governor to accept their suggested changes that would have moved Illinois into Phase 4 on June 12.

The request came as the state's metrics all continued to trend in a favorable direction in terms of containing the virus' spread.

Still, Pritzker said the way phases were designed, including the 28-day periods, were so that the state could observe how the virus reacts as more people move further from their homes.

"So you might ask, 'well gee, can't you speed everything up now that we're doing better?'" the governor said in Moline. "But the reason that we have phases is because as you reopen and move into a new phase, guess what, you're gonna get more cases, that's the thinking."

Pritzker pointed out that Phase 3 only began on May 29.

"We're barely a couple of weeks in here and the incubation period is 14 days," he said. "Don't forget you don't really see the bulk of hospitalizations till between 14 and 21 days after people engage with one another that have COVID-19. So the idea here is to make sure that we don't overwhelm the hospital system as we reopen. But we are reopening as fast as we can and you've seen that I've made adjustments along the way, where the epidemiologists and the data indicate that we can open more, and not see an outbreak of cases."

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IHSA boys' state basketball tournaments to return to Champaign-Urbana in 2021

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on June 15 that the IHSA Boys' Basketball State Finals, known to fans throughout the Land of Lincoln as America's Original March Madness, will return to the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana beginning with the 2021 state tournament. The event was previously held in Champaign-Urbana from 1919 to 1995. The Peoria Civic Center, which has hosted the boys state tournament since 1996, also submitted a bid to continuing hosting.

"We see this as the passing of the torch from Peoria to Champaign-Urbana," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "It is bittersweet because there is incredible passion for high school basketball within these two communities, and both have done so much to elevate the state final experience as hosts. The State Farm Center is one of the best arenas in the country, and we are excited to crown state champions there once again. The timing simply felt right to make a change as the tournament format shifts in 2021."

The state final hosting bid was a joint proposal from the University of Illinois, the Fighting Illini Athletic Department, State Farm Center, Visit Champaign County, and the Champaign-Urbana communities. The proposal is a three-year bid encompassing the 2021 (March 11-13), 2022 (March 10-12) and 2023 (March 9-11) state tournaments.

"We are thrilled with today's news that the Illinois high school boys' basketball state finals will return home to the campus of the University of Illinois," said Illinois Director of Athletics Josh Whitman. "We are grateful to the IHSA and its leadership for choosing State Farm Center and Champaign-Urbana to host the state finals. We are

"We see this as the passing of the torch from Peoria to Champaign-Urbana."

—Craig Anderson, IHSA

humbled by their confidence in our community, which I know will come together to provide the players, families, and fans of the state's best teams a once-in-a-lifetime experience. My thanks to the many people and organizations locally who collaborated on a compelling bid and proposal. We look forward to showcasing the state's flagship university, celebrating the many virtues of Champaign-Urbana, and maximizing the full spectrum of amenities in State Farm Center to visitors from all across Illinois. The relationship between the IHSA and the University of Illinois extends back more than 100

years, and we are excited to continue this longstanding, positive partnership many years into the future."

The State Tournament has recently been held over the course of two weekends, but will begin a new format in 2021 that features all four classes being played over the course of three days, culminating with four state championships games on Saturday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The IHSA Girls' Basketball state finals will remain at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University (ISU) in Bloomington-Normal for the next three seasons.

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While at MHS, any individual who shows symptoms should be immediately separated from the rest of the population. Individuals who are sick will be sent home. If emergency services are necessary, 911 will be called. While interacting with students who may be sick, CDC guidance on standard and transmission-based precautions will be used.

Hand Hygiene. Frequent and proper handwashing is encouraged. MHS will have supplies, such as soap and paper towels, for students. If students prefer to carry their own hand sanitizer and tissue, that is encouraged to guarantee personal use. Hands should be washed often with soap and water for 20 seconds. It is recommended that hand hygiene is performed upon arrival to and departure from school; after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing; following restroom use. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be made available on MHS property and properly stored.

Face Coverings. MHS will follow the guidance of the CDC and IDPH on the usage of face coverings for staff, students, and visitors. There is significant evidence that face coverings provide protection and decrease the spread of COVID-19. Ensure that the face coverings fully cover the mouth and nose, and that the covering fits snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps. Reusable face coverings should be machine washed or washed by hand and allowed to dry completely after each use. MHS currently cannot issue disposable

face coverings to students who need one. All students are expected to arrive with a face mask.

Social Distancing. MHS will follow procedures to ensure 6-foot physical distance from other persons at all times is followed. The expectation pertains to students and staff members in all areas and settings to the greatest extent possible. Students and staff may break social distance if face coverings and other appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is utilized; however, prolonged contact should be minimized.

Symptom Screening. MHS will conduct temperature and symptom screenings for all staff, students, and visitors daily. Individuals who have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or symptoms of COVID-19 may not remain in the building.

Schoolwide Cleaning and Disinfection to prevent the Spread of Infection. MHS will follow sanitation procedures per recommendations of the CDC, IDPH, and local health department. More frequent cleaning and disinfecting is necessary to reduce exposure.

Water Fountains. The use of reusable water bottles is promoted. Water fountains will only allow for bottles to be filled.

Should remote learning become necessary, Prusator said part of the \$102,000 the district received from the CARES Act was used for professional development and other upgrades so the high school is much better prepared for distance learning. "It will be a much better experience for students and teachers," he said.

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Graduation for the Class of 2020, which includes 108 students, is still scheduled for Saturday, July 18 with the time and specifics of the ceremony yet to be determined. Prusator said they expect to have more information from the state by the end of June so plans can be made. "We want to have every graduate in the gym and as many guests as are allowed at that time," he said. "If that is not possible, we have several different plans for how to handle the ceremony."

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh reported that summer school online credit retrieval and driver's education classes finished on June 15. Behind-the-wheel driver's education is now allowed with protocols issued by the state. These guidelines were sent to parents so they could decide whether to have their students participate at this time.

Parents are strongly encouraged to watch for a school mailing about registration that will be sent at the end of this week. Aughenbaugh said it is very helpful if parents and students complete registration forms and free and reduced lunch forms, if needed. All necessary information and forms will be posted for download at www.mendotahs.org. This year, all parents and students must return a written signature page that verifies that they have access to the online handbooks by Aug. 3.

PERSONNEL

The board approved Aughenbaugh as superintendent beginning on July 1, 2023. They also approved Kristi Barajas as a special education teacher.

Council

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variance for a garage at 604 13th Ave. and a patio within the six-foot lot line at 205 Ninth Ave.

OTHER ITEMS

Police Chief Greg Kellen informed the council of two traffic studies that will be conducted by the police department. One is the Second Avenue corridor from Sixth Street to Division Street.

Kellen said there are several intersections in that area that are free of any traffic signs.

Also, the police department will do a traffic engineering study around Bristlestone School to see if there is a more efficient way of dropping off and picking up students.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Sign Ordinance

MENDOTA — The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

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Police reforms are a must

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – For the first time in my life, this week I put a “political” sign in my front yard.

It is a “Black Lives Matter” post.

The video of George Floyd’s death was horrifying. Minneapolis Police Officer Derrek Chauvin knelt for almost nine minutes on Floyd’s neck as he repeatedly said he could not breathe.

A bystander with a cell phone video recorded the entire encounter.

Chauvin knew he was being recorded and stared straight into the camera lens as he continued to bear his weight down on Floyd. These are the actions of a man who believed there would be no repercussions for his actions.

More disturbing still is that three police officers stood nearby and watched as it happened. Not one of them interfered to save a man’s life. The code of silence remains pervasive throughout the police culture.

I’ve covered police departments in communities as diverse as Las Vegas; Galveston, Texas; and Davenport, Iowa.

And for the past four years, I have investigated more than 50 wrongful convictions across the United States. My podcast Suspect Convictions has cataloged case after case of people who have served decades in prison for crimes they did not commit.

These convictions didn’t just happen. In almost every one of those cases, the conviction was preceded by acts of police misconduct such as perjury, torture and manufacturing of evidence.

Sadly, in almost all of these cases, no disciplinary action was taken against the offending officers.

“It is virtually unheard of for a police officer to be fired for misconduct and next to unheard of for him to be prosecuted for it. Even reprimanding a police officer is difficult. Police unions are incredibly regressive forces against reform,” said Larry Golden, founding director of the Illinois Innocence Project.

This crisis of accountability is nothing new. It has been happening for generations in law enforcement. And the misconduct disproportionately hurts those with black and brown skin.

While there are many, many good officers faithfully serving our communities, I’ve also observed more than my share of bigots.

Years ago, I walked into a detective bureau and inquired about a neighborhood altercation from the previous evening. A detective gave me a smirk and said that was nothing but TNA – Typical Negro Activity.

The squad rooms and offices within the police departments I’ve covered are places where racial epithets are common. No, not all officers say them. In fact, most don’t. But comments that would get one fired in most private places of employment are said there with little to no repercussions. The code of silence remains pervasive.

In the wake of George Floyd’s death, communities are rightly demanding reform.

In some cities, there is a push to defund police departments. While I appreciate the understandable anger behind such sentiments, I believe the notion is misplaced.

After all, police perform a vital function in our society.

What we need is comprehensive reform.

We should:

- Make field training officer positions prestigious, well-paid assignments that only the highest performers qualify for. It’s worth noting that Chauvin was assigned to an FTO position despite having 18 previous complaints filed against him. The day of Floyd’s death, he had two rookies shadowing him. If you want better cops, find better teachers.

- Make police unions responsible for providing liability insurance for their members. Currently, unions defend even the most egregious actions of officers. Giving them some financial skin in the game creates an incentive for them to help cull the worst officers.

U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, co-sponsored reform legislation introduced last week that would bring about significant reform.

The *Justice in Policing Act of 2020* would:

- Remove the barriers to prosecuting police misconduct and recovering damages from officers who have violated civilians’ rights and end qualified immunity for law enforcement.

- De-militarize police by limiting the transfer of military weaponry to state and local police departments.

- Combat police brutality, including by requiring body and dashboard cameras, banning chokeholds and enacting steps to end racial profiling.

- Step up pressure on the Justice Department to address systemic racial discrimination by law enforcement.

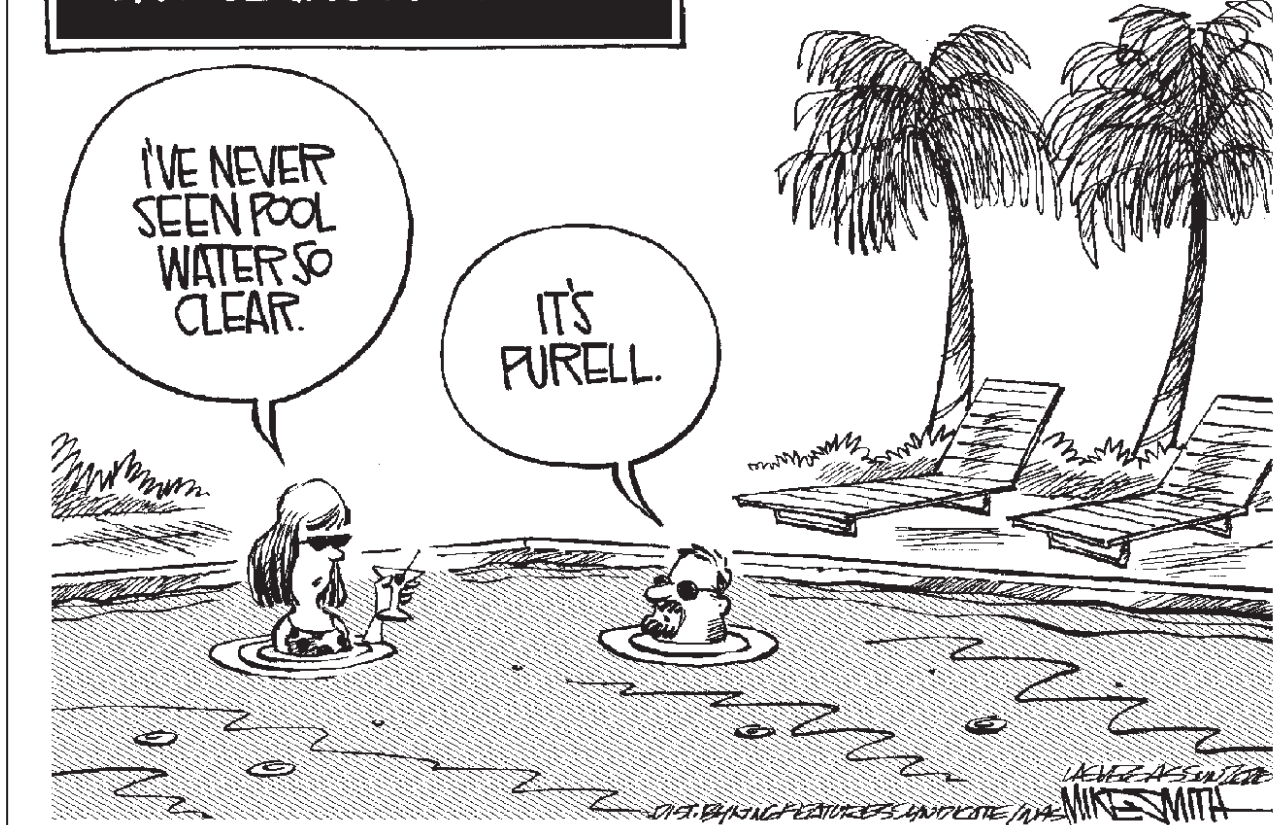
- And make lynching a federal hate crime.

These all are reasonable reforms.

Let us hope that those who represent us will have the courage to make these reforms reality.

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.)

LAS VEGAS REOPENS



Graduates get diplomas at athletic field – 1978

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from June 18, 2003.)

By Jessica Nashold

Graduation exercises were held on the Mendota High athletic field, 25 years ago. On June 8, Northbrook graduates received their diplomas. The grade school band, directed by Eben Campbell, featured a Stars Wars medley.

On June 9, the Class of 1978 was represented by four spokesmen: Lee Foulk, valedictorian; Bryan Eich, salutatorian; Rick Bottom, class president; and Frank Kobilsek, president of the student council. There were 188 graduates, starting with Becky Akers and ending with Brenda Tipton, when their pictures were presented in alphabetical order.

Flag Day was celebrated June 11, 1978, in the Elks Lodge Room. It was sponsored by the Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 540. The Mendota Memorial Council presented the colors, and Will Fahler chronicled the history of the flag, assisted by Boy Scouts from Troop 106. The Flag Day address was given by the Rev. David Quarberg, pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

At a high school board meeting in June 1978, president Jack Truckenbrod called on Harry Phalen, chairman of the building committee, to present a list of the problems that should be addressed immediately. Most urgent was removal of the smokestack, which had not been used for nine years. It could not be insured, and if it fell, costly damages were result. The east bleachers on the football field, used primarily by fans of visiting teams, were in poor condition and represented another “potential danger.” Replacement by portable bleachers was strongly recommended.

Less urgent, but on a wish list, was expansion of the school library and more room in the press box at the football field.

MHS athletic director Ted Lewis was named honorary coach for the fourth annual Illinois Coaches’ Association Shrine All-Star football game. Lewis had been inducted into the Association’s Hall of Fame in April.

The Mendota 100+25 Committee

Backtracks & Sidetracks

began announcing souvenirs that would soon be available. A 9-inch plate depicting historic buildings was being prepared. The price had not yet been determined. A ceramic bell with 100+25 inscribed in gold leaf would cost \$6. Thelma Hutchinson, chairman, announced that a wide array of low cost Mendota 100+25 headbands, space guns and sun visors would be on sale “to raise funds for the celebration and also provide lasting memories.”

“Tracks of Time,” the 125-year history of Mendota, was to be available Aug. 1, 1978. A printing of 5,000 copies by Wayside Press was planned. Sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, coupons began appearing in mid-May, offering copies at a prepaid cost of \$6. Payment would be due by June 15. John and Alberta Goebel had headed this project, assisted by chairmen for each section in “Tracks of Time.” George Likeness provided liaison with Wayside.

The Watershed Flood Control Project, which had slowly been taking shape, kept dealing with postponements. Mayor Louis Koopersmith, who had returned to office for a fourth term, after a four-year absence during the term of Murray Reeser, attributed the delay to state and federal bureaucrats. Declaring that only “squeaky wheels get the oil,” he pledged to produce the squeaks.

A program for 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds was launched in the summer of 1978. Summer Creativity at Mendota Parks (SCAMP) was directed by Vanessa Reiss at Lake Mendota. Registration was \$2. A recreation program for older youngsters was held from 9 a.m. to noon at Blackstone Park. Registration for this program, as well, was \$2.

A review of Rules of the Road was available without charge in the Community Room of the First State Bank, June

19-20. Instructors were Elsie Jansen and Leona Berg. Sessions began at 9:30.

On June 12, 1978, a group of young men and women on bicycles from Grand Rapids, Mich., stopped at the First United Methodist Church in Mendota, by pre-arrangement with the Rev. Raymond Kirk.

They had received pledges from businesses, organizations and individuals for the distance covered. They were accompanied by 11 counselors, a bus and a semi. Known as Youth in Christian Action, the group represented Teens ‘n Meaningful Evangelism. After a stop in Rochelle, they were returning to Grand Rapids.

The Mendota grade school board announced that the Compton school would not reopen for the 1978-79 school year.

The Carter Lumber Co. opened a retail outlet for building materials on U.S. 51-52 south of Mendota. Hours were 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eric Cox was manager. *** El-Jan Properties held an open house June 25, 1978, also in the area south of Mendota. *** Brandner’s moved their Corral Clothing from a location on Illinois Avenue to 715 Washington St.

When the Rev. Kevin O’Connor posted the topic of his Sunday, June 25, 1978, sermon on the bulletin board in front of the Baptist Church, little did he know he would prove to be prophetic. On Sunday morning, as he announced “Son of Thunder” would be the theme of his sermon, a clap of thunder boomed out, accompanied by a downpour that sent Mendota creek rampaging out of its banks through downtown Mendota. Mendota Police, Fire Department and Civil Defense volunteers responded to numerous calls – hundreds of them – between 10:30 a.m. and three o’clock in the afternoon. Additional manpower and pumps were brought in from Triumph and Troy Grove. Fallen trees, downed wires, flooded basements and submerged vehicles accounted for most of the calls.

The June 28, 1978, issue of The Mendota Reporter carried a two-page spread of flood photos. They were attributed to Mike O’Connor, Fred Bazzoll, Les Bryan and Randy Martens.

Law and order is not fascist

By Rich Lowry

Confronted by a clear and present fascist threat, the staff of The New York Times rose up to humiliate and punish quislings in its ranks.

In a now famous op-ed, Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton called for federal troops to quell riots and looting, an idea that the Times staff considered worthy of Oswald Mosley or Benito Mussolini.

As the Times was disavowing the Cotton piece and preparing to push out or demote its top opinion staffers for publishing it, columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote a response called “Tom Cotton’s Fascist Op-Ed.”

She acknowledged that the Times published Russian President Vladimir Putin and Taliban leader Sirajuddin Haqqani and “a similar case could be made for hearing from Cotton, an enemy of liberal democracy.” But the difference is that Cotton “is calling for what would almost certainly amount to massive violence against his fellow citizens.”

The sophomoric and ahistorical charge that President Donald Trump and his supporters are fascists is now a staple of elite left-of-center opinion.

There is no doubt that Trump’s periodic blustery assertions of having total authority are gross, would freak out Republicans if a Democrat made them, and deserve to be condemned. The president loves strength and is drawn to theatrical demonstrations of his own power.

But his critics are unable to distinguish between wild statements at press briefings or in cruel tweets on the one hand and establishing a one-party state or invading France on the other.

Law and order, a favorite Trump theme, is not fascism.

Consider Cotton’s op-ed. The senator called for federal troops to assist in subduing rioters and stipulated that “a majority who seek to protest peacefully shouldn’t be confused

with bands of miscreants.” If this is fascism, any effort to stop people burning down buildings now has to be considered dangerous.

Masha Gessen of The New Yorker wrote of Trump’s photo-op with a Bible in front of St. John’s Church, “perhaps he had seen a picture of Hitler in a similar pose” (a photo of Hitler in a similar pose that circulated on social media afterward was a fake).

Trump, like Cotton, distinguished between peaceful protestors and rioters, and surely one purpose of his tough talk on federal troops was to prod governors and mayors to get a better handle on the situation on their own.

Much has been made of protestors being pushed back from Lafayette Park before Trump walked over to St. John’s Church, but Attorney General Bill Barr has explained this was an effort to expand the perimeter around the park, where there had been mayhem and fires the night before.

Kristallnacht it was not.

No one has talked about crushing peaceful protests. No one has urged the stifling of dissent (no one, that is, outside of The New York Times and other “woke” circles). No one has talked of suspending the election. In fact, Trump has been faulted for wanting an overly normal election, with a traditional convention and standard in-person voting.

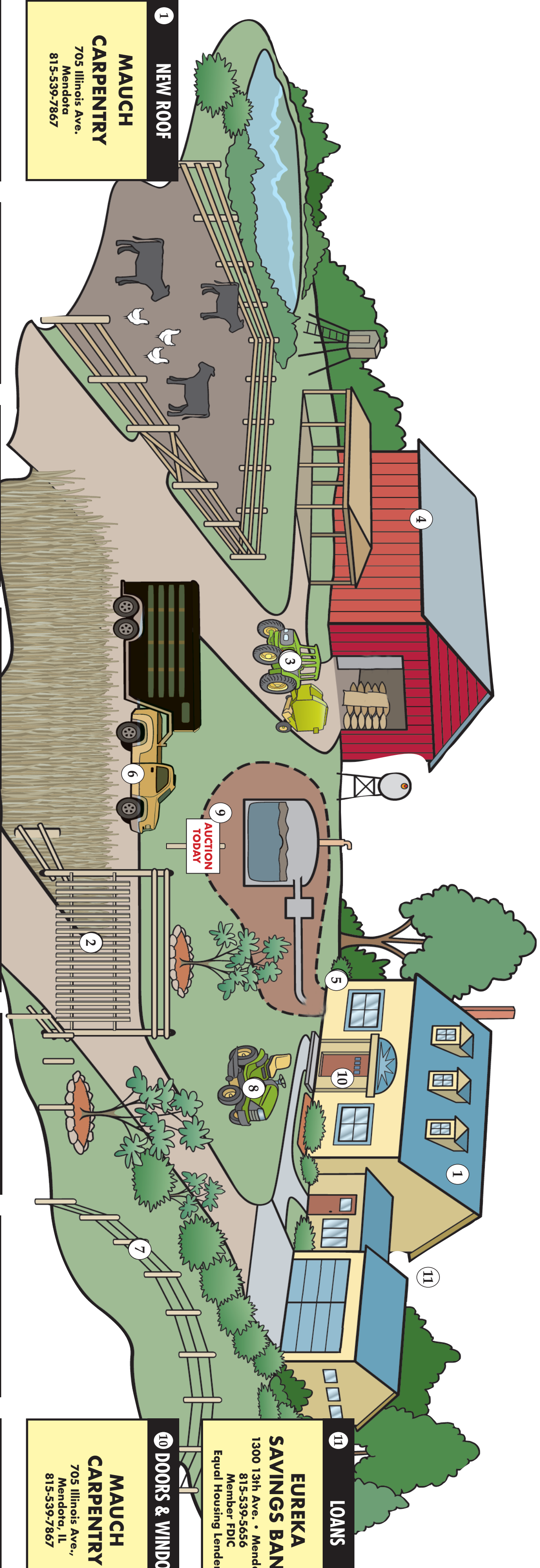
In a long piece on Trump “collaborators” in The Atlantic, Anne Applebaum noted how “references to Vichy France, East Germany, fascists, and Communists may seem over-the-top, even ludicrous. But dig a little deeper, and the analogy makes sense.”

No it doesn’t. It only speaks of the lack of seriousness of those who insist on making it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

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Saturday, June 20
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GARAGE SALE
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Noon-5 p.m.
Friday, June 19 &
Saturday, June 20
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Large sale. Stoneware,
farm primitives,
collectables, antiques.
Too much to list.
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Thursday, June 18
& Friday, June 19
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Boys' & girls' clothing
newborn to 4T, children's
items, women's & men's
clothing, furniture
& household items.
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**GARAGE
SALE**

POLICE BLOTTER

**DRIVING WHILE
LICENSE SUSPENDED**
Paige L. Bolz, 22, of
704 Sixth Ave., Apt. 5,
Mendota, was charged
with driving while license
suspended after a traffic
stop at 13th Avenue and
Memorial Drive at 7:29
p.m. June 9. The subject
was released with a LaSalle
County court date.

**SUSPENDED LICENSE,
WARRANT ARREST**
Uriel J. Banuelos, 26, of
411 Third Ave., Mendota,
was charged with driving
while license suspended
after a traffic stop at Wash-
ington and Main streets
at 9:48 p.m. June 9. Also,
Banuelos was arrested on
a DeKalb County warrant
for failure to appear on a
charge of domestic battery.
The subject posted bond
and was released with court
dates in LaSalle and DeKalb
counties.

**DRIVING WHILE
LICENSE SUSPENDED**
Constantin Stoica, 46,
of Jacksonville, Fla., was
charged with driving while
license suspended after a
traffic stop at Raymond
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Johll wins Charry award

OGLESBY – Longtime Illinois Valley Community College chemistry instructor and textbook author Dr. Matthew Johll of Granville recently won Illinois Valley Community College's 2020 Stephen Charry Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.



Johll

Known affectionately to students as "Doc Johll," he has been the college's Chem Club advisor all 16 of his years at the college. Under his leadership, the club has consistently earned "Outstanding" designations from the American Chemical Society.

By introducing case studies, Johll's textbooks have changed the way introductory chemistry courses are taught. He also successfully blends the science from crime scenes into his curriculum.

A frequent presenter at national conferences, Johll is renowned for his ability to help students understand the relevancy of chemistry in their lives. His presentations have included:

- Turning to Crime: Using case studies to teach chemistry;
- Real Crimes, Real Chemistry: True cases that

feature the analysis of physical evidence by forensic chemists; and

• The good, the bad and the ugly: Using the chemistry found in movies, television programs, newspaper stories and the internet for class discussions.

Outside IVCC, Johll is a forensic chemistry consultant currently working with the La Salle County Coroner to identify a victim in a 1991 cold case. He is also working with a criminal case review commission in Birmingham, England, on an appeal for what Johll believes is a woman unjustly convicted by poor scientific analysis of evidence.

He was part of a BBC documentary on a similar case in Glasgow, Scotland, where a nurse was wrongly convicted of murdering five patients.

Johll earned the Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Iowa State University and the bachelor's in chemistry (magna cum laude) from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville.

In 2011, UW Platteville named him Outstanding Educator/Researcher for the Engineering, Mathematics and Science Alumni Chapter. In 2017, he won the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America, for excellence in professional achievements.

City incinerator open

MENDOTA—The city of Mendota incinerator (burn pit) is now open to the public.

Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

- Monday – 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday – 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursday – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

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It's a great time to have a Garage Sale. If you're planning to get together some of the items you no longer use around your home and set up your own sale, be sure you follow some important basic steps!

1. WHAT TO SELL

Anything that still has usability and some value.

2. HOW TO PRICE

Decide the price of each item and then tag that item.

3. LENGTH OF SALE

Sales from Thursday through Saturday seem best.

4. HOW TO SET IT UP

Make it easy for buyers to view the items and have a central place with sufficient change for them to pay.

5. HOW TO ADVERTISE

The most effective place to reach more people is in The Mendota Reporter. We will be happy to assist you in placing your sale ad.

GARAGE SALE DEADLINES*

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MONDAY, 10 AM -

To appear in Wednesday's Reporter

* On a week with a holiday, deadlines may change. Please call to verify.



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SOCIAL SCENE

ANNIVERSARIES



Dennis & Toni Piller

Pillers to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

MENDOTA – Dennis and Toni (Hampton) Piller of Mendota will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20. They were married on June 20, 1970 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota.

Their attendants were Ron Henkel, Tina Hampton, Russ Volkert, Sherry Volkert, Rich Funfsinn, Linda Henkel, Mike Politsch and Nancy Rebholz.

The Pillers have two children, Kyle (Tonya) Piller of Louisiana and Kerry (Jason) Yedinak of Ransom. They also have two grandchildren, Kaylie and Mia Piller.

Local blood drive successful

MENDOTA – The American Red Cross held a blood drive on June 2 at the Mendota Moose Family Center.

There were 58 people presenting, and 65 good units were collected including 44 whole blood donations and 21 double red cell donations. Tom Sondgeroth reached a milestone of 16 gallons.

Volunteers reported having a great turnout for the blood drive considering these uncertain times. They appreciate everyone's time and donations.

Volunteers for the day were Sandy Schroeder, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney and Lori Simonton. Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon. Black Bros. also donated sandwiches and chips to the drive.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. Anyone who would like to make an appointment or has questions about the blood drive, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582.

Ottawa Christian to hold graduation

OTTAWA – Ottawa Christian Academy will hold their graduation and academic awards, along with open enrollment night, on Sunday, June 21 at 6 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Pastor Mike Muzzerall, former children's pastor and Bible College professor from Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

OCA's enrollment is limited and they will only allow a minimum number of students this year in order to comply with educational guidelines.

Pastor Mike will also minister at Heritage Christian Center during the Sunday morning service beginning at 10 a.m. Both events will be held at 900 Hitt St., Ottawa and social distancing protocols will be practiced.

For more information, call (815) 434-0507 or e-mail heritagechristiancenter@yahoo.com or ottawachristianacademy@yahoo.com.

Master Gardener Q&A - The Fountain of Youth?

OGLESBY - Looking for the "Fountain of Youth"? Look no farther than your yard! Studies from around the world support that there are very real health benefits of gardening.

Gardening can help control depression, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, strokes, colon cancer, ADHD, and premature death. This article will explore the reasons it could be the "Fountain of Youth."

Reduces Stress: It has been proven that stress is lowered by working in the garden by reducing cortisol levels in the human body. Cortisol, the main stress hormone, controls mood and the "fight or flight" response. Reducing these levels reduces the overall stress your body is feeling (Garden Gate Magazine, March 2020).

Reduces Depression: Soil has a natural antidepressant in the form of a common bacterium called *Mycobacterium vaccae*. This microbe causes cytokine levels in the body to increase, which in turn boosts the production of serotonin, a chemical that helps combat depression (medicalnewstoday.com). Sun exposure also combats depression by giving the body a natural source of vitamin D. Low levels of vitamin D have been linked to higher levels of anxiety and depression in humans (healthline.com).

Immune System Support: Recent scientific work has shown that the microorganisms commonly found in soil helps to support our body's immune system. Exposure to these microorganisms helps to reduce both inflammation and allergies. Gardening, therefore, allows us to get exposure to these helpful microorganisms (thescientist.com).

Protects Against Dementia: Brain stimulation is another major asset to gardening. Research has indicated that frequent brain stimulating activities can reduce the probability of developing dementia (homecareassistance.com)! Gardening is more than a physical activity; it offers social interactions and cognitive learning.

Exercise Benefits: Studies have found that for a 150-pound person, one hour of hoeing, weeding, and digging burns 324 calories an hour using all major muscle groups. It also has been found it increases balance and muscle strength. Even simple tasks like filling pots and mixing soil improves grip and self-esteem in older gardeners (Centers for Disease Control).

Healthier Diet: Having fresh vegetables in your garden just makes you want to eat



more of them! It has also been found that children are more likely to try vegetables they have nurtured from seed than those coming from the store. Multiple studies have shown that children who learn to garden eat more fruits and vegetables (www.rasmussen.edu). Also, by growing your own vegetable garden, you can cut out the pesticides and herbicides commonly used in mass production if you choose.

Fights Heart disease and Stroke risk: Some studies have found that gardening reduces the risk of having a heart attack or stroke. One study of over 4,000 seniors from Sweden who were followed over a 4-year period showed that gardening can reduce heart disease and stroke by over 30 percent. One factor is the moderately-intense exercise achieved during gardening. The other factor in reduction of these diseases is the exposure to Vitamin D you get while gardening. It has been found that individuals with low levels of vitamin D have double the risk of dying of heart disease (www.lifelinescreening.com). Exposure to the sun for just 10 minutes a day two or three times a week will give you enough Vitamin D to help fight off heart disease.

Gardening is a fantastic hobby and the health benefits are numerous. We encourage you to research more facts as the number of studies on the health benefits of gardening are overwhelming. Just remember, do not take on a large garden to begin your healthy adventure. Start small and build to make your search for the Fountain of Youth enjoyable!

Do you have some questions for us? Remember you can email questions to meo@illinois.edu or call the County Extension Office at (815) 224-0889. Please note that due to the COVID-19 epidemic, offices are closed until further notice.

Festival 56 postpones summer season

PRINCETON – If this were a normal year, Princeton would be eagerly anticipating the arrival of Festival 56's creative staff and ensemble to the Grace Theater and the construction of a stage in Soldiers and Sailors Park. But 2020 has been anything but normal.

After a long discussion over several possible scenarios, producing artistic director Tommy Lafrate and the Festival 56 board of directors decided that postponing the 2020 summer season to summer 2021 would be the most responsible option for the health and safety of the Festival's patrons, performers, staff and volunteers, as well as the wider community.

They hope that by next summer, public health concerns will once again support the type of live, professional theatre provided by Festival 56.



Festival 56 has become an important part of the community with the influx of young performers and visitors from out-of-town adding life and vibrancy to Princeton's summer celebrations.

In addition, a summer season in Princeton has been a launching pad for many theatrical careers, both on and offstage. As evidence, Festival 56 alumni have been offering videos with songs of hope and fond memories of time spent with host families on the Festival 56 Facebook

page.

As Festival 56 counts down another year to when it can again open a summer season, the board of directors is looking for other ways to provide connection to the arts. They are studying options that would allow Camp 56, Festival 56's theater camp for third-grade through high school, to take place at the end of the summer within health and safety guidelines.

A fall/winter season of music and other performances is also being outlined for whenever restrictions allow audiences to safely return to the Grace Theater, with additional measures taken for health and safety.

For 17 years, Festival 56 has been part of this vibrant community. With the continued support of patrons and sponsors, it will continue to be part of the scene for years to come.

Lee Co. Fair and Jr. Show canceled

AMBOY — The Lee County Fair Association voted to cancel the 2020 Lee County Fair and Junior Show at its June meeting. The fair was scheduled for July 23-26 at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds.



The board of directors released a statement explaining they sought guidance from multiple sources including the Lee County Health Department, the Bureau of County Fairs at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Lee County 4-H program, vendors and volunteers.

"In the end, we had to abide by the phased Restore Illinois plan and we couldn't find a way around that," said Fair Association president Adam Henkel.

The board had been meeting virtually since March to discuss the future of the fair. Members considered ways to modify the junior show and fair activities by asking fair vendors to share how they would handle guidelines and restrictions in place because of COVID-19.

"Every person we talked to indicated they would do their best to abide by rules and make changes," said Henkel. "We are grateful for the support."

Because the fair is also the annual 4-H show, members were in contact with the Lee County 4-H program coordinator and Extension office as well. On June 1, University of Illinois Extension-Champaign Urbana announced that all July 4-H shows and activities would be conducted virtually. 4-H members will receive information about registering for the virtual 4-H show from their leaders and Extension staff.

The Fair Association will contact all fair vendors, volunteers and partners to share this decision and begin plans for the 2021 fair, which is scheduled for July 22-25, 2021.

Governor cancels 2020 State Fairs by executive order, youth shows will be held separately

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – State Fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin will be canceled this year by executive order of the governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state made the announcement on June 12 in a news release, noting the decision "has prompted the Department of Agriculture to offer a safe, creative way to ensure youth exhibitors still get a chance to showcase their hard work."

That will come in the form of a Junior Livestock Expo in Springfield in September. Illinois exhibitors ages 8-21 can show their animals at that event. The 4-H General Project Show will take place virtually, with premiums and ribbons distributed by the ag department, according to the news release. Entry details for the events are forthcoming.

The Du Quoin and Springfield fairs attracted more than 600,000 visitors combined in 2019 and are scheduled to return in August 2021. Last year, the Springfield Fair set records for the grandstand and near record numbers for attendance.

"The Illinois and Du Quoin state fairs have been some of my favorite opportunities to celebrate our agricultural communities and the residents who make Illinois so exceptional," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release. "But it's because the fairs are such a treasure to so many thousands of people that my administration, like those of our neighboring Midwestern states, must make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 State Fairs in light of the risk posed by COVID-19. This is the right choice based on guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and

other experts: we have to prioritize keeping our people safe."

State Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, took issue with the governor's unilateral decision to cancel the fairs by executive order.

"I am tremendously disappointed the governor has canceled the 2020 Illinois State Fair," Butler said in a statement. "Through state law, the General Assembly has mandated that Illinois shall have state fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin. This decision is yet another one in which the governor has exceeded his authority during the pandemic and will be in violation of state law."

While Butler said he "fully understands" the health impact of COVID-19, he added "this cancellation is another serious blow to the economy of Central Illinois."

"Springfield's economy has been hit especially hard due to the cancellation of most of the General Assembly's spring session, the shutdown of facilities such as the Bank of Springfield Center and State Fairgrounds, and the closure or work-at-home duties of most state government offices," he said.

The cancellation of the Springfield Fair is the first since 1942-1945, during which period the fairgrounds were used as a World War II U.S. Army Airforce supply depot, according to a news release. The Springfield Fair was also canceled in 1862 due to the Civil War and was replaced in 1893 by the World's Columbia Exposition in Chicago.

This year will mark the first time the Du Quoin Fair has been canceled since the state took over in 1986.

"We've said from the very beginning our main concern is the health and safety of those who attend our state fairs," Jerry Costello II,



Gov. JB Pritzker joins 2019 State Fair Grand Marshal, East St. Louis native and Olympic champion Jacki Joyner-Kersey and others for the grand opening of the 2019 Illinois State Fair in Springfield. The state announced on June 12 that the governor would cancel this year's fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin by executive order due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Capitol News Illinois file photo by Jerry Nowicki)

acting director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, said in a news release. "These aren't just fairs; they are economic engines for the Springfield and Du Quoin communities that highlight the best that Illinois has to offer and shine a spotlight on kids around our state. These kids work all year to prepare for their livestock and projects, so we are determined to still provide them an event that showcases their hard work and perseverance through a very difficult year."

Those who have purchased an Illinois State Fair mega pass, admission booklet or parking

pass can contact the State Fair office at 217-782-6661 or email agr.fairinfo@illinois.gov.

Illinois remains in Phase 3 of its COVID-19 reopening plan until at least June 26, during which gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed. Gatherings of more than 50 people would not be allowed until Phase 5, but entry into that phase is not allowed without "Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors," according to the governor's Restore Illinois reopening plan.

ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I was looking through my old CDs and found one by Jewel. I used to play it over and over. I realized that I haven't heard anything new from her in a long time. Is she still recording albums?

-- S.T.



A: Jewel is a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter (and fantastic yodeler) from Alaska whose 1995 debut album, "Pieces of You," has gone multi-platinum. She's still recording, with her most recent album, "Picking Up the Pieces," released in 2015. During the pandemic Jewel performed in an online concert called "Live From San Quarantine." She was recently profiled on "CBS Sunday Morning," where she said something quite profound: "One thing I've really learned in my life is the darkest of times are the most fertile opportunities."

She's done a lot to raise money for troubled youth through InspiringChildren.net and her "Never Broken" organization, JewelNeverBroken.com.

To answer your question, certainly during all this time in isolation her creativity has

been sparked, so I wouldn't be surprised if she released a new album in the near future.

Q: I've been enjoying seeing the special episodes of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in prime time with host Jimmy Kimmel. Will it be returning to syndication weekdays? -- G.Y.

A: Right before California issued its stay-at-home orders, Jimmy Kimmel hosted a special series of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Nine episodes were filmed celebrating the 20th anniversary of the popular game show that originally started out as a prime time phenomenon with host Regis Philbin. It later became a hit weekday game show up until 2019, when it was canceled.

The anniversary episodes that aired recently on ABC were actually filmed without an audience. Each celebrity contestant was allowed one friend or family member to sit behind them on camera, assisting them with answers. Their winnings benefitted a charity of their choice. I think Kimmel (who hosts the late-night "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" on ABC) did a great job as the "Millionaire" host, so if we're lucky he'll preside over some special editions in the future. Unfortunately, there are no

plans at this time to syndicate the game show weekdays.

Q: I loved the TV show "The Americans" about Russian spies. Are the series stars going to be in anything new soon? -- B.B.

A: Real-life couple Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys starred in the FX drama "The Americans" as KGB officers living in Virginia during the Cold War. The show ended after six seasons, but both have gone on to acquire new projects separately.

Rhys is starring in the new "Perry Mason" series (yes, THAT Perry Mason) on HBO, which takes place during the defense attorney's career in 1930s Los Angeles. Last year, Rhys starred alongside Tom Hanks in the wonderful "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" film about Mr. Rogers.

As for Russell, she recently appeared in the blockbuster motion picture "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" as Zorii, and in the horror film "Antlers," alongside Jesse Plemons (" Fargo").

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- An open letter to Stephen Colbert (CBS), Jimmy Fallon (NBC) and Jimmy Kimmel (ABC): People need to laugh and forget the politics and pandemics of the day, and you guys seem to have forgotten how to tell funny stories about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to transport us to funnier places. Jokes, quotes and clips from press conferences we see 24/7 on MSNBC and CNN don't cut it. Your monologues used to transport us from the troubles and the traumas of the day, but all you do lately is build on what we're trying to escape from.

Thank heavens for BBC America and its London-based chat show host, Graham Norton. Usually he offers a bitingly funny monologue, five superstar guests -- such as Tom Cruise, Renee Zellweger, Brad Pitt, Tom Hanks and Harrison Ford



G. Norton

-- liquored up and sitting together on his couch, more relaxed than any celebrities on any American talk show. He has a singing star who performs then joins the stars on the couch. Then, a real person, sitting in a red chair tells what they think is a funny story. Sometimes the host, or one of the guests, pulls a lever that flips the storyteller out of the chair, or if the story is good they allow them to walk.

While Stephen and the two Jimmys are doing their shows from home, they still have a monologue, interview stars (in their homes) and sometimes have a musical guest. Somehow the absence of a live audience diminishes the impact of their monologues and interviews. Norton has dispensed with the monologue and goes straight to funny and insightful chats with his big-name guests, at home. He has eliminated the musical guest's song and ends with several red chair stories. Now, that's entertainment!

Nick Jonas, fresh off the \$800 million grosses for

"Jumanji: The Next Level," has the upcoming sci-fi film "Chaos Walking," with Daisy Ridley, Tom Holland and Mads Mikkelsen (due next January), followed by the graphic novel-based thriller "The Blacksmith," with Laurence Fishburne.

Broadway may be closed, but if "Some Like It Hot" with Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe, is one of your favorite films, you'll love the new planned musical (in 2021), with book and lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Williams (who wrote the NBC series "Smash" and "Hairspray"). They'll attempt to improve on "Sugar," the 1972 Broadway musical (505 performances), with Robert Morse (in Tony Curtis' role), Tony Roberts (in Jack Lemmon's role) and Elaine Joyce (as Sugar), with music and lyrics by Julie Styne and Bob Merrill, who collaborated on "Funny Girl." Casting is key, they'll need more than "Hairspray" to pull this off!

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

When I was a little girl, my father would read to me and my brother on rainy days. Mostly it was from J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit," but also from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. So when those stories were released in movie form, it created a happy series of memories for me and my dad. Elrond seemed to be a reasonable dad to Arwen, and I think we can all agree that Denethor was a terrible dad, but thankfully there are a whole slew of movies that showcase some completely awesome dads. Here are a few:

"Hotel Transylvania" (2012) -- Adam Sandler voices a doting vampire dad who does just about anything to keep his daughter Mavis safe from the outside world, including moving to the middle of a forest and setting up a hotel just for monsters with a fake village to steer her away from humans! And like most good dad stories, it's his little girl's potential love interest -- a dreaded human! -- that

sparks wacky shenanigans.

"Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) -- You can't keep a good dad down, and when out of work actor Daniel Hillard (played in glorious drag by Robin Williams) loses custody of his kids, he concocts an over-the-top British nanny in order to spend more quality time with his daughter and son. Now, that's dad-ication!

"The Pursuit of Happiness" (2006) -- Based on a real-life memoir, Will Smith plays Chris Gardner, a homeless salesman whose grit and determination to build a better world for his son take the pair on a journey from the streets to success. Bonus for the fact that Smith's actual son Jaden plays his son in the movie.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962) -- In this classic tale of standing up for others, Atticus Finch walks it like he talks it as a lawyer defending the innocent against injustice and showing his children, Scout and Jem, how to be a good human being in the face of evil.

"Finding Nemo" (2003)

-- Marlin is a good dad, but overprotective -- and you know how kids love to break the rules, or at least test the waters. And when Nemo, an adorable clownfish with one diminutive fin, gets scooped up by a fisherman, his dad crosses an ocean to find him.

"Father of the Bride" (1991) -- Steve Martin plays a shoe designer whose impending marriage turns his life topsy-turvy. It's an endearing picture and a real tear-jerker.

"Shogun Assassin" (1980) -- Honorable mention goes to widower Ogami and his son Daigoro, based on the "Lone Wolf and Cub" manga series. A shogun's executioner, Ogami's wife is murdered and he is set up for a crime of dishonor. On the run, he offers his baby son a choice: the sword or the ball. The baby chooses the ball, which means he gets to join dad on a violent quest for vengeance.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Following the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of hairstylists and alpaca farmers donated over 19 warehouses worth of cut hair to help absorb the spilled oil.

* Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula," or "Town of Our Lady the Queen of Angels of the River Porciuncula." Now you know why people usually just call it "L.A."

* Sex expert Dr. Ruth was trained as a sniper by the Israeli military.

* Looking for the perfect gift for the object of your affection? How about a toilet seat? Don't laugh -- that's what Ben Affleck gave Jennifer Lopez when the two were a hot item. Of course, this particular "throne" cost \$105,000 and was covered in diamonds, rubies and sapphires!

* Astronaut Neil Armstrong threatened legal action against his barber for selling his hair to a collector for \$3,000.

* The Benguet of northwestern Philippines blindfold their dead and place them next to the main entrance of the house.

* Mr. and Mrs. Curry, of New York City, got married inside a 120,000-gallon shark tank. The bride wore a white wetsuit and the groom wore black, saying their "I do's" while circled by different types of sharks and eels. Both were experienced divers but had to broadcast their vows to the wedding officiant, family and friends, since (unsurprisingly) none of them possessed equal nerve to enter the tank.

* Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim Anne Frank was posthumously baptized "by proxy" into Mormonism at least nine times.

* Boxer Mike Tyson once bribed a zoo worker to open the attraction for just him and his wife. During the visit, he also tried to bribe an attendant to let him fight a gorilla. The employee said no. (One wonders who would have won.)

Thought for the Day: "So long as we are loved by others I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

-- Robert Louis Stevenson
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Trivia Test

1. U.S. STATES: Bay Staters hail from which U.S. state?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Lebanon?
3. HISTORY: Which major World War II battle was known by the code name "Operation Detachment"?
4. MUSIC: Which rock group had a 1960s hit with the song "Inch and Peppermint"?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What does a chronometer measure?
6. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which automotive company had the slogan, "Quality is Job 1"?
7. MOVIES: Which movie won the 1991 Oscar for Best Picture?
8. SCIENCE: What kind of

adaptation allows an organism to blend into its environment?

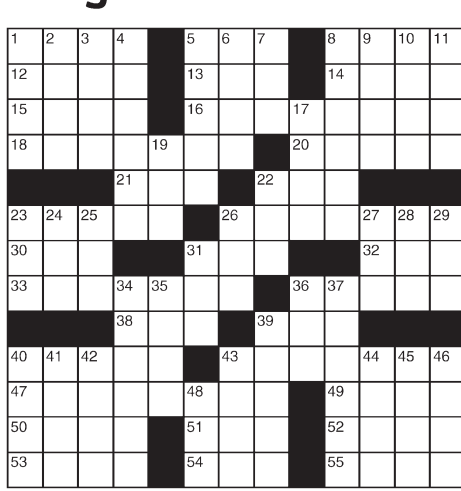
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "amor vincit omnia" mean?
10. TELEVISION: What is the capital of the Seven Kingdoms in "Game of Thrones"?

Answers
1. Massachusetts
2. Beirut
3. Invasion of Iwo Jima
4. Strawberry Alarm Clock
5. Time
6. Ford Motor Co.
7. "Dances With Wolves"
8. Camouflage
9. Love conquers all
10. King's Landing
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18. Passage
20. Idles
21. Still
22. "You've got mail" co.
23. Really fun time
26. Leave out
30. Thither
31. Beer cousin
32. Queue
33. Shout out
36. Co-star with Ball, Arnaz and Frawley
38. Branch
39. Dine
40. Larynx output
43. Surpasses
47. "My bad"
49. By word of mouth
50. Night light?
51. Atmosphere
52. Loosen
53. Paquin or Quindlen
54. Final (Abbr.)



DOWN

1. Land measure
2. Sauce thickener
3. Stylish
4. Sweethearts
5. Klutzy
6. Adjoining
7. Leno's network
8. "Is that so?"
9. Eye part
10. Landlord's due
11. Garb
17. Sporty Camaro
19. Emeritus (Abbr.)
22. Chopper
23. "See ya"
24. Bagel topping
25. Anti-apartheid org.
26. Shade source
27. Samovar
28. "What's up, --?"
29. Ram's mate
31. Intent
34. Gap
35. War god
36. Carpet cleaner, for short
37. Went to a restaurant
39. Put forth, as energy
40. -- cava
41. The yoke's on them
42. PC picture
43. Painter Nolde
44. Sea eagle
45. June honorees
46. Coin aperture
48. Water (Fr.)

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by Linda Thistle



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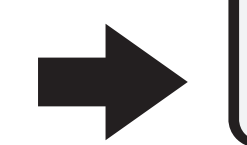
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Faith in God is a foundational principle of the Bible. It's the key to experiencing the promises we find in God's Word. For example, Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that the enemy "comes only to steal and kill and destroy," and that He came so we can "have life, and have it to the full" (NIV).

Being a Christian is not about a "brand" of religion; it's all about having abundant life through a personal, intimate relationship with God. That's a life we can enjoy!

But we can't have this

life unless we know what the Bible says and receive it by faith.

Romans 12:3 (NKJV) says that "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." Every person has faith; the question is what are you putting your faith in?

Is your faith in yourself, your friends, or the government? Who, or what, do you really trust to make your life work out the way it should?

When a person puts their faith in Christ for salvation, they trust that Jesus has done everything that needs

to be done for them to be forgiven of their sin and make them right with God. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) says, "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

The same way we're saved—believing and trusting in what Christ has done—is the same way we're supposed to live: by faith!

So how do we live by faith, or release our faith, to experience the promises of God?

I remember when I was going to church every week but I didn't have any idea about the blessings God had for me as a believer in Christ. I wasn't benefitting from any of them because I didn't know what they were, and I didn't have a clue that I could release my faith to have them.

But when I began to seriously study God's Word, I discovered what was available to me through Christ and how to release my faith to receive what He wants to give me. That's when God began to do amazing things in my life: healing my soul from the horrible abuse in my past; restoring my hope that I could have a great life, not a second-rate plan because I was "damaged goods"; and taking me from miserable and full of self-pity to having real joy and peace in my soul.

The key to effectively releasing your faith is basing your faith on God's



Word. That's why it's so important to diligently study the Bible. It's absolutely full of all the blessings Jesus bought and paid for with His blood. We need to devour the Bible and remind ourselves every day of how much God has done for us.

For example, Jeremiah 29:11 says God has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV). God loves you and He has a good plan for you...but it's not just going to happen on its own. You have to release your faith to have it.

Faith is a powerful force in your spirit, and when you use it, that's when things happen. You have to do something, say something, pray something—take some kind of action based on what you believe God has put in your heart.

Many years ago, when I felt like God wanted me to begin teaching a Bible study, I didn't have any idea how to do it. But I had a deep desire to help people and teach them God's Word.

My initial reaction was, "Who is going to come? Nobody knows me...no-

body cares what I have to say. And I don't know how to teach!" The Lord spoke to my heart and said, "I do." So my first step was to say, "Okay, I'll do it." My next step was to invite some people...and oddly enough, they said yes!

Those were steps of faith for me. I could have been so afraid of failure, my weaknesses and inability, that I wouldn't even try. I had to "step out and find out" if this was really God's direction for me.

That first Bible study consisted of 12 people; that group grew to 25, and as I continued, it eventually led us to start the ministry we have today.

I want to encourage you not to settle for a passive existence ruled by fear of failure, change, rejection or anything else. Instead, be determined to have everything God has for you.

Pray about the desires in your heart, or ask God to show you what He has planned for you. When you have an idea, pray for specific wisdom to take a step...to take action based on your faith in God.

If you really want to have the life God has for you, you will have to take

a chance—you'll have to step out and find out. Choose to put your faith in God because that's when amazing things will begin to happen for you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two-teaching CD set What Is Faith and How Does It Work? You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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that I am doing.
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apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will
lead me by the right road, though I
may know nothing about it.
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about a reunion with a brother
he had wronged?

Joseph, Jacob, Esau, Peter
3. In Numbers 20, who died
on a mountaintop after being
garment stripped?

Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
4. What city was beat down and
sowed with salt?

Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza,
Berea

5. Who lost all his horse-drawn
chariots in a sea?

Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh,
Benaiah

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which is in him?
Even so no one knows the things
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1 CORINTHIANS 2:11

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