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Local law enforcement reacts to ruling on cash bail, SAFE-T Act

'We're glad the Kankakee County judge ruled the way he did'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle announced in a press release Dec. 29 that Ogle County will not be subject to the SAFE-T Act no cash bail provisions as a result of a Kankakee County judge ruling Wednesday, Dec. 28 that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois.

Other provisions in the wide-ranging SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform were not affected by the ruling, such as reforms to police officer training and certification standards and police body camera requirements. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office is required to start body cameras Jan. 1, 2024 and smaller departments



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Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle

such as the Rochelle Police Department will start Jan. 1, 2025.

A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court stayed the cash bail provisions' implementation for all 102 counties until the court could rule on an appeal to the case on an expedited

but indefinite timeline. Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said recently in a news release the state will appeal the decision directly to the state Supreme Court.

VanVickle and RPD Chief Eric Higby spoke with the Ogle County Life and Rochelle

News-Leader in the past week about their reaction to the cash bail issue. VanVickle and Rock were directly involved with a lawsuit involving 61 other counties that resulted in the Dec. 28 ruling.

"We're glad the Kankakee County judge

ruled the way he did," VanVickle said. "We look forward to hearing what the Illinois Supreme Court has to say. We had constitutional concerns about the implementation and limiting the effectiveness of the judges."

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Local women take part in Tournament of Roses Parade in California

'This has been such a fun way to spend time with friends'

PASADENA, Calif. — Dixon's Joy Holden and Cherie Van Woz Arch, Oregon's Lorretta Sigler and Franklin Grove's Samantha Dopke wanted to ring in 2023 by doing something special, so they decided to participate in one of America's time-honored New Year's traditions. No, they were not making a toast in Times Square while the glass ball descended just before midnight on New Year's Eve. Instead, they are in southern California celebrating the start of the New



Year by "pushing petals" in preparation for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Illinois residents belong to the Petal Pushers, an elite corps of volunteers who

travel from all over the country to gather in Pasadena, California each year. These volunteers spend the week between Christmas and New Year's attaching thousands

of roses, carnations, lilies, mums, and other flowers, as well as natural materials such as seeds, coffee beans and leaves, to create the majestic beauty and splendor

of the floral floats that rode down Pasadena's Colorado Boulevard during the Rose Parade on Jan. 2.

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LOCAL NEWS



SAFE-T: Act's increased training and certification standards have impacted local departments

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VanVickle said his office did a lot of work in preparation for the planned elimination of cash bail on Jan. 1 that did not take place. The sheriff's office was ready for the implementation and met with the state's attorney's office, judges and local police departments to provide them with policies and operational structure. He said if an appeal results in the elimination of cash bail, those policies will be ready and used unless there is a change.

The sheriff said recent preparation efforts were difficult.

"There were questions we had for the judges that couldn't be answered right up until the last week," VanVickle said. "That's a concern when you have legislation that's as far-reaching as the elimination of cash bail. People didn't have answers when the implementation was less than a week away. That's a concern."

VanVickle said he believes the Supreme Court will review the case and the fate of cash bail "fairly soon" and an answer could be seen in late winter or early spring.

Higby echoed the sheriff's sentiments on implementation and said the planned change was hard to prepare for over the past month. If an appeal does cause the elimination of cash bail to take place in the future, he has concerns for the community, including victims and officers.

"That one person who now can get out becomes a danger to everyone, depending on what offense you're talking about," Higby said. "But there are some offenses in there that people really shouldn't be out at all, or without posting something. We're talking decent felony-level crimes. I do not want to see that go through and have the people that should be in jail, or should at least have to post bond, out in the community again."

The RPD chief said he has concerns that the elimination of cash bail would allow offenders to immediately return to the residence or business where they caused a problem. He also believes it could cause issues for victims of crimes.

"With regard to the pretrial release element, it sends an unacceptable message to the victims of these crimes," Higby said. "When someone calls for police assistance and then realizes that the offender will be released even after an arrest, it will be disheartening. There would likely be less cooperation from the victims who would fear additional crimes."

VanVickle said his biggest issue with the possible elimination of cash bail is taking control out of the hands of local judges. He believes the power should stay with judges to determine bond amount and how long those charged should be held on a case-by-case basis.

Proceeds from cash bail have always been relied upon by the Ogle County court system and if elim-

inated, VanVickle said a void will be left.

"That is a huge concern moving forward," VanVickle said. "But the bigger concern for me is the safety of the public. The elimination of cash bail does nothing other than benefit the criminals and the people that are charged with the crimes. For me, that's the primary concern, the public and law-abiding citizens and how this lawlessness will impact them."

The SAFE-T Act's increased training and certification standards have impacted local departments as well. Higby said some of that training can be done online, but training for issues like use of force and felony traffic stops have to be done in person. That involves overtime and getting creative with staffing for patrol.

VanVickle said his office's training budget increased last year by over a third, not including overtime incurred from paying for additional deputies to spend time training or back fill to cover the roads.

"I'm not against training by any stretch of the imagination," VanVickle said. "But there are expenses that come with training. For a small agency like us, it requires overtime to fill those vacancies."

For body cameras by January 2024, the sheriff's office will pursue state grant funding this May and VanVickle said the goal is to receive that funding to help with the expense, which will include data storage and ongoing expenses for the cameras.

While RPD is not required to have body cameras until January 2025, the department and city budgeted to buy them this year due to supply chain issues and increased prices.

"I don't know when they'll actually be deployed, but we wanted to get them early," Higby said. "The state isn't going to care if January 2025 comes if we don't have them due to supply chain issues. We wanted to make sure we acted early and we get them here. We have people working on grants. It's a lease program. I think it's \$25,000 a year over five years for \$125,000 total. That includes storage and training."

VanVickle testified against the original SAFE-T Act as a whole years ago in front of the state legislature ahead of its passing.

"And just a few short hours later it was voted on and passed," VanVickle said. "The implementation of all of the different pieces have been right up to the last minute. The original bill was voted on in one January and there were changes made through the entire spring session through early summer with implementation of some of those items in July. This is the way this act has been. This is why you don't pass legislation in the middle of the night without a public review. Because you end up with these constantly-changing issues in a piece of legislation that was obviously poorly written and now it's being determined by the courts if some of it is even constitutional."

PARADE: Locals make trip to California

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"This is my second time participating," Holden said. "I was here in 2015 and knew I needed to come back again. It is incredible to see all the ways that organic materials are used to create these floats."

Many of these Petal Pushers come to decorate the Lutheran Hour Ministries float — a Tournament of Roses perennial for more than 70 years and the only Christian-themed float in the parade. This year's float, under the theme "A New Day with Jesus," features the sun rising behind a church as Jesus stands at the open doors ready to welcome everyone into His fold, where He promises to make Himself known in the gathering of His people, the reading and proclamation of His Word, and participation in Holy Baptism and Communion.

A large number of the 4,000-member-plus Petal Pusher organization's volunteers help on as many as seven other Rose Parade floats (such as City of Hope, Mutual of Omaha and the opening parade and football legacy floats) as well — turning the week into one of the largest servant events in the country. It is an opportunity to make new friends, network and share expressions of the faith that gives true meaning to this experience.

"It is wonderful meeting all of the incredible volunteers from across the country who are motivated to return each year to keep the parade going," Dopke said. "We are amazed seeing how much detail is involved in decorating the floats with the beautiful natural materials

the Good Lord has created for us to use and enjoy. Seeing the floats on television does not do it justice."

In keeping with its "Never on Sunday" tradition followed since 1893, the 2023 Rose Parade presented by Honda began at 8 a.m. Pacific time on Jan. 2. The iconic annual parade was watched live on television by millions of people around the world. It aired on ABC, NBC, Peacock, Cowboy Channel and RFD-TV.

"I have enjoyed being here for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with my cousin and some close friends," Van Woz Arch said. "I would definitely like to come back and do this again." "This has been such a fun way to spend time with friends," Sigler said. "We can't wait to attend the parade in person and see the end results of our work."

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LOCAL NEWS

New year brings new laws in Illinois

BY PETER HANCOCK
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD – By now, almost everyone in Illinois has heard that Jan. 1 will mark the beginning of a significant change in the state’s criminal justice system – the elimination of cash bail.

It’s an issue that dominated the 2022 campaigns and has been both praised and criticized on editorial pages in newspapers across the state. It essentially means that starting Jan. 1, the decision as to whether a criminal suspect should be held in jail while awaiting trial will be based on public safety and the likelihood the suspect will flee rather than their financial ability to post bond.

And while that criminal justice reform has received widespread attention, it is by no means the only new law that will take effect when the calendar turns over to 2023.

For most people who work a minimum wage job, the new year will bring a pay raise to \$13 per hour, a \$1 increase over the current wage. That’s the result of a law Gov. JB Pritzker signed in 2019, his first major legislative victory after being sworn into office a month earlier. The law will eventually raise the wage to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2025.

The new \$13 hourly rate does not apply to all minimum wage earners. People who receive tips at work will see their base wage rise to \$7.80 an hour. And people younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will see their wage go up to \$10.50 an hour.

The higher wage will probably come as welcome news for those who drive a car to and from work. That’s because the new year will also bring higher motor fuel taxes.

The same year Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as “Rebuild Illinois,” which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with inflation each year.

The adjustment in the tax rate is supposed to take effect on July 1 of each year, the first day of the state’s fiscal year. But last spring, in the face of rising inflation and healthy state revenues, lawmakers authorized a six-month delay in the scheduled increase, putting it off until Jan. 1.

As a result, starting Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump will go up 3.1 cents per gallon, and then it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date comes around on July 1, 2023.

Criminal law

Several new criminal laws will go into effect Jan. 1, including three that deal with sex offenses.

One of those prevents people who solicit sex from a minor or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability from asserting a defense that they simply did not know the person was underage or intellectually disabled. House Bill 4593, signed into law May 27, puts the burden of proof on the defendant that they did not know the age or disability status of the other person, rather than the other way around.

Another new law changes the definition of when a person is “unable to give knowing consent.” Under current law, a person cannot give knowing consent when the accused person “administers any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance” that causes the victim to lose consciousness of the nature of the act.

House Bill 5441, signed June 16, broadens that definition to include when the victim has taken any intoxicating or controlled substance causing them to lose consciousness of the nature of the act, even if the substances were administered by someone else.

Another bill expands certain employment restrictions that apply to convicted child sex offenders. Currently, they are prohibited from being employed by, or even being present at, child day care centers, schools that provide before- and after-school programs for children or any facility that provides programs or services exclusively for people under age 18.

Senate Bill 3019, signed May 27, expands that to prohibit convicted child sex offenders from working at carnivals, amusement enterprises, county fairs and the State Fair when people under age 18 are present.

Another new law expands the list of professionals who are required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. Starting Jan. 1, under Senate Bill 3833, signed May 13, occupational therapists and assistants, physical therapists and assistants, and athletic trainers will be added to that list.

Carjacking

Three new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are intended to address a spike in carjackings around the state. All were signed on May 26.

House Bill 601 expands the crime of possession of burglary tools to include possession, with the intention to enter and steal a vehicle, of devices to unlock or start a vehicle without the key to that vehicle, or devices that capture or duplicate a signal from a key fob to unlock or start the vehicle.

House Bill 3699 expands an existing state council charged with providing grants and financial support to law enforcement agencies to aid in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting carjackers and recover stolen vehicles.

And House Bill 3772 ensures that victims of carjackings are not liable for costs and fines associated with impounding a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked, provided the owner files a police report in a timely manner.

Education

To address a shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state, House Bill 4798, signed April 27, allows students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license. Before, applicants had to hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

House Bill 4716, signed May 27, calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to adopt “rigorous learning standards” for classroom and laboratory phases of driver education programs for novice teen drivers. Those will include, at a minimum, the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards developed by the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education in association with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Higher education

In an effort to get more people to pursue careers in human services, Senate Bill 3925, signed June 10, establishes a student loan repayment program. Subject to appropriations, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will award loan repayment grants to qualified

individuals with an associate degree or higher who works for a human services agency that contracts with or is grant-funded by a state agency that provides “direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life.”

Awards can be made for a maximum of four years. Maximum amounts are \$3,000 per year for someone with an associate degree, \$15,000 per year for a person with a bachelor’s degree and \$25,000 per year for a person with a master’s degree or higher, with a \$5,000 per-year add-on if the applicant holds certain professional licenses.

Meanwhile, students currently enrolled in any program at a public university or community college will have access to trained individuals who can help them apply for federal, state or local assistance based on their financial need. House Bill 4201, signed June 7, requires those institutions to designate a “benefits navigator” to help students identify and determine their eligibility for various benefit programs.

Alzheimer’s care

Senate Bill 3707, signed May 27, requires all employees and people who work for agencies that contract with the Illinois Department on Aging who provide direct services to individuals participating in its Community Care Program to receive at least two hours of training in Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, as well as safety risks, communication and behavior associated with the disease.

Hunting

Starting Jan. 1, deer hunters in Illinois will have a new option for the type of firearm they use. House Bill 4386, signed May 27, authorizes the use of single-shot centerfire rifles – guns that can fire only a single round of ammunition that contains primer in the center of the cartridge and not in the rim of the cartridge. Before, only shotguns, handguns and muzzleloading rifles were allowed.

State symbols

Illinois will have two new official state symbols effective Jan. 1. House Bill 4821 establishes the eastern milksnake as the official state snake. That was an initiative of Gentry Heiple, a snake enthusiast and Carterville Junior High School seventh grader. And House Bill 4261 establishes dolostone as the official state rock. That was an initiative of a group of students from Pleasantdale Middle School and Maplebrook Elementary School.

Vehicles

People who own vehicles that were manufactured in Illinois will be able to apply for a slight break on their registration fees starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3609 allows those drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, “if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Arlene J. Riedlinger

MT. MORRIS — Arlene J. Riedlinger, 91, of Mt. Morris; formerly of Leaf River passed away on Monday, Jan. 2 at Pinecrest Manor.

She was born on April 11, 1931 the daughter of Henry and Ella Tiedmann. She married Edmund Riedlinger on Dec. 1, 1968 in Downer's Grove, Illinois. He passed away on July 14, 2005.

She worked many years as a waitress at 4 Lakes Restaurant in Lisle, Illinois. She loved spending her summers gardening and visiting the resort in Lake Villa with her family. She was a huge Notre Dame fan. Arlene enjoyed raising dogs and was



a pet lover. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Byron.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother Henry.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home and Cremation Services; 506 W. Merchant St., Byron, IL 61010. A graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Byron with Father Rich Rosinski officiating.

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Terry Nelson Chesnut

DECATUR, Ala. — Terry Nelson Chesnut, 74, died on Dec. 28 in Decatur, Alabama.

Terry was born to Carl and Bertha (Friedly) Chesnut on July 8, 1948, and lived the majority of his life in the Rockford area. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1966, and then attended Northern Illinois University for several semesters before a brief stint in the U.S. Navy, during which time he spent several months in the San Francisco area. He completed his education later in life remotely through Liberty University.



Terry was married to Patricia Lawson (now Garrison) from 1971-1979. The couple had three children: Jo, Keith, and Molly. He married Susan Snow in 1980. Together, he and Susan raised one son, Matthew, and one granddaughter, Christina "Mary", for the majority of her young life.

For several years, Terry worked as a machinist at Rockford Products, then at Specialty Screw. He also spent many years as a truck driver both as an independent contractor with son Matthew at Chesnut and Son, and at Upstaging, Inc., where he enjoyed traveling around the United States. During that time on the road, he developed a strong affection for the American South. He eventually retired to northern Alabama with his devoted girlfriend of 10 years, Stephanie. Though their time together in Alabama was too brief, he loved it there.

Terry enjoyed watching the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Blackhawks, and arguing endlessly with his mother in favor of the White Sox versus the

Cubs. He enjoyed tending his sizable backyard garden over the years, and he often found strength, peace, and solace in the Catholic church. He was a history buff, an avid reader, and an amateur woodworker. He loved ice cream, Celtic music, and corny jokes. He loved learning about the Civil War, World War II, his personal ancestry, Irish poet and the successes of his children and grandchildren, among many other things.

The family is exceptionally grateful for the selflessness and compassion of Stephanie when Terry's health began to fail so rapidly. She was by his side every day until the very end, comforting him, caring for him, advocating for him, and making sure he knew that he was loved.

He is preceded in death by his father, Carl, and his wife of 30 years, Susan. He is survived by his girlfriend, Stephanie Barber, of Hartselle, Alabama; his mother, Bertha Chesnut of Davis Junction; his four children, Jo (Larry "Ben") Bittinger of Polo, Keith (Katie) Chesnut of Polo, Molly Sides of Rockford and Matthew Chesnut of Rockford; sister, Denise Falk of Roscoe; grandchildren, Hayden and Garrett Bittinger, Cole and Knox Chesnut, Raine and Ila Sides, and Christina "Mary" and Nicholas Chesnut; nieces, Carolyn (Lawrence) Pairitz of Castle Rock, Colorado and Heidi (Chris) Williamson of Madison, Wisconsin; several great nieces and nephews; many extended family members; and lifelong friend, Keith Grennan.

A graveside service for interment of ashes will be planned in the spring.

Charles 'Jerry' Schwingel

POLO — Charles "Jerry" Schwingel passed away on Dec. 28 at age 88. He was born in Palatine, Illinois on April 5, 1934. His parents were Evelyn (Peterson) and Jacob Schwingel. He was one of eight children. In 1954, he enlisted in the Army. In 1959, he married Priscilla (Brif). They lived and raised three children in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Jerry was self-employed and enjoyed his work doing home maintenance and remodeling. In 2005, he and Priscilla purchased a condo in Daytona Beach, Florida. In 2007, they purchased a small motor home and for 10 years they traveled to Florida to spend their winters. Jerry loved to travel and meet new people.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his son David, who recently passed

away in February, his three brothers Jim, Ken and Bill, and his sister Judy Weisheit.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Priscilla, his daughter Sandra (Dan) Bocker, son Matthew (Heather) Schwingel and three sisters, Joyce Reeves, Jean Powell, and Janet (Cy) Boucher. He has five grandchildren, Hananiah Schwingel, Sydney (Andy) Bartelt, Steve, Spencer and Sawyer Frano and three great grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7 at St. Marks Lutheran Church at 201 N. Division Avenue, Polo. Visitation will be prior to start of services from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. also at the church. A luncheon will follow the service. Memorials may be sent to St. Marks Lutheran Church.



Edith (Gilbert) Singley

OREGON — Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt passed away peacefully with her baby sister holding her hand on Sunday, Dec. 25 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon.

Born Jan. 16, 1947 the daughter of Orville & Marcella Gilbert. Edie as she preferred to be called was a homemaker with cooking skills closest to her mother, was our original non-internet "Facebook," keeping up with what everyone was doing by landline phone, many thought she was "nosey" when she liked being first to know and pass on any news, because she cared. Edie enjoyed time with family, Gilbert gatherings and especially pushing buttons on slot machines — Casinos meant her

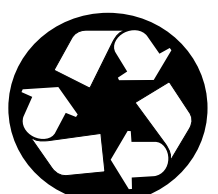
special pleasure.

She is survived by her husband Tim, two sons Dean Gilbert and Joe Kane, two stepsons Klint (Angel) & Brett Singley, two much-loved sisters Viola Phillips and LaVonne Taylor, grandchildren Amanda, JD, Ariel, Zak and their children, step grandchildren Anthony & Caitlyn, 44 precious Gilbert nieces and nephews plus many greats.

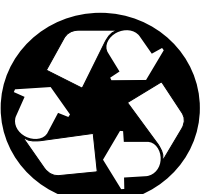
Edie was predeceased by two children Kenny & Carrie; her parents, three brothers and six sisters.

A memorial is being planned. Our family circle is broken, but as God calls us one by one the circle will be unbroken again!

Edie wouldn't say goodbye, it was "love you see ya!"



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Timothy James O'Hare

BYRON — Timothy James O'Hare, 64, of Byron, is now at perfect peace after a long fight. He passed away on Dec. 26, 2022. He was surrounded by his loving family and caregivers during his last days of life.

Tim was the middle son of Tom and Iris O'Hare. Tim was born on Nov. 19, 1958 in Dixon. He has been a trooper since he was a little boy, overcoming club foot and bell's palsy. Tim's strong work ethic started early, as he grew up on a farm. He loved bringing his Dad sandwiches while he was working in the field. He had a love for all animals and participated in 4H. While in school, he enjoyed playing many sports. Tim graduated from Stillman Valley, class of 1976. Tim married the love of his life, Lynn, on Aug. 25, 1984. They settled and started their business, O'Hare's Hairport, in Byron.

Tim was a family man. Most would say he never met a stranger. His pride and joy were his kids: Dane and Kelsey. Tim was a barber for over 35 years. He was proud of the fact that he had given over 201,000 haircuts during his career. Tim loved his customers, barbershop, and fellow barber, Rob Hunter, something fierce. His customers always left with a little more than a haircut, they got a "Tim Token" which was a piece of advice, joke or life lesson. If you had the privilege of walking into Tim's shop you'd see his love for the Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs, NASCAR and the Byron Tigers. When Tim wasn't working, he loved spending his time outdoors. He spent many weekends camping and most recently was getting into Volkswagens - with Rob's influence. Tim enjoyed doing yard work, gardening and was always so proud of his home-grown tomatoes. He loved cooking on the grill and made many tasty meals for his family over the years. Tim and Lynn are proud of the fact that they were able to design and build their dream house together - a log cabin in the country. Tim was a Mr. Fix-It and was always just a phone call away.

Tim fought a long and hard battle, with his first diagnosis being in September of 2006. In March of 2007 Tim's family and friends hosted a marrow and blood drive in his honor. Tim's Drive for Life had record breaking totals with 100 people signing up as new organ and tissues donors, 280 people donating blood and 801 people joining the national marrow registry. Tim and Lynn traveled to multiple different

states for care, during the 16 years of illness. Tim had surgery in May of 2015 to remove thyroid cancer in Houston, Texas and underwent a stem cell transplant in May of 2016 for myelofibrosis in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His wife, Lynn, was his primary caregiver and went to the ends of the earth to provide him with the very best care. Tim was proud of the fact that both his daughter Kelsey and son-in-law Scott were able to pay it forward and donate life.

Tim touched many people's lives with his strength and positive attitude. In the words of Tim, "Keep the Faith, Keep the Hope, and Remain Driven."

Tim's legacy lives on with his wife, Lynn, and their children Dane (Sharon Anderson) O'Hare and Kelsey and Scott Stolte, his special cats Finley and Dakota, mother Iris (Smith) O'Hare-Empen and brothers Mike (Joni) O'Hare and Jim (Kelly) O'Hare and families, dear friend Rob (Jill Jackson), Susan, Vance and Maggie Hunter, Aunts Patricia (O'Hare, Shewmon) Piwonka, Geraldine (O'Hare, Glendenning), and Beryl (Smith, Blumeyer), along with many special cousins that meant the world to Tim and were always there to support him.

Preceded in death by Father Thomas O'Hare, Grandparents Arthur and Ruth (Knapp) O'Hare, Harry and Marguerite (Bornemeier) Smith, Uncles Dick (Shirley) Smith, Bruce Shewmon, Floyd Glendenning, Andy Piwonka, Aunt Lynn Ehnen, along with In-Laws Russell and Bettie Skildum.

Tim's family wishes to give the utmost thanks to his friends in the community for the years of emotional and financial support, as Tim fought the good fight. Much love and appreciation for Tim's Village, which includes the doctors and nurses nationwide that have cared for Tim. A special thank you Serenity Hospice and his nurse, Sarah.

Memorial donations can be mailed in Tim O'Hare's honor to Serenity Hospice & Home at PO Box 462, Oregon, IL 61061. The family is working with the Rock River Blood Center in hopes to create an annual blood/bone marrow drive in honor of Tim O'Hare. We will provide more information when we have finalized the details. Tim's wish was to have family and friends join together to celebrate his life and share memories.

His family will be hosting a celebration of life open house at The Pavilion (PrairieView Golf Course - 6734 N German Church Road, Byron, IL 61010) on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 1-5 p.m.



LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Traffic stop leads to alcohol arrest

OREGON — On Dec. 22 at approximately 9:10 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of North Limstone Road. After an investigation, Deputies arrested John Gelandar, age 40 of Rockford, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Gelandar was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road. Gelandar was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 23 at approximately 3:03 p.m., Deputies along with Polo Fire and EMS responded to the 3200 block of North Illinois Route 26, in response to a two vehicle accident with injuries. After an investigation, it was learned that a Dodge van, driven by Tiffany Dales, age 33 of Forreston, was southbound on Route 26 when it rear ended a Ford truck driven by Kenneth Ludwig, age 58 of Polo. As a result of the crash, both Dales and Ludwig were transported to the hospital for minor injuries. Dales was cited for failure to reduce speed. All parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

On Dec. 24 at 10:20 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a motorist assist in the 3000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, Alana Fredricks age 19, of Mt. Morris was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Fredricks was released on a signature I-Bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

On Dec. 25 at approximately 6:49 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in 11000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, Deputies arrested William Parkinson, age 60 of Oregon, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Parkinson was also issued citations for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Driver's License. Parkinson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On Dec. 25 at 012:03 a.m. deputies were dispatched to a driving complaint on I39 at mile

post 111. A traffic stop was conducted near mile post 106, and Stephanie M. Proietti age 42 of Roscoe, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Proietti was additionally charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol while License Suspended/Revoked, and Driving While License Suspended. Proietti was issued citations for Improper Lane Usage and Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Proietti was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance before a judge.

On Dec. 28 at approximately 12:11 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Virginia L Daniel, age 66 of Chicago, was placed under arrest for no driver's license. Daniel was also cited for improper traffic lane usage. Daniel was released from the scene on an Individual Bond and provided a future court date.

On Dec. 28 at approximately 10:29 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11000 block of East Holcomb Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Todd L. Fager, age 42 of Lindenwood, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Fager was also issued citations for Improper Lane Usage and Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road. Fager was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 30 at 9:29 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After a brief investigation, Jose Cruz-Santos of Rochelle was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. Cruz-Santos was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Cruz-Santos was also issued a citation for an equipment violation.

On Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. deputies arrested Raymond Haney, 22, of Creston for driving while license suspended. Haney was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Illinois Route 64 after being stopped for speeding. Haney was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

On Dec. 31 at 10:40

p.m. deputies responded to the 200 block of 1st Avenue in Forreston for a report of a stabbing victim. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Jeremy Jones, 41, of Byron, for attempted murder, aggravated battery with a motor vehicle, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and improper container/driver. Jones was also cited for no insurance and speeding. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted by Forreston Fire.

On Jan. 1 at approximately 7:18 a.m. deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident with injuries in the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. The weather was very foggy and the roadway was ice covered at this time. A 2016 blue Toyota Prius, driven by 62-year-old Terry Pearse of Polo, had impacted with a 2009 black Nissan Altima, driven by 48-year-old Laurie Griggs of Rock Falls. Byron Fire and Ambulance responded to the location. Griggs was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident. Pearse was transported to Javon Bea Hospital by Byron Ambulance for severe injuries. This accident remains under investigation.

On Jan. 2 at approximately 4:27 p.m. deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident with an injury at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After arrival, deputies learned a 2022 gray Ford Escape, driven by Mary C. Elmore, 40, of Kirkland, traveled through the stop intersection without stopping at the stop sign and struck a white 2013 Volvo truck-tractor trailer. The truck tractor-trailer was driven by 60-year-old David Prosize of Rockford, who was traveling westbound on Illinois Route 64, before the Ford Escape ran into his trailer. Elmore was transported by Rochelle EMS to Mercy Riverside Hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. The Illinois State Police and Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire and EMS assisted with the accident. The accident remains under investigation.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

PACT's 8th Annual Masquerade Ball is Jan. 21

OREGON — Join us Jan. 21 for PACT's Eighth Annual Masquerade Ball. The Masquerade will be taking place at Maxson Restaurant in Oregon from 6-11 p.m. Guests enjoy dinner, dancing, raffles and more! Come out for this fun and amazing night that has been dubbed

"Prom for Theatre People!" You won't want to miss it! In case of a snow emergency, the Masquerade will be moved to the following week, Jan. 28. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or group for snow cancellation info. Hope to see you all there!



Rogers family celebrates 5 generations

The Rogers family of Ogle County recently celebrated five generations. From left to right: Rod Rogers, Michaela Rogers, Shirley Rogers, Scott Rogers and baby Mila Hoover

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline 800-452-7990
 Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
 Oregon 732-3157
 Rochelle 562-3801

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
 Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
 421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority
 200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628
 Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services 962-5585
 Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
 Oregon 732-3157
 Rochelle 562-3801
 The Serenity Shed Grief Services 732-2499

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
 Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
 Polo Senior Center 946-3818
 Rock River Center 732-3252
 Oregon, IL 800-541-5479

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
 24-hour hotline 636-9811
 412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center 732-3252
 Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
 Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
 907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
 510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
 Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499



Polo Lions make grocery deliveries

On Wednesday Dec. 21, Polo Lions Club Member Tom Suits did grocery deliveries on a cold day. If you know someone who has trouble getting out, especially when there is snow on the ground, call the Polo Fresh Food Market by 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening and they will get your groceries ready for delivery by a Polo Lions member to deliver them.



"There's help for that."

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HUMAN SERVICES

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CRISIS & EMERGENCY

- Universal Emergency Number.....911
- Child Abuse & Neglect (Hotline recording)
.....800-252-2873
- Elder Abuse Hotline.....800-252-8966
- HOPE of Ogle County (Domestic Violence)
Rochelle.....815-562-8890
- Oregon.....815-732-7796
- Ogle County Sheriff - Oregon
.....815-732-2136
- Poison Control Center
Illinois.....800-942-5969
- Illinois.....800-222-1222
- Rochelle Hospital ER.....815-562-2181
- Sexual Assault Counseling
(Crisis).....815-636-9811
- Oregon.....815-732-0000
- Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon.....815-732-3157
- Rochelle.....815-562-3801
- 24 Hrs.....800-242-7642
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline....800-273-8255

- Toll Free.....800-779-1189
- Loaves & Fishes Pantry
(1st & 3rd Thurs 4:30-7, 2nd & 4th Mon
2-4:30)
- Mt. Morris.....815-734-4573
- Ogle County Housing Authority
Oregon.....815-732-1301
- People Helping People Pantry (2nd & 4th
Mon 9-10am)
- Byron.....815-234 4355
- Rochelle Christian Food Pantry
.....815-562-6654
- Rock River Center, Oregon...815-732-3252
- Tri-County Opportunities Council
Rock Falls.....815-625-7830
- Rochelle.....815-562-6938
- United Way Information & Referral
.....888-865-9903
- www.211.org

SPECIAL EDUCATION & SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

- Arc, Rockford.....815-965-3455
- Easterseal.....815-965-5069
- Florissa, Dixon.....815-288-1905
- Northwestern Illinois Center for
Independent Living (NICIL) Sterling
.....815-625-7860
- Ogle County Educational Cooperative
Byron.....815-234-2722
- Village of Progress(Adult Day Training)
Oregon.....815-732-2126

SUBSTANCE & ABUSE TREATMENT

- Al-Anon Meeting Locater.....800-344-2666
- Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Locater.....815-968-0333
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
(Teenagers)
- Nachusa.....815-284-7796
- Sterling.....815-626-7333
- Rosecrance on Harrison
Rockford.....815-391-1000
- Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon.....815-732-3157
- Rochelle.....815-562-3801
- 24 Hrs.....800-242-7642
- Sojourn House, Freeport.....815-232-5121

GOVERNMENT / COURT SERVICES

- Department of Human Services
Ogle & Lee.....815-732 2166
- Illinois Migrant Council, Moline
.....309-757-1070
- Ogle County Circuit Clerk
Civil.....815-732-1130
- Criminal.....815-732-1140
- Ogle County Corrections (Jail)
Oregon.....815-732-2135
- Ogle County Probation Dept.
Oregon.....815-732-1180
- Rochelle.....815-562-2287
- Ogle County Sheriff
Administration.....815-732-6666
- 24 Hour.....815-732-2136
- Ogle County States Attorney
Oregon.....815-732-1170
- Prairie State Legal Service
Rockford.....815-965-2902
- Toll-free.....800-892-2985
- Social Security.....800-772-1213

HOUSING, FOOD, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

- IL Dept. of Human Services...815-732-2166
- Lee-Ogle Transportation System (L.O.T.S.)
Dixon.....888-239-9228
- Lifeline Food Pantry.....815-732-7891
Oregon (Tues. 1:30-4; Fri. 1:30-4:30)
- Polo (Tues. & Sat. 9-12).....815-946-2552
- Lifescape (aka Meals on Wheels)
Oregon.....815-732-4393

PARENT & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- Children's Home & Aid Society
Rockford.....815-962-1043
- Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C)
DeKalb.....815-758-8149
- Easterseals Parent Services
Rockford.....815-395-5566

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SERVICES DIRECTORY

Illinois Children & Family Services
 Sterling.....815-625-7594
 DeKalb.....815-965-5069
 Lutheran Social Services Teen Substance Abuse
 Nachusa.....815-284-7796
 Sterling.....815-626-7333
 Ogle County Ed Co-Op, Byron.....
815-234-2722
 Ogle County Health Department
 WIC - (Women, Infants, & Children)
 Supplement Foods & Nutrition,
 Rochelle.....815-562-6976
 Regional Office of Education (Lee, Ogle & Whiteside) Truancy Assistance Program
 Sterling.....815-652-1495
 Youth Services Network
 Loves Park.....815-986-1947

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MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES
 Adult, Youth, Marriage & Family, Individual

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 Changes Counseling, LLC
 Rochelle.....815-501-2088
 Couples & Family Therapy Clinic
 DeKalb.....815-753-1684
 Family Counseling Services
 Rockford.....815-962-5585
 HOPE of Ogle County /24hr (Domestic Violence) Oregon.....815-732-7796
 Rochelle.....815-562-8890
 Lutheran Social Services, Sterling...
815-626-7333
 NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
 Rochelle.....815-761-7654
 Rochelle Gardens Care Center.
815-562-4047
 Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling..
815-732-0000
 Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Oregon
815-732-3157
 Rochelle.....815-562-3801
 Dixon.....815-284-6611
 24 Hrs.....800-242-7642

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HEALTH RELATED SERVICES

Alzheimer's Association,
 Dixon.....815-285-1106
 Alzheimer's Care/ Pinecrest
 Mt. Morris.....815-734-4103
 American Red Cross
 Rockford.....815-963-8471
 DeKalb.....815-756-7339
 Dixon.....815-284-9260
 Freeport Memorial Hospital..815-599-6000
 KSB Hospital, Dixon.....815-288-5531
 NorthwesternMedicine Kishwaukee

Hospital DeKalb.....815-756-1521
 Ogle County Health Department
 Rochelle.....815-562-6976
 Rochelle Community Hospital
815-562-2181
 Rochelle Gardens Care Center
815-562-4047
 Rockford Memorial Hospital.815-971-5000
 Serenity Hospice & Home,
 Oregon.....815-732-2499
 OSF St. Anthony's Hospital Rockford
815-226-2230
 Lifeline.....815-395-4695

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HEALTH RELATED SERVICES

SwedishAmerican Hospital,
 Rockford.....800-845-2030
 United Way 211
 Info & Referral Line.....888-865-9903
 Whiteside County Health Dept.
 Rock Falls.....815-626-2230

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SERVICIOS HISPANOS

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (Liga de Ciudadanos Latinamericanos Unidos)
 Rochelle.....815-570-3111

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SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES

Family First Assisted Living
 Oregon.....815-732-4045
 Generations at Neighbors
 Byron.....815-234-2511
 Hub City Senior Citizens Center
 Rochelle.....815-562-5050
 Illinois Dept. on Aging
 (Elder Abuse, CCP Services)..779-221-3717
 Lifescape (aka Meals on Wheels)
 Oregon.....815-732-4393
 Toll Free.....800-779-1189
 Lincoln Manor Senior Housing
 Rochelle.....815-562-1404
 Mt. Morris Senior Center.....815-734-6335
 Northwest IL Area Agency on Aging
 Rockford.....815-226-4901
 Oregon Living & Rehabilitation Center
815-732-7994
 Pinecrest Manor, Mt Morris..815-734-4103
 Polo Area Senior Services.....815-946-3818
 Polo Rehabilitation and Health Care.....815-946-2203
 Rochelle Rehabilitation & Health Care
815-562-4111
 Rock River Center.....815-732-3252
 Oregon.....800-541-5479
 Social Security Admin.....800-772-1213

Stillman Bank announces winners of Christmas Coloring Contest

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank recently held their annual Christmas Coloring Contest for kids up to 10 years old. This year's picture was of various Christmas ornaments. The winners received their very own gingerbread house kit. Congratulations to the winners!

For ages 5 and under, the winners were: Grady (Byron office), Ridge (Oregon office), Kameron (Rochelle office), Remington (Rockford office), Johanna (Roscoe office) and Mae (Stillman Valley office).

For ages 6 through 10, the winners were: Addisyn (Byron office), Shelby (Oregon office), Yarezi (Rochelle office), Aarav (Rockford office), Kora (Roscoe office) and McKenzie (Stillman Valley office).

Thank you to everyone who stopped by Stillman Bank to enter the coloring contest. 182 entries were received and each child received a small prize for their participation.

For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman's products and services, please contact visit www.stillmanbank.com.



Ogle Jolly 4H sings Christmas carols

Ogle Jolly 4H recently went to Generations at Neighbors Nursing home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents. The residents were also given Christmas Cards that were signed by all the Ogle Jolly 4H kids. Photo of Alyse Rogers and Melanie Costello. Photo submitted by Piper Johnson



Ogle Jolly 4H wins in tree decorating contest

Ogle Jolly 4H recently joined in on the tree decorating contest at the Cardinal Christmas in Stillman Valley. The contest had four categories you could place in. Ogle Jolly placed first in two of the four, creativity/originality and people's choice. Photo submitted by Piper Johnson

December 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

- Dec. 1 - Glenda Vivian, Amboy, \$25
- Dec. 2 - Morgan Baker, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 3 - Ren Alde, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 4 - Jonathan Shippert, Oregon, \$50
- Dec. 5 - Matt Hayes, Steward, \$25
- Dec. 6 - James Peterson, Rockford, \$25
- Dec. 7 - Sherry Good, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 8 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Dec. 9 - Ethan Koch, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 10 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 11 - Kathy Spears, Shabbona, \$50
- Dec. 12 - Aubrey Meinen, Davis Junction, \$25
- Dec. 13 - Joe Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 14 - Evan Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 15 - Sharon Gardner, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 16 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 17 - Nancy Reed, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 18 - Brook Kaysaw Abi Cruse, Rockford, \$50
- Dec. 19 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 20 - Berta Arreguin, Davis Junction, \$25
- Dec. 21 - Kathy Yocum, Franklin Grove, \$25
- Dec. 22 - Nena Stewart, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 23 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Dec. 24 - Kathy Prestegaard, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 25 - Lindsay Sweckard, Rochelle, \$1,000
- Dec. 26 - Bridget Blaine, Dixon, \$25
- Dec. 27 - Rochelle Foods, \$25
- Dec. 28 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 29 - Bill Hahn, Rochelle, \$25
- Dec. 30 - Nick Smallwood, Montgomery, \$25
- Dec. 31 - Greg Hackbarth, Lindenwood, \$25

Checks are mailed out to winners at the end of the month.

Bread of Life Food Pantry to distribute food Jan. 10

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located at 103 S. Maple St. in Stillman Valley, will have grocery distribution on Jan. 10 from 3-5 p.m. We serve Byron, Stillman Valley, Monroe Center, Davis Junction, Leaf River, Kings and all of School District #223.

We have a large selection of fresh frozen meat, dry goods and fresh fruit. If you are unable to shop, please call Bonni at 815-298-5035 before noon on Jan. 10 and we can prepare you a box to be picked up. Please bring your own bags. February distribution will be on Feb. 14.

Ogle County Fair Board recognizes volunteers

The Ogle County Fair Board held their annual meeting on Nov. 12. The Ogle County Fair is run totally by volunteers which work year-round. At the meeting the board recognized three of its volunteers. Matt Wittenauer (below) worked hard to make sure all the grandstand events kept going. Richard Magnuson (at right) spent many hours putting in new LED lights. Justin Simpson (bottom right) helped by moving things around the grounds, and was always available to help anywhere needed during the fair.

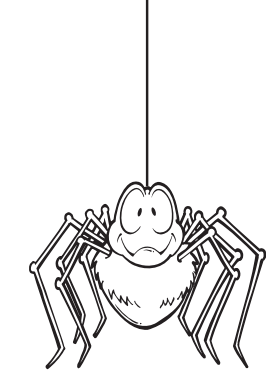


Serenity Shed to host snowman workshop

Join us on Friday, Jan. 13 at The Serenity Shed from 5-7 p.m. and make one of these cute snowmen. The standing snowman is \$40, snowman face is \$30 and the glass block is \$25. Call Cathy or Denise at 815-732-2499 to save your spot. All Dixie Belle products will be 10 percent off the night of the class to participants. All proceeds benefit Serenity Hospice and Home.



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LOCAL NEWS



Davis Junction Historical Society and Museum marks new year

DAVIS JUNCTION — Happy New Year from the Davis Junction Historical Society and Museum. A big thank you to all our members, volunteers and supporters. We ended the year on a high from taking first place at the Festival of Trees in Byron. The gnome trees were fun and cute. Shortly after that we had our Christmas Pot Luck Party. It was great to see such a good turnout. This year we plan on expanding our engraved brick memorial to around the Postal Wagon. The Poster Wagon is currently being renovated with new wood by Richard Franz. The steel will be sandblasted and painted by Greg Schwankee. The museum will be closed for the month of January. The new dates for February will be posted early February. However, the third Wednesday of February will be our next monthly meeting at 6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer or sug-

gest a Sunday afternoon program we welcome your input. Call Kim at 815-994-0803. A prayer goes out to members that have health issues we care very much for you returning when

you feel better. Remember, this is the fellowship of sharing memories, artifacts from Davis Junction and continuing to have fun in this process. Stay safe and see you in February!



BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers issue multiple citations for speeding

BYRON — On Dec. 18, Carlen M. Yianiba, 28, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 18, Michael A. Manchester, 57, of Aurora was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 18, Amanda K. White, 47, of Winnebago was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 18, Jaimilinne E. Habart, 42, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 23, Ismael C. Tinajero, 62, of Rockford was issued citations for driving while license revoked, driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane use. Tinajero was also arrested for an outstanding warrant out of Winnebago County. Tinajero was transported to Ogle County Jail and held

in lieu of bond. On Dec. 26, Stanley A. Hart, 67, of Polo was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no valid insurance. On Dec. 26, Brittney R. White, 28, of Rochelle was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 27, Elle I. Baker, 19, of Byron was issued citations for speeding and operating a vehicle with expired registration. On Dec. 28, Theresa M. Arreola, 33, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle without valid insurance. On Dec. 29, Gregory S. Adrien, 40, of Eagle River, Arkansas was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 30, Mindy A. Materazzo, 41, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding. On Dec. 30, Mary L. Richards, 78, of Mt Morris

was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. On Dec. 31, Scott L. West, 52, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding. On Jan. 1, Hector E. Hernandez, 21, of Champaign was issued a citation for driving without lights when required. On Jan. 1, Jonah D.A. Anderson, 22, of Davis Junction was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration. On Jan. 2, Pail A. Brantner, 33, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding. On Jan. 2, Travis M. Atkinson, 20, of Sullivan, Wisconsin was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. On Jan. 2, Jackson G. Hiveley, 16, of Freeport was issued a citation for speeding.

OREGON POLICE REPORT

Crash investigated; no citations issued

Dec. 18
At 2:43 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash that occurred at 210 E. Washington St., the Dairy Queen parking lot, involving a 2000 Ford driven by Daniel R. Sadler, 46, Oregon, and a parked 2018 Chevrolet owned by Josie R. Withers, 25, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

Dec. 19
At 8:03 p.m., Oregon Police issued Calvin M. Sullivan, 21, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a red light. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

Dec. 20
At 6:59 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joshua A. Bismark, 44, of Monmouth, for driving while license suspended. Bismark also had an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Bismark was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

Dec. 21
At 5:55 a.m., Oregon Police issued Everett G. Albright, 46, Oregon, a city citation for violating the barking dog ordinance.

This occurred in the 1,100 block of South 3rd Street. At 10:34 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Justin W. Coltrain, 42, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Coltrain was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 23
At 3:15 p.m., Oregon Police responded to the intersection of 8th and Clay Streets where a stop sign had been struck by a 2005 GMC driven by Evan A. Kosick, 18, Oregon. Kosick was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Dec. 24
At 11:21 a.m., Oregon Police issued Wesley E. Myers, 41, of Belvidere a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street. At 3:17 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael A. McIntosh, 25, of Somonauk, citations for operation of a motor vehicle while registration suspended and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 12: Serenity Hospice & Home's Lunch Group will be held at Fritz's Wooden Nickel, 208 N. Walnut St., Stillman Valley at 11:30 a.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

Friday, Jan 13: Serenity Hospice & Home's Diamond Art will meet at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon, from 9-11 a.m.

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"Congress shall make no law. . ."

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Jan. 16, 1547, Ivan IV Vasilyevich (aka "Ivan the Terrible") crowned himself the first czar of Moscow. But was that nickname really deserved? Yes and no: "Terrible" more accurately meant "strong," "menacing" and "impressive" in his day, but there's no denying the ruler had a pretty fierce, and on occasion murderous, temper as well.

* On Jan. 22, 1930, excavation began for the Empire State Building. Completed just a little more than a year after construction started, at 102 stories it held the record for world's tallest building until 1972, when it was succeeded by the city's World Trade Center.

* On Jan. 17, 1949, the first Volkswagen Type 1, or Beetle, in the U.S. arrived from Germany. It was designed by Ferdinand Porsche at the request of Adolf Hitler and sold well because it was not just well built, but reasonably priced, soon becoming "America's budget car."

* On Jan. 19, 1977, citizens of Miami received a jaw-droppingly unexpected gift from the sky -- a dusting of snow for the first time in the city's history. To date, it was also the last occurrence. Well, maybe next year ...

* On Jan. 18, 1996, Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson. Speculation as to the cause of the split ran as rampant as the questioning of the rather bizarre coupling in the first place, but Presley herself laid the blame simply on "irreconcilable differences."

* On Jan. 20, 2010, the Chinese government banned the movie "Avatar," claiming its plot mirrored the nation's forced land evictions. Officials feared the fictional indigenous Na'vi race's revolt could prompt a similar uprising among real-life citizens.

* On Jan. 21, 2014, activist Kanstantsin Zhukouski nominated his pet parrot in a local council election in Belarus. Unfortunately, he never found out whether the parrot could have actually won, as he soon withdrew its candidacy, probably to avoid a penalty after proving his aimed-for point on the uselessness of his country's politics.

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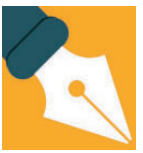
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port of our community that allows the work of the Goodfellows to continue. This holiday season we were able to touch the lives of 128 families/households. We thank you for making that possible.

Best wishes in 2023 from the Mt. Morris Goodfellows.

**Charlie Beard and
Jerry Griffin**



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Advice to Illinois college students: Study abroad

I have some simple — and unsolicited — advice for Illinois college and university students: Do everything possible to study abroad while you are an undergraduate.

I offer this advice based on personal experience and academic research.

I attended Knox College and spent one semester of my junior year on a London-Florence program that Knox sponsored with several other Midwestern schools.

This was my first trip overseas and it not only provided a primer on two remarkable countries, it also allowed me to live and study with students from around the United States who I would never have encountered on the Galesburg campus of Knox. We spent the first eight weeks in London studying English history, with unforgettable visits to the Houses of Parliament, Hampton Court, and the Tower of London. Our evenings were devoted to attending plays and concerts. This was followed by eight weeks in Florence, Italy, delving into Italian history and learning about the architectural and artistic splendor of not only Florence but Siena, Padua and Pisa as well.

This was an enriching time for me that sparked a lifelong love of travel and an enduring interest in international affairs.

My wife attended Clark University in Massachusetts and spent her entire junior year abroad thanks to its exchange program with the University of Sussex in Brighton, England. There she and a handful of other "Clarkies" were fully immersed in an English university, living and studying with British students. Not only did her passion for British history, literature, and theater blossom during the year, but

she was also able to spend school vacations traveling around the United Kingdom and Europe. She made two lifelong British friends that year and now, decades later, speaks to them regularly. My wife counts that year in Sussex as one of her life's best decisions.



John T. Shaw

Our experiences are not unique.

The State Department makes a powerful case for study abroad programs.

"By studying abroad, you will experience new perspectives, learn how to navigate different cultures, work with diverse peers, and communicate in other languages," the department says on its website. "Whether you are a future innovator, entrepreneur, engineer, scientist, doctor, journalist, teacher or diplomat, these are the skills that will prepare you to solve the world's toughest challenges, make you more competitive in the job market and transform you into a responsible engaged citizen."

In a typical year, more than 300,000 America students study, intern, or volunteer abroad for academic credit on programs ranging from two weeks to a full academic year. Studies reveal that about 80 percent of college freshman say they would like to study abroad but only about 10 percent actually do so before they graduate.

Paul Simon was a passionate advocate for international travel and education, especially for students who used the experience to learn another language. In his book, "The Tongue Tied American," Simon argued that learning a foreign language enlarges our world and makes us better citizens.

Two Illinois lawmakers, U.S. Senator Richard Durbin and U.S.

The American dream and the game of Monopoly

THE game of Monopoly illustrates a key fact about wealth and poverty. You'll get richer with each round if you own Park Place and Boardwalk, and can afford to put houses on them. A player with less-valuable properties grows ever poorer as he's again and again forced to pay rent that's beyond his means.

Wealth, in other words, helps the well-off to become richer, while poverty itself tends to drag the poor down. Fiona Hill's book, "There's Nothing for You Here," tells of her personal experience with that predicament. She overcame many obstacles in her struggle to escape her economically-depressed childhood hometown in England.

They included inferior schools, her social class, her accent and her gender. Her biggest millstone may have been her lack of exposure to the often-unspoken customs and rules of the academic and professional worlds. Ms. Hill nevertheless became an expert in Russian affairs and a White House official who testified at the House Jan. 6 Committee hearings.

Recently-elected Ohio Senator J.D. Vance grew up in America, and yet the story he tells in his book, "Hillbilly Elegy," is similar. He

grew up in a rust-belt Ohio community, in a family steadfastly loyal to their hillbilly roots in eastern Kentucky. He, like Ms. Hill, had to climb over many economic and social barriers on his way out of the poverty and social decay of his home-town.

Reading each book brought memories of my own childhood.

My parents grew up in rural Kentucky, where my dad quit school and went to work before graduating from eighth grade. They moved to Illinois in 1950, when I was little more than a toddler.

We lived in a run-down farmhouse with no indoor plumbing and no phone until I was eight years old. Our move to a nearby village was a step up, but we continued to dwell at the margin between lower class and lower middle class. Our possessions were few, simple, and mostly second-hand.

My parents, like Ms. Hill's and Mr. Vance's, couldn't provide any financial help for my education after high school. The chasm between their rural Kentucky childhood homes and the world of higher education also left them and me poorly prepared for decisions about college and professional careers. There were as a result

setbacks and delays in putting myself and my family on a sound financial footing.

I and many others like me eventually overcame our mistakes and disadvantages. You could say we're living the American Dream of reaching a higher standard of living than our parents had. We didn't, however, do it on our own.

Mr. Vance and I both received a major assist from the GI Bill. In my case it helped put me through graduate school while my wife and I were raising three kids. Ms. Hill took advantage of support programs that are no longer available in her home country.

Later generations of Americans, growing up as they have in a time of retreat from social welfare programs, have been less fortunate.

Advanced education has meanwhile become exorbitantly expensive for lower class and working-class students.

Ms. Hill's, Mr. Vance's and my families also offered some strengths for us to draw on. In my case, it was parents who were avid readers and who praised my reading and writing abilities. Many children from poor and working-class families don't enjoy such supports.

They don't see their parents reading and talking about the things

Rep. Cheri Bustos, recently joined colleagues on both sides of the political aisle to reintroduce the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act in the U.S. Congress.

The legislation has a number of goals. It seeks to boost the number of undergraduate students studying abroad annually to one million students within 10 years; increase the number of minority students first generation college students, community college students and students with disabilities who study abroad; grow the number of students who study in nontraditional destinations, with an emphasis on economically developing nations; and encourage colleges and universities to place a greater emphasis on study abroad programs.

The bill includes competitive grants for colleges and universities to help them expand access to study abroad programs. It also allows grants to be used to help offset individual student costs related to study abroad — which can be a barrier.

According to CollegeVine, 50 Illinois colleges and universities offer study abroad programs, providing important opportunities for their students.

I encourage students to study overseas, make new friends, see the world — and then return home and make Illinois better.

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they read. They miss out on the rich flow of language that's part of the oxygen in middle class homes. They don't start the school day with a nutritious breakfast. They live in chaotic homes warped by addictions.

The American ideal of equal opportunity for all is a worthy one, but it's just that — an ideal. It's no more of a reality in the everyday world than it is in the game of Monopoly.

Last month's column, which you can read at fb.me/lowellharp, indicates that there's less of it in America than in almost any other developed country.

Ms. Hill places the blame for this state of affairs on conservatives. Mr. Vance blames clueless liberals and the poor themselves. Both of them probably own a piece of the truth.

As for me, two things seem certain: Government has always and will always play a role in this issue, one way or another. And merely expecting people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps won't make us the land of opportunity again.

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New Year, Fresh Start!

Pain from Soft Tissue

Jeffrey Cates, DC, MS,
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CHIROPRACTIC orthopedists specialize in the non-surgical branch of orthopedics. Besides treating spinal problems, they treat the entire skeletal system including joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, cartilage, and associated nerve structures.

Soft tissue pain originates from tissue other than bone. This includes muscle, fascia, tendons, ligaments, cartilage, synovium, fibrous capsules, and nerves. Soft tissue pain is often overlooked because it is not as easy to diagnose as pain involving bony structures. Chiropractic orthopedists are specially trained in diagnosing and treating these types of conditions and often use orthopedic tests to do so.

Some common soft tissue conditions include:

Myofascial adhesions. Myofascia is the strong, fibrous connective tissue that supports and separates the muscles of the body. Myofascial adhesions can form in the soft tissue of the body after acute injury or repetitive overuse. These adhesions can build up to limit mobility, decrease strength, and cause pain.

Plantar fasciitis is a common cause of foot pain. It involves inflammation of a thick band of tissue that runs across

the bottom of each foot and connects the heel bone to the toes (plantar fascia). Plantar fasciitis commonly causes sharp pain that often occurs with your first steps in the morning. It usually decreases as you get up and move.

Tendinitis is inflammation of the tendons that attach muscle to bone. The condition causes pain and tenderness just outside a joint. Tendinitis can occur in any tendon, but it's most common around shoulders, elbows, wrists, knees and heels.

Tenosynovitis is inflammation of the protective sheath (the synovial membrane) that surrounds your tendons. Sometimes adhesions form between the tendon and sheath. It can be very painful making it hard to move your joints.

Ligament damage. Ligaments are cords of tough, flexible fibrous tissue that connects bone to bone. While ligaments are extremely strong, an awkward stretch or twist can cause a strain injury. With enough force, they can be torn. Damaged ligaments can cause joint instability.

Cartilage damage can occur at ends of bones in joints. Symptoms include joint pain, swelling, "catching," stiffness, locking. Articular cartilage injuries are a common joint injury, especially among

those who are physically active. This type of injury most frequently occurs in the knee, but it may also involve the hip, elbow, shoulder, and ankle.

Synovitis is inflammation of the membrane that lines your joints, it is only a few cells thick. It produces fluid that lubricates and nourishes the joint. Conditions include facet entrapment syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis and many others. Inflamed synovium can eventually invade and destroy the cartilage and bone within the joint.

There are numerous other types of soft tissue conditions that can often be diagnosed and possibly treated by a chiropractic orthopedist.

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Is your desk getting you sick?

WINTER is a time of year when colds and the flu tend to spread more easily. People know that door handles and commonly shared items like remote controls and even mobile phones can be hot spots for various bacteria and viruses, but what about your desk?

According to WebMD, more than 10 million bacteria are on a typical office desk, which is 400 times more bacteria than is found on the average toilet seat. NBC News investigative correspondent Vicky Nguyen tested her own desk, computer and mouse with a specialized swab in 2021.

Her desk scored 7,506, a numerical score given to calculate how soiled the area is. That figure was 75 times higher than what high-touch hospital surfaces are expected to be for cleanliness. Other coworkers scored much higher.

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000 S. Lowden Road, Oregon
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SPORTS

Numbers of officials declining

A few odds and ends today: -In recent Sauk Valley News article, it was mentioned that the number of high-school officials has declined from 13,694 in 2013 to 9,702 this year, a loss of almost 4,000 in that time period. What is frustrating is that there appears to be no clear-cut solution.

Many things have been tried. The IHSA has actively promoted a sportsmanship campaign, created licensing waivers and amped up recruiting. Pay rates have been increased. It's helped a little, but there are still not enough younger officials coming in to replace an older group that is slowly transitioning out. We should be thankful that the diehards continue working past their physical peak.

The two sports with the most scrutiny for an official are football and basketball. It's no surprise that those two sports have lost the most officials.

Fans have always given refs the business, but today's society is less civilized than before and heaps undue abuse on these men and women.

I recall my father refereeing many a basketball and baseball game. When I was a teenager, he wanted me to join him as a partner.

With some reluctance, I did a junior high girls basketball game with him. I don't recall any verbal abuse, but the attention level needed to properly perform was beyond me. So, it was one-and-done.

Bottom line—officiating is tougher than one would think. It can be quite rewarding, too. Why else

would people continue to do it for decades?

Officiating numbers might be going down, but girls wrestling is on the rise. According to figures from the Illinois Coaches and Officials Association, participation is up 75 percent.



Andy Colbert

Last year was the first time the IHSA facilitated a state tournament, with nearly all corners of the state represented. In looking at sectional assignments, Oregon appears to be the only program in Ogle County that has female wrestlers.

Have you caught pickleball fever yet?

One of the fastest-growing sports in the country, pickleball was invented in the 1960s by a father whose children were bored. Combining an old badminton court, a perforated plastic ball and ping-pong paddles, an offshoot of tennis was

born.

It took a while, but pickleball has really taken off the last few years. People of all ages enjoy it, as I discovered while visiting with Jim McPherson of Oregon, the reigning park district champion.

Jim's an older guy like me, demonstrating one doesn't necessarily have to be a youthful to excel at pickleball.

Oregon gets a lot of play with people from other towns utilizing both indoor and outdoor courts. Pickleball is a lot more user friendly than tennis and has been taking over those same courts.

Recreationally, tennis peaked in the 1970s and has never regained its hold on the masses, though it still retains status at a professional level.

With holiday tournaments over, high school basketball kicks into high

gear with conference play. It's nice for a team to win their conference, but it lacks the appeal of years ago.

Sometimes teams are more wrapped up with upcoming shootouts or MLK tourneys, events that didn't exist in the past. Additionally, squads are more concerned with preparing for the post season rather than obsessing on league games.

With the NFL and bowl games in full swing, New Year's weekend was a cornucopia of football watching, including some incredible finishes on the college side mixed in with a miserable performance by the Chicago Bears. Like most every football fan, I eagerly anticipated Monday Night ball between Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills as the encore.

Talk about being blindsided about what transpired on the field with the medical emergency to Bills player Damar Hamlin.

People on television and radio were at loss as to what to say. Pre-game and in-game analysis is off the charts in regard to coverage, but when it comes to real-life situations, we often don't know how to respond.

That's not a criticism, just an observation of how much importance we place on football compared to more important things.

As medical personnel feverishly attended to Damar Hamlin, us old timers couldn't help but think about a similar incident in 1971 when receiver Chuck Hughes of Detroit died from a heart attack suffered in the final part of a Bears game. One major difference between then and now was that play continued after Hughes was taken off the field.

Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.

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 205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
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 701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net
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 Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:
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 Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am
 Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am
 Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am-10:30am
 Main Worship: 10:30am
 Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm
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 6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 234-8032 - beaconhillbyron.org
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010
 Pastor: Gary Cortese
 Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM
 Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST
 Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: chanauoc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

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FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
 402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

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 402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
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 VISITORS WELCOME

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 Pastor Billy Hardy
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 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
 Nursery available
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
 Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
 Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH
 101 N Galena St., P.O box 67
 Lindenwood IL
 815-393-4658
 Worship: 10:00 am
 Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

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 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs
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 Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
 Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
 Email: mtmcab@frontier.com

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 308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
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 Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept-May) Chime Choir
 Wednesday 6:00 PM;

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH
 409 W Brayton Rd. Mt Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.
 Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

OREGON

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 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960.
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 Wednesday activities: Adults & Children meet weekly beginning at 6:30pm.
 In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session we do not meet on Wednesdays.

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 609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061
 Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213
 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship.
 RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him.
 Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.
 For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

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 1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
 • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
 Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saintbride.church@gmail.com •
 Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
 Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC
 114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
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 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
 11:30 a.m. Worship

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 702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
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 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
 Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

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 8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
 Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
 For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
 Interim Pastor Lisa Orris
 103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
 Sunday Morning 9am Gather for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
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WINNEBAGO

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 Sunday: Worship Service at 9:30 am.
 Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.
 Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

LOCAL NEWS

AREA SPORTS

Oregon boys bowling competes in Oswego

The Oregon boys bowling team participated in the Oswego East Mid-State Tournament held at Landmark Lanes Dec. 28. The field several of the state's best teams from the northern and southern parts of the state. In the end, a well-balanced lineup had its best tournament day of the season recording a 5,869 and a sixth place finish overall. Leading the way for the Hawks was senior Styler Klapp with a 1,256 series (215,169,232,257,210,173), good enough for an 11th place individual finish. He was followed closely by Gavvin Surmo's 1,220 series – 22nd place, Brandon Rowe's 1,149 series – 32nd place, Brady Davis' 1,127 series – 36th place, Roberto Hernandez's 759 four-game series and Bryan Immel's 358 two-game series.

Polo boys basketball defeats AFC

On Dec. 3, the Polo varsity boys basketball team defeated Ashton-Franklin Center 45-43. Brock Soltow scored 22 points for the Marcos and was followed in scoring by Carson Jones (14 points).

Stillman Valley girls hoops defeats Richmond-Burton

On Jan. 4, the Stillman Valley varsity girls basketball team defeated Richmond-Burton 62-19 at home. The Cardinals were led in scoring by Taylor Davidson (14 points), Brooke Jordal (10 points) and Mya Janssen.

SCORES

Girls varsity basketball

Dec. 28: Dixon 40, Stillman Valley 38 (Dixon Holiday Tournament)

Dec. 29: Byron 53, Stillman Valley 29 (SV finished fourth at Dixon Holiday Tournament)

Boys varsity basketball

Jan. 4: Stillman Valley 66, Marengo 30

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library!

Join us at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Space is limited: call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

Winter Reading Challenge

Our answer to the question, "Après Ski?" Read! "Après ski" is 1950s French lingo describing all of the fun social activities that follow a day of shredding it on the slopes: libations, snacks...stories. After a day of work, what could be more celebratory than a night of reading? Join us on Beanstack or if you're a traditionalist, via pen & paper method. Registration opens in Beanstack starting Monday, December 5. Pen & Paper participants may register in person starting Friday, December 30. Adults only. The challenge runs January 1-February 28. Pick up a program flier for all the details.

Cricut Lab: Meet Your Cricut

"Help! Santa Brought me a Cricut, but I haven't even taken it out of the box!" Never fear, your Crafty Librarians are here. This class will introduce you to the very basics of using a Cricut: how to set it up, how to use Cricut Design Space, how to install a blade and must have vs. nice to have accessories and materials. Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. BYO Cricut Explore Air or Maker, cutting mats, blade and device with Cricut Design Space app installed. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Fun Day Monday: Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

School's out for the day! Join us at the library for some creative

play. We'll use science to whip up our very own indoor snow, then a variety of craft supplies to build a unique snowman. Monday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Hot Cocoa Buffet

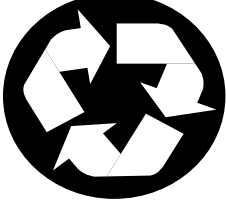
Stop by the library after school for a warm cozy treat: hot cocoa! You'll create your own with all the best mix-ins: marshmallows, candy canes and whip cream! Friday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Introduction to Ancestry: Genealogy Basics & Census Records

Explore Census records using Ancestry Library Edition! This class will cover the basics of genealogy. Then, we'll practice how to search for and read census information. Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: The Chocolate Games

Think you've got game? Dust off your speed and agility for the ultimate challenge. Compete in a variety of ridiculous games for power, glory, and of course, chocolate! Tuesday, February 7, at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.



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Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets January 11, at 12:30 pm to discuss Gilead: A Novel by Marilynne Robinson. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, January 15 at 4 pm (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, January 18, 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss the Four Winds by Kristin Hannah. New- Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club meets Tuesday, January 24 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss A River Enchanted by Rebecca Ross. Books on Tap meets Thursday, January 26 at 6 pm to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

Virtual Author Visit Watch Party

Saturday, February 11, 3-4 pm. Love the graphic novel series Real Friends? Join us for a virtual author visit with writer, Shannon Hale, and illustrator, LeUyen Pham! they will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity. Registration begins now and can be done by going online or calling 815-732-2724. For more info, call the Library.

Winter Blues Bundle

January 10th through February 10th. Register for a winter blues bundle beginning January 2nd. Not sure what to read, do, or need something to keep you busy during these cold winter months? Winter Blues Bundle! Each bundle will have a hand-picked book, magazine, DVD, and some fun activities. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

Preschool Story Time

18 months- 5 years. We are ready for 2023! Join us at the Library for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am, beginning January 9. Registration is required. Go online or call to register.

YOGA -New Day

Wednesday's at 9:30 am beginning January 4th. Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long-held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, January 17th at 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm (Choose your time slot). Melted Crayon Art Jewelry. This is NOT a Take and Make. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class, teens are welcome. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline January 13th.

A Killer Among Us (Part 2)

Killers, Stalkers & Creeps of Chicago's Modern Era- Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30pm. After an apparent breather during Chicago's Beer Wars of the Roaring Twenties, the Serial Killer is back for our Modern Era...and they are more insatiable than before. Gone are poison and insurance claims - only to be replaced by bloodshed and lust. If you're not too frightened (yet) please join Clarence Goodman for "A Killer Among Us (Part 2): Killers, Stalkers & Creeps of Chicago's Modern Era." Registration required, call

(815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Craft Swap

Saturday, January 21st from 10 am-3 pm. What is a craft swap? "It's when you gather up all the craft supplies, materials, tools, and accessories that have been hanging out in your craft room collecting dust for a while and give them away to someone who will actually use them. You know that phrase "one person's trash is another's treasure?" That definitely applies to crafting. You may have been hanging onto the same scrapbook paper and ribbons for three years, but someone might be able to use it this weekend." – organized-ish. So collect your items, bring them to the library January 20th and come back, and "shop" the swap on Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. If you'd like any items back after the swap that were not taken, please label with your name and phone number.

Puzzle Library

The library has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

At Oregon Park West. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is Owl Moon by Jane Yolen.

Oregon Writers Group

2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

New Releases

Back to the Prairie by Melissa Gilbert LP BIO GIL (RED DOT)

Live, Local, and Dead by Nikki Knight LP MYS KNI (RED DOT)

The Amish Quiltmaker's Unruly In-law by Jennifer Beckstrand LP FIC BEC (RED DOT)

A History of Fear by Luke Dumas FIC DU

Blackwater Falls by Ausma Zehanat Khan MYSKHA

A Book Club to Die For by Dorothy St. James MYS STJ

The Devil's Blaze: Sherlock Holmes 1943 by Robert J. Harris MYS HAR

Through the Liquor Glass by Sarah Fox MYS FOX

Have I Told You This Already by Lauren Graham 4-BOCD BIO GRA

Mindful Cognitive Behavioral Therapy by Seth J. Gillihan 7-BOCD 616.89 G

An Amish Christmas Star by Shelley Shepard Gray/Charlotte Hubbard/Rosalind Hauer LP FIC AMI (RED DOT)

Bones of Holly by Carolyn Haines LP MYS HAI (RED DOT)

Devil's Delight by M. C. Beaton MYS BEA

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Locals named to UW-Whitewater dean's list

WHITEWATER, Wisc. — The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

Polo, IL 61064: Lauren Strauss. Oregon, IL 61061:

Evan Vache. Byron, IL 61010: Emma Wrede

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

The school's registrar's office reports 3,430 students were selected for the dean's list for the spring semester. About 11,000 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.



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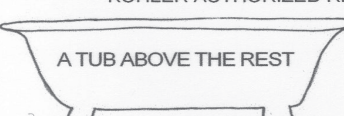
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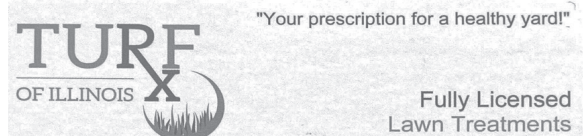
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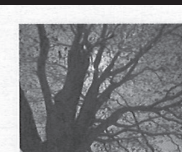
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LOCAL NEWS

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Story Time

Thursday, January 12th, 10:00 AM Story Time will be back on Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 AM. Miss Jana will have stories and crafts for toddlers-kindergarten age kids. We look forward to seeing you then!

Big Kids, Big Art

Tuesday, January 17th, 4:30 PM

Family Night BINGO

Monday, January 23rd, 5:00 PM Bring the kids for a fun evening with great prizes!

LEGO® Club

1st Monday of the month, 5:00 PM Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGO® bricks waiting for you!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Book of the Month

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Craft Kits for Adults

Embrace the winter cold with this penguin ornament or coaster

Create-a-Card

Will Return in March 2023!

On The Horizon

Mark your calendars for March 20th at 5:00PM. Microsoft Excel Fundamentals has been rescheduled! Registration will open soon!

Drop Box

Our drop box is closed until further notice due to water leaks. Please return library materials during business hours. You may also return materials to other local libraries, and they will send them to us via our interlibrary loan system. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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MT. MORRIS LIBRARY

Library Closing

The Mount Morris Library will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Story Time!

Bring your little ones by for a 'roaring' great story time! We will be reading books and then children will be making a craft all about POLAR BEARS this Wednesday, 1/11. Story time is every Wednesday @ 11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The January book is "Have You Seen Luis Valez?" by Cathrine Ryan Hyde. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, January 30th at the library.

Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from our book, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, February 7th @ 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in February to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. Liz has already been working with the Oregon Public Library and her

classes are quite the success! We want to offer her lovely workshops to our Mount Morris patrons also. She will be here on Thursday, February 9th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before February 3rd.

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, January 19th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Justice Dept. agency
4 Physician's nickname
7 Grating
12 Vintage
13 Away from WSW
14 Mountain crest
15 Set afire
16 Yosemite peak featured in "Free Solo"
18 "CSI" evidence
19 Dewy
20 Billboard
22 Swiss peak
23 Bloke
27 Author Fleming
29 Abrasion
31 Planet circlers
34 Heart line
35 Coffeehouse bill collector
37 L-P link
38 Utah ski resort
39 "Yoo- —!"
41 Pottery oven
45 Quotable Yogi
47 Eastern path
48 Bygone Cadillacs
52 Copper head?
53 Tierney of "The Affair"
54 Superlative

DOWN

1 Creates origami
2 Russian pancakes
3 Luggage attachment
4 Consider
5 Borrowed
6 Director DeMille
7 Engrossed
8 "Exodus" hero
9 Fixed
10 Sch. org
11 Hankering
17 Nile vipers
21 Martial arts warrior
23 Swindler
24 Guffaw syllable
25 Suitable
26 Green shade
28 Smile part
30 Paint container
31 1959 Kingston Trio hit
32 Texas tea
33 Choose
36 Mother of Zeus
37 Gloomy
40 Sequence
42 Tuscany setting
43 Hard work
44 Seasonal songs
45 Thin nail
46 Nick and Nora's dog
48 Ambulance initials
49 Napkin's place
50 Payable
51 Mine material

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: AULD LANG —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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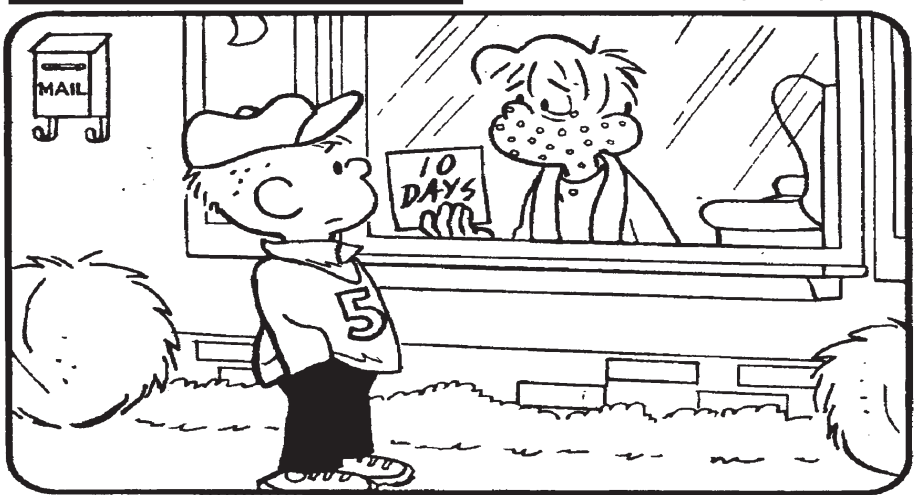
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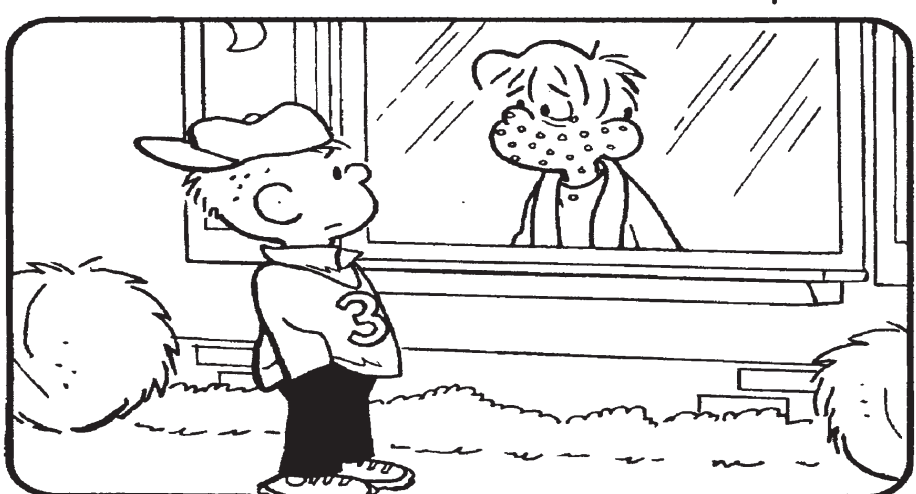
- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mailbox is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Number is different. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Bricks are missing. 6. Chair is missing.

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

LAST NIGHT'S PARTY

5	1	7	4	3	6	8	9	2
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9	7	4	8	6	5	2	1	3
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NO. 2022-PR-76 CLAIM NOTICE

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Marcia Heuer, Chairperson

Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District

DATE: 8th day of December, 2022.

No. 0103

(Jan. 9 and Jan. 23, 2023)

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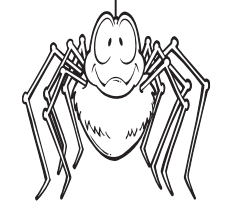
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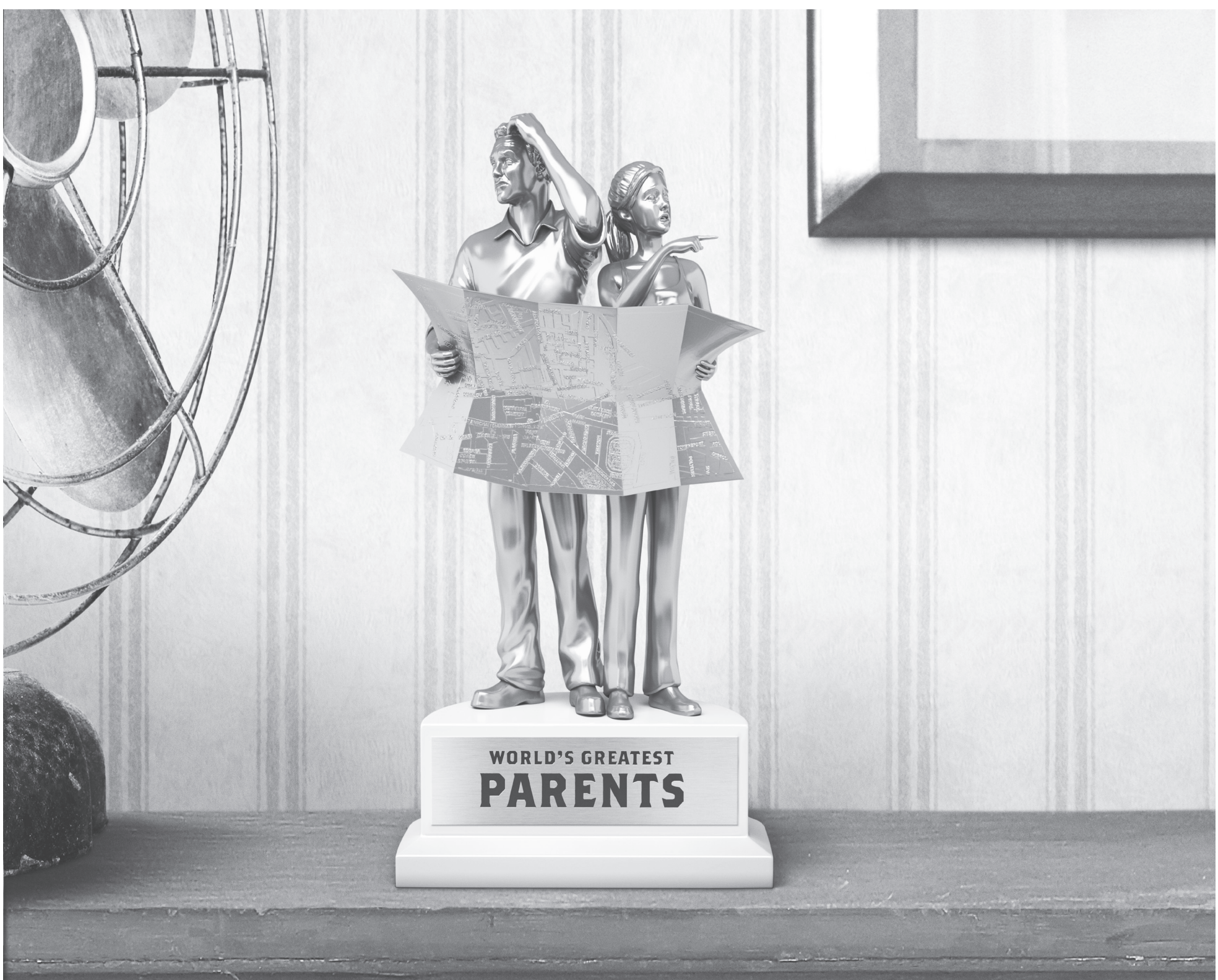
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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Charcuterie Box and Beverage Pairing

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Indoor Soccer

Practice your soccer skills in the warmth of Nash! Youth players, ages 4-7 years old, will develop their fundamentals and team playing strategies through a 30 min practice followed by a 30 min game every week. All players will receive a t-shirt and their own soccer ball to keep! Players meet for an hour on Saturday mornings from Feb 11th-March 11th. Cost is \$40/\$48NR and deadline for participation is January 22nd. Volunteer coaches are needed. Please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested.

ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

and the correct documentation to help the preparers.

Don Tersigni

Comedian and Singer. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Don Tersigni, is one of America's Premier Comedy Impressionists!! He provides hassle free, top rate, non-offensive, crowd pleasing, 5 star humorous entertainment. Expect to see side-splitting clean stand-up comedy, dead-on celebrity voice impressions (Stallone, Arnold, Clint, Homer Simpson, etc), and Vegas-style song impersonations of Elvis, Dean Martin, Johnny Cash, Louie Armstrong among others. More than just a stand-up comic, he's a whole Las Vegas stage show waiting to make your event a smashing success! This is Don Tersigni "The Voice Chameleon"!

Don, a Detroit area native and former winner of Ed McMahon's "NEXT BIG STAR" National TV Talent Show, began performing while serving in the US Navy. He has performed in Las Vegas and Nashville and has shared the stage with Steve Harvey, Louie Anderson, Jewel, Jimmy "JJ" Walker, Jon Stewart, Tommy Chong, Gilbert Gottfried, Ted Nugent and Weird Al Yankovic, among others.

Cost: \$8.00 Suggested Donation

Reservation Information: Requested deadline: Monday, January 9, 2023. For reservations or information, contact Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon at 815-732-3252.

We look forward to seeing you for a fun experience.

"Timeless" New Year's Sing-A-Long

Join the local musical duet "Timeless" featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt for a New Year's Sing-A-Long at Rock River Center on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Denny is a regular on the "Pride of Oregon" Paddleboat. He enjoys performing at various local facilities as well. Denny will share a wide variety of guitar music and has an easy listening voice. Denny is a solo regular at RRC, and never disappoints his audience.

Mike Bratt, from Stillman Valley, has been performing for many years. He plays 6-string guitar and bass, and sing vocals.

Currently, Mike is in two bands - Backroads Trio and Bluegrass Reunion Bands. His specialty is 50's, 60's and cowboy range music.

Reservations requested to accommodate seating. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan to attend.

Benefit Access Program

The Benefit Access Program allows you to get a discount on your license plate sticker. The cost of your sticker could be as low as \$24.00.

To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows:

You must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the current year; or

You must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of this year

Your 2021 annual income must be less than: \$33,562 for a 1 person household. \$44,533 for a 2 person household. \$55,500 for a 3 person household. You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

Property Tax Assessment Freeze

This exemption "freezes" your assessed value at a certain level and base year, depending on what year you originally applied. Your future real estate tax bills are calculated at this "frozen" assessed value, thereby slowing the increase of your property taxes. You must re-apply for this exemption every year.

Although your assessed value is frozen under this exemption, tax bills can continue to increase if spending by any of the local units of government (like schools, cities, parks, etc.) goes up. Also, please be aware that you may, later in the year, receive a "change of assessment notice" if the township assessor has re-evaluated your property. This will in no way affect your status under this senior assessment freeze exemption. Real estate taxes are calculated on your "frozen" assessed value.

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Cable Options & Reducing Robocalls

Monday, Jan. 16. 6 – 7:00 pm. Are you looking to reduce your cable

costs? Tired of all those robocalls? This program is for you as a representative from CUB (Citizens Utility Board) shares the different choices in the TV market, ways to cut your cable costs, streaming services available to consumers, how to avoid common robocall scams, call-blocking services and what they mean for your pocket and new federal legislation passed helping to reduce robocalls. You can either participate through Zoom at home or come to the library and watch there. Please indicate if you are watching from home or at the library. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Wheel of Fortune!

Friday, Jan. 27. 1 – 2:00 pm. Time to get out and spin the wheel. Join Beth as she leads everyone in an entertaining game of Wheel of Fortune. Sip on a hot chocolate and see if you can solve the puzzles. Prizes for the winner(s)!!! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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Photos of babies born in 2022 will run on Monday, Feb. 6th, 2023

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New Year, Fresh Start!

Test your knowledge of the common cold

Sniffles, cough, sore throat ... these can be symptoms of any number of conditions, but are often a byproduct of the common cold.

Colds are the result of more than 200 different viruses, according to Johns Hopkins Medicine. Adults experience an average of two to three colds per year, and rhinoviruses cause most of them. The American Lung Association states that colds are minor infections of the nose and throat. Despite typically producing only mild illness, colds account for more visits to the doctor than any other condition in the United States.

People will experience many colds in their lifetimes, and this true or false quiz can test their knowledge about them.

1. Colds are highly contagious.

True: Colds most often spread when droplets of fluid that contain the cold virus are transferred by touch or inhaled.

2. Cold weather or being chilled causes colds.

False: While many colds occur during seasons when the weather is cold, transmission is likely higher then due to

people staying indoors, and thus closer to one another, when temperatures dip. But the cold air itself has nothing to do with the cold.

3. Antibiotics are a known remedy for a cold.

False: Antibiotics treat bacterial infections, while colds are viral. That means antibiotics will be ineffective at helping a person recover from a cold.

4. Rhinoviruses that cause colds also can trigger asthma attacks.

True: These rhinoviruses also have been linked to sinus and ear infections.

5. Colds are sometimes serious for people.

True: People with weakened immune systems, asthma or conditions that affect the lungs and breathing passages may develop serious conditions, even pneumonia, from colds that linger.

6. Colds can't be caught from shaking hands.

False: Colds can be transferred through touch, including shaking hands. It's recommended to wash hands

often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

7. You feed a cold and starve a fever.

False: Harvard Medical School says there is no need to eat more or less than usual if you have a cold or flu. However it is important to increase fluid intake to avoid dehydration. Fluids also help keep the lining of the nose and throat from drying out.

8. Vitamin C, zinc, eucalyptus, garlic, and others are not proven cold remedies.

True: Various herbs, minerals and other products have gained a reputation as cold remedies but there are no scientific studies that support such assertions.

9. One should avoid caffeine or alcohol while experiencing a cold.

True: Alcoholic and caffeinated beverages can lead to dehydration, which is the opposite of what the body needs to recover.



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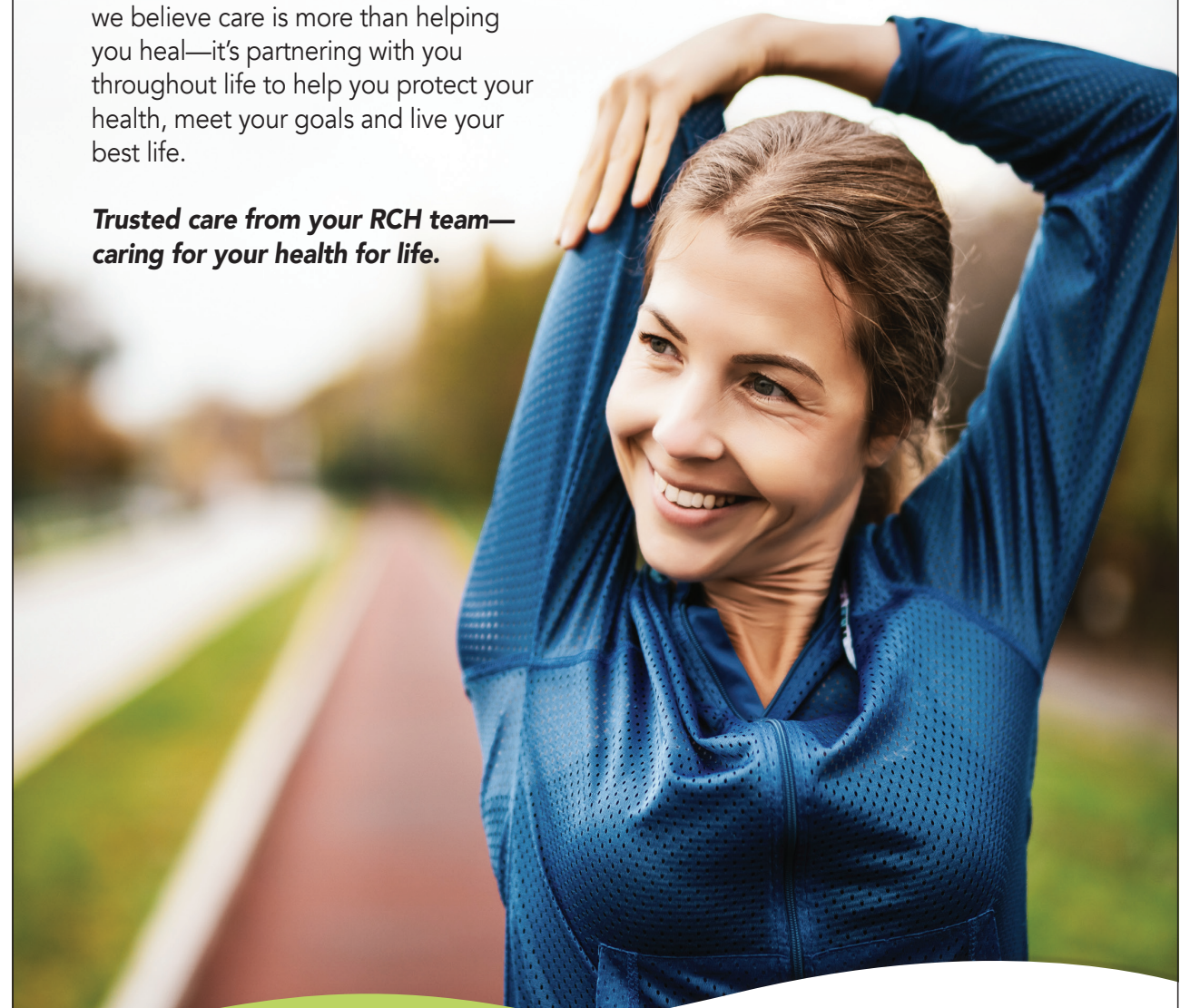
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