

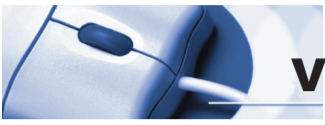
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Meridian Board honored again

Named one of the best in the state for the fourth consecutive year

STILLMAN VALLEY – Meridian's Board of Education is one of the few districts in the state of Illinois to receive the Illinois School Board Governance Recognition.

This year, it has received it for the fourth consecutive two-year cycle meaning that for the past 8 consecutive years the Meridian Board of Education has been honored as one of the highest performing in the state.

As a point of reference, there are over 850 school districts in the state of Illinois and they are one of only 8 that can make this assertion. Thus, placing them in the top 1 percent of school boards in terms of implementing the practices deemed most likely

to create district success by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

As a result of the recognition, Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) members formally presented Meridian Board members with the award at the IASB fall Northwest Division meeting hosted in Scales Mount on October 29th. The Board will again receive recognition at the state conference in November.

The "School Board Governance Recognition" program acknowledges school boards that learn and practice effective governance behaviors as identified in IASB's Foundational Principles of Effective Governance through participation in and support for



Pictured from left: Matt Rhodes, Tim DeVries, Marsha Welden, Jill Huber, Kristine Youman, John Smith, and Dr. Tim Flynn

board development programs and events. The primary focus of this program is on full board development and participation. Effective school boards understand that excellence in local school

board governance requires full board commitment to obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities critical to good governance.

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Pumpkin time

Seebach's grows, sells 2022 crop

By Jeff Helfrich
 Rochelle News-Leader

ROCHELLE – Seebach's Pumpkins is again open for business this year at 5498 S. Center Road, selling carving pumpkins, corn stalks, smaller decorative pumpkins and gourds and more.

The Seebach family has been selling pumpkins in Flagg Center for around 40 years, and the operation is headed up by brothers Scott and Jeff Seebach, with help from their

children and other family members.

"I still like to see the community come out," Scott said. "It just makes people happy. I've never seen a fruit or vegetable that makes people happy like pumpkins do. They just get excited about it. I enjoy it. That's probably the main reason why I do it."

The Seebachs said just like all other crops this spring, the pumpkins were late getting into the ground due to temperature, but that ended up working to their advantage due to good conditions late in the growing season.

A wide variety of pumpkins and gourds are planted by the operators of the local pumpkin patch. Some

brought good returns, and others did not. Some of the varieties can be hard to time up for the season and originate from different parts of the world and climates. There was a good yield of normal carving pumpkins in "pretty uniform" size and more gourds than last year.

"At one point, I didn't think we were going to have much," Scott said. "But we got a good crop of them. We didn't get the bigger pumpkins we had last year. Some varieties did a lot better and some didn't do so good. That's the reason why you plant so many different varieties, to try to get something that does grow."

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Pantry seeks meal box donations

MOUNT MORRIS – Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is seeking donations to provide holiday meal boxes to local families in need.

As in previous years, the pantry will be providing Thanksgiving meal boxes to its clients. The meal boxes, made possible in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, contain a 12-15 lb. turkey, stuffing, gravy, whole kernel corn, green beans, dry black beans, white rice, diced pears, cranberry sauce, hot cocoa and brownie mix – enough to feed a family of eight. 5 lb. bags of russet and sweet potatoes will also be available.

A \$20 donation will allow Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry to provide a local family the opportunity to enjoy a traditional holiday meal with their loved ones this Thanksgiving.

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PUMPKINS: October is a busy month

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Planting is done around the first week of June, and takes about six people and "a good half day's work." A couple of weeks later, work starts on thinning the plants out and weeding. After about 2-3 weeks of that, the crop is left alone before the family starts to check on it in August.

It can be tough to tell where the yield stands when pumpkins are still green in a "sea of leaves and vines," Scott said.

"They hide underneath the canopy of the leaves and everything," Jeff said. "It's really tough to tell at that point. Once we get closer into September and the leaves and vines start dying off, it's a little bit easier to see them and we're able to start to tell how much of a yield we got off of it."

Scott's son, Kyle, has done a lot of the work on the pumpkins this year. He usually picks for 5-6 hours

a day and has been doing it for the past three weeks. The work involves a team effort between the family and hired help.

"You're busy pretty much the whole month of October," Scott said. "You probably put in 3-4 months of time."

Seebach's Pumpkins has seen a lot of customers ask for larger pumpkins this year, but those didn't come out of the yield and haven't been common in the area this year, Scott said. There has been a lot of demand for small pie pumpkins and things of the specialty and decorative variety, which have been the stand's biggest sellers.

Seed prices and other input costs have increased this year for the Seebachs, which made things "a little tougher" and necessitated a small rise in prices.

The family sold at the Autumn on Parade festival in Oregon in recent weeks and enjoyed interacting with the community.

"It's just about being there for the people," Scott said. "Watching the kids be happy to see pumpkins. And there's adults that come too. There were people at Autumn on Parade that used to come to my dad's place to get them, but now that they know we sell there, they just go there. We do have a clientele that always comes out, even from the suburbs."

Jeff said the family has customers that have been coming out annually for the past 15-20 years, dating back to when the operation was headed up by their late father, Jerry, who passed away in 2019.

"I've talked to people and they always come out here to get their pumpkins and they've done it for years and years," Jeff said. "Even when we sold down at my dad's house they were coming. They enjoy it and look forward to it every year. It's one of their family traditions, too."

MEAL: Hopes to purchase 150 meal boxes

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To sponsor one, two or more families, please send your gift to Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, Attn: Steve Opalka, Treas., P.O. Box 202, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Please send your gift by Nov. 15. The Thanksgiving meal boxes will be distributed to Mt. Morris and Leaf River residents in need on Nov. 18.

The pantry hopes to raise \$3,000 above our regular donations in order to purchase 150 Thanksgiving boxes. Will you help us reach our goal to provide each family in need with a Thanksgiving meal? Any donations received above the amount needed to purchase the meal boxes will be used to purchase food for the pantry. The pantry has been serving an increasing number of individuals and families

as groceries and the cost of utilities, housing and transportation continue to rise. In September, the pantry served 181 households representing 447 individuals. Eighty-five of those served were children under the age of 18. These numbers are nearly double the number served at the beginning of this year.

Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry provides food to an average of over 261 individuals each month.

The pantry is a partner with Northern Illinois Food Bank which provides food to food pantries and feeding programs across 13 Illinois counties.

For more information about the food pantry, please call Loaves and Fish Food Pantry at 815-734-4573 (church) or 815-613-8776 (pantry cell #).

Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community.

BOARD: Won other awards

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Meridian CUSD 223 Board President, John Smith, who has previously been awarded as the state-wide winner of an award recognizing the top school board president each year in the state of Illinois, believes the success of the Meridian board is built on two principles.

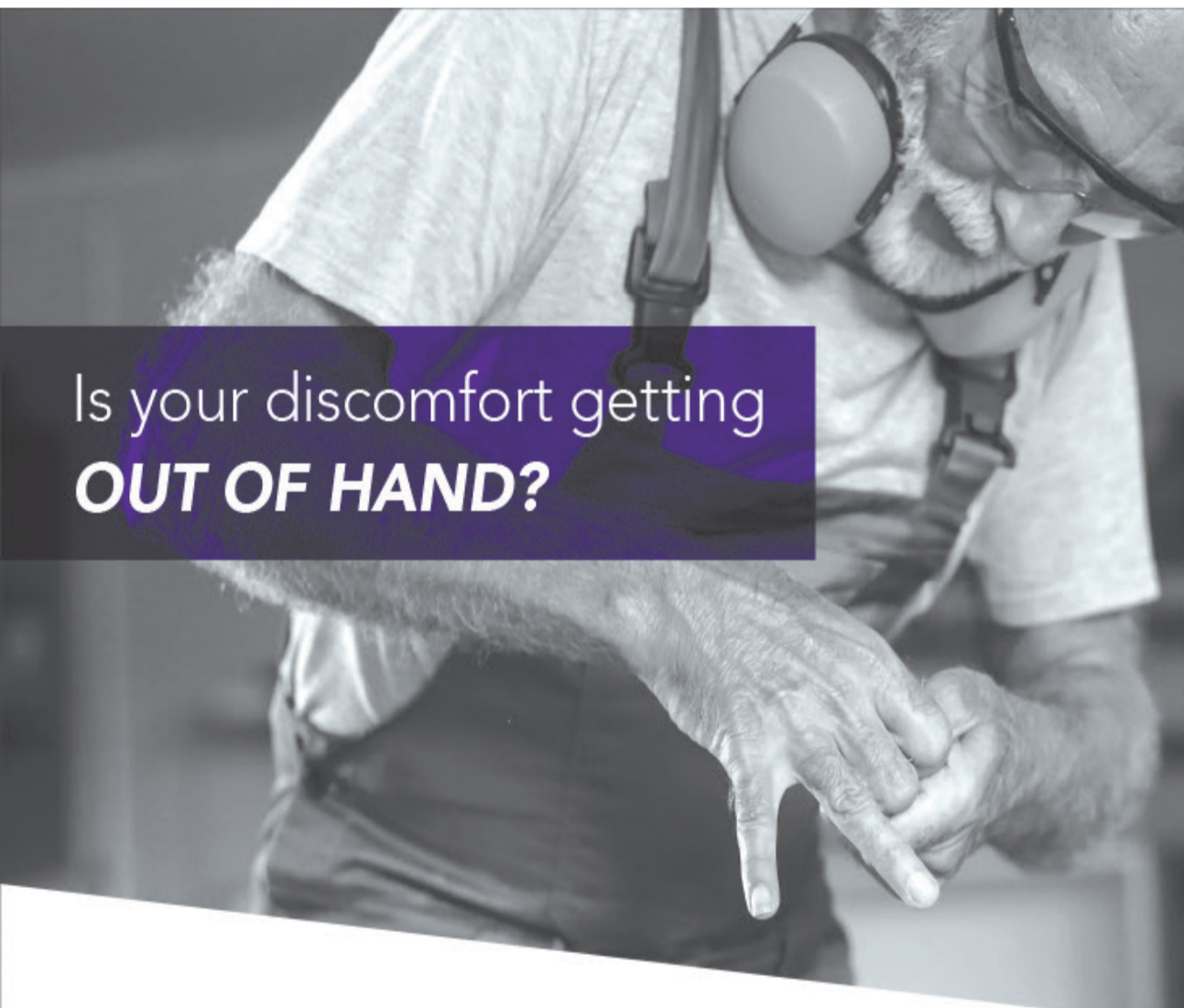
"I am continually amazed at the dedication of my peers to stay focused on the right work of governance and to dedicate their time and energy to the district for the right reasons and not for pet projects or person-

al agendas," he said.

"This recognition consistently goes to approximately the top five percent of Boards in the entire state," said Meridian Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey.

"Our Board simply does great work. I am proud of them and thankful for them. This recognition is more than deserved."

Meridian Board members are John Smith – President, Jill Huber – Vice President, Tim DeVries – Secretary, Kristine Youman, Dr. Tim Flynn, Marsha Welden, Jill Huber and Matt Rhodes.



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LOCAL NEWS

Meeting to examine city manager for Oregon

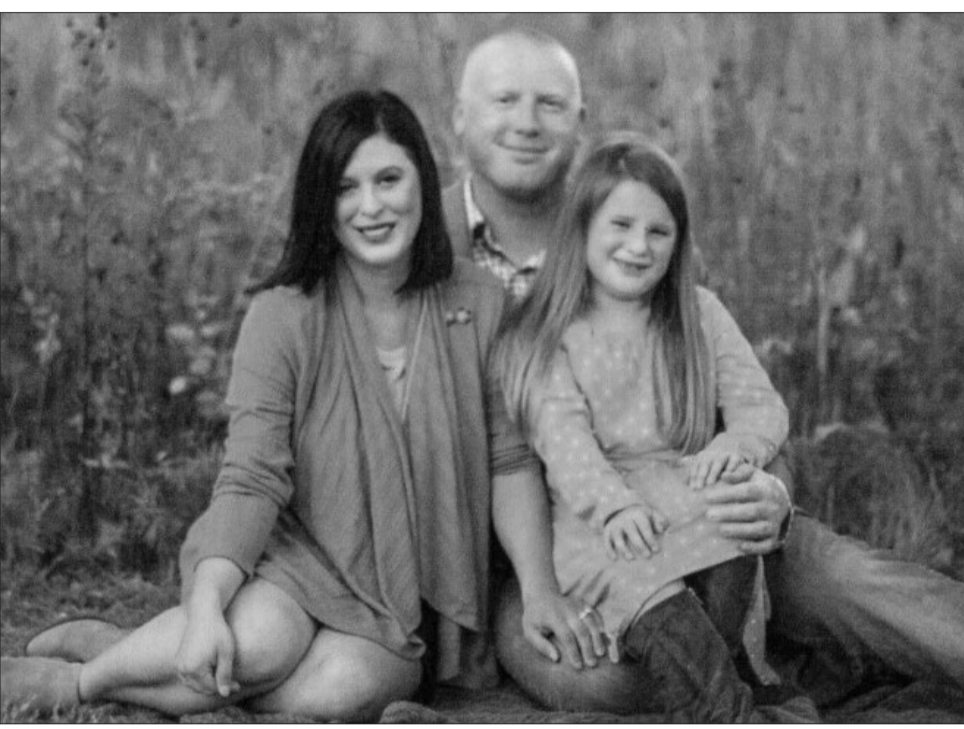
OREGON—On Nov. 8, the Citizens of Oregon can choose a change in the form of City Government from a mayor/council to a managerial form. Both these forms of government are covered by Illinois Statutes. To explain the changes in more detail there is a public information meeting

at the city Coliseum Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 5:30 p.m. A special guest, John Phillips, former city manager of Rock Island, and senior advisor for the Illinois City/County Management Association, will be present. Currently Oregon has a mayor/council form of gov-

ernment. The mayor and council members are responsible for the city management and have authority over the departments. The mayor has hired an Administrator to manage the daily affairs of the city and act as a single point of contact for many issues. This has been an effective move and

has streamlined daily affairs, but city authority rests with the mayor and the council. The proposed change of government to a city manager allows Oregon to hire a professionally trained individual to manage and have authority over the city departments. The mayor and the council still

exist and are now a legislative and policy setting branch. The mayor and council together interview and hire the manager. A majority vote of the council hires or fires a manager. The city manager has executive authority over the city departments and enforcement of ordinances.



River's Edge hosting fundraiser for local girl battling cancer

OREGON – The River's Edge is hosting a Dueling Piano benefit for a local girl battling stage 4 cancer on Oct. 21 from 6-10 p.m. Amber was given the diagnosis in January and has been fighting non-stop through 15 rounds of chemo, several blood transfusions and countless tests and scans. She and her family are hopeful for a medical trial and will find out more soon. She will also be traveling to

MD Anderson in Houston, Texas to meet some of the top oncologists in the world. That means expenses with transportation, food, lodging and other needs for the family. This event will help with some of those expenses. There will be food trucks and a cash bar at the event. Tickets can be picked up at Merlin's Flowers and Greenhouse and Cork & Tap in Oregon.

Senior Center announces activities

Mt. Morris Senior Center Activities:
Birthdays Party – All are welcome to celebrate October birthdays with us on Wednesday, October 19th. We will start with free bingo at 10:30 am and enjoy burgers on the grill, cake, and ice cream together at 11:30 a.m.. The cost for this meal is \$8. Please call 815-734-6335 to sign up today.
Witches Tea
 Eat, Drink, and Be Scary. It's an auspicious day, you'll agree, for you've been summoned to a witches tea at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Wednesday, October 26th at 6 p.m. we will gather here, to celebrate this time of year. So, disguise your self or grab a hat, mount your broom and stow your cat. All are welcome to come and see, all there is at the Witches Tea! RSVP by October 24th to Melissa at mmsrcenter@gmail.com or call 815-734-6335. This is going to be a wicked good

time for all who attend. The Rock River Paranormal Society will be there, and there will be a three-course meal and plenty of tea. The cost is \$14 for members and \$15 for non-members. All ages are welcome!
Trip to The House on the Rock
 Sign up today to join us for a trip to the House on the Rock on Thursday, November 17th. We will be taking a bus through Cheeseman Charters, and we need at least 30 people in order for this trip to go. We need everyone to sign up by October 16th. The cost for this trip is \$95 for members and \$100 for non-members of the Mt. Morris Senior Center, and it includes transportation, admission to the House on the Rock, and an early dinner at Bob's Riverside in Spring Green. Please give Melissa a call at 815-734-6335 for more information or to sign up or you can send you information and registration fee to 9 East Front Street, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Two men arrested for theft

OREGON—Two men were arrested on Oct. 6 for allegedly stealing a number of items from Oregon Snyder Ace Hardware. Two men, identified as Terry M. Ernst, age 58, Freeport, and Michael C. Hille, age 57, Freeport, were caught and transported to the Ogle County Jail. Ernst was charged with 4 counts of felony Retail Theft. Byron Police Department charged Hille with two counts of felony Retail Theft. At about 6:54 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a possible retail theft at the store. It was alleged that two male subjects entered the store and began concealing a felony amount of merchandise.

The two subjects matched the description from a prior theft at the store and they were confronted by employees. Upon arrival of the Oregon Officers, a foot pursuit ensued. With the assistance of the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, The Byron Police Department, and the Mt. Morris Police Department, the suspect vehicle was located in the 200 block of N. 3rd Street and a felony stop was conducted. The men were taken into custody. Within the vehicle a large amount of possible stolen property from other jurisdictions was recovered. *The individuals in this news release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Forreston company DWP earns award

FORRESTON—DWP Custom Cabinetry has won two Wood Diamond Awards from the Cabinet Makers Association. They won First and Second place respectively in the categories of Living Spaces and Storage/Closets. The awards were presented at the annual International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta, Ga., on Aug. 24. Danlee Wood Products was established in 1995 by a father and son business partnership. Today the company is operated by brothers, Dan Reif and Lee Reif Jr. The custom cabinet manufacturer, focusing on quality and craftsmanship, serves the residential markets of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Their commercial cabinetry division has provided cabinetry for businesses all over the United States. This is the second time Danlee has been recognized for their achievements with the Cabinet Makers Association. Danlee Wood Products is honored to receive the awards and thanks their fellow CMA members for their vote. "It is truly an honor to know that our projects were selected by our peers in the industry," said owner Dan Reif.

Church offering Medicare program Oct. 19

BYRON – An educational and informational presentation only on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St. The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning all parts of Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the

Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service. The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at www.unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Disclaimer: We do not offer every plan in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-Medicare to get information on all of your options.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Donna Belle Colson

Donna Belle Thompson Colson died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira. She was 89 years old at the time of her death.

She was born on July 25, 1933 to Wilmot Thompson and Grace Phillipson Thompson.

Donna was predeceased by her half-brother George, her brothers Wilmot, Richard and Donald as well as her sisters Wilma (Irene) and Mildred.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews as well as her special



friend and sister-in-law, Shirley Thompson of Mount Morris, along with Shirley's family members. Donna was affectionally referred to by family members as "Aunt Boots." It was said

that Donna was the one everyone in the family leaned on for support.

All who knew Donna, realized quickly that she had a great love for gardening. Until recent years her wild flower gardens were noticed by all who drove past her house. Donna had another great love. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and a member of the Bath, N.Y. Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for many years. She will be missed by her many friends who knew and loved her in the Bath Congregation.

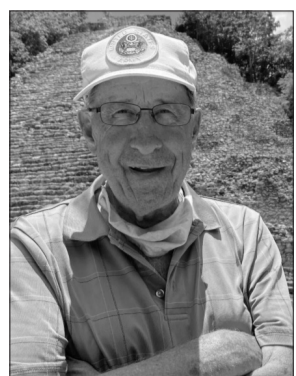
Jon Robeson

OREGON — Jon Robeson took his zeal for adventure and dizzying organization systems from this world on Oct. 7, to go re-engineer and fix the next one.

Born in Smoke Run, Pa., on Jan. 17th, 1939, Jonathan Clay Robeson was born to Pearl and Myrv Robeson. Butch, as he is known to his family, was the second oldest of five. He sold newspapers, raised chickens, and tried just about everything to make a buck in his youth.

Jon was a complicated man who reveled in complications and disliked when people tried to summarize their position by starting a sentence with "basically" - "What does that even mean?" he'd say. There were many details to consider and few to discard. He found modern football offensive schemes impractical, enjoyed spicy foods, but disliked garlic. He liked to ignore mercy etiquette by sending someone in croquet (and the equivalence in ping-pong, Monopoly, Risk, and any card game one can conjure). He insisted that batteries should be refrigerated for optimum storage, that almost everything should be labeled with a date, and he accomplished great feats with bungee cords.

Jon was the first in his family to graduate from college. At Akron University he lettered in three sports while working his way through to make ends meet. After joining the Army Corp. of Engineers (he served in the Reserves for 20 years) he met and soon married Carole Ann (Kennedy), the love of his life. This occasion instantly made him the shortest relative of the Kennedy's extended clan, until his first nephew came along - who passed him up at age eleven. "Uncle Stubbs" as he might be known in some quarters. Carole tempered



his worst and brought out his best. After confrontation he was always the first to make amends and worked hard, so hard, at improving himself as a human being.

Jon and Carole had three dissident children, Cherrie, Yvette, and Jonny whom he loved unconditionally. Despite being a world traveler through his employment at International Harvester and his regular weekend commitment to the Reserves, he was a constant and determined presence in his children's lives. With inspired help from his wife, he found time to coach basketball, attend the YMCA's Indian Guides/Princesses with each kid, and basically (sorry Dad!) attend every event physically possible.

After retirement Jon and Carole moved from Elgin to Oregon where they were quickly embraced by their new community including the welcoming people at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Jon took his extraordinary ability to nap at nearly any occasion to a new level that could only be described as connoisseur. Along with honing this talent, Jon plunged into the local golf scene. He savored golf with friends, his league, and his grandsons. He somehow scored a hole in one at the Silver Ridge Golf course. The prevailing theory is the grass was cut short, the ground was dry, and the repetition of playing as much as possible to get the most out of his membership greatly increased

the odds.

In Oregon Jon and Carole found true camaraderie with neighbors and friends who all assumed an astounding certainty of how this world should operate. And despite the move to this North-Central Illinois community, the members of Carole and Jon's beloved Card Club would continue to endure his confidence for 50 years.

Jon is survived by his incredible wife Carole, daughters Cherrie Musial (John), Yvette Hubbman (Paul), son Jonathan Robeson Jr (Becky), brothers Ronny, Jerry, Nick, and sister Leona. His legacy is celebrated by grandsons Clay, Cliff, Nick, Ryan, Jonathan III, and granddaughters Louise and Ella.

While his family desperately wanted more time with Jon, they are reminded that he was born closer to the civil war than the day he left this world. As a nine-year-old he saw Satchel Paige pitch for Cleveland. Jon climbed the pyramids of Egypt, closed business deals in Bolivia, invested in a racetrack in Cuba before Castro's revolution, and he dived wholly into the experience of a loving family man. Jon saw much in his years and got a lot out of this life.

Despite many pronounced objections, he loved so much in this world, and it was well reciprocated.

A memorial mass celebrating Jon's life commenced at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon with Father Nail and Father Kramer officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers any memorial donations can be made to St. Vincent DePaul or St. Mary's CDA.

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Marilyn Jean Muller

MOUNT MORRIS — Marilyn Jean Muller, age 94, passed away in Pinecrest Manor Nursing home, Mt. Morris; on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022. Marilyn was born on March 30, 1928 in Rockford; the daughter of Arthur John and Gladys Marie (Call) Davidson. Marilyn married Kenneth Muller in 1949; and he preceded her in death. She was a graduate of Mt. Morris High School and The Wesley Memorial Hospital Nursing School, Chicago.

Marilyn served as a nurse for Kable Printing Company, Mt. Morris.



She was a member of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. Marilyn and Ken vacationed in Scottsdale, Ariz. She was an avid golfer, P.E.O. member, and was on the Pinecrest Manor Board.

Marilyn is survived by her 4 nephews and 7 nieces; and special friend: Ted Incontro.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Kenneth; son: Michael; and daughter: Rebecca.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren; with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 in the Brethren Church from 10 a.m. until service time.

Florence R. Myers

MOUNT MORRIS — Florence R. (Ruth) Myers, age 97, passed from this life quietly on Oct. 6, 2022. Ruth was born on June 29, 1925 in Washington; the daughter of Frank and Florence (Ingram) Mitchell. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School; after high school she became an air traffic controller during WWII. While she was an air traffic controller, she met and married William C. Myers, a Marine in 1944. They were married until William's death for 59 years.

During her life Ruth spent time working for the Mt. Morris Index, and as a secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church for 23



years. After retirement she went to work at Rahn Elementary School holding numerous positions.

Ruth is survived by son: William D. Myers, Capron; daughter: Helen C. (Jim) Branthaver, Poplar Grove; 5 grandchildren: Mark (Tonya) Branthaver, Joel (Melissa) Branthaver, Sarah Branthaver Wehrwein,

William P. Myers, and Daniel P. Myers; 14 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, husband: William C.; granddaughter: Angela Ruth Doherty Richards; and grandson: Joshua Paul Branthaver.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris; with Rev. Josh Ehrler officiating. Burial was held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022 from 9 a.m. until service time in Trinity Lutheran Church.

David P. Saldecki

BYRON — David P. Saldecki, 61, of Byron, passed away Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022 in his home. He was born Dec. 19, 1961 in Belvidere to Edward and Barbara (Dixon) Saldecki.

David was employed at Loomis as a machinist. He was known for his sense of humor and his passion was racing his boat. Most of all, David enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

He is survived by his two sons Josh (Amy)



Saldecki of Forreston, and Jason (Amber) Saldecki of Byron; two daughters Renee Saldecki of Freeport, and Meghan (Nate) Ayer of Byron; brother Mike (Chris) Saldecki of Grand Island, Neb.;

sister Kelli Saldecki of North Carolina; seven grandchildren Colton, Maddix, Deagan, Meelah, Silas, Colin and Emmet; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding David in death are his parents and brother Mark.

Memorial services were 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport. A visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. also at Burke-Tubbs. A memorial has been established in David's memory.

Joanne B. McGhee

BYRON — Joanne B. McGhee 88, died Sept. 22, 2022, in her home in Byron. She was born Nov. 7, 1934, in Missouri to James and Jean Howard.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband, John McGhee, with whom she enjoyed 56 wonderful years of marriage. They have four daughters: Debbie, Cindy, Kathee, and Karen. She has eight grandchildren: Kayla, Lindsey, Maria, Alyssa, Jordan, Jake, Morgan, and Abby. Her great-grandchildren include Helaina, Sullivan, Jace, Lilyanne, Sky, Atlas, Lexi, Eli, and Ivy. She has two surviving siblings; Helen and Tom.



Brothers Bill and Bob predeceased her.

She enjoyed her dog Sophie, such a great companion. Joanne worked at Don's Diner in Byron for many years. After that position, she opened a video/DVD rental place in downtown Byron called McGhee's Media. It

became a place of friendships, games, and prayer. She had an influence on many who came for an encouraging word. Joanne was a frequent visitor to garage sales.

Joanne met the "real" Jesus while living in Byron and became a close follower of Him. She always allowed Him to change her into His image up to the time she went to be with Jesus. At Joanne's request, there is no formal service. She will be interred alongside John in the Byron Cemetery. Memorials may be sent in her name to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, and Rockford Rescue Mission.

Report policy

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Sept. 6
Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Davontae Sockwell, 26 of Rockford for driving while license suspended. Sockwell was arrested by Deputies on Rte 64 near Woodlawn Road after being stopped for speeding. Sockwell was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At 7:25 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Stillman Fire Department responded to Illinois Route 72 and Rural Road in Stillman Valley for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. After a brief investigation, Deputies learned a red 2010 Buick Lacross was driven by Cynthia Merryman, 65 of Rockford, stopped at the stop sign on Rural Road. The Buick then proceeded into the intersection with East Illinois Route 72 and was struck by a westbound 2020 Ford F-550 driven by Jason Whelan, 46 of Byron, Illinois. A passenger in the Buick, Brittany Merryman, 25 of Chana, Illinois was transported to OSF Hospital in Rockford, Illinois with suspected minor injuries. Cynthia Merryman was issued a citation for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:26 p.m., Deputies responded to the 11,000 block of East Illinois Route 72 for the report of a single motorcycle accident. Upon further investigation, Deputies arrested Cassandra Inman, 42, of Davis Junction, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Cassandra was transported to St. Anthony Medical Center, where she was treated for a moderate injury. Cassandra also received a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed. Cassandra was released on an Individual Bond with a future court date given.

At 7 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Lindenwood road and Esmond road. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Cristopher Polanco, 22, of Dekalb, for driving while his license was suspended. Polanco was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 8:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 110. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Isaias Martinez Maciel, 28, of Kansas City, Missouri, for No Driver's License. Martinez Maciel was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Martinez Maciel was additionally cited for an inoperable registration light.

Sept. 5
At 12:58 a.m. Deputies were dispatched to Lake Louise Campground (8840 N. IL RTE 2) for a report of a disturbance. Through the course of the investigation, Sara R. Quezada, 24, of Rockford IL, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Quezada was also issued a citation for an Inoperable Rear Registration Light. Quezada was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Byron Police Department. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

At 10:50 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Rte. 64 at I39. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Carlos Aponte, 22 of Rochelle, for driving without a valid driver's license. Aponte was released on scene and will appear in court later.

Sept. 4
At approximately 6:54 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to the 3,000 block of S. Knoll Road for a rollover accident with injuries. Upon arrival, Deputies learned a 2015 Ford Fusion was driven by 19 yr. old, Alan Krug, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Alan was traveling northbound on Knoll Road, when he lost control of his vehicle on the gravel portion of the roadway and traveled off of the east side of the roadway where the vehicle overturned several times in a cornfield before coming to rest. Krug and his 18 yr. old passenger, Gage Pobanz, 18 of Chebanse, IL was transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS for minor injuries. Krug

was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Flag Center Fire/ EMS also assisted with the accident.

At approximately 9:22 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of West South Street and South Center Street in Creston for a hit and run accident. Through the course of the investigation, it was learned that a black SUV, driven by Omar Salazar, 19 of Elgin, was traveling eastbound on South West Street, directly behind a blue sedan, driven by a female Juvenile out of Elgin. It was determined that Salazar rear-ended the blue sedan, at which time Salazar fled from the scene of the accident. Salazar was located a short time later, at which time he was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Salazar was also issued citations for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Report an Accident, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. The female Juvenile was also placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License, was given an I-bond and to a parent at the scene. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Sept. 3
At 2:22 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident in the 2700 block of E. Lynn Rd Byron. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that a maroon 2000 Mercury Sable driven by Ethan A. Heslop, 18, of Byron was travelling west on E. Lynn Rd. The maroon Mercury failed to negotiate the

curve on E. Lynn Rd., causing the vehicle to exit the roadway and overturn. Heslop and his juvenile passenger were both uninjured. Heslop was arrested for Illegal Consumption as a Minor (Zero Tolerance). Heslop was also issued citations for Too Fast for Conditions, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Possession of Cannabis by a Minor. Heslop was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Byron Police Department, and Byron Fire Department/EMS. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

At approximately 1:10 a.m., Deputies responded to the 900 block of W. Egan Road in reference to a suspicious vehicle. After investigation, Deputies placed Jessica Stoll, 40 of Byron, under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Stoll was additionally issued citations for illegal parking and operating a vehicle with an expired registration sticker. Stoll was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 7:25 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of East Illinois Route 64. This came after a driving complaint was received from a concerned motorist. Upon investigation, Scott L Ide, 29 of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Ide was also cited for improper lane usage, improper transportation of alcohol as a driver, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ide was transported to the

Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

At approximately 2:40 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of N IL Rt. 26 and W IL Rt. 72. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Ashley M. Kreeger, 20, of Shannon under arrest for driving on a suspended driver's license. Ashley was released from the scene on an I-Bond with a return court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 9:40 p.m., Ogle County Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and I-39. The offending vehicle failed to stop for Deputies, at which time a minor pursuit ensued. Deputies were able to get the vehicle stopped at I-39 mile marker 102, at which time Jeffrey Carter, 21 of Chicago, was arrested for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer, Endangering the Life of a Child, and Driving While License Revoked. Carter was also issued citations for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, Speeding, Illegal Window Tint, No Taillights, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Expired Registration. Carter was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 10:57 a.m., Deputies and Byron EMS responded to the intersection of North

Conger Rd and East Oak Grove Rd for an ATV vs. vehicle accident. After a brief investigation, Deputies discovered the ATV, operated by Russell L. Crull, 67 of Byron, failed to stop at the posted stop sign before colliding with a northbound vehicle. Crull was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS for treatment of suspected minor injuries. Crull was issued a citation for disobeying a posted stop sign. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Sept. 2
At 5:26 p.m., deputies were dispatched to an accident involving injuries at the intersection of N. IL RTE 26 and N. Freeport Rd. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a blue 2004 Toyota Rav4, operated by Jennifer N. Bookman, 31 of Freeport, was stopped at the stop sign on N. Freeport Rd. The blue Toyota then proceeded into the intersection with N. IL RTE 26 and was struck by a southbound white 2020 GMC Terrain operated by Shawnda R. Ludwig, 52 of Forreton. Bookman was extricated from the blue Toyota, and transported by Forreton EMS to FHN Hospital in Freeport, with potentially serious injuries. Bookman's juvenile passenger was uninjured. Bookman was issued a citation for Failure to Yield to Oncoming Traffic. Deputies were assisted on scene by Forreton Fire/EMS, and the Illinois State Police.

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Check-in will be Saturday Oct. 29, 2022, 9 – Noon at the Fairgrounds.

Information needed when checking in: Owners Name, address, phone number, and email. The storage item's height, length (including trailer & hitch), width, license plate number and its approximate value.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Holiday Side Dishes with Lynn
We are excited to announce Lynn

Kauffman of Lynn's Kitchen will be returning to Rock River Center on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., to share some ideas for healthy holiday side dishes.

Lynn is a retired culinary instructor plus dietitian, who has been working for years on making cooking fun and easy to learn. Her goal is to provide easy food prep, healthy eating tips, and cooking for one options.

Learn how to prepare one of Lynn's tasty recipes, a sweet potato casserole. Enjoy a sample or take some home for a snack. Other complimentary recipes will be available. Nutritional information will be provided. There will be a question and answer period.

The cost is a \$5 suggested donation. Please call Rock River Center at 815-

732-3252 to register by Friday, Oct. 21.

October Trivia at RRC

Oregon Public Library continues to host Trivia at Rock River Center. The following are the remaining October Trivia dates and times in October 2022.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Each Team consists of up to four people. Teams may register in person at the Oregon Public Library, or by calling 815-732-2724. Register for Oct. 20, by Oct. 18. Call 815-732-2724 with any questions.

Come and test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more.

Support groups
Cancer Support Group

Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June,

Sept. & November
Time: 2-3 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets: 1ST and 3RD Tuesday of each month
Time: 10-11 a.m.

Diabetic Support Group

Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month
Time: 11 a.m.-noon

Low Vision Group

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Lions make donation

On Monday Oct. 3rd the Polo Lions club made a donation to the city of Polo for the storage building being built at Westside Park. Sydney Bartelt (city clerk) accepted the donation.



Church hosting Trunk or Treat events Oct. 30

BYRON – Join us in the parking lot of United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., on Sunday, Oct. 30 for a fun Trunk or Treat event for the whole family starting at 4 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m.

Our theme this year is SPACE or SCI-FI. We will also have hot dogs, chips and drinks that day. This will be held Rain or Shine. If raining, trunk or treat will take place inside the church.

Non-candy treats will be handed out to kids who have food allergies or medical conditions. Please let us know if this is you. We are blue pumpkin friendly.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 815-234-8777.

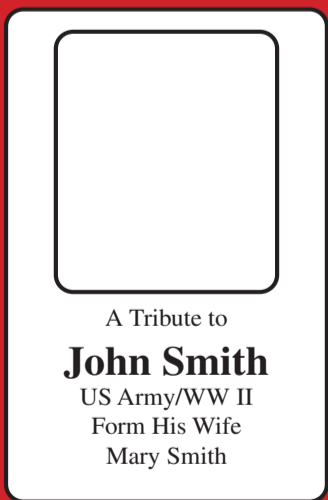
Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Remember Your Veteran

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Monday, November 7th, 2022.

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LOCAL NEWS



Students of the Month

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Oct. 18

Mysterious Legends and Ghostly Encounters, 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Public Library. Kathi Kresol will take you on a ghostly journey through some of Northern Illinois most haunted locations. To register, call 815-732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Weds., Oct. 19

An educational and infor-

mational presentation only on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

Thurs., Oct. 20

Evening Support Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

Polo Farmer's Market, parking lot south of Shell Station –Hwy 26/Division Ave., 3-6 p.m. Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Galen's Garden, Ivan's Farm Market and more!

Fri., Oct. 21

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed 131 N 3rd Street, Oregon. This is open to all adults in the community.

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets each Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the KSB Medical Clinic, 1107 S. Division (Route 52), in Polo. The meeting is also on Zoom; information for that option may be acquired by calling 815-732-7616.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 30, 1864, the town of Helena, Montana, is founded by four gold miners at a location they called Last Chance Gulch. Miners flooded to the area by the thousands, finding \$19 million in gold in four years. By 1894, Helena was the capital of Montana.

* On Oct. 26, 1881, the Earp brothers battle the Clanton-McLaury gang in a shootout in a vacant lot behind the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona. The gunfight only took 30 seconds, but 30 shots were fired and several were killed. Two were charged with murder, but a judge later found them not guilty.

* On Oct. 27, 1904, the New York City subway opens. The line traveled 9.1 miles through 28 stations. More than 100,000 people paid a nickel each to take their first ride. Today there are 26 lines, the longest running 32 miles.

* On Oct. 24, 1921, from among 77,000 United States servicemen killed on the Western Front during World War I, the body of the first soldier to be honored is selected in the French town of Chalons-sur-Marne. Four bodies were selected to become the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

* On Oct. 29, 1969, Bobby Seale, a member of the "Chicago Eight," is gagged during his murder trial on orders of the judge to stop Seale's outbursts. The "Chicago Eight" were charged with crossing state lines to cause anti-war demonstrations in Chicago. Seale was eventually sentenced to 48 months in prison for the outbursts alone, but the murder portion of his trial ended with a hung jury and the contempt charges were dropped.

* On Oct. 25, 1983, President Ronald Reagan orders 2,000 Marines to invade Grenada to protect the 1,000 Americans there at the time, many of them students at the island's medical school. Codenamed "Operation Urgent Fury," the fighting was over in four days.

* On Oct. 28, 1998, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act is signed into law. The act strengthened copyright protections and allowed copyright holders to issue "takedown" notices to individuals or companies who engaged in infringing use of a copyrighted work.

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Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye

I knew I wanted to be a journalist my second year of college.

I was going to be a teacher at the time, like my parents, but I noticed our college had no paper and decided that I should help start one. Well, I did, and it led to a change of major and a 30-plus year career.

But now, it looks like that career has come to an end. The company that owns this newspaper has decided to eliminate the editor position at The Life, so that is it for me. I disagree, of course, but it is their company and they can do what they please.

I understand newspapers are not a growth industry – in fact we are a dying industry. And, strangely, it always seems to be experienced journalists that get pushed aside as a way to make the budget work. I have seen it before, and it will probably only get worse.

I am proud of the work I have done here, and I did my best for the company and community. I leave filled with a sense of accomplishment, not bitterness.

But I am sad because my career as a journalist is pretty much done now, and I was not able to end it on my terms. That is a tough one – only a couple of years from retirement too!

I have had some great experiences over those more than 30 years. I have interviewed Senators and

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Congressmen, gone out in the field with Marines, covered Major League Baseball games and NFL games, travelled to many states to train people in newsrooms. I have so many great memories of the stories I have written and the people I have met.

I am also sad because I do love this job here and I love the people I have met doing this job. I had never heard of Oregon when I took this job more than seven years ago. I drove from Schaumburg to Oregon every day for months before my wife and I relocated to Rockford.

People were always so kind and just loved the paper. That made my job easy and very fun. I have had the opportunity to meet some incredible people, write some solid stories, take a ton of photos at events, and continue to write my weekly column, something I have enjoyed doing since the early 1990s.

In fact, in my time at

The Life, I have written about 375 columns. Some were good, some not so great, but I always tried to be honest and have fun. I know many didn't agree with me on certain topics, but my job is to write my opinion, not reenforce yours. And you might be surprised by how many notes, cards and emails I got from people who did agree.

I have always tried to be as open with my life in my writing as I can, even if it makes me look bad. Getting peed on by a cow in a cattle hauler while riding through Nebraska on my motorcycle? Sure, I'll share that in a column!

I have so many great memories tied to this job. One is that the good folks at Rock River Center trusted me to MC their What's Cookin' fundraiser for a few years. That was so much fun, and I was honored to do it – corny jokes and all.

I will miss talking with so many great people in the community and helping get their events and news items in the paper. The Life is a small weekly – what we call a "chicken dinner" paper in the business. I had always worked at daily newspapers until I came to work here in 2015. I was a little concerned but found out I loved it. I love what the paper means to people around here.

And just so you know, it means that much to me too.

I want to give a shout-out to my boss, Mike Feltes, who has always been so great to work for. This is not Mike's decision, so don't blame – or congratulate – him. Mike has always been nothing but supportive. I will miss working for you, boss.

What is next for me? Honestly, I have no idea. Money is not a concern for me, but I still feel like I have a ton to contribute, so we will see where life takes me. I have spent my entire adult life going with the flow, and it has worked so far. I think I will just hop in the stream and see where it takes me career-wise.

But we won't be leaving the area. We love it here and are probably staying for good (I never say never). And I do plan to come down to Ogle County often not only for the beautiful riding, but how can you give up the U.S. Straw Sculpting Competition and Autumn on Parade and other events here? You can't.

So please, be well and continue to support The Ogle County Life. Small newspapers are the lifeblood of communities. This paper matters.

As this is probably my last column ever, I will end the way old journalists ended stories for decades:

– 30 –

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

The problem of wrongful convictions

Every once in a while, you meet someone who changes the trajectory of your life.

For me, that person was Darell Parker, a gentle, kind man who worked in the Moline Parks Department.

Back in the early 1990s, I just had begun covering Moline City Hall and a friend told me that Darell was a convicted murderer who maintained his innocence.

I was just 25 and had never thought much about people serving time for crimes they didn't commit. It was a different era, a time when people put much more faith in institutions.

Some folks have this misguided notion that newsrooms are full of bleeding heart liberals. In my 35 years in the news business, that has not been my experience. When I was a young reporter in Texas, my managing editor made news decisions based on the color of a crime victim's skin.

When I worked as a police reporter in the Midwest the night city editor, was a man not prone to nuance. If someone was accused of a crime, they were automatically a "mope."

Perched on his throne of white privilege, never was there an iota of doubt expressed that the person was guilty. We might as well have slapped the word "guilty" across the accused forehead.

But then I met Darell Parker.

He was a lot like me: white, male, a farm boy and an Iowa State graduate. He'd gone to prison when he was about the same age as I was at the time we met.

Parker suffered the tragedy of having his wife murdered in 1955 and the misfortune a few days later of being interrogated by John E. Reid, a so-called "expert" in police interrogation. After more than 24 hours of coercion Parker confessed to a crime he didn't commit.

Even though he immediately recanted, based on that confession alone, a jury convicted him. The confession made Reid famous. And what is now known as the "Reid technique" has become the standard form of suspect interviews for police departments across the country. It all started with a false confession.

Decades later, a serial killer on death row confessed to the murder. And a search of police files found that the killer's car was parked in front of the Parker home the day of the murder. That and other information was never shared with the defense.

It took the state of Nebraska more than 60 years to acknowledge they made a mistake in Parker's case and hand him a check for \$500,000.

Parker, who died in February at age 90, never sued. He just asked the state of Nebraska to do the right thing. It would be easy to believe Park-

er's case is an anomaly.

But I don't believe that is the case. I've met too many factually innocent people who have done time.

In the dozens of wrongful convictions I've written about, it's rare to see a police officer disciplined even in cases involving perjury or incompetence.

Folks sometimes want to know why I ask tough questions of the police. Many work hard and do a good job. Others don't. None are infallible.

I have met many victims of violent crimes whose cases were not vigorously pursued. Worse yet, I've looked into the eyes of too many people convicted of a crime they didn't commit.

If journalists don't hold those in power accountable, who will?

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreed@illinoistimes.com.

Officials being dishonest about SAFE-T Act

Dear Editor,

Listening to extremist sheriffs whine about how unfair the law is to them is painful. Listening to them whine about the SAFE-T Act lets you know that they're not just whiners, they're also dishonest.

Putting aside the theoretical problems with one arm of the state trying to overpower both the Executive (of which, the SA's office is a part) and Legislative branches, there's also the practical issues with their opposition to any reforms. If you listen to the ISA speak about decriminalization, you'll hear two talking points: public safety and constitutionality.

The constitution is not the law. It merely guides it. I'd be interested

to hear the ISA's opinions on DUI checkpoints or Stop-and-Frisk policies being re-enacted – something proposed federally in 2017. MSP v. Sitz established two things: DUI checkpoints are unconstitutional... and legal. To paraphrase the court, the danger to the public posed by drunk driving outweighs infringements on 4A. Stop-and-Frisk may have been officially repealed, but it's still widely used informally, with the courts having to straighten out whether the search was legal after the citizen has been searched.

If all of that isn't enough, what about questioning the constitutionality of a sitting prosecutor ignoring a defendant's presumption of

innocence by saying that no-cash bail means violent offenders will be back on the street to re-offend? Bail is for un-convicted detainees – and "violent offenders" don't qualify anyhow.

This isn't just political rhetoric or toeing the party line, it's an industry of for-profit government agents advocating to remain a cash enterprise; the police exist to protect property and to collect fees for the state – that's it. So, if you don't trust an arrestee at their word about their innocence, then you shouldn't trust the people whose expenses are paid with that arrestee's bail money.

Chris Rozakis, Stillman Valley

LOCAL NEWS

Byron Police report

Sept. 3
Maing Naing 24, of Milwaukee, Wis., was issued a citation for Failure to Secure a Child Under the Age of 8 in an Appropriate Child Restraint System.

Julio Gonzalez 21, of Rockford, Il was issued a citation for Driving While License Suspended. Gonzalez was transported to Ogle County Jail in Lieu of Bond. Gonzalez also had an active warrant for Failure to Appear.

Sept. 7
Paul Vlahiotis 26, of Elmhurst, Il was issued a citation for Speeding.

Leah Stirling 38, of Milton, Wis., was issued a citation for Speeding.

Sept. 9
Shelby L Morris 40, of Byron, was arrested on a Warrant. Morris was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Brock Swanlund 43, of Byron was arrested for Domestic Battery. Swanlund was transported to Ogle County Jail.

Sept. 13
Troy Hibbard 62, of Rock City, was issued a citation for Speeding.

Sept. 14
Dylan R Hensley 25, of Byron, was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and No Insurance. Hensley was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Sept. 15
Maiwand Mayar 30, of Schaumburg, was issued a citation for Speeding.

A 16yr old female, from Byron, was issued a citation for Scott's Law Violation.

Sept. 17
Dianna Rundle 77, from Byron, IL was issued citations for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Sept. 18
Megan Tuite 22, of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding.

Sept. 20
Tonia Busser 65, of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Sept. 21
David Austin 20, of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding.

Sept. 22
Ernest Elswick, 55, of Oregon, Il was arrested for Aggravated Battery and Domestic Battery. Elswick was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Sept. 23
Laura Kohler, 27, of Stillman Valley, Il was issued a citation for Driving While License Revoked and Disobeying a Stop Light. Kohler was arrested and transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

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BYRON – Byron Bank is proud to participate in the Toys for Tots program during the 2022 holiday season. “Byron Bank is excited to help Toys for Tots brighten the holidays for families in our communities,” said Bank President, Brent Baker. “As part of our wonderful community, we take great pride in being a collection location, as well as, contributing to this charitable cause.” Toys for Tots is run by the United State Marine Corps Reserve and has distributed toys to less fortunate youth since 1947. The program has supported 272 million children to date thanks to generous community engagement. “We are thankful to our communities for their generosity each year and grateful to be able to support Toys for Tots during the holiday season,” said Samantha Ciaccio, Marketing Manager for Byron Bank. Drop-off new, unwrapped toys, specifically for kids ages 8 and up, at any Byron Bank location from Oct. 17th through Dec. 10th.

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LOCAL NEWS



County Democrats host fundraiser

OREGON – The 24th annual Ogle County Democrats Fall Luncheon was held on Sunday, Sept. 18th at the Loreda Taft Campus of NIU in Oregon.

This fundraising event was a big success, raising significant funds to help support Democratic candidates in the 2022 election cycle and beyond.

Among the guest speakers were three candidates for the upcoming mid-term election.

Lisa Haderlein is running for U.S. Congress to represent the 16th District. She is committed to supporting equal protection for all residents; standing with farmers to conserve prime farm soils, provide clean water, and mitigate the impacts of flooding and drought; and protecting the right to privacy and reproductive

freedom. Haderlein has served in several elected positions and runs a nonprofit small business raising millions for land conservation and creating jobs.

Karla Niemann is seeking election as a Circuit Judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit. Highly experienced, she has practiced law for over 20 years, all within the 15th Circuit. In addition to a number of professional associations, Niemann is also active in many community organizations, including Kiwanis, Stephenson County Historical Society, Tyler's Justice Center for Children, Highland Community College Leadership Institute, and the Stephenson County Fair Association.

Gerald Podraza is a candidate for the State Senate, 45th District. Some of the issues to which he is

committed include improved rural economic development, support for early education and vocational education, funding for law enforcement to reduce crime and fight corruption, improved infrastructure, and human rights for all, including women's rights and LGBTQ rights. Podraza, an active community volunteer, is a small business owner and member of the National Farmers Union.

The afternoon concluded with the drawing of the 50/50 raffle winner.

To find out more about Ogle County Democrats, join us at our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon VFW. You can also go online to learn more at <https://ogle-countydems.org/> and you can also check us out on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Petitions for library board available

FORRESTON – Nominating petitions for Forreton Public Library are now available.

Current board members include Wilma Akins, Jan Cotter, Judy Greenfield, Teresa Meyer, Susan Milnes, Kathy Pasch, and Matthew Snider. Five of these seven positions will be open for election. One position is for a two-year term, two are for four-year terms, and two are for six-year terms. The election for these open positions will be held April 4, 2023.

Library board members must be, on the date of election: at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a registered voter, and reside within the village limits of Forreton. To be considered for election, candidates must file a petition with

25 signatures of qualified voters residing in the village of Forreton. Additionally, candidates must complete, sign and have notarized a statement of candidacy and statement of economic interest.

All necessary forms will be included in the candidate's election packet, which is available at Forreton Public Library (Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon). Candidates may begin filing completed petitions at the library on Monday, Dec. 12. Filing will conclude Monday, Dec. 19. Packets returned after that date may not be considered for candidacy.

For further information, please contact Julie at 815-938-2624.

Ogle County Legionnaire meeting will now be on Oct. 24 at Oregon VFW

OREGON – Ogle County Legionnaires are invited to attend the first meeting that Commander John Tuttle will call to order at 6 p.m., on Oct. 24, at the VFW Post 8739 Hall, 1310 W. Washington St.

Organizing the Council, team building and goal setting will be important. Coordinating our goals, including membership, post-training, running meetings, post-support/revitalization, and American Legion programs with 13th District goals is a top priority.

13th District Commander Waldon "Lee" Gibbs will attend this meeting, along with Sr. Vice Commander Jerry Howard.

Help us get off to a good start. Let us know ASAP if you might consider being an officer. Come and share your expertise. This will be a rewarding experience for all of us. Please share this message with your members who do not have an email address.



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Students of the Month

Oregon Elementary School Students of the Month for September. (Above) Sitting- Emma Frewin, Justlin Leary. 1st Row- Talia Pope, Brylee Busser, Maddilyn Stumpfenhorst, Rowan Heyob, Charlotte Diaz, Stella Drozd, Axel Carlson, Declan Jacobs, Cannon Ziller, Connor Bradbury. 2nd Row- Abigail Bohms, Sophia Spencer, Shelby Harbaugh, Kailana Campbell, Addison Most, Annaleigh Groh, Kimberly Carrillo, Rylie Steingraber, Andrew Stumpfenhorst. Back Row- Mason Surmo, Amelia Holland-Jones, Gloria Barker, Brittany Plescia, Isaac Moore. Not Pictured: Elyse Thomas, Hailey Clark, Shyanne King. (RIGHT) Bexley Stern, Robert McIntyre-Cook, Oakleigh Withers. Not pictured: Austin Hafer, Jamie Shafer, Matthew Bejster.




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2407 26th Street, Rockford \$135,000 Call Jamie
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00 E Ashelford Drive, Byron \$59,900 Call Carla
 Imagine how you would want your dream house to be when you are nestled near the Rock River with 110' of river frontage. Do you prefer a rec room, larger bedrooms, spacious kitchen or loads of windows to take in the scenic views? It's up to you. This property is located in the Byron school district and has city water and county taxes. Sale is subject to developer's approval of blueprint.



946 N. IL Route 2, Oregon \$474,900 Call Rebecca
RANCH HOME WITH RIVER FRONTAGE AND ACREAGE! Located on the edge of town close to Fairgrounds Park, this sprawling ranch is situated on just over 6 acres zoned AG and boasts stunning views of Blackhawk State! With nearly 3,000 square feet of living space there are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms along with a large family room that could also be converted into a grand master suite! Bursting with mid-century modern style, the living room features a large, wood burning fireplace and oversized windows with views of the river and statue. The kitchen also has a great view of the property and has loads of cabinets with fresh paint and hardware, new stainless-steel appliances, eat in area and a double-sided fireplace that is open to the formal dining space. Many updates throughout including carpet, paint, hardwood floors and landscaping. An added bonus is that this home was constructed with cinder block walls making it very energy efficient. The river frontage includes an updated pier with new steps and railing ready for your dock and boat next spring! Acreage is zoned AG, with a buildable lot so the possibilities are endless with this land. There is also a 24x26 outbuilding and additional storage shed with plenty of room for storage and your hobbies. Homes with this many features do not come for sale every day, call for your private showing!



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Byron beats Oregon 48-6 Oct. 7

The Byron varsity football team came out of the gate strong on Friday, Oct. 7, putting up 28 points in the first quarter against Oregon.

The Tigers went on to beat the Hawks 48-6. In the first, Byron scored on runs from Carsen Behn, Kye Allen and James Cone. Byron's Braden Smith also had a 28-yard interception return for a TD.

Smith added a scoring run in the second quarter, and Everett Wichman also scored on a run for the Tigers. Byron's final score was a 1-yard run by Ayden Shank.

Oregon's lone score came in a fourth quarter 4-yard run by Noah Reber.

For the game, Byron had 369 yards to Oregon's 167.

Scores

Varsity Volleyball
Oct. 5
Stillman Valley 0, Oregon 2

Oct. 11
Rock Falls 2, Oregon 0
Stillman Valley 2, North Boone 1

Varsity Football
Oct. 7
Stillman Valley 28, Winnebago 14

Varsity Soccer
Oct. 7
Stillman Valley 4, Byron 5

Oct. 12
Oregon 1, Winnebago 0



Class reunion

Mt. Morris High School Class of '57 recently celebrated its 65th year reunion. Pictured from left: Sylvia (Thomas) Saunders, Marion (Duncan) Thompson, Bonnie (Ware) Soresie, Nancy (Glotfelty) Kielsmeier, Salley (Olsen) Wessels, Ebba (Lundin) Fewell, Nancy (Sno-dgrass) Falzone, Mary Jane (Floto) Zipse, Jon Martin, Lynne (Fleming) Wilburn and Greely Myers.

Local college graduates

Morrison Institute of Technology

The Morrison Institute of Technology is honored to announce our Spring 2022 graduates. The following students received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Engineering Technology/Construction:
Riley Birnbaum – Oregon
Matthew Kurtis Shere – Chana
The following students received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Network Administration:
Garrett Bittinger – Polo

Marquette University

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – This past spring, the following students graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.
Byron: Jonathon Silvers, Bachelor of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
2,855 students graduated from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 141st Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Summerfest's American Family Insurance Amphitheater and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.
Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,500 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries.

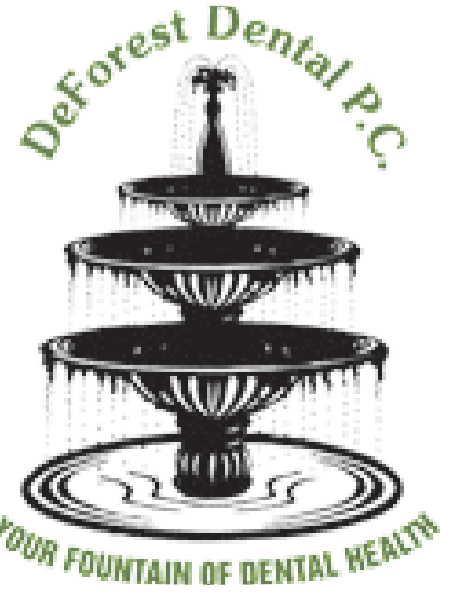
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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

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The Giving Pump
Stop by Shell to help support Children's Programming at the Mount Morris Library. Our local gas station has generously chosen to donate a portion of the proceeds from their Giving Pump toward our library. This pump will be wrapped and available through October, just look for the purple Giving Pump signs on pump 1 or 2! We would like to thank Shell for their support of community programming! Thank You!

Annual Book Sale!
Thank you to everyone who came out for our Annual Book Sale!! With your support we had another successful book sale and hopefully filled a few home libraries. If you would like to donate toward the next sale we welcome most used books! For more details please call us!

Story Time!
Lions, Tigers, and Bears! Oh My! Story time will be reading books all about Scarecrows this week! Don't be afraid as we read books and make crafts this Wednesday, 10/19. Skip in for a great time reading stories about scarecrows! Story time is every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m., bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Cookbook Club!
Join us as we reconvene The Cookbook Club! This delicious club will be using the book, "100 Days of Real Food on a Budget" by Lisa Leake. Wonderful recipes include things like *Easy Chicken Scaloppine* and *Dark Chocolate Crumb Bars!* Stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, November 1st @6pm at The Senior Center for an exciting meal!

Lego Club!
Our next Lego night is this Thursday, October 20th, from 6-6:45 p.m. 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.

Adult Book Club
The October book is "The Narrowboat Summer" by Anne Youngson. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, October 24th at 3:30 PM.

Display Case Showings
Stop in to see our new display for October! Local collector, Kit Reynolds and friends, will showcase their personal collection of teapots. They are beautiful pieces of artwork that will make you appreciate and contemplate the history of these gorgeous dishes! Stop by to admire these beautiful pieces of artwork! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Rock River Center
Update: There will be no representative at the library for the months of October and November. Please call the Rock River center at 815-732-3252 to make an appointment during this time. Thank you.

Adult Programming
We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Julia Hull Library News

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.

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Tween Scene: Pumpkin Spice Mug Cakes
Hey tweens, it's time to get your fall on! Join us at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, and learn how to take your love of pumpkin spice to the next level.

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Polo Library News

Children's Programs -

“Seniors to Smalls” Reading Buddies Program, every Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center. Polo Public Library and Senior Center are partnering together to have senior volunteers that would like to help students read and would like to be read to by the student.

“Tot Time Tuesdays” - starting Tuesday, October 18th at 10 a.m. Ages 0 to 5 yrs, come join Ms. Melanie for a story read and various hands-on play for the little ones.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 815-946-2713, email melaniew@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

What we're reading and discussing in October - Friday Discussion Group, October 14 at 1 p.m. Meeting at Polo Senior Center to discuss “The Stranger in the Lifeboat” by Mitch Albom.

Wednesday Books 2 Movies, October 19th at 5 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to talk about the book and movie, “My Sister’s Keeper” by Jodi Picoult.

Monday Afternoon Book Club, October 24th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to share our opinions of “What Might Have Been” by Holly Miller.

Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

Yoga with Becka

Wednesday, October 26th at 6pm - Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register. Yoga will now be every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Genealogy Assistance

Are you interested in researching your ancestors but don't know where to start? Do you have a start and need help with your research? Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or the third Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which allows access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

Online Catalog

Did you start a series and can't find the next book? Are you wanting to watch a specific movie? If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit pololibrary.org and click on “Books/Media” and “Your Account” to access the online catalog.

Library newsletter

Our newsletter is full of information on library services and programs. Print copies are available at the library, Lifeline Food Pantry, Polo Senior Center, Polo Fresh Food Market, and Polo Laundromat. If you prefer to receive it electronically visit our website and subscribe.

Special Procedures

Masks are optional for staff and visitors to the library. If you require an access service to fully participate in a program or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Marie Monaco at 815-946-2713.

Byron Library News

Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Did you know... that the Byron Library's electronic sign isn't just for advertising library events? The library will run messages on the sign for local churches, schools, and non-prof-

it organizations at no charge. Messages must be sent to the library at least a week in advance, and can be run for a minimum of one week. Messages for the electronic sign can be submitted in-person at the library or emailed to the library at byronlibrary.org

BONAFIED – All Breed Dog Rescue

Thursday, Oct. 20
6-7 p.m.

October is national adopt a shelter dog month. Melodee from BONAFIED (bring out natural abilities found in every dog) will discuss the importance of adopting shelter dogs. A few dogs that are available for adoption will be present. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.com.

info/signup to register.

Monday Mindfulness – Zen Garden

Monday, Oct. 24
6-7 p.m.

What is something you can do to bring a little calm to your life? Join us for our first Mindfulness Monday where we will create a tabletop Zen garden for you to take home or to your office. Learn how a Zen garden can help with stress reduction. Please visit Byron.evanced.com or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Friday Matinee for Adults

Friday, Oct. 28
1-2:30 p.m.

Spend a fun afternoon at the Byron Public Library. The popcorn will be popping

and we will be featuring the movie *Dog, Dog* is a road-trip comedy about two hard-charging Army Rangers, paired against their will... Briggs (played by Channing Tatum) and a Belgian Malinois named Lulu race down the Pacific Coast in the hopes of making it to a fellow soldier's funeral on time. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.com.

Scandinavian Pinecone Elves

Thursday, Nov. 3
6-7:30 p.m.

Create a Scandinavian inspired craft using pine cones and felt. Perfect for the winter holidays! Register by calling 815-234-5107 or by visiting Byron.evanced.com.

Mindfulness Monday – Shower Steamers for Adults

Monday, Nov. 7
6-7 p.m.

Want to bring a little calm to your life? Join us for Mindfulness Monday where we will create shower steamers this month. These are very easy to make and add a relaxing element to your shower time. They also make special gifts for others. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.com, info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

DIY Ornament Picture Frames

Thursday, Nov. 10
5:30-6:30 p.m., or
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Ever wonder what to do with your random extra Christmas ornaments that just don't have a

matching set? Did you know that you can use them to make a decorative Christmas frame? Join Cathy as she walks you through how to repurpose any ornament to create a beautiful photo frame to hang up as a decoration or to give as a gift for someone special. Same class will be offered at both times so please just choose one or the other. All supplies will be provided. Please visit Byron.evanced.com or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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Forreston Library News

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Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Bring your favorite toddler or preschooler for a time of stories, songs, crafts, and fun! This relaxed program is a great way for little ones to meet new friends and discover the joy of reading. Please call the library to register or if you have any questions.

Snow Removal Bids

The library is currently seeking bids for snow removal from our sidewalks, ramp, and front steps/porch. Following an overnight snowfall, snow will need to be removed by 8:00 am and some daytime removal may also be necessary. Please submit your written proposal to the library in person or by email to forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Bids must be received by Monday, October 10th. For more information, contact Julie at (815)938-2624.

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.

Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We may be reached by phone at (815)938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

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402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-2303
Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.
God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Karen Tews
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph:815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am
VISITORS WELCOME

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
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

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH
140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"
All are welcome here!
9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)
www.disciplesumc.org
(815) 734-4853
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS
102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
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.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir
Wednesday 6:00 PM;

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD
East Oregon Chapel Church of God
The Sharing is Caring Church.
107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Monday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast is served the Fifth Sunday of the Month beginning at 9:30 a.m.
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.

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH
2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD
860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642
Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry." Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994
www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
• 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: sainbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.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
Website: stpaulnalc.org
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH
Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail
Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS
Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadscn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st .
Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH
801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available,
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faiuhumcpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faiuhumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faiuhumcpolo)

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
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.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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/VECCSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION
Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
10479 E. High Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd.
Sunday: Worship Service at 9:30 am.
Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

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Rochelle, IL 61068
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Fax: 815-562-2161

LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Youth Programs

Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Stop in with your Toddlers and Pre-K littles for Story Time each Thursday with Miss Jana. She will have a couple stories and an activity for the kids.

Big Kids, Big Art: Tuesday, October 18th, 4:30 p.m. (note time change!)

Calling all 1st through 5th Graders! Miss Jana has a great beginner art program just for you. Each month will focus on a different element of art. Join her on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

LEGO Club: 1st Monday of the month, 5 p.m.

Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGOs waiting for you!

Family programs

Drop-In Craft: Pumpkin Decorating

Drop in this month and decorate a gourd with a variety of markers. Take your pumpkin home or show it off on display at the library for the season.

Movie Night: Monday, October 24th, 5 p.m.

Inconceivable! This classic premiered 35 years ago! Cheer on Buttercup and Westley as they battle ROUSs in the fire swamp, evade Prince Humperdinck, and support Inigo Montoya as he avenges his father's death.

Adult Programs

Microsoft Excel Fundamentals: Monday, October 17th, 5-7 p.m.

Learn the basics to get started using Microsoft Excel. This class will include a hands-on overview of the Excel workspace and creation of a basic inventory spreadsheet where you will apply formatting and complete calculations using formulas and functions. Free registration is required by calling: 815-738-2742. Please indicate at registration if you are able to bring your own laptop.

Adult Book of the Month:

The Book of the Month is *The Things We Keep* by Sally Hepworth. *The Things*

We Keep is a compelling novel about early onset Alzheimer's disease and how it affects the patient and people surrounding the patient. Follow Anna as she is placed into an assisted living home and deals with slowly losing pieces of her memory and the friends she makes along the way.

Craft Kits for Adults:

Stop by the circulation desk and pick up this month's take and make craft. Get into the Halloween mood with this popsicle stick scarecrow.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, November 19th, 9:30 a.m.

Design an encouraging note for your bestie, your child's teacher, or your secret sister. You can even create a work of art to lift your own spirits! Materials are provided.

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.

Plastic Recycling:

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please *remove any ziploc-type seals* and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

New releases

Adult Books

Holidays on the Virgin River by Robyn Carr

Paradise Valley by Robyn Carr

Falling Stars by Fern Michaels

Righteous Prey by John Sanford

Goodbye Again by Mariah Stewart (LP)

Juvenile Books

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj

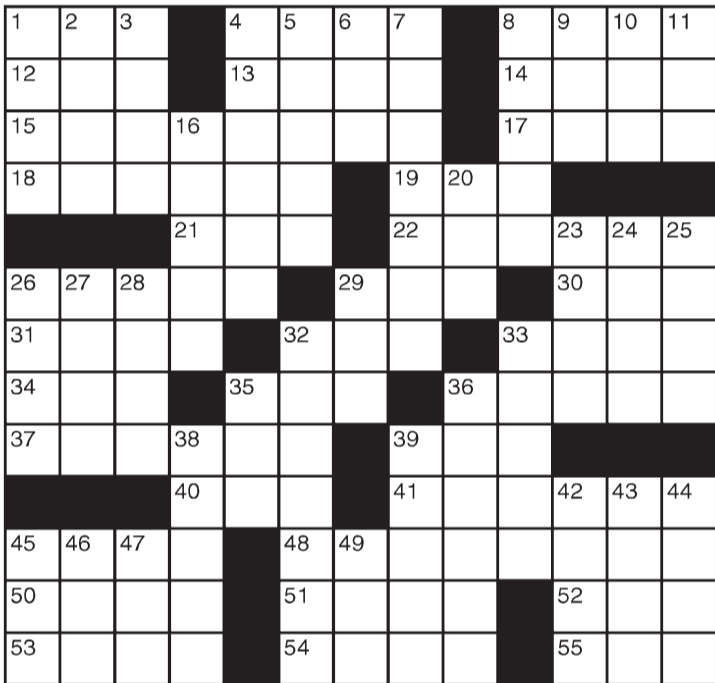
Zoey by Lisa Mullarkey

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Big Blue"
- 4 Twice cuatro
- 8 Tubular pasta
- 12 PBS funder
- 13 Beloved
- 14 Optimist's credo
- 15 Standards
- 17 Profs' degrees
- 18 Finally
- 19 Snooze
- 21 Sound from a hot wok
- 22 "Conga" singer Estefan
- 26 Eastern European cake
- 29 Wager
- 30 Nile reptile
- 31 Novelist Anita
- 32 "Mayday!"
- 33 Ovid's 53
- 34 Hostel
- 35 Farm pen
- 36 Tightly packed
- 37 Illinois city
- 39 Day light
- 40 Corn serving
- 41 Tempt
- 45 Wicked
- 48 Bliss
- 50 News reporter Logan
- 51 Nepal's continent
- 52 "— a Won-



- derful Life"
 - 53 Linen source
 - 54 Squad
 - 55 Command to Rover
- #### DOWN
- 1 Early Peruvian
 - 2 Ernie's pal
 - 3 Postal delivery
 - 4 Black Sea port
 - 5 Breath mint brand
 - 6 "Bali —"
 - 7 Vitamin C providers
 - 8 Lighter brand
 - 9 German pronoun
 - 10 Wee bit
 - 11 — and outs
 - 16 To-do list items
 - 20 PC key
 - 23 Picnic spoiler
 - 24 Egyptian deity
 - 25 "... baked in —"
 - 26 Radar dot
 - 27 First-rate
 - 28 U2 lead singer
 - 29 Lad
 - 32 Ogle
 - 33 Slow, in music
 - 35 "Chandelier" singer
 - 36 "Girls" star Lena
 - 38 Chill out
 - 39 Old photo tint
 - 42 Rainbow
 - 43 New York's — Field
 - 44 Sunrise direction
 - 45 Sprite
 - 46 Actor Kilmer
 - 47 401(k) alternative
 - 49 Work with

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MAGIC MAZE

MOVE FIRST LETTER TO THE END AND READ BACKWARD

X R O L H E B O X U R O L I E
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 R O L J G D E B Y W U R A R G
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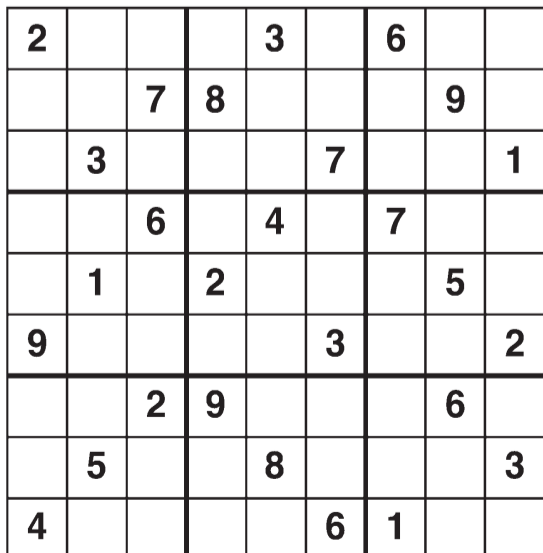
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **New Zealand flightless bird**

- Brewer
- Dresser
- Fretter
- Gamma
- Grammar
- Guru
- Igniting
- Lava
- Motto
- Pacifica
- Peewee
- Petite
- Presser
- Trekker
- Voodoo

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

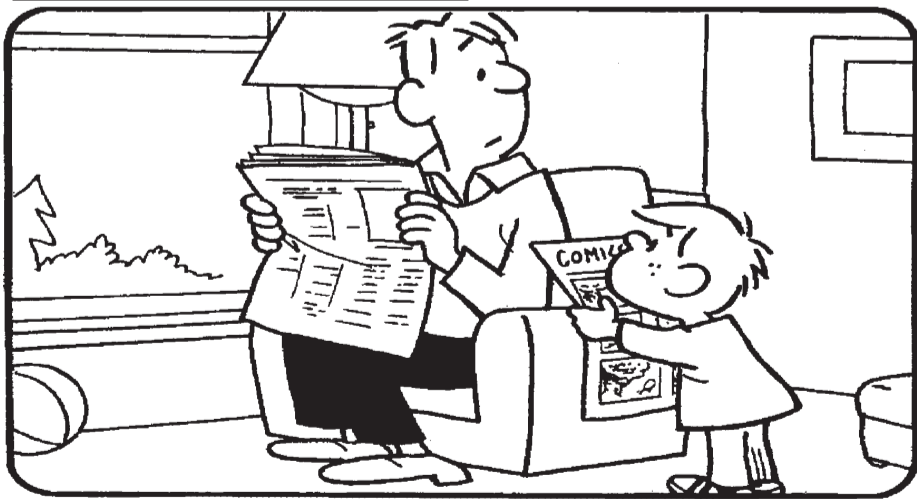
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

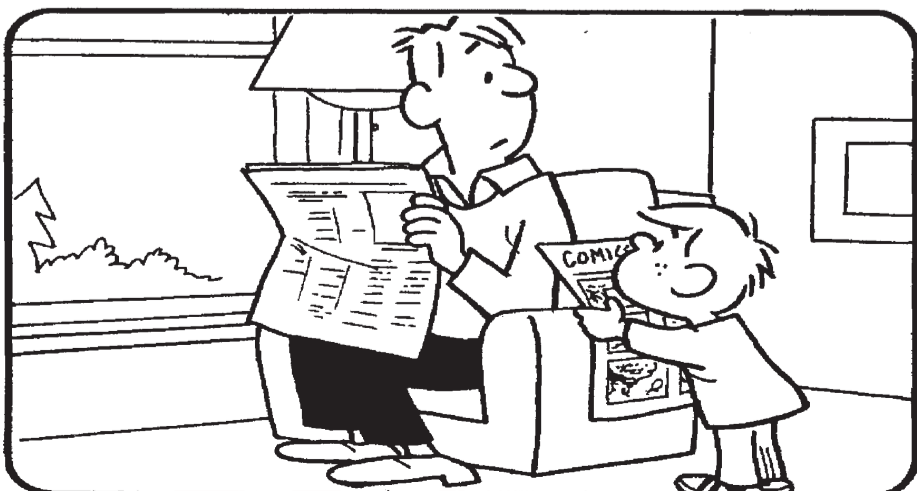
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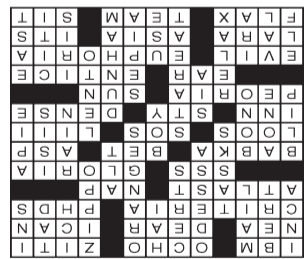
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



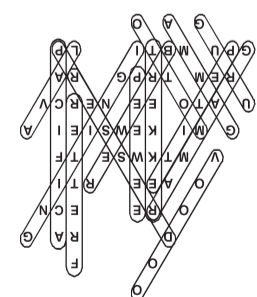
Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Hand is missing. 3. Paper has fewer pages. 4. Shirt is slimmer. 5. Picture is moved. 6. Footstool is missing.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



AND READ BACKWARD

MOVE FIRST LETTER TO THE END

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2	8	4	1	3	9	6	7	5

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

New! A Boo Bundle

“A Boo Bundle” is a Binge Box for the month of October! Inside each box will be a Murder Mystery game, a scary book and scary movie hand-picked for you by our librarians, popcorn plus a festive treat. Call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to complete your bundle registration. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library. **Registration deadline for a box will be October 21st.**

We Need Your Assistance!

The Library would like your help in finding summer reading program t-shirts from over the years. Some of them we have, but 1987-1993, 1995-2006, 2010 & 2011 are the years we are missing. So, take a look in those overcrowded drawers, closets, or storage containers and help us fill in those missing years. We only need 1 or 2 from each year, so be the first to donate yours back to the library. Any questions, just send an email or call Debbie at the Library.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

We're back and ready for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am. Go online or call to register.

Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 pm to discuss *Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. Books on Tap meets on October 27, at 6 pm to discuss *A Lullaby for Witches* by Hester Fox. Teen Book Club Association meets on October 29 at 10 am to discuss *All These Bodies* by Kendare Blake. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m. (grab a book to find out where).

YOGA Returns! Thursday's at 9:30 am October 20, and 27, November 3, 10th & 17th.

Welcome, Kara Schabacker! Kara first entered the health and wellness field as a massage/myofascial therapist in 2008. After 13 years working solely in curative care, she laid down roots as a yoga instructor to shift her focus to a more preventative approach to well-being. Shortly after receiving her RYT200, she completed a 95-hour certification in Trauma Informed Kids & Teens Yoga and became registered as an RCYT in 2022. She is also in the process of completing her RYT500 through Yoga Medicine, looking at an old familiar path from a new viewpoint. The focus of her studies is on fascia, the nervous system, mental and emotional health, and the human response to trauma. Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures to build strength and warmth and also incorporate 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. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Mysterious Legends and Ghostly Encounters – October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Kathi Kresol will take you on a ghostly journey through some of *Northern Illinois most haunted locations*. These stories will cover everything from mysterious legends, horrid true crimes, and eerie encounters with the dead. Kathi has been researching the odd and unusual for over 15 years. She is a local author who has trekked the back roads of Illinois searching for these creepy tales and the history behind them. Visit her website for more information about her books, her stories, and her events. <http://www.hauntedrockford.com>. **Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or** www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Alzheimer's Association presents Effective Communication Strategies & Art Activities for the Fall Season- Thursday, October 20th at noon.

Communication is more than just talking and listening – it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. The Effective Communication Strategies program of the Alzheimer's Association was designed to provide practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people with dementia. Learn how art can stimulate creativity through Art Express, an evidence-based program designed for persons experiencing memory loss or dementia. Administered by the Dale and Deborah Smith Center for Alzheimer's Research and Treatment at SIU Medicine, Art Express is free, and provides social interaction and cognitive stimulation for those with Alzheimer's and their caregiver. The program will conclude with a live special question and answer session. Please register to view from home by calling 800.272.3900. If you'd like to watch in the library, please register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Halloween at the Library- ages 3 -12

Come by the Library **Wednesday, October 26 thru Saturday, October 29** and pick a papier-mâché pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch (plain, so you can decorate it at home or already decorated and ready to go)! On Halloween Monday, October 31 from 4-6 p.m., visit our front yard “Halloween patch” and pick out your surprised filled papier -mache pumpkin! Limited supply. In case of inclement weather just come in the Library to find a pumpkin.

A Killer Among Us (Part 1): Killers, Fiends and Weirdos of Chicago's Victorian Era- Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm

Clarence Goodman returns for “A Killer Among Us (Part 1): Killers, Fiends & Weirdos of Chicago's Victorian Era.” Emerging from the ashes of the Great Fire is a new Chicago - the prototypical megapolis - ready for the changing world. But as it glides seamlessly from the Industrial Revolution to the Gilded Age, an unprecedented phenomenon appears as well: That of the Serial Killer. To learn about these creepy-but-fascinating tales register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724. Registration required.

Lego Club (2nd grade & up), Wednesday, October 26, 2:30 p.m. (early school dismissal)

The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required. Go online to our website or call, 815-732-2724, to register.

TRIVIA is back at the Rock River Center! - The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 pm at Rock River Center Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies, and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

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® @ 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 We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt by Angie Rozelaar.

Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

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.

PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organization. PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords, and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use the links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at info@pcsforpeople.org. Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

New Releases

Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe by David Maraniss BIO THO
 Diana, William, and Harry by James Patterson BIO DIA
 Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg BIO TOT
 Scenes from My Life by Michael K. Williams BIO WIL
 Wise Gals: The Spies Who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage by Nathalia Holt 327.1273 HOL
 Operation Pineapple Express by Lt. Col. Scott Mann (Ret) 957.104 MAN
 Broken News by Chris Stirewalt 070.195 STI
 The Fight of Our Lives by Iuliia Mendel 947 MEN
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 Vacuuming in the Nude: And Other Ways to Get Attention by Peggy Rowe 813.6 ROW
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SELL CITY OF BYRON, ILLINOIS OWNED REAL ESTATE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Byron, Illinois ("City") proposes and intends to sell the following City owned real estate:
A. Property commonly known as XX Marijon Drive Byron, IL with PIN 05-30-151-022, approximately 0.91 acres in size, R-1 zoned, and currently utilized as a detention pond.
The City is hereby accepting sealed written bids for the purchase of the above-listed property. All bids should contain the name of the bidder and the bid price for the property. All bids should be placed and sealed in an envelope addressed to: City of Byron, Attn: City Clerk, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, IL 61010. The front of the envelope should also include a reference that a bid for the property at XX Marijon Drive is enclosed.
The property is being sold in "AS IS/ WHERE IS" condition with payment by the successful bidder due in full at the time of closing. The successful bidder shall enter into a real estate contract with the City setting forth all the terms of the sale of the real estate, which shall include, but not be limited to, the use of the property remaining as that of a detention pond and that no changes shall be made to the property that effect its use as a detention pond.
The City will open all bids during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on November 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

at City Hall, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, IL 61010. In order to be considered, a bid must be received by the City by no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2022. Any bid which is not received by the City by said deadline shall not be considered by the City.
The City may accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the City. The City may also reject any and all bids. Any questions regarding submittal of bids should be directed to the City Clerk, 815-222-5938.
/s/ Caryn Huber, City Clerk
No. 1004 (Oct. 3, 10, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF BID ON SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Sections 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and -2, that the Village of Davis Junction duly enacted Ordinance No. 22-33, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VILLAGE-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY (117 Prairie Moon Drive) (the "Ordinance") at a regular meeting of the Village board of trustees on September 27, 2022. The Ordinance authorized the sale of vacant and unimproved real property commonly known as 117 Prairie Moon Drive, Davis Junction, Ogle County, Illinois, bearing tax identification number (P.I.N.) 09-03-431-005 (the "Property"), and legally described as follows: Lot 29, as designated upon the Final Plat of Harvest Glenn #2, being a

subdivision located in part of the South 1/2 of Section 22, Township 42 North, Range 1, East of the Third Principal Meridian, the Plat of which is recorded as document number 9702943 in the Recorder's Office of Ogle County, Illinois. The Property is located in the Village's R-1 single family residential zoning district. The Village favors single-family detached residential development of the Property that will complement existing residential uses in the vicinity of the Property. The Property is being sold as-is and the Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property.
Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the Property. There is no minimum bid. The bids should include a purchase price and a development plan for the Property that details the proposed structure(s) or other improvements, if any, to be constructed and an estimated project schedule. The Village will consider development proposals consistent with the Village's Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, and the terms of this Notice. The terms of this Notice shall govern in the event of conflict or inconsistency. The Village may require the purchaser to enter into a development agreement with the Village that will formalize the terms of the development of the Property in accordance with the winning bidder's plans. The development agreement may also, among other things, formalize the terms of sale, establish the method of legal title conveyance, specify the terms of the development, including any required zoning relief, a timeline No. 1005 (Oct. 3, 10, 17)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR
OF)
NELLIE V)
WINTERS)deceased
)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Nellie V. Winters, of Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Nathan B. Winters, 310 Cedar Street, Dixon, IL 61021, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice in accordance with the winning bidder's plans. The development agreement may also, among other things, formalize the terms of sale, establish the method of legal title conveyance, specify the terms of the development, including any required zoning relief, a timeline No. 1005 (Oct. 3, 10, 17)

Emily R. Vivian
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(815) 288-3068 FAX
No. 1006 (Oct. 3, 10, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-3, notice is being given that the Village of Stillman Valley will be conducting a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 7, 2022 at Stillman Valley Fire Protection District 200 Rural Road, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comment on a proposed Annexation Agreement between the Village of Stillman Valley and BME Ogle Farms LLC. The parcels subject to the proposed Annexation Agreement are 8271 E. Hales Corner Road, PIN 05-36-300-006; xxx Stillman Valley Road, PIN 10-01-126-004; and xxx E. Hales Corner Road, PIN 11-18-100-003, all located outside of but contiguous to Stillman Valley, Illinois. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. All inquiries regarding this public hearing can be directed to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey at (815) 645-2200.
Respectfully Submitted,
Yvonne Dewey
Village Clerk
No. 1016 (Oct. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
Request of Andrea Elizabeth Leather
Case Number 2022-MR-22
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Andrea Elizabeth Leather to the new name of Andee Elizabeth Anderson-Leather. The court date will be held on Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. at 106 South 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom 304.
Andrea Elizabeth Leather
No. 1013 (Oct. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Village of Stillman Valley is proposing to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Program for improvements to the Village's sanitary sewer system. The Phase 1 sanitary sewer system improvements include the construction of approximately 3,636 feet of 8", 10", 12" and 15" diameter sanitary sewers on parts of Maple Street, School Street, Main Street, Hickory Street, Lincoln Street, Stillman Road, and an easement west of Stillman Road and the installation of a cured-in-place liner in 1,140 feet of sanitary sewer. The Phase 2 sanitary sewer system improvements include the installation of a cured-in-place liner in 9,730 feet of sanitary sewer and manhole rehabilitation. The sanitary sewer system improvements are needed to replace under sized sanitary sewers and rehabilitate aging clay sanitary sewers. The Phase 1 project cost is estimated to be \$1,373,000. The Phase 2 project cost is estimated to be \$898,000.
The Village received the Project Summary and Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the sanitary sewer system improvements, and the Village is required to notify the public of the project in accordance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Program rules. The Project Plan report and the Project Summary and Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review documents will be available for inspection by the public for a period of 10 days from the date of this notice at the Village Hall located at 120 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Village Hall is open to the public Monday thru Fridays from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
Public comments are encouraged, and the Village of Stillman Valley and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will accept written comments on the project during a 10 day comment period following the publication of this notice. Written

comments can be made to Mr. Marty Typer, Village President, Village of Stillman Valley, 120 North Walnut Street, P.O. Box 127, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084 or to Kim Van Pelt, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.
Date: October 17, 2022
Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk
No. 1021 (Oct. 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)No.
MATTER)2022
OF THE)PR 63
ESTATE OF:)
BETTY M.)
SWANSON,)deceased.
)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE death of BETTY M. SWANSON of Polo, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on October 11, 2022, to JANET K. JOHNSON of Polo, 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 of the Court at 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. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
JANET K. JOHNSON
Independent Administrator
No. 1022 (Oct. 17, 24, 31)

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LOCAL NEWS



Jaeden Martell and Donald Sutherland star in "Mr. Harrigan's Phone."

Couch Theater

By Demi Taveras

"Mr. Harrigan's Phone" (PG-13) -- Spooky movie season continues with this new release out now. Based on a novella from Stephen King's "If It Bleeds" collection, this film follows Craig (Jaeden Martell), a boy who befriends an elderly man named Mr. Harrigan (Donald Sutherland). As their friendship grows, Craig gifts Mr. Harrigan with a cell phone. After the elderly man passes away, Craig gets beat up by bully. In order to soothe his own spirit, Craig calls Mr. Harrigan's old phone number, confessing that he wishes revenge on the bully. Little does he know, Mr. Harrigan hears him from beyond the grave and is willing to help Craig get exactly what he desires ... with very deadly consequences. (Netflix)

"Dark Places" (R) -- Here's another horror/mystery book-to-film adaptation that seemed to have gone under the radar. "Dark Places" stars Charlize Theron as Libby Day, a woman still wrecked with trauma from the day she discovered her mother and two sisters murdered in

their home. Libby, who was 8 at the time, gets pressured by the police to name her teenage brother, Ben, as the perpetrator of these crimes. Decades later, Ben is still in prison, but Libby gets approached by the head of a true crime club who, after studying the case in depth, believes that there's much more to the story and that her brother is innocent. At first hesitant, but in need of the cash that the club can supply her with, Libby follows the club's leads with every person connected to that night until she finally uncovers the complex truth. (HBO Max)

"Shantaram" (NR) -- Releasing Oct. 14, this 12-episode thriller TV series features Charlie Hunnam ("Sons of Anarchy" and "The Gentlemen") as Lin, an ex-convict who escaped prison to reach the city of Bombay, India, where he plans to start anew. However, amid trying to start a new life, crime continues to find him, and he quickly gets himself wrapped into elaborate schemes, leading to a partnership with a crime boss in Afghanistan. Longing for freedom, but unable to

find it along the dangerous path he continues to walk along, Lin battles with severe internal conflict and must eventually decide between doing what's right versus what's easy. (AppleTV+)

"The Lost City" (PG-13) -- This comedy-adventure can provide a bit of a break from the more-intense entertainment choices right now. Sandra Bullock portrays Loretta Cage, a romance novelist who lives a life opposite of the passionate ones her characters live. To promote her latest novel set in a "lost city," Loretta goes on tour with her book's cover model, Alan (Channing Tatum), who the fans are much more interested in. But, in a sudden turn of events, not unlike the ones in her novels, Loretta gets kidnapped by billionaire Abigail Fairfax (Daniel Radcliffe), who thinks Loretta can help him decipher a map leading to a real lost city that is full of treasure. Alan, heavy on looks and low on brains, is the only person who sees Loretta get taken and therefore becomes her only chance of salvation. (Prime Video)

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LOCAL NEWS

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Did Cecily Strong leave “Saturday Night Live”? I know Kate McKinnon and a few others departed. Who are the replacements? -- L.K.

A: Fan favorite Cecily Strong has taken a hiatus from “Saturday Night Live,” but will return later this season for what will be her 10th year on the show. She’s currently appearing in a one-woman stage show produced by her “SNL” boss Lorne Michaels titled “The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe.” The new season of “SNL” premiered Oct. 1 with host Miles Teller (“Top Gun: Maverick”) and four new castmembers: Marcello Hernandez, Molly Kearney, Michael Longfellow and Devon Walker. None of them is a household name yet, but give them time.

In addition to McKinnon, gone from “SNL” are Aristotle Athari, Aidy Bryant, Alex Moffat, Kyle Mooney, Chris Redd, Melissa Villaseñor and Pete Davidson. Fortunately, Kenan Thompson, who is the longest-running cast member with 20 years under his

belt, is back.

Strong’s commitment in L.A. is scheduled to conclude on Oct. 23, so if I had to guess, I’d expect her back on NBC during November sweeps.

Q: I can’t believe they’re making a movie about Johnny Depp and Amber Heard. Is it going to be one of those cable TV movies, or will it be in theaters? -- H.H.

A: It’s only been four months since the verdict was read in the defamation trial involving famous exes Johnny Depp (“Pirates of the Caribbean”) and Amber Heard (“Aquaman”), but it didn’t take long for Tubi, a streaming service, to make a movie about it. “Hot Take: The Depp/Heard Trial” stars Mark Hapka (“Days of Our Lives”) and Megan Davis (“Bones”) as the troubled couple during their two-month televised trial, which gripped America earlier this year.

In a recent interview with “Entertainment Weekly,” Hapka and Davis admitted that taking on these roles was risky for their careers, but that they were portrayed it would be a fair portrayal.

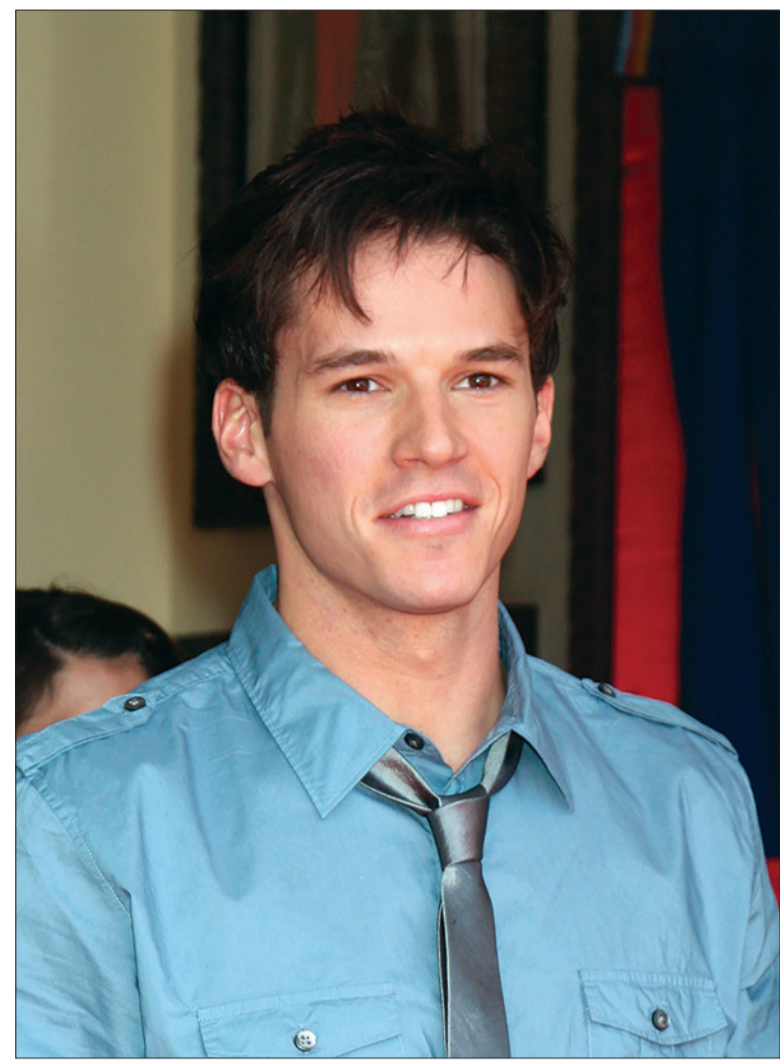
Davis said that seeing the general public’s hatred of Heard during the trial broke her heart and made her even more eager to play the biographical role.

“Hot Take” is available to stream now for free on Tubi, a streaming service that doesn’t cost a monthly fee, but is supported by ads. You can learn more at TubiTV.com.

Q: Whatever happened to Megyn Kelly after she left Fox News? -- L.E.

A: Megyn Kelly left her prime-time show “The Kelly File” on Fox News in 2017 for a lucrative deal with NBC as host of the third hour of the “Today” show on weekday mornings. However, the show was canceled after she made some controversial remarks on air. Since then, she’s hosted a daily podcast for Sirius XM. Before her broadcast career, Kelly practiced corporate law, but that was in the past.

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Top 10 Movies

1. Smile
(R) Sosie Bacon, Jessie T. Usher
 2. Don’t Worry Darling
(R) Florence Pugh, Harry Styles
 3. The Woman King
(PG-13) Viola Davis, Thuso Mbedu
 4. Avatar
(PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
 5. Bros
(R) Billy Eichner, Luke Macfarlane
 6. Ponnin Selvan: Part One
(NR) Vikram, Karthi
 7. Barbarian
(R) Georgina Campbell, Bill Skarsgard
 8. Bullet Train
(R) Brad Pitt, Joey King
 9. DC League of Super-Pets
(PG) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart
 10. Top Gun: Maverick
(PG-13) Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly
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