



Parishioners greet Pastor
Parishioners of Zion United Methodist Church drive through the church parking lot as Pastor Kim and his family greet them from the sidewalk on May 3. Churches all across Illinois have not been allowed to hold their regular Sunday services due to the world health crisis. The latest stay-at-home order that went into effect May 1 in Illinois has been amended to allow for small church services – limiting gatherings to 10 or fewer people and requiring social distancing. (Reporter photo)

Lifeguard certification issues reason for not opening pool

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council held a meeting via teleconference on April 30.

Mayor David Boelk spoke about the decision to not open the swimming pool this summer. Because of the current health situation and groups of people not allowed to assemble together, the lifeguards that would be employed at the swimming pool cannot take the necessary steps to be certified, and thus without lifeguards on duty, the pool cannot open.

In aldermanic reports, John Holland presented council resolutions of support for five Mendota businesses that have requested Community Development Block Grant funds through the Downstate Small Business Stabilization program. Receiving council approval of support for the program were H.C. Detailing, Dirty Dawgs Grooming, Nite, Inc., New Parkway 2 and Echols & Associates, PC.

The city of Mendota will apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used to provide working capital for the benefit of the businesses and will address the urgent needs of the businesses due to the COVID-19 emergency.

OSF HealthCare requiring everyone to wear masks at all of its facilities

MENDOTA – OSF HealthCare is taking pro-active measures to ensure the health and safety of patients, visitors, vendors, and Mission Partners (employees).

Beginning Friday, May 1, OSF HealthCare facilities in Mendota, Ottawa, and Streator requires anyone entering to wear a mask. Exceptions are made for those younger than 2 years old or those with medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask.

“Wearing a mask over the nose and mouth helps to contain respiratory secretions and reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19,” said OSF Saint Paul President Dawn Trompeter and OSF Saint Elizabeth President Ken Beutke. “Masking is additional protection, which will address asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission of the virus.”

Patients will be given a mask to wear while interacting with medical staff if they don’t have one of their own. In addition, visitors and vendors will be asked to wear a personal mask. If a personal mask is not available, a disposable mask will be provided.

All OSF Mission Partners will also be required to wear masks in public spaces, whether personal or provided by OSF HealthCare. OSF Mission Partners who provide direct patient care will be issued appropriate personal protective equipment by OSF.

OSF HealthCare facilities in Mendota, Ottawa, and Streator still have strict no-visitor guidelines in place and will continue, with a few exceptions:

- One visitor will be allowed if deemed necessary for the provision of medical care
- One visitor will be allowed for pediatric patients
- One visitor will be allowed for childbirth
- Exceptions will be made for end-of-life situations

For more information on novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including frequently asked questions, please visit the OSF HealthCare COVID-19 digital health hub: www.osf-healthcare.org/covid19/.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor’s office. Instead, use one of the digital care options offered by OSF. You can connect through Clare, a digital assistant available through the OSF website, or by calling the 24/7 nurse hotline at 833-OSF-KNOW (833-673-5669).



MHS hopes to conduct in-person graduation ceremony this summer

Virtual awards assembly could be held in May

MENDOTA – Mendota High School will not have their originally scheduled May 16 graduation ceremony in keeping with the state’s current restriction on large gatherings. While considering safe alternatives such as a virtual graduation ceremony, MHS asked this year’s seniors their opinion.

“We surveyed our seniors, and they overwhelmingly want to wait until the summer for a more traditional ceremony – as much of a ceremony as is allowed with the social distancing restrictions,” explained MHS Principal Denise Aughenbaugh. “Seniors did not want a virtual graduation ceremony.”

Although some schools have opted for a virtual graduation, Aughenbaugh said MHS will go along with the seniors’ preference and postpone their graduation ceremony until summer when they hope an in-person gathering can take place. Additional details about the summer graduation ceremony are yet to be determined. Aughenbaugh said the matter will be discussed further at the next board of education meeting on May 18 and a date is expected to be determined at that time.

Awards & Scholarship Assembly
MHS has also been forced to make changes to its Annual Awards and Scholarship Assembly, which was originally scheduled for May 7. Instead of holding the normal large assembly, the high school plans to honor recipients in a Virtual Awards Assembly that will be posted on the Mendota High School website and social media pages. Aughenbaugh said the date for the assembly is yet to be determined, but they hope it can take place in mid-May or soon after.

Aughenbaugh explained that seniors were given an extension until May 1 for turning in scholarship applications. The applications are being submitted to the appropriate committee members this week and she hopes to have a response from the committees in one to two weeks, if possible. “All committee meetings will be through a conference phone call or Zoom meetings,” she noted.

When recipients have been selected, the high school will create the Virtual Awards Assembly to announce the winners. The information will also be published in The Mendota Reporter.



Under a revised order effective May 1, churches may hold public services in groups of 10 or fewer as long as they follow social distancing requirements.

N. Illinois church appeals judge’s ruling

Revision to order allows churches to hold limited public services

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Attorneys for a northern Illinois church said Monday that they have appealed a federal judge’s ruling that upheld Gov. JB Pritzker’s stay-at-home order as it applies to worship services.

The announcement came one day after U.S. District Judge John Z. Lee ruled against a petition by Beloved Church in Lena and its pastor, Stephen Cassell, to block the order, saying the public interest in preventing the spread of COVID-19 outweighed their First Amendment right to hold a public service with large numbers of people.

“Governor Pritzker’s arbitrary 10-person limit applies only to churches but not to the many other businesses open in Illinois today, from liquor stores to lawyers to pet groomers,” Peter Breen, vice president and senior counsel for the Thomas More Society, which represents the church, said in a statement late Monday. “Our Constitution requires that churches receive at least equal treatment as any secular enterprise. Pritzker’s latest threat of jail for people of faith is outrageous, and we will seek immediate relief from the court of appeals to defend our clients.”

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LOCAL AND AREA

IAA awards scholarships to students pursuing ag degrees

♦ Earville resident among recipients

BLOOMINGTON - In a time of uncertainty, students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2020-2021 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation awarded \$114,000 to 72 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership involvement, professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in these students who represent a strong and vibrant agriculture future," said Jennifer Smith, development manager, IAA Foundation.

Austin Schorfeide of Hoyleton, was named the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship recipient and

received a \$7,500 scholarship. IAA Foundation Top Scholars Miriam Hoffman of Earville, Sophia Hortin of Fisher and Loren Koenigstein of Columbia, each received a \$5,000 award. Other scholarships presented range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,000. A full listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus award more than \$875,000 in scholarship support.

"We work to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members and others who support our industry, we continue to grow our program."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship or to donate to the general scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at www.iaafoundation.org or call (309) 557-2232.

Applications for the 2021 school year scholarships, as well as specific details and eligibility requirements, will be available on the IAA Foundation's website beginning Dec. 1.

Hoffman

LaSalle Co. government buildings remain closed in May

OTTAWA - LaSalle County Board Chairman Jim Olson announced last week that LaSalle County buildings will remain closed to the public until after May 30 in keeping with the governor's extended stay at home order. LaSalle County will continue to provide law enforcement, public safety services, critical court services and other critical services to the public.

The public is asked to

please attempt to conduct business online at www.lasallecounty.org or www.lasallecounty.com for matters with the Circuit Court office. Individuals unable to conduct business online should call the appropriate department at the phone number listed online for that department to receive further assistance.

The county board will continue holding committee



meetings and their full board meeting. Please review the calendar listed on the www.lasallecounty.org website. Committee meetings will have limited in-person access

and the full board meeting will have board members attending remotely. The public will be allowed to view and listen to all meetings through YouTube Live; that information will be listed on all agendas. Department press releases will also be available online.

"Please stay safe and let's take care of each other during these difficult times," Olson said.

OSF Saint Paul receives \$75,000 gift benefitting COVID-19 relief

MENDOTA - The OSF Foundation is pleased to announce that OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota is the recipient of a generous gift from a local business donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.

The \$75,000 gift will help OSF Saint Paul support efforts with the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time of uncertainty, OSF Saint Paul Mission Partners have worked tirelessly on the front lines, ensuring that the health and wellness needs of the community are met.

"As we all struggle to fully grasp the impact COVID-19 will have on Mendota and the surrounding communities, this generous gift will support our health care workers, patients and our communities as they fight against the spread of the virus," said Dawn Trompeter, President, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. "This gift will enable our digital health response to serve community members where and when they need it, and it means crisis support for those working each day to combat the virus. We are humbled and blessed to have such caring businesses and donors who support and trust OSF HealthCare to serve the health and wellbeing of our patients and communities."

OSF Saint Paul Medical Center is a non-profit hospital, and gifts such as this are vitally important for the health and wellbeing of those served and the community as a whole.



Video auditions scheduled for Stage 212's summer production, "Kiss Me, Kate!"

LASALLE - Stage 212 is still planning to put on their summer 2020 production of Cole Porter classic "Kiss Me, Kate!" Performances are scheduled to begin on July 23 and play through Aug. 2. Stage 212 will maintain all COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for this production and the rest of the season.

Auditions for "Kiss Me, Kate!" will be conducted via video submission only. A self-recorded video with audio will be required along with completed audition form by Sunday, May 10. Callbacks will be scheduled

via video conference.

Director Reid Tomasson will cast 20 men and women in a variety of lead, supporting and ensemble roles. Visit Stage212.org/auditions for details on required audition materials. No preparation is necessary and familiarity with the script is not required to audition.

Any questions about the audition process should be e-mailed to stage212web@gmail.com.

Stage 212 auditions are open to all regardless of prior theatrical experience.

MHS to discuss plans for students with special needs

MENDOTA - Mendota High School will set up a meeting to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities

who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2020-21 school year.

Parents of home-schooled students who have been or

may be identified with a disability and residing within the boundaries of Mendota High School are urged to contact Jeff Prusator at (815) 539-7446 by Friday, May 15.



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Illinois temperatures, precipitation fluctuate in April

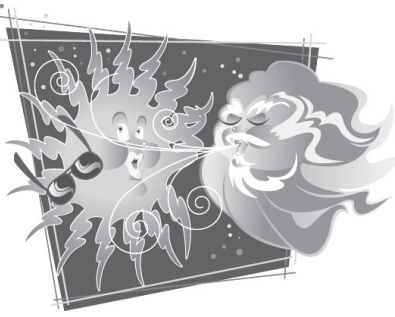
CHAMPAIGN - The first half of April had above average temperatures in Illinois, but the cold predominated in the second half. Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford at the University of Illinois' Illinois State Water Survey reported that the preliminary statewide average April temperature was 49.2 degrees, 3.4 degrees below the 30-year normal.

The preliminary statewide average precipitation total for April was 4.36 inches, 0.58 inches above the 30-year normal.

Average temperatures from April 1 to 10 ranged from 1 to 6 degrees above normal across the state. A strong cold front moved through the region between April 9 and 11 with unseasonably cold air. Average temperatures between April 11 and 20 ranged from 5 to 15 degrees below normal.

Overall, April average temperatures ranged from the low 30s in northern Illinois to the mid-50s in southern Illinois. April ended the consecutive four-month streak of warmer than normal months going back to December 2019.

As a result of the strong cold front that moved through the region in mid-April, minimum temperatures dipped below freezing as far south as Pope County. Stations in northwest Illinois recorded minimum temperatures in the teens on April 8.



Flowering trees, shrubs, and tender perennials broke dormancy and began to green in response to prolonged warm conditions throughout March and early April, which increased the vulnerability of Illinois specialty crops, such as peaches, strawberries, and asparagus, to the late-season freeze.

University of Illinois Extension reported some damage to specialty crops in most regions of the state as a result of the freeze event in mid-April. The extent of damage was likely curtailed by warming of the sub-freezing temperatures for five to seven days prior to the event.

Precipitation

The first two-thirds of last month was somewhat to very dry across the state, with most areas experiencing less than 50 percent of normal precipitation by April 20. The prolonged dry conditions caused soils to dry considerably, which was quite a contrast to April 2019 and was beneficial for farmers to make planting progress.

A series of storms tracked across Illinois over the last

week in April, generating very heavy rainfall and widespread 2- to 4-inch accumulations along the Interstate 55 corridor between the St. Louis Metro East and Chicagoland. The heaviest rainfall was in central Illinois between Mason and McLean Counties.

The wettest point in the state last month was Havana in Mason County. The Havana station recorded just over 2 inches of precipitation in the first 22 days of April and experienced nearly a three-quarter-inch precipitation deficit at that time. Havana received nearly 6 inches of precipitation in the following seven days and ended the month with an all-time April record-breaking precipitation total of 7.8 inches.

Heavy precipitation in late April caused flash flooding across central and northeastern Illinois as well as inundated fields and resultant planting delays. Additionally, many gauges along the Illinois River, Des Plaines River, and Mississippi River south of Hardin were pushed into the flood stage.

Most of the northern half of the state experienced measurable snowfall last month. April totals ranged from over 8 inches in north central Illinois to just over one-tenth of

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LaSalle Co. Genealogy cancels May meeting

LaSALLE - The LaSalle County Genealogical Guild meeting scheduled for May 16 has been cancelled. Information regarding the next meeting will be given later.

Master Gardener program accepting online applicants through May 25

OGLESBY - For the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program, the last four decades can be measured by the millions of volunteer hours given to help bring horticultural help to communities across the state.

This year marks the 48th anniversary of the Illinois Master Gardener program. With over 2,600 members today, Illinois Master Gardeners have given more than 2,309,348 volunteer hours - a value of over \$46 million, to the state.

Today, Master Gardener volunteers - who come from farms, small towns, suburbs, and cities - offer numerous educational opportunities related to gardening in nearly every county in the state.

The mission of the Illinois Master Gardener program is "Helping Others Learn to Grow." After 60 hours of training in topics such as vegetable and flower gardening, insect problems, and plant diseases, the volunteers participate in programs throughout their communities. Some of those opportunities may include speaking at garden clubs, civic groups, or schools; answering calls or emails at help desks; establishing demonstration gardens that serve as educational tools; and educating citizens on how to establish community gardens.

You don't have to be a gardening expert to become a Master Gardener. All you need is an interest in gardening, some time to volunteer in the community, and a desire to share your knowledge with others. The program is more about connections; connecting people with other gardeners, with their community, and with reliable resources for information. Once connections are forged, it's time to get sowing and growing in our many meaningful community projects.

The University of Illinois Extension in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties is still accepting applications to participate in the Online Master Gardener Training Program. This online program allows volunteers to complete the training who may have never been able to in the past due to schedule or time conflicts. This online, self-guided course for Illinois residents can be completed any time of day or night. Set aside about 4 hours per week for videos, reading the manual and completing quizzes, and the training will be completed in 14 weeks.



The 2020 summer Master Gardener Online Training includes 13 modules - an introduction and 12 subject areas. Module topics include: Botany; Soils and Fertilizers; Plant Diseases; Entomology; Integrated Pest Management; Annuals and Perennials; Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines; Lawns; Small and Tree Fruits; Vegetables; Composting/Organic Gardening; and Living with Wildlife.

Each module consists of several videos and an online quiz; therefore, a strong internet connection is highly recommended. Please note this training is not being offered in local Extension offices, but must be completed through use of a personal computer or other computer access. The registration cost for the program is \$300, which includes the Master Gardener manual.

Registration for the summer 2020 class will be open through May 25 and the class will start on June 15. For more information or to obtain materials to begin the registration process, please e-mail Meg E. Overocker, Extension Program Coordinator at meo@illinois.edu or leave a message with your contact information at the University of Illinois Extension Unit office at (815) 224-0889.

Following completion of the training, Master Gardener interns will work with Extension staff and local Master Gardeners in the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam Unit area to complete required volunteer time through approved community service projects.

Go to <https://master-gardener.extension.illinois.edu/mgot> to read more about the program.

CARL'S QUIZ

In "The Music Man," what was Professor Harold Hill's actual first name? (Hint: It wasn't Harold.)

The answer to last week's quiz is: The best-selling soundtrack album of all time was from "The Bodyguard."

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

IVCH receives an 'A' for hospital safety

PERU - Illinois Valley Community Hospital was awarded an "A" in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing IVCH's achievements providing safer health care.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety.

The Safety Grade is a letter grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harms to patients.

"IVCH received an A for the second consecutive reporting period," said

Tommy Hobbs, IVCH chief executive officer. "This achievement is a credit to the hard work the hospital's employees put in daily to deliver the best possible care while maintaining high standards of patient and environmental safety."

"As the nation copes with a challenging pandemic, our gratitude extends to hospital leadership and health care workers everywhere for their tremendous dedication," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We hope this 'A' helps to thank the people who work and volunteer for Illinois Valley Community Hospital. They are role models in putting patients first, and their service has

been extraordinary in our country's time of need."

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year.

The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

To see IVCH's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe while in the hospital, please visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and on Facebook.

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Norma L. McPherron

ALGONQUIN - Norma Leah McPherron, 84, of Algonquin passed away May 2, 2020 with her family by her side after a courageous battle with ALS.

A family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 7 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, West Brooklyn with Fr. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, West Brooklyn. Wasmer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Norma was born July 11, 1935 in Compton to George Montavon and Helen Mosimann. She married Verner McPherron on Jan. 31, 1959 at St. Mary's Church, West Brooklyn. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Survivors include three sons, Patrick McPherron of France, Greg (Martha) McPherron of Torrance, and Anthony Urrello of Vancouver, B.C.; two sisters, Joan Macklin of Crystal Lake and Carol Holmes of Rockford; three nephews and one niece.

Norma was the second of three daughters. After a colorful and adventurous upbringing on the farm, she graduated from Steward High School in 1953. She went on to attend Western Illinois University before transferring to the University of Illinois, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition in 1958. After her husband passed away, Norma had to immediately display the dependability and determination of a single mother with children

to raise. She quickly exhibited her trademark strength of will and courage to succeed, both born from love and devotion. She developed an enduring career by providing nutritional meal plans for various universities and hospitals in Illinois, Ohio and Nebraska. Only when she was injured did she ever miss a day of work in her entire career, a trait not easily passed along. She attributed this success to her perfectly-balanced health. She would often preach that "moderation" is the key. And no one was more devoted to her diet plan than Norma. Wherever she resided, she cherished spending time with her family, sharing with her sons a love of music and sports, complete with a critique of every White Sox game. She made no secret of her desire to travel with family, anxious to educate herself about world culture. She was captivated by the beauty and architecture of every single place she visited, with Europe being her favorite. One trait Norma easily passed along to her sons was her insurmountable dedication to independence. In recent years, as her health began to decline unexpectedly, she finally allowed her loving sisters and others to assist her in the face of a debilitating disease. With their invaluable presence, Journey Care and other medical professionals guided her unshakable beliefs toward this fight for her life. As a beloved mother, sister and aunt, we will all miss her indestructible faith and marvelous spirit, which will live on, just as her unique wisdom will not be forgotten.

Memorials may be directed to ALS Society or Journey Care Hospice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Margaret L. Lair

MENDOTA - Margaret Louise Lair, 93, of Mendota died April 29, 2020 at her residence.

Private funeral services for the family were held at 11 a.m. on May 4 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with her son, James R. Lair, officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Memorial Park, Ottawa.

Margaret was born May 18, 1926 in Jacksonville to Valentine and Maude (Brown) Sevier. She married James Grant Lair, her high school sweetheart, on March 13, 1946 in Rhode Island. They shared 72 years of marriage until James' death on May 28, 2018.

Survivors include three sons, James (Sharon) Lair of Sacramento, Calif., William (Cheryl) Lair of Charleston and John (MaryEllen) Lair of Streator; two daughters, Barbara (Mike) Bokus of Mendota and Judy Lair of Mansfield; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Charles Sevier; and one grandson, Ben Bokus on March 10, 2019.

Margaret was a graduate of Jacksonville High School and attended MacMurray College. In addition to raising five children, she was employed by Hentrich Music Store and the Illinois Department of Employment Security, both in Ottawa. She was a member of Mendota First United Methodist Church. She had been active in the Order of Eastern Star and Job's Daughters. An avid bridge player, she also taught bridge classes in Ottawa at the YMCA. But Margaret's first love was her family. She was a caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. "Grandma and Grandpa" attended many of their family's birthday parties, graduations, weddings and other special events all over the country.

Memorials may be directed to the Graves-Hume Public Library, Mendota and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sharon A. Hesik

SUBLETTE - Sharon A. Hesik, 75, of Sublette, passed away April 30, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Sharon was born March 3, 1944 in Elmhurst to Donald and Gladine (Surkamer) Cunningham. She married Frank Hesik on April 1, 1962.

Survivors include her husband of Sublette; two sons, Frank Hesik of Columbus, Ohio and Edward Hesik of Aurora; three daughters, Tina (Brian) Alberts of Elburn, Sheila (Darrell) Pierce of West Brooklyn and Angie (Jon) Westmas of Montgomery; one sister, Betty Lynn Cesaretti of Fort Wayne, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Donald Cunningham and Doug Cunningham; and two sisters, Dorothy Wallenfang and Joan Church.

Sharon enjoyed gardening and was a great cook. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.



Joel F. Schroeder

MELBOURNE, Fla. - Joel Francis Schroeder, 35, of Melbourne, Fla., formerly of Mendota, passed away April 29, 2020 at Viera Hospital Melbourne.

Private visitation and Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, May 9 with Fr. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Wasmer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Pallbearers will be Brian Barnickel, Jeremy Beetz, Peter Bittner, Eric Brown, Tyler Full, Kyle Long, Brett Meyer, Clint O'Brien and Todd Schroeder.

Joel was born Oct. 12, 1984 in Mendota to Steven and Brenda (Billmeier) Schroeder. He married Lisa Patterson on Dec. 17, 2005 in Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; three sons, Jason, Owen and Henry, all in Mendota; his mother, Brenda Schroeder of Mendota; two brothers, Joshua (Margarita) Schroeder of Los Fresnos, Texas and Jared (Tokeshia) Schroeder of Streamwood; one sister, Jerilyn Schroeder of Mendota; five nephews; three nieces; his in-laws, Steve and Roberta Patterson of Mendota; and one sister-in-law, Carrie (Isidro) Escatel of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his father on Aug. 8, 2016; his maternal and paternal grandparents; and his Godfather/Uncle, Ron Schroeder.

Joel graduated from Mendota High School in 2003 and from the University of Illinois in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. During his work career, he was an aerospace engineer systems analyst, working from 2007-2010 for Northrup Grumman Corp. in Redondo Beach, Ca; 2010-2013 in Maineville, Ohio for Bell Can Corp.; 2013-2017 in O'Fallon, Mo. for Boeing; and from 2017-2020 in Melbourne, Fla. for Northrup Grumman Corp. He loved playing poker with the guys. He was a collector of Pez dispensers and was a huge fan of Seinfeld, The Simpsons and Star Wars. Cooking became a passion for Joel and he loved the musical, "Hamilton."

Memorials may be directed to the family to establish a college fund for his children. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



John J. Larsen

FLOSSMOOR - John James Larsen, 75, of Flossmoor, formerly of Mendota, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 28, 2020 at his home.

Family will gather for a private graveside service at Restland Cemetery Memorial Gardens coordinated by Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

John was born Jan. 8, 1945 in Chicago to John James Larsen Sr. and Shirley Larsen (Freitag). He married Cora Burley.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years; three children, Joseph Larsen, Jessica (Bryan) Westhoff and Jacob Larsen; four grandchildren, Anthony Larsen, Maxim Larsen, Benjamin Westhoff and Vivian Westhoff; and one brother, Victor Larsen.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Roger Larsen.

Born in Chicago, John's family soon moved to Mendota, where he grew up. As a young child in school, struggles with reading and unhappy classroom experiences led to his lifelong mission to educate teachers, facilitate learning and to make school a better place for children. He took great joy in observing children and pursued studies in child development. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business from Illinois Wesleyan University. Later, he earned a Master's in Guidance and Counseling from Illinois State University, a Master's in Early Childhood Education from The Erikson Institute, and eventually, his Doctorate in Educational Psychology from Loyola University.

While in high school, John met the love of his life, Cora, and they were married his junior year of college. After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan in 1967, they entered the Peace Corps. The couple spent two years of service in the Philippines, where they did teacher training and introduced new curriculum in modern math and science. They also had numerous adventures, visiting virgin forests, live volcanos, coffee and banana plantation as well as meeting President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife, Imelda. After completing their service in the Peace Corps, they traveled through Asia and Europe before returning to the United States for graduate school. They continued their adventures together traveling throughout their 53 years of marriage.

John's educational pursuits yielded a fulfilling career throughout the south suburbs and Chicago. He held positions as an elementary school guidance counselor, early childhood special education teacher, college professor, school administrator, and most recently as an elementary school psychologist. John loved his work and took great joy in working with kids and educating teachers. He helped countless children and families and served as a mentor to many in the field. He truly valued his colleagues who dedicated their lives to helping others, especially the underserved. He never lost his passion for working with children and guiding staff.

Beyond his work, John was dedicated to his family. Before the break-out hit, "Mr. Mom", he spent years raising their three young children during the mornings while Cora worked. During this time he also worked as a professor, teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses in the department of special education at Chicago State University. His commitment to his family is evident by the special relationships he had with each of them. Each of his children considered him a best friend. Part of John's magic was that he was a great observer and saw people as individuals. No matter the situation, he always showed up. He was also enamored with his grandchildren and delighted in watching their personalities take shape. As he got older, he enjoyed teasing them and surprising them with bags of spare change.

Dr. John Larsen will be remembered as fun-loving, caring, kind and generous. He was an avid reader, admitted fair-weathered sports fan (both Cubs and White Sox), political junkie, and seeker of solitude. He loved Ray Charles, The Beach Boys, popcorn, coffee, and chocolate. He treasured his friendships and took great pleasure in telling stories from his youth. John made the world a better place. He will be remembered fondly by all who met him, and he will be forever loved and missed.

Memorials in John's memory may be made to The Sierra Club [https://www.sierraclub.org/]; National Park Foundation [https://www.nationalparks.org/]; and The Erikson Institute [https://www.erikson.edu/give/] in their mission to ensure that all children, particularly the most vulnerable, have positive early childhood experiences.

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April

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an inch along Interstate 72. A single storm in mid-April produced widespread 24-hour snowfall totals between 1 and 3 inches in central and northern Illinois, with a few much larger isolated totals.

Areas of Warren, Henry, Knox, and Mercer counties received more than 6 inches of snowfall in a single day, including the third and fifth highest single day April snowfall totals in Kewanee and Galesburg, respectively.

The total 2019-2020 season snowfall ranged from over 50 inches in far northern Illinois to less than 1 inch in

southeastern Illinois. Most areas of the state north of Interstate 70 experienced a snowier than average season.

Outlooks

Short-term 8-14-day outlooks from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center show strongly elevated odds of both below normal precipitation and below normal temperatures across the state.

Longer-term 30-day outlooks are similar to the 8-14-day outlooks, with continued, albeit weaker, chances of cooler, drier conditions, especially for the northeastern half of the state.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Graduation

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High schools have had to make many difficult decisions to address numerous end-of-year events – team banquets, parties, prom, awards and the biggest milestone, graduation.

“We need to remember that no matter how devastating it feels to miss some of these wonderful events, the health and safety of our students, families, and communities must remain our top priority,” Aughenbaugh said. “We look forward to honoring our students. As always, we cannot thank the entire Mendota community enough for the overwhelming generosity and support of our students.”

Ruling

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In his ruling Sunday, Lee acknowledged that freedom of religion is a fundamental right, “but even the foundational rights secured by the First Amendment are not without limits; they are subject to restriction if necessary to further compelling government interests—and, certainly, the prevention of mass infections and deaths qualifies,” Lee wrote. “After all, without life, there can be no liberty or pursuit of happiness.”

The judge noted that more than 60,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, “more than the number of people who perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Pearl Harbor, and the Battle of Gettysburg combined.”

The suit was filed on Thursday, April 30, against Pritzker, Stephenson County Sheriff David Snyders, Lena Police Chief Steve Schaible and Craig Beintema, administrator of the Stephenson County Department of Public Health. It sought to permanently block enforcement of Pritzker’s latest, revised stay-at-home order, which went into effect May 1 and extends through May 30.

Under that revised order, churches may hold public services in groups of 10 or fewer as long as they follow social distancing requirements. Despite that, the church reportedly held its regular service on Sunday. WREX-TV in Rockford reported that a public relations firm representing the church said churchgoers were provided hand sanitizer and family units were spaced 6 feet apart.

As of Monday, according to the state’s COVID-19 website, there have been 63 cases of the disease in Stephenson County, but so far, no deaths.

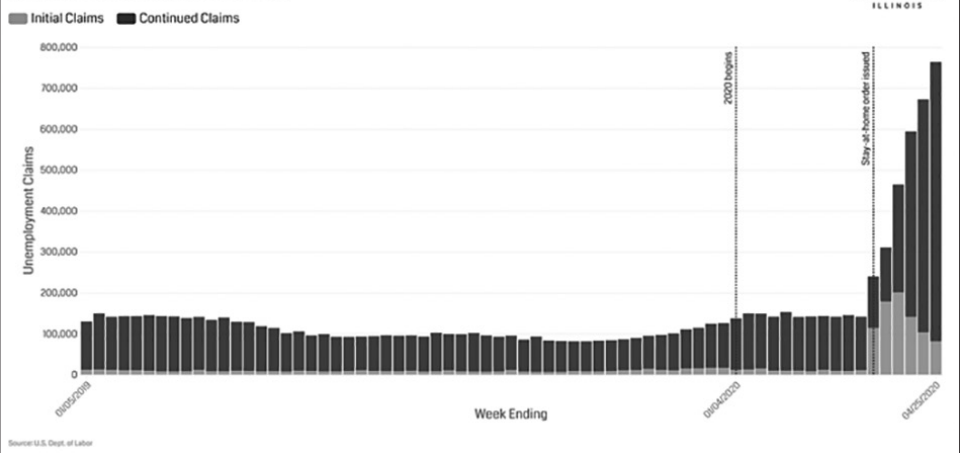
The Beloved Church case is just one legal challenge seeking to overturn the stay-at-home order. Republican Reps. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and John Cabello, of Machesney Park, are both challenging the order in state courts.

A circuit court judge in Clay County last week ruled in favor of Bailey’s complaint that the order violated his civil rights. But while that case was being appealed, Bailey asked that the order be vacated and the case returned to circuit court, where he plans to file an amended complaint.

Cabello’s suit challenges the legality of the order as a whole and is seeking to have it overturned statewide. A hearing in that case is scheduled for May 14 in Winnebago County.



Weekly Unemployment Claims Filed in Illinois Since 2019 (seasonally unadjusted)



Another 81,000 Illinoisans file unemployment claims

□ Total claims in state since mid-March top 800,000 mark

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Unemployment in Illinois and the U.S. continues to balloon amid the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The state reported 81,596 first-time claims in the week ending April 25, during which time more than 3.8 million claims were submitted nationally.

That means 818,917 Illinoisans filed for unemployment since March 21, and 681,041 drew unemployment benefits during the week ending April 25. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, that is about 10.7 percent of Illinois’ civilian work force.

The claims from March 1 to April 25 this year were more than 10 times those made in the same period last year, when approximately 69,000 total claims were filed in Illinois.

This is the first time in five weeks that the number of initial claims in Illinois fell under 100,000. The peak was the week of April 4, when 201,041 initial claims were made.

Nationally, more than 30 million people filed jobless claims since the beginning of the pandemic.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 12.4 percent for the week ending April 18 was an increase of 1.5 percent from the previous week, once again marking the highest figure in the history of the metric.

The more than 81,000 claims filed in Illinois last week mark a decrease of about 21,000 from the week prior. The four-week moving average for claims was 131,683, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Despite several reports of people continuing to have difficulty accessing unemployment, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said IDES has ramped up its capacity for its website and its ability to take phone calls. At his daily news briefing on COVID-19 on April 30, he took questions on the ongoing issues.

“There’s no doubt the system started out unprepared for this unprecedented level of filings,” Pritzker said. “But at this point, I must say, the ability to connect online is available to everyone.”

Pritzker said some people might have difficulty getting through the system if they

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

previously filed a fraudulent claim, there were “challenges to the veracity of certain aspects of the forms that they filed,” or they had forgotten their password. But he said it is working “reasonably well” considering the unprecedented number of claims it is receiving.

He also said there are “many more people answering phones” in response to the increase in filings, and “many of them are working overtime weekends and so on to get done what they need to.”

Of note, Illinois has not yet set up its pandemic unemployment assistance system, which would apply to groups not normally covered by unemployment insurance, such as independent contractors, the self-employed and freelancers.

These federally-paid benefits would last for up to 39 weeks, but that program is not expected to be up and running until the week of May 11. The state is contracting with the private firm Deloitte to complete the system.

Earlier last week, the Freelancers Union called on the state to expedite the process and provide lines of zero-interest credit in the meantime.

“We are facing the greatest crisis to the freelance workforce in modern history,” Rafael Espinal, the union’s president said. “I have heard from thousands of freelancers who are losing gigs due to COVID-19. They’re unsure of how they will be able to pay the bills. The Governor must do everything in his power to guarantee freelancers will get the unemployment benefits that were secured for them in the CARES Act as soon as possible. The slow rollout of benefits for freelance workers further highlights the need for the government to focus on supporting its independent workforce.”

City Ordinance

Grass clippings, etc. in streets

No person shall throw, place or leave, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or left, any ashes, dirt, filth or rubbish, grass clippings, or foreign matter in or upon any street, alley or sidewalk of the City of Mendota.

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IVCC to conduct virtual graduation ceremony May 16

OGLESBY – An estimated 110 students are expected to participate in Illinois Valley Community College’s 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 virtual commencement.

The 54th annual commencement, the first to be held entirely online, will feature photos of graduates and a keynote address by former IVCC trustee Melissa Olivero.

Olivero of Peru, an administrative law judge for the National Labor Relations Board, served IVCC from 2009 to 2019. As board chair, she oversaw the opening of the Peter Miller Community Technology Center in 2014 and other major campus renovations.

Also at commencement, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran will welcome

graduates and guests, former student trustee Matthew Klein will deliver the invocation and board chair Jane Goetz will introduce trustees.

Nasrina Bellel will read her winning Paul Simon Essay and Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson will present the Class of 2020. Corcoran will confer degrees and certificates and new student trustee Manuel (Tony) Galindo will deliver the benediction.

The commencement video, being produced by Klein, owner of Matthew Klein Films, will be available for viewing at www.ivcc.edu/commencement.

All 2020 graduates will be invited to participate in-person in IVCC’s May 2021 commencement.

IVCC “Summer Regfest” scheduled for May 12th

OGLESBY—Illinois Valley Community College will host its first “Summer Regfest” from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 with access to registration, counseling and financial aid available online and via phone.

Financial Aid Director Eric Johnson will host a 10 a.m. financial aid information session on Zoom accessible through www.ivcc.edu.

To participate in Regfest, call the Records office at (815) 224-0447 or visit www.ivcc.edu/admissions.

With over 175 course sections, IVCC has significantly expanded online summer

offerings to include nutrition, business, criminal justice, computers, macroeconomics, English, film, geography, health, children’s literature, math for liberal arts, elementary statistics, psychology, sociology and more.

IVCC students enjoy substantial savings from university costs. Whereas a 3-credit university course could cost \$1,500 to \$2,000, a 3-hour IVCC course is \$399.

Students have two eight-week options: May 18 to July 8 or June 10 to Aug. 6. Visit www.ivcc.edu/online-summer.

Police Reminder

MENDOTA – Members of the Mendota Police Department would like to remind citizens of an important safety tip. Whether your vehicle is in your garage, driveway or parked on the street, always keep it locked.

Do not leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle, even if you are only parking it for a short period of time. Do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle, as this attracts unwanted attention from a would-be thief.

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Doing good for a community

By Scott Reeder

RIVERTON – I stood in line at Dollar General and couldn't help but notice the fellow ahead of me in line was buying 12 gallon jugs of milk.

The first thing that ran through my mind is, "He's part of the problem. He's hoarding food supplies."

A few weeks before, I had to drive to nine Springfield-area stores to find just one gallon of milk for my family.

So, a fellow buying 12 gallons didn't sit well with me. I even made a snide comment to the cashier after the fellow left.

She set me straight.

The cashier explained, "When this crisis started, he created his own food bank. He pays for the milk out of his own pocket and delivers it to the doors of people in need."

We should never prejudge someone.

I'd soured a bit on human nature earlier in that same day, when I took one of my daughters to the doctor for a skin infection. Our family practitioner, who we know from church, shared that she can no longer keep surgical masks and gloves in her exam rooms because patients keep stealing boxes of them, since the pandemic began.

Who would steal protection from health care professionals during a pandemic?

The great UCLA basketball coach John Wooden once said, "Sports doesn't build character. It reveals it."

I think that can also be said of how people act during times of crisis. Some people choose to steal from doctors and nurses while others try to feed a community.

I was left wondering, "Who is this guy who is trying to feed a village?" Riverton and its sister city Spaulding have a population of about 4,000. It's a working-class town where 58 percent of the children in school are receiving free or reduced cost lunches – the highest percentage of any school district in Sangamon County. The town is about five miles from Springfield.

Having lived in the community for nearly 15 years, I can say it has a generous spirit. When Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast in 2017, individuals filled two semi-tractor trailers with donated food, diapers and other critically needed supplies.

That effort was led by Jeb Brown.

To look at him, he seems an ordinary working Joe. He drives an old truck and tools around town in blue jeans, a T-shirt and a baseball cap.

A Rockefeller he is not.

But he's found a way to funnel tens of thousands of dollars in food to hungry folks in Riverton since the COVID 19 crisis began in March.

"Every day, we feed 70 to 100 families and the really cool thing is about the same number of people donate to us. That's what keeps us going," Brown said. Food donations also come in the form of in-kind donations from some Springfield-area charities.

Brown said he personally purchases all the milk that is given away.

To handle the donations, 15 Riverton residents formed a Kiwanis club.

"When folks make a donation, they make out the check to the Kiwanis club – not to me," said Brown, who is the club's first president. "There are a lot of people in need – hair stylists, waitresses and others who never had food security issues before."

Because pride is a factor that deters some from taking assistance, Brown said they have placed a "blessing box" in the parking lot of the local high school. This allows people to accept the donations without being seen by their neighbors.

"We really haven't had much of a problem with people abusing this. They just drive up take what they need from the box and drive away," he said.

For folks fearful of leaving their homes, Brown said he delivers food to their doors.

Just how many dollars of food has the Kiwanis club given away since the COVID 19 crisis began? Brown said, it's hard to say because much of what they receive is in the form of in-kind contributions. But he placed the figure at over \$100,000.

So, what motivates a person to help?

Brown puts it this way. "Riverton has been good to my family. And now I want to do something good for Riverton."

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Filling the lake – 1940

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from May 2, 1990)

By Jessica Nashold

Fifty years ago, workmen were finishing the riprapping of the banks out at the lake.

Since the lake went dry the first time 25 years ago, the lake bed has never been filled because of the weakened conditions of the banks.

With the riprapping completed, it was planned to fill the lake, covering more than 22 acres of the 41-acre tract deeded to the city by the Outdoor Recreation Association.

The lake had been stocked with fish since the previous fall when a consignment from the hatchery at Havana had been dumped in. Wildlife was arriving.

Hundreds of wild ducks, geese, jack snipes, etc. are already nesting at the lake.

Six hundred trees had been set out on the grounds surrounding the lake and more had been ordered. But suddenly funds were running low. Voters had approved a tax of two mills to take care of improvements but because the park district had not been organized when the levy was made only 7/8 of one mill had been appropriated. Mayor Jacob Spanier said tax anticipation warrants could be issued to create a beach on the lake shore. Trucks from the city of Mendota, Troy Grove and Mendota townships and one owned by Curley Herman hauled the sand. Volunteers spread it around.

Mrs. Mary Ward donated sand to bridge the gap.

The H.D. Conkey Co. also brought in a carload of sand, which was added to Mrs. Ward's contribution.

"Gone With the Wind" came to the State Theatre the last week in April. It played both afternoon and evening. Matinees were continuous beginning at 10 a.m. The night performance began at 8 p.m. and seats had to be reserved. Admission at night was \$1.10, including tax.

A man named Bruce Davis leased several tracts of land west of town and sent surveying teams to test for oil.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Mr. Davis is just as confident there is oil in this section as he is that the sun will rise.

A magni-meter was brought from Berlin to determine if oil was present.

The magi-meter is so sensitive it cannot be operated when there is any wind. A tent was secured to place over the equipment but this was not sufficient so the work was stopped until the wind ceased to blow.

Mr. Davis expressed confidence that the machine would indicate the presence of oil.

He has almost started making arrangements for drilling apparatus to be brought here.

On May 3 and 4, Clayton K. Slack, a private during the World War, appeared at the State Theatre. Said to be the only private still living to hold the Congressional Medal of Honor, he had compiled pictures of battles at Chateau, Thierry, St. Mihiel, Argonne and the Hindenberg Line. A lecture by Mr. Slack accompanied the pictures.

In addition, he was pictured receiving a 17-jewel Bulova watch from John Etzbach, the jeweler. Mr. Slack endorsed the Bulova. War pictures and relics were on display at the Etzbach store.

The Inderrieden Company began signing up farmers to raise between 1,500 and 2,000 acres of sweet corn. No canning had been done in 1939 because there was enough corn in the warehouses to take care of orders.

This time around, farmers were a bit slow in signing up.

In years past they have had too many calls for acreage, but this year they need more. There is much to be said in favor of growing 10 or 20 acres of sweet corn. You get your checks in a few weeks after corn is delivered.

Then again you have the fodder to be fed to the stock.

The Mendota High School band accepted an invitation to play at the New York World's Fair in June. The month of May was devoted to raising funds for the trip, which included a special train with a stop at Niagara Falls on the way to the fair and another stop at Washington, D.C. on the return trip.

There were card parties, food sales, dances and a thorough canvass for contributions, with names of donors published in The Reporter.

Etta Lutz was reappointed postmaster having concluded her first four-year term. Stamp sales had increased from \$43,000 to \$60,000.

Following the death of Alfred Goslin, his brother Arthur came to town and took over the management of Goslin Drugs.

A new Standard Service Station went up at 13th Avenue and Washington Street, replacing the first one, which had been razed.

Bailey's Funeral Home announced that a recording machine had been installed so that the music and sermons at funerals could be "preserved for families."

Jim Witte opened a wholesale paper operation in the Witte building on Jefferson Street (now Pohl's Agency) where his father once conducted a tailoring business. Witte was prepared to sell directly to stores, offices, institutions and schools, but not to individual consumers. His first employees were Alan Huss, Bill Ellis and Kenneth Elssesser.

The Reporter published advice on safe driving.

Everyone should approach a corner driving at such a speed that they can come to a halt in case someone else is reckless. Some folks are of the opinion that if they are on a paved street everyone else should stop, but this is not true.

Social distancing isn't a religion

By Rich Lowry

Forgive Jacksonville, Florida, for it has sinned.

The largest city in Florida partly reopened its beaches, and it became something of a national scandal. CNN ran a disapproving segment, and the hashtag #FloridaMorons trended on Twitter.

As the CNN report put it: "The scene at Jacksonville Beach wasn't one of caution in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. Crowds cheered and flooded the beach when police took the barriers down. People were seen swimming, biking, surfing, running and fishing."

None of these activities has been shown to be a vector for the spread of COVID-19; in fact, no outdoors activities have been shown to be dangerous at all. A recent study examined hundreds of outbreaks and traced only one to an outdoor environment.

Surfers and bikers are the least of our worries. Yet, there is a segment of American opinion that takes it as its responsibility to scold and shame anyone who dares go out and get a little fresh air.

Early on in the crisis, CNN anchors spent 20 minutes inveighing against people walking, running, biking and rollerblading along San Francisco's Embarcadero. Noting that some people were holding hands, Jake Tapper called it "enraging." Of course, random strangers don't hold hands, but people who are likely in close proximity whether they are enjoying a stroll or not.

Despite there being no indication that outdoor spaces abet the spread of the disease, parks have been shut down throughout the United States, and the closures are at times enforced with rigor. No less than Tom Brady was chased from a closed Tampa Bay park after he was discovered working out,

apparently alone. A father in Colorado was briefly detained by police for the alleged offense of playing T-ball with his 6-year-old daughter on a softball field.

A sure sign of fanaticism is the inability to make distinctions, in this instance between risky and non-risky activities and between places hard hit and places not. It's one thing to hold a day-long, 100-person family reunion in a public park, quite another to jog through one. It's one thing to begin opening up in New York City, where there have been more than 10,000 deaths, and another to begin opening in Montana, where there have been 14.

Jacksonville, Florida is the seat of Duval County. With a population of nearly a million people, the county has had 17 COVID-19 deaths. It is hardly a hot spot.

At least some of the spleen would be taken out of the coronavirus debate if people acknowledged that we live in a vast continental country, with radically different ways of life. Not only are not all states the same, not all counties within states are the same.

But such is the lockdown zealotry that any thought that these kinds of places should be treated differently is considered heresy sure to get people killed. It seems indisputable that the lockdowns have slowed the spread of the disease, but at an enormous economic cost. We are going to have to show some flexibility and be willing to adopt a patchwork approach to opening up around the country.

We can't be beholden to public officials and commentators who, to paraphrase H.L. Mencken, have the haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be rollerblading.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Jennifer Lopez and her main squeeze, Alex Rodriguez, aka A-Rod, have joined forces with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in bidding for a sizable ownership of The New York Mets baseball team. The catch is they'll have to raise upwards of \$2.6 billion to make the deal.



C. Diaz

Cameron Diaz made 43 films and is a major star. Yet in 2018 she walked away from it all. On Jan. 5, 2015, at age 47, she wed musician Benji Madden, of The Madden Brothers and the pop-rock band Good Charlotte. On Dec. 30, 2019, she gave birth to their daughter, Raddix Chloe Wildflower Madden. Her last film was the reboot of "Annie," starring Jamie Foxx. Bookies in Vegas are already laying odds as to how long she'll be able to stick with just motherhood before being lured back to

movie-making.

If you were a fan of "The Saint," either the '60s TV series with Roger Moore or the 1997 film with Val Kilmer, get ready for Chris Pine to be Simon Templar in a reboot.

When Doris Day passed away on May 13, 2019, at age 97, due to pneumonia, her net worth was \$200 million. Quite an accomplishment when you learn that in April 1968, when longtime husband and manager Marty Melcher died, she was broke thanks to his bad investments and the embezzling ways of his partner, Jerome Rosenthal, who helped himself to her money. She sued and regained \$22.8 million from him.

A recent auction brought in \$3 million, and among her treasures were her 1930 Ford Model A Rumble Seat Roadster, called "Buttercup," with 35,142 miles. It sold for \$96,000. Her 1957 Golden Globe Award for World Film Favorite earned \$25,600, while her "Pillow Talk" Globe went for \$22,400. Her Columbia

Records gold record for "Que Sera, Sera" (1956) went for \$15,625 and "Secret Love" (1959) sold for \$16,000.

A brooch worn when she put her footprints in Grauman's Chinese Theatre's exclusive Forecourt of the Stars went for \$40,625, while her "Doris Day Show" director's chair set sold for \$16,000. A 20-pound elephant jardiniere, a gift from Rock Hudson, garnered \$15,625. Her overlook sign from her home took in \$16,000, her mom's 14k gold and gem set went for \$21,875, while her 14k gold poodle charm bracelet sold for \$15,625. One of her own original oil paintings sold for \$31,250, while a Tony Bennett oil painting sold for \$15,625.

The heir to her estate was her grandson son, Ryan. All the proceeds from the auction went to The Doris Day Animal Foundation, which she established in 1978. The times I met and photographed her, she was an absolute delight, a sunny day!

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Couch Theater

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

"Guns Akimbo" (R) --

Deep in an internet culture that's devoid of humanity and compassion lie the fans of a live-streamed, real-life, to-the-death war game called Skizm. Maybe not so deep after all, since everyone is watching, including Miles (Daniel Radcliffe), a game developer with a Skizm-trolling pastime. But then Miles is drugged and dropped into the game, pitted against actual bad guys and girls. His hands have guns literally bolted to them and in order to right this mess he'll have to battle to the bloody end against professional cold-blooded killers, chief among them an extraordinarily successful player named Nix (Samara Weaving). It's a mix of hyper action and dark comedic moments that will appeal to those with short attention spans. It's brash and rude, and I thought it was quite fun.

"The Rhythm Section"

(R) -- Stephanie (Blake Lively) lost her family in a plane crash. She's not dealing with it well -- mired in a haze of drug abuse, prostitution and general self-destructive behavior -- when a journalist comes along to tell her that the plane crash was the work of terrorists. She cleans up, connects with ex-MI6 agent Boyd (Jude Law) and begins tracking down the terrorist organization responsible for her family's deaths, along the way assuming the identity of a murdered spy. The deal is that this was supposed to be the start of a series, based on the Stephanie Patrick books by Mark Burrell. Unfortunately, it shows because I kept getting the feeling that it is a set up. Too bad, because I really like Blake Lively, especially in a role where she's not just glamorously beautiful all the time.

"The Assistant" (R) -- Junior assistant to a movie mogul, Jane (Julia Garner) is the invisible nonperson who does the jobs nobody wants to do: making coffee,

scheduling flights, filing, cleaning stains on the casting couch in her predatory boss's office. It's a day in the life, if you can call it a life, and it's a slow and tortuous recounting of the moments we look away in order to not rock the boat. The me-too message is obvious, as is the character reference to Harvey Weinstein in the boss we never see but who makes our skin crawl nonetheless.

"Swift" (NR) -- An animated kids' movie featuring an orphaned swift named Manou, who is raised by seagulls and must prove himself in time to travel south for the winter. He meets a handful of swifts who help him find his own unique strengths -- a bird in two worlds. The big-name voices are Kate Winslet and Willem Dafoe, who play Manou's seagull parents. It's full CGI and features swooping flight sequences, but it lacks laughs and, sadly, true heart.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: When will the season finale of "S.W.A.T." air? Were they done filming before the pandemic stopped production? -- E.O.

A: The final episode of the current season of "S.W.A.T." should air May 20 on CBS. Many shows had to cut their seasons short by a few episodes, but "S.W.A.T." only had to shave it by one. The "missing" episode is an eventful one that reflects back on the 1992 Los Angeles riots. The original air date was supposed to be April 29, which was the 28th anniversary of the riots.

According to Deadline.com, Shawn Ryan, the showrunner behind "S.W.A.T.," stated that the flashback-heavy hour now "will probably become either our season premiere or an early episode in season four, but we WILL get around to filming that episode, because that's a special one, to look back at the riots through the perspective of a teenage Hondo [Shemar Moore]." ***

Q: I want to see the new series "Mrs. America" about the ERA movement, but I don't have Hulu. I'm tired of

there being so many streaming services, and I don't want to pay all the monthly fees, so I'm just keeping cable and that's it.



C. Blanchett

A: The streaming service Hulu has made a deal with the FX channel to air all its content, but "Mrs. America" is the first FX show to premiere on Hulu first. Word is that in a few months, "Mrs. America," which stars two-time Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, will air in its entirety on the FX network, which you can find on cable, so keep your fingers crossed.

I don't see as many series available on DVD as there used to be, but you can always check Amazon in about six months to see if a boxed set is available.

"Mrs. America" is a nine-part series about the birth of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the 1960s. Blanchett plays Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative opponent of the movement, and Rose Byrne ("Damages") stars as feminist activist Gloria Steinem.

Q: Is it true that the actor who stars in "Better Call Saul" has coronavirus? Is he going to be OK? -- O.G.

A: If you're referring to Bob Odenkirk, who plays the sneaky lawyer Jimmy, AKA Saul, on the "Breaking Bad" spinoff, it was actually his son, Nathan, who had the coronavirus. Fortunately he's recovered, and it looks like Bob did not contract the bug.

Odenkirk started out his career as a writer for sketch comedy shows like "Saturday Night Live," and Nathan appears to have inherited his father's talents, as he's writing for the humor magazine "Inquist." Nathan previously worked a production assistant on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and also has a few acting credits.

Fortunately, "Better Call Saul" had already finished production of season five before the pandemic, so this is one series that isn't being postponed or cut short. The season finale aired April 20 on AMC.

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. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the only country to have three capital cities?
2. MOVIES: What year did the first Academy Awards ceremony take place?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In police radio code, what does 10-31 mean?
4. U.S. STATES: What state would a Hoosier come from?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "carpe noctem" mean?
6. GAMES: What color property is Kentucky Avenue in the Monopoly board game?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call an animal that eats plants and meat?
8. SCIENCE: What is the study of mycology?

9. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for varicella?
 10. AWARDS: Which group has received the most Nobel Peace prizes?
- Answers
1. South Africa -- Capetown (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial) and Pretoria (administrative)
 2. 1929
 3. Crime in progress
 4. Indiana
 5. Seize the night
 6. Red
 7. An omnivore
 8. The study of fungi
 9. Chickenpox
 10. The International Committee of the Red Cross, with three awards
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Kills, slangily
- 5 Make up your mind
- 8 Padlock fastener
- 12 Polio vaccine pioneer
- 13 Born
- 14 Sheltered, at sea
- 15 Reacted to sun glare
- 17 Hot dog holder
- 18 Sugar suffix
- 19 Charged bit
- 20 Chin indentation
- 21 Kreskin's claim
- 22 Montana or Namath
- 23 Baghdad resident
- 26 Feast
- 30 Frill for Fonteyn
- 31 Bear hair
- 32 Radius neighbor
- 33 In need of laundering
- 35 Bishop's headaddress
- 36 Present
- 37 Corral
- 38 Engine
- 41 Fish's flipper
- 42 Fire residue
- 45 Pinnacle
- 46 Hotel chain
- 48 Enticement

DOWN

- 1 — buco
- 2 Webpage list, often
- 3 Chimney channel opener
- 4 Tackle the slopes
- 5 Winning
- 6 Hammerhead part
- 7 Slugger Williams
- 8 Buffoon
- 9 Lotion additive
- 10 Ego
- 11 Hide
- 16 Unless, in law
- 20 Opposed
- 21 They occur in March and September
- 22 Pickle container
- 23 "Monty Python"
- 24 Trench
- 25 — standstill
- 26 Unopened flower
- 27 Last: Abbr.
- 28 Away from WSW

Pitch

- 29 Only a small number
- 34 Neither mate
- 35 Carte
- 37 Fit of resentment
- 38 Neighbor of Niger
- 39 Piece of work
- 40 Expression
- 41 Notoriety
- 42 Actress
- 43 Dazzle
- 44 Crones
- 46 Journey segment
- 47 AOL, for instance

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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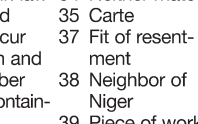
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Chickens can see and dream in full color. They also can taste saltiness, but not sweetness.

* Albino lobsters are the only variety that doesn't turn red when cooked. But don't count on testing this anytime soon, as the odds of catching one in the wild are estimated at one in 100 million!

* In 1834, American physician John Cooke Bennet added tomatoes to ketchup, which previously consisted of fish or mushrooms. As tomatoes contain a healthy dose of vitamins and antioxidants, Bennet then branded his sauce as a cure for diarrhea, indigestion, jaundice and rheumatism.

* Japanese high schools often enforce strict conformance when it comes to hair. Half of Tokyo's schools require students whose locks aren't naturally black to prove it with baby pictures, while in 2017, a Japanese student sued her school after being forced to darken her hair with dye.

* Contrary to what you'd likely expect, this juicy citrus fruit wasn't named for its bright hue. Instead, the word "orange" came to us from a transliteration of the Sanskrit "naranga," which was in turn derived from the Tamil "naru," meaning "fragrant," which describes its blossoms.

* Singularity chess is played on a board that's distorted in the center, allowing for some pieces to make U-turns and attack the same square in a variety of ways, while bishops can change square colors.

* The first vending machine was invented by Greek mathematician Hero of Alexandria and dispensed holy water after a coin was inserted. Hero also came up with the first steam engine and the first wind-powered machine -- a whopping 2,000 years before the Industrial Revolution.

* Russian author Vladimir Nabokov composed most of his major novels on index cards, storing blank ones under his pillow in readiness for a visit from the muse.

Thought for the Day: "The most wasted of days is one without laughter." -- e.e. cummings

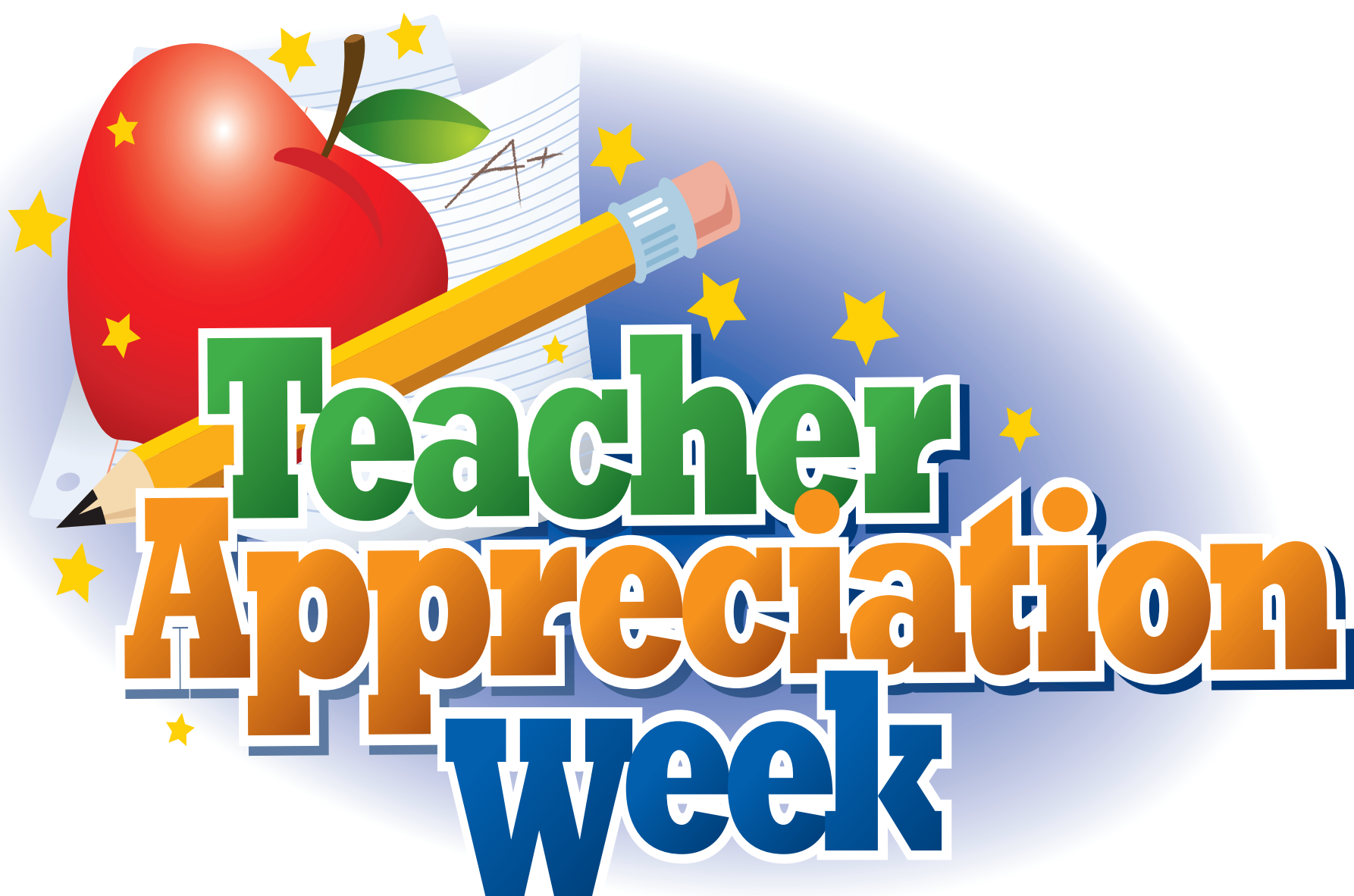
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Answers

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how my blue eyes
would shine.
Promise me you
won't forget,
your memory we treasure,
loving you always,
forgetting you never.
For someone who
meant so much
and loved by all he knew,
who left behind a trail
of tears and precious
memories too.
We loved the sunshine
in his smile
and kindness in his heart,
but heaven saw
that he was tired,
which meant
we had to part.
For he was someone
wonderful and words
just can't convey,
how much we
wish he was here
once more, with us today.
May the winds of
Heaven blow
softly and whisper
in your ear
how much we love
and miss you
and wish that
you were here.
You're my hero, Dad!
**Dearly loved and sadly
missed forever,
Cheryl, Merrill,
Matt, Maurine,
Mason, Morgan,
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Ava, Addisyn,
Mike & Amanda**



Ag building taking shape

Vissering Construction workers reinforce the frame of the phase 1 building in IVCC's new Ag Complex. The foundation was poured the third week in April and the frame erected last week. The building will house a tractor, planter, tiller and other high-tech implements used by ag program students and instructors. (Photo contributed)

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SOCIAL SCENE



Alli Stielow, left, accepts a 2020 Road to Success Scholarship from Frank McConville of McConville Insurance in Mendota. (Photo contributed)

Stielow receives Road to Success Scholarship

MENDOTA – McConville Insurance of Mendota along with Grinnell Mutual of Grinnell, Iowa, has named Alli Stielow of Mendota as one of 80 recipients of a 2020 Road to Success Scholarship.

“We’re happy to recognize Alli’s academic accomplishments and safe driving record with a Road to Success Scholarship, and we wish Alli the very best in future endeavors,” said Frank McConville of McConville Insurance in Mendota.

Stielow was selected from thousands of Grinnell Mutual policyholders based on excellence in the classroom and a safe driving record. Her parents are Shawn Stielow and Angela Stielow.

McConville Insurance is an independent insurance agency serving Mendota and the surrounding area. The agency provides several lines of personal and business insurance products and represents Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company.

Calling all pollinator fans: U. of I. seeks citizen scientists

MENDOTA - For the second year, University of Illinois Extension is calling all lovers of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators that keep our crops and gardens growing to join scientists in tracking their distribution and habitat use across the state. As social distancing advisories remain in effect for Illinois, volunteers have an opportunity to gather critical information on pollinators in Illinois from the comfort of their home.

I-Pollinate is a citizen-science research initiative through the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with support from Illinois Farm Bureau. Volunteers can join up to three research projects: planting a “study” garden to observe which ornamental flowers pollinators prefer, tracking monarch butterfly egg and caterpillar abundance, or recording bumblebee and honeybee sightings to help create accurate distribution maps for Illinois.

The results may help declining insect populations, including critical pollinators of crops and flowering plants. Previous research has estimated that 40 percent of all insect species are at risk of extinction in the coming decades, a decline driven primarily by habitat loss.

These at-risk species include the monarch butterfly. I-Pollinate volunteers gather critical data that Dr. David Zaya of the Illinois Natural History Survey use for monarch conservation research.



Science at home, with friends and family

Previous volunteers say I-Pollinate is a great excuse to spend time outdoors and is easy enough to be a family activity with children. Some shared their new-found research skills and pollinator knowledge with others in their schools, church or community groups.

Extension Horticulture Educator Kelly Allsup worked with a number of Extension Master Gardener volunteers on I-Pollinate last summer. “We learned how to identify what’s in our gardens, but also about the scientific process,” said Allsup. “Even no data is data that the scientists need to make recommendations on what plants can support pollinators.”

In one of the I-Pollinate projects, designed by entomology professor Dr. Alex

Harmon-Threath, volunteers are producing some of the first-ever research on ornamental plants as pollinator food. “Instead of relying on internet sources that may not always be based on science, we’re contributing to new research that shows, for example, plant sweet alyssum instead of marigolds for the bees,” said Allsup.

Citizen scientists from rural areas play an important role

I-Pollinate scientists agree there is a particular need for data from rural areas. Many volunteers come from population centers which, while providing important data, also leaves blank spots on the map.

“We hope more residents in rural areas will join us this year,” said Michael McKelvey, who manages the BeeSpotter project within I-Pollinate. “And if you are

traveling within Illinois, Indiana, Missouri or Ohio, you can still snap a photo of that bumblebee you see and submit it to BeeSpotter. For creatures as small and hard to spot as bees, flies, and moths, there’s really no substitute for citizen scientists.”

Learn more

To learn more about becoming a citizen scientist, visit ipollinate.illinois.edu. Prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend the I-Pollinate informational webinar on May 7 and can register to attend online. If space for the webinar fills up, a recording will be available soon after.

I-Pollinate is a collaboration between U of I Department of Entomology, Illinois Extension, Illinois Natural History Survey, and the Office for Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education.

HONOR STUDENTS

Northbrook announces 3rd quarter honor rolls

MENDOTA – Northbrook School has announced third quarter honor rolls.

Eighth Grade High Honors:

Eithun Atkins, Connor Bailey, Paul Bailey, Madelyn Becker, Kamdyn Becket, Edan Bell, ReAnna Brant, Emma Clark, Logan Dewey, Kylie Donovan, Nataliya Durbin, Olivia Eddy, Joshua Figueroa, Bria Frey, William Hall, Bryan Herrera, Kiara Johnson, Aubree Jones, Ava Jones, Lilly Leifheit, Bridget McGann, Carlos Mora II, Emma Pierce, Anabelia Ramirez, Arroyo Ramirez, Justin Randolph, Tristan Redcliff, Karly Reel, Natalia Salinas, Jenah Sims, Jessica Terrazas, Grace Wasmer and Adrian Zarate-Diaz.

Eighth Grade Honor Roll:

Ava Arteaga, Jace Baird, Landon Bauer, Lillianna Caruso, Kimberly Cedillo, Samuel Christmann, Alex Contreras, Kyan Cooper, Araceli Diaz, Payton Diaz, Alexa Escatel, Logan Fahr, Mariah Figueroa, Vanessa Gomez, Cecilia Guevara, Janet Guzman, Ashley Hermosillo, Shanel Kerchner, Kaleb Kleckner, Trekker Klema, Miguel Larkowski, Alexander Liden, Fredy Mandujano, Julian Muller, Kenneth Mullins, Brenda Palacios, Hannah Rich, Diego Sandoval, Jacob Saylor, Cale Strouss, Valerie Valdes, Johnathan Wirebaugh and Drake Zell.

Seventh Grade High Honors:

Eric Aranda, Ava Beetz, Shelby Bentley, Jaxon Cooper, Cameron Escatel, Jesus Escobar, Braiden Freeman, Claire Hanson, Quin Holland, Juliana Kappes, Andrianna Karahalios, Cameron Kelly, Anthony Kelson, Samuel Matura, Travis Mumm, Gresy Patel, Heli

Patel, Kaley Siemer, Brielle Smith, Ulysses Soto, Faith Villegas and Jillian Younger.

Seventh Grade Honor Roll:

Fernando Arteaga, Noemi Arteaga, Ashley Caracheo, Conner Chambers, Katelyn Cook, Ella Coss, Lorelei Denny, Nathaniel DeWaele, Ashley Garcia, Crystal Garcia, Kayla Hernandez, Kaleb Houle, Horacio Huizar, Kennedy Knaff, Dessu Komitas, Cameron Kordick, Brisa Nunez, Sophia Pappas, Reyli Sandoval, Rios Sandoval, Jason Schroeder, Maybrianna Schultz, Joshua Sondgeroth, Lea Turner and Gabriel Vallejo.

Sixth Grade High Honors:

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Sixth Grade Honor Roll:

Allyssah Arteaga, Julius Arteaga, Keegan Beetz, Vivian Begley, Ruby Bielema, Kate Biers, Christianah Brown, Milianna Castaneda, Ally Denault, Sara Diaz, Caeleb Ensor, Yair Godina, Kylie Goldblatt, Hector Gonzalez, Sienna Gonzalez, Mateo Goy, Victor Hermosillo, Samara Hernandez, Sean Indigo, Chase Johnson, Brody Kaecker, Tristan Loomis, Hannah Mann, Luis Nunez, Aiden Redcliff, Mauricio Salinas, Anthony Seabloom, Cara Stewart, Keegen Stewart, Anna Valdes, Giselle Vallejo, Jayden Wehrs and Madison Work-McLain.

Fifth Grade High Honors:

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Fifth Grade Honor Roll:

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NIU Community School of the Arts offering online music lessons this summer

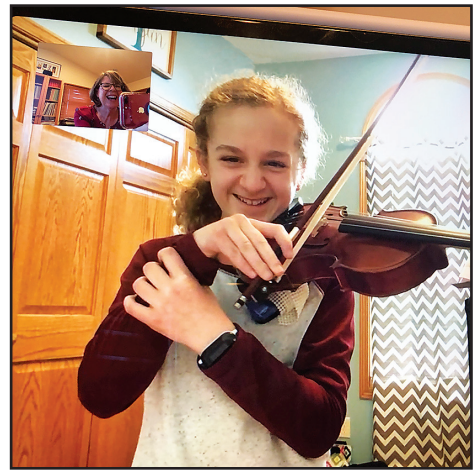
• Lessons open to all ages on a variety of musical instruments

DEKALB - Registration is now open for online private music lessons through the NIU Community School of the Arts. Lessons are available for a wide variety of instruments and the online sessions will begin in June.

NIU music students and faculty will teach the private online lessons, as well as experienced community-based artists and music educators. Teachers and students will select online conferencing software prior to starting lessons. The six weekly music lessons will take place from the safety of home between June 15 and July 24 at a time convenient for student and teacher.

Community members of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in private online music lessons to brush up old skills or learn a new instrument. Lessons are available on many musical instruments, including violin, cello, piano and guitar, plus clarinet, flute, viola, harp, saxophone, drums and more. All lessons are taught remotely using online conferencing software.

Please visit www.csa.niu.edu to find summer 2020 information and online registration.



istration. Register for CSA summer online music lessons by June 5.

The NIU Community School of the Arts offers year-round programming in music and the arts. Find more information, teacher biographies and registration forms at www.csa.niu.edu or by calling the NIU Community School of the Arts at (815) 753-1450, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LaSalle, Bureau, Marshall-Putnam Extension honors senior 4-H members

LA SALLE COUNTY - The University of Illinois Extension Bureau, LaSalle and Marshall-Putnam 4-H is



Boyd

honoring the seniors of 2020. The first week’s honoree is Molly Boyd.

Boyd is a member of the PC Progressors, Mar-

shall-Putnam Federation (officer), and is a Marshall-Putnam Ambassador. She has participated in Soo 4-H Sewing SPIN club in Marshall-Putnam, but says that she enjoys cooking projects the most. [This is because] “I will forever remember waking up and staying up at crazy times to bake with my grandma,” she explained.

In 4-H, Boyd learned to speak to people other than her family members, introduce herself to new people, be a leader and so much more. “4-H has shaped me into the person that I am today,” she said.

4-H plays a big role in many of her best including numerous fashion reviews, achievement nights, 4-H fun days and 4-H fairs.

Boyd’s advice to younger 4-H’ers is “be willing to lis-

ten to advice from people that have had more experience.” Her plans for the future are to attend a two-year college and transfer to a university or go straight to a four-year university to obtain a degree in agriculture business.

“I would like to thank my mom (Helen Lenkaitis), my grandma (Jane Lenkaitis), Margy Mattern, Tonni Wink, Tammy Brown, Anne Scheel, Sidney Wilson and so many others,” Boyd said.

If you have questions or for information about joining 4-H, e-mail Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu for LaSalle County, Danielle Gapinski des85@illinois.edu for Bureau County or Anne Scheel at amscheel@illinois.edu for Marshall-Putnam, or call U of I Extension – Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit at (815) 224-0889.

COUNTRY Financial to donate \$3 million to first responders, healthcare workers through Operation Helping Heroes

• Program will provide funding for essential equipment, supplies and support

BLOOMINGTON—As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across the U.S. and add pressure to the nation’s hospitals, healthcare workers and first responders, COUNTRY Financial is stepping in to provide funds for much-needed equipment and supplies. Through its Operation Helping Heroes program, the company will donate \$3 million to first responders, medical workers and military service members in the communities it does business in.

“Healthcare workers and first responders are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, risking their lives every day to take care of those in our communities. We believe

it’s our responsibility to take care of them,” said Tim Harris, executive vice president for COUNTRY Financial.

COUNTRY Financial announced earlier this year that it would donate \$1 million through its Operation Helping Heroes program to first responders and military service members. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the company will now triple its investment in the program. The \$3 million donation will be allocated to the company’s more than 2,000 representatives and agents who will each be able to provide funds to support their local first responders.

“Each community we serve relies on first responders and

medical professionals to assist in what may be their most uncertain life event, and we want to help make sure they have the resources and training needed to improve outcomes,” Harris said.

Operation Helping Heroes was created in 2015 to support non-profit organizations that support active duty service members, veterans and their families. In 2019, COUNTRY Financial expanded the program and donated \$700,000 to approximately 500 first responder and military organizations. Some of the funds were used to purchase lifesaving automated external defibrillators (AEDs), bulletproof vests, and training equipment and programs.

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Ag-Bag lessons provide fun for kids and parents

MARSHALL-PUTNAM - With the move from classroom to home, Ag-Bag lessons have been able to continue offering kids a hands-on learning experience. A collaboration between the University of Illinois Extension Marshall-Putnam Agriculture in the Classroom Program and the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau, the Ag-Bag lessons have received a positive response from families.

Abrienne Holler, Extension Ag in the Classroom Community Worker, has received updates from parents on their Ag-Bags at home. One such report came from the parents

of Cooper and Chase Hattan of Varna, who said their two sons took their "Let's Grow at Home" Ag-Bag to the next level. Since the boys had extra tomato and sweet corn seeds, they decided to plant them in half an egg carton. Cooper and Chase both said they look forward to waking up every morning and checking to see if they have any new sprouts.

The whole Hattan family has gotten involved in this project, as well. Carrie, the boys' mother, noted, "Their dad even got into it and brought in a heat lamp to help them grow."

The boys plan to transplant their plants into their garden when the weather is warmer.

For more information, contact Abrienne Holler, Ag in the Classroom Community Worker with U of I Extension Marshall-Putnam, at (815) 224-0889 or by e-mail at anholler@illinois.edu. The Marshall-Putnam Extension Office is located at 509 Front St., Henry. Other extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus.



Cooper and Chase Hattan check daily on their vegetable sprouts.
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NATIONAL PET WEEK



Vets recommend the best ages to spay and neuter pets

Animal overpopulation is a concern that affects the well-being of pets. The ASPCA says letting animals reproduce unchecked can lead to pet homelessness that results in millions of healthy cats and dogs being euthanized in the United States and Canada each year.

In addition to helping to control homelessness, spaying and neutering companion animals may have medical and behavioral benefits. As valuable as spaying and neutering can be, the procedures are not without potential complications. Responsible pet owners must weight the pros and cons of spaying and neutering with a qualified animal professional.

Many veterinarians now recommend female and male dogs be spayed or neutered between the ages of six to nine months. Some vets say puppies can be neutered as young as eight weeks old as long as they are healthy. In fact, it has become the norm for rescue puppies to be neutered prior to being placed with adoptive families. Those who would like to follow the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Life Stage Guidelines should have small-breed



dogs (under 45 pounds projected adult body weight) neutered or spayed at six months of age or prior to the first heat. Large-breed dogs should be sterilized after growth stops, which is usually between nine and 15 months of age.

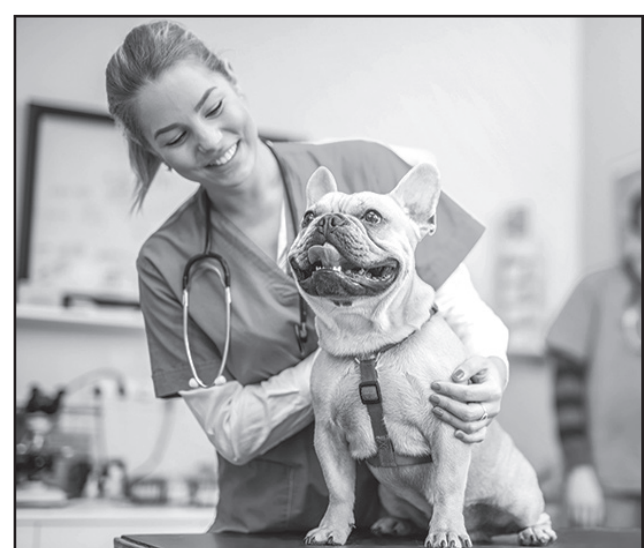
The ASPCA says it is generally considered safe for kittens as young as eight weeks old to be spayed or neutered. Doing so can help avoid the

start of urine spraying and eliminate the chances for cats to go into heat and become pregnant.

Spaying and neutering has been shown to reduce risk for testicular cancer and some prostate problems. Sterilization also can protect against uterine infections and breast tumors in many female pets. These procedures may also help prevent animals from roaming to find mates or reduce aggression problems.

Some research has pointed out that early neutering may lead to certain medical conditions that may be preventable by waiting until a pup or kitten is a little older before having him or her go under the knife. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, conducted a study on golden retrievers in 2013 that found early neutering and spaying appeared to increase the risk of diseases, such as cranial cruciate ligament rupture, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, lymphosarcoma, and hip dysplasia.

Working with a veterinarian can help pet owners make informed decisions about the appropriate age for a pet's sterilization.



Veterinary technicians are like nurses for animals

Nurses are essential members of the medical community. While it is easy to think of nurses in the traditional health care setting — administering to adults and children in need — nursing disciplines extend beyond human health care. Veterinary technicians, who are petitioning to change their title to veterinary nurses, care for animals in much the same way that nurses care for people.

In 2015, the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America initiated a conversation about changing the title of veterinary technicians to "veterinary nurse" and establishing a national licensure process similar to that used for registered nurses. As of 2018, 12 states did not specify duties that veterinary technicians can perform. Many states certify, register or license vet techs, while others do not recognize them at all. This can make it challenging for veterinary technicians, who are highly educated, credentialed and skilled, to find consistent work and earn the recognition they deserve. According to Ginny Nystrom, president of the Tennessee Veterinary

Technicians Association, vet techs "dedicate themselves to assisting animals and society by providing care and service for animals, alleviating suffering, and promoting public health." Nystrom attests that vet techs are to animals what traditional nurses are to people.

The animal welfare resource Vetstreet says that vet techs play a vital role in the well-being of pets. Vet techs' responsibilities vary, and their responsibilities require dedication and compassion. Vet techs can draw blood, place catheters, assist in surgery, manage anesthesia, and administer medications. Vet techs are not allowed to prescribe medications, make diagnoses or perform surgeries.

Vet techs work in private veterinary offices, animal hospitals, zoos, and labs. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for veterinary nurses was expected to increase by 52 percent between the years 2010 and 2020.

Vet techs require the right educational background and credentials. Credentials vary depending on where a person lives, but generally speaking a candidate must be 18 years of age or older. One typically enrolls in an accredited veterinary technology training program recognized and approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association. In Canada, a person may need to have a secondary school diploma with prerequisite courses in English, biology, chemistry, and mathematics. He or she should complete a two-year program in animal health technology, accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

Vet techs may be required to pass an exam before they can work. On-the-job volunteer hours can additionally provide a potential vet tech with invaluable experience and also may be a component of licensure.

Veterinary techs provide care to animals much in the same way nurses tend to the human population, showcasing not only their intellect but also their compassion.

How to help protect your dog from getting Lyme disease

Lyme disease is a potentially dangerous condition transmitted by the passing of bacteria from deer ticks to their unsuspecting hosts.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States and is also a concern in Canada, parts of Europe and Asia.

Tens of thousands of people are diagnosed with Lyme disease each year. But Lyme disease also affects animals, including dogs. Tufts University says the Lyme bacterium can cause serious illness in some dogs. Lyme

disease can be difficult to detect and cause serious and recurring health problems. That is why it is essential for pet parents make concerted efforts to reduce the risk that their dogs become infected.

The American Veterinary Medical Association says the best way to protect pets against Lyme disease is to emphasize prevention.

- Speak with your veterinarian about a tick preventive product that is right for your dog. These can include repellent collars, topical treatments and ingestible medications.

- Vets may recommend

vaccination against Lyme disease if you live in an area that is home to high tick populations. Recommendations also may be based on your pet's lifestyle and overall health, among other factors.

- Address areas in the yard that are conducive to ticks. Mowing the lawn regularly is one way to make the backyard less attractive to ticks, as is removing leaf litter.

- Keep a clean home and landscape. Rodents and other wildlife can carry deer ticks. Securing trash cans, picking up food scraps, removing hiding spots and potential dens, and other strategies can keep these carriers away.

- Conduct a daily tick check if your dog spends time outside. Pay attention to bumps on the skin and part the fur so you can see where the coat meets the skin. Don't forget to look in the ears.



- When possible, avoid areas where ticks may be found, such as tall grasses, wooded areas and marshes. Stick to trails when spending time in wooded areas.

Dogs with Lyme disease may exhibit various symptoms including loss of appetite, fever, joint swelling, decreased activity, and lameness. Visit the vet promptly if symptoms occur and do not abate, or are causing considerable distress for your pet.

Lyme disease is a concern for pets. Avoidance, preventive measures and outdoor maintenance can help reduce the likelihood that pets will contract Lyme disease.

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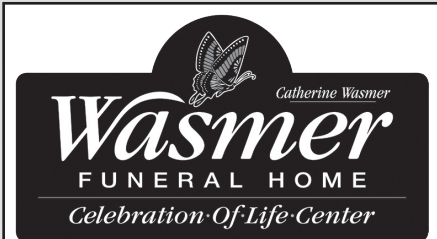
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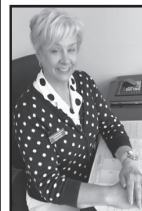
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The key to having a perfect heart

Your heart is the most important part of you. It's not only a physical organ that keeps your blood pumping, but when the Bible refers to the heart, it's talking about who you really are. Each person has an inner and an outer life. There's the person we show to everybody around us and the part of us that only God can see, the part He really cares about.

The Bible tells us to have a perfect heart. Matthew 5:48 (NIV) says, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." If you're a perfectionist, this is a scary verse, because it's a struggle to always try

to be perfect. But this is not what it means to be perfect, according to Scripture.

The Amplified Bible translation of Matthew 5:48 says, "...Be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into your daily life], as your heavenly Father is perfect." A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God and always wants to grow.

What God Is Really Looking For

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) says, "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose

hearts are fully committed to him." This verse doesn't say that God can just work through those who are perfect but through those who are "fully committed to him."

Just as we don't have to make ourselves perfect before we come to Christ (which we couldn't do anyway), we don't need to behave perfectly in every area of our life before God will work in us and through us. When I first started teaching a home Bible study years ago, I wore short shorts and smoked while I taught the Word, sitting on my living room floor.

I had a lot of growing to do, but I really loved God and wanted to please Him. He met me right where I was and worked with me to get me where I needed to be. There's always room to grow in my walk with Christ, and I'm so thankful that God keeps working in me and through me on every level of my journey, every day of my life.

How Committed Are You?

A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and who is fully committed to Him. The question is: What areas of your life have you been holding back from God? Have you been giving Him your time, praying and studying the Word? Do you give of yourself to others, helping to meet their needs as you're



able? Are you managing your finances the way God wants you to, living within your means, saving, spending and giving as He puts it on your heart to do so?

It's important to remember that whatever God asks us to do, it's always for our good. Initially, it may feel sacrificial, giving up things we like or want. But as we obey God, we find later on that there was so much more we didn't even know about, and what God wanted was much better for us in the long run.

More than anything else, the Bible says God wants us to love Him (Luke 10:27), and love sacrifices and obeys. The more we love Jesus, the easier it is to obey and trust Him. Because when you really love someone, you want to please them and make them happy. What makes God happy is helping you do anything that will give you a better life.

Have a Meeting with Yourself

In Mark 7:15, Jesus

says, "Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. This verse makes it clear that it's what comes out of a person's heart that really matters.

We all need to have a meeting with ourselves once in a while to examine what's really in our hearts. It's easy to smile and act like we're good on the outside, while on the inside, it's a different story. I remember times when I was in church, singing "I Surrender All" with my hands in the air, and thinking, "If Dave thinks I'm cooking something for him today, he's got another thing coming." It's possible to appear to be doing one thing while your heart is somewhere else.

My goal with this message is to help you make a committed decision to love God with all of your heart, and to fall in love with Him more and more every day. As you do, you'll discover how it's the key to having a heart that's more like His...a

perfect heart.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two-teaching CD series Secrets for a Healthy Heart. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 100 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and YOUR BATTLES BELONG TO THE LORD (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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In Loving MEMORY

On Memorial Day, we remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us. Our time to remember will be published Wednesday, May 20th, devoted to those who are gone, but not forgotten.

JANE DOE ————— MAY 1, 1950 - APRIL 23, 2012

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Write your own or select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
6. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
7. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
8. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
9. May God's grace shine over you for all time.
10. May the Lord bless you with His grace and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way send \$10 per listing. Your special tribute will become a lasting memorial record in the May 20th issue of The Mendota Reporter. Deadline is Friday, May 15th at Noon.

Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day page on May 20.

Name of Deceased: _____

☐ Please use Verse # _____ ☐ I have included my own Verse (write below)

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**SUNDAY: Worship
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Written by Thomas Merton, 1968:
My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it
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.
I will not fear, for you are ever
with me, and you will never leave
me to face my perils alone.

Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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For God has not given us a spirit
of fear, but one of power, love
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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of I Samuel in
the Old or New Testament or
neither?
2. Whose hairs were grown like
eagles' feathers, and his nails like
birds' claws?
Daniel, Matthew, Luke,
Nebuchadnezzar
3. "All things are possible to
him that believeth" is from what
book's 9:23?
Psalms, Malachi, Mark, Ephesians
4. Jesus most-often referred to
Himself as?
Son of Man, Lamb of God, Bread
of Life, Son of God
5. From Judges 14, who called his
wife a heifer?
Saul, Elijah, Samson, Peter
6. What was the Hebrew name
of Paul?
Simon Peter, Andrew, Haggai,
Saul

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nebuchadnezzar;
3) Mark; 4) Son of Man (about 81
times); 5) Samson; 6) Saul

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Be kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another. Ephesians 4:32

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Pure and undefiled
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and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and
widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself
unspotted from the world.
JAMES 1:27

"Mothers" by Kathie Kohlitz (1919)

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on this page urge
you to attend a
house of worship
this week.

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By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 765 ILCS 101/10-45 establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on May 26, 2020, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R2000 31258 and any Supplemental Declarations recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), together with the exclusive right to occupy the Unit during the designated Use Period Number(s), as said Use Period is defined in the Declaration, upon and subject to all of the terms, restrictions, covenants, conditions and provisions in the Declaration.

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By: Barbara L. Lewis
Its: Attorney-In-Fact
No. 0501
(May 6, 13, 20, 2020)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 13, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Director of Spreadsheets located at 418 E 1st St., Oglesby, IL 61348.

DATED April 15, 2020

Aaron Piper
Applicant

No. 0406
(Apr., 22, 29, May 6, 2020)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF LASALLE - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
AGNES EMMA)
JUSTINA MEISTER,)
Deceased.)
No. 2020 P 000059

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of AGNES EMMA JUSTINA MEISTER, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2020 to BRENDA O'DONNELL and JULIE SCHMIDT, 150 Forest Park Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is TODD L. MARTIN, P.O. Box 177, 812 Washington Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Courthouse, Ottawa, 61350, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of first publication of this Notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

No. 0408
(Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 2020)

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LASALLE

The following is a statement by the Village of Troy Grove in the County and State aforesaid, of the amount of public funds received and disbursed by them during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April, 2020, showing the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; the amount of public funds expended, and for what purpose expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.

The said Village Treasurer, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by her subscribed is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received, and the sources from which received, and the amount expended, and purposes for which expended, as set forth in said statement. Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 4th day of May, 2020

Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year,
Commencing the 30th day of April 2019

\$391,531.97

State of Illinois	
Income Tax	\$27,096.05
State Use Tax	\$8,626.40
Sales Tax	\$13,106.52
Video Gaming Tax	\$3,616.78
PPRT	\$2,706.16
Cannabis Use	\$40.91
Motor Fuel Tax	\$9,037.30
La Salle - Re Tax Dist	\$16,382.12
Interest on Bank Accounts	
General Fund	\$1,226.87
MFT	\$63.87
CD Interest	\$6,188.40
Div on Money Market	\$243.50
Hall Rental	\$2,458.00
Holiday Donations	\$107.00
Liquor License	\$400.00
Video Games in Bars	\$150.00
	\$91,449.88
	\$482,981.85
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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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AmerenIP	\$3,496.01
11th Street Nursery	\$385.00
941 Tax	\$2,267.96
Apple Press - books	\$268.30
Attorney, Michael Guilfoyle	\$1,300.00
Banks, Bruce - Mowing	\$4,727.15
Banks, Cathy Jo - Treasurer	\$1,994.02
Becks Gas	\$502.91
Bice, Shane - Trustee - other	\$847.62
Braniff Communication	\$585.00
Decker Supply	\$272.83
Deluxe Checks	\$123.50
Derber Signs	\$74.59
Getz Fire Extinguishers	\$108.00
Grafer, John - Trustee	\$646.45
IL Dept of Employmnt Security	\$41.04
IRS	\$14.30
Johns Serv & Sales - Furnace	\$5,270.00
Knaff, Teresa - Holiday	\$3,300.00
Koolmaster - gym door window	\$218.00
LaSalle Co Highway - Streets	\$1,229.94
Mammen, Chuck - VP - other	\$1,033.88
Mathieu, Holly - Janitor	\$2,251.01
McLaughlin, Bud - Trustee	\$184.70
Melau, Marlene - Trustee	\$600.27
Melau, Melissa - Holiday	\$2,005.60
Melau, Mitchell - Trustee	\$554.10
Memorial - Funeral	\$60.00
Nicor	\$3,230.20
Risk Mgmt Assoc - Insurance	\$8,750.13
Schmidt's Repair - lawn mower	\$1,190.10
Sprong Sales - Gym Floor	\$1,375.00
Thompson, David - Gym Lights	\$7,600.00
Troy Grove Coop - supplies	\$533.43
Troy Grove Twnship - donation	\$8,000.00
Utility Equipment co - sewer co	\$314.00
Wujek, Deb - City Clerk	\$1,874.00
Wujek, Michael - Trustee	\$554.10
Zachary, Thomas - road rock	\$250.69
	\$78,603.19
	\$404,378.66

No. 0503
(May 6, 2020)

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\$125/Month
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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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2018 Chevy Crew 1500 LT Leather, 4x4, Gray....\$31,500
2018 Chevy Malibu LT 15K Miles, Maroon...\$19,500
2017 Chevy Crew LTZ Real Tree Edition, 4x4, Z71, Black.....\$34,900
2017 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT Crew Cab, 4x4, Sunroof Black.....\$33,900

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2017 Chevy Equinox, FWD LT, Sunroof, Blue\$16,500
2016 Chevy Dbl. Cab 1500 LTZ, Z71, 4x4, Silver..\$26,500
2016 Chevy K1500 Crew CabLT, 4x4, Z71, Gray.....\$28,500
2016 Chevy Traverse LTZ AWD Sunroof, DVD, Tow Pkg Pearl White\$26,500
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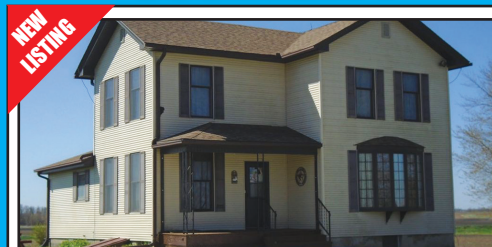
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