

Churches keep congregations connected through technology

Local pastors adapt to “Stay at Home” order by finding new ways to worship

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – Resilience can be described as the ability to roll with the punches even in the midst of great adversity and to find a way to keep functioning despite the stress one is feeling.

When Illinois residents were ordered to stay at home temporarily due to the spread of COVID-19 two weeks ago, their way of life was transformed in ways most people never imagined and managing that stress was put to the test. In Mendota, and throughout the state, resiliency has not only been displayed by schools, businesses and individuals, but also by churches.

With churches unable to hold in-person services during this time, many local pastors quickly began embracing technology to help church members keep a safe distance while still connecting with each other. Rev. Susan Presley, pastor of Mendota First Presbyterian Church, has live streamed Sunday worship for the past two weeks and was pleasantly surprised with the outcome. “We usually have 30-60 people attend church, and the first week we had over 350 on live stream,” she said. “We’re really excited about the possibility of technology.”

For the second week of their live stream service,

First Presbyterian was able to add music performed by pianist Peggy Etheridge and soloist Jeni Roether. “They were great,” Presley said. “We did get the music part of it down pretty well. There’s still a learning curve, but by the time this is over we’ll all be pros!”

Although many church members are older and may have been afraid to embrace technology, that is changing. In addition to live streaming their Sunday service, First Presbyterian is holding prayer meetings on Zoom, which Presley said is very easy to use. “You can use it on your phone, iPad or computer or you can just call in and not have video,” she explained. “Except for one person, all those taking part in the first prayer meeting were over 60 and they thought it was wonderful to ‘meet’ and because of technology we were able to do that.”

Presley noted that two of the ladies who live in a nursing home were especially grateful to “see” everyone because they are not able to leave their residence at all. “We’re having to learn new things,” Presley said. “It’s not perfect and we’re working out the kinks, but this offers possibilities for us now and into the future. It’s time we kicked it up a notch and be willing to do things a little differently.”

For now, that means wor-



If you have to go out – for groceries, to pick up prescriptions, to walk the dog, whatever – stop by First Presbyterian Church at 1003 Fifth St., Mendota (north side, by Micropantry) and pick up a ribbon of hope. Each ribbon has a tag with an encouraging message on it to hopefully give a boost to your day. (Photo contributed)

shipping differently. “I’m sending out a lot of e-mails to church members, giving them news and updates on what’s happening and I think they appreciate that,” Presley said.

As for Easter and Holy Week, in-person gatherings

for worship or other activities are unlikely. “One pastor suggested that when things are ‘back to normal’ again, we will celebrate Easter at that time,” Presley noted.

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State gives guidance on mortgage payments, student loan debt, banking

By JERRY NOWICKI
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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation issued guidance for lenders and borrowers March 30 regarding debt collection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Evictions are suspended for homes and rental units in Illinois per an executive order by Gov. JB Pritzker, and IDFP is urging all mortgage servicers to defer payments for 90 days for those suffering hardship as a result of the pandemic.

The department also highlighted a recent executive order suspending repossession of vehicles during the duration of a disaster declaration for COVID-19.

The Illinois Attorney General’s office is fielding complaints about unfair business practices at <https://ccforms.submission.ilattorneygeneral.net/>, while more information on banking complaints can be found at IDFP’s website at <https://www.idfpr.com/admin/banks/DoBcomplaints.asp>.

For questions or complaints about licensed consumer lenders, Illinoisans can visit <http://www.idfpr.com/DFI/DFIComplaintForm.asp>.

Mortgage and Rent

Foreclosure sales and evictions have been suspended for single family and multifamily home loans financed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the department noted some may be eligible for forbearance or reduction of mortgage payments for up to 12 months.

Evictions and foreclosures are also suspended for 60 days on Federal Housing Authority single-family home loans and reverse mortgages for seniors.

Per IDFP, affected homeowners or renters should contact their landlord and mortgage servicer immediately to learn about mortgage relief programs. Certified housing counselors through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be found at www.HUD.gov.

The department also urges renters to contact legal assistance agencies, and they urged visiting <https://www.carpls.org/client-services/> for free legal advice.

Veterans with questions about mortgage options can call the St. Paul VA Regional Office at 1-877-827-3702; the Illinois Attorney General’s Mortgage Helpline is available at 1-866-544-7151; and IDFP can be called at 1-888-473-4858.

Student Loans

Interest rates on federal student loans held by the U.S. Department of Education have been reduced to 0 percent until Sept. 30, and repayment on those loans is suspended until the same date. Involuntary collection on federal student loans, including wage garnishments and offsets, will be suspended until that date as well. Credit reporting will take place as if the borrower were making timely payments.

Borrowers can find out if a loan is a federal student loan by visiting the Department of Education’s National Student Loan Data System at <https://studentaid.gov/> or by calling 1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-730-8913 (TTD).

Borrowers are urged to contact their student loan servicer as quickly as possible if they are having trouble making payments. Those having trouble with their student loan servicers are encouraged to call the IDFP Division of Banking at 217-785-2900 or the Attorney General’s Student Loan Helpline at 1-800-455-2456.

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OSF HealthCare limiting & screening visitors

MENDOTA – To protect the health and safety of patients, visitors, and employees, OSF HealthCare facilities in Mendota, Ottawa, and Streator will implement a strict NO VISITOR policy effective March 31, 2020, with a few exceptions:

- One visitor will be allowed if deemed neces-

sary for the provision of medical care

- One visitor will be allowed for pediatric patients
- One visitor will be allowed for childbirth
- Exceptions will be made for end-of-life situations

Also, all people entering the hospital will be screened for signs of respiratory

illness. Walk-in (non-scheduled) testing after 4 p.m. will not be allowed entry, so please plan accordingly. OSF PromptCare services remain unchanged at this time.

“Quality and safety is our number one priority,” said OSF Saint Elizabeth President Ken Beutke and OSF Saint Paul President

Dawn Trompeter. “We feel these safety measures are aligned with our Mission and the CDC recommendations, and we thank our communities for their understanding.”

If you have questions about coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the OSF HealthCare website.

LaSalle Co. has one new virus case; first two have recovered

OTTAWA – LaSalle County Health Department (LCDH) has confirmed an additional COVID-19 case in LaSalle County. The case is a male in his 60s. The individual was hospitalized, but is now home in isolation. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any additional information regarding this case. Public health officials are working actively to identify and investigate all individuals who were in contact with the case. No further information regarding the investigation is available at this time.

The county’s first two cases announced in mid-March, a female in her teens and a man in his 40s, have recovered and have been released

from isolation. In addition, all close contacts with these two cases who had been placed under a quarantine order by LaSalle County Health Department have also been released.

The Health Department expects to see additional cases and residents need to assume that they have been exposed to COVID-19. Every single LaSalle County resident can help by staying home, limiting the number of people you are in contact with, maintaining a 6-foot distance from others, and washing your hands. If someone develops symptoms of cough and fever, they should stay home and isolate themselves from others. Should symptoms worsen, they should contact their

healthcare providers immediately.

On Saturday, March 21, Governor Pritzker’s “Stay at Home Executive Order” went into effect until April 7. The order prohibits things like visiting the homes of friends and holding gatherings of any size. The order closes all non-essential establishments, including most retail, recreation, and entertainment businesses. It does not prohibit essential activities like going to the grocery store, taking your pet for a walk, or receiving medical care. Be mindful of those who are at a greater risk for contracting this virus, including older adults and those with certain health conditions. All of these measures will

help reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time and the possibility of exhausting the health care resources. Stay home and stay healthy.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the evolving situation.

Get the latest guidance for school, employers and community preparedness by visiting Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities or by visiting the Health Department’s website at www.lasallecounty.org. For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

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LOCAL AND AREA

MHS's E-Guidance Initiative available to students & parents

MENDOTA - The Mendota High School counselors' COVID-19 "e-Learning" student outreach efforts that have gained local, state, national, and international attention have been made available online to all.

To empower students' career development during the current school closings, to promote equal access, and to broaden rural students' awareness of colleges and universities, Mendota High School counselors implemented a "CyberGuidance" initiative, both creating and drawing students' attention to multiple web-based resources.

One of the most popular and useful, which garnered several thousand unique user visits in a matter of days, is a dynamic College and University CyberGuidance outreach document complete with customized information, contact information, links to virtual campus tours, and more.

Mendota High School Director of Guidance and Counseling Mitch Landgraf noted, "Our College CyberGuidance form has taken off like wildfire, gaining the participation of state, regional, national, and even international institutions of higher learning, and getting highly-positive feedback from the state and national admissions organizations with which we have partnered in this effort. There are also other great college resources out there specifically during this time, including a national database of COVID19-related changes and extensions made to admission, housing, financial aid, and other deadlines and processes, as well as an increase in opportunities for virtual campus tours, virtual registration appointments, and more. As such, we created a single starting point document that has direct links to it all, including the College CyberGuidance document. More colleges and universities are adding their information daily, including many of the very top schools in the nation."

Due to strong local, state and national interest from students, parents, teachers and school counselors, and as an extension of Mendota High School's "Pulleing" program for student-to-student kindness, this free resource has been made public and shared regionally, nationally and with high school counselors around the state, who have notified MHS that they are using the resource to provide career guidance services to their students at home during this time as well.

All Mendota area students and parents are welcome and encouraged to utilize these resources at:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wEolmi_efv7hr-Bho9g7ANT8uo6nKrRbSfh3PZKRnMum or by navigating to www.mendotahs.org and scrolling down to the "College CyberGuidance" link near the image of a road sign saying "College - Just Ahead."

"The colleges will be easily able to update their information, so this will serve as a dynamic college and career-development resource and connection tool for MHS students for many years to come," Landgraf added.



Social Security benefits will be paid on time

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, reminds the public that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency also reminds everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the Treasury.

"Social Security will pay monthly benefits on time and these payments will not be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," Commissioner Saul said. "I want our beneficiaries to be aware that scammers may try to trick you into

thinking the pandemic is stopping or somehow changing your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Don't be fooled."

The Department of the Treasury will soon provide information about economic impact payments under the recently enacted law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. Treasury, not Social Security, will be making direct payments to eligible people. Please do not call Social Security about these payments as the agency does not have information to share.

The agency continues to direct the public to its online self-service options whenever possible. Local offices are closed to the public but are available



by phone. People can find their local field office phone number by accessing the Field Office Locator.

To allow available agents to provide better phone coverage, the agency temporarily changed the National 800 number

hours on March 31. The hours went from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time to 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time. The agency is experiencing longer than normal wait times on the 800 number and asks the public to remain patient, use its online services at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call their local office.

Please visit the agency's COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/ for important information and updates.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Waido graduates from Palmer College of Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Michael Waido of Mendota graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main campus in Davenport, Iowa on Feb. 28.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, San Jose, Calif. and Port Orange, Fla.

Lockard receives nursing scholarship

DANVILLE - Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville and Charleston has announced numerous scholarship awards for the spring 2020 semester. Among

the recipients is Delaney Lockard of Mendota, who received the Charline Grygiel Memorial Scholarship. Lockard attends Lakeview's Charleston Campus.

Lakeview College of Nursing Scholarships are made possible by generous donations to the College's scholarship endowment fund. Scholarships are awarded based upon criteria established by the donor as well as the financial need and/or academic merit of each applicant.

Lakeview College of Nursing offers a bachelor of science in nursing degree. It is a single-purpose, private institution that has specialized in nursing education in the Danville area since 1894. Lakeview began offering the program in Charleston in the fall of 2001.

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WWW.MENDOTAREPORTER.COM

New guidelines issued for trash pick-up in Mendota

MENDOTA - Republic Services has issued the following notice regarding recycling and waste service.

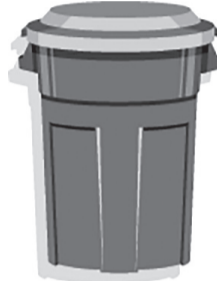
"We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation to make sure we're doing the right thing for the health and safety of our employees, our customers and the communities we serve. Our number one priority is safety, and that is at the forefront of every decision we make."

We provide an essential service to the country, and like the police and fire departments, it's our duty to help protect and serve the public, especially in times like these. While we are working hard to ensure the highest quality customer service and minimal service disruption, the recent surge in residential waste and unique challenges we face requires us to temporarily modify our service offerings to keep your community clean and safe.

Until further notice we will be operating under the following guidelines:

- We will accept cart contents only. Drivers will not be authorized to leave their vehicle to pick up waste outside of the cart.
- For customers who do not have carted service, we will accept waste placed in bags only. Bags cannot exceed 50 pounds.
- Yard waste and bulk waste programs will be suspended.
- We may need to use alternative disposal methods if there are disruptions to recycling processing capabilities or if recycling contamination increases. It's important to keep waste out of your recycling container.

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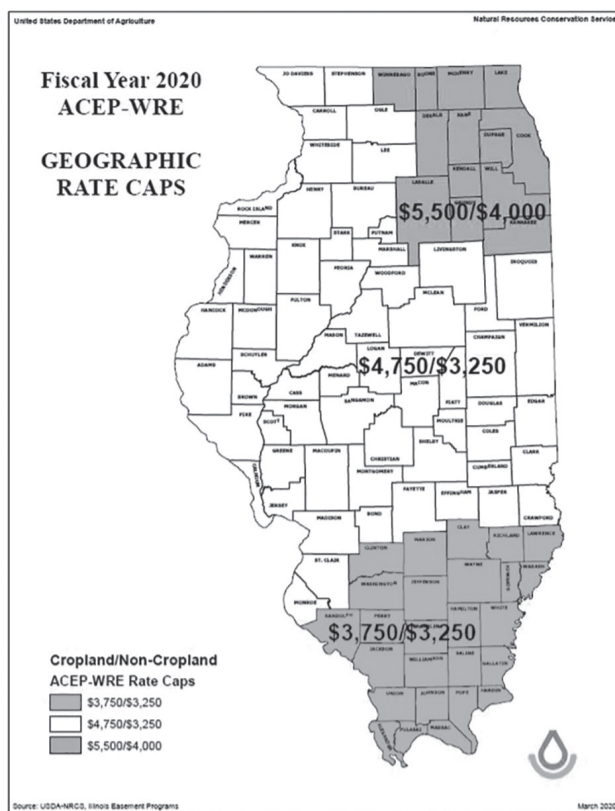
Landowners may enroll in ACEP to help wetlands

CHAMPAIGN – Nationally, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest \$5.4 million in Illinois this year through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) to help private landowners, restore and protect critical wetlands. NRCS is announcing the opportunity for landowners to enroll in the program and releasing information on the Illinois Geographic Area Rate Caps for 2020 Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE).

"For nearly three decades, NRCS has worked with landowners in Illinois to protect their wetlands," said Ivan Dozier, NRCS state conservationist in Illinois. "Conservation easements are important tools for people trying to improve soil health, water and air quality and enhance wildlife habitat on their land."

ACEP provides assistance to landowners helping conserve, restore and protect wetlands. NRCS accepts ACEP applications year-round, but applications are ranked and funded by enrollment period. The next 2020 application cut-off for Illinois ACEP Wetland Reserve Easements applications is April 13.

Through ACEP Wetland Reserve Easements, NRCS



The 2020 Geographic Rate Caps for land submitted to conservation easements through USDA-NRCS's Wetland Reserve Easements. (NRCS Photo)

helps landowners restore, enhance, and protect wetland ecosystems. NRCS and the landowner work together to develop a plan for restoration work and maintenance of the easement.

Assistant State Conservationist for Easements, Paula Hingson, explained, "Seventy-five percent of

the nation's wetlands are situated on private lands. Wetlands provide many benefits, including critical habitat for a wide array of wildlife species. They also store floodwaters, clean and recharge groundwater, sequester carbon, trap sediment and filter pollutants for clean water."

Wetland conservation easements are permanent, or they can be established for 30 years or the maximum extent allowed by state law. Eligible lands include:

- Farmed or converted wetlands that can successfully be restored;
- Croplands or grasslands subject to flooding; and
- Riparian areas that link protected wetland areas.

2020 Geographic Area Rate Caps (GARC) for WRE

Dozier announced that the Geographic Area Rate Caps (GARC) for 2020 remain the same as those used for 2019 for use in the WRE program. These GARC values inform landowners of the dollars they will receive per acre for a Wetland Reserve Easement. The GARC Values distinguish cropland from non-cropland and range from \$3,250 to \$5,500 per acre.

See the map at left to determine rates by Illinois county or visit the Illinois NRCS website at:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/cmis_proxy/https://ecm.nrcs.usda.gov/%3a443/fncmis/resources/WEBP/ContentStream/id_d_50670971-0000-CC1D-8A94-9ED8E14E443B/0/GARC2020_IL+NRCS.pdf.

Stage 212 postpones productions

LASALLE - Stage 212 is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for patrons, staff, volunteers and anyone else who visits the theater. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Stage 212 has announced the postponement of two separate events.

The first production of the "212 Sings" benefit concert series, "Cocktails & Classics: Swingin' to the Golden Oldies!" has been postponed from the original March 14 and 15 dates to Sept. 12 and 13.

Tickets that were purchased for the March 14 performance will be transferred automatically to Sept. 12. Tickets purchased for March 15 will be transferred to Sept. 13. Patrons having any conflicts with the change should contact the box office by phone at (815) 224-3025 or e-mail stage212box@gmail.com for other options.

The spring production, "Farce of Nature," previously scheduled for April 17-19 and 23-26 has been rescheduled for Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 1-4. Tickets for this Southern-fried farce are \$15 each and will be available to "Angels" on Aug. 31, season ticket holders on Sept. 7, and the general public on Sept. 14.

For more information and further updates, visit stage212.org.

Casting call for "Kiss Me, Kate!"

◆ Auditions rescheduled to May 1-2 at Stage 212

LA SALLE -Previously announced auditions for Stage 212's summer 2020 production, "Kiss Me, Kate," have been postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Try-outs will now take place on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at Stage 212, 700 First St., La Salle.

To avoid having large groups of people in the building at the same time, auditions will be conducted on a scheduled basis. A sign-

up sheet will be posted at stage212.org, along with any further audition news.

Director Reid Tomasson will cast 20 men and women in a variety of lead, supporting and ensemble roles for this Tony Award-winning Cole Porter musical. Those auditioning should come prepared to sing a musical theater selection 30 seconds to one minute in length. Au-

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CARL'S QUIZ

How many questions were on the first U.S. Census in 1890?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The "seven sleepers" are the mammals that hibernate in winter: raccoons, chipmunks, skunks, bears, bats, woodchucks and jumping mice. Raccoons and skunks aren't true hibernators, though. They wake up and wander around if the weather gets warm. But if any of the others are out for a stroll, assume spring has arrived.

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

IVCH accepting masks and PPE donations

PERU - Illinois Valley Community Hospital is working diligently to prepare for the possibility of treating a high number of COVID-19 patients. This includes making sure we have enough supplies on hand to meet the demand.

While there is a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) across the country and ALL hospitals are conserving supplies, IVCH would like to assure you that masks and other

necessary PPE items (gloves, gowns, eye cover, etc.) are available and are being worn by hospital and clinic staff as needed. Our current PPE usage and protocols are based on CDC standard and transmission-based precautions for caring for patients with confirmed or possible COVID-19.

While our mask and PPE supply is stable at this time, we are accepting any and all PPE items from businesses and members of the commu-

nity who would like to make a donation.

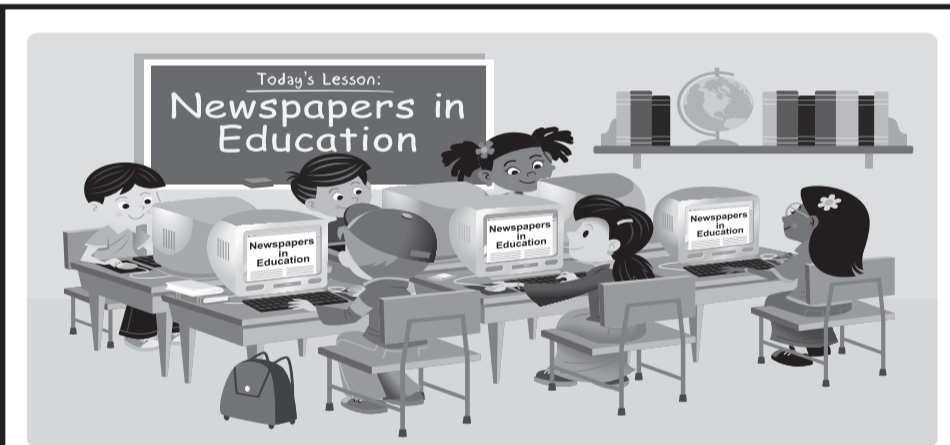
Below is a list of items that will be accepted:

- Nitrile or vinyl gloves (all sizes)
- Facemasks (N95-rated, procedure or surgical)
- Clear, hard plastic safety eyewear
- Plastic gowns
- Hair bouffant/cover
- Shoe/foot cover
- Eye shields
- Brown paper lunch bags (all sizes)

- Alcohol wipes
 - Bleach (unopened)
- PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, they cannot accept/utilize homemade cloth masks.

Donations can be dropped off at the IVCH receiving dock at the hospital, which is accessible from Plum Street on the southeast side of the hospital main campus. Please follow signs to Receiving and leave the donation outside the large overhead door.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Dorothy W. Wieman

MENDOTA - Dorothy W. Wieman, 94, of Mendota passed away March 28, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday April 2 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. A funeral service will be held at later date at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Dorothy was born Dec. 12, 1925 in Mendota to William and Anna (Schneider) Klein. She married Carl E. Wieman on March 31, 1948 in Geneva. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Wieman of Mendota; two sisters, Bertha Sondgeroth and Mary McCauley, both of Mendota; one brother, Harold (Shirley) Klein of Spring Valley; several nieces, nephews and cousins and family friend, Kim Baird.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant baby girl, two sisters and six brothers.

Over the years Dorothy did seasonal work for Del Monte, waitressed at Kurt's Club in Mendota and Curl-Inn in Triumph, and worked for 13 years at Wayside Press. She also helped her husband Carl with some of the farming. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota, was a lifetime member of the Mendota Hospital Auxiliary and volunteered in the hospital gift shop.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Seniors Services, St. John's Lutheran Church or the Mendota Food Pantry.

Terrence M. Dobberstein

BEREA, Ohio - Terrence "Terry" Michael Dobberstein, 67, of Ohio died March 8, 2020.

A Mass and gathering to celebrate life will be held at a later date.

Terry was born July 26, 1952 to Clarence and Dorothy Dobberstein.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Trina; two children, Kate and Ben (Sarah); his siblings, Janet (Edward) Stewart, Lois (David) Young, Steve Dobberstein, Mark (Doreen) Dobberstein and Rita (Scott) Lipka; and two grandchildren, Maddax and Isley, who lovingly called him "Pops."

He was preceded in death by one son, Max and his parents.

Terry's natural disposition was always happy and calm and he cared about every person he met. In the words of a special friend, "those big hands of his reached far."

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent at <http://www.bakerfuneralberea.com>.



Mildred B. Ulmer

MENDOTA - Mildred B. Ulmer, 94, of Mendota passed away March 24, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private family memorial service will take place at a later date.

Mildred was born Aug. 14, 1925 in Nashville Township, Minnesota to Clarence and Lura (Smith) Canon. She married Albert Ulmer on March 22, 1958. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 2008.

Survivors include one son, Peter (Donna) Ulmer-Canon of Santa Fe, N.M.; four daughters, Kristene Wilson of West Chester, Ohio, Rebecca (Milt) Olson of Mendota, Ann (Alan) Kok of Beulah, N.D. and Amy Ulmer of Lacrosse, Wis.; 10 grandchildren, Kathi, Matt, Mitch, Kara, Andrew, Amber, Brandon, Ryan, Kali and Lani; 12 great-grandchildren, Amanda, Jessi, Trevor, Alex, Chloe, Zain, Annika, Wyatt, Hannah, Brecken, Hailey and Koa; one sister, Gloria (Richard) Fish of Harlingen, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son-in-law, Phillip Wilson on Dec. 30, 2012; two sisters, Margaret Swenson and Corrine Canon; and one brother, Neal Canon.

Mildred was a 1943 graduate of Truman High School in Truman, Minn. She attended medical technology school in Minneapolis, graduating in 1955. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis for a number of years. She was of the Methodist faith.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services (M.A.S.S.).

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Joanne P. Ferguson

PERU - Joanne P. Ferguson, 76, of Peru, passed away March 24, 2020 at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31 at Oakwood Memorial Park, Ottawa with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Joanne was born March 14, 1944 in Mendota to Estel and Elsie (Stahl) Fenwick.

Survivors include one daughter, Kelly (Jim) Irvin of Peru; two sons, Chad Summers of Addison and Dale (Vicky) Summers of Plainfield; four stepchildren, Sandy Ferguson, Tim Ferguson, Pete Ferguson and Scott Ferguson; three sisters, Mary Ellen Rider of Grand Forks, N.D., Carroll Rogers of Ottawa and Lynn (Ray) Rebeck of Cape Coral, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Ryan Summers, Katrina Summers Irvin and Conner Irvin.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Joanne was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ottawa. She worked for Libbey-Owens Glass Plant in Ottawa for over 20 years. She also worked for Mitsubishi Motors Manufacturing Plant in Normal before retiring. She enjoyed playing tennis and loved watching wrestling and basketball along with other sports.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice or the family via the funeral home.

OSF HealthCare seeking monetary donations to help fight COVID-19 pandemic

PEORIA - OSF HealthCare has launched a Pandemic Response Fundraising campaign to ensure it is successful in the fight against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. OSF has taken unprecedented measures to respond to the outbreak, including the launch of digital solutions that can educate and screen individuals for the virus at home.

"We know it's going to take a team effort to ensure that we have every resource available for our communities to stay ahead of COVID-19," said Bob Sehring, Chief Executive Officer, OSF HealthCare. "Together we can face this virus with innovation, courage and faith - knowing The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis are praying daily for every one of us."

OSF HealthCare is using the power of crowdsourcing to fund current and innovative models of care. The goal is to be able to respond to those who are suffering from the virus while still maintaining the ability to care for those coming into the organization's health care facilities with other serious conditions. OSF HealthCare also wants to keep members of the care team safe so they can continue providing care.

"There are many people out there asking how they can help during this difficult time," said Tom Hammerton, President, OSF HealthCare

Foundation. "We wanted to give them an easy way to make a difference for those we serve and our Mission Partners bravely working each day against the virus."

The Pandemic Response Fundraising campaign offers the public three projects they can fund:

- Pandemic Digital Response Hub: Supports a multi-pronged effort using digital and mobile technology to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This includes the ability to treat patients in their homes with the same level of care and expertise they would get in a more traditional hospital setting.

- Pandemic Health Workers (PHWs): Support deploying PHWs outside the wall of OSF HealthCare to care for individuals in their own homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes specialized training, the purchase of mobile health equipment and transportation.

- Crisis Support: Provides general relief directly to OSF HealthCare Mission Partner (employees) who are on the front lines and continue to face novel coronavirus (COVID-19) daily. This includes child-care assistance and securing more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

People can access the OSF HealthCare Pandemic Response Fundraising page at <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/innovation/funding/>.

IVCH

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Please continue to check the IVCH website for accurate information and for quick links to the Centers for Disease (CDC) website. You can call the IVCH COVID-19 hotline at (815)

780-3425 and talk to a nurse from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily.

The most important thing the community can do is make sure you are following the State of Illinois' stay at home order. IVCH is very appreciative of everyone's cooperation and support.

Luis S. Gonzalez

MENDOTA - Luis S. Gonzalez, 58, went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 25, 2020 with his daughter by his side, at OSF St. Francis in Peoria.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on March 28 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Hector Valle officiating.

Luis was born June 21, 1961 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Alonzo and Ignacia (Gazpar) Gonzalez. He married Martha Garcia in Brownsville, Texas in 1976. She preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 2019.

Survivors include one daughter, M. Eleni (Noe) Ocampo of Mendota; five grandchildren; two brothers, Alonzo (Olga) Gonzalez of Seattle, Wash. and Cayetano Gonzalez of El Paso, Texas; and one sister, Hermila (Antonio) Castro of Sandwich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, four sisters and two brothers.

During his work career, Luis was a forklift driver for Del Monte Foods in Mendota. He was a member of Faith Assembly of God in Peru.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



New look
Sullivan's Foods in Mendota got a new look last week with the installation of a new sign. (Reporter photo)

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Casting

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Churches

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All of First Presbyterian's Sunday services are available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpcmendota/. "Right now, I'm just so grateful for technology," Presley added. "If we didn't have that, this would be so much worse."

Rev. Mary Bohall, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Mendota, is also using technology to keep her congregation connected. Bohall posts daily content on Facebook, a daytime video for adults and a bedtime story for kids in the evening. They also have a virtual service on Sunday morning on Facebook and YouTube (Mendota First United Methodist).

Bohall said she is not sure how many people are watching, because the statistics on Facebook are inflated. "But I've gotten messages on Facebook from people who thanked me and some have sent pictures of their kids participating in the bedtime story," she noted. "This is all brand new for us, we have never done this before."

Because not everyone at First UMC has internet service, they also send printed copies of sermons by mail. In addition, the church sends cards and makes phone calls to help people stay connected. "I found that people who don't come to church regularly are now engaging with this format," Bohall said of the online services. "So, we may see some new faces at church once this is over."

Bohall acknowledged that there is some anxiety among people she has talked to, but she also found that people are checking on each other, even though it is not face to face.

The First UMC office is closed for now, but Bohall can be contacted via Facebook message, by e-mail at rev.marybohall@gmail.com or by phoning her at (815) 718-2191.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota is holding virtual Sunday worship on Zoom. St. John's posted on Facebook: "The first week was well-attended with nearly 60 users logged in. Despite a few technical glitches, it went very well and we found it to be a great way for our St. John's family to stay connected. Hope to see you all next Sunday!" Instructions for viewing the service on a computer, tablet or smart phone or to participate by phone (no video) are posted on their website at stjohnsmendota.org.

Victory Baptist Church in Mendota livestreams their Sunday service at www.facebook.com/vbcmendota/. Sermons are also posted on their website vbcmendota.com.

Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota suggests viewing a Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. on WGN-TV Chicago or on EWTN television and radio, <https://www.ewtn.com/>.

Diocese of Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., issued a letter on March 23 stating that "the suspension of public worship will continue through Easter Sunday." Beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter Sunday, these events will be streamed live through the diocesan website at www.cdop.org. A specific schedule will be announced later.

The Bishop continued, "It won't be the same as being together in person but it enables us to be united in ways that the current times make possible. I ask your prayers for me and for your priests. Please know that I am holding you close to my heart and I am praying for you daily."



Mayor declares a state of emergency for City of Mendota

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council held a special meeting on March 31 and the council reauthorized an ordinance giving the mayor the authority to declare a state of emergency. Upon that authorization, Mayor David Boelk declared that a Local State of Emergency exists on March 30, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance 03-16-20, which was approved at the March

16 council meeting.

As a result of this declaration and during its term, Mayor Boelk may exercise all powers necessary to respond to COVID-19 and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, including without limitation, the following activities: activate the city's emergency operations plan; suspend provisions of any regulatory ordinance or law prescribing procedures for

conduct of city business, or the orders, rules and regulations of any city department, if strict compliance with provisions of any ordinance, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; recommend or direct in-place sheltering or quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

exercise any other power not inconsistent with the State and Federal law to respond to and contain COVID-19.

Further, all meetings of the City Council and its committees of the city of presently scheduled during the length of this declaration are hereby cancelled.

This declaration shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until April 14, 2020 or until the adjournment

of the next regular or special meeting of the city council, whichever comes first, unless sooner terminated by a proclamation of the mayor, or, his or her interim emergency successor, indicating that the civil emergency no longer exists. The mayor or his or her interim successor, shall have the power to re-proclaim the existence of an emergency at the end of each 15-day period during this time said emergency exists.

State, national unemployment spikes amid COVID-19 outbreak

By PETER HANCOCK
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — More than 114,000 workers in Illinois filed first-time unemployment claims in the week ending March 21 as the United States saw its biggest one-week spike in recorded history. 3.2 million workers filing for benefits.

The U.S. Department of Labor said the seasonally-adjusted number was due entirely to the COVID-19 outbreak, which has forced bars and restaurants to close, halted public gatherings and severely restricted travel across the country. The department said economists typically expect to see a decline in new jobless claims during the third week of March.

The previous national record of 695,000 initial claims in one week was set in October 1982.

The total number of new claims in Illinois ending March 21 was 114,663, a 950-percent jump over the previous week and a 1,338-percent increase over the same week last year when there were only 7,933 new unemployment claims.

Total claims for the month of March in Illinois now stand at 133,763, nearly five times as high as the same point in March 2019 when it stood at 27,493.

According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, new jobless claims were already beginning to climb before the third week in March. There were 10,870 new claims in the week ending March 14, a 25-percent increase over the week before.

The sudden and historic spike followed two executive orders by Gov. JB Pritzker severely restricting social and economic activity. On Sunday, March 15, he ordered all public and private K-12 schools to close. Then

on Monday, March 16, he ordered bars and restaurants to close for consumption on their premises and banned public gatherings of 50 or more people.

On Friday, March 20, he issued a sweeping stay-at-home order banning virtually all public gatherings and directing people to keep a distance of six feet between themselves and anyone else while out of their homes. It took effect the following day.

The school closures and stay-at-home orders are currently scheduled to extend through April 7, but they could be extended depending on how widespread the virus still is at that point.

Dan Black, who teaches economics at the University of Chicago, called the current economic condition "unprecedented" and said in an interview that the ripple effects may be felt for a long time to come.

"I've seen people who are panicking and saying, 'oh, is it going to be a recession? This is going to be the next depression.' I've seen other people who kind of poopoo the idea, but the truth is, we don't know because we've never seen anything like this," he said.

"You know, part of that is going to depend upon how long it's necessary for us to keep the economy shut down," he said. "Obviously, if you're a business and you're paying rent, if nothing else, and you're not taking in any money, that tends to go through your cash reserves pretty quickly. And so the fear would be a lot of these businesses that are not operating right now might cease to exist or may go bankrupt, simply because they've run out of cash reserves."

The Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago issued a report warning that the spike in unemployment could also hinder the housing market.

"Many unemployed mortgage borrowers will likely still find themselves with positive equity in their houses, depending on the course of house prices," the report stated. "But the risk that they will remain unemployed for an indefinite period will undoubtedly limit their ability to borrow against that home equity. Moreover, mortgage originators are likely to focus their capacity instead on the large volume of still-employed borrowers seeking to benefit from the drop in long-term interest rates."

Meanwhile, the Pritzker administration has already taken steps to extend unemployment benefits to those who are temporarily out of work due to the pandemic and has launched programs to extend low-interest loans and grants to small businesses affected by the disaster. He has also temporarily halted all residential evictions in Illinois.

Also, the federal government passed a \$2 trillion recovery package that will deliver direct financial aid to nearly all citizens as well as financial help for businesses and state and local governments.

But Black said there are many people, including small business owners, who won't qualify for unemployment because they are not "employees" of someone else, and he said he wasn't sure whether the measures being taken will be sufficient to meet the crisis.

"The problem is, you always have this disconnect between who's having to pay the real price for these activities—which are saving a lot of lives, I'm certainly not going to say we shouldn't be doing this," he said. "But it's going to place a burden on a set of people and, whether those people are going to be adequately compensated by the stimulus package. It's

very difficult to say.

"I think people are rightfully concerned in the Senate about whether or not airlines will be able to survive this crisis," he added. "Their revenues have disappeared largely and that's going to be a big, big problem for them. But it's also a problem for the small business owner who maybe runs a barber shop here in town and needs to be able to cut hair in order to feed himself and his family. How that individual is going to be helped by this stimulus package is kind of opaque at the moment."

News of the unemployment spike came on the same day IDES issued its regular monthly jobs report for February, a report that would have been seen as relatively good news for the state, absent the news about the most recent unemployment claims.

The state's unemployment rate in February stood at a record low of 3.4 percent, one-tenth of a percentage point below January's rate. The rolling three-month average number of jobs from December through February was up by 9,300 compared to the November-January average.

"This administration remains dedicated to providing relief to small businesses and families during this challenging period for the state economy," Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes said in a statement. "As the state navigates this economic uncertainty, the governor will use every tool at the state's disposal to help small businesses and families get the help they need."

Meanwhile, many have reported issues with Illinois' system for filing unemployment claims and Pritzker has noted the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology is working to make a new platform for such claims.

Guidance

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Banks and Credit Union Guidance

In its guidance for banks and credit unions, IDFPR "strongly urges" the entities "respond to borrowers affected by the current economic environment, such as small businesses, hourly workers, and independent contractors," according to a news release.

IDFPR is encouraging all banks and credit unions to offer payment deferment at no cost while eliminating fees such as late payment, ATM usage and overdraft charges, and increasing daily ATM withdrawal and credit card limits.

The department also guides banks and credits unions to: provide new loans on favorable terms; ease restrictions on check cashing; alert customers to the heightened risk of scams; remind customers to contact their financial institutions before entering into unsolicited financial assistance programs; and ensure that consumers don't experience service disruptions should the institutions close their offices.

If a lender closes its doors for health reasons, they must provide notice to IDFPR and provide reasonable ways to ensure borrowers can make payments to avoid delinquency, per the release.

Debt Collection

IDFPR noted that debt collection is not listed as essential businesses under Pritzker's stay-at-home order, although debt collectors may continue to operate remotely.

The department is encouraging debt collectors and debt buyers to work with consumers to accommodate hardships, including by suspending collection activity for at least 60 days.

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Price gouging and rationing

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Recently, I visited seven Springfield stores trying to buy a gallon of milk before finding the last one at a Walgreens.

I visited my favorite supermarket and they were out of toilet paper. And I went to the grocery store near my house and couldn't find an ounce of flour or sugar on the shelves.

Bleach wipes and hand sanitizer are beginning to feel like items available during a bygone era.

Beyond a scarcity of hot dog buns on July 4, Americans aren't accustomed to these types of shortages.

Our free enterprise system is an extraordinarily efficient way of delivering goods and services.

The shortages we are experiencing today are the result of panic buying created when customers began hoarding goods because they fear the coronavirus pandemic will disrupt supplies of these goods.

The best way to combat shortages is to ration goods.

Some stores I shop at post signs limiting how much milk or cleaning supplies a customer can purchase. Unfortunately, such limits can be easily circumvented by making purchases at several stores or having a friend or family member make a separate purchase on your behalf.

Of course, there are more formal ways of rationing goods. Stuck away in my desk drawer I have ration stamps for sugar and gas that my grandmother saved from World War II. To hear her tell it, that rationing scheme didn't work well at all. And people hated the government telling them what they could or could not buy. And 60 years after the war, she was still complaining about how people would cheat.

Of course, the normal way the marketplace "rations" is through price. When demand goes up, prices go up. When demand goes down, prices go down.

When prices are higher people purchase less. When prices are lower people buy more.

And if the things were working the way the usually do, that's exactly what would be happening now.

Instead we have lots of empty shelves.

What went wrong?

One barrier to the marketplace regulating itself is government intervention.

In a prepared statement Attorney General Kwame Raoul said, "Now more than ever, it is crucial to put people before profits, and I will not hesitate to use my office's authority to take decisive action against those that deliberately raise the prices of items that are crucial to stopping the spread of the coronavirus. I am committed to collaborating with partners in law enforcement and retail to ensure that businesses do not seize upon this crisis to make money," Raoul said.

Illinois has weak "price gouging" laws. In fact, only fuel is covered by the state's price gouging statute, Rob Karr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said.

Karr added that price increases often are made by wholesalers supplying retailers. But retailers often are blamed by customers for the price jump.

An executive order filed this month by Gov. J.B. Pritzker further expanded enforcement of price gouging to include medical and sanitary items used in the fight against the coronavirus, said Tori Joseph, a spokesperson for the attorney general. She added the attorney general also can use his civil powers to fine retailers he believes have unfairly increased the prices of other items.

For the time being, his office is calling retailers, whom customers have complained about unfairly raising prices, and asking them to cut prices.

But raising and lowering prices is one of the only ways stores can respond to demand.

One could reasonably argue that stores should have increased prices to reduce demand. For example, a store could charge \$14.75 for an 18-roll-pack of toilet paper. But then increase the price to \$25 for a second pack and \$30 for a third.

Such a pricing scheme would deter people from hoarding valuable supplies.

Or instead of charging \$3.50 for a gallon of milk, a store could temporarily raise the price to \$5 to deter panic buying.

But would such pricing moves be considered "price gouging?" Who knows? The definition is ambiguous. Here is one internet definition: "Price gouging occurs when a seller increases the prices of goods, services or commodities to a level much higher than is considered reasonable or fair. Usually, this event occurs after a demand or supply shock."

What's reasonable? What's fair? There really isn't a precise definition.

"Price gouging" infers that they are deliberately hurting people. I think a better term for this would be "scarcity pricing," said Joe Lehman, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. "Too often sellers are presented as the problem. When hoarders may actually be the cause."

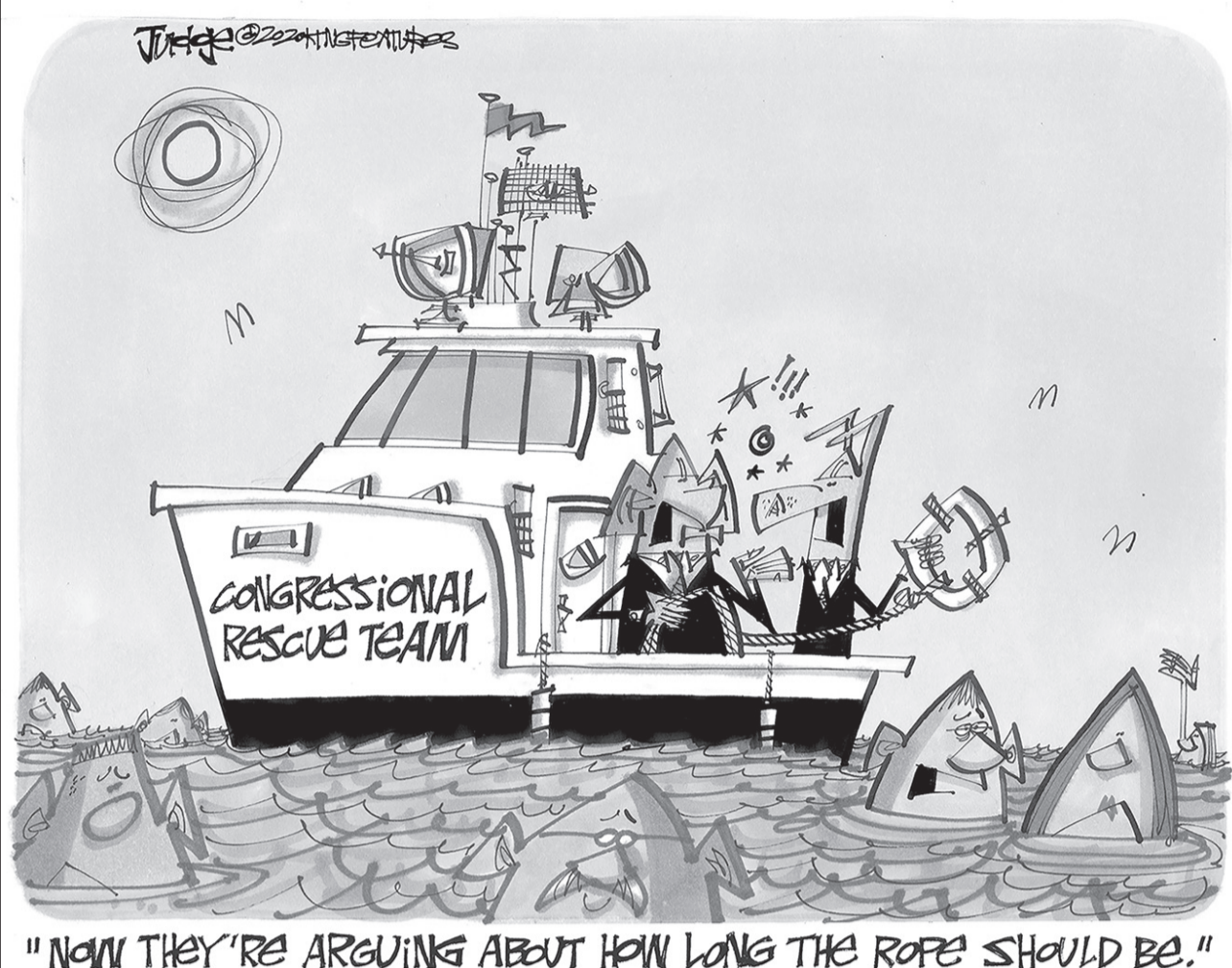
Lehman's remark rang true to me.

But won't temporarily increasing prices during a panic create a hardship for some on the fringes? Perhaps. That's why it's important to have a safety net of churches, food pantries and government services that can step into the gap.

No rationing scheme is perfect.

But one thing is certain, no one is served when stores have empty shelves.

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"Mendota on the Move" Expo – 1986

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from April 3, 1996)

By Jessica Nashold

Ten years ago, on April 5-6, 1986, Mendota held its "first-ever" business exposition – "Mendota on the Move" – sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. It was held in the high school gym. Shirlean Hackman, Chamber executive director, was elated at the outcome.

The big crowd far surpassed our expectations.

The two-day event, with Marge Henkel as chairman, drew an estimated 3,500-3,700 visitors.

On the same two days, three Mendota industries invited the public to view their operations. On April 5, Combined Communications Services and Hart-Carter held an open house. On April 6, Motor Wheel as host to the public.

John Marten, at CCS, said about 600 toured the printing plant. At times as many as five different groups were being conducted simultaneously.

A lot of people did not realize we were this large.

Carl McNair at Hart-Carter remarked that 300-400 people had visited that plant.

This is something we want to do again.

The largest crowd visited Motor Wheel on April 6. Pat Stachlewitz reported "a steady stream of people," estimated at 4,000. The parking lot was full during the five hours the open house was in progress. A line of people waiting to enter the plant extended from the door out to the street. Said Stachlewitz –

We were more than satisfied.

Discussions began concerning a proposed shopping center on a tract of nearly 10 acres bordered by the swimming pool, Pizza Hut and Kakusha Motel. The Plan Commission would conduct a hearing on whether or not to recommend a zoning change from B-3 (service) to B-2 (retail).

Developer Harlan Noddle, president of Noddle Development Co., indicated the center would not be a mall, but rather a series of stores. If the plan went forward –

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Kakusha Motel will be demolished with no plans to build. This land is needed for the shopping center.

The developed was represented at meetings by Mendota attorney Jack Boehm.

A fund drive for Mendota Community Center in the former Kanteen building netted \$4,800, short of its \$6,000 goal. Kent Svendsen was manager.

The Mothers' Board for the center said plans were underway for five activity nights for high school students during April. The students could play ping pong, pool and other games, and listen to the juke box between 8-11 p.m. Admission would be 50 cents and refreshments would be served.

Empty III, a local group, won a talent show at the Community Center with 11 participants in three categories. Empty III was comprised of Matt Tews, bass guitarist; Tim Rebholz, lead guitarist; Tim Rogowski, keyboard; and Tim Van Holten, drummer-vocalist.

To pay part of the deficit in operating Mendota Community Ambulance Service, it was suggested that outlying townships be charged a flat fee to help cover maintenance costs on the ambulance and the building. The fee for serving residents outside the city of Mendota would then be reduced from its current \$175 per call to \$75.

Other cost-cutting measures considered were letting the police department handle dispatches and charging for standing by at events at the speedway and BMX tracks. It was recommended that volunteers be paid 25 cents per hour when on call between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

As a member of Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, Lawrence Rapp of Sublette was painting the library in the

New Life League Museum at San Juan, Texas, when he happened to spot a copy of Mendota's centennial publication, "Magnificent Whistle Stop" on the shelves. No one knew how it came to be there. Rapp acquired it by making a donation to the museum.

The MHS Student Council and Future Nurses of America sponsored a visit to MHS by the Bloodmobile with a quota of 50 units. Fifty-nine units were collected.

The MHS girls' track team won a triangular meet at Princeton on April 9, 1986, with 76 points. Princeton had 58 and Walnut 37.

Mary Stephenitch won the Elks Sweet 18 Roll Off. Janice Wood of Mendota took the trophy at the IV Woman's 600 Bowling Tournament at the Palace Bowl in LaSalle. Her score was 672 with handicap.

Lincoln School received an AAA Chicago Motor Club award for another year free of accidents at crossings guarded by the Lincoln School Safety Patrol.

Lincoln School has gone 40 years without an injury at guarded crossings.

Mendota FFA won a livestock judging competition at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Mendota competed with nine other teams and came in first with 1,086 points. Serena was second and Waterman third.

An open house was held at the Mendota Community Hospital/Sublette Clinic in the Ellice Dinges School.

Tammie Ison was preparing to spend her senior high school year in Germany as a Rotary exchange student. In April, she was waiting to hear what school she would be attending and to be put in touch with the family with whom she would be living. Said Tammie –

I have heard stories of exchange students who did not know their destination until one or two weeks before leaving.

Tammie was looking forward to the experience.

This is not sustainable

By Rich Lowry

Countries have experienced economic depressions before, but not usually as a matter of choice.

The nationwide coronavirus shutdowns over the past three weeks have ground parts of the country to a halt. We have probably never before in our history seen so much economic activity vaporize so quickly -- within days or even hours. The Great Depression and the panics of the 19th century are the only possible analogues.

Goldman Sachs is forecasting a 24% drop in quarterly GDP. Morgan Stanley is anticipating a 30% decline.

These are the top-line numbers of a vastation that will throw millions out of work, stress families and blight personal lives, destroy the dreams of small-business owners and bankrupt industries. This is a tale of human misery, not just of declines in the stock market and in GDP.

The federal government can alleviate some of the damage, but even the biggest, best-designed stimulus bill is no substitute for shuttered storefronts and factories. And how many times can Washington pass \$2 trillion bills?

No, this is not sustainable, nor will people stand for it except as a temporary expedient. President Donald Trump is already expressing impatience with his own guidance against gatherings of more than 10 people for the next 15 days.

If that sentiment is understandable, it'd be foolish to give up on the lockdowns before they have much of a chance to, in the cliché of the hour, flatten the curve.

If the disease had been left unchecked, it would have exacted an enormous price, in lives of the infected, in the breakdown of the hospital system, in the follow-on effects on people ill with conditions that would have gone untreated.

No matter how bad today's lockdowns are, imagine if we decided to undertake them at a time when the U.S. already had a million cases and the health care system was in deep crisis.

Our aim should be to shift from the blunderbuss solution of mass shutdowns to rifle-shot remedies, on the model of what South Korea has done with its widespread testing (although it has much more favorable conditions as a smaller, more cohesive country with an outbreak centered on one church).

We should focus on the production of tests, ventilators, masks and other protective gear on an industrial scale. Whatever the government has to spend or do to get it done should happen -- just as if we were on a wartime footing.

The first priority should obviously be backstopping the hospital system and protecting front-line medical workers. But, as economists Paul Romer and Alan M. Garber argue, we need to widen out from there to create a system of population-wide testing and the distribution of protective gear to workers interacting with the public to protect against the spread, while allowing for ordinary work.

This regimen would depend on innovation -- cheaper, faster tests, etc. -- but that is surely within our power with enough will and resources.

Then, we could begin to return to normal with much less risk, even if vulnerable populations and metropolitan hot spots still require extraordinary precautions.

Whatever path we take will be costly and have its downsides. All we can know with certainty is that the current path is untenable.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Coronavirus Stimulus Guide

How the \$2 trillion CARES Act will assist local residents, businesses



The CARES Act

- \$250 billion to make unemployment insurance available to more categories of workers and to extend the duration of benefits to 39 weeks from the 26 weeks typical in most states. It would also provide an extra \$600 a week for four months.

- \$301 billion in direct payments to households.

- \$349 billion in loans to small businesses, with the amount spent on payroll, rent or utilities converting into grants that don't have to be repaid.

- \$500 billion for loans, loan guarantees or other aid to businesses, states and municipalities—including the possibility that the government will take direct equity stakes in distressed companies. Of the total, \$29 billion is set aside for cargo and passenger airlines, and \$17 billion is for businesses deemed critical to national security, such as Boeing. The remaining \$454 billion would go to backstop losses in lending facilities established or expanded by the Federal Reserve.

- \$32 billion in grants to cover wages at passenger air carriers, cargo air carriers and contractors.

- \$150 billion in direct aid to states, distributed according to population size. A municipality could apply to receive aid directly, reducing the amount available to the rest of the state.

- \$221 billion in a variety of tax benefits for businesses, including allowing businesses to defer payroll taxes, which finance Medicare and Social Security, for the rest of the year. It would also temporarily allow businesses to claim deductions using today's losses against past profits to claim quick refunds for cash infusions.

- \$340 billion in supplemental spending, which includes \$117 billion for hospitals and veterans' care. It also includes \$25 billion mostly for public transit to make up for revenue lost because of dwindling ridership.

Households and Workers

Individual checks

The CARES Act provides for direct payments of \$1,200 to adults and \$500 per child to American households, structured as tax refunds to allow the Internal Revenue Service to distribute the funds quickly.

There is no provision for future direct payments in the event the economic disruption lasts into the later spring. The direct grants are phased out for upper income brackets, starting with \$75,000 of

individual income.

The grants aren't available at all, for example, for individuals without children making more than \$99,000 and married couples without children making more than \$198,000.

Unemployed workers

The CARES Act would extend the duration of jobless benefits to 39 weeks from 26 available in most states, and includes a \$600-a-week increase for the first four months, with the bonus payment avail-

able through July 31.

These benefits would be extended to contract workers, freelancers and other nontraditional workers, who lack benefits in some states. The aim is to replace lost wages as completely as possible.

Freelancers

The CARES Act expands some benefits and grants to independent contractors, such as Uber drivers and freelance film editors, that normally go only to employees or small businesses. For example, it extends unemployment benefits to self-employed

workers, including independent contractors, freelancers and other nontraditional workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed or unable to work because of COVID-19.

It includes a \$600-a-week increase on top of current levels of unemployment benefits for four months. Independent contractors also can apply for the \$10 billion set aside for emergency EIDL—economic injury disaster loan—funds, which are normally available only to a narrower category of small businesses.

Personal Financing and Taxes

Bankruptcy

According to the CARES Act, the law ensures that people who file for bankruptcy don't have to use stimulus checks to repay past debt, and it extends the time that bankrupt people have to repay a portion of their debt as a condition to getting a fresh start. The current repayment time limit is five years; the bill extends the repayment time frame to seven years.

bearance of up to 360 days to borrowers who say they have been harmed by the coronavirus outbreak. Servicers are prohibited from initiating foreclosure and processing foreclosure-related evictions for 60 days beginning March 18. Owners of multifamily properties can request a forbearance of up to 90 days, during which tenants cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent or other fees.

Retirement

According to the CARES Act, the law temporarily loosens the rules on hardship distributions from retirement accounts, giving people affected by the crisis access to up to \$100,000 of their retirement savings without a 10 percent penalty. The law doubles the amount 401(k) participants can take in loans from an account for the next six months to the lower of \$100,000 or 100 percent of the account balance. (IRAs don't permit loans.)

For retirees, the law suspends for 2020 the mandatory distributions the government requires most



to take from tax-deferred 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts starting at either age 70½ or age 72.

Student loans

Per the CARES Act, the law would allow most Americans with federal student loans to suspend their monthly payments through Sept. 30, 2020, without any interest accruing. It would also enable employers to make tax-exempt contribu-

tions toward their workers' student-loan payments.

Taxes

Under the CARES Act, people who don't itemize their deductions would be able to claim up to \$300 for charitable contributions. Businesses get the ability to apply losses from 2018, 2019 or 2020 to past years' profits and claim refunds. Restaurants and retailers would benefit from the

fixing of a mistake in the 2017 tax law that curbed their depreciation deductions on renovations.

Employers would be able to defer paying their share of 2020 payroll taxes. They could then make half of those payments in 2021 and the other half in 2022. In addition, the bill creates a new tax credit for retaining employees that's aimed at companies that are too large to benefit from the

small-business assistance elsewhere in the bill.

Those employers would be able to get a tax credit equal to 50 percent of payroll. That is limited to \$10,000 per employee per quarter, and for employers with more than 100 employees, it is available only to those companies and nonprofits that had their businesses limited or closed by government actions.

THE BACK PAGE

HHS announces grants to provide meals for older adults in Illinois

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing \$250 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help communities provide meals for older adults. Illinois received a grant for \$8,826,240.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020, provided the additional funding for the nutrition services programs authorized by the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965. These programs provide meals to more than 2.4 million older adults each year, both through home delivery and in places like community centers. The need for these services, particularly home-delivered and packaged meals, has increased as community measures to slow transmission of COVID-19 have closed meal sites and have left many family caregivers unable to assist their older loved ones.

"The Trump Administration recognizes that the measures needed to protect older Americans from the serious threat of COVID-19 have been disruptive for many of our most vulner-

able," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Getting more funds to community organizations that deliver meals to older adults, such as Meals on Wheels, is another example of the Trump Administration's whole-of-government, whole-of-America approach to combating the COVID-19 pandemic."

In addition to meals, Older Americans Act programs provide a wide range of services, such as help with bathing and dressing, rides to doctors' offices, education on managing chronic illnesses, support for family caregivers, and much more. Provided by a network of community-based organizations, such as Area Agencies on Aging, local community and senior centers, faith-based organizations, and other non-profit service providers, these programs work together to help millions of older adults each year stay healthy and continue living independently.

"The network of community-based organizations that provide Older Americans Act services has an exceptional capacity to coordinate services, bring together service providers, and adapt to overcome challenges, and they are employing innovative solu-

tions to continue meal services," said ACL Administrator Lance Robertson. "This additional funding will help communities across the country provide older adults, especially those at greatest risk, with the healthy meals they need."

Funding has been provided to states, territories, and tribes for subsequent allocation to local meal providers. Grant amounts are determined based on the population-based formulas defined in the Older Americans Act.

Older adults who need assistance can contact the Eldercare Locator to find services available in their community. The Eldercare Locator can be reached at 1-800-677-1116 or <https://eldercare.acl.gov/>.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For more information about the Older Americans Act nutrition programs, please visit ACL.gov.

Burn Ordinance

MENDOTA – 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.

City Ordinance

Grass clippings, etc. in streets

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olating this section shall be subject to the penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Imposition of any penalty for a violation of this section shall not be construed as a waiver of the right of the City to collect the cost of removal of such nuisance where it is necessary for the City to remove such nuisance.

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SOCIAL SCENE



Announcing a “Micro Mini Food Pantry” at First Presbyterian Church, Mendota last year were Jessica Cox, left, and Pastor Susan Presley. The pantry continues to offer food and other items for area residents in need. (Reporter file photo)

Micro Food Pantry still offering assistance to area residents

MENDOTA - The Micro Food Pantry located at First Presbyterian Church in Mendota is continuing to operate during these difficult times. Pastor Susan Presley said people are welcome to drop off donations or to receive items, adding that they have been doing just that.

Presley noted that although First Presbyterian helps to support the Micro Pantry, most

of the support comes from the community. “This week we still have enough supplies, but I’m concerned about that in the coming weeks,” she said.

Presley also emphasized that anyone who is in need of items not available in the Micro Pantry is welcome to check and see if there is a car in the parking lot, and if so, go inside to the church office and ask for help.

BIRTHDAYS

V. Joeger to celebrate 90th birthday

PERU - Virginia Joeger will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 8.

Please mail birthday wishes to her at 1320 21st St., Apt. 6, Peru, IL 61354.

An open house birthday celebration that was originally scheduled for April 11 has been postponed until this summer.



IFB Young Leaders hosting Facebook fundraiser for ‘Feeding Illinois’

BLOOMINGTON - On March 27, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Young Leaders launched a Facebook campaign to raise funds for Feeding Illinois food banks. The effort will run through April 5 and will work to address the growing concern of Illinois families in need of food as the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation progresses.

The online campaign is located on the IFB Young Leaders Facebook page @ilfbyl as part of their annual Harvest for All campaign, which fights against food insecurity in Illinois. Initiated by the IFB State Young Leader Committee, the social media campaign is collecting donations for the eight Feeding America food banks that serve Illinois: Central Illinois Foodbank, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Peoria Area Food Bank, River Bend Foodbank, St. Louis Area Foodbank and Tri-State Food Bank, Inc.



“During this extraordinarily challenging time, the eight Feeding America food banks and their local networks of community agencies that serve Illinois are working relentlessly to ensure that nobody – in any county – of our great state goes hungry,” said Steve Ericson, executive director for Feeding Illinois.

As part of their Facebook campaign, the IFB Young Leader organization set a fundraising goal of \$2,500 per food bank. In addition to donations collected online, Illinois Farm Bureau has pledged to match donations dollar for dollar up to \$1,000 for each location.

“So many people are at home right now and while they aren’t sure where to start, they feel a desire to help their communities during this time of need,” said Aaron Mitchell, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee member and Winnebago County dairy farmer. “By providing an avenue to donate online and spread the word through social media, we hope to provide an opportunity for everyone to make a difference.”

“The need for food assistance and related services is growing exponentially due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects,” said Ericson. “Thank you to the Illinois Farm Bureau, its county offices and especially its Young Leaders for activating to help garner support to help residents in need across our state.”

In 2019, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders raised over \$205,000 and collected approximately 310,000 pounds of food for the Illinois Harvest for All campaign.

Mendota restaurants offer carry out, delivery

MENDOTA - Mendota area residents can still support local restaurants by ordering carry out, drive through and delivery meals.

The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce has compiled the following list of local businesses offering these services:

Beck’s:

Carry Out and Drive Through

Contact Information: 815-539-9353

Casey’s General Store:

Carry Out and Delivery (4:30-9 p.m.)

Contact Information: 815-539-6018

www.caseys.com

Cindy’s on 34:

Carry Out and Delivery (\$10 minimum)

Open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contact Information: 815-539-9000

De La “O” Restaurant:

Carry Out

Contact Information: 815-539-6871

Diaz Taco: Closed

El Rey Del Taco:

Delivery and Curb Side Pick Up

Contact Information: 815-539-7100

El Zarape:

Carry Out and Delivery (Mendota area only)

Contact Information: 815-539-5985

Main Street Station:

Carry Out and Curb Side Pickup

Times: Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dinner

5-8 p.m. - Tuesday through Saturday

Contact Information: 815-539-7011

www.mainstreetstationbar-grill.com

Mendota Moose:

Carry Out, Curbside and Delivery

Times: Friday and Monday 5-8 p.m.

Contact Information: 815-539-5745

Nourish Kitchen:

Contact Information: 815-275-7922

or email info@nourishkitchenmeals.com

Parkway Family Restaurant:

Carry Out

Contact Information: 815-539-6837

Pizzas by Marchelloni:

Carry Out and Delivery

Contact Information: 815-538-2145

https://www.marchellonismendota.com/

Purpose Nutrition:

Curbside pickup

Please message your order ahead of time.

Contact Information: Send a text to

815-557-1423

Rosati’s Pizza Pub:

Carry Out, Curbside, Delivery and No

Contact Delivery

Contact Information: 815-538-3838

www.myrosatis.com

Sicily Pizzeria:

Carry Out and Delivery

Contact Information: 815-539-7550

Sip and Snack:

Carry Out

Contact Information: 815-539-7525

Subway (Rt. 251):

Curbside Pick Up

Contact Information: Place order

online at www.subway.com

Ziggies:

Carry Out, Curbside and Drive

Through

Contact Information: 815-539-5060

www.ziggiesrestaurant.com

Master Gardeners seeking plant donations for local food pantries

LA SALLE COUNTY - “Give a family a vegetable, you feed them for a day. Teach a family to garden, you feed them for life.”

This proverbial wisdom, adapted from the popular “Give a man a fish...” saying, is the driving goal behind the Healthy Gardening project chaired by University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Barb Dahlbach of Marshall County. The project, which is in its ninth year, was conceived by Dahlbach. “If you cannot afford to put food on your table, you certainly cannot afford to buy plants to start a garden,” she said.

The underlying goal of this project is to empower families to provide themselves with low-cost, healthful, fresh food through establishment of a home garden. In order to accomplish this, Dahlbach and other Marshall-Putnam Master Gardener volunteers, provide local families utilizing the food pantries with initial supplies and skills to



start a home garden, including plants, containers, and soil, as well as seeds.

For the last several years, they have given away annually over 1,000 plants and thousands of seeds to food pantry clients in Marshall and Putnam counties.

Due to the current COVID-19 global pandemic and guidelines for social distancing this year, the Master Gardeners are unable to use a common space in which to grow plants for this project. Consequently, there will be few to no plants for the food pantries. Gardeners

who start their own plants from seed are being asked by the Marshall-Putnam Master Gardeners to help fulfill the mission of the Healthy Gardening project.

Plants are scheduled to be given away to food pantries beginning second week of May. Any gardeners who have room are asked to please consider planting a flat for the food pantries. They are especially interested in receiving peppers, tomatoes, cabbage and broccoli, but will be happy to accept any garden vegetables or herbs. This is a year that plants will be on demand as the economy will be putting more burden on the food pantries.

Anyone interested in donating plants, please contact U of I Extension Program Coordinator Meg Overocker at meo@illinois.edu with the subject line “Plant Donations” or leave a phone message including your contact information at the U of I Extension office at (815) 224-0889.

Bathing our furry friends can reduce COVID-19 transmission

The rapid and dynamic spread of COVID-19 necessitates that we all make changes to our lifestyles, including social distancing, increased hygiene, and maintaining a sanitized environment.

Pet owners may need to take additional precautions. There is currently no evidence that pets can contract COVID-19, but a pet’s body, like any frequently touched surface, may carry particles of the virus if touched by infected individuals.

Dr. Deb Zoran, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), advises pet owners of the steps they should take to protect themselves and their homes from the virus.

Just as healthy members of a household should avoid contact with anyone who may be infected, pets should also be kept away from sick or quarantined individuals. “Everyone with pets should plan ahead and be prepared to separate from your pets when you separate from your family if you have someone become ill,” she said.

A sick person who lives with or pets an animal may “shed” the virus onto their pet, who could then infect a healthy individual who pets them; this includes all animals with fur, dogs, cats, ferrets, hamsters and guinea pigs.

“If a pet is living in close quarters with or frequently touched by a sick person and that sick person has to go to the hospital, that pet is going to need to have a decontamination bath or have its coat wiped down with a moist towel or paper towel before that pet can stay with somebody else,” Zoran said.

Zoran also emphasizes that the risk of contracting the disease from a pet by any other

means is almost non-existent based on all scientific evidence and testing of pets that has occurred. “If we separate the animal as soon as a person feels unwell, has a fever, or is diagnosed with COVID-19, then these bathing precautions or concerns for being a carrier would not be needed,” she said.

It is important to remember, any animal that comes in contact with an infected person can be cleaned to ensure the animal is not carrying COVID-19 in their fur.

“The bath process for pets should be gentle and without spraying them aggressively to prevent the material spraying into your face,” Zoran said. “When bathing a dog, get their coat wet all over and use enough soap to lather. The soap breaks up and loosens the oils on the skin and coat, which is where the virus sits. With gentle water, wash to remove all of the soap lather to remove anything attached on the coat, including the virus.”

Zoran recommends using dish soap but pet shampoo will work when cleaning animals for this purpose.

To avoid splash back of soap or water onto the person bathing the pet, take care to use low water pressure and wear protective clothing.

“Cover up your face with a bandana. Wear goggles, glasses to shield your face. Bathe the animal slowly to prevent any struggling, use low pressure of water to prevent splashing,” Zoran said. “After the bath, dry the pet and remove it from the area to a kennel or a clean area. Then, remove the clothes you are wearing, launder them, and if you got any wash water on you during the process, take a shower or wash hands/arms or other exposed areas with soap and water.”

If you have access to



waterproof clothing, such as a rain suit, poncho, or even a homemade trash bag rain jacket, Zoran recommends wearing that as a barrier against the bath water.

Animals should be bathed in areas that are easily cleaned (bathtub or deep sink) and after the bath, the area should be sanitized with standard cleaning products.

If picking up a pet from a sick relative, Zoran recommends bathing the animal before traveling with the pet, if possible, or keeping the animal in a pet carrier until the pet can be bathed at the new location. Once the pet arrives, the pet carrier can be sanitized with standard cleaning products.

Owners of pets that are resistant to baths - such as cats, hamsters, or ferrets - may want to take their animal to a veterinarian so they can be sedated before being bathed. This avoids putting unnecessary stress on the animal and reduces the risk of dirty water splashing the owner or bites/scratches that can occur during the process.

“The other alternative, when a veterinarian or a bath is not an option, is to use a

wetted towel to wipe down the cat from head to tail and then top to bottom,” Zoran said. “Soap can be added to the wipe, but it must completely removed, as the cat will groom themselves and consume the soap.”

“It’s important to plan ahead if at all possible. But if a pet is living with a sick person, the pet can be safely cleaned and will not be dangerous to other family members,” Zoran said. “People do not need to be fearful of their pets getting the virus or making other people sick, but their pets could carry it around on their fur, which means their fur is just like the surfaces in a house (doorknobs, keyboards, phones, etc.) that can be a source of virus exposure. The biggest difference is we can’t use sanitizing wipes or hand sanitizer on fur.”

Though pet owners should be cognizant of with whom their pet has recently interacted, there is no reason to believe it is unsafe to keep their pet in their homes or to take them for walks or other activities that you can do while maintaining social distancing.

LOCAL AND AREA

County fairs hurt financially by COVID-19 shutdowns

Officials still hopeful the shows will go on this summer at county and state fairgrounds

By **REBECCA ANZEL**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The social distancing guidelines that led Illinois county fairs to cancel off-season events on their grounds through the end of April is one part of a financial impact double-whammy, a trade official said.

Many local fairs use revenue from off-season events and activities to “pay the bills,” said Ken Tyrrell, president of the state’s Association of Agricultural Fairs.

Guidelines from Gov. JB Pritzker’s office regulating the number of people allowed to congregate shrank over the past few weeks from 1,000 to 50 to, finally, 10. County fairs canceled expositions, contests and other events back when that number was 250.

The other problem, Tyrrell said, is a delay in reimbursements from the comptroller’s office for costs incurred last year. Under statute, the state is responsible for paying county fairs 66.67 percent of what organizers spent on agricultural premiums. That includes activities related to horticulture, poultry, livestock, horse races and rodeos.

Tyrrell said fair organizers “have never received that” — in recent years, they

were reimbursed 25 percent of eligible costs.

“That’s beginning to hurt a lot of fairs in the state of Illinois. We’re told it’s been at the comptroller’s office since December,” he said. “Possibly if the state would pay their bills, it would really help fairs.”

A spokesperson from Comptroller Susana Mendoza’s office did not return a request for comment by time of publication.

County fairs in Illinois begin hosting their main events in June. If the novel coronavirus pandemic continues into the summer, forcing fairs to begin cancelling, Tyrrell said “it would be devastating.”

If a fair is canceled, expected revenue needed to pay laborers to maintain the grounds is lost, for example. Marla Calico, president of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions, added they additionally would lose vendor deposits and presale ticket money.

“Many downstate fairs struggle getting along as it is. They don’t have money put away or deep pockets. All of them struggle,” Tyrrell said. “Any time you lose revenue, it’s going to affect the fair.”

According to IAFE data, most county fairs across the

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—Marla Calico, president of International Association of Fairs & Expositions

country are scheduled for July, but events largely begin in June, extend strongly into August and wind down in September.

Member county fairs told Calico “they are taking a wait-and-see attitude,” choosing not to close unless forced to do so by public health authorities because “many times, they are the single largest economic driver in the community.”

She said county fair cancellations would cause “an entire ripple effect.”

“It’s not just the funds that not-for-profit organizations may gain and do good within the community when they give out scholarships to young people,” Calico said. “It’s the small businesses all around them — the gas

station benefits, the hotels benefit, the cafes and restaurants benefit.”

According to a study commissioned by the IAFE, fairs in the U.S. are estimated to generate \$4.67 billion in economic activity annually. A survey of the association’s members found that number is already down \$66 million due to 320 fairs forced to shut down 10,578 events thus far this year.

Events at the Illinois State Fairgrounds have been canceled through April, while Kevin Gordon, Illinois State Fair manager, said in a written statement that will have a financial impact, “our priority, first and foremost, is the health and safety of those individuals holding, and attending these events,

along with our department support staff.

He added the Coliseum’s renovation and reopening means more events than typical over the past few years had been scheduled and subsequently called off.

“Our staff is working diligently to reschedule any shows that have been canceled by this temporary closure,” Gordon said in the statement. “Once we get through this uncertainty that we are all facing, we are anticipating another great spring and summer of events on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.”

Tyrrell is the vice president of the Sandwich Fair’s board in northern Illinois’ DeKalb County, one of the largest in the state in terms of fair entrants. He said county organizers of summer events have not yet discussed fair cancellations, and also are taking “a wait-and-see attitude.”

“I’m being optimistic, and I’m thinking this will take care of itself by the first of June,” he said. “The main concern right now is that we’ve lost revenue from cancelling off-season events and lost revenue, and the state of Illinois not paying us what we’re entitled to.

“Fairs have been around since before the founding of the country, so it’s something I believe is really a part of America,” Tyrrell continued. “As I said, I think we need to calm down and I have all the faith in the world we’ll have a fair season this year.”

Fairgrounds across the country that cleared their spring calendar are being repurposed to assist in the COVID-19 effort, Calico added. Grounds in Ohio, Missouri and Washington are operating drive-through testing facilities and one in West Virginia is using its indoor facilities to house community partners to package meals for school children.

“The Illinois State Fairgrounds and many other locations throughout the state have been identified as possible future community based drive-thru testing sites,” a spokesperson for the Illinois Management Agency said in an email. “However, further evaluation is needed before any decisions can be made.”

“Our members are going to step up to the plate—that’s what they do,” Calico said. “Each and every single one of us is a citizen of this world and must do what we must do to protect our family and neighbors.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I've been watching "American Idol" since the very beginning and loved Kelly Clarkson. I'm so happy for her success. Whatever happened to Justin, the first runner-up with the curly hair? I thought he was so talented too. -- **C.F.**



J. Guarini

A: While you may not have seen Justin Guarini much on television since he was introduced to audiences on "American Idol" in 2002, he has carved out a nice career on Broadway. For the past decade he's starred in the Broadway and off-Broadway productions of "American Idiot," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Wicked."

Next up for him is the new Broadway musical based on Britney Spears' hits called "Once Upon a One More Time." It's a fairy tale take on the pop songs in which Guarini will play Prince Charming, with Briga Heelan as Cinderella. The show is expected to debut this spring in Chicago but be sure to check online at

Chicago-Theater.com for the latest news and ticket information.

Q: How is celebrity chef Sandra Lee doing since her breast cancer diagnosis? Is she still in remission? -- **L.P.**

A: After Sandra Lee was diagnosed with a form of breast cancer called DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ), she decided to undergo a double mastectomy rather than radiation therapy. She chose the aggressive treatment because she had a grandmother who died from stomach cancer. Lee appears to be doing fine these days with no return of the cancer. As for her personal life, she and her longtime beau, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, split last fall, but it was reported to be amicable.

Q: Whatever happened to talk of a sequel to "The Devil Wears Prada"? If it happens, will the entire cast be back, including Meryl Streep? -- **E.E.**

A: The film "The Devil Wears Prada" was based on the bestselling book by the same name, which was based on the author Lauren Weisberger's time working at "Vogue" magazine. She

wrote a sequel, "Revenge Wears Prada," so a follow-up film is not completely inconceivable, but so far it hasn't happened. I think all three of the female leads -- Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep and Emily Blunt -- should be on board before there is any talk of a sequel, but so far I've only seen Blunt mention the possibility.

Q: Does Ken Burns still make documentaries? I haven't seen one on PBS in years. There are so many documentaries nowadays, but he was the original. -- **I.J.**

A: Yes, Burns is still behind the lens making award-winning documentaries. In fact, he's currently working on one on Muhammad Ali. And since sports are on hiatus during the coronavirus scare, Burns asked PBS to make his beloved baseball documentary available again for those stuck at home. You can now view on PBS.org and its streaming platform.

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

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• Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: Which 1980s hit movie was originally titled "When I Grow Up"?

2. BIBLE: Which book of the Bible has the most chapters?

3. MYTHOLOGY: What were the original names of our moon, according to the Romans and Greeks?

4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the president in the TV drama "The West Wing"?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president and first lady hosted the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn?

6. GEOLOGY: What is the most common volcanic rock?

7. GEOGRAPHY: Which range of mountains provides a boundary between the continents of Europe and Asia?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?

9. LITERATURE: In which 20th-century novel does the character of Nick Carraway appear?

10. HISTORY: Which treaty ended World War I?
- Answers

1. "Big"

2. Psalms, 150

3. Luna to Romans, and Selene to Greeks

4. Josiah Bartlet

5. Rutherford and Lucy Hayes

6. Basalt

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Super Bowl champion Tom Brady is preparing for his eventual exit from football. While many sports stars move into commentary and hosting sports shows, the six-time Super Bowl-ring holder is going Hollywood. The 42-year-old quarterback has already launched his production company, 199 Productions, to produce documentaries, feature films and television shows. The company is already developing several on-camera projects for Brady.

Romeo told Juliet, "Deny thy father and refuse his name!" Which is what Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ronan Farrow has done. Is he the son of Woody Allen and Mia Farrow, or the product of a reuniting of Mia Farrow and her former husband Frank Sinatra? That's one DNA test we'd like to see!

Ronan Farrow launched the "Me Too" onslaught that led to the conviction of Harvey Weinstein and exposed many others in the pages of The New Yorker magazine. His family exploded apart because of the alleged accusations that Allen sexually abused Ronan's sister and eventually married his mother's adopted daughter. Most recently, Ronan learned his book publishing company, Hachette, was secretly publishing Allen's memoirs despite many major publishing houses turning it down. Ronan cut ties with his publisher, and when the employees and authors of Hachette spoke up and gave ultimatums, Hachette dropped Allen's book.



Jane Levy

The Walt Disney Company produced the most successful Peter Pan film, the animated 1953 classic that cost \$4 million and grossed \$87 million (huge back then), are now producing "Peter Pan and Wendy," with unknowns Alexander Molony as Peter and Ever Anderson as Wendy. Anderson, 12, is the daughter of "Resident Evil" star Milla Jovovich. The 1991 "Hook," with Robin Williams as Peter, Dustin Hoffman as Captain Hook and Julia Roberts as Tinker Bell, was very successful (\$70 million cost/\$300 million gross), but the 2015 Hugh Jackman film "Pan," which cost \$150 and grossed only \$128 million, was a flop.

warden Bernadine Williams (Alfred Woodard) dispassionately follows the letter of the law when it comes to fulfilling her Death Row duties. It's the only way, however ineffective, to separate herself from the actions she must take. But as the latest execution hour approaches, new evidence may be coming to light for the prisoner (Aldis Hodge), while the pressure of Bernadine's position is palpable. It's the ultimate powerlessness of one who holds the ultimate power over another's life. This movie is deep and dark, and full of tremendous performances, most especially Woodard, but also Hodge and Richard Schieff as the defense attorney.

"The Song of Names" (PG-13) -- On the cusp of World War II, young Martin's family takes in a Polish Jew immigrant boy named Dovidl -- a prodigy on the violin whose family has sent him to London in order to further his musical education. He lives and thrives as a virtuoso until the

Have you discovered "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist," the new NBC Sunday night show? Hit your On Demand and tune into the vivacious Jane Levy. You wouldn't think her breakout role in "The Evil Dead" (2013) would have prepared her for this show, in which computer coder Zoey Clarke magically hears people's innermost thoughts and desires through popular songs.

An impressive cast includes best supporting actress Oscar-winner Mary Steenburgen (for 1980's "Melvin & Howard"), who also appeared in "Philadelphia" (1993), "Nixon" (1995) and "Book Club" (2018), to name just a few. Also starring are "The Glimmer Girls" and "Parent-hood's" Lauren Graham (who sings) and Peter Gallagher -- "The Idolmaker" (1980), "Summer Lovers" (1982) and "Sex, Lies and Videotapes" (1989) -- who spent five years on "Law & Order: SVU" and now three years of Netflix's "Grace and Frankie." Then there's the dynamic young cast that will make you try and guess who'll break into song next. Extraordinary!

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Couch Theater

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

"1917" (R) -- This riveting first-person war story by celebrated director Sam Mendes centers around two British lance corporals, Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman) and Schofield (George MacKay), who are sent across enemy territory to halt the advance of a division of British soldiers after it's discovered that a German retreat is a ruse. With communication lines cut, the division is almost certainly marching into oblivion if they don't get through. In the thick of war, through the dead of night and with almost no time in which to complete this impossible feat, the two soldiers set out with singular, unwavering focus, most especially because one of the advancing soldiers is Blake's brother. Filmed as one continuous take, the action never relents and feels very personal, almost as if you are the third member of the team.

"Clemency" (R) -- Prison

day of his first major concert, when he disappears without a trace. Martin (Tim Roth) took him for a brother and never forgets. Years later, a clue emerges that sets him on a journey to discover the truth of what happened to Dovidl, and where he ended up.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"The Grudge" (R) -- A sidecar sequel in the "Grudge" family of films, 2020's offering is a string of stories connected to 44 Reyburn Drive, which is possessed by the ghost of Kayako Saeki (a character originating in the Japanese Ju-on franchise). A young mother kills her family. A woman with dementia relies on her unrealistic but adoring husband. A police officer winds up in a sanitarium with half a face just for setting foot inside the house. A real estate agent ends up taking his work home with him. There's a lot to work with, but somehow, this is nothing more than ho-hum horror with terrible writing.

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from the past and the struggles of everyday life. And everything that came along that was hard to handle, defeated me.

But I was so grateful when I found out in God's Word that not only is He powerful, but He wants to fill us with His power. He promises in His Word that we can have abundant life in Christ because He has overcome the world! (See John 10:10; 16:33.)

The truth is, as believers in Christ, we don't have to live weak, wimpy, pitiful, pathetic, barely-getting-by lives. We can have God's power working in us to enable us to do whatever we need to do in life!

There's No Such Thing as a Problem-free Life

Some people have the misconception that when they give their lives to Jesus, they will no longer have any problems. It would be nice if this were true, but in this world, we WILL have trials and tribulations. The good news is we can cheer up anyway because Jesus has overcome the world.

In John 16:33 (ESV), Jesus says, "...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

No one can promise you a problem-free life, but God promises that if you will put your trust in Him, He will give you a faith that enables you to rise above the problems you face. And when you get through them, you'll be stronger on the other side than you were before you had them.

The Truth About God's Power



Knowing you can have power from God to live in this world is one thing, but learning to believe this truth and walk in it is the key to having victory over the trials and suffering you face. I love Philippians 3:10 because it says we can actually experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

In this verse, the apostle Paul says his determined purpose was to "know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]" (AMP).

This is an amazing and encouraging promise from God, because we all face problems and have weaknesses we can't overcome in our own strength or effort. But if we are determined to trust God in every situation, all the time, we can fight the good fight of faith by HIS grace.

Being More Than a Conqueror Through Christ

Romans 8:37 (AMP) says: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us]." I love this phrase "more than conquerors." But what does it really mean?

Being more than a conqueror means that before you ever have a problem, you are confident that you have whatever it takes to overcome it through your relationship with Christ. In other words, you know you have the victory before you ever get the problem.

Now, in order to "qualify" for the power of God, we must first come to the place where we recognize that in and of ourselves, we are weak and we have limitations without God. If we didn't have any weakness, we wouldn't realize we need Him. And one of the best prayers we can ever pray is "God, I need You, and I'm nothing without You!" (See John 15:5.)

It's so important for us to understand this because if we wait until we have a problem that's too big for us to handle before we rely on God's strength, then we're setting ourselves up to fail.

The best thing we can do to live this life in victory is to continually seek God with our whole heart, realizing we're

desperate for Him all the time. Spend time with Him in prayer and studying His Word every day. Then, when the storms of life happen, you will be confident that in Christ, you already have everything you need to overcome them...and you'll experience the power of His resurrection as you rise above them!

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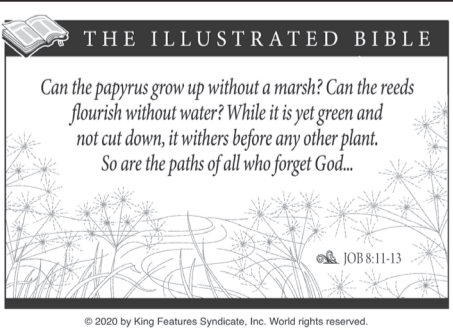
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ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Jerusalem; 3) Gethsemane; 4) 3 hours; 5) Thomas (called Didymus); 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)

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TAX DEED NO.: 2020TX000017
FILED: 3/16/2020
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COUNTY OF LASALLE

Date Premises Sold: November 14, 2017
Certificate No.: 201700010

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2016
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A

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Property Located at: 1802 Stroble Avenue, Mendota, IL 61342- Legal Description or Property Index No.: 01-28-406-015

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This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before August 26, 2020.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County in 119 W. Madison St., Court Room 204, Ottawa, IL 61350 on September 22, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

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(Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8, 2020)

TAX DEED NO.: 2020TX000018
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| LAMOILLE - COUNTRY, 3 BDR, 2 BATH..... | \$149,900 |
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| MENDOTA- BRICK RANCH, 3 BDR. - EDGE OF TOWN..... | \$154,900 |
| NEW LISTING - BRICK RANCH, COUNTRY, APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES..... | \$162,900 |
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