



Silent gardens

The area at Restland Memorial Gardens in Mendota is empty during the time the annual Memorial Day ceremony would be taking place on May 25. Due to the current restrictions in place because of the pandemic, Mendota VFW Post 4079, Mendota American Legion Post 540 and their Auxiliaries were not able to conduct the Memorial Day Service this year. The flags were still flown in Restland Cemetery, Lutheran Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery as in years past. And we all were able to take a moment and reflect on the men and women who have served this nation, and the many who willingly gave their lives to protect us all. (Reporter photo)

State lawmakers put the final stamp on graduated tax wording

❑ Pamphlet will be sent to all households

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The language of the graduated income tax ballot measure is finalized after the House joined the Senate in approving it May 22.

It will read: “The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the “flat tax,” that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.”

Voters will be asked to vote yes to approve it or no to oppose. A majority of those voting in the Nov. 3 general election or three-fifths of those voting on the question will be needed for the measure to become enshrined in Illinois’ Constitution.

If it passes, a rate structure already approved by the General Assembly will become law on Jan. 1, 2021, and would replace the current flat tax.

Passage of the measure is a top priority of Gov. JB Pritzker, who has already pledged millions of his own fortune to push for its approval by voters. His budget team estimates the approved rates will bring in more than \$1 billion in additional state revenue next fiscal year and more than \$3 billion when it is implemented for a full fiscal year.

During debate in the House, Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, argued that Democrats, by noting the graduated structure is “how the federal government and a majority of other states do it,” are essentially including an argument for the measure in what should be an unbiased description.

Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch, a Hillside Democrat, argued that the statement is factual.

“There’s selectively included facts in this explanation,” Demmer said, asking why the explanation doesn’t include information about Illinois’ overall tax burden. “When we talk about selectively including facts, we get into the territory of arguments.”

The text for a pamphlet, which will, by law, be sent to “every mailing address in the state, addressed to the attention of the postal patron,” was also finalized. That pamphlet will contain the description of the measure, as well as arguments for and arguments against.

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Mayor: No Sweet Corn Festival as we know it

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – A city of Mendota tradition for more than 70 years will not be the same this year, according to a statement by Mayor David Boelk during a Mendota City Council meeting held via teleconference on May 21.

Mayor Boelk said that although the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce is holding off until July to make a final decision, this year’s Mendota Sweet Corn Festival “will not take place as we know it.” Boelk said there has been discussion about holding virtual events for the festival, but there is

nothing definitive at this time.

Boelk also spoke about the city’s annual Fourth of July celebration. The event originally scheduled for Saturday, June 27 will not take place on that date. The Chamber has tentatively scheduled the celebration to be held on Saturday, July 11 if more restrictions are lifted by the state of Illinois in wake of the pandemic crisis.

In other news from the mayor, he said the city’s street program has begun. All of the alleys have been completed and the designated streets have been ground off and are ready for blacktopping, which he said could

be completed this week. Boelk said the focus will then be on the Illinois Avenue project.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Kyle Kim presented the Police Patrol Officers’ contract for the council’s consideration. The council approved the contract, which will run from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2024.

During John Holland’s report, the council approved a resolution of support for The Head Hunter Salon & Day Spa for Community Development Block Grant funding through the Downstate Small Business Stabilization program.

Programs available to assist farm industry during pandemic

By RUSSELL HODGES
NMC Staff Writer

POLO – COVID-19 has affected several industries around the country including the farm industry, and federal organizations such as the United States Department of Agriculture are working to initiate programs to support farmers and small businesses in need of financial assistance.

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program this past month, which will provide \$16 billion in direct support for producers who have been impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, the CARES Act and organizations that include Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Risk Management Agency are working

“A lot of farmers have enrolled in the PPP program and there have been payments going out, especially to farmers who have employees. There have been payments going out to sole proprietors as well.”

—Brian Duncan,
Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President

to provide more flexibilities to help producers affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The United States Small Business Administration has made multiple programs available to agricultural producers whose operations have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic including the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. Illinois Farm

Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan, of Polo, said that farmers and small businesses in the state have been utilizing these programs in recent weeks to support their operations.

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MHS highlights Class of 2020 top students

MENDOTA - Mendota High School's Class of 2020 top students include Hannah Ambler, Anna Bokus, Noah DeLong, Sean Dullard, Shayna Kerchner, Kevin Lewis, Cole Stremlau, Josh Wiley and Maren Wise.

Hannah Ambler is the daughter of Carl and Susan Ambler of Mendota.

She participated in tennis, basketball, cheerleading, Math Team, Academic Challenge, Interact Club, Student Council, National Honor Society (president), Concert Band (president), Marching Band (2019 drum major) and Pep Band. She is an Illinois State Scholar, has a 4.0 cumulative GPA, and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, John Ourth Principal's Award, and News Tribune All-Academic Team.

She plans to attend Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and major in psychology. She currently hopes to become a school psychologist.

Anna Bokus is the daughter of Mike and Kaela Bokus of Mendota.

She participated in volleyball,

basketball, softball, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, Academic Challenge Team, Student Council, Math Team, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and is Senior Class President. She is an Illinois State Scholar, Honor Roll (8 semesters), attended Girls State, TEC, St. Jude Run. In softball, she received 2nd Team All-Conference 2019, in volleyball, 2nd Team All-Conference 2019, and in basketball, All-Conference Honorable Mention 2020.

She plans to attend Loyola University in Chicago to study biology on the pre-med track. She hopes to go into pediatric oncology.

Noah DeLong is the son of Michael and Janet DeLong of Mendota.

He participated in National Honor Society (2019-present), Spanish National Honor Society (2019-present), National Honor Society Tutoring (2019-present), boys tennis (2017-present), MHS Band (2016-present), MHS Choir (2016-present, Choir president), Academic Challenge (2017-20), Madrigals (2018-19, Madrigal King), boys golf (2017-19), boys basketball (2016-17), and cross country (2016). He received the John Ourth Student Recognition Award (2020), IMEA All-State Choral Musician (winter 2019 and

winter 2020), honor roll (fall 2016-fall 2019), S.A.R. Award (2019), Illinois State Scholar (2019), Homecoming King (2019), Arion Award (2020), and LaSalle Regional Office of Education Student Excellence Award (2019). He was a helper at LaMoille Community Summer Vacation Bible School, Christmas caroling fundraiser for PADS (2018), and drummer for First Baptist of LaMoille Praise Band (2016-present).

Next fall, he plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais to pursue a degree in secondary history education with a minor in communications. He would like to use his degree to become a history teacher at either the high school or middle school level.

Sean Dullard is the son of Deb and Steve Dullard Mendota.

He participated in drumline, band percussion, Jazz Band, Pep Band, BNC Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble, National Honors Society, Math Team, Academic Challenge, Scholastic Bowl, National Honor Society Tutor, and Drama Club.

He is an Illinois State Scholar, BSA Eagle Scout, on the high honor roll, and has a 4.0 grade point average.

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Token of appreciation

Kurt Bruno State Farm Insurance showed its appreciation to Sullivan's Foods grocery workers who are on the frontlines of the pandemic by buying lunch from Pizzas by Marchelloni for the grocery store staff members on May 19. Ready to roll into the store with the pizzas, left to right, are Rudy Arteaga, owner of Pizzas by Marchelloni; Kurt Bruno, State Farm agent; Jason Finkboner, manager at Sullivan's Foods; and Nick Arteaga, Pizzas by Marchelloni. Bruno said, "Thank you to all grocery workers for being on the frontline working through this difficult time." (Photo contributed)

Mendota's Willis earns USTFCCCA All-American honors at Carthage

KENOSHA, Wis. - The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) recently named the honorees for its 2020 Men's and Women's All-American list, with Carthage College senior Elizabeth Willis of Mendota grabbing a selection for the Lady Reds' women's team.

Normal policies dictate that All-America honors are awarded to student-athletes who score any portion of a team point (top-eight in the final of an individual event or as a member of a top-eight placing relay event) at the NCAA Championships. However, in lieu of conduction of the national championship this season,

which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the USTFCCCA Executive Committee selected all student-athletes declared and initially accepted into their events for the championship meet.

Willis was given All-American honors in the shot put and weight throw. She earned her fourth USTFCCCA All-American honor. In eight meets and 16 total events competed in this season, Willis picked up a staggering 11 first-place finishes, highlighted by a pair of conference championships in the shot put and weight throw.

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OSF at the races

NASCAR honored OSF HealthCare during its race at Darlington Raceway on May 20. It is part of NASCAR's initiative to motivate, celebrate and inspire health care workers by turning its drivers into their greatest fans. As part of this effort, the team at Richard Childress Racing honored OSF HealthCare by putting the OSF name above the driver's side door of Tyler Reddick's No. 8 Caterpillar Chevrolet for the race at Darlington. Reddick finished in 13th place. (Photo contributed)

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Olivet Nazarene dean's list

BOURBONNAIS - Two Mendota students, Addison Arjes and Cheyenne West have been named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University. To qualify for inclusion, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University, located in Bourbonnais, is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate

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Illinois farmers focus on soil health to fight climate change impacts

SPRINGFIELD - Amid the challenges of another rain-soaked spring and a global pandemic, hundreds of Illinois farmers are using conservation practices to help curb the long-term effects of climate change.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Illinois Climate Summary projects multiple threats to agriculture: more precipitation in winter and spring over the next few decades, more frequent floods and more intense summer droughts.

At Rademacher Farms in Gifford, Frank Rademacher said they are trying to buffer some of those impacts through the use of soil-conservation practices such as no-tillage and cover crops.

"We can take a lot of water really fast - so those big rains, we can absorb a lot of that," he said. "We've got all kinds of residue, so we're able to drive over that and distribute some of the weight a little better. And then, we've got soil structure; even if the soil's wet, we're able to plant into it a little sooner than we would otherwise."

He said healthy soil is not only more resilient, but it is crucial for clean water, capturing carbon and improving farm productivity.

Larry Clemens is Indiana state director for The Nature Conservancy, which is working with Illinois farmers on soil



health. While there has been a steady increase in farms using these practices, he said more is needed. "We simply need to scale up adoption of those practices and continue to help farmers overcome the barriers that are preventing them from adopting the practices that are at large scale," Clemens said.

Rademacher Farms is among more than 200 statewide in the "STAR" program. Megan Baskerville, Illinois director of agriculture for The Nature Conservancy, said by using the program's STAR tool, landowners can track and evaluate the soil and water from their crop production.

"We've really seen farmers appreciate that tool, and that it's tied to a lot of the science behind our nutrient loss-reduction strategy," she said. "They know every time they improve a STAR rating, they're also improving their water-quality outcomes."

She said The Nature Conservancy in Illinois also is researching the changes rural farmers are expected to face in the coming decades as a result of the changing climate.

The climate summary is online at statesummaries.ncics.org.

Mindy McLane is IVCH Employee of the Year

PERU - A laboratory technologist who was described as someone who "always puts the patient first" was selected as the 2020 winner of the Buckman Family Employee of the Year Award at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

Mindy McLane, a medical lab tech who is currently serving as one of the interim supervisors of the IVCH laboratory, was selected by the board of directors of the IVCH Foundation to receive the annual award.

McLane was chosen from nominations submitted by hospital employees.

"She is constantly bringing in new ideas and improving the way we test in order for us to provide the fastest and most accurate testing for the patients. She is up to date on all the concerns in our community to ensure the best possible care," read a nomination from lab assistant Juliet Plut.

A nomination from histologist Deb Baltikauski said McLane, who has worked at



Mindy McLane accepts the Employee of the Year award from Tommy Hobbs, IVCH CEO. (Photo contributed)

IVCH for five years, "always puts the patient first. . . and she always spends way more time working than any individual should."

McLane is a resident of Peru.

The Buckman Award is sponsored by the family of the late George Buckman, who was a long-time member of the IVCH board of

directors.

Other finalists for the 2020 Buckman Award included Jennifer Pickert of Earlville, supervisor of the IVCH CareToday walk-in clinic; Janine Sobin of Spring Valley, the hospital's infection control coordinator; and Tina Wawerski of Peru, director of quality management at IVCH.

Willis

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The 2016 graduate of Mendota High School posted a season-best throw of 14.26 meters in the shot put at the Midwest Elite Invitational, the fourth-best mark in the

country this season. At the Carthage Final Qualifier, Willis ended her regular season with a school-record toss of 19.28 meters in the weight throw, giving her the second-best toss across Division III.

CARL'S QUIZ

What is the most popular board game of all time?

The answer to last week's quiz is: In Sweden, it has become common to put cucumber, peanuts, pineapple and yogurt sauce on tacos.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com

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He plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa to major in animal science.

Shayna Kerchner is the daughter of the late Destiny Kerchner of Mendota, and granddaughter of Bill and Dessa Keigley of Mendota.

She is an Illinois State Scholar.

She plans to attend Northern Illinois University and major in accounting. She hopes to work in payroll accounting.

Kevin Lewis is the son of Kevin Lewis and Kelly Lewis of Mendota.

He participated in football (freshman, sophomore), track (four years), golf (junior, senior), Math Team (junior, senior and qualified for state both years) and National Honor Society (senior). He is an Illinois State Scholar and on honor roll all eight semesters of high school.

He will attend Northern Illinois

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University in DeKalb to pursue a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering through the school's honors program. He plans to work for NASA or SpaceX specializing in robotics and aerospace travel.

Cole Stremmlau is the son of Nicholas and Tracie Stremmlau Mendota.

He participated in football for four years and earned honorable mention in 10th grade, Second Team All Conference 11th grade and First Team All Conference 12th grade. He also earned the scholarship for contributing the most to the success of the defensive team, and was a co-captain; basketball four years, co-captain; track and field four years, co-captain; and National Honor Society (vice president). He is an Illinois State Scholar, was selected as Elks Teen of the Month and attended Illinois Premier Boys State in 2019.

He plans to attend Illinois Valley

Community College for two years, then transfer to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Josh Wiley is the son of Jim and Cindy Wiley of Mendota.

He participated in soccer, tennis, and National Honor Society and is an Illinois State Scholar.

He plans to attend University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to major in electrical engineering.

Maren Wise is the daughter of Scott and Elizabeth Wise of Mendota.

She participated in National Honor Society, Trojanettes Dance Team, and Mendota Just For Kix dancer and instructor. She is an Illinois State Scholar and attended American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State.

She plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College and explore education and career paths since she is currently undecided.

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Dean Lewis

PERU – Dean Lewis, 84, of Peru, died May 19, 2020 at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded and burial will be a later date. Burgess Funeral Home in LaSalle is in charge of arrangements.

Dean was born July 14, 1935 in LaMoille to Harold and Maude (Maloy) Lewis. He married Lupe Cruz on Nov. 26, 1994 in LaMoille.

Survivors include his wife of Peru; two daughters, Gloria Lewis of Joliet and Denise (Jeremy) Wisdom of Othello, Wash.; one son, Steve (Tylene) Lewis of Peru; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Doug (Elise) Kiser of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Shelia Jagodzinski on July 10, 1997; three brothers, John Kiser and John and Lee Lewis; and two sisters, Helen Hamilton and Linda Sprowls.

Dean graduated from Mendota High School in 1953 and maintained many friendships from his graduating class. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1957 and was a Seabee in the construction Battalion 3; Builder 2nd class. He was a carpenter his whole life. Early in his career, he worked with various carpenters in the Mendota area and then formed a business partnership with Ray Motter. Dean's final business partnership was with his son, Steve, which he proudly named Lewis & Son. Dean formed many friendships with the people he did work for. After his retirement, he enjoyed fishing, traveling, building his backyard pond and caring for the fish, along with raising and releasing butterflies in memory of those who went before him. His final days were filled with many visitors, lots of love, and a very special blessing from his great-niece, Maria Bonine.

Online condolences may be left at www.burgessfh.com.

Doris E. Swanson

STERLING – Doris E. Swanson, 99, of Sterling died May 19, 2020.

Arrangements were completed by Schilling Funeral Home and Cremation, Sterling.

Doris was born Feb. 1, 1921 in Dover to LeRoy and Alverda Fundell. She married Fred H. Swanson in December 1944. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Survivors include two sons, Gordon Swanson and Kevin (Beatrice) Swanson; one daughter, Diana (Burdette) Wehmeyer; 12 grandchildren, Nicole, Jennifer, Holly, Terri, Amy, Alexander, Amber, Damien, Vanessa, Adrian, Justin and Ryan; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger and Arvid "Shorty" Fundall and two sisters, Arlene King and Phyllis Casford.

Doris grew up in Bureau County. During World War II she worked at Green River Ammunition Depot. After her marriage, the couple moved to Mendota, where Fred was assistant cashier at First State Bank. After eight years, they and their three children moved to Lanark where Fred was with the Exchange State Bank. The family moved back to Mendota when Fred became a vice president with First State Bank. Doris worked as a cook at Mendota High School and was known as the "baker lady" because of her delicious desserts. Doris and Fred were very active in the United Methodist Church and various community organizations.

After retiring, they moved to Camdenton, Mo. at Lake of the Ozarks and enjoyed fishing, volunteering at the hospital and craft projects. Doris stayed in Camdenton after Fred died and remained active. In 2009, she moved back to Sterling and lived at Parkway Center until her death. Her 98th birthday was celebrated in 2019 with four generations of family and many friends at a luncheon. Her 99th birthday was celebrated quietly this year with just a few family members because she was "slowing-down" - as she would say.

A memorial has been established and may be sent to Schilling Funeral Home, P.O. Box 592, Sterling, IL 61081 and will be forwarded to the family. Condolences may be sent to www.schillingfuneralhome.com.



James R. Stephenitch

PARKER, Colo. - James R. Stephenitch, 81, formerly of Mendota, passed away from a sudden illness on May 5, 2020 in Parker, Colo.

Jim was born Aug. 28, 1938 to Frank J. Stephenitch and Mary E. (Farley) Stephenitch of Amboy.

Survivors include his wife, Willie (Dal-Santo) Stephenitch of Parker Colo.; one daughter, Christina of Redding, Calif.; and one son, Mathew of Riverside, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, William, Thomas, Edward and David; and one sister, Norma Yingling.

Jim served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Korea. His career in IT took him all over the world. He had a great sense of humor, love for life, and was always willing to experience something new. His love, gentleness and humor will be missed.

No memorial donations. Please remember him in your prayers.

ROE announces plan for remote learning on broadcast TV

OTTAWA - The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education, in conjunction with WTVP, the PBS affiliate in Peoria and other regional educational entities, have announced plans for a new broadcast television channel devoted solely to remote learning. The new channel, to be branded as WTVP REMOTE, is projected to be on air later in the summer in time for the 2020-21 school year.

Broadcasting at 47.5, WTVP REMOTE has the potential to reach more than 200,000 households in a 20-county region of Central Illinois. It fills a critical need for remote learning resources during the coronavirus pandemic and in future situations where classroom alternatives are required and can reinforce traditional classroom learning.

WTVP REMOTE will be especially important to the

"... having another instructional delivery method in broadcast television, we will greatly improve our ability to reach all students and improve learning." - Chris Dvorak, Regional Superintendent

thousands of low-income urban families and rural residents in the region who do not have reliable access to high-speed internet, cable TV service or a computer. Under current quarantine conditions and in other natural disasters or school disruptions, those students are almost completely cut off from instructional resources.

"We believe this partnership will help in the challenges we face in meeting all student's needs through remote learning," said Chris Dvorak, Regional Superintendent for LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam counties. "Our teachers have done an amazing job in the short time that was available to begin teaching remotely. By partnering with WTVP and having another

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study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership.

Saint Mary's College dean's list

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Whitney Lewis of Mendota has been named to the Saint Mary's College dean's list for the spring 2020 semester.

To earn this academic honor, a student must achieve

a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Celebrating over 175 years of empowering women to make a difference in the world, Saint Mary's is recognized as a pioneer and continued force in the education of women. A Catholic, residential, women's liberal arts institution, the College offers over 50 undergraduate academic programs and co-ed graduate degrees.

instructional delivery method in broadcast television, we will greatly improve our ability to reach all students and improve learning."

Under the plan, WTVP REMOTE will be funded by educational entities, major donations and grants designated specifically for the operation of the channel. Some content will be from the PBS digital learning library, but most will be locally produced to meet the specific needs of area students. Content will be scheduled throughout the day to support curricula for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in math, science, reading, language arts, social studies and other subjects.

"A big part of WTVP's mission for 49 years has been to serve as a quality

educational resource for the community. We do that every day on our flagship station, PBS Kids, Create TV and the World channel," said WTVP President and CEO, Lesley Matuszak. "This takes our commitment to education to a whole new level. It is the right thing to do for the children, parents and educators who are working so hard to stay engaged through remote learning. There couldn't be a better time for WTVP to acquire the technology and form the partnerships to make this happen."

WTVP is working with local and regional administrators to secure funding needed for ongoing production and programming on WTVP REMOTE. Interested individuals, businesses or other entities should contact Marcia Bolden, director of philanthropic relations at (309) 495-0525 or marcia.bolden@wtvp.org.

IBHE creates new campus reopening committee

◆ **Higher education leaders to determine how students can safely return to campus in coming months**

SPRINGFIELD – Following the release of Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has convened a committee to shape guidance on how campuses across the state can open safely this fall semester amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Deputy Governor for Education Jesse Ruiz said he is grateful for IBHE's leadership on this and looks forward to the committee's recommendations for the 2020-2021 academic year. "As always, our priority remains protecting the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff, while providing a high-quality education to prepare students for future careers."

The University of Illinois System, with its deep scientific expertise and on-going statewide work related to

COVID-19, will ensure the committee has access to the latest public health research and guidance with a lens that is uniquely focused on higher education.

"Higher education leaders, faculty and staff did an amazing job of rising to meet the unprecedented challenges this pandemic posed to our students and institutions this spring," IBHE Chair John Atkinson remarked. "Keeping our students on track to post-secondary attainment remains our primary focus and I am confident that together these leaders will help enable continued success in that effort."

"We know there is a lot of uncertainty, but one thing that is certain is that Illinois colleges remain the best, most affordable option for many. Whether that means working online to be safe, or a socially-distanced in-person

experience, our colleges and universities will be here," said Ginger Ostro, executive director, IBHE. "As we focus on implementing the Restore Illinois plan across the state's higher education system, the expertise of these college and university leaders will be invaluable."

The committee includes: IBHE Executive Director Ginger Ostro

Representatives of Illinois' public universities

Northern Illinois University President Lisa Freeman

University of Illinois President Tim Killeen

Southern Illinois University President Dan Mahony

Chicago State University President Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott

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ers who have employees,” Duncan said. “There have been payments going out to sole proprietors as well. Farmers have been working their way through the EIDL loans, which weren’t made available to farmers initially, but were made available when the second round of funds were put forward. Most farmers have moved through the system pretty well.”

With states around the country remaining shut down or slowly reopening, farmers and small businesses have been conducting more operations online. Duncan said that producers in Illinois have been utilizing these services, which are provided through the FSA website, the farmers.gov portal and the NRCS Conservation Client Gateway, to stay on top of their operations.

“We’ve been doing a lot of online work with our local FSA offices since they’re not doing business in person,” Duncan said. “I have no doubt that some farmers have been moving more of their businesses online, but there are some challenges locally and around the state, especially when it comes to Internet availability.”

CFAP

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will include direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted, as well as assistance for producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19. The program is eligible to farmers regardless of size and market, if they suffered an eligible loss.

Dumped Milk

COVID-19 shutdowns have caused disruption in the milk market, and dairy producers are dumping milk as a result. The Risk Management Agency is ensuring that milk producers who purchased insurance are not inappropriately penalized if their milk must be dumped because of recent market disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

For the 2020 calendar year, RMA is allowing Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to count dumped milk toward the milk marketing for the DRP or actual marketings for the LGM-Dairy programs regardless of whether the milk was sold. Producers will still have to provide to the AIPs supporting documentation from the cooperative or milk handler verifying the actual pounds dumped and that the milk was dumped.

Crop Insurance Flexibilities

Producers can continue to work with their Approved Insurance Providers, or AIPs, on policies, claims, and agreements. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business by telephone or email.

The Risk Management Agency is working with those insurance providers to provide additional flexibilities in response to COVID-19, including enabling producers to send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports, providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments, authorizing replant self-certification, waiving the witness signature requirement for approval of Assignments of Indemnity, allowing dumped milk to be counted as milk marketings for the Dairy Revenue Protection or actual marketings for the Livestock Gross Margin for dairy programs, allowing phone and electronic transactions for 2021 crop year sales and reporting dates, including options and endorsements, extending the deadline for some perennial crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports, waiving the 2021 crop year inspection requirements for the Nursery and Nursery Value Select programs in certain cases and authorizing AIPs to allow organic producers to report acreage as certified organic, or transitioning to organic, for the 2020 crop year if they can show they have requested a written certification from a certifying agent by their policy’s acreage reporting date.

Farm Loan Flexibilities

The Farm Service Agency is providing additional flexibilities to provide producers with credit options in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Those include accepting faxes or scanned signatures from customers and lenders and following the most current state or local guidance for use of online or virtual notary services.

FSA is currently relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need. Also, FSA will continue the use of commodity planning prices already approved for the current year. However, customers must be advised of the potential budget, cash flow, and loan impacts if projected prices are unable to be realized.

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to application packages for Primary Loan Servicing and Distressed Loan Servicing. Financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers who have been notified of the available loan servicing options will be provided an additional time to submit a complete application for loan servicing, accept an offer of loan servicing, provide a response to a denial of loan servicing or request homestead protection.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

In addition to the existing

guaranteed loan servicing options already available within the FSA guaranteed loan program, FSA is offering lenders additional flexibility. Standard Eligible Lenders (SEL) may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for annual line of credit advances and will not need FSA prior written approval.

SEL and Certified Lender Program (CLP) lenders may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for emergency advances and will not need FSA prior written approval. SEL and CLP lenders may certify that they have a feasible plan for additional loans made outside of the guarantee and will not need FSA prior written approval. Finally, loans made under the SBA’s PPP can be made at the lender’s discretion without FSA approval.

Commodity Loan Flexibilities

Producers now have more time to repay Farm Service Agency Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), as part of the CARES Act. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and this flexibility is available for most commodities.

Effective immediately, producers of eligible commodities now have up to 12 months to repay their commodity loans. The maturity extension applies to nonrecourse loans for crop years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Eligible open loans must be in good standing with a maturity date of March 31, 2020 or later or new crop year (2019 or 2020) loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020. All new loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020 will have a maturity date 12 months following the date of approval.

The maturity extension for current, active loans will be automatically extended an additional three months. Loans that matured March 31 have already been automatically extended. Loans requested after Sept. 30, 2020 will have a term of nine months.

Eligible commodities include barley, chickpeas (small and large), corn, cotton (upland and extra-long staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats, peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

Under the new maturity provisions, producers can still repay the loan as they would have before the extension. Producers can repay the MAL on or before the maturity date, upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment or after maturity, and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity, by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable

during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

Crop Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting is key to eligibility for many USDA programs, including crop insurance, safety net, disaster assistance, farm loan and conservation programs. While USDA Service Centers are currently open by phone or virtual appointments only, FSA is still available for assistance on timely filing acreage reports. FSA staff are providing acreage reporting assistance through phone, email and virtual meetings like Microsoft Teams.

Acreage reporting dates can vary by crop and by county. Producers should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center for details in their respective county.

Animal Mortality

While support for livestock is available through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program in some circumstances, limited markets and processing may cause livestock producers to depopulate herds. NRCS offers assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help agricultural producers properly dispose of livestock that were depopulated because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the Emergency Animal Mortality Management practice, NRCS helps producers plan and cover part of the cost for disposing of livestock because of an emergency animal mortality event. Once capacity is reached in an animal mortality facility, NRCS will help producers dispose of the remaining livestock through burying, incinerating, disposal at landfill or render, and other disposal options.

To receive assistance, both an application and approved early start waiver must be filed with the local NRCS field office prior to disposal of animal carcasses. Producers must have farm records established with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), meet all eligibility requirements, and have application filed at the local NRCS.

Prior to payment, a swine mortality certification is required by a veterinarian or animal health specialist. Payment rates for swine include: Burial: \$74.28 per animal unit (\$89.14 for historically underserved producers), carcass disposal other than burial: \$111.53 per animal unit (\$191.20 for historically underserved producers), incineration: \$219.88 per animal unit (\$263.86 for historically underserved producers) and disposal at landfill or render: \$0.05 per pound (\$0.06 for historically underserved producers).

PPP

The Paycheck Protection Program is a guaranteed loan program administered by the SBA. The purpose of the program is to support small businesses and help support their payroll during the coronavirus pandemic. Agricul-

tural producers, farmers, and ranchers with 500 or fewer employees whose principal place of residence is in the United States are eligible.

Farms are eligible if they have 500 or fewer employees or if they fit within the revenue-based standard, which is on average annual receipts of \$1 million. Moreover, farms can qualify for PPP if they meet the SBA’s alternative size standard, which include a maximum net worth of up to \$15 million and the average net income federal income taxes of the business for the two full fiscal years before the date of the application not be more than \$5 million.

EIDL

The EIDL Program allows for advances of up to \$10,000 and borrowed funds up to \$2 million. These are administered through the SBA and will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Loan advances will not have to be repaid.

SBA’s EIDL application portal reopened on May 4 as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. For the first time, agricultural enterprises are now eligible for the disaster assistance from EIDL. American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital. These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation’s vitally important food supply chains.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries. Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

For agricultural producers that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted prior to April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

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The arguments against were prepared by Republicans, and the arguments for by Democrats.

The arguments for the measure note the current tax system “unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires,” voting yes on the amendment will enact a new tax structure where only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see tax increases; and the amendment is “upgrading” Illinois’ tax system to one similar to the structure used by the federal government.

The arguments against say the measure “gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs.”

The other two points against are that “taxes and spending are out of control” in Illinois, and, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is “the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.”

Each chamber voted to approve the text, contained in Senate Joint Resolution 1, on partisan lines.

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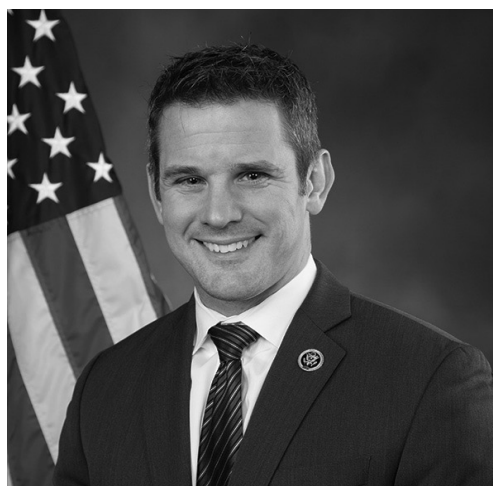
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Suffering swine industry

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD—It's a tough time to be a hog farmer. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected a variety of businesses, but perhaps none more than the swine industry.

Having grown up on a hog farm, I can tell you it has never been an easy business to be in. But now is different; for the first time in more than 90 years farmers are killing healthy livestock rather than shipping them to market.

This already is taking place in northwest Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. If it is to happen in Illinois, it likely began last week or this week, contends Joe Connor, a Carthage, Ill., swine veterinarian whose practice cares for more than 500,000 sows.

The virus has swept through packing plants across the Midwest, forcing many to shut down. Those that have reopened are not butchering as many animals because social distancing requirements for workers have reduced the number of carcasses that can be handled.

What this means is that there is less meat heading to grocery stores, which has bumped up prices and created less selection for customers.

But, it has created desperate times on the farm. Already, many farmers are marketing livestock at a loss. And the prospect of destroying animals is heart-breaking for any farmer.

Beyond the financial loss, farmers take pride in producing quality food. To see animals destined for a landfill rather than a meat counter is disillusioning.

The Illinois Pork Producers are building a trailer to be used for mass depopulation of herds, said Jennifer Tirey, executive director.

"We hope we never have to use this trailer," she said. "It's so wasteful. But we need to have a contingency plan in case there are no other alternatives. And this is our Plan B."

Tirey declined to discuss the specifics of how the animals would be killed. But in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas the most common method is to suffocate swine by releasing carbon dioxide into an enclosed space such as barn or trailer.

"It's done in a humane manner. The pigs just fall asleep. It's important to remember that they have a limited lifespan anyway. But this is such a waste," said Rachel Schulte, a veterinarian on the Pork Producers board. "Euthanizing pigs is against everything that we work for."

Farmers have taken to selling hogs directly to consumers, said John Powers, owner of the Elmwood Locker Service.

Instead of selling the hogs to large processing plants, customers pay the farmer for the hog and then the farmer ships it to a local locker such as the one Powers owns.

But this is just a stop-gap measure because local lockers have limited capacity too.

"I'm completely booked up until April 2021, Powers said.

Unlike cattle, the swine industry has little leeway on when an animal goes to market.

Raising hogs on the modern farm is a science.

Sows are bred at precise time, farmers know when they will give birth and approximately how many piglets will be weaned. And they know when their hogs will reach market weight.

Hogs cannot exceed a certain weight, in part, because plants do not have the machinery to handle larger carcasses. Also, consumers are accustomed to uniform-size cuts of meat.

Hog farmers, who have long taken pride in the efficiency of their industry, are now trying to slow down rather than maximize swine growth.

They are reducing the amount of protein in feed, keeping barns warmer and feeding less in hopes as packing plant capacity rebounds eventually there will be a day they can be shipped to market.

Pete Main, an Altona farmer, said he has been using social media to sell live hogs to deer hunters and others who have the knowledge to butcher for their personal consumption.

The prospect of farmers destroying animals is dismaying. But Main said he believes he can avoid such an outcome.

"It's a disheartening time to be raising hogs," he said. "We are in the business of raising hogs so that people go to the store and enjoy that protein."

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Wake Up America Day in Mendota – 1950

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 24, 2000)

By Jessica Nashold

Fifty years ago, on May 25, 1950, Mayor Glenn Momeny issued a proclamation naming May 25 "Wake Up America Day" in the city of Mendota. The Mendota Elks were sponsoring a free movie, "The Women on Pier 13," at the State Theatre, beginning at 4 p.m. The film, formerly called "I Married a Communist," featured Larain Day, Robert Ryan and John Agar. Following the film, a speaker from the Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce explained a Freedom Forum project, then underway.

May 25 was also the day selected for the Diversified Occupation banquet at MHS. There had been 18 DO boys during the 1949-50 school year. The baked ham dinner, held in the cafeteria, was prepared by the cafeteria cooks and served by four girls in the home economics department. Employers of the DO boys were guests.

R.L. Ready, representing the Department of Education in Springfield, spoke on the "Educational Advantage of Diversified Occupations." Joe Rollins was in charge of the DO program at MHS. Piano music throughout the evening was provided by Darlene Mathesius.

A group of door-to-door salesmen, offering Bibles at \$14.95, agreed to leave town at the request of the police. Although two elderly ladies refused to press charges, these salesmen had not secured a peddler's license. They had been able to obtain a membership list from a local church, which they were using to make calls. After they left, their company continued to collect \$1 week from purchasers who had signed an installment plan agreement. The public was urged to ask to see the Chamber of Commerce permit card before buying anything from an unknown salesman.

The grand opening of the U-Do-We-Do Launderette in Shady Rest Tourist Park was 50 years ago on May 26, 1950. Proprietors were Clara Gillett and her daughter, Eileen. The prize-winning name had been contributed by Mrs. Mable Marcum of LaMoille. She was rewarded with a \$15 cold wave at Eileen's House of Beauty.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Customers could take care of their own washing or let the launderette staff do it and pick it up at their convenience. Merchants who had furnished material or labor for the new building entered cards of congratulation on the full-page announcement of the opening. They were Mendota Farmers Co-op & Supply, Robert Masters at Foster's Upholstery, C.A. Dobberstein (general contractor), Curly Herman (excavating), Paul W. Marh of Amboy (electrical), Emil Jansen (carpentry), Alexander Lumber Co., E.W. Malley of Earlville (plumbing), Schmitz Implement (steel work & welding), Illinois Concrete Crib Co. (cement building blocks) and Roy McInturf Insurance.

One weekend in May 1950, Lynn and Bert Whitmore drove their brother Don's car to Savannah, Ga., where Don was on a ball team. For the return trip, Chance Fitzgerald and Junior Widmer flew down on Monday to pick up the accommodating drivers. Owing to stormy weather, the return trip was made on Tuesday.

The Mendota VFW Post sponsored a city-wide marble tournament in Mendota schools with playoff at Lincoln School on May 18, 1950. City champion was Jan Beardsley. Bobby Jacob took second place and Bobby Kilburn took third. Gilbert Gehler, instructor at Lincoln, was in charge of the playoff. Commander C.A. Dobberstein of the VFW Post 4079, presented the awards.

When Charles Hendrick moved an old safe, which had belonged to E.C. Wicks, to his law office on Jefferson Street, he opened a compartment, which had been undisturbed for many years. In it was a letter written by C.W. Gilman of Troy Grove to his brother. Since the salutation was "Dear Brother," the only clue to his identity is that the writer was sending the letter with Augustus McLaughlin who was "going down river."

The letter was dated May 26, 1851, and reported unusually wet weather. Part of Miller's Dam had been carried away "again," and Dr. Richardson of Troy Grove had been thrown into the creek below Miller's when trying to cross on horseback.

Gilman had sown 21 acres of oats and wrote – "when I get my corn in, God knows." As for cattle – "not more than one in five will have a calf this spring."

There is no explanation as to why this letter ended up with E.C. Wicks, also an attorney.

Stores closed on May 30, 1950, as the Retail Merchants' Division of the Chamber of Commerce urged all employees and their families to attend Memorial Day Services in Library Park at 10:30 a.m.

Graves of veterans had been decorated on May 28 and all service organizations were invited to services with the Baptist congregation in the Masonic Temple on Sunday, May 29. Rev. Kenneth Sollitt was pastor.

On Memorial Day, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Catholic War Veterans were represented in the firing squad. A lengthy parade preceded the service in Library Park. Rev. Albert Heidmann, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, gave the address.

On Memorial Day afternoon, Rock River Riders conducted races at the Mendota fairgrounds. Trials began at noon and races at 2 p.m.

Jones Motor Sales advertised prices on some of its used car offerings:
1939 Ford four-door - \$125
1938 Packard four-door - \$90
1937 Ford two-door - \$75

Fifty years ago, the Lions Club was already recognizing scholastic achievement at MHS. In 1950, the honorees were: Freshmen – Mary Lou Bruckner and Calvin Sondgeroth; Sophomores – Joyce Waller and Richard G. Leiser; Juniors – Dorothea Kofoed and Lyle Truckenbrod; Seniors – Nancy Blotch and Marvin Ehlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Whitmore and son returned from the Canal Zone on May 19, 1950. Rodney had been chief engineer of electronics in the Caribbean region.

We need to make more of our own drugs

By Rich Lowry

A country learns about itself in a crisis, and one revelation in the coronavirus emergency is that we can't make our own penicillin.

The first patient successfully treated with the antibiotic was a woman suffering from sepsis in a Connecticut hospital in 1942. Her treatment took up half the country's supply. Yet in short order we figured out how to mass produce the medicine, saving the lives of countless soldiers in World War II. Once, factories throughout the country made the stuff.

But that was a long time ago. The last U.S. plant to make penicillin, a Bristol-Myers Squibb operation in Syracuse, New York, shuttered in 2004.

What happened? According to Rosemary Gibson of The Hastings Center and author of the book "China Rx," "Industry data reveal that Chinese companies formed a cartel, colluded to sell product on the global market at below market price, and drove all U.S., European and Indian producers out of business."

Just like that -- it's not so easy to simply start up a penicillin fermenter -- we were out of the penicillin-production business.

The story of penicillin is the tale of U.S. dependence on China-sourced pharmaceuticals and active drug ingredients writ large.

From 2010 to 2018, U.S. imports of pharmaceuticals from China increased 75%. China is the second largest exporter of drugs and biologics to the United States behind Canada, and our dependence is even greater, given that China is the source of the active ingredients of many drugs produced elsewhere.

China is a dominant force when it comes to generic drugs in particular, which account for the vast majority of medicines that Americans take. We rely on China for 90% of our

antibiotics, and for drugs for everything from HIV/AIDS to cancer to antidepressants.

China is fully aware of its leverage. It notoriously threatened via its state-run media to cut off our supply of drugs (except fentanyl, of course) and plunge the U.S. into "the mighty sea of coronavirus."

Even if China weren't a malign global competitor (it is), a remorseless dictatorship (it is) or a dishonest kleptocracy (it is), there would be risk inherent in having so many of our medications and their components coming from one country. We become vulnerable to any disruption of Chinese production, whether from disease, political unrest or war.

Beijing is a particularly nasty actor, but the coronavirus has demonstrated that even friendly nations will keep medical supplies from one another if it is in their self-interest to do so.

It is only prudent, then, that the U.S. begin a national effort to produce more of its own medicines.

Unspooling entrenched supply chains won't be simple. The U.S. should create every incentive for drug companies to at least move out of China into other foreign countries, and ideally come back here (economic incentives clearly matter -- when drug companies lost tax preferences to manufacture in Puerto Rico, many of them left for China). Eventually, federally funded health systems, including Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs, should buy only American-sourced pharmaceuticals.

Prescient commentators have been warning of our growing dependence on China for medicines for years. After this, there's no excuse for not fixing it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois state lawmakers pass budget package to close out special session

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Senate on early morning May 24 passed a budget package authorizing \$42.8 billion in general revenue spending next year, although much of that remains tentative depending on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and potential congressional action that could send more financial aid to states. The House approved the budget bill late May 23.

The budget deal was worked out largely out of public view over the past two and a half months as lawmakers worked remotely in various informal “working groups,” and it continued to undergo changes in recent days in advance of the House debate.

One key to making the budget work is a plan to borrow up to \$5 billion from the Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facility program. That program allows the central bank to purchase certain short-term debt from states to help them make up for the loss of revenue they’ve seen since the pandemic forced them to close large parts of their economy.

It also authorizes another \$1.5 billion in borrowing between the general revenue fund and various other state funds in order to maintain cash flow throughout the year.

House Majority Leader Gregory Harris, D-Chicago, said that by borrowing from the Fed, Illinois will be able to keep state spending for the

fiscal year that begins July 1 largely at the same level as this year’s spending.

“If we’re going to balance the budget, I would rather not do it on the backs of people who would lose their jobs if we were to cut money to our schools, cut money to our first responders,” he said. “I don’t want thousands more people out of work.”

Lawmakers expect to pay back the Federal Reserve loan with federal funds they expect Congress to approve in the next stimulus package for states. But Congress has not yet authorized such a package and there is sharp disagreement between congressional Republicans and Democrats over what that plan should look like.

Both chambers of the Illinois Legislature passed a separate bill authorizing that borrowing on May 22.

“What we’ve heard today is a budget that is balanced only on a wing and a prayer,” said Republican Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, the House GOP’s chief budget negotiator.

During the Senate debate that began after midnight, Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, said the Legislature is “gambling” with its budget plan.

The spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year is spelled out in Senate Bill 264. According to an analysis of the package that was circulating among lawmakers Saturday, it essentially calls for flat funding for most state programs, including K-12 schools, which will

see no increase in their evidence-based funding over their current levels, although they will not see any decrease either.

Funding for state universities is also held flat at current-year levels, as is funding for the Monetary Aid Program, or MAP grants, and AIM HIGH grants.

A few state agencies are slated for increases in the new budget, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, the agency coordinating much of the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Its total budget, including federal funds, is slated to grow 144 percent, to more than \$1.6 billion.

Included in that figure is \$416 million in federal funds for testing and services provided by local health departments.

The Department of Aging, which would see an additional \$58 million in order to raise wages for adult care providers, transportation and homemaker service providers to \$14 per hour.

The Department of Children and Family Services is also slated for a 20-percent increase in general revenue funding, or about \$170 million, to provide rate increases for foster care providers, to hire 123 investigative staff and to address caseload growth.

During debate in both chambers, Republicans urged delaying any action on a budget until the state has a better estimate of how much revenue it will receive in the coming year, as well as

how much federal aid will be available, but Democrats did not entertain that suggestion.

The 68-44 vote in the House to pass the budget bill appeared to fall largely along party lines, with Republicans arguing it relied too heavily on borrowing and not enough on fiscal restraint.

It passed the Senate, 37-19.

CARES Act funding

The budget package actually consists of two bills — an appropriations bill, Senate Bill 264, which authorizes spending by various state agencies; and a “budget implementation” bill, or “BIMP,” in legislative lingo, House Bill 64, that enables various agencies to carry out the budget.

The implementation bill sets up a number of new funds within state government that can receive and distribute money from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion federal relief program that Congress approved earlier this year.

The state expects to receive about \$3.3 billion through that program. Harris said that money is being earmarked for direct aid to the state’s health care industry to help hospitals, nursing homes, mental health centers and other care providers absorb the cost they’ve incurred for dealing with the pandemic.

He said another \$1.8 billion is earmarked for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and it gives

Gov. JB Pritzker authority to decide how it is spent.

That part especially infuriated Republicans who have complained about Pritzker governing by executive authority, and about the General Assembly not exercising its oversight role.

But Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, the Senate Democrats’ lead negotiator, said in an interview Friday that the federal money comes with significant strings attached and that it can be spent only for specific purposes, and therefore Pritzker will be restrained by federal rules.

But the implementation bill also gives the governor additional discretionary authority over the spending of state funds throughout the budget. Normally governors are allowed to shift up to 2 percent of an appropriation from one purpose to another, but this year’s bill expands that to 8 percent, something that angered many Republicans.

It also sets up a legislative oversight committee to monitor all executive spending in the budget as well as how CARES Act money distributed to local governments is spent.

The implementation bill passed the Senate, 33-19. It later passed the House, 62-47.

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Public Nuisance Ordinance

MENDOTA — The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois unemployment rate climbs to record 16.4% in April

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The unemployment rate in Illinois reached a staggering 16.4 percent in April, the highest rate recorded since the modern system of tracking joblessness began in 1976, the Illinois Department of Employment Security said last week.

The previous record of 13.9 percent was set in February 1983, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The rate in April was 12.2 percentage points higher than March, which was revised downward to 4.2 percent, reflecting a revised estimate of the number of people in the labor force that month.

That news came just a few months after the state set a record low unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in November, reflecting the speed with which the COVID-19 pandemic brought about a virtual shutdown of most of the state and national economies.

The numbers reflect an overall loss of 762,200 nonfarm jobs since March, the largest single-month decline in state history, and a decline of 822,800 jobs since April 2019.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprec-

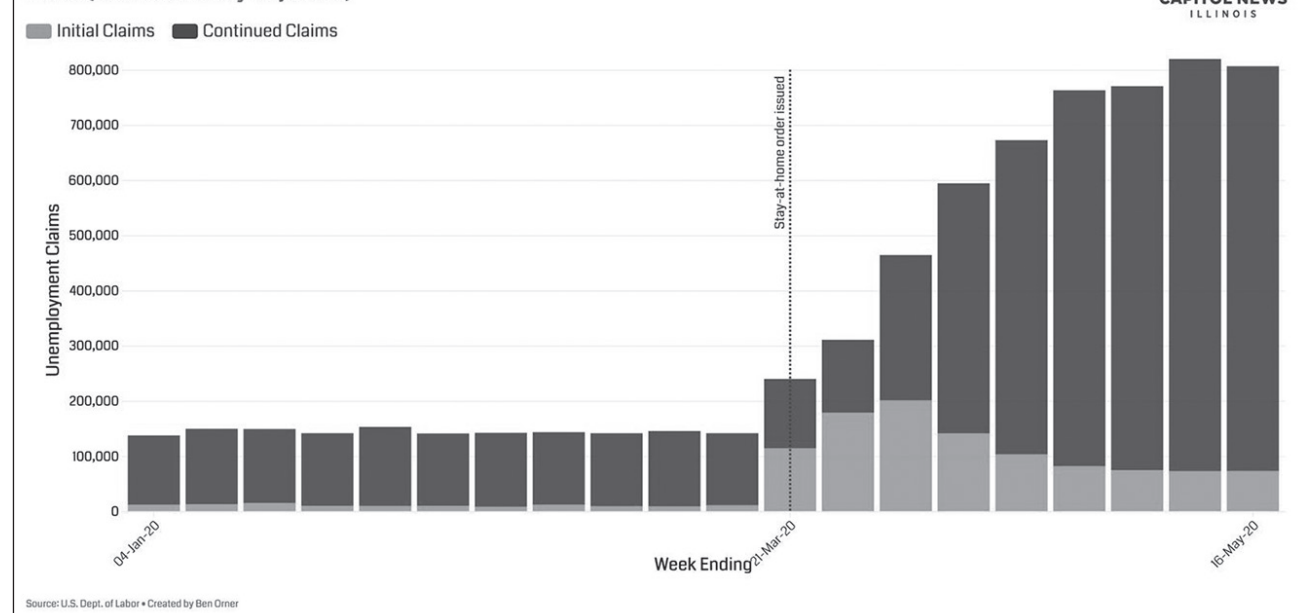
edented impact on our economy, as has been the case in states across the nation,” Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes said in a statement. “As we move to safely reopen much of our economy, we are focused on ensuring working families and small businesses have the resources they need to recover, and we urge the federal government to step up and provide additional relief.”

IDES said that because of the high unemployment rate, extended state benefits are now available to those who exhaust their 26 weeks of regular state unemployment and the additional 13 weeks of federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, or PEUC.

IDPH said that since March 1, it has processed more than 1.2 million claims for regular unemployment. In addition, it has processed 74,515 applications for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, or PUA, since that program launched May 11, and another 36,367 applications for the PEUC program. Both of those programs are 100 percent federally funded.

During his daily COVID-19 media briefing, however, Gov. JB Pritzker

Weekly Unemployment Claims Filed in Illinois
2020 (not seasonally adjusted)



said even those additional programs might not be enough to help unemployed workers weather the storm.

“I’ll be honest with you, I see the \$600 extra that people got and are getting in unemployment benefits, even that added on top of the existing unemployment benefits doesn’t seem to be enough,” he said. “And when you think about the amount of time that it looks like, that the economists, not me, the economists are saying that it might take us to get back to normal, I’m

concerned that the typical number of weeks that are allowed may not be enough.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, the Illinois leisure and hospitality industry was hit the hardest by the pandemic, shedding more than 295,000 jobs during the month, or nearly half of the sector’s workforce. The trade, transportation and utilities sector lost just fewer than 100,000 jobs, or about 8 percent since March. Professional and business services shrank by 93,800 jobs, or 11.3 percent.

If there was any good news in last week’s report, it was that the economic impact of the pandemic and shutdown orders showed signs of leveling off.

The U.S. Department of Labor said there were 72,816 new claims for unemployment filed in Illinois during the week ending May 16—a staggeringly high number, but an increase of just 145 from the week before.

In addition, for the week ending May 9, there were 733,466 workers in Illi-

nois receiving continuing unemployment benefits, a decrease of 22,446 from the week before.

Pritzker said last week that all four regions of the state are on track to enter the next phase of his reopening plan on May 29. That will enable most offices and retail establishments to reopen, using social distancing restrictions. Also, bars and restaurants will be allowed to open for outdoor seating using social distancing practices.

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THE FARMER'S REPORT

New videos explain how to inspect seed emergence

AMES, Iowa—Good yields begin with proper seed emergence and stand, and to help producers understand how to check for both, the crops team at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has developed a new YouTube channel with timely updates.

The first four videos focus on stand assessments, poor stand and uniformity, assessing emergence and conducting stand counts.

Each video is recorded in a recently planted field, with instruction by Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Stand assessment is important every year and should be done for each field, according to Licht. He said it's even more important this year, for those who planted early and experienced cold, wet conditions soon after.

"The corn and soybean are mostly planted, they're emerging, and so now is really



a good time to get out there and see what type of plant population and uniformity we have," Licht said.

If problems are found, the producer may be able to correct the issue for this year, or if not, make a note of what needs to be corrected for next year.

Common issues include soil condition and weather at planting, in addition to insect and disease pressure, and various aspects of planter maintenance and performance.

The videos are all 10 minutes or less, with answers and suggestions offered by Licht as he evaluates seed rows and emergence.

Stand assessment can feel

redundant, he said, but is an important part of making the most out of every seed.

"I think it's really critical to do because seed corn and soybean seed are very expensive, so we want every seed to come up and out of the ground, and be profitable," he said.

Licht said the crops team is planning to post additional videos throughout the growing season, looking at root assessment and other plant health issues.

For the latest videos, follow the Crops Team YouTube channel. For more information, Licht can be reached at lichtma@iastate.edu, or 515-294-0877.

Farmers should consider Illinois Conservation Easement options

CHAMPAIGN—NRCS State Conservationist, Ivan Dozier announced funding is now available for the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program.

Dozier explained that the ALE program can help address development and population pressures that pose a threat to Illinois farmland acres currently used for agricultural production. Through use of these conservation easements, NRCS can provide financial assistance to eligible partners, that will be used to purchase Agricultural Land Easements (ALE). These easements help farmers/landowners keep working croplands and grasslands in active, profitable agriculture production. The ALE sign-up is continuous but the funding cut-off for this fiscal year runs through June 19, 2020.

Eligible entities include state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs. Dozier explains, "Agricultural easements can protect the long-term viability of our nation's food supply, which is more important than ever. Easements prevent conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses and conserve vital grazing land and pastures."

Easements can also help keep lands in the hands of family members, while providing an enhanced opportunity to keep productive land available for secure crop production. Easements can offer farming opportunities for other newcomers to agriculture. To date, producers and partners nationwide have successfully protected more than 1.1 million acres of farmland and 340,000 acres of grassland through ACEP's predecessor programs – the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and the Grassland Reserve Program.

Interested partners need to sign up for ALE now at their local NRCS office. The first funding cutoff will be June 19, 2020. Interested landowners need to find a partner who is willing to assist in the purchase of the easement. If they do not know of a partner, they can contact their local NRCS office to get more information about the type of partner that would hold an Agriculture Land Easement.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, producers may set up phone appointments with their local NRCS office if they have any questions or need information. Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov to learn more.

Northwestern University engineer thinks he's found a better way to farm

By Jim Nowlan

Since I was a boy growing up in rural Illinois post-World War II, American agriculture has achieved momentous productivity increases, from about 45 bushels an acre of corn back then to an average of 180 today, with farmers in my area sometimes getting 300 bushels per.

Much of the credit goes to Big Chem, the companies that turned from producing the munitions that helped win the war to stimulating farm yields with NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium), and chemicals for killing pesky weeds and pests.

All this has been a mixed blessing. The relentless chemical drenching of farm and yard soils has been depleting our ground of its lifeblood, that is, the organic material that helps percolate growth. At the same time, huge amounts of excess NPK are running off the fields, down streams and rivers, into an ever-expanding hypoxic dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, now larger than the state of Massachusetts, where all life is suffocated.

I am amazed that attorneys general of Texas and Louisiana have not joined hands to sue states in the Midwest, as well as the chemical companies, for their continuing travesty. After all, everyone — farmers, chem companies, federal and state EPAs — know they have a gargantuan problem. They simply don't know how to fix it.

Enter Donald Hey, a Northwestern University PhD engineer. Hey has devoted most of his 70-plus years to mitigating environmental problems, often with a market-driven approach. Founder of the Wetlands Initiative and Wetlands Research, two Illinois groups, Hey and his associates have developed big plans to — get all this — generate much more income for riverbank farmers than they make today; suck off the excess nutrients before they reach the Gulf; reduce flooding, and offer boating, fishing, and scenic walking trails for you and me.

How to make more money for farmers along the rivers? And this is key, as nothing will happen unless farmers can be satisfied.

Hey proposes that riverbank farmers transform their land from corn-and-beans to a new kind of farming, what Hey calls "nutrient farming." I find the term a little awkward, but it means creating wetlands that would act like sumps to absorb,

bury and reuse the chemicals before they reach the rivers.

In return, these nutrient farmers would be paid handsomely by polluters — municipalities, chemical companies, maybe even other farmers, ultimately — for the external costs they have imposed on society. Right now, wastewater treatment plants can be required to buy pollution credits to win the EPA permits they need to operate. You have heard the term: cap and trade. Nutrient farmers would be paid for their environmental good deeds.

Hey has a grandiose vision: that long stretches of land along rivers of the Mississippi River Valley, from the Dakotas to Ohio, be turned into "riverine national parks," where corn-and-bean fields would be turned into nature's playground.

Since all this sounds way too good to be true, Hey is already working to prove his concept via pilot projects at several locales in Illinois.

Near Ottawa, not far from Starved Rock State Park, he is hoping to restore a parcel of floodplain that was once farmed, then mined for clay, and is now covered with mine tailings and weeds. Hey proposes to grow wetlands and harvest carbon, nitrogen, phospho-

rous and other pollutants being emitted by upstream municipalities and farms.

Near Peoria, along with leaders at Wildlife Prairie Park, Hey seeks to restore the channelized Kickapoo Creek and rebuild a pool and riffle canoe trail from the park to the Illinois River. All along this restored creek, the wetland pools would extract carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous.

And in deep southern Illinois, where the Ohio and Mississippi meet, Hey would like to repurpose thousands of acres in levee districts for a large-scale project to demonstrate the benefits of using wetlands for harboring flood waters, sequestering pollutants and creating wildlife habitat.

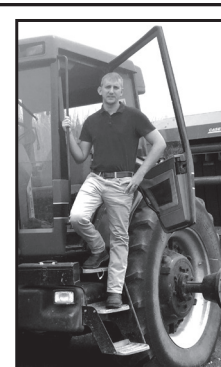
Hey predicts the nutrient farm concept could absorb a big slice of the pollutants headed toward the Gulf of Mexico. Nutrient farms deployed across the upper

Mississippi River watershed, he believes, could ultimately begin to shrink the dead zone!

Hey badly needs a clout-heavy political champion or two, say, congressmen on the right committees in Washington, and maybe a Midwest governor or two.

The promise of Hey's concept is too attractive not to be tested in a number of places, at modest cost. If the pilots prove out, politicians in the Midwest and the Gulf states could come out smelling like a fragrant wetland American Lotus. It is a better and more profitable way to farm, certainly along our rivers.

(For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.)



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SELLING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

Amit M. Patel, 39, of 704 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with selling alcohol to a minor after police officers investigated the report of a minor that had purchased alcohol from the Marathon gas station in Mendota at 5:39 p.m. May 22. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Sarah E. Cullman, 38, of 1207 14th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 8:28

p.m. May 23 on a LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for driving while license suspended. Cullman was arrested after police officers investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Angela S. Schultz, 44, of 25515 Illinois Highway 89, LaMoille, was charged with driving while license

suspended after police officers investigated a call for service in the 1100 block of Meriden Street at 1:30 p.m. May 24. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION

Jeremie W. Work, 32, of 1204 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with city ordinance possession of an open container of alcohol at 1:05 a.m. May 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

IVCC offering free online classes

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education and Business Services Department is offering 10 free online personal and professional development classes through June 30.

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IVCC plans 8-week summer session beginning June 10th

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College will offer one, comprehensive eight-week summer session beginning Wednesday, June 10.

"This provides sufficient time for students to meet with a counselor, register, and get books," said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. "The one session is in everyone's best interest and is part of our ongoing effort to better serve our students and staff."

The 'Summer B' session, offered primarily online, will run through Thursday, Aug. 6. Summer A classes have been moved to Summer B.

Registration is underway for courses that include accounting, nutrition, anthropology, global environment, business, Microsoft Office Professional, business computers, criminal justice, economics, English, art of the film, women in an-

cient cultures, weather and climate, and wellness.

Other courses include automotive, welding, biology, anatomy and physiology, microbiology, chemistry, speech, children's literature, math for liberal arts, elementary statistics, American government, psychology, child growth and development, sociology and more.

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BINGO!



Executive director Rayanne Sester reads off numbers with a bullhorn during MASS's parking lot bingo games on May 22 at the Mendota Civic Center.

Improvised bingo

Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) came up with a new way to hold its regular weekly bingo games by playing parking lot bingo on May 22 at the Mendota Civic Center. Players had to remain in their cars and MASS staff members distributed disposable bingo cards and crayon packages for marking the cards. Each number was announced using a bullhorn and anyone getting bingo waved a flag out the window of their vehicle. About 15 people turned out to play. (Reporter photos)



Nancy Stasik checks to see if she can check off a number during the MASS parking lot bingo on May 22.



MASS executive director Rayanne Sester, left, checks the card of Linda Grinka to see if she has a Bingo during the MASS parking lot bingo games on May 22 at the Mendota Civic Center.

4-H senior spotlight

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 Cassie Johnson, a member of the PC Progressors and of the M-P Federation, where she serves as an officer. She is also a Marshall-Putnam 4-H Ambassador and participates in Tech Changemakers.



C. Johnson

During her 4-H career, Cassie also participated in Shooting Sports, Sooo 4-H Sewing SPIN club, and Teen Teachers. Her favorite project is usually a project in visual arts. "I like to express my creative side," she said. "I really like creating my clay/ceramics projects."

While in 4-H, Cassie learned about leadership, how to speak up and take charge, and about community service. She believes 4-H has made her into the person she is today.

"It's hard to pick a favorite memory, but I loved spending time with my club at our fun night and countless events during fair week," Cassie said.

She advises younger 4-H members to not be afraid to try new things because they may just find something they love.

Cassie plans to attend IVCC, then transfer to a four-year college and major in graphic design.

When asked if she had anyone she wished to thank, Cassie replied, "I would like to thank my parents, Tonni Wink, Margy Mattern, Anne Scheel and so many others who has helped me in any way."

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, or call University of Illinois Extension - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit at (815) 224-0889.

Master Gardener Q&A - Shade annuals

OGLESBY - The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners are here to help with your gardening questions. Today, they will discuss some beautiful annuals that are easily grown in containers in the shady areas around your house.

Gardeners often struggle to bring colorful interest to the shady spots around their house, including decks, front porches, and door steps. Luckily, there are many beautiful annual flowering and leafy plants that not only tolerate shade and grow well in containers but also add interest and color to these difficult areas.

Begonia - There are several types of begonias, including Angel Wing, Tuberose (pictured), and Wax begonias that thrive in part to full shade. These easygoing plants also offer interesting foliage, and come in a variety of colors to fit your taste.

Caladium - While caladium, also known as "elephant ear", is not a plant with showy blooms, it does offer colorful, shapely leaves. Cultivars vary widely, and can have heart, arrow, or lance shaped leaves that come in pink, white, red, green, and even chartreuse.

Coleus - Another plant with no significant flower, this beautiful annual offers stunning serrated leaves on a branching plant. There are numerous varieties of this plant that include large to small variegated leaves in purple, red, orange, pink,



green and yellow. Be careful what cultivar you choose, as some are adapted to full sun.

Lobelia - The dainty white, blue, or lavender flowers of the lobelia are one of my personal favorites. The leaves are also small, and offer a nice backdrop for these colorful blooms. Lobelia does best in part shade.

New Guinea Impatiens - These easy to take care of annuals come in a huge variety of colors. Some hybrids offer variegated and bicolored flowers. These annuals do best in part shade, typically found in an eastern exposure location.

Salvia - This interesting flowering annual has spike like flowers atop clean looking foliage. Colors include red, white and purple. Although Salvia enjoys full sun, it will tolerate part shade.

Sweet Alyssum - The tiny flowers of sweet alyssum are densely packed at the top of flowering stems. This annual comes in white, purple, and pink, and offers continuous blooms. Sweet alyssum is not only nice in a mixed

container near the edge, but also does well as a ground cover. It is tolerant of cool temperatures and does best in part shade.

Wishbone Flower (Torenia) - Another one of my personal favorites, the dainty, single flowers on this annual are reminiscent of snapdragons. The plant itself is compact and bushy, and does well in part to full shade. Colors available include blue, pink, purple, red and white.

To learn more about these and other annuals that are suitable for shady locations, visit the University of Illinois Extension's "Beyond Impatiens and Petunias" website at https://web.extension.illinois.edu/beyond/directory_annuals_shade.cfm.

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

SUBLETTE

Sublette extends garbage pick-up contract

By TONJA GREENFIELD
Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board met remotely again for its monthly meeting on May 11.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), Pritzker has suspended certain rules of the Open Meetings Act - specifically the Executive Order permits remote public meetings. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and the prohibition of public gathering of 10 or more, the Sublette Village Board has chosen to conduct the board meeting remotely.

Attendees had the option of calling into the meeting or viewing the meeting through their computer.

Residents were still allowed to ask questions during the Audience Participation portion of the meeting - with the difference being how they asked the question. Acting Village Board President John Stenzel asked that those with questions to e-mail them prior to the start of the meeting to stenz1@hotmail.com and said that those questions and/or comments will be read during the meeting and addressed, if appropriate, at that time.

The board voted 4-1 in favor of extending the village's current contract with Republic Services by five years, expiring Feb 28, 2027. The new contract will include a rate increase and Republic will supply 95 gallon totes to residents. Voting against the motion was Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel. Absent

from the vote was Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers. When asked why she voted no, Kessel said she would have liked to see different contract rates once the current contract was up. This new contract will take effect on July 1.

In other board news:

- An in-person committee meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming budget.

- UBmax billing software is up and running. Stenzel said that there is a place where residents can log in and set up a user name and password and have access to their personal water account. He added that they are still working out how to send out delinquent letters.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8.

Online Trivia event to benefit Franklin Creek State Natural Area



out on Friday, May 29 to all registered participants with a valid e-mail address.

The theme will be nature

in story. Included in each round is a question from Miss Maples Seeds, the FCCA's first storybook featured on the Larry Dunphy Storybook Trail coming later this year. Please remember to use the honor system and don't use Google.

This is a FUNdraiser event, so make sure to invite friends, family, and anyone

else who might be interested. Money raised from this event will go toward the creation and installation of the Larry Dunphy Storybook Trail at Franklin Creek Natural Area.

To register, log on to <https://franklincreekconservation.z2systems.com/np/clients/franklin-creekconservation/event.jsp?event=228&>.

Fill your pantry with home preserved foods

LASALLECOUNTY - Learn safe, easy ways to preserve foods through a series of free, online workshops by University of Illinois Extension. Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educators will discuss the latest techniques for canning, freezing, dehydrating, and fermenting a variety of foods at home.

Each training begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning June 3 and running through July 22. The trainings are free, but registration is required because space is limited. Register at <https://illinois.zoom.us/join/register/tJ0uf-2grjotH9a3CtII-WzltEpNMdaiwmgmG>.

Topics in the series include:

June 3 - Canning Foods - What is the difference between pressure canning and water bath canning? What equipment do I need? What recipes are safe to use? This webinar answers these questions, along with up-to-date information on canning. Whether you are new to canning or have been doing it for years and want a refresher, all are welcome to join.

June 10 - Freezing Foods - Freezing foods at home is simple and requires equipment you likely already have in your kitchen. For the best quality frozen fruits and vegetables, it is not enough to simply add foods to your freezer. In this webinar, learn which foods do freeze well, why blanching improves frozen food quality, the process of freezing at home, and more.

June 17 - Fermenting Foods - Fermentation is growing in popularity as a way to create food and drinks with probiotic properties for healthy gut microbes and as a method of home food preservation. In this webinar, learn the fundamentals and benefits of lacto-fermentation, how to safely ferment at home, and gain confidence to get started right away. Fermentation is an easy and economical way to preserve your food with added health benefits.

June 24 - Drying Foods - Dried foods make tasty, compact snacks. From jerky to dried fruit, dehydrating at home is easy to do. In this webinar, learn about up-to-date

drying methods and equipment, ways to test for sufficient drying, and ways to use dried foods in recipes.

July 1 - Making Jams & Jellies - Make a sweet spread, such as jams and jellies, at home with your favorite berries and other fruits. Though sweet spreads are a popular home canned item, it is important to follow up-to-date canning processes and use appropriate equipment. Join in this webinar to learn step-by-step how to can jams and jellies at home, as well as troubleshooting challenges that may arise, such as unset jellies.

July 8 - Pickling Foods - Pickling is an ancient form of food preservation that involves the process of preserving or extending the shelf life of food by either anaerobic fermentation in brine or immersion in vinegar. Join us as we share information on basic pickling methods using the latest scientific methods to ensure food safety.

July 15 - Preserving Apples - Apples are ripening in Illinois orchards. Learn about the varieties of apples along with preservation methods. We will discuss juicing, freezing, canning, and dehydrating apples. All this information will include the most current science-based preservation methods and highlight food safety. Join us and learn to preserve this delicious seasonal fruit with confidence.

July 22 - Processing Tomatoes - Do you expect an abundance of tomatoes in your garden but not sure what to do with them? Whether canning, freezing or drying, it is important to follow up-to-date methods. Learn all about canning salsa, the variety of ways to water bath or pressure can tomatoes, dehydrating this luscious fruit, and how to freeze for best results.

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact the presenter. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.

For more information, please contact Susan Glassman, University of Illinois Extension, at susang@illinois.edu.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Time doesn't go backward, it only goes forward. The movie industry will take a long time to recover from the effects of our pandemic, and it will never be the same again.

Movie studios and producers hate giving up half their profits to movie theaters to show their films. So when theaters closed, by government decree, it gave the studios a chance to test the waters. The first film made for theaters that premiered on-demand was "Trolls World Tour," which brought in a big bounty. Then the new \$65 million Chris Hemsworth film "Extraction," which was to premiere in theaters April 24, instead made its debut on Netflix and was viewed by 90 million households in the first four weeks.

That's not to say films made in 3D or IMAX can be streamed first, since their charm is big screens and special effects. Which is why the fourth G.I. Joe epic was instead pushed to Oct. 23 in theaters. This reboot is called "G.I. Joe: Snakes Eyes," with

"Crazy Rich Asians" star Henry Golding in the title role. You probably remember



Harrison Ford

that Channing Tatum starred in the original (which grossed \$302 million) and Johnson in the sequel, "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (which grossed \$678 million). Naturally there's already a fourth film being prepped, "G.I. Joe: Ever Vigilant," though no star has been announced for this one.

Four-time Oscar nominee Saoirse Ronan stars in director Wes Anderson's new film "The French Dispatch." She'll again be paired with Timothee Chalamet (as in "Little Women,"), as well as four Oscar-winning actors: Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody, Tilda Swinton and Jeffrey Wright. Chalamet, meanwhile, has a date with "Dune," the reboot of the classic Frank Herbert science-fiction novel, premiering Dec. 18.

Superstar Harrison Ford, now 77, recently had his third flying close call (that we know of). In 2015, he crash-landed a vintage World War II plane on a golf course in Los Angeles. He was lucky he was only "battered but OK." Then in 2017, he landed on a taxi runway after he flew over a jet and again was unharmed. Most people were under the impression Ford was going to stop flying. Yet here we are today, hearing Harrison is "under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration over an incident that happened at a Southern California airport." He apparently was piloting his light plane and crossed a runway where another aircraft was landing. Ford acknowledged the mistake and apologized by saying, "I misheard an instruction from air traffic control."

Ford is a true superstar, and in an era where we have so few, we need him healthy and in one piece so he can be beaten to a pulp in the new Indiana Jones epic!

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Couch Theater

(Movies reviewed in this week's column have just been released on video and DVD.)

"Sonic the Hedgehog"

(PG) -- A bright blue blur of video game fame gets the live-action/CGI treatment in the directorial debut of Jeff Fowler. Sonic the Hedgehog (voiced by Ben Schwartz) is an electrified trickster who's adjusting to life on our planet with his new bestie Tom Wachowski (James Marsden). He accidentally causes a blackout, which puts him square in the crosshairs of aptly named supervillain Dr. Robotnik (Jim Carrey), who immediately plots to capture Sonic and use that blue streak to further his own nefarious goals. Tom and Sonic and some new friends will need to wreck Robotnik's plans. The PG audience will be appeased with Carrey's always over the top performances, and it's got some sweet moments too.

"Onward" (PG) -- In a land where magic has been fostered and then forgotten, two teenage elf brothers receive a magical gift from

their deceased father, a spell to let the boys visit with him for a day. But the spell goes sideways, and the pair must set off on an adventure to get the items they need to complete the spell before the day is up. Brothers Ian (voiced by Tom Holland) and Barley (Chris Pratt) rely on a tentative understanding of spells, Barley's sweet van named Guinevere and a mythical being called The Manticore to help them find the missing magic that will bring back their dad's other half. It's a decidedly Pixar combination of charming characters, kind messages and delightful animation.

"Emma" (PG) -- Another reimagining for Jane Austen's beloved tale of mischief, matchmaking and mismanagement takes a turn, this time featuring Anya Taylor-Joy in the title role as the marvelous Miss Woodhouse. When Emma's companion is married off, she is left only with her father and neighbor Mr. Knightly to banter with. To pass the time, she employs her highly self-rated match-

making skills on local ward Miss Smith. The situation is escalated with the arrival of a very suitable suitor and complicated by the local unmarried pastor. As she bumbles her way through finding love for her friends (and frenemies), will she also find love for herself?

"The Way Back" (R) -- Ben Affleck stars as Jack Cunningham, a local basketball legend in high school, who is asked to return to his former school to coach the struggling team. After high school, Jack could have had it all, but instead has let himself be ruled by personal demons. His life is reduced to physical labor jobs and too much alcohol and isolation. When the call comes to coach, Jack surprises himself by agreeing to the offer. The small ragtag team may be just what Jack needs to bring back glory to the school and to himself. This is a strong performance by Affleck, who toes the line between oppressive hopelessness and burgeoning possibility.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: One of my all-time favorite crime dramas was "Homicide." I loved Andre Braugher's interrogations and monologues. Whatever happened to the actor who played Det. Bayliss, his partner on the show. Is he still acting? -- **P.B.**

A: It's hard to believe it's been almost 30 years since the critically acclaimed "Homicide: Life on the Street" first aired on NBC. It was based on the nonfiction book of the same name by Baltimore journalist David Simon, but seems to have been eclipsed in popularity by Simon's later series "The Wire," which ran on HBO for 60 episodes. "Homicide" deserves to be seen just as much, in my opinion.

As for actor Kyle Secor, who was excellent as Det. Tim Bayliss alongside the commanding Braugher, he's now 63 years old and has been acting steadily since "Homicide" ended in 1999. He currently plays Deputy Fire Chief Alden Radford on Fox's "9-1-1: Lone Star," alongside Rob Lowe. Before that he was a regular on "Veronica Mars" and "The Flash," and guest-starred on many, many primetime series.

Q: When is "The Umbrella Academy" returning for another season? I really enjoyed watching this with my daughter, compared to most superhero-type shows. -- **R.I.**



Mary J. Blige

A: Good news! Season 2 will premiere on July 31 on Netflix with 10 new one-hour episodes. Returning stars include Ellen Page and Tom Hopper, along with three new additions: Ritu Arya ("Humans"), Yusuf Gatewood ("Good Omens") and Marin Ireland ("Sneaky Pete"). Mary J. Blige may yet return as time-traveling assassin Cha-Cha.

"The Umbrella Academy" is based on the comic book by the same title about a group of adopted sibling superheroes. The first season was reportedly watched in 45 million Netflix-subscribing households, so it's no surprise that it was quickly given the greenlight for a second season.

Q: With HBO and the other premium channels offering free months due to the shelter-in-place order, why

do I have to pay to view the earlier season-four episodes of "The Good Place"? I binged the first three seasons on Netflix, and now I can only view the final four episodes for free and the rest are \$1.99 each. I really want to finish out the story. I wonder if this is an NBC or an FIOS thing? -- **H.M.**

A: Unfortunately, you're going to have to wait until late August or September to view season four of the clever comedy "The Good Place" on Netflix. Reportedly, you can watch all of the final season for free on the NBC.com website if you have a cable or satellite subscription. Log on to Help.NBC.com to learn more.

Another option that is less expensive than buying each episode for \$1.99 is to purchase "The Good Place: Season 4" DVD set through Amazon, which is priced at \$16.99. Lastly, some public libraries carry DVD sets of not just movies, but of entire TV series that library cardholders can check out for free.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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• Trivia Test •

1. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the medical condition called desquamation?
2. TELEVISION: Who uttered the catchphrase "you rang?" in the sitcom "The Addams Family"?
3. GAMES: How many dominoes are in a standard set?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. MOVIES: Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
6. LITERATURE: What kind of creature was Bagheera in "The Jungle Book"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is

represented in the condition called coulrophobia?

9. MUSIC: What is the name of blues guitarist B.B. King's Gibson guitar?

10. U.S. STATES: In which state is Elvis Presley's estate (Graceland) located?

Answers

1. Peeling skin
 2. Lurch, the butler
 3. 28
 4. Barcelona, Spain
 5. "Kramer vs. Kramer"
 6. Panther
 7. Seafood
 8. A fear of clowns
 9. Lucille
 10. Tennessee (Memphis)
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by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Italy was the only country to issue stamps specifically for mail traveling through bank tubes until the practice was discontinued in 1966.

* Kleenex tissues were originally developed as crepe paper and used for gas mask filters.

* Proof that human nature is the one thing that never really changes: The oldest "your mama" joke was discovered in 1976 on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet in Iraq.

* The "Jesus Nut" on a helicopter fixes the rotor blades to the vehicle. It comes by its unusual moniker because, if it should fail, your only option is to pray to Jesus!

* Do you, like most people, normally skip reading the fine print? You might want to reconsider that. In 2017, 22,000 people who signed up for free public Wi-Fi from the UK-based technology firm Purple learned their lesson when they inadvertently agreed to 1,000 hours of community service that included cleaning toilets and "relieving sewer blockages." The company said it inserted the clause in its contract "to illustrate the lack of consumer awareness of what they are signing up to when they access free Wi-Fi."

* In 2014, a new species of vine was discovered in Chile that can mimic the leaves of many different host trees by changing the size, shape, color, orientation and even the vein patterns of its leaves to match the surrounding foliage. It is the only known plant that can do this.

* When asked how he was able to portray battle scenes so accurately, Stephen Crane, author of "The Red Badge of Courage," replied that he learned all he needed to know about war from football.

* Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Thought for the Day: "Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up." --Pablo Picasso

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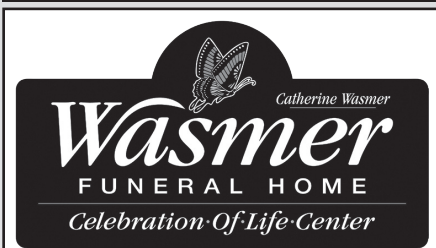
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Fear is an enemy that torments the soul and seeks to steal our life. Conquering it is not something that we do in one day, or even in 1,000 days. It is something that we achieve one day at a time with God's help.

Fear can show up unexpectedly. One of our goals should be to recognize it so we can deal with it right away.

I remember a time when I was waking up at about 2 or 3 in

the morning and then having difficulty going back to sleep. After two nights of that, I found myself going to bed with a vague sort of fear that it would happen again, and sure enough it did. After about three nights of the same thing, God reminded me that I could pray and resist Satan, the source of all fear. According to God's Word, the sleep of the righteous should be sweet (see Proverbs

3:24). I prayed immediately and went back to sleep and have not had any problems since then.

Being free from fear doesn't mean that we will never experience it or be confronted by it. It means that we are committed to not allowing it to rule our lives, and when necessary we will do what we need to do, even if we have to do it afraid.

Each time you feel fear and decide to "do it afraid," you will enjoy your new freedom so much that you will soon be totally unwilling to do without it. You will become determined to end your days of slavery to fear. That does not mean that you won't still need to confront your fears, but it does mean that you will be more and more willing to keep confronting them.

Galatians 5:1 (AMP) says, "It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed]." This scripture is very clear that even though we have been completely liberated from a yoke of bondage,



we will need to "keep standing firm" and not allow ourselves to be entrapped by it again.

Satan is very shrewd and he never completely gives up the hope of drawing us back into bondage. So we must live watchfully, ready to recognize and immediately confront the things that steal our liberty in Christ.

The Bible says that the righteous man falls seven times and gets up again (see Proverbs 24:16). I love that scripture and am greatly encouraged by it. Even the most righteous person fails to do everything he knows to do all the time, but he is committed to not giving up.

If you have a weak moment, that doesn't mean you have lost your victory. But if we give up, we won't be in a position to get help from God, because we receive His help through faith, not through hopelessness. We need to stay positive, hopeful and filled with faith, and when we do, we can overcome anything with God's help. I often say that anyone can succeed if they refuse to give up!

Some fears are more deeply rooted in us than other ones, and for that reason, they may be ones we have to resist more aggressively. Mine is the fear

of making people angry. My father was always angry, and I never really knew if I had done something to make him that way or not. I would like to be able to say that after all of these years of teaching others, I no longer have to deal with this fear, but that's not the case. However, now I recognize it and deal with it, so I still have the victory.

Recognizing the lies, deceit and strategies of the devil is so important. We should always be ready to resist him at the onset of his attacks, because the longer we let a fear remain, the more difficult it is to get rid of it. So make a decision to be a person of action. You have what it takes to win!

The Word of God says that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us (Romans 8:37). God has given us all that we could ever need to overcome our fears through Christ. He has blessed us with every blessing in the spiritual realm (Ephesians 1:3). He has given us power and authority over all the power the devil possesses (Luke 10:19). We have what it takes, but we must be active in our faith and never give up.

Possessing the full freedom that is yours in

Christ is a progressive journey. It is something we gain and then maintain. I encourage you to focus on your progress instead of merely looking at how far you have to go. Today is a new day, and every day you can be one step closer to conquering your fears!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Facing Fear and Finding Freedom. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joyce-meyer.org.

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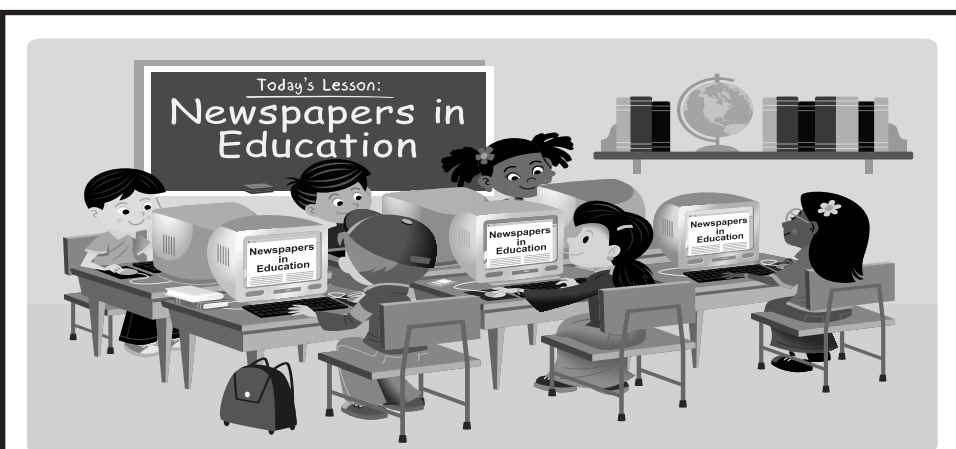
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will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think I am following
your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to
please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all
that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
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.
Therefore will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and
in the shadow of death.
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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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2 Timothy 1:7

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in
the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. Who had 900 iron chari-
ots and made 20 years of life
unbearable for the Israelites?

Tobiah, Pilate, Sisera, Absalom

3. How did God evaluate His

work after six days, as all He

made was ...?

Heavenly divine, Righteous
sake, Thine image, Very good

4. Who was the father of

Apostles James and John?

Zacchaeus, Zebedee, Zebulun,

Zechariah

5. 27,000 men were killed when

what city's walls fell on them?

Sechem, Sodom, Aphek, Jericho

6. Who burned his son alive as

a sacrifice?

Achan, Ahaz, Moses, Shimei



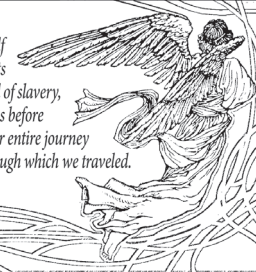
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Sisera; 3) Very
good; 4) Zebedee; 5) Aphek; 6) Ahaz

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*It was the Lord our God himself
who brought us and our parents
up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery,
and performed those great signs before
our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey
and among all the nations through which we traveled.*

See JOSHUA 24:17



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MENDOTA-TROY GROVE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2020

Cash Balance	April 30, 2019
Money Market Account, First State Bank Mendota	\$51,819.32
Checking Account, First State Bank, Mendota	1,006.61
Cash Receipts	
Schedule I	230,992.65
.....	\$283,818.58
Cash Disbursements	
Schedule II	\$207,520.81
April 30, 2020	
Money Market Account, First State Bank Mendota	74,311.93
Checking Account, First State Bank Mendota	1,985.80
.....	\$283,818.58

Schedule I

Statement of Cash Receipts for the Year Ending April 30, 2020

Amount Received From County Collector, LaSalle County

Tax assessed by District for LaSalle County:

July 2, 2019	\$34169.59
Aug. 2, 2019	71060.32
Sep. 27, 2019	57646.65
Dec. 13, 2019	5907.01
Dec. 14, 2019	150.19
.....	\$168,933.76

Amount Received from County Collector, Bureau County

Tax assessed by District for Bureau County:

Aug. 12, 2019	4511.96
Oct. 11, 2019	2362.59
Nov. 26, 2019	290.96
Feb. 27, 2020	137.97
.....	\$ 7,303.48

Amount Received from the Treasurer of the State of Illinois

For Illinois Replacement Tax:

May 22, 2019	\$7764.09
Aug. 3, 2019	4586.22
Aug. 14, 2019	550.17
Nov. 13, 2019	7981.93
Dec. 10, 2019	1325.56
Feb. 11, 2020	4846.97
Mar. 10, 2020	963.58
Apr. 23, 2020	6653.47
.....	\$34,671.99

Interest Received from Money Market Account:

First State Bank.....	\$286.43
.....	\$286.43

Miscellaneous Income:

Municipal League	3938.03
Out of Dist. Income	3358.96
Sale of Fire Truck 12500.00	\$19,796.99
Total Items of Cash Receipts	\$230,992.65

Schedule II

Statement of Cash Disbursements for the Year Ending April 30, 2020

Utility Bills, Troy Grove Station:

Ameren	\$1975.52
AT&T FirstNet	421.24
Nicor	965.91
.....	\$3,362.67

Administration Expense:

First State Bank engine	105548.63
Illinois Finance truck pay	7750.00
Jack Huggins (comp. rpt)	85.00
MABAS	333.00
Mendota Reporter	472.00
.....	\$114,188.63

Expenses \$1000 or over:

Dinges Fire	12094.27
Global/MacQueen	8197.74
Grainco F.S.	1712.19
Kittilsons Garage	1796.82
MES	3718.41
Mendota Fire Dept.	1514.21
Schmidt's Sales & Service	1129.77
Visa	2584.55
Will-Burt	3314.76
.....	\$36,062.72

Compensations Paid:

Attorney for Dist.	\$1356.00
Legal Secretary	2200.00
Mendota clothing	3500.00
Trustees	1800.00
Troy Grove allow	13405.00
Troy Grove Chief	800.00
City of Mendota Fire Protection	4100.00
City of Mendota Ambulance Serv.	5500.00
Mendota Chief	800.00
Troy Grove Captain	350.00
Troy Grove Lieutenants	400.00
.....	\$34,211.00

Insurance:

Leffelman	\$11099.00
Liberty Mutual	1518.00
.....	\$12,617.00
All other disbursements less than \$1000 each	\$7,078.79
Total Items of Disbursements	\$207,520.81

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I, Barry Sutton, Secretary of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District in the Counties of LaSalle and Bureau, State of Illinois, Do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ending April 30, 2020.

No. 0510

(May 27, 2020)



Meriden Township Town Funds

	Town	Audit	Insurance	Social Security	General Assistance	
Beginning	\$ 278,375.85	\$ 2,908.90	\$ 3,262.86	\$ 8,678.70	\$ 70,796.80	\$ 364,023.11
Revenue	\$ 92,623.99	\$ 975.07	\$ 5,651.57	\$ 3,000.20	\$ 15,074.01	\$ 117,324.84
Expenses	\$ 147,904.78	\$ -	\$ 2,743.00	\$ 3,010.52	\$ 8,384.74	\$ 162,043.04
Ending	\$ 223,095.06	\$ 3,883.97	\$ 6,171.43	\$ 8,668.38	\$ 77,486.07	\$ 319,304.91
Cds	\$ 130,031.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,845.41	

Revenue Township

Property Taxes	\$ 111,204.47
Replacement Taxes	\$ 1,463.76
Interest	\$ 4,255.61
Other Income	\$ -
Dividend	\$ 401.00
Transfer	\$ -
	<u>\$ 117,324.84</u>

Compensation Summary

Range - Under \$26,000

Pete Campbell, Sandra M. Kofoed, Carol L Dilbeck, David Schlesinger, Jeff Pickert, Keith Fassig, Paul Hoffman, Diane Klein.

Total \$ 37,625.24

Expenditure Summary

US Treasury	\$ 3,010.52
Toirma	\$ 2,743.00
Visa	\$ 6,384.44
Transfer to Road District	\$ 85,000.00
Advanced Data Technologies	\$ 10,500.00
Chamlin & Associates, INC.	\$ 3,477.00
	<u>\$ 111,114.96</u>

All other disbursements less than \$2,500 - \$ 13,302.84

Total Disbursements-\$ 162,043.04

Meriden Township Road District Funds

	Road	Audit	Insurance	Social Security	Equip & Building	Special Gravel	Special Bridge	
Beginning	\$ 101,355.40	\$ 2,984.00	\$ 8,294.61	\$ 1,031.60	\$ 52,107.01	\$ 1,721.83	\$ 52,461.02	\$ 219,955.47
Revenue	\$ 177,999.09	\$ 1,025.05	\$ 6,314.44	\$ 99.92	\$ 136,135.88	\$ 10,269.07	\$ 35,309.61	\$ 367,153.06
Expenses	\$ 177,580.90	\$ -	\$ 5,570.00	\$ 477.44	\$ 175,264.00	\$ -	\$ 22,301.62	\$ 381,193.96
Ending	\$ 101,773.59	\$ 4,009.05	\$ 9,039.05	\$ 654.08	\$ 12,978.89	\$ 11,990.90	\$ 65,469.01	\$ 205,914.57
Cds	\$ 32,158.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Revenue Road District

Property Taxes	\$ 126,777.56
Replacement Taxes	\$ 5,434.63
Interest	\$ 12,085.53
Other Income	\$ 33,060.34
Dividend	\$ 814.00
Transfer	\$ 170,000.00
MFT	\$ 18,981.00
	<u>\$ 367,153.06</u>

Compensation Summary

Range - Under \$26,000

Josh Pickert, Tony Troyer

Total \$ 3,488.00

Expenditure Summary

Bonnell Industries Inc	\$ 3,631.37	Caseys	\$ 4,865.31	Macklin Inc	\$ 9,973.86
Toirma	\$ 5,500.44	Equip & Building	\$ 85,000.00	Wheatland Bros, LLC	\$ 9,761.94
Lawson Product	\$ 2,570.02	Korte & Turpen Tree	\$ 3,500.00	US Treasury	\$ 477.44
Martin Equipment	\$ 3,695.25	Quality Spot Repair	\$ 5,000.00	West Side Tractor Sales	\$ 175,000.00
Advanced Data Technologies	\$ 8,340.00	Reds Truck Repair	\$ 6,613.44		\$ 195,213.24
Northern Partners	\$ 7,499.27	UECO	<u>\$ 4,838.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 31,236.35</u>		<u>\$ 109,816.75</u>		

All other disbursements less than \$2,500 - \$ 41,439.62

Total Disbursements-\$ 381,193.96

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of May 2020

Sandra M Kofoed, Treasurer

I, Carol L Dilbeck, Clerk of Meriden Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the

Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

Carol L Dilbeck

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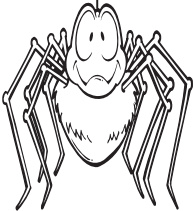
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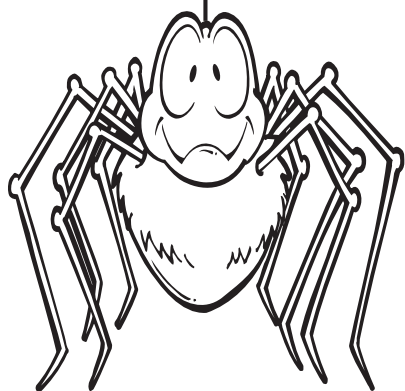
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