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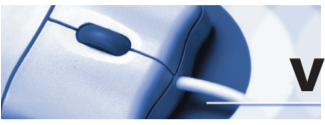


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Oregon Theater building renovations coming along for brewery owners

Plans for production, distribution and storefront use by early summer

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — Renovations to the Oregon Theater building by the owners of the nearby Ogle County Brewery are planned to be completed late spring or early summer, Owner Brian Wynn said Dec. 19.

The longtime vacant theater building was purchased by OCB owners Wynn, Joshua Skinner and Mike Blasciak earlier this year. Plans for it include distribution and production facilities for the brewery along with storefront space for retail business that's to be determined. Renovations are ongoing. The Ogle County Brewery opened in February 2021 and operates as a bar and restaurant along with its beer brewing operations.

The OCB owners had been looking for an opportunity to expand into doing more production and



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distribution of beer and had seen requests for distribution opportunities. They looked at multiple buildings and Oregon Mayor Ken Williams suggested

the theater. "We had looked at it before and it just didn't seem like a good opportunity at the time," Wynn said. "Some different things

came up with the building and we were able to negotiate with the city and it became a better deal for us to be able to do that. We liked the idea of being able

to utilize a building that's really been vacant for over 10 years and revitalize the downtown area of Oregon."

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Byron park board commissioner recognized

BYRON — On Dec. 20, the Byron Park District Board of Commissioners and Executive Director Paul Zepezauer recognized Board Commissioner Judd Griffith for 10 years of service. Commissioner Griffith began his tenure with the district in 2012. Over the past 10 years, the district has continued to expand services within the community and implemented new recreational programming for its residents.

"Commissioner Griffith's dedication to the Byron community and parks and recreation contributes to the ongoing success of the district," Board President Jeff Wilmarth said. "The Byron Park District is proud to recognize Commissioner Griffith and thankful for his service."



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LOCAL NEWS

PLAN: Renovations continue on former theater

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Wynn said the theater's proximity to the brewery made a lot of sense. The eventual storefront space of the theater building will either be filled by a retail business venture developed by the OCB owners or offered up for lease.

"We've had some people contact us that are interested in leasing it, but we haven't decided yet," Wynn said. "We could use it ourselves for some sort of secondary business."

Wynn said that renovations have gone well so far and the "skeleton of the building" is in good shape. A new roof was recently put on the building. Renovations have taken time due to what Wynn called "a lot of years of mistreatment" of the building.

Upcoming work will be done when possible due to winter weather and supply chain difficulties.

"We're just trying to make sure we can get things done in a good amount of time," Wynn said. "Hopefully we'll be open and be able to utilize the space in late spring or early summer. We'll see. The supply chain is still a problem for a lot of people. If the economy continues to decline like it has, that's a problem for us and others in small business. It's hard. And it



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gets harder every day."

The OCB owners had renderings drawn for the front and back facades of the former theater and have posted them in its front window. The facade work is planned to be completed on the same timeframe as the rest of the work. They've fielded a lot of requests to save the theater's marquee, but that won't be possible due to its condition, Wynn said.

"It's poorly-built and in bad shape," Wynn said.

"There's just no saving that. We can save some parts of it that we're going to try to incorporate. It does have to come down and it's not something we can save. But we want to do something that gives a little bit of a highlight to a marquee setting so people remember that it was a theater. We want to respect that part of it."

Running the Ogle County Brewery has been "a learning curve" for Wynn, Skinner and Blasciak due to the fact

that they're new to the industry. The brewing portion has gone "really well" and the beers have been well-received by customers, Wynn said. OCB has strived to be a family-friendly business and has recently added free table games and arcade games.

When the Ogle County Brewery first opened, its owners thought they'd move into the production/distribution side around year five. They're ahead of schedule in their sec-

ond year with the expansion into the theater building.

"We've had so many requests and there are some really good opportunities out there for us with some local businesses that really want to work with us on some things," Wynn said. "It's exciting to have those opportunities be presented. That's them coming to us, which is really nice because it means they like our product and what we do. Being able to partner with some of these other resources and businesses is really a positive thing for us and the community. There's some pretty big opportunities and we're really looking forward to them."

Wynn said working with the City of Oregon has made for a positive re-

lationship. He praised the other small businesses in town and said he believes that Oregon is becoming a destination, which he and his co-owners hoped when they opened the brewery.

"[The theater building] is kind of the last storefront on that street that really needs to be taken care of," Wynn said. "For us to step in and be able to do that, I think largely the people in the community are very appreciative of it. And we appreciate the fact that they're supporting us as a business, so we'd like to continue to invest in this town as well. We've had a great experience here and wanted to continue that and be able to offer a little bit more to this town."



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LOCAL NEWS



BMS students complete community service project

Students in Mrs. Bukoski's seventh grade exploratory classes at Byron Middle School recently completed a community service project. Students chose tie-blanket kits in a variety of designs and made the blankets cooperatively with their classmates. The students then chose where to donate the blankets to and six different organizations were chosen including Remedies, Miss Carly's, Friends Forever Animal Shelter, Ronald McDonald House in Madison, Generations at Neighbors and the OSF OBGYN team. Great job, Tigers!



New project to boost youth health data literacy skills

Ogle County resident chosen for inaugural team

OGLE COUNTY — A project to increase the health data literacy of youth has received funding through the University of Illinois Extension's Collaboration Grant Program. Assistant Professor Rachel M. Magee will lead the project, "Health Data Literacy Ambassadors," with Associate Professors Catherine Blake and Jana Diesner serving as co-investigators. Funded through the Office of the Provost's Investment for Growth Program and University of Illinois Extension, the grant supports research and partnerships that address critical issues in five key areas: food, economy, environment, community and health.



address issues that arise from their assessments, and present their findings to university and local audiences. University of Illinois students and faculty will serve as mentors and support the teens in their projects.

The 4-H youth chosen for the inaugural team include Taylor Woodring, Jersey County; Brayden Wilson, LaSalle County; Lydia Sherburne, Ogle County; Pritika Jakka, McLean County; Sofie Heidrich, Kendall County; Taj Dipenshah, Cook County; Elizabeth Martinez, Cook County and Carlos Martinez, Cook County.

"This collaboration has the potential to build a sustainable model for other data literacy ambassador programs for Illinois 4-H, furthering efforts to address critical issue areas across Illinois through the lens of data analytics, continuing to empower youth as change agents, highlighting career pathways, and building connections and new partnerships between local communities and the University," Magee said.

Informed by her background as a public librarian, Magee is a youth advocate who teaches about and researches youth technology and information practices. She holds a PhD in information studies from Drexel University and a master's degree in information resources and library science from the University of Arizona.

Farm bureau scholarship applications available

OREGON — The Ogle County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that applications for their 2023 Scholarship Program will be available beginning January 4 to graduating high school seniors, or those enrolled at an accredited university. Farm Bureau members may pick up or have applications mailed. Applications can also be downloaded from the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at www.oglefb.org

The Don Bybee Memorial Scholarship is jointly funded by the Bybee family and the Ogle County Farm Bureau. Mr. Bybee served for many years as a director on the Ogle County Farm Bureau Board and offering this \$1000 scholarship recognizes his passion for offering opportunities for Ogle County youth to advance their education.

Also available is a \$1000 scholarship funded jointly by the Ogle County Pork Producers Association and the Farm Bureau. The Mark Detig Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually. Mr. Detig served as past president and director on the pork producers association board of directors and was involved in 4-H

youth activities in Ogle County.

These scholarships are in addition to the \$1500 Del Flessner Memorial Scholarship, honoring the former manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau; and two \$1000 General Farm Bureau Scholarships.

George R LeFevre Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship funded by the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family and the Farm Bureau. It recognizes Mr. LeFevre for his lifetime of service to agriculture and youth education in Ogle County. It will be awarded to a recipient studying in a field of agriculture.

Mary R LeFevre Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship funded by the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family and the Farm Bureau. It recognizes Mrs. LeFevre for her dedicated service in the healthcare profession and involvement with youth education. It will be awarded to a recipient studying in a healthcare related field.

Finally an Ag Technology Scholarship will be awarded in an amount of \$1000. It will be awarded to students studying in an ag technology field similar to diesel mechanics,

crop technician or similar fields of study.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria: must be a high school graduate; must be an Ogle County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a member; must be accepted at an accredited university or college and pursue an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study; must be a resident of Illinois; and must demonstrate a financial need.

Applicants can be graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.

Applicants successfully completed and submitted will be judged on criteria including: academic performance, demonstrated interest in agriculture, financial need and character/personality.

Those interested in receiving a scholarship application should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 732-2231; or stop by their office at 421 W Pines Rd, in Oregon, IL.

Applications can also be downloaded by visiting our website at www.oglefb.org

All applications and accompanying materials must be received no later than April 1, 2023.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

James Barnes Jr.

OREGON — James L. “Jim” Barnes, Jr., age 75, died Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at his home in Oregon, IL.

He was born November 16, 1947 in Decatur, IL the son of James L. and Barbara J. (Taft) Barnes, Sr. He graduated from Oregon High School in 1966. He then served his country in the U.S. Army from 1967 – 1969.

Jim married Diane M. Tobey on April 29, 1972. She preceded him in 2007.

Jim worked over 40 years for E.D. Etnyre and Company in Oregon, IL. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of the Oregon VFW Post 8739. Jim loved sports, especially enjoying bowling and playing softball. He also was a softball umpire for many years.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Jim and Barb Barnes, his wife Diane Barnes, his brother Allen Scott Barnes, his nephews James Pearson and Sean Rodriguez, his

niece Amanda Heimstead, and his beloved dog Dee Dee.

Jim is survived by his two children: Lisa (Adam) Albee of Dixon and Timothy (Melissa) Barnes of Forreton; four grandchildren: Cainen Lucas, Alexander Albee, Lucas Albee, and Charlie Barnes, sisters Virginia (Robert) Pearson of Oregon and Penny (William) Stoughton of Butler, PA.

Funeral service with military honors was held 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street, Oregon, IL with the Pastor David Rogula officiating. Visitation was Tuesday evening from 5-7 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in the St. Mary’s Cemetery near Oregon.

A memorial fund is established for the Oregon VFW Post 8739.

Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Jim.



Linda “Carr” Greenhow

BYRON — Linda Doreen “Carr” Greenhow, 68, of Byron, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at SwedishAmerican Hospital in Rockford, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sept. 26, 1954, in Rochelle, the daughter of Richard and Patricia (Jones) Carr.

She was raised in Oregon, and graduated from Oregon High School in 1973. She then moved to Loves Park, with her former husband, where they raised their daughters Jessica and Jennifer. She married her loving husband, Cliff, in 1995. In 1999 they both retired, took off in their tiny camper, and traveled the country. They soon traded in the tiny camper for a beautiful fifth wheel.

In 2001 she had her first heart attack, and they reluctantly had to give up traveling. They were so happy to find their dream home in Byron, which was just a foundation and frame that had been empty for many years. They set up camp in the driveway, and Cliff turned that dilapidated old house into their forever home. She loved her home so much, and you could usually find her sitting in her kitchen playing solitaire on her Ipad with a smile on her face. She loved cooking and baking for her family anytime she could. She absolutely loved spoiling her grandchildren and having them there for many sleepovers.

In 2012 our mom was given the wonderful gift of a heart transplant that gave us another 10.5 years with her. Over the years, she battled several health issues, too many hospital stays and surgeries even to count, and not once did our warrior complain. Her doctors described her as

a “medical miracle.” She fought so hard until her last breath, and we are beyond proud of her strength through every battle she faced.

We have peace knowing she is with her loved ones who have already passed and our Heavenly Father for eternity. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Jessica (Tom) Fraser and their children Gavin, Carly, Brody, Taylor and great-grandson Aurelio; daughter Jennifer (Brandon) Watts and their children, Maia,

Camden, Danae, Chiron, Persephone, Damien, Heleana, and Dino; sister Lori (Tim) Benesh; brothers Steve, Stan and Doug Carr; many loving nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Butch (Jackie) Greenhow, Ron (Teresa) Greenhow, Beth (Mark) Bostrom, and many step grand and great-grandchildren; and her ex-husband and father of her children, Greg Jensen and his wife, Teresa.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Clifford “Cliff” Greenhow, her parents, and her sister Vicki Young.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at Oregon VFW Post 8739 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon. Her final resting place will be in Daysville Cemetary, Oregon. Internment of her remains will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for the family.

Special thank you to all of her doctors at Aurora, St. Lukes’s hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., especially her nurse Kristen Dwyer, Davita Dialysis, SwedishAmerican Hospital Critical Care Unit, and nurse Kayla who made her last day so comfortable and special for our family.



Lt. Col. Richard F. Bird IV

OREGON — Lt. Col. Richard F. Bird IV, U.S. Army Ret., 77, of Oregon, Ill., died Friday, Dec. 23, 2022.

“Dick” was born Oct. 20, 1945, in Evergreen Park, Ill., the son of James Patrick and Margaret (Lanphear) Bird. Dick graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago, Class of 1964. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from DePaul University, then served his country for 20 years as a military police officer in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. Dick married the love of his life, Bernadette Nagorka, on Oct. 23, 1971. He worked as a special agent in the criminal investigation division of the Internal Revenue Service for more than 30 years, a job in which he took great pride.

Dick had a lifelong love of toy trains and was known as “The Train Guy,” with memberships in the Stateline “S” Gauge Club and Blackhawk Model Railroad Club. He took great pleasure in sharing his enthusiasm with others, especially younger generations.

Dick was a devout Catholic, a member of St. Mary Oratory and a 3rd Degree

member of the Knights of Columbus. Dick also served his community with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and Lion’s Club International.

Dick is survived by his wife, Bernadette; his son, Richard (Hillary) Bird V; grandchildren, Eleanor and Amelia; brothers-in-law Mark (Karen) Nagorka and Michael (Sue) Gerberi; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Michael (Rita) Bird; and sister-in-law, Kathleen Gerberi.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at St. Mary Oratory, 517 Elm St., Rockford, IL 61102. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Dick will be buried at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, with full military honors, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary Oratory or American Legion Post 97, PO Box 597, Oregon, IL 61061.



Leonard “Tobe” Hagemann

LEAF RIVER — Leonard “Tobe” Hagemann, age 90, passed away on December 23, 2022 in Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon, IL with his family by his side. Tobe was born on March 16, 1932 in Leaf River, IL on family farm; son of August & Dorothy (Green) Hagemann. He married Donna Stanley on April 5, 1953 and they had three daughters.

The outdoors and land were always his passion and calling. He was a lifelong farmer; Sunset Acres Trucking business, and in later years he was a bus driver for Byron School District, where he loved spending time and joking with the kids, he was also a lawn supervisor for Forreton School. He was also a Leaf River Township supervisor and trustee for 40 years. Tobe was instrumental in placing a marker on Myrtle Road where Leaf River Township was formed. He was a member of the Leaf River riding club and loved horses, riding in his childhood saddle on August of 2022. He was a member of the Grange and Leaf River Lions.

His greatest joy in life was his family and going to the lake house with kids and grandchildren. Tobe always said kindness is love.

He loved Oliver Tractors large and small, collecting and restoring them, and

going on tractor “trail rides.”

Tobe is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters, Julie Edwin, Chana, IL, Christy (Jim) Bachman, Leaf River, IL, and Shari (Randy) Martin Forreton, IL; grandchildren, Tara (Brad) Johnson, Chicago, IL, Breann (Tom) Sublewski, Byron, IL, Tobi (Doug) Johnson, Winnebago, IL, Cody Hoting, Freeport, IL, Michelle Spooden (Ken), Belvidere, IL, and Jim Edwin, Rockford, IL; great-grandchildren, Walter, Levi, and Amelia Grace Johnson; step grandchildren, Alyssa and Bryanna Morris; step great-grandchildren, Ryder and Journi; sisters, Gussie Grove, Leaf River, IL and Janie McNames, Byron, IL; and sister-in-law, Kathleen Walker, Belvidere, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom (Bernice) Hagemann; brother-in-laws, John Grove, Don Walker, and Jim McNames; and son-in-law, Ray Edwin. Graveside services will be held in Lightsville Cemetery, Leaf River, IL for immediate family.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home.

“Yea my Daddy is a farmer... and I guess he’ll never stop till he lays his tired old body down... he’ll be making one “Last Crop.”



William Dach

ROCKFORD - William C. “Bill” Dach, age 78, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on December 25, 2022.

He was born on October 2, 1944 the son of Carl and Ethel (Gann) Dach. He spent his life in the Byron area graduating from Byron High School.

Bill learned the fencing trade from his father and branched out to start his own business, Dach Fence Co. in 1966.

He married Patricia Stukenberg on August 27, 1965. Bill loved motorcycles and had his own motorcycle shop in the 1980’s selling parts and building custom bikes. He also loved traveling to Daytona Bike Week and taking many trips with his wife. He was someone who liked to stay busy and he could frequently be found working in his garage or reaching for one of his many pairs of reading glasses.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge which was very important to him. But, the most important thing in Bill’s life was his family. He loved taking the family out to eat and spending time with them as much as he could. His favorite thing was being

an involved father and grandfather.

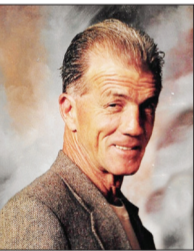
He is preceded in death by his parents, grandson Joel, great-grandson Javian, and brothers, Jerry and Ronnie.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Patricia Dach of Rockford; sons, Chris Dach of Rockford and Adam (Aimee) Dach of Byron; siblings, Elena Bee of Lincoln, IL, Dolores Mills of Davis, IL, and Andy (Marsha)

Dach of Rockford; grandchildren, Megan (Robert) Dach, Mariah (Tyler) Dach, Amber (Jake Ross) Dach, Kyle Dach, Autumn Dach, Darian Payton, Dalton Payton, and Joie Payton; and great grandchildren, Jaela, Dylan, Rylie, and Kinsley.

Funeral services were held at All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 31, 2022 with Pastor Janet Wold of the church officiating. Visitation will be held at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday December 30, 2022. Burial will be at Byron Cemetery.

Memorials are established for Shriner Hospitals. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com



Wilma Logan

OREGON — Wilma E. Logan, age 97, passed away on December 26, 2022 at Oregon Living and Rehab Center. She was born on October 25, 1925 in Centralia, IL the daughter of Walter and Cleona (Boatright) Hazlip.

She worked as a cook at various area restaurant until she met and married the love of her life, Ira Logan on July 28, 1973 at the Christian Church in Polo, Illinois. Then she focused on working on the family farm.

She was someone who always needed to stay busy and would take time to can things from her expansive garden, work in her upholstery shop she set up in the basement and always kept a clean house. She was an avid quilter and great cook and even made wedding cakes for many couples. But, more than anything Wilma loved her family and always made sure to take time for them. She was someone you could count on to love you and be there for you no matter what.

She is predeceased by her parents, her children Trice Clyde Riley, Jr., Richard

Riley, Phyllis Irvin, Gary Riley, and Sam Logan, Brothers Kenneth Hazlip, Eugene Hazlip, Charles Hazlip, sisters Joyce Hazlip, and Patricia Wikoff.

She is survived by her bothers Clifford, Leland Hazlip, and Glenn Hazlip, sister Sue Buisker, grandchildren Corey Irvin, Derrick Irvin, Robin Lamadue, Tana Renolyds, Tim Riley, Jamie Fager, Ricky Riley, Karyn Riley, Robert Riley, Brian Riley, Billy Riley, Cora Riley, Tye, Krisy, Shannon, Darrel, Robbie, great grandchildren David, Michael, Kenzie, Charli, Robert, Autumn, Mona, DJ, Kate, Zach, Shyler, James, Abbigal, Josh, Jacob, Allysa, great great grandchildren Zander, Adley, Asher, Ayden, Glisa, Marlowe, Addy, Opi, Oakley, McKenna, Akari, Penny Evie, and Blair.

A memorial service will be held at 12 pm on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Visitation will be held from 10 am – 12 pm prior to the service.

Memorials are established in her name.



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LOCAL NEWS



Richard "Duck" Sweitzer has performed at First Fridays, as well as other open mikes far and near, for many years. He's accompanied on bass in this photo by Mike Bratt.

First Fridays show set for Jan. 6

OREGON — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this January 6. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The VFW is located at 1310 West Washington Street in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4 to 8 PM.

The show starts at 7 P.M. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up for time slots on a first come first serve basis this month, starting at 6:30 P.M. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers issue speeding citations

BYRON — On Dec. 7, Cynthia M. Benson, 52, of Aurora was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 7, Kamelshkamar P. Patel, 43, of Mount Prospect was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 7, Alexandria J. Gray, 24, of Commerce City, Colorado was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 7, Charlotte G. Brinker, 20, of Roscoe was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 8, Janet R. Peth, 75, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 8, Colleen A. Considine, 60, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 8, Dallas J. Henrichs 28, of Rock Falls was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 8, Dean M. Sunderman, 37, of Rockford was issued a citation

for speeding.

On Dec. 8, Logan J. Lindahl, 24, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no valid registration.

On Dec. 8, Thomas G. Rienstra, 83, of Stillman Valley was issued a citation for failure to yield at a private road.

On Dec. 11, Karianne A. McCarty, 38, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 12, Miranda C. Moen, 28, of Zealing, Iowa was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 12, Nichole S. Rains, 33, of Rockford was issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Dec. 13, Joseph L. Cook, 45, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Dec. 13, Emmy K. Gardner, 24, of Vermilion, Ohio was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 13, Jordan Croegart, 18, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On Dec. 14, Todd M. Spink, 60, of Oregon was arrested on an outstanding warrant in Ogle County. Spink was transferred to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Dec. 16, Roger W. Lemke, 76, of Byron was issued citations for speeding and driving with an expired license.

On Dec. 17, Mikayla S. Cox, 28, of Sterling was issued a citation for speeding.

Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Man arrested on domestic battery charges

OREGON — Dec. 21 at approximately 12:51 a.m. deputies responded to an address in the 4,000 block of East Illinois Route 72 in reference to a domestic disturbance. After further investigation William Upton, 50, of Byron, was placed under arrest for aggravated domestic battery and domestic battery. Also arrested

was Amber Dodson, 29, of Stillman Valley, for domestic battery. Both Upton and Dodson were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held pending an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

General calls for service, citation reported

POLO — The Polo Police Department has reported the following general calls for service for Dec. 12 through Dec. 25.

Citizen Complaints/Assist - 18

Animal - 1
Disturbance/Domestic - 1
Fire/Medical Assist - 8
Alarm - 1
911 Hang Up - 1
Traffic Stops - 3

On Dec. 25 at 10:20 p.m., Polo Police cited Evelyn Stokes, 56, Polo, for speeding 48 MPH in a 30 MPH speed zone. Stokes was released on an I-Bond.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 3

Young Widows Group will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon, IL. This group is for ages 55 and under.

To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon if you plan to attend.

January 27

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on January 27, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems,

holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events.

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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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Tired, but thankful

As I write it's the day after Christmas. The wrapping paper and boxes are almost finished smoldering in the firepit. The fridge is full of leftovers. Christmas cookies cover every counter space in the kitchen. And this old dog is tired, but thankful.

As I muse in front of the fire with a cocktail my mind starts drifting back to earlier days. Funny how when you finally relax and put your worries on pause how much you can remember and how warm it makes you feel.

At the ripe age of 66, I've got plenty to look back on. I've probably seen things I never thought I'd ever see, and I know I've seen things I wish I'd never see, but as an old friend told me once, "believe all of what you see and half of what you hear." Words of wisdom that have come in as handy as a pocket knife over the years.

This year we put out a jar and set a bag of dried beans next to it. Each time someone thought of something they were thankful for they dropped a bean in the jar then proudly proclaimed their thanks. I know, sounds a little corny, but you know what, it made you think. It also made you glad to hear the things that those you love give thanks for; especially if your name comes up.

I can't recall all the beans I pitched into the jar, but I know each one had a name attached. You see I've been around people my whole life. Although as I grow older I've turned into a hermit, it never used to be that way. From the time I was a snot-nosed five year-old sitting at the farm equipment dealership

shooting the breeze with whoever came through the door, to today trying to find answers to questions I had no idea existed, I've always had personal interaction.

And so it reasons that the things in my life that I am thankful for have nothing to do with monetary value, sentimental value, riches or fame, trinkets and toys; but to the treasures I've accumulated through friends and family. As someone much wiser than me, the Dali Lama said, "Give the ones you love the wings to fly, roots to come back and reasons to stay." Good advice.

Of course at my advanced age I also recall the words of Ernest Hemingway, "Never delay kissing a pretty woman or opening a bottle of whiskey." Also good advice.

So as I sit here watching the embers glow, with a New Year fast approaching, I think that this year I'll pass on making all the New Year resolutions I know I'll never keep. Instead I think I'll use the New Year to remember all those folks that touched my life, but have passed on, but take the lessons they taught and pass those on. The measure of the man is not what he had in life, but what he gave away.

So to start the New Year off with a chuckle, here's few corny ones for all you dads out there... Enjoy.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you're forced to.

What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

What's the worst part of jogging on New Year's Eve? The ice falling out of your drink!

My New Year's resolution was to drop my bad habits, but no one likes a quitter.

What was the Amityville Priest's resolution? To exorcise more.

What was Dr. Frankenstein's new year's resolution? To make new friends.

A man asks his buddy for a cigarette. His friend quips, "I thought you made a New Year's resolution and that you don't smoke." The man replied, "I'm in phase one of quitting." Confused, his friend asked, "Phase one?" The man laughed, "Yes. I've quit buying."

A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled The Meaning of Dreams.

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A policeman stopped the man and asked where he was going. "I'm on my way to a lecture," the man replied. The cop scoffed, "Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?" The man answered: "My wife."

What do you call always having a date for New Year's Eve? Social Security.

Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.



Ron Kern

That's a line I won't cross

An ambulance arrived at a U.S. senator's house recently and hauled his 14-year-old daughter away for self-inflicted stab wounds.

When I read that news report earlier this month, I just cringed.

That child didn't choose to be a politician's daughter. And her problems shouldn't be exhibited in the news media for all the world to discuss. Fortunately, the staff of the senator, who represents a southwestern state, said her wounds were not life threatening.

Most every news report I've read identified the child and her father.

I'm sorry, that's a line I won't cross.

News organizations shouldn't write about the travails of politicians' children unless it would otherwise be newsworthy or the parent misuses their power to get the kid out of trouble.

I have three daughters ages 12, 14 and 17. It's never been easy to be a teenager and its especially hard when you have a parent who holds elective office. Your life is in a fish-bowl.

Don't believe me? Well, during every election cycle, I receive phone calls from people telling me about the alleged transgressions of the children of politicians.

Yes, every election.

Sometimes the folks who make these calls are political operatives. But often they are ordinary people wanting to feel better about their own screwed up family by pointing out the faults in someone else's.

This year, I received a call from a member of a prominent Democratic family who reported that the son of two Republican officeholders was ticketed for underage drinking

when he was a high school student.

I looked up the case, found that the judicial system treated the young man like just about everyone else and declined to do a story.

A few years ago, the son of a prominent Springfield politician was arrested on a minor drug charge. I was sitting at the kitchen table reading about the arrest in the city's daily newspaper when my sister in-law, who had taught the young man, began hollering, "You'd better not write a story about him. He's a good kid!"

I replied that I didn't consider it newsworthy. In fact, I believe the competing newspaper's reporting to be gratuitously cruel. Still, my sister in-law eyed me with a bit of suspicion.

When one news organization does something, often everyone in the industry gets painted with the same broad brush.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, the son of a judge was arrested for stalking his ex-girlfriend. During the preliminary hearing, the defendant's father, who was sitting in the back of the courtroom, rose and addressed the presiding judge as a "friend of the court." He asked for leniency for his son from a fellow member of the judiciary.

I reported the entire incident because it struck me that his father was misusing his influence to see that his son received preferential treatment.

In 1991, when I was reporter in Iowa, the 16-year-old son of Gov. Terry Branstad was driving home from his part-time job when he was involved in a head-on collision that killed two people.

A two-person fatality would normally warrant a short story with the names of everyone involved.



Scott Reeder

Ultimately, Eric Branstad was ticketed for improper lane usage and fined \$15.

In the end, media reporting allowed voters to decide whether the prosecutor in the case handled the matter appropriately.

When I was a legislative reporter, a state senator I covered adopted a troubled boy who had been a ward of the state. It can't be easy to be raising a kid in an environment where everyone knows your family's business.

For years, I would receive phone calls from the senator's political adversaries about his boy's latest transgressions. The malicious calls were an effort to hurt the senator by attacking his child.

I never printed any of the assertions. Why? Because the child isn't the one holding public office and none of us get to choose our parents. Besides that, it's got to be hell to be raised in an environment where everyone knows your mistakes.

In 2007, the son took his own life. I was glad I never reported on any of his transgressions. My conscience is clear.

Ronald Reagan's daughter Patti Davis once wrote in the Washington Post: "Unfortunately, for political sons and daughters, the fear of how you will be perceived as you go about your life, as you pursue your dreams and goals, underlies everything. It's a toxic way to live. You have to constantly second-guess yourself, as in, 'If I were anyone else, this would be a great opportunity, but it's probably just being offered because of who my father is, and even if it isn't, it could look that way.'"

No one should be forced to live that way.

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LOCAL NEWS

ESL class begins Jan. 17 in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — Adults who want to improve their English-speaking skills can join the spring session of the Sauk Valley Community College English as a Second Language (ESL) beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17 hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. through May 10. The fall session, also held at the church, wrapped up Dec. 14.

Since mid-September, 15 people from Mt. Morris and surrounding communities attended the twice-weekly classes.

This was the first time the Adult Education office at SVCC has offered the free classes in Mt. Morris, and it was one of the largest they have had. Sessions are also held in Dixon and Sterling.

To enroll in ESL classes, adult learners must be 17 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in high school.

Adults who are interested in registering for ESL classes may call the SVCC Adult Education office at 815-835-6310 for more information. To speak to a staff member in Spanish, call Laura at 815-835-6241.

The Evangelical Free Church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris.



SVHS December Students of the Month named

Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for December. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Vice Principal Jeff Voltz, Cale Kleinschmidt (ninth grade), Michael Pannarelle (10th grade), Braxton Jennings (11th grade), Randy Manos (12th grade) and Stillman Bank Executive Vice President & COO David Mecklenburg. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

Polo Lions club hosts new teachers and staff

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Polo Lions Club hosted new teachers and staff of the Polo Community School District and their plus one to show appreciation. Those that attended are: Kathy Sheats, Robert and Ingrid Wolfley, Shawn and Cindy Duguid, Natalie and Kyle Blum, Katrina Stohr, Meredith Gelandner, Austin Wolber, Paul Mcloud, Jordann and Ashley Fishman. Ted Alston was the special speaker at the meeting. Thank you all for all you do for the kids.



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LOCAL NEWS



OES December Students of the Month named
Oregon Elementary School recently named its December Students of the Month. One student from each OES homeroom was recognized for displaying outstanding leadership and helping make the school a positive place for all. "We are proud of their efforts to lead by example and excel in the classroom," A Facebook post said. Honorees were celebrated with a monthly Leader Lunch.



Members clockwise are Jackson Willis, Skyler Holmes, Ali Danekas, Courtney Bushman, Mylo Willis, James Runte, Logan Burmeister, and Kayden Barndt. Submitted by Club Reported Mylo Willis.

Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club attends awards ceremony

POLO — The Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club had the opportunity to go to the county-wide 4-H Achievement Day awards ceremony held in Byron on Nov. 13. Our members were honored with Outstanding President: Ali Danekas, Outstanding Vice President: Courtney Bushman, Honors Club recognition, Window Display contest recognition, and Project Honor awards went to Katelyn Rockwood, Laura Rockwood and Ali Danekas. Record book recognition also went to Katelyn, Laura, Ali and Courtney. The club was eager to set up a booth to promote 4-H at the annual Polo Town Christmas Festival on Dec. 4 at the Polo Library. Approximately 75 children visited our booth to play Plinko and win 4-H swag. We are currently conducting our annual garbage bag and cookie dough fundraiser. If you would like to place an order with a club member, or to join us for a visit during a meeting, please call the extension office at 815-732-2191 for details. Submitted by Club Reporter Mylo Willis.

Start the NEW YEAR off at the Nash Recreation Center!

Fitness Center Open House!
Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 3-7 p.m.
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Saturdays 9:00-9:45 am in the River Room.

Yoga with Kara Schabacker is back on Wednesdays in January.
First class is Wednesday, January 4. Sign up for the month or drop in fee. Kids Yoga ages 9-14 2:30-3:20 p.m. Adult Yin Restorative Yoga 6-7:15 p.m.

Register now for Indoor Soccer
ages 4-5 and 6-7
Saturday mornings February 11-March 11
at the Nash Recreation Center
Deadline to register is Jan. 22

Charcuterie Box and Beer or Wine Pairing
Saturday, January 21
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Deadline to register Jan. 14

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Registration opens for members Monday, Jan. 9 & everyone on Tuesday, Jan. 10**



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OES hosts First Responders Appreciation Lunch

Oregon Elementary School held a First Responders Appreciation Lunch Dec. 16 to thank them for all they do. The students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with those who protect and serve and form positive connections with all. Thank you to representatives from the following organizations for coming to spend time with our students: Oregon Police Department, Mount Morris Police Department, Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Fire Department and EMS and Illinois State Police.

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New Year, New Home



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503 S Second Street, Oregon \$119,000 Call Ashley
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110 N McKendrie, Mount Morris \$79,000 Call Mark
 1.5 story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large fenced yard is now available! 2 bedrooms and bath upstairs and 1 bedroom w/bath downstairs. Large dining and kitchen area. Dishwasher will stay. Other appliances are negotiable. Original oak hardwood flooring. Bonus room on main level, currently being used as a salon, could be 4th bedroom or family room. 2nd floor laundry. Close to downtown shopping & banking. GFA heat. Central air needs repair to be functional. This property is being sold "As Is".



26972 Pilgrim Rd., Sterling \$529,000 Call Rebecca
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Stillman girls defeat Freeport

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley varsity girls basketball team tipped off the KSB Holiday Classic in Dixon on Tuesday, defeating Freeport 51-27 in the opening round before scoring a 50-26 win against United Township during the second round later in the day.

Boys net victory over Marengo

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley varsity boys basketball team began the E.C. Nichols Holiday Classic in Marengo with a 67-51 victory over Marengo on Tuesday. The Cardinals moved into the second round later in the day, where the team conceded a 66-42 loss against Fenton to move into the consolation bracket. Stillman Valley fell 74-58 against Harvest Christian and defeated Marengo 61-46 over the final two consolation rounds on Wednesday.

Oregon girls defeat Polo at Polo tournament

OREGON — On Dec. 21, the Oregon varsity girls basketball team picked up a 46-31 victory over Polo in the Polo tournament. Hadley Lutz and Liz Mois each scored 15 points for the Hawks. Courtney and Carlee Grobe scored seven points each to lead the Marcos.

Strength in girls basketball

FOR the third year in a row, it was no Forresteron Basketball Tournament for me. The Thursday/Friday portion I planned to see was wiped out by weather and Monday's reschedule found me out of state. Maybe next year for the 62nd annual edition.



Andy Colbert

Actually, I should probably be paying closer attention to girls basketball, as that is where the area strength is. In the 2A rankings, Stillman Valley, Byron and Winnebago were in the top 10 of the A.P. state poll.

Not only that, but Dixon (3A) started the year at 12-0, Rockford Christian is vastly improved and Rockford Lutheran and Rock Falls are perennial mainstays, making the Big Northern conference absolutely brutal to navigate.

In the 1A girls poll, Galena from the NUIC is No. 1. With so many good female athletes opting out of basketball for club volleyball, it is refreshing to see a volleyball power like Galena have girls that participate in both sports.

Orangeville, with an enrollment of 107, is No. 10 and has a core group of younger kids. In the last four state tournaments, the NUIC has had a team make the Final Four downstate.

Speaking of small schools, the 'feel good' story of last year, Scales Mound and its state third-place finish, is back in the boys 1A poll with a new cast of players. Though they graduated a once in a lifetime senior class, this school of 70 apparently has enough talent to make another post-season run.

Boys basketball is the only stand-alone sport at the school. An equally successful girls program coops with River Ridge.

When basketball has lone billing, that is what all the boys in the town grow up wanting to excel in. And, the

community of 436 (up 16 percent from 2010) offers up big time support.

Scales Mound is off the beaten path, but may merit a winter road trip to see a game and check the "scene" out. At the time I am writing this, its only loss has been to Pecatonica, who continue to rise in hardcourt prominence.

Overall, there isn't one dominant boys team in the NUIC like there is for the girls in Galena.

In the BNC boys race, it's all about two Rockford schools, Lutheran and Christian. Lutheran's record is deceiving in that they play 3A/4A non-conference foes.

Lutheran lost its best prospect a couple years ago, a young man who is at his third school in as many years. Still, the Crusaders have to be considered a contender in 2A for a state trophy.

Let's not forget about Byron either, who won its first Forresteron basketball championship since 2011.

On to wrestling. After four state placers in 2019, Oregon has been in a rebuilding phase. Winning the Stillman Valley tourney a couple weeks ago shows that progress is being made.

Tied 150-apiece with Stillman going into the final round, the Hawks surged ahead to win by a 179-172 margin, with 285-pounder Evan Flaherty closing the meet out with a 15-second pin to clinch the title.

The next day, former coach Mark Gale told me the match that impressed him most was for 5th place at 113 pounds. That it where Jackson Messenger overcame a 14-1 deficit to pin his opponent and give his team an emotional boost.

"You could see it in his eyes," Gale said. "He wasn't going to quit."

Perhaps that stirred up memories of the glory days of Hawk wrestling where win-

ning matches like that were commonplace, as Oregon seemed to have a mental advantage over other teams.

One disadvantage Oregon does have is competing in the toughest 1A regional in the state, with the likes of Dakota, Dixon, Lena-Winslow and Stillman.

In a testament to this, Oregon failed to advance anyone out of the 2020 regional, something considered unfathomable. Last year, Oregon got back on track and even sent a couple wrestlers downstate.

For those wanting to see a mini state meet without traveling to Champaign, swing by Polo on February 4 to see individuals from these strong mat programs go at each other in the 1A regional.

Top returning state placer in the county is Jack Seacrist of Stillman, who took second at 152. Can Seacrist make it state champ No. 23 for the Cardinals?

In 2A, Rochelle also brings back a runner up in Xavier Villalobos, a 5-4, 120-pound sophomore who also had three interceptions in the Hubs' overtime playoff win over Dixon. Villalobos is a part of strong nucleus of young wrestlers for the state-ranked Hubs.

A misnomer is that one must be big to play football. Mental toughness and desire to hit people are the only prerequisites.

Good wrestlers usually make good football players. Good basketball players not necessarily so.

The IHSA announced that Illinois State University got the bid to host the football championships. That's the right decision.

The atmosphere there will be much better than the cavernous Memorial Stadium at U of I and also at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb.

Besides, ISU is where the playoffs began in the 1970s and always had a good reputation for hosting them before Champaign and DeKalb did it.

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Mt. Morris tree decorating contest winners named
 Winners of the Mt. Morris tree decorating contest were recently named. From left to right are first place Dezeray Hayes accepting for Amanda Wolfe, second place Chapter CUPEO accepting is Kim Macklin, third place Mt. Morris Senior Center accepting Mellisa Rojas. Back row representing Village of Mt. Morris is Ed Higley and representing Rockford Bell Credit Union is John Hansen.

LOCAL NEWS

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Crockpot Time

Tuesday, Jan. 3. 6 – 7:00 pm. Looking for a warm and cozy crockpot dinner. Join Beth as she mixes up a tasty homemade beef stew. Perfect dinner for a cold winter night. Enjoy a small sample of this gluten-free beef stew and go home with the recipe. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

MT. MORRIS LIBRARY

Library Closings

Holidays are coming and we will be closed for a few days to allow our staff time to spend with their families. For New Year's we will be closed Saturday, December 31st through Monday, January 2nd. The library will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 3rd. Happy Holidays!

Story Time!

Bring your little ones by for a wintery story time! We will be reading books and then children will be making crafts this Wednesday, 1/4. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

School's Out!

Stop by the library daily for activities for the kids! We will have a variety of different craft projects, activities, and coloring sheets. Not to mention our assortment of games and toys that can keep them occupied! Let us help find an interesting book or

movie to take home, too!

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, 'Fast & Easy: All-Natural Recipes in 30 Minutes or Less', then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, January 3rd @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in January 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, January 12th 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 January 6th.

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.

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Adult Book Club: "The Lonely Stories"

Pick up a book, then join us on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of Natalie Eve Garrett's absorbing collection of essays, "The Lonely Stories: 22 Celebrated Writers on the Joys & Struggles of Being Alone." Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org with questions, or to register for a link to the program.

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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.

Holiday Closings

December 31- January 2 for the New Year's holidays. No materials will be due during this time.

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Toddler/Preschool StoryTime

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Storytime is on break for the holidays and will resume on Tuesday, January 10th. Have fun celebrating with your little ones!

New Materials

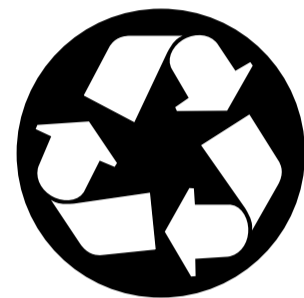
New adult fiction includes: Blue Moon Haven by Janet Dailey and Triple Cross by James Patterson.

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. We cannot accept hard plastic, such as water bottles, milk cartons, etc., for this program. Thank you!



Read and Recycle

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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| 59 | | | | 60 | | | | 61 | | | |

ACROSS
 1 Dallas cager, for short
 4 Reindeer herder
 8 Persian leader
 12 Hit CBS series
 13 Vicinity
 14 Roof overhang
 15 Like some salad dressings
 17 Frat letters
 18 Duo
 19 Sikhs' headwear
 21 Enjoy, as fine food
 24 Luau bowlful
 25 Guitar's kin
 26 Yule quaff
 28 Desert flora
 32 Simple
 34 Drench
 36 Lunch hour
 37 Pesto herb
 39 Super Bowl VIP
 41 P followers
 42 Joke
 44 Learned one
 46 Sans
 50 Lucy of "Elementary"
 51 Coup d' —
 52 "Deathtrap" playwright
 56 Impetuous
 57 Toy block name

DOWN
 1 Roman 1105
 2 "— was saying ..."
 3 Wine producers
 4 Snorkeling site
 5 Altar constellation
 6 Impudent
 7 Settle a debt
 8 Belgrade native
 9 "Funny!"
 10 Bard's river
 11 Big name in oil
 16 Farm female
 20 Sinbad's bird
 21 — luck (accidental success)
 22 Furniture brand
 23 At once
 27 Jewel
 29 French chicken dish
 30 Undecided
 31 "Meet Me — Louis"
 33 Pizza slices, often
 35 Sports bar sets
 38 Asian language
 40 Wan quality
 43 Screen Actors —
 45 Compete
 46 Existed
 47 Slanted type (Abbr.)
 48 Chore
 49 Sloth's home
 53 Khan title
 54 Post-op area
 55 Little louse

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MAGIC MAZE

PERENNIAL HERBS

B V S Q N C K I F D A X V T Q
 O M J H F C I A A Y W C U R P
 N L J H F D B L Z Y U X V T R
 Q O M K I H U F R R E G N I G
 D B Z **H O R S E R A D I S H O**
 Y W M V E P D Y S M G T R N Q
 O N I F I N P L K E E I A H F
 F E N N E L D C M S V G A Z X
 W V T V A U S Y P O E I A R Q
 O A A N N M H O K R J I H S H
 C L T F E T H W O R R A Y C D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: USED TO FLAVOR BEER

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|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Catnip | Ferula | Lavender | Sage |
| Chives | Garlic | Mint | Thyme |
| Curry plant | Ginger | Oregano | Yarrow |
| Fennel | Horseradish | Rosemary | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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| 3 | | | | 5 | | | | 1 |
| | 2 | | 3 | | | | | 4 |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

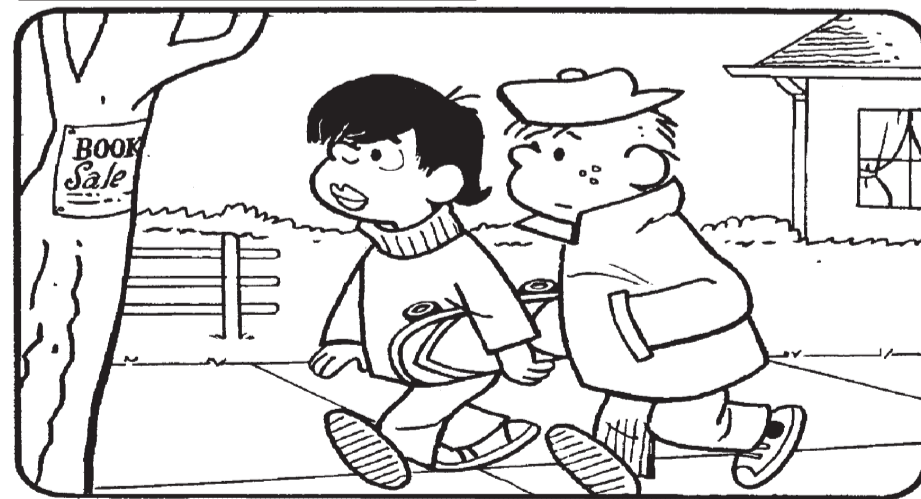
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

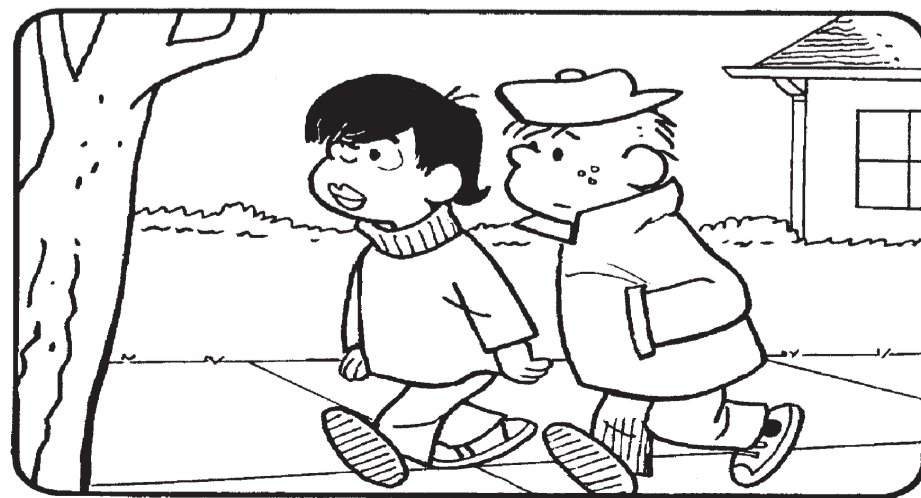
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Skateboard is missing. 5. Pocket is moved. 6. Curtains are missing.

Answers
 — King Crossword —

Solution time: 25 mins.

PERENNIAL HERBS

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| 9 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words - one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Estate of:)
) Gregory C. Chambers, deceased.
) NO. 2022-PR-76

101 LEGAL NOTICE

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF GREGORY C. CHAMBERS OF Polo, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 21, 2022, to JULIE R. STAFFORD of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk at the Court of Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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(Jan. 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) COUNTY OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Lincoln Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed November 15, 2022 of John G. & Mary J. Pieper, 7376 E. Cedarville Rd., Rock City, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a Single-Family Dwelling on less than 40 acres in the AG-1 Agricultural District on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s):
Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 24 Lincoln Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 13.28 acres more or less of a
Property Identification Number: Part of 07-24-200-001
Common Location: 9448 W. Haldane Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.

121 LOST AND FOUND

Lost. 7 Month Old, Female Cat. Gray with a Brown Belly & White Spots on Each Side. Last Seen Wearing a Pink Harness. Lost around Rochelle Gardens on Caron Road. Call 815-503-3654. \$100 Reward

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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203 HELP WANTED

"Farm Help Needed"
Grain Farm needs help with miscellaneous jobs. \$18.00/hr., Approx 10hrs./week. Some lifting required. Do not send texts. Rochelle Area (815) 751-9076 12122022

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107 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU
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Arlette Howerton and the families of Emily Southard (Kereven), Nicholas Kereven & Wesley Kereven

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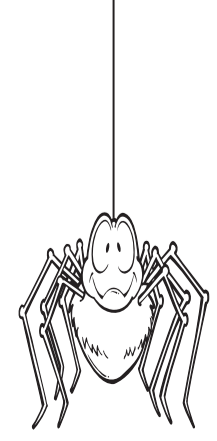
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