

Food Pantry continues services

❑ Distributions done outside and are prepackaged
By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA – Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry executive director Tracy Cooper wants everyone to know they are still providing food and household items to area residents. There are some changes in how food is distributed, however.

For everyone’s safety, clients no longer come inside the building. Instead, all distributions are done outside and they are all prepackaged. “We pick out the items and pack them in bags and boxes, which are then placed on tables set up outside,” Cooper explained. “People drive up and we load the food in their car. They don’t have to sign for anything and they don’t get out at all. It’s completely no-contact and we wear masks and gloves all the time.”

Even though people are not going inside and picking out their own food, Cooper emphasized that they still get the same amount in the packages, which include meat, eggs, dairy, bread, canned goods and some household items. When the distribution is done for the day, the tables are taken back inside and everything is cleaned.

As an added precaution, volunteers are no longer helping at the food pantry. “Many of our volunteers are elderly and we don’t want to take the chance, so it’s just me and Dan,” Cooper said. “We are both paid employees, but we have also been putting in volunteer hours to get everything done.”

With so many people now out of work, Cooper has seen an increase in new clients as well as some former clients



Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry executive director Tracy Cooper finishes up pre-packaging food for distribution. All pickup of food is being done outside the building. (Photo contributed)

who have come back, but the pantry has had no problem getting food so far. “The food bank we use has gotten some nice donations and they’re passing that on to us at no cost,” she said. “There have been very large donations made to Feeding America and we are a part of that food bank.”

As for local donations, Cooper is requesting monetary donations only during the pandemic. Checks can

be mailed to Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry, 918 Main St., Mendota, IL 61342.

The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry serves residents of Mendota, LaMoille, Earlville, Sublette, Troy Grove and Triumph. Distribution is done on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cooper said anyone in need of food should call a day ahead so they have enough packages prepared,

but she noted that they still do emergency bags as well.

To sign up for food or for other information, Cooper may be contacted by phone from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at (815) 538-2211.

“I wanted to get the word out because some people told me they thought the pantry was closed,” Cooper said. “But even though the sign on the door says ‘closed’ we are still open and distributing food.”

Mendota swimming pool to be closed for summer

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – With the school doors being shut since mid-March, children have been scrambling to come up with ways to keep themselves occupied. They will have to continue to search into the summer after a decision about a summer-time favorite of many children was made at the April 23 regular meeting of the Mendota City Council held via teleconference.

Mayor David Boelk announced that due to the current health situation, the Mendota swimming pool will not be open this summer.

In aldermanic reports, Jay Miller presented the list of annual license renewals for the council’s consideration and the 2020-21 renewals were

approved.

During alderman Kyle Kim’s report, the council briefly discussed the annual Police & Fire Pension statements and they were placed on file.

Alderman John Holland presented several items of business, including the annual wage ordinance, which was approved by the council.

Also during Holland’s report, the council agreed to resolutions of support for West Side Family Dentistry and J.C.’s Headquarters for Community Development Block Grant funds through the Downstate Small Business Stabilization program.

In action from alderman Jim Fitzpatrick’s report, the council approved the Local 150 Public Works contract for the period of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2023.

State’s stay-at-home order modified starting May 1

❑ Gov. Pritzker gives new guidance on state parks, essential businesses, face coverings

By **BEN ORNER**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker announced April 23 he is extending Illinois’ stay-at-home order through May 30 with certain modifications taking effect May 1, including opening up state parks, expanding essential businesses and requiring masks in public.

“I know how badly we all want our normal lives back. Believe me, if I could make that happen right now I would. But this is the part where we have to dig in,” Pritzker said at his

daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago. “And we have to understand that the sacrifices that we’ve made as a state to avoid a worst-case scenario are working, and we need to keep going a little while longer to finish the job.”

Effective May 1, the stay-at-home order will feature the following modifications:

- State parks will reopen in phases under a plan from the state Department of Natural Resources. Fishing and boating will be limited to groups

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Escatel selected for prestigious Administrator of the Year award

❑ Mendota resident is director of Adult Education at IVCC

OGLESBY – Sara Escatel of Mendota, director of Adult Education at Illinois Valley Community College, put her hand to her mouth in shock when she realized the speaker at the podium was actually talking about Escatel herself.

Upon receiving the Administrator of the Year Award, Escatel said, with tears in her eyes, “This is a surprise. Thank you so much.”

The statewide award was one of several given during the 40th annual Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association conference in March.

Escatel was nominated by IVCC administrators and staff members and Aurora Medina, Starved Rock Associates for Vocational and Technical Education Single Parent coordinator.

In her letter of support, Medina said Escatel “is a great example for the Latino community and for many others. Her passion and dedication to provide opportunities for the Latino population is inspiring.”

“Sara leads the Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council and has done a phenomenal job. She is open-minded and always available to lend a helping hand.”

In her speech, Escatel noted Hispanic/Latina women have difficulty succeeding “unless you believe in yourself. It takes people to believe in you, too, and that’s what I have.”

Escatel thanked her staff, IVCC leadership and the Illinois Community Colleges Board for being “so supportive in everything we do.”

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Sara Escatel, with plaque, poses with daughter Priscilla, third from right, and IVCC Adult Education staff. Escatel was surprised not only by her Administrator of the Year Award, but also by her staff’s attendance at a conference in March. (Photo contributed)

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MHS WiFi bus hits the streets

MENDOTA - Mendota High School students - do you need WiFi to complete and submit assignments? The Trojan WiFi bus is available to help.

The bus will continue to move around the community and MHS students are encouraged to let the school know their needs. On Wednesday, April 29, the bus will be parked at South 9th Street Apartments from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Locker cleanout - On April 27, students were e-mailed the locker cleanout schedule, which will take place the week of May 4. For students who are not comfortable coming into the school building during their scheduled time, the high school will bag up their locker contents for them.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Local student inducted into honor society

LEBANON - Shameka Butler of Mendota, a senior psychology major at McKendree University, is being inducted this semester into Psi Chi, the international honor society for psychology and social sciences.

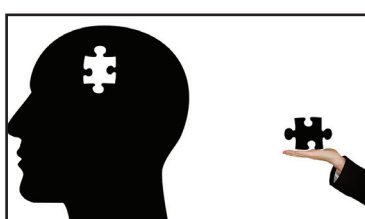
Founded in 1929, mem-

bership in Psi Chi is open to upperclassmen who rank in the top third of their class and who have completed at least nine hours in psychology. Dr. Guy Boysen and Dr. Michael Hahn are the faculty sponsors of the McKendree University Psi Chi chapter.

U of I Extension's 'Discover Brain Health' webinar series begins May 7

OGLESBY - University of Illinois Extension - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit invites those interested to participate in a no cost, upcoming brain health webinar series from home. The public is encouraged to participate and teachers may apply for free CPDUs. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) are available for a fee to those requesting them.

Staying fit does not only mean exercising and eating healthy foods. With age, it is important to do activities which keep our brains fit and healthy, as well as our bodies. Beginning May 7, U of I Extension



will offer strategies to improve and maintain brain function during free one-hour online webinars.

Register online at least two days in advance to reserve a spot at <https://go.illinois.edu/discoverbrainhealth>. Space is limited, so early registration is suggested. Both CPDU and CEU credit op-

tions are available. CEU credits have a fee and should be noted at the time of registration. Look for an e-mail confirmation after registering which provides connection details. The series, Discover Brain Health, will be held at 2 p.m. each Thursday, beginning May 7. "The interactive series is designed to understand the brain as we mature," said Karla Belzer, Extension Family Life Educator. "Extension family life educators will offer tips and strategies to maintain and improve brain health and function, including activities to challenge the brain." The webinars may be accessed

from home on Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. Topics include:

May 7 - "Hold That Thought" will look at the memory process and what researchers say contributes to brain health, as well as strategies for helping with everyday forgetfulness.

May 14: "Fit Wits" focuses on learning about how the brain works and lifestyle factors that may increase the chance of cognitive decline.

May 21: "Head Strong" will give insight about what people can do to keep their brain healthy and engaged.

the health and safety of park visitors. If you do choose to visit one of the state parks, please remember to:

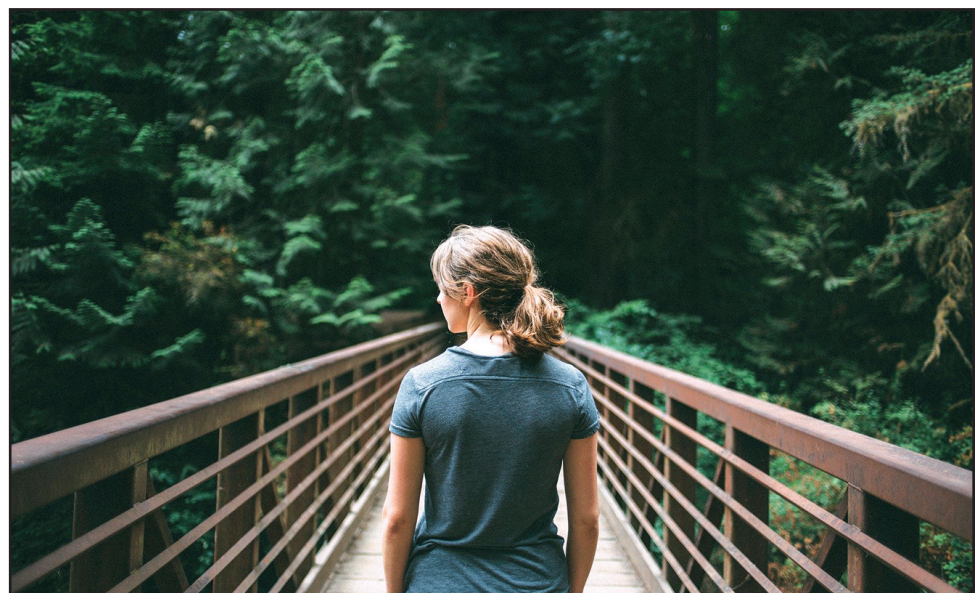
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet of distance between yourself and others;
- Please stay home if you are sick or feeling any symptoms, such as fever, coughing, troubled breathing, and/or other flu-like symptoms;
- Visit alone or with members of your household;
- Stay local and visit parks that are closest to where you live;
- If you arrive at a park and crowds are forming,

please move to another area or return another time/day to visit; and

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm/elbow.

At the direction of the Illinois Department of Public Health, restrooms, shower buildings (for restroom and handwashing use only) and flush toilet buildings with hand washing facilities are currently open.

For additional information, send an e-mail to DNR.Parksadmin@Illinois.gov.



recreation Area, Eagle Creek State Park, Kickapoo State Park, Wolf Creek State Park.

West Central Illinois

- Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Sangchris Lake State Park, Siloam Springs State Park, Washington County State Recreation Area.

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OSF Saint Paul to host blood drive at Mendota Civic Center

MENDOTA – Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15 at the Mendota Civic Center in Mendota.

Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling the Community Health Services Department at (815) 539-1411 or schedule online at www.bloodcenter.org. MVRBC requires appointments to ensure adequate supplies and social distancing during the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Please bring a photo ID at the time of your donation.

Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing major surgeries. All persons age 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for blood donation.

For more information on donor eligibility, call the Blood Center at (800) 747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility.

MVRBC is based in Davenport with regional operations in Urbana (Community Blood Services of Illinois) and Springfield (Central Illinois Community Blood Center). The Blood Center is the exclusive provider of blood and blood components to 95 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities.

Starved Rock Lodge & Park closure to continue

OGLESBY – It was no surprise to Amy Trimble, Concessionaire of Starved Rock Lodge, that the State Park was not in the first phase of park re-openings.

“We all know that this park is very different from the others in the state and the country,” said Trimble. “With the millions of visitors coming to the park each year, we can’t just open the gates and see what happens. There has to be a very thoughtful, detailed plan that helps us control crowds and ensure safety for the lodge and park staff as well as the visitors.”

Trimble reported that she and the new superintendent, Alvin Harper, are working closely on a plan of action for the opening of both facilities.

“We talk and share information daily. We both want what is best for our people and for our park.”

The Lodge, which officially closed on March 21, had created an Infection Prevention Plan several weeks prior

to the official closing of Starved Rock and the “shelter in place” mandate. Trimble will continue to have her staff follow these cleaning and safety guidelines.

In addition, they will be making changes to ensure that guests are social distancing and staff is safe. “While the changes go against our service guidelines, we feel that for now, they are important in keeping everyone involved safe and Covid19-free,” Trimble said.

Some of those changes are including the addition of Plexiglas partitions at front counters, removing tables in the dining areas, reconfiguring ingress and egress in retail and dining areas and unfortunately canceling some of the Lodge’s larger activities and events.

“Our hope is to re-invent some of our activities so that we are still providing a great experience for guests but on a smaller scale,” Trimble added. “We



STARVED ROCK
LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER

are actually looking forward to this challenge because it gives us a chance to roll out some new and unique ideas that previously we may have thought were too small to bother with.”

Trimble went on to say that the staff is very anxious to get back to work and again welcome guests to the historic lodge.

“We’re 34 days into a possible 70-day closure and we are all ready to get back to normal, whatever that may look like.”

LaSalle Co. 4-H Federation Club to benefit from HyVee Reusable Red Bag Program

PERU - Everyone could use a reusable shopping bag, right? LaSalle County 4-H Federation along with Hy-Vee can help you get one. The 4-H Federation Club has been selected by Hy-Vee in Peru as a beneficiary for the month of May in the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program. This is a program that supports local non-profits.

The 4-H Federation Club will receive a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 red “My Heart”

Reusable Bag is purchased at the Peru store during May, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

The Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program, which launched in November 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities in which customers live and work. For more information on the Hy-

Vee Reusable Bag Program, visit hy-vee.bags4mycause.com.

“The 4-H Federation officers are very excited to receive the support of families and community members,” said Toni Pienta, LaSalle County 4-H and Youth Development Coordinator. “This donation program will help to assist the Federation in providing workshops and community service programs.”

4-H youth who are in 8th grade or above may join a Federation Club. Federation is the banding together of youth from different clubs into one representative group. Leadership training, decision making, county or unit event planning, and socialization are the focus of Federation members.

For more information about this program, contact the University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County Office at (815) 433-0707.

CARL'S QUIZ

Which film produced the best selling soundtrack album of all time?

1. Dirty Dancing (1987),
2. Forrest Gump (1994), 3. Purple Rain (1984),
4. The Bodyguard (1992),
5. Saturday Night Fever (1977)

The answer to last week's quiz is: Meadowlark is a bird whose name contains the name of another bird.

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

First-Light USA donates to Pandemic Health Worker Program

MENDOTA - First-Light USA, a manufacturer of portable, tactical lighting solutions, has announced the delivery of thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer to OSF HealthCare.

In response to immediate needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the First-Light team turned its attention from its typical production toward filling a vital need for the new Pandemic Health Worker Program (PHWP) offered by OSF HealthCare.

“We appreciate First-Light’s foresight and putting



innovation into action, helping us provide care to those in our communities dealing with COVID-19 by donating much-needed hand sanitizer for clients of the Pandemic Health Worker Program,” said John Vozenilek, MD, Vice President and Chief

Medical Officer for Innovation and Digital Health at OSF HealthCare.

At the forefront of developing and creating innovative ways to deliver patient care, OSF HealthCare recently introduced the Pandemic Health Worker Program. Through a contract with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the PHWP is designed to protect the well-being of the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clients who are enrolled in the program are assigned a Pandemic Health Worker

who will deliver a care package that includes hand sanitizer, thermometer, educational materials, a guidebook and a tablet - depending on what a client already has at home.

“OSF HealthCare, through OSF Innovation, is helping to lead the charge against the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois. With our unique access to an FDA-registered production facility, we leapt at the chance to be a small part of this immense effort,” said Jeremy Ross, CEO and Founder of First-Light USA.

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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.

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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.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Edward R. Donovan

MENDOTA - Edward R. Donovan, 82, of Mendota passed away April 23, 2020 at his home.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday May 1 at the Troy Grove Cemetery with Father Peter Pilon officiating. A memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church, Mendota at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Edward was born April 25, 1937 in LaSalle to Edward and Lucille (Lindenmeier) Donovan. He married the love of his life, Irene Roulston, on June 9, 1956 at Holy Cross Church in Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; one daughter, Marlene Melau, of Troy Grove; one son, Gary (Donna) Donovan of Rockford; two grandchildren, Mitchell (Melissa) Melau of Troy Grove and Marissa (David) Trumper of LaSalle; four great-grandchildren, Noah, Chelsea, Jesse and Anthony; four great-great grandchildren, Logan, Lucy, Lyla and Amelia; and two brothers, Don (Pat) Donovan of Princeton and Dan (Margie) Donovan of Sublette.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son-in-law, Montie Melau on Jan. 16, 2020.

Edward attended Lincoln School and Holy Cross Grade School in Mendota. In his early teenage years, he was a known guitar player in the Mendota Accordion Band. He wasted no time at all with getting right to work. At 16 years old, he started his 49-year career with Conco/Heico/Spartan Tool in Mendota. While employed there, he held many positions including welder, painter, coiler, working on the bomb line, and running a screw machine.

Edward enjoyed many things that life had to offer. He was often times found traveling and regularly found himself enjoying the shows and musical performances in Branson, Mo. He was musically talented on the guitar and the organ. Hunting and fishing were two hobbies of his as well. He very rarely missed a car show and he enjoyed polishing his 1976 Oldsmobile 442. He was always known for being a hard worker and his most valued interest was to spend as much time as he could with his family.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Public Action to Deliver Shelter or Holy Cross School in Mendota.

Conchita Bahena

MENDOTA - Conchita Bahena, 81, passed away April 22, 2020 in her home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be private. Memorial services will take place at a later date.

Conchita was born Aug. 1, 1938 in Chicago to Peter and Andrea (Villarreal) Flores.

Survivors include three sons, Aniceto Arteaga of San Antonio, Texas, Jerry Ramberg of Sublette and John (Katherine) Ramberg of Chicago; three daughters, Cecilia (Hector Figueroa) Arteaga of Sublette, Linda Arteaga of Rolla, Mo. and Blanca Ramberg of Cicero; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lupe Paus of Beaver Dam, Wis.

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

During her working career, Conchita was a caregiver and a hospice worker with Addus Home Care and McNeal Hospice.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be shared at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Watch your well being during coronavirus distancing

By Graham A. Colditz/
Siteman Cancer Center

Daily life has changed to an amazing degree in the last few weeks. As individuals and communities work to contain the spread of COVID-19, one major adjustment for most of us personally is that we now spend much more time at home. This form of physical distancing, or sheltering in place, limits contact between people, which can help curb the infection's spread.

As necessary as this distancing is, it is a change that can also be stressful, tedious and isolating, among many other things. So, as we all work to get used to our new and, ultimately, temporary reality, here are eight ways to look after your health, your well-being and yourself during these unique times.

Be kind to yourself. The great thing about physical distancing is that by doing nothing — just staying inside — we're doing something really important. Despite what you may see on social media, you don't need to be writing a novel, conducting your children in a symphony or even reorganizing your sock drawer — unless you really want to. Be kind to yourself, and just take time to figure out what works best for you and your family.

Take a break from the news. Even in normal times, the sheer volume of news can feel overwhelming. These days, it's even worse. So, be sure to carve out chunks of the day when you take a rest and shut off the news and pandemic-related social media feeds. Pick up a book. Stream a TV show. Play a board game. The news will still be there when you get back to it.

Keep up healthy food choices. When our regular routines are upended, our food choices can be, too — and often not for the better. A healthy diet can be a good way to maintain some normalcy, help keep the immune system working well and keep calories in check during these times when we're less active and may feel urges to eat because of stress or boredom. When stocking up at the grocery store, focus on nourishing and filling foods, such as whole-grain breads and cereals, brown rice, fruits and vegetables (frozen, canned or fresh) and beans. And if you buy sweets and less-healthy foods, store them out of sight so they're less tempting. With the economy hard hit, food insecurity can also be an issue for many. For food assistance, or to donate, contact food banks in your area, or visit feedingamerica.org.

Keep moving. Although gyms are



closed and exercise classes canceled, it's still important to stay physically active. It can take a little extra creativity and more planning than before, but the payoff in energy, mood and overall well-being make it well worth it. YouTube is a great source for free yoga, dance and cardio videos. Exercise apps are another option. And, for most people, getting outside for a walk or bike ride is still allowed (while keeping a safe distance from others). Don't worry about hitting specific goals, just try to fit something in on most days. You'll be happy you did.

Stand more. This can sound a bit odd. But, on top of staying active, try to make an effort to stand more than you normally would when you're at home. In our normal days before COVID-19, it'd be rare to sit for most of the day. Going to class, walking to meetings, doing errands or spending time with the kids, we were on our feet a good amount. Now, while most of us are spending much more time at home, we're probably also spending much more time sitting. Long term, sitting too much is bad for health, and short term, it can sap some of our energy and just make the long days at home feel even longer. So, try to work some standing breaks into your schedule. Set a timer that chimes every half hour to remind you to get up for a short leg stretch. Or try standing when watching TV shows, working on your computer or playing with your pet.

Stay connected — virtually. While we may no longer be able to meet up with friends and colleagues in the real world, we can still stay connected through technology. Host a trivia game

over group video chat, share recipes via text message or email, or just pick up the phone and have a long talk with your best friend. The options are wide open for making connections.

Check in with your health-care provider if you have an existing medical condition such as heart disease, diabetes or cancer. See if there are any changes you should make during this time, such as rescheduling appointments, extending prescriptions or connecting remotely by telehealth rather than in person. Because COVID-19 can be more serious in some people with pre-existing diseases, it's also especially important to follow recommendations for keeping safe, such as staying at home, avoiding groups and close contact with others, keeping surfaces clean and washing hands frequently.

Look after your mental wellness. This can be a time of stress, anxiety and loneliness for many people. So, as you're looking after your physical health, it's extremely important to also look after your mental and emotional health. Try to keep up with those things that can help with mood: physical activity, mindfulness and meditation, and connecting with friends using technology. Many people also need professional help. So, don't be shy about calling a health-care provider or visiting the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) for resources. If you ever feel you're in crisis, call 911 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) immediately.

We'll get through this together, even as we're safely distancing ourselves for now.

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Illinois drivers urged to renew their vehicle registrations online

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is urging the public to renew vehicle registrations online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com instead of waiting for offices to reopen. Since mid-March, over 400,000 people have renewed stickers online, an increase of about 50 percent from last year.

"Don't wait, renew online," said White. "By renewing your vehicle registration sticker now, you won't have to visit a Driver Services fa-

cility once they reopen. This will save time and also help alleviate the rush of face-to-face transactions at facilities once they are reopened."

To renew vehicle registrations online, residents need their registration ID and PIN, which are located on their renewal notice and registration card.

Brain

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With Dementia" will explain common communication problems caused by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and strategies for better interactions and visits.

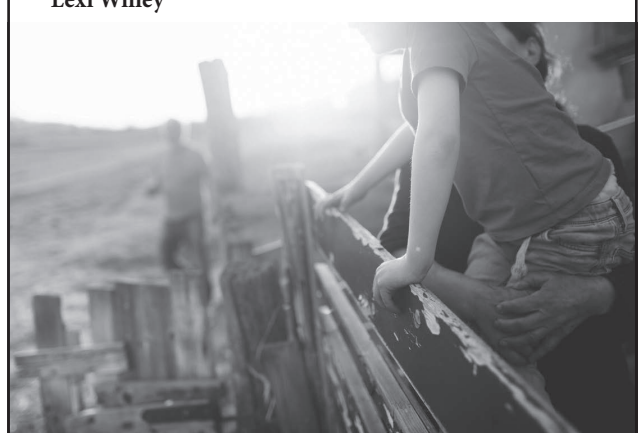
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Weather vane on Casey's General Store gas sign, 801 Meriden St.
Winner - Diane McCully

LOCAL AND AREA

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of two people. Golf courses will be allowed to operate only under “strict” safety and social distancing guidelines from the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

- Essential businesses will include animal grooming services, greenhouses, garden centers and nurseries, allowing them to reopen. These businesses must follow social distancing and require employees and customers to wear face coverings.

- Retail stores that are not already essential businesses and operations may re-open to fulfill telephone and online orders through delivery and curbside pick-up.

- Face coverings will be required for everyone in indoor public places and in any other public place where they cannot maintain six-foot social distancing. The requirement applies to everyone over the age of two who is medically able to wear a mask.

- Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face-coverings to all employees who cannot maintain six-foot social distancing. Other new requirements will include occupancy limits and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only “essential” manufacturing lines.

- Schools can allow the pick-up of necessary supplies and student belongings. College dormitory move-outs will have to follow social distancing and other public health guidelines.

- Surgical centers and hospitals will be allowed to perform some elective surgeries for non-life-threatening conditions. They will need to meet certain criteria set by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

“These changes are what the data says that we can offer the people of Illinois without risking so much viral transmission that our hospitals will potentially become overrun,” Pritzker said. “That said, if we start

to see crowds and people violating the order or breaking the rules, I will need to bring back these restrictions. I’m hopeful that we will not need to do that.”

IDPH announced 1,826 new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois on Thursday, as well as 123 new deaths. The state has now seen 36,934 cases, including 1,688 deaths. Health workers completed 8,970 tests in the past 24 hours.

For the first time in this pandemic, Pritzker released one of the projection models that his administration is using to make decisions. The model, developed by researchers at multiple Illinois universities and private groups, projects the state to see a peak or plateau of daily deaths between late April and early May.

If the stay-at-home order were lifted this week, Pritzker said, a second wave of COVID-19 would send deaths per day into the thousands by the end of May.

Award

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Letters of support were received from IVCC President Jerry Corcoran and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bonnie Campbell.

Corcoran said Escatel is “100 percent dedicated to her students, staff and the IVCC community” while Campbell noted she is “con-

sistently impressed with Sara’s ability to understand and articulate the needs of the communities her department serves.”

Escatel’s daughter Priscilla and seven staff members attended. One staff member said, “she is the best” as Escatel turned to hug her daughter and several other Adult Education

instructors standing behind her on stage.

Once she hugged everyone, Escatel returned to the microphone to share a few more words.

“Thank you so much. I appreciate everything from the bottom of my heart. Thank you so much for making a difference in everyone’s lives.”

IVCC’s board secretary nominated for staff award

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College board secretary Judy Day of Ottawa has been nominated for the 2020 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Professional Board Staff Member Award.

In their nomination, IVCC board chair Jane Goetz and President Jerry Corcoran said Day demonstrates IVCC’s core values: respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and honesty.

“Judy Day is one of the most dedicated and caring coworkers we have worked with in our combined 47 years with IVCC. Her commitment to high-quality customer service is outstanding and an example for the rest of us to follow.

“Her ability to keep track of so many ongoing activities in the president’s office is amazing. She never misses a deadline and produces exemplary reports for the president, board and college community.”

Corcoran and Goetz noted Day often anticipates potential areas of concern.



Judy Day

“Judy heads off problems before they get started. She is well respected by our board and colleagues view her as a ‘go-to person’ for solving problems. She handles sensitive and confidential information responsibly.”

Day completes projects ahead of time – without reminders – and is “respectful of everyone.”

Meeting notes of the President’s Council and cabinet, as well as minutes from all regular and special board meetings “are of the highest possible quality.”

“Judy is honest — the foundation upon which trust is built — and she promotes a positive work environment.”

Day was one of the first employees to earn IVCC’s Support Staff Distinguished Service Award. For nearly 35 years, Day has demonstrated fairness to all employees “and that has helped the administration gain support for major initiatives.”

Nominees will be honored and the winner announced at ICCTA’s awards banquet June 5 in Chicago. Longtime IVCC board secretary Jeanne Hayden of Peru was the inaugural recipient of the award in 2012.



Planting preparations

Illinois Valley Community College agriculture program coordinators Willard Mott and Kathryn Lillie prepare a 12-row planter for the field. Mott and Lillie are working with students to complete the semester online, and weather permitting, begin planting soybeans next week. The program recently received a 2020 Case IH Magnum 340 tractor, Case IH 335 vertical tiller and Case IH 2150 Early Riser planter. Access to the tractor and tiller was facilitated by Stoller International of Ottawa and the planter by Case IH Planter Research in Burr Ridge. (Photo contributed)

Mendota City Ordinances

Grass Clippings

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.

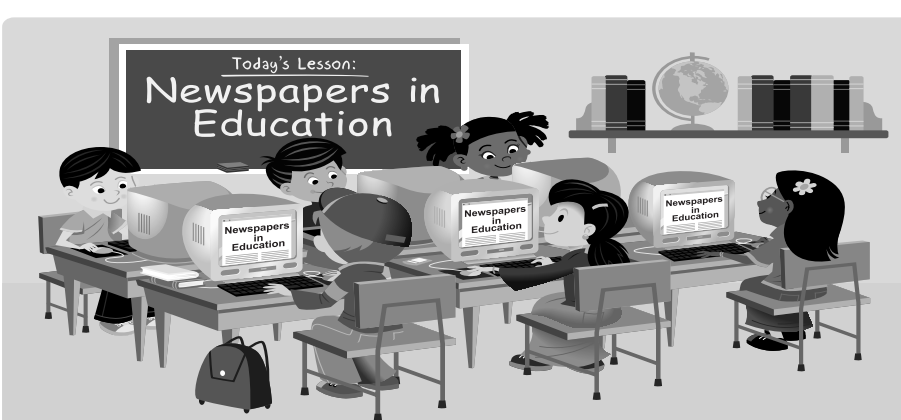
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Burn Ordinance

It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished.

The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.



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IVCC offering pass/fail option

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College is offering students a pass/fail option this semester.

Students can opt-in to the pass/fail option via WebAdvisor. Instructors will issue letter grades as usual. However, during final grade processing, the records office will apply pass/fail to students who opted in.

Deadline for opting-in to pass/fail is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. After the semester, students can request a letter grade if it is determined pass/fail no longer works for them.

Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski “strongly advises” students to read the information his office has provided students and to speak to an IVCC counselor, financial aid advisor, university transfer counselor, and/or athletic department (if applicable), prior to opting-in.

For information, visit: <https://www.ivcc.edu/academicaffairs/CAOPGradeOptions.php>.

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What news is important right now?

By **DAVID CHAVERN**
President and CEO,
News Media Alliance

Local news has long been a reliable, dependable source of information for communities across the country. But for years now, it has been taken for granted. National stories have too-often been grabbing people's attention, and often seem exceedingly urgent. This focus on national news has, at times, come at the expense of local news and the valuable reporting being done by local journalists.

But it turns out that when we face a collective crisis and "things get real," the most important information we all need is local information. How many COVID-19 cases are in my community? Where can I get tested? When will schools reopen? What is considered an "essential" business where I live? In this moment, local news publishers are delivering the news and information that is allowing community members across the country to survive, thrive and stay connected to one another.

Unfortunately, the business of local news publishing was in a fragile state before COVID-19, and the immediate and intense contraction in advertising in response to the pandemic (50-80 percent, depending upon the market) has imposed severe financial stress on local news publishers at exactly the moment when the public needs and wants their reporting more than ever.

As an industry, we take our role as independent watchdogs extremely seriously, and we don't easily ask for government help, even in the midst of a global pandemic. But local journalism is at a turning point, and if we want it to survive this crisis – and to be available for the next one – we need Congress to step up and offer assistance immediately. The biggest asks for local news right now are:

- Direct current government advertising dollars to local news publishers and broadcasters, and establish a large, new government advertising campaign around health, education and economic development.
- Change the Small Business Administration's (SBA) rules to allow more small publishers access to the same lending facilities that are available to other small businesses. The original SBA program, while providing welcome relief to some media outlets, restricts newspapers that are part of other newspaper groups or non-news business, unnecessarily penalizing thousands of local newspapers across the country. The SBA needs to treat local publishers that are part of larger groups as independent small businesses, which would grant them access to such aid as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). On April 19, U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), John Kennedy (R-LA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Boozman (R-AR)

sent a bipartisan letter to their Senate colleagues urging support for expanding SBA loan access to struggling local newspapers, which would correct this harmful exclusion.

• Thirty-three thousand newspaper employees have either been laid off, furloughed or seen their pay reduced. To address the layoffs and furloughs, Congress should consider additional means to support small publishers and maintain newsroom employment just when we need local journalists the most.

• Pass legislation that would support local journalism that is already teed-up in Congress, including small changes to recently enacted retirement security legislation (SECURE Act) that would provide relief to local, independently controlled newspapers that were left out of the previous bill that is now law.

We of course won't lose sight of our long-term challenges to the industry. The Journalism Competition & Preservation Act is already teed-up and would allow publishers to band together to negotiate a better business deal from Google and Facebook.

Publishers don't take these requests lightly, and many may view it as counterintuitive for news media companies to turn to the government for assistance, given the role the media plays in speaking truth to power. But the current situation has proven, unlike anything else, the essential nature of local news.

Local publishers don't just keep the public informed about the actions of their leaders – they keep leaders informed about the realities their constituents are facing. Local news reporters have ties to their communities that make them experts on their governments, their leaders, their landscapes, and their neighbors. Unlike national journalists, local journalists are reporting on a community they're living in and experiencing the same things as their audiences every day.

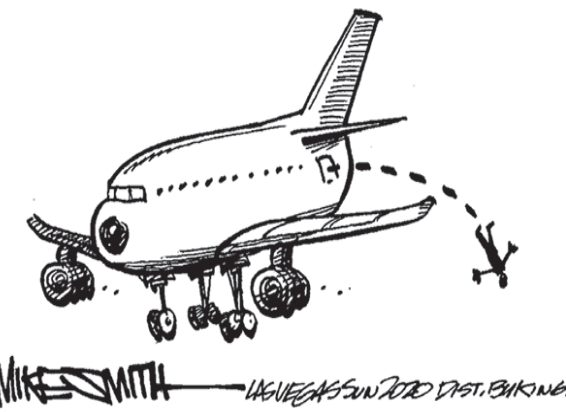
Social media isn't going to give the public the information they need right now; local publishers and journalists are, and Congress needs to act to ensure that they don't disappear just when we need them the most.

Politicians have complained about the media since the founding of the Republic. But the Founding Fathers also understood the value of the press for the American people and that it wasn't the role of journalists to be liked by politicians. They wrote "freedom of the press" into the First Amendment because they knew it was important to have journalists be the eyes, ears and voice for the people. This is never clearer than in times of crisis.

If we want to have a press that's available to inform and support our communities, now and in the future, we need our leaders to support the press. If we can't come together now to save local journalism when it's most essential, we may not get another chance.

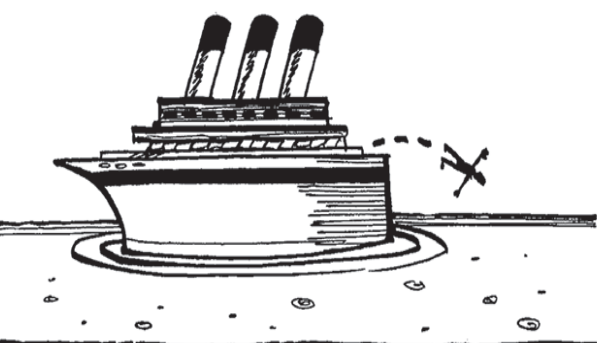


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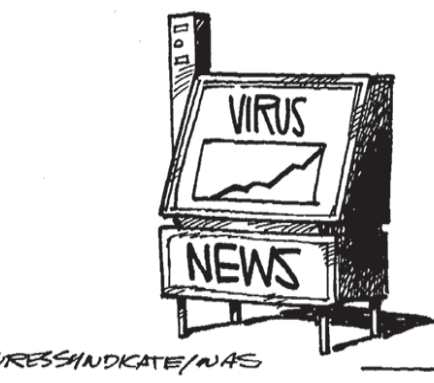


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Last superintendent of schools – 1969

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from April 27, 1994)

By **Jessica Nashold**

Twenty-five years ago this month, Dr. John Dal Santo submitted his resignation from the position of superintendent of schools. He was in charge of both Mendota High School and Mendota's elementary schools. The resignation would become effective June 30, 1969.

Dr. Dal Santo had come to Mendota in 1968 following a post-doctoral administrative internship. There had been 47 applicants for the Mendota superintendency.

When asked what he considered his most important accomplishment during his year in Mendota, he said it had been the hiring of an educational consulting firm to survey and report on the school programs and buildings.

Dr. Dal Santo was the last person to fill the position of superintendent of schools. For the 1969-70 school year, James Basala was named superintendent of grade schools and Morris Morgan became superintendent of Mendota High School.

Louis Koopersmith entered upon his third term as mayor of Mendota. The April 1969 vote was 1,329 for Koopersmith and 597 for H.B. Crow.

Mr. Crow did not throw his hat into the ring until last Wednesday when he announced he was a write-in candidate.

A two-day shopping spree was advertised as Tax Relief Days, offered by the Indignant Retail Shopkeepers (IRA). It included a display of 1969 cars on Jefferson Street between Main and Illinois by the Mendota New Car Dealers Association. The dealers were Faber Motor Co., Larkin Chevrolet Inc., Prescott Brothers, R & R Ford Sales, Schimmer Pontiac and Widmer & Sons Co.

The Association announced it would award a \$150 scholarship for a gradu-

Backtracks & Sidetracks

ating MHS senior to attend automotive mechanics school. Morris Morgan and Joe Rollins would select the recipient.

L.J. Stephenitch & Sons announced they would discontinue their dealership for International Harvester on Aug. 15 and would close their farm service office June 1. After an extensive remodeling, they would be opening as an Ace Hardware affiliate.

Meetings were held throughout LaSalle County on a proposed county zoning ordinance. At the meeting in Mendota, only 25 persons attended.

A MHS band trip to Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., and to New Orleans, La., brought enthusiastic reports from the communities visited. From Gulfport –

There are not enough words to express our feelings on the conduct and cooperation the students gave Mr. Baile.

Lighting struck the No. 4 well, causing an estimated \$25,000 damage. It was believed three to five weeks would be required for repairs. Meantime, the old CB&Q well, purchased by the city for \$500 several years before, and the No. 2 well on Fourth Avenue would supply Mendota's water needs.

This is the first time the Burlington well has been used since it was purchased for emergency use.

Mendotans were asked to conserve water as much as possible until repairs could be completed.

The Mendota Ministerial Association sponsored a town meeting at the

Methodist church to discuss possibility of adopting a film code.

Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie let it be known that a corridor paralleling U.S. 51 from Rockford to Interstate 57 north of Salem was in a preliminary planning stage.

D.G. Selbrede, agent and yardmaster for the CB&Q in Mendota told the Kiwanis Club membership that the Mendota station was 35th in size for passenger service. He said Mendota was a hub for unit transfers of potash. Since November 1968, 1,168 cars of potash had been handled in Mendota. He assured Kiwanians that work on the Burlington crossing was scheduled for spring.

Mendota Illiniwek members picked up litter between the Farm Services plant and the intersection with Route 52 south of Mendota on April 20, 1969. This was a public service sponsored by the National Campers & Hikers Association. The Illiniweks collected 2,600 pounds of trash and estimated 95% was in the form on empty beer cans. Following the pickup, the members met at Lake Mendota for a wiener roast and their children collected another six bushels of trash – paper napkins, cups and plastic food containers.

FFA members planted 100 white pine trees and two Bechtel crab trees at Apple Orchard Park in the south end of Mendota. Many of the trees, donated by the First State Bank, were planted along the railroad tracks. Ag instructor Fred Morris and student teacher Robert Thorsen directed the work.

The Mendota Sportsmen advertised a turkey shoot on April 27, 1969. The shoot was conducted in Johnson's timber, three miles east of Mendota on the Triumph blacktop. There was a special shoot for ladies. Instructed the ad – **Bring your own shotguns.**

What ventilator crisis?

By **Rich Lowry**

At a coronavirus task force briefing at the beginning of April, White House adviser Jared Kushner explained the approach that would -- as events proved -- get the country through its ventilator crisis.

He was relentlessly pilloried, mocked and distorted in the press for it.

Kushner said at one point that states shouldn't be drawing on the federal stockpile just to hold ventilators in their own reserves. This led to a flurry of media criticism alleging that Kushner wanted to hoard the federal ventilator stockpile.

Actually, the emphasis on data and shrewd allocation that Kushner discussed at the April 2 briefing has clearly worked.

At the outset, the country was looking at a daunting, perhaps impossible challenge. A chilling briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency early on posited that the U.S. could be short 130,000 ventilators by April 1. The federal government had about 16,000 ventilators in its stockpile.

A couple of insights drove the administration's effort to get its arms around the problem.

Officials realized, as one White House adviser puts it, that there was "too much guesstimating" going on. Many governors didn't know how many ventilators their states had and were acting on the normal impulse to have more than enough, just in case.

The administration created a data team. It used hospital billings to estimate how many ventilators were in each state and how many were being utilized, so it didn't have to depend on perhaps panicky, poorly informed requests from states.

Another important realization was that FEMA could do just-in-time delivery. This created a lot of flexibility. The administration could wait to see how things really played

out, rather than make decisions based on projections weeks in the future.

The media portrayed it as a failure every time the administration gave a state a fraction of its request, but this was a key element of the strategy. If the administration had tried to meet New York's initial estimated need for 40,000 additional ventilators, for instance, everything would have gone out the door, and for no good reason.

Another insight was that most ventilators out in the country weren't being used, since virus hot spots are geographically limited. That meant there was a tremendous capacity to be tapped. This led to the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve. States and hospitals with a safe margin of ventilators not in use could lend them to places that needed them, with a federal guarantee that a hospital lending a ventilator would get a replacement in 24 or 48 hours if it turned out that it needed it back. This removed the fear and the risk of giving up ventilators.

To add to the nation's overall supply, FEMA acted quickly to get so-called notifications to purchase to ventilator manufacturers so they could start work and hold their inventory, which ensured it wasn't lost to foreign countries.

Last year, according to administration figures, the country produced 30,000 ventilators. This year, it's going to produce some 200,000, and they are already coming in. "We are going to be swimming in ventilators," a White House adviser said.

By any measure, that's a success, certainly compared with where we thought we'd be less than a month ago. If the media weren't so devoted to gotcha idiocy, more people might know about it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

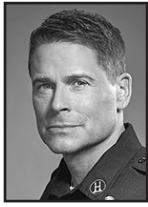
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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Will “9-1-1: Lone Star” be coming back for another season? Also, will they ever have the characters from that show and the original “9-1-1” series crossing over? -- *A.A.*



A: Good news! Both “9-1-1” and its spin-off, “9-1-1: Lone Star,” have been renewed by Fox and will be back whenever the fall TV season resumes. As for mixing the casts, producer Tim Minear said he’d rather keep the two shows “in their own lanes, for a bit,” according to TVLine.com. As you can tell from the title, the “Lone Star” edition is set in Texas -- Austin to be precise. It stars Rob Lowe as a firefighter who relocates from Manhattan.

Rob Lowe

Q: Who plays Emily on “Chicago Fire”? I really like the actress, but I can’t place where I’ve seen her before. -- *B.H.*

A: Annie Ilonzeh has played paramedic Emily Foster for the past couple years on NBC’s “Chicago Fire” and occasionally on

its sister shows “Chicago Med” and “Chicago PD.” Unfortunately, Ilonzeh is leaving “Chicago Fire” after the recent finale.

Her first regular series role was as Maya on the daytime soap “General Hospital,” and she’s been working steadily ever since on prime time shows like “Arrow,” “Drop Dead Diva” and “Person of Interest.” I’m sure it won’t be long before she lands another successful series or perhaps branches out into movies.

Q: When will the next season of “The Mandalorian” be back on Disney+? I realize with all the special effects it could take a long time to create new episodes, but I really hope it’s sooner rather than later. -- *C.D.*

A: The “Star Wars” space Western “The Mandalorian” was a huge hit with devoted fans and critics alike when it debuted on Disney’s new streaming service, Disney+. A second season was quickly ordered, but it’s not expected to be available to stream until October 2020.

Fortunately, a behind-the-scenes documentary series “Disney Gallery: The Mandalorian,” premieres Monday, May 4, and will feature

never-before-seen footage as well as interviews and panel discussions with the stars and creators. Of course, if this also means more coverage of The Child, AKA the adorable “Baby Yoda,” sign me up.

Q: I know that singer Gwen Stefani is still with Blake Shelton, but has her ex, Gavin Rossdale, been in any serious relationships since their split? -- *E.L.*

A: It’s been five years since Stefani and Rossdale filed for divorce after it was rumored he was having an affair with their children’s nanny. Stefani soon found love with her fellow superstar judge from “The Voice” in Shelton, but Rossdale’s love life has been much quieter. Most recently during the coronavirus stay-at-home orders, he was seen donning a mask while walking his dog with his girlfriend, model Natalie Golba. Meanwhile, Stefani has been sheltered on Shelton’s property in Oklahoma.

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

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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Are you ready for a musical about Steven Spielberg’s classic 1975 film “Jaws”? The Papermill Playhouse in New Jersey, often used to develop Broadway-bound shows, has booked an impressive season from now until 2021. It has planned productions of the classic board game and comedy film “Clue,” “The Sound of Music” and the Elton John/Tim Rice musical “Aida,” before ending the season with “Bruce” (June 9-July 21, 2021). Bruce was the name of the uncooperative mechanical shark that gave Spielberg and his team endless problems. Mark your calendars.



B. Willis

Meanwhile, another Bruce, Bruce Willis, has been more than cooperative with his busy film schedule. “10 Minutes Gone,” with Michael Chiklis, was released last September; “Trauma Center,” with Nicky Whelan, debuted Dec. 6; and “Survive the Night,” with CW star

Hollywood

Chad Michael Murray, went straight to video.

Willis also has a slate of films that don’t yet have release dates. The sci-fi action thriller “Breach,” about an interstellar ark, is due in the fall. “Midnight in the Switchgrass” has a great cast with Oscar nominee Emile Hirsch, sexy Megan Fox, Lucas Haas and Sistine Rose Stallone (21-year-old daughter of Sylvester), but shooting is on hold due to the coronavirus. He’s also got “McClane,” an offshoot based on Willis’ character from the “Die Hard” franchise, along with the alien invasion movie “Cosmic Sin,” with Luke Wilson and Frank Grillo.

Wilson just completed the sports film “12 Mighty Orphans,” set during the Great Depression, with Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, “Seinfeld’s” Wayne Knight and Treat Williams. Frank Grillo has completed “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard,” with Ryan Reynolds, Morgan Freeman, Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Antonio Banderas and Richard E. Grant, for an Aug. 28 release.

Due to Tom Hanks’ bout with the coronavirus, Baz Luhrmann’s film, shooting in

Australia, about Elvis Presley, in which Hanks plays Presley’s manager Colonial Parker to Austin Butler’s Elvis, has been shut down until Hanks has recovered. Maggie Gyllenhaal plays Elvis’ mother.

Some last words about Kenny Rogers. When comedian Pat Paulsen was starring on “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” in 1968, he launched a comical campaign for president of the United States. His political fundraiser was a 99-cent dinner at a Beverly Hills cafeteria that brought out every star in Hollywood. The band playing the gala was The First Edition, and I did a lot of photos with them and got to know them well. The lead singer’s name was Kenny Rogers. Their first hit was “Ruby Don’t Take Your Love to Town.”

Luckily, for many years I was able to spend time with Kenny and hang out at his house from time to time with Mickey Dolenz. Kenny was just as nice and down to earth as you were led to believe he was. His music stays with us now that he’s joined the “Islands In the Stream”!

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Sigurd the Mighty, a ninth-century Norse earl of Orkney, was killed by an enemy he had beheaded several hours earlier. He’d tied the man’s head to his horse’s saddle, but while riding home one of its protruding teeth grazed his leg, causing an infection from which the unlucky Sigurd died.

* Irish author and politician Edmund Burke was not a skilled public speaker. In fact, his speeches at the House of Commons were so boring, many MPs left the building once he stood up.

* In 1907, an ad campaign for Kellogg’s Corn Flakes offered a free box of cereal to any woman who would wink at her grocer.

* While Jackie Robinson was laid up for two weeks in 1948 with a hamstring injury, the Dodgers secretly replaced him with Herschel Morowitz, a white man in black face.

* The average human body contains enough iron to make a 3-inch-long nail. It also contains enough fat to produce seven bars of soap.

* The first washing machine was invented in 1782 by H. Sidgier of Great Britain. His design was later honed by other inventors, including William Blackstone, who invented the first at-home washer as a birthday gift for his wife.

* Drinking seawater will cause rapid dehydration and, if enough is consumed, eventually death. Frozen seawater is a much safer alternative, since it contains only a tenth as much salt as the liquid form, due to the fact that the salt is separated from the water when freezing as it does not fit into the crystalline structure of ice.

* The first lipstick appeared in ancient Mesopotamia approximately 4,000 years ago, when women decorated their lips with dust made from precious gems.

Thought for the Day: “The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don’t do anything about it.” -- Albert Einstein

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Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What percentage of the world’s population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. MATH: In geometry, what shape is a torus?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the character played by Tina Fey on “30 Rock”?
4. SCIENCE: How many earthquakes are detected in the world each year?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was Barack Obama’s Secret Service code name?
6. LANGUAGE: What is the opposite of a synonym, words with similar meanings?
7. MOVIES: Who played the role of Tess McGill in the 1988 film “Working Girl”?
8. BIBLE: How many plagues were unleashed on Egypt, according to the Book of Exodus?
9. LITERATURE: Who was the author of the novella “The Time Machine”?
10. HISTORY: Who served as the first postmaster general of the Continental Congress?

- Answers
1. About 90%
 2. Doughnut
 3. Liz Lemon
 4. About half a million
 5. Renegade
 6. Antonym, words with opposite meanings
 7. Melanie Griffith
 8. Ten
 9. H.G. Wells
 10. Ben Franklin
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King Crossword

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- 1 Easter treat
- 4 Wager
- 7 Retain
- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Rowboat need
- 14 Sleeping
- 15 Flow like molasses
- 16 Chum, nowadays
- 17 Actor Brad
- 18 Grassland
- 20 Opening course, often
- 22 Erstwhile garment
- 24 Hitchcock classic
- 28 Spotted insect
- 32 Radiant
- 33 Champing at the bit
- 34 Bathroom fixture
- 36 Yorkshire river
- 37 Narc’s measures
- 39 Croquet equipment
- 41 Catch
- 43 Second person
- 44 Related to 5-Down
- 46 Use a Brillo pad
- 50 Ballerina’s frill
- 53 Cauldron
- 55 Japanese

DOWN

- 1 Ids’ counterparts
- 2 Get bigger
- 3 Middle East strip
- 4 Go up and down
- 5 Listeners
- 6 Army unit
- 7 Carefree
- 8 Sapporo sash
- 9 Allow
- 10 Banned
- 12 Carousell
- 19 Light touch
- 21 Portion of N.A.
- 23 Eviscerate
- 25 Hint
- 26 Emcee
- 27 Hasn’t paid yet
- 28 Michigan, for one
- 29 Not “fer”
- 30 Nincompoop
- 31 Wrigley
- 35 Reddish-brown horse
- 38 Perched
- 40 — Angeles
- 42 They’re calling Danny Boy
- 45 Prolonged sleep
- 47 Fawns’ mothers
- 48 Hexagonal state
- 49 Induce ennui
- 50 Gratuity
- 51 Web address
- 52 Excessively
- 54 Monkey suit

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

“The Gentlemen” (R) -- Guy Ritchie -- master of the British crime caper ensemble -- scores a hit with “The Gentlemen,” featuring an American ex-pat weed magnate named Michael Pearson (Matthew McConaughey) attempting to unload his empire. Meanwhile, his head henchman (Charlie Hunnam) negotiates a payoff deal with a sleazy PI (Hugh Grant) who regales him with a play-by-play of the forces working against said deal, including the upstart Asian gangster “Dry Eye” (Henry Golding) and a group of charming, acrobatic thugs who call themselves the Toddlers and post vids of fights while rapping. Michelle Dockery (“Downton Abbey”) also stars in a decidedly inelegant but juicy power woman role as Pearson’s wife.

“The Last Full Measure” (R) -- William H.

Pitsenbarger (Jeremy Irvine) was a paratrooper medic in the Vietnam War whose acts of bravery and sacrifice go unvalidated for decades until Scott Huffman (Sebastien Stan), a fast-rising Pentagon staffer, takes up the mission to award Pits the Congressional Medal of Honor decades after his death. His investigation uncovers both the medic’s unbridled valor, as told by fellow soldiers and witnesses to his sacrifices (Samuel L. Jackson, Peter Fonda and Ed Harris), and a shocking conspiracy at the highest levels to keep the past buried. It’s based on a true story. Set in a war so filled with tragedy, the story is uplifting and inspirational.

“Bad Boys for Life” (R) -- As he welcomes his first grandchild to the world, Marcus Bennett (Martin Lawrence) aims to retire. Partner Mike Lowery (Will Smith) may be getting older, but he’s still aims at every bad guy in the Miami area

-- and he’s still just as swass. When a Mexican drug cartel targets Lowery, he teams up with Miami’s elite tech unit to take down his would-be killer while attempting to lure his better half out of retirement. This franchise stretches back a quarter century, and it gives as much mayhem, banter and attitude today as it did in 1995.

“Like a Boss” (R) -- Two besties build a great company from the ground up, but small business can be a big headache if it’s buried in debt. This is where we find Mia and Mel (Tiffany Haddish and Rose Byrne), who are struggling to keep their quirky cosmetics business afloat. Enter Claire Luna (Salma Hayek), the boss of a large cosmetics conglomerate, who throws out a lifeline partnership. Unfortunately, it comes with strings and obstacles that the friends will have to overcome to save their business and friendship.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Meat supply chain begins to feel effects of COVID-19

By **BEN ORNER**
Capitol News Illinois
 and **JEFF BROWN**
Illinois Farm Bureau

SPRINGFIELD – The meat supply chain, which was running at full capacity at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, is now taking a hit as the disease infects plant workers and threatens the livestock industry's ability to keep up with high demand.

The spread of coronavirus through employees at some of the nation's largest meat plants could slow the flow of food, depending on how long plant closures last. At the same time, other plants that normally supply the food service industry with larger quantities of food are not equipped to distribute smaller packages suitable for grocery stores.

"When one section of the supply chain has a slowdown or complete shutdown, it bottlenecks the rest of the system," Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert, Jr. said. "With highly perishable products like milk or vegetables, the bottleneck is slowing down the process longer than the items have in shelf life."

One of the nation's largest pork processing plants, a Smithfield Foods facility in Sioux Falls, S.D., shut down earlier this month because of a COVID-19 outbreak, taking 130 million weekly servings of food out of the supply chain. The closure also idled plants in Missouri and Wisconsin that rely on the Sioux Falls plant's raw materials.

On April 20, food processing company JBS shut down a Minnesota processing plant that produces about 5 percent of the nation's

pork. Tyson Foods has also shut down an Iowa facility that produces 2 percent of U.S. pork.

Those four closures represent 10 to 15 percent of U.S. pork processing, said Illinois Pork Producers Association Executive Director Jennifer Tirey.

"That just creates a bottleneck for all the other packers, because they try to move those hogs to their other facilities," she said.

Of the three major pork facilities in Illinois, one is operated by JBS in Beardstown and another, in Monmouth, is operated by Smithfield Foods. The third major facility in the state is the Agar-operated Rantoul Foods in Rantoul.

While Tirey said the plants are experiencing disruptions, they remain in operation. There were, however, three employees at the Monmouth plant who tested positive for COVID-19 last week.

Tirey said the bottlenecked supply chain dropped the number of pigs processed in the U.S. on April 20 to 370,000, down from 415,000 only a couple days before.

"Just losing those couple processing plants in neighboring states brings the overall total down," she said.

Tirey added, though, that she does not expect the amount of pork in supermarkets will decrease, for now. Instead, she said, shortages at supermarkets should be attributed to consumers' heightened demand for meat.

Tirey also said that Illinois pork plants, including the one in Monmouth, have stepped up their safety protocols,

including social distancing, daily temperature checks for employees and requiring workers to wear personal protective equipment (PPE).

Meanwhile, farms in some parts of the country have an oversupply of their products. The inability to bridge the gap between farmers growing produce, milk and meat with the growing number of needy consumers has not been from a lack of trying, Guebert said.

Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee recently wrapped up a 16-day fundraising campaign that raised a total of \$26,000 for eight food banks that serve Illinoisans.

County Farm Bureaus in six northern Illinois counties donated \$5,000 worth of milk – nearly 2,000 gallons – to 30 food pantries in those counties.

And the American Farm Bureau Federation is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to purchase products from farmers who have lost other markets during the pandemic and redirect them to food banks.

"It isn't that the food isn't there," the Illinois Farm Bureau's associate director of food systems development, Raghela Scavuzzo, said. "What we are facing is a re-adjusting of the distribution system. That takes time. More time than any of us would like."

Guebert said farmers would prefer to donate their products to those who need them rather than dispose of them on the farm. But food pantries' capacity to store products with short shelf lives is limited.

"It's heartbreaking for



Keeping the shelves stocked like this one at a grocery in Bloomington is becoming more difficult as COVID-19 outbreaks and shutdowns at some U.S. processing plants have begun disrupting the meat supply chain. (Credit: Illinois Farm Bureau)

farmers whenever they're forced to dispose of products," he said. "Many farmers do not know where their income is going to come from during this time, but believe me, they would rather find a home for these products."

Many food banks are based on repackaging bulk loads of products into smaller amounts to be distributed individually. But the volunteer base that performs that work has largely dried up because of social distancing guidelines.

Other barriers stand in the way of getting meat and dairy products from farm to fork.

The facilities that package eggs, milk and cheese, for example, are set up to distribute more than half of those products to food service sectors. Eggs are typically delivered in either liquid form or in

15-dozen quantities. Cheese might be delivered to a pizzeria in 10-pound bags, not the 8-ounce bags a shopper would buy at the grocery store.

And large amounts of milk would ordinarily be packaged in half-pint cartons for students eating lunch at school, not the gallon jugs that have been subject to rationing at many supermarkets.

"Approximately 60 percent to 65 percent of product from farms typically goes into the food service industry – restaurants, hotels, schools and cafeterias," Scavuzzo said. "The way in which these businesses purchase food is very different than what goes into a retail space or what the food banks are needing due to their labor barriers."

Some relief is coming to

farmers struggling from low demand, supply chain crises and low prices after the federal government on last week announced a COVID-19 agricultural aid package. The USDA will provide \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers and ranchers, including \$9.6 billion for the livestock industry.

Producers will be compensated for 85 percent of price losses from Jan. 1 through April 15. Compensation will then decrease to 30 percent of price losses through the next two quarters.

The USDA says another \$873 million will go toward purchasing agricultural products to be sent to food banks. This is on top of \$600 million of previous COVID-19 relief money set to food banks to purchase food.

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THE FARMER'S REPORT



A healthy wheat line, right, and a wheat line infected with "scab," or Fusarium head blight, left.

New tool found to combat Fusarium Head Blight in wheat

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and their colleagues have discovered a gene that can be used to develop varieties of wheat that will be more resistant to Fusarium Head Blight (FHB), a disease that is a major threat both overseas and to the nation's \$10 billion annual wheat crop.

A paper reporting the discovery and the cloning of the gene, known as Fhb7, was published in the journal Science. The study was led by scientists at the Shandong Agricultural University in Shandong, China and co-authors include ARS researchers Guihua Bai and Lanfei Zhao in Manhattan, Kansas, and Steven Xu in Fargo, North Dakota.

The discovery is a major advance in addressing a significant threat to the world's wheat supply. FHB, also known as "scab," is caused by a fungal pathogen, Fusarium graminearum, and results in significant losses in the United States, China, Canada, Europe, and many other countries. It also attacks barley and oats. When the pathogen grows unchecked in infected grains, it releases mycotoxins that can induce vomiting in humans, as well as weight loss in livestock when they refuse to eat the grains. The prevalence and severity of FHB outbreaks also could potentially be exacerbated by climate change and varying weather conditions, and by an increasing trend toward more corn produc-

tion and no-till farming, which both may be increasing the prevalence of the pathogen in fields. Growers often must use fungicides to reduce FHB damage.

The researchers found that the gene effectively reduces FHB by detoxifying the mycotoxins secreted by the pathogen. The gene also confers resistance to crown rot, a wheat disease caused by a related pathogen.

The researchers originally identified the gene in Thinopyrum wheatgrass, a wild relative of wheat that has been previously used to develop varieties of wheat with beneficial traits, such as rust resistance and drought tolerance. They cloned the gene and introduced it into seven wheat cultivars with different genetic profiles to study its effects on plants grown under field conditions. The results showed that the gene not only conferred resistance to scab in the new plants, but it also had no negative effects on yield or other significant traits.

The study sheds new light on the molecular mechanisms that can make wheat, as well as barley and oats, resistant to the pathogen that causes FHB. New varieties of wheat with better FHB resistance using Fhb7 are expected to be available in a few years, the researchers say.

This research supports the climate adaptation components of the USDA's Science Blueprint.

Fungus application thwarts major soybean pest, study finds

CHAMPAIGN — The soybean cyst nematode sucks the nutrients out of soybean roots, causing more than \$1 billion in soybean yield losses in the U.S. each year. A new study finds that one type of fungi can cut the nematodes' reproductive success by more than half.

The researchers report their findings in the journal Plant Disease.

"Soybean cyst nematodes survive in the soil as eggs in cysts," said Glen Hartman, a researcher for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in the department of crop sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Hartman led the study with postdoctoral researcher Michelle Pawlowski. "The eggs hatch at the start of the growing season, and the juveniles penetrate root tissue and migrate into the plant's vascular system. The females find a feeding site and stay there for the rest of their lives. They take nutrients away from the soybean plant, which reduces plant productivity."

Previous studies have found that fungi in the soil that form mutually beneficial relationships with soybeans and other plants can influence the success of plant parasitic nematodes, including SCN. But the effectiveness of using these "arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi" to thwart plant parasitic fungi varies from study to study, making growers reluctant to embrace this as a method of control, Hartman said.

"In this study, we focused on five different species of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi to see if they differed in their ability to protect soybeans against SCN," Pawlowski said.



The soybean cyst nematode is a major pathogen of soybeans. A juvenile nematode is pictured here with an egg. (Photo by USDA-ARS)

The researchers inoculated young soybean plants with fungi and SCN in greenhouse experiments. By the end of the experiment, all five fungal species had reduced the number of SCN cysts in the roots. The lowest number of cysts occurred on plants inoculated with the fungus Funneliformis mosseae. These averaged 10 cysts per plant. Soybean plants that were not inoculated with fungi accumulated 75 or more cysts per plant.

"Each cyst may contain hundreds of nematode eggs," Hartman said.

Further experiments with F. mosseae revealed that exposure to the fungus reduced the number of juvenile nematodes on the plants by more than half.

"We found that as early as seven days after inoculation,

roots that were inoculated with F. mosseae were colonized with significantly fewer nematode juveniles," Pawlowski said.

"To see if this interaction and suppression might occur even earlier, we incubated SCN eggs in sterile water alone, with fungal spores or with exudates of the fungal spores. These exudates are microbes and molecules secreted by the spores," she said.

This experiment revealed that the fungal spores and their exudates undermined nematode egg hatching, she said.

"If we can find out what function or compound from the fungi is suppressing egg hatching, that could potentially be a useful nematicide," Pawlowski said.

The USDA-ARS supports this research.

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Betty Durham

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WARRANT ARREST

Ryan McSherry, 22, of LaSalle, was arrested at 4:48 p.m. April 23 on a Bureau County failure to appear traffic offense warrant. The subject posted bond and was released with a Bureau County court date.

MOTORIST CITED

Elier A. Valdiviezo, 27, of Sandwich, was charged with driving while revoked and operating an uninsured vehicle after a traffic stop at East 12th Street and First Avenue at 11:31 p.m. April 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Another 102K Illinoisans file first-time jobless claims

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Employment Security said last week that 4.4 million Americans filed first-time unemployment claims during the week that ended April 18, including 102,936 workers in Illinois.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 520,227 workers in Illinois, or 8.2 percent of the state's civilian labor force, drew unemployment benefits during the week.

That news came during the fifth week of a statewide stay-at-home order that Gov. JB Pritzker issued to control the spread of COVID-19, an order that forced nonessential businesses such as bars, restaurants and many retail outlets to close.

That order had been scheduled to expire on April 30, but Pritzker announced April 23 that a modified stay-at-home order allowing some businesses to reopen will remain in place through Saturday, May 30.

Under the modified order, which takes effect May 1, hospitals will be allowed to resume surgeries that have been delayed and elective procedures on patients who test negative for COVID-19. The health care industry has seen a sharp rise in unemployment during the pandemic as hospitals and outpatient clinics have been forced to cancel

or delay elective procedures, which are a major source of their revenue.

Essential businesses and manufacturers will come under new guidelines as well, such as requirements to provide face-coverings to all employees who aren't able to maintain a six-foot social distance, occupancy limits and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only essential lines for manufacturers.

Also, garden centers and nurseries will be considered essential businesses and can reopen, although they will have to follow social distancing requirements and they must require employees and customers to wear face coverings. Animal grooming services will also be allowed to reopen.

Nonessential retail stores will be allowed to reopen to fulfill telephone and online orders for pick-up outside the store or for delivery.

Golf courses will also be allowed to reopen, although they will be required to establish social distancing requirements under state guidance. State parks will reopen in phases, although boating and fishing will be limited to groups of no more than two.

It wasn't immediately clear how significant an impact the revised stay-at-home order will have on the state's overall unemployment rate. The Department of Labor

will report official unemployment figures for April in mid-May.

The changes announced by Pritzker represent many of the changes that Republicans in the General Assembly have been urging him to make in recent days. Some Republicans, however, wanted even further easing of restrictions, such as allowing small, independent retailers, barber shops and hair salons to reopen as long as they follow health guidelines and limit the number of people in the store at one time.

Some have argued that the restrictions have been unfair to small, independent retailers because, for example, shoe stores are considered nonessential businesses while big-box retailers like Walmart and Target, which also sell shoes, have been allowed to remain open.

Pritzker, however, said that without the social distancing measures, COVID-19 would have spread much faster, causing

many more deaths and overwhelming the state's hospital capacity. He also said that while hospitalizations and deaths have begun to decline, there are still enough infected people in the state to cause a second wave of the disease if the restrictions were removed entirely.

Pritzker also said that he had listened to other elected officials from both parties as well as Illinois business leaders and medical experts from throughout the world.

"My intention, as always, is to put your health and safety first as we make some practical adjustments based on what we've learned in the first five weeks of the stay-at-home order," he said.

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin called the modified order a "first step" in moving the state forward.

Durkin said, "While I am pleased with today's actions, we must do more to restore economic vitality of the state while maintaining the health and safety of our citizens."

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SOCIAL SCENE

Master Naturalist's Corner – Backyard Birding

Despite a few snow showers here and there, spring has sprung in Illinois! Even though we are all at home for the time being, there are still bountiful signs of spring in our own backyards, neighborhoods, and in the skies above. Here are some tips to help get you started on your journey to backyard birdwatching.

How do I find the birds? You don't have to plan expensive trips across the world to enjoy bird watching. Providing the basic needs for our feathered friends including water and the appropriate bird feeders will have them flocking to your backyard in no time. Follow the tips below to attract hummingbirds, orioles and more.

specific birds to your backyard:

Finches: niger seed

Eastern Bluebirds: mealworms

Cardinals: black oil sunflower seed
Chickadees, juncos, finches, sparrows and more: wild bird seed mixes

Nuthatches and woodpeckers: Suet cakes of nuts, seeds, fruit, and protein

Preparing for Birdwatching: Although you can certainly enjoy birdwatching without them, I highly suggest buying a pair of binoculars (start with 8x to 10x) which will help you to see details of the birds visiting your yard. It is also helpful to have an identification field guide to help explore the various species of birds in your area. There are a plethora of field guides available for all levels of bird watchers, just be sure to purchase one that makes sense for our area of the country.

Online websites such as Cornell University Lab of Ornithology (<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>) and the National Audubon (<https://www.audubon.org/birds>) are excellent platforms to discover habitat, migration, nesting, calls, and song information about bird species from all over the world.

Remember to practice patience when bird watching. Birds will come and go at different times of the day and at different times of the year. It's helpful to start a birding journal noting the species, date and weather when it was observed. Most of all, remember to have fun! Birdwatching can be a very relaxing past time and a way to connect with nature from inside your own home.

Do you have questions related to nature and Illinois' natural resources? You can e-mail meo@illinois.edu with "Nature Question" in the subject line, or call the University of Illinois County Extension Main Office at (815) 224-0889. Please note that due to the COVID-19 epidemic, offices are closed until further notice.

ANNIVERSARIES



Henkels to celebrate 50th anniversary

MENDOTA – Ron and Linda (Galloway) Henkel of Mendota will mark their 50th wedding anniversary on May 2, 2020.

The couple was married on May 2, 1970 at Holy Cross Church in Mendota.

They are parents of three children, Eric (Alison), Brian (Michelle) and Adam. They also have five grandchildren, Chloe, Luke, Lauren, Kate and Claire.

The Henkel's celebrated with a trip to Hawaii last year and plan to have dinner with family when possible.



Hummingbird

What do I need to start? Don't worry, you will not have to buy out the whole store to enjoy the past time of bird watching. You will need to have just a few basics, most of which you might already have on hand.

Habitat: All living things have habitat needs such as water, shelter, food, and space. You can easily provide a bowl of water or a bird bath if you do not have a river or creek nearby. Shelter can be provided by shrubs, trees, grasses, birdhouses and house eaves. Food can be the natural sources of berries, seeds and insects, or you can provide food by using bird feeders. Space can be found anywhere such as backyards, neighborhoods, local parks or natural areas, and the blue skies above.

Hummingbirds - Hummingbirds seek out nectar from flowers. You can plant a native garden with flowers to attract hummingbirds, or you can set out feeders with a nectar solution you can make right at home (4 parts of hot water to 1 part of sugar-cool and fill feeders-NO RED DYE. Clean and change regularly).

Baltimore Orioles - Baltimore orioles are fruit loving birds and will dine on sliced oranges or even grape jelly put out in containers or hanging from branches. You can also purchase feeders specifically made for orioles with places to hang oranges and place a bowl of jelly.

Other Songbirds - The below list indicates what types of feed will attract

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Holy Cross 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

MENDOTA - Holy Cross School in Mendota has announced their 3rd Quarter honor rolls for the 2019-20 school year.

8th High Honor Roll

Maddy Dalton-4.0, Linnea Escatel, Isabella Hagenbuch, Macy Hartt, Kaelyn Schwemlein, Ryleigh Sondgeroth, Ryan Stevenson, Marly Tillman.

8th Honor Roll

Owen Aughenbaugh, Mason Koch, Cruz Orozco, Haden Shakespeare.

7th High Honor Roll

Lily Bokus, Kirby Bond, Alondra Delao, Ava Eddy, Bailey Engels, Cassie Gonzalez, Lauren Holland, Ella Martin, Korinne Miars,

Izzy Rosales, Grace Royer, Kenley Wilson.

7th Honor Roll

Garrett Connelly, Libby Huffaker.

6th High Honor Roll

Maren Atherton, Alex Beetz, Laylie Denault, Dane Doyle, Mae Hagenbuch, Alex Holland, Grady Jones, Ella Lewis, Peri Manning, Kooper Novak, Lily Soliman, Ryan Soliman, Aden Tillman.

6th Honor Roll

Addy Allensworth, Anna Cyrocki, Brody Hartt, Joe Stewart.

5th High Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Emma Huffaker, Elaina Koch, Abbie Kreiser, Kara Miars, Lex

Tillman, James Whitmore.

5th Honor Roll

None

B.U.G. Roll

Kindergarten

Kinsley Cassidy, Carissa Doll, Addison Mathesius, Juliana Ortiz, Elynn Schmidt.

1st Grade

Samantha Escatel, Henry Happ, Nolan Henkel, Paul Hochstatter, Marley Pelka, Ally Tillman, Jaxson Zimmermanlein.

3rd Grade

Will Aughenbaugh, Eva Beetz, Cal Doyle, Quinn Eddy, Cathi Moench, Yulisia Quintana, Alena Ramirez.

4th Grade

Komen Denault, Corbin Doll.

Sublette Farm Toy Show awards scholarships

SUBLETTE – The scholarship winners from the Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show have been determined.

The recipients are: Alison Schlesinger of Mendota, Mendota FFA scholarship given in memory of Dan Tastad; Margaret Vaessen

of Sublette, Amboy FFA scholarship; Ashley Althaus of Sublette, Sub-Let Indians 4-H scholarship; and Ashleigh Collins of Earlville, Max Armstrong scholarship.

All four recipients are planning to major in agriculture in college.

Blood drive tops goal

PRINCETON - A blood drive held at the Princeton Public Library on April 21 far surpassed its goal.

A total of 36 individuals attended the successful blood drive, conducted by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. There were 35 units of blood collected (1 was deferred), far surpassing the 14-unit goal and making it the best blood drive held there.

Donors came from a wide area including Princeton, Wyand, Arlington, Buda, LaMoille, Galesburg, Putnam and Walnut. Of the 35 units collected, 18 were first time donors. Organizers expressed their appreciation to everyone who donated blood in this time of need.

Although the blood drive was held at the Princeton Public Library, the facility will be closed through the month of May to follow the governor's orders for safety.

Franklin Creek opening some hiking trails

FRANKLIN GROVE - The state recently announced plans to slowly reopen IDNR owned properties on May 1. Although Franklin Creek is not on the list, they have decided to keep the property they own open to the public, as long as social distancing is practiced.

Franklin Creek Conservation Association owns about 80 acres adjacent to Franklin Grove known as the Headwaters. Anyone interested in visiting this site, please visit their website (<https://www.franklincreekconservation.org/>) for directions and a map of established trails.

Also posted on the website is a scavenger hunt for kids that can be used at the Headwaters (or any open park).

FCCA has cancel several events to protect and care for the community, volunteers and staff. They include:

May 15-Woodland Scavenger Hunt

May 27-Wildflower Wednesday

All May Stewardship workdays

Sept. 27-Chautauqua

FCCA is working on ways to continue to provide programs and activities for the public in keeping with CDC guidelines. For updates on event closures and postponements, follow them on Facebook or visit the website.

The Franklin Creek Grist Mill will re-open when the state has re-opened Franklin Creek State Natural Area to the public within normal seasonal hours.

FCCA will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow guidance from public health officials and government agencies.

Kish EMT and paramedic program to relaunch this fall

MALTA - Kishwaukee College's emergency medical services (EMS) program, which includes emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic training, is relaunching this fall. The program is made available through coordination with Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital EMS System. It is

accredited through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs (CAAHEP).

No application is required for entry into the EMT program. Applications for the paramedic program are accepted now through May 8 at 4 p.m.

EMTs and paramedics respond to emergency situations, perform various medical services and assist with transportation of patients to medical facilities. Training can help prepare someone to work in ambulance services, emergency rooms, urgent care facilities, fire departments, law enforcement or other rescue services.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median annual wage for EMTs and paramedics as \$35,400 in May 2019.

Kish's EMT certificate program takes one semester to complete and prepares students for certification as an EMT. Students are trained in many critical skills such as CPR, giving patients oxygen and administering glucose to diabetics. EMTs can perform many medical services which

do not require breaking skin such as starting an intravenous line or administering injections. No application for EMT training is required.

Both a degree and certificate option are available for paramedic at the college. Coursework includes anatomy and physiology, cardiology, medications, medical procedures and more. Certified paramedics can administer medications, provide advanced airway management, resuscitate patients and support patients with significant problems such as heart attacks or trauma. The next paramedic cohort begins fall 2020. Applications are being accepted now through May 8.

For more information on the emergency medical services program at Kish, please visit www.kish.edu/ems.

Kishwaukee College Foundation welcomes new foundation coordinator

MALTA - Tricia Myers of Sycamore recently accepted a position as foundation coordinator with the Kishwaukee College Foundation.

As part of her role, Myers will help to advance the Foundation's mission, manage scholarships and assist with event planning and donor relations.

Myers has worked for Angie's List and USA Track & Field, Inc. and most recently held the position of development assistant at the Kishwaukee Family YMCA.

"We are excited to have Tricia as our new foundation coordinator. In her short two months with the Foundation, she has proven herself to be a tremendous asset," says Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kish



Myers

Kish students who are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Myers earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and was a member of the track and field team. She currently serves on USA Track & Field's (USATF) Board of Directors as the elected youth representative and is

Foundation.

Recently, Myers helped to organize and launch the new COVID-19 Student Relief Fund that will assist

the organization's elected national chair of the USATF youth athletics division.

"I hope to continue to bring more awareness to the Foundation and its great work," Myers commented. "Improving operations, customer service and fundraising will be on-going efforts to create more visibility and enhance the development for students, programs, facilities and the Kishwaukee College community."

In this role, Myers will provide vital support to help progress long term Foundation projects.

"The Foundation and Kish College provides significant opportunities for the community. I like being able to make an impact in people's lives through development initiatives and

projects," she said.

The Kishwaukee College Foundation is the philanthropic branch of the College and plays an integral role in supporting the College's mission to improve lives through quality, affordable education. Through the gifts of donors, contributions are used to ensure community members, regardless of circumstances, have access to educational opportunities.

"Tricia is exactly what we needed in the Foundation. Her professional background and knowledge of our communities will greatly benefit the Foundation and help us achieve our goals," Hamel added.

For more information on the Kishwaukee College Foundation, visit www.kish.edu/foundation.

Registration open for NIU online Theatre Summer Camps for middle & high school students

DEKALB - Northern Illinois University is offering a new and exciting online summer camp experience for middle school and high school students who enjoy theatre arts.

For more than 30 years, NIU has offered fine arts residential summer camps. This summer, Online Theatre Arts campers will work with NIU faculty and camp staff from the safety of home, meeting like-minded campers from near and far, and experiencing their art as never before.

Camp Director and Assistant Professor of Theatre in the NIU School of Theatre and Dance, Kendra Holton and her staff have crafted a full schedule of fun theatre classes and workshops, including online rehearsals and a Friday evening online video performance.

Camp activities will include favorites from past camps transformed for an online experience, including Show Rehearsals, Acting Scenes, Theatre Workshops, Mov-

ie Night, Dance Party/Game Night, Camper Talent Show and more! Camp content will be delivered via Zoom, an online video-conferencing platform. Online campers will experience all camp activities from a movement-friendly space in their own homes.

NIU Online Theatre Arts Camp Junior (grades 6-9) is scheduled for July 12-17 and

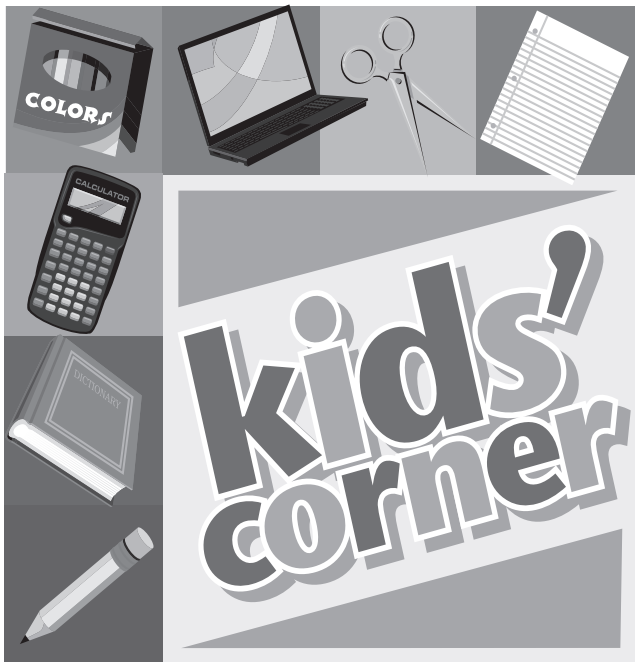
NIU Online Theatre Arts Camp Senior (grades 9-12) is scheduled for July 19-24.

Early registration is advised. To learn more, call Summer in the Arts at Northern at (815) 753-1450.

Find online registration, camp schedules and more information at <http://go.niu.edu/theatrejunior> and <http://go.niu.edu/theatresenior>.



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ANSWER: HARD HAT



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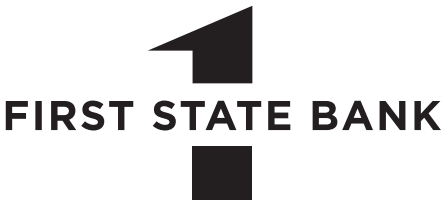
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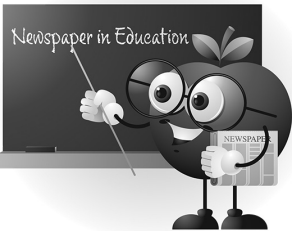
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SPORTS

High school spring sports state tournaments canceled; summer contact days on hiatus

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for their April meeting via a video conference call on Tuesday, April 21, where the Board of Directors announced its decision to cancel all IHSA spring state tournaments. The decision to cancel the spring state tournaments comes in conjunction with Friday's (April 17) announcement by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education that all Illinois high schools will complete the 2019-20 school term from home via e-learning.

"We support the decision by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education, and given the logistics, we simply felt we could not conduct state tournaments that meet the expectations of our member schools this spring," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "As disappointing as it may be for students, it is the right decision for their health and safety, as well as for the health and safety of the general public, as we cope with this unprecedented pandemic."

The IHSA offers state tournaments in the following sports and activities in the



spring: Girls Badminton, Boys Gymnastics, Bass Fishing, Boys & Girls Track & Field, Boys & Girls Water Polo, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball.

The Board also determined that summer contact days are suspended for this year, unless state government and medical leaders indicate such gatherings are safe. At that time, the Board indicated a willingness to reconsider how summer contact might be conducted and whether opportunities for schools to conduct some kind of spring athletic events might occur.

"Once it is determined safe to return, we will provide a detailed outline to our schools on the plan for summer contact days and possibly some kind of spring athletic events," said Ander-

son. "Including if the number of days and dates that coaches can meet with athletes has been altered. At this point, though, all that is dependent upon state government and medical leaders giving the go ahead for such.

"Our thoughts right now are with all the impacted students, coaches and communities. Especially the seniors," said Anderson. "It will be difficult for them to find a silver lining in all of this, but we stress that even if they don't get the chance to compete again at the high school level, they are better for having been a part of their respective high school teams. By participating in high school sports and activities, they were exposed to life lessons in teamwork, leadership, and overcoming adversity that are difficult to replicate elsewhere. The

latter is applicable now more than ever. We hope that we can band together and refocus all our efforts on supporting the doctors, nurses, first responders, and all the other essential personnel who are putting their health and safety on the line each day to keep us safe."

The IHSA will continue to communicate with and monitor briefings from state officials, and based on those timelines, provide updates to its member schools as it relates to potential spring participation and summer contact days.

"The possibility of playing a spring sport game this summer is about closure," said Anderson. "If we are able to offer this opportunity, no student-athlete would be restricted by having already practiced or competed with a non-school team."

Mendota native E. Willis earns college track honor

KENOSHA, Wis. – The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTF-CCCA) announced their selections for the NCAA Division III All-Region honorees, with Carthage College's Aaron Austin, Sarah Schmidt, Tyrani White, and Elizabeth Willis making the list. Willis is a senior from Mendota.



E. Willis

For the men, Austin was named all-Midwest Region in the shot put. The junior owns a mark of 17.17 meters, a Carthage record, which gave him the conference title on Feb. 29 and sets him ninth in the country.

On the women's side, Tyrani White was tabbed

all-region in the long jump after setting a career mark in the event at the conference championships. Her leap of 5.66 meters places her 14th in the country. Sarah Schmidt and Elizabeth Willis were each named all-Midwest Region in both the shot put and weight throw after their impressive indoor seasons. Schmidt ranks sixth in the shot put with a mark of 14.06 meters and third in the weight throw at 19.20 meters, while Willis sits in fourth in the shot at 14.26 meters and second in the weight throw with a career-best toss of 19.28 meters.

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LOCAL AND AREA

What's your heart condition?

Once a year, I go to the doctor and get a check-up. And every time, one of the things they do is check my heart. A good thorough exam will reveal if there are any problems that need to be addressed before a heart condition arises.

I believe we need to do the same thing with our own hearts. Because the truth is, everyone's heart is in some condition. In fact, we have a responsibility to do this as Proverbs 4:23

tells us, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (NIV). Frequent check-ups will enable us to identify and act on those issues quickly—both physically and spiritually.

We can so easily get in the habit of doing life, just going through the motions, even when doing "Christian things," and not realize that something has crept into our heart. Some of those things not only affect

us, but they can hurt or hinder others as well. The longer an issue, or heart condition, is left unattended the deeper its roots go. Then it becomes harder and harder to deal with. But the good news is, we can prevent that with God's help.

Testing and Guarding Your Heart

In order to properly guard your heart, it's important to understand just what that means. When I talk about the condition of your heart, I'm talking about what's inside you...whatever it is that makes you do what you do.

For instance, how many times have you said or done something you're not very proud of and thought, I can't believe I did that! Well, God allows some situations to happen to show us what's in our heart. It's like when I get my annual physical, the doctor checks my heart by running certain tests. Those tests are designed to discover if anything is wrong or confirm that everything is okay.

In much the same way, God tests us to show us what's in our heart. He doesn't do it to shame or embarrass us. He just wants us to



see what's going on so we can face our issues, deal with them with the help of the Holy Spirit, and grow stronger in Christ.

Our heart ultimately governs our behavior. So when we say or do something that "surprises" us, if we will get really honest with ourselves (and with God) and think about it, we will discover the root of that action.

God is more interested in our motives—the why behind the what. Matthew 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (NIV). He is not looking at our outer actions as closely as He is looking at what motivates them. Because what's inside us is the root of what comes out of us. God is much more concerned that the things we do come from a pure, Holy Spirit-led heart.

Motives Are Like Leaves

The lesson of the fig tree in Matthew chapter 21 gives us a good depiction of motives. At first, I couldn't understand why Jesus would curse a poor tree just because it only had leaves on it. But then I saw that He knew whenever a fig tree bears leaves, it means there is fruit

under them. Jesus was hungry and that fig tree was giving the wrong message!

Sometimes, in the midst of what we're doing, we need to stop and think about why we're doing it. Is it to be seen...to impress somebody...for the accolades...or is it because we really care?

Get a Check-up

We need to be sure we are doing what we do as unto the Lord and not for any other purpose. People in this world are spiritually hungry. And as Christians, it's not enough for us to go around displaying our "leaves," things that make us look like believers. We must bear "fruit" under those leaves. What is our fruit? It's love...loving people, helping them, giving; not only our money, but our time, our efforts and ourselves. People need to see love in action.

Having a heart that's right with God is absolutely the best thing we can do for ourselves. That's why I encourage you to do a spiritual heart "check-up" on a regular basis...have a meeting with yourself...and be honest with yourself about your motives.

Work with the Holy Spirit and He will help you keep your heart pure and in good condition so you can show others His love in everything you do.

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.

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lead me by the right road, though I
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in the shadow of death.
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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. As found in Exodus 4:6-7,
what ailment/disease was Moses
healed from?

Slurred speech, Leprosy, Roaring
fever, Multiple seizures

3. From Exodus 28, who was the
first person given priestly robes
to wear?

Aaron, Abraham, Adam, Abel

4. From Deuteronomy 33, to
whom did Moses give a blessing?
Micah, Children of Israel, Joshua,
Ruth

5. What did the people of Lystra
call Barnabas?

Pluto, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars

6. Whose two sisters were Mary
and Martha?

Andrew, David, Thomas, Lazarus



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Leprosy;
3) Aaron; 4) Children of Israel;
5) Jupiter; 6) Lazarus

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



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*...Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me,
you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him
a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription
is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."
And He said to them, "Render therefore
to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's."*

MATTHEW 22:18-21



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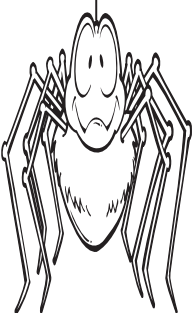
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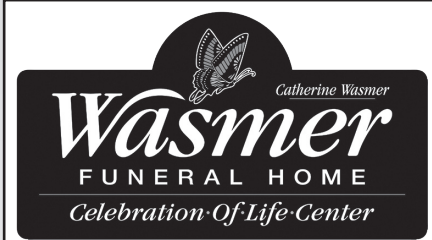


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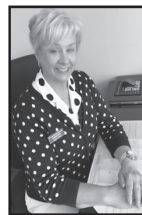
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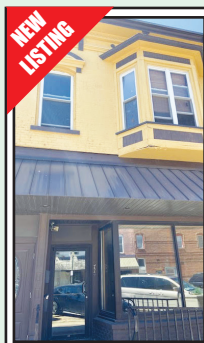
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