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Attention readers

Deadline for the Ogle County Life for the next two weeks will be Tuesday at 3 p.m., not Wednesday. Please submit all items for publication by that day and time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Forreston award winners named

Jr/Sr High School students earn leadership awards. 9A

50 years of service



In June 1972, Jeff Burton joined the Forreston Fire Protection district. Since that time, he has been an active fireman. As of this month, he served the department for 50 years. FFPD will be celebrating his dedication to the department on Sunday, June 12, from 1-4 p.m. At 2 p.m., the department will be presenting Burton with an award for his service. Lunch, cake and ice cream, and refreshments will be served.

Life readers please return Requester Card inside paper

All Ogle County Life readers who receive their Life paper each week through the mail will find a white Requester Card inserted in between Section A and Section B of today's Life paper.

"We are asking every household receiving the Life paper each week by mail to return their postage paid card as soon as possible, so that we can satisfy our post office mailing requirements which enables us to continue delivering your Life paper free of charge to your home," said general manager Mike Feltes.

In order for the Life to maintain its Periodicals Class mailing permit, the office must have on file updated Requester Cards from its readers every three years, so it is important each household fill out and sign and date a card, and include a correct address and a valid phone number.

"Based on Periodicals post office standards, we are required to keep the updated cards on file

and be able to present them to the post office to verify that readers have requested to receive the Life," Feltes said. "We are paying the postage, so all we need is someone from each household to locate and fill out the card completely, sign and date it and drop it in the mail. That's all there is to it and it will help us assure that you continue to receive your Life paper each week."

"It is important for readers who receive a Requester Card to send it back, indicating they still want to receive the Life at their home free of charge," he said. "The cards are necessary for us to assure that there is no disruption in delivery to your home and we can continue delivering it free."

Anyone who cannot locate their Requester Card inserted in today's paper, may also call 815-732-2156 to officially request the paper over the phone or simply e-mail your request to office@oglecountylife.com.

WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
73 55	72 56
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
75 52	72 53
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
72 56	74 57

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- Farm & Fleet
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- Ace Hardware



Plant market

The Oregon Park District kicked off summer and the planting season with their annual Flower, Plant and Mini Market the first Saturday of May. The sun was finally shining, and the River's Edge Market area was filled with vendors. People of all ages enjoyed planting the mini garden and the best part is that all proceeds from that activity benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Many of the items will also be found at the weekly River's Edge Farmers Market from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays starting this month.

Music event PorchFest is June 11 in Mt. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – The Fifth annual Encore! PorchFest Mt. Morris is Saturday, June 11.

PorchFest is the ultimate grassroots community music festival. This year 18 musical groups or soloists, including many favorites from past years, will perform 45-minute sets on community porches and lawns throughout the festival area between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The audience picks their choices from a schedule and moves from location to location. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in the grass, walk or ride your bike.

Performing this year:

- Goin Postal Unplugged – Classic rock, ballads, country and more.
- Walter Phelps – Acoustic blues from the 1920s-1940s.
- Await the Light – Modern folk duo, original and covers, accompanied by fingerstyle acoustic guitar.
- Spare Change – Country, bluegrass, folk.
- The Magtones – Good time acoustic pop.
- RuthAnn Lillstrom – Singer songwriter, folk and pop.
- Who Drank All the Tequila – Acoustic rock with a bluegrass vibe. guitar, bass, mandolin.
- Korey Pepper – The gritty areas of 90s Grunge and alternative rock.

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Community SHRED DAY
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LOCAL NEWS



MUSIC: Performers to play a wide variety of music

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Denny Diamond – Two acoustic guitars, known for performing Neil Diamond, plus other classics.
 Wattle & Daub – Authentic acoustic voice, rooted in passion and the power of the folk.
 Christa Leigh – Guitar singer, popular favorites and Jazz standards to Country Blues.
 Crosswind – Guitar and per-

cussion, acoustic folk, country, and pop.
 Greg Crull – Acoustic guitar, some looping and rhythm, country, folk, blues, beach, rock and roll.
 Chris Kolling – Classic rock and original songs.
 Randy and Larry – Guitar and harmonica, doing vocals, country, folk, last 100 years is fair game.
 Denny Jacobs – Easy Listening to Oldies. Guitar and Vocal Folk

and Blue Singer.
 Acoustic Axis – Two acoustic guitars, classic rock, blues and classic country.
 Louise Price – Acoustic guitar, Irish, Spanish, and traditional folk. Schedules with map, porch locations, music, and food information are available online at EncorePorchFest.info. Find more info about all Encore! and Mt. Morris activities at EncoreMtMorris.com.

Leaf River church hosting blood drive on June 6

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, June 6.
 Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon-6 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to

donate blood. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.
 In 14 years, we have had 931 donations which saved up to 2,793 lives. Thank you to everyone that has donated in the past, and we look forward to your continued donations.
 For more information or to schedule an appointment, you

can find the Leaf River United Methodist Church on Facebook or contact Laura at 815/276-5773, or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815/965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org. Walk-ins are welcome.
 For other locations where you can donate, go to www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar.

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

June 6 Wits Fitness Brain Exercise Class Cancelled

The Brain Health class will not meet on Monday, June 6 due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

The class will resume exercises at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 18 at Rock River Center. We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Outing of the Month Club

Thursday, June 9
 Nachusa Grasslands:
 * Bison Viewing / Guided Hike / New Visitors Center
 * \$5 Trans/Activity Fee payable at RRC before departure
 * Registration deadline is June 7
 * Lunch (on your own) afterward.

You're Invited to Play Croquet with RRC

We have a new outdoor activity planned on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from June through September. All skill levels welcome to this FREE event. Details are as follows:

What: Croquet in the Morning
 Game Time: 10-11:30 a.m.
 Dates: June 8 and 22
 Where: Lions Park, 10th and Webster, Oregon
 Registration Information / Deadlines
 * Individual registration taken at Rock River Center, 815-732-3252.
 * Register for June 8, by June 6
 * Register for June 22, by June 20
 Game day information:
 * Players should meet, park & check-in at RRC at 10 a.m. on game day.
 * Call the Center if weather is questionable.
 * NO PARKING at Lions Park.

Healthy, Stronger, Independent Living & Fall Prevention

Presented by Castor Health Services
 Avalynda Casey and CASTOR Health Services will be at Rock River Center on Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. They will discuss "Healthy, Stronger, Independent Longer" and "Fall Prevention and Safety Around the House".
 Their program will detail:
 * "Healthy, Stronger, Independent Longer" – stay active / self care
 * "Fall Prevention and Safety around the House" – paying attention to your surroundings, rugs and furniture placement.
 * Getting Outside!
 A Q&A period will be

included, so bring your questions.

Please call River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. Advance registration is requested by June 9 to accommodate seating.

Father's Day

A Day of Baseball History
 Dads, join us on Friday, June 17, 2022 for "A Day of Baseball History." Our program will be beginning promptly at 10 a.m. at Rock River Center. Be prepared to enjoy the following videos about baseball history:

"The Baseball Bunch" with Johnny Bench

The series starred Johnny Bench as the coach to a fictional baseball team of eight little league aged children known as "The Baseball Bunch". The ninth team-member was "The San Diego Chicken" (played by Ted Giannoulas) who served as a comic foil to Bench as he would attempt to mentor the children. Featured are Major League guest stars, such as Tommy LaSorda and Phil Niekro, along with clips of other Major League players.

In addition to the technical fundamentals of the game, the series would also touch on some of the psychological challenges youngsters face.

"A Visual History" – Comisky to Veeck

At the down of the 20th Century, Charles Comisky helped found the American League and created the Chicago White Sox. Since then, the sounds of baseball have been heard continuously on Chicago's Southside, sometimes ringing the glory, sometimes with tragedy, but always heard appreciatively by their fans.

"A Visual History" includes all the action and personalities that made baseball an exciting, vibrant part of the Southside over 85 years.

Enjoy A Day of Baseball History with us with fresh-popped popcorn and cracker jacks.

After the program, please join us for a Lifes-cape hot dog lunch served at 11:30 a.m., for a \$3 suggested donation.

Registration Required. Deadline for Registration and lunch reservations: Tuesday, June 14, before 10:30 a.m. Call 815-732-3252 to sign-up.

Senior Information Services Provided by RRC

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. We are at:

Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center: June 13 from 11 a.m.-noon
 Forreston/Faith Lutheran Church: June 15 from 11 a.m.-noon
 Mt. Morris Library: June 9 from 11 a.m.-noon
 Polo Public Library: June 22 from 10 a.m.-noon
 Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center: June 1, 8, & 22 from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

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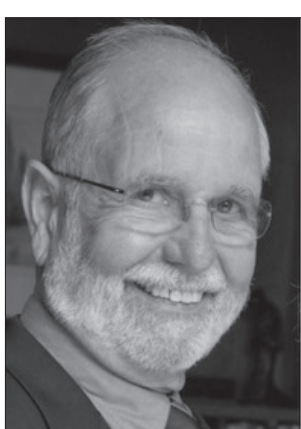
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Warren Miller

Warren Pullman Miller passed away peacefully, on May 24, 2022, at home in Santa Barbara, Calif., surrounded by his family. He died after a losing battle with lung cancer one day short of his 82nd birthday. Mr. Miller was born in Chicago to Florence Lowden Miller and Dr. C. Phillip Miller. His grandfather, Frank O. Lowden, was the Illinois governor from 1917-1921. His great-grandfather George Mortimer Pullman developed the Pullman sleeper car and founded the company town of Pullman, now part of Chicago's Southside.



est products industry. He served on several advisory panels for state and local governments and as an officer, director, and trustee of several non-profits in the Midwest.

In 1966, Mr. Miller joined the newly formed nonprofit and Presidential-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation and Natural Beauty. During that time, he met and married his first wife, Nancy. Throughout the years, he remained close to the family property and businesses at Sinnissippi and in 1978 he and Nancy moved to Oregon to help run the family business. They built a new lumber mill, expanded the logging operations, increased the size of the Christmas tree farm to become the second largest Christmas tree grower in the state for some time. He became involved with the Pullman Historic Foundation and the Pullman Historic District in Chicago and continued as a board member of the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation; a foundation established by his great-grandfather in 1949. The Foundation is ongoing awarding scholar-

ships to outstanding high school seniors throughout Illinois. In 1989, Nancy wanted to reconnect with her family in California, eventually settling in Santa Barbara. Nancy passed away unexpectedly in 1997. Mr. Miller continued to be active in a number of Santa Barbara's community organizations, among them the Santa Barbara Historical Museum, the Hope Ranch Park Association and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. He met Gallery owner Marlene Schulz, and they married in 1999. This would prove to be a new chapter in his life. They collaborated on numerous art exhibitions and publications.

Warren Miller is survived by his wife, Marlene R. Miller, two nieces; Kimberley Lowden Miller, Jennifer Pullman Tadjedin (Amir), cousins; Deborah Lowden Daspit (William), Elizabeth Pullman Daspit, Richard Winslow Daspit Jr. (Cecilia), Anne Deverman Daspit (Kenneth), Amy Drake Daspit, Catherine Elizabeth Culbertson (Charles), Edward Albert Culbertson (Robin), George M. Pullman Drake Jr. (Linda), Christopher A. Drake (Lori), Patricia Lowden Drake, Scott Folkler Madlener and numerous grand nieces and nephews. A sister-in-law, Ingrid Cali and her children; Marty Fiolka (Susan), Leeann Folse (Dee).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pullman Education Foundation (www.pullmanfoundation.org).

Through his life, Mr. Miller had a passion and love for the environment, conservation, travel, flying and above all his family, both the two-legged and four-legged ones (many cats and dogs were lucky enough to call the Miller household their home).

Mr. Miller spent his early life in Illinois. His weekends, holidays, and summers were spent primarily at Sinnissippi Farm, the family's farm and forestland established by his grandparents, located 100 miles west of Chicago, in Oregon. He attended Lawrenceville Academy in New Jersey and received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Harvard University in 1962. Upon graduation, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve serving for four years. Mr. Miller's early career was taken up by governmental management, natural resources administration and the for-

meridian roots as a 2005 Meridian graduate. "Jen is exceptionally talented and has the right blend of personality and skills to help elevate Meridian Junior High to their lofty potential," Caposey said. "I am personally excited to be able to coach someone with the capacity, energy, and the desire to be great which Mrs. Speakes has. I am very confident that she will do great things for the Meridian Junior High School community and the district at-large." "I'm very excited to return to the Valley as

my journey confidently brings me home to connect personal history with professional pursuits," Speakes said. "As a student, many of the people that I had the pleasure of interacting with helped form the foundation of who I am today. In no small part, I look forward to contributing to the story and rich tradition of what it means to be a Cardinal." Speakes will officially begin on July 1st of 2022 as assistant principal and July 1st of 2023 as Meridian Junior High School principal.

County attorney Huntley honored by Chamber

OREGON – Allison Huntley, Assistant State's Attorney, Ogle County, was recently named one of the 2022 40 under Forty by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.

Highlighting individuals who are compelling, interesting, and "doers," 40 under Forty honorees are people who have distinguished themselves in their professional field or organization, are engaged citizens, and provide leadership by volunteering their time and talents to community groups and causes.

40 under Forty began in 2008 and, including

this year's class, has honored 240 Leaders since then. This year's class is comprised of men and women representing a variety of industries, including health care, government, nonprofits, finance, education, and professional services. Honorees are leaders who impact their respective organizations and who positively affect their communities.

Huntley has been with the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office since December 2020, joining Mike Rock and his team on day one. She is responsible for domestic violence prosecutions

in the office. She also serves on the Ogle County Strangulation Task Force, a group founded by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and HOPE of Ogle County. Away from work, she volunteers with several community organizations and enjoys spending time with her husband Dan Huntley and her two sons.

"I'm honored to be part of this year's group of 40 under Forty," she said. "Thank you to Mike Rock for supporting me. It is a privilege to serve the citizens of Ogle County in the State's Attorney's Office."

Speakes named assist. principal

STILLMAN VALLEY – At the Thursday, June 16th Meridian Board meeting Jen Speakes is expected to be selected to serve as the next Meridian Junior High School assistant principal/principal-in-waiting.

The Board created this position to ease the transition process for Speakes as she will enter the role of principal for the first time during the 2023-2024 school-year. Speakes will serve as assistant principal during the 2022-2023 school-year and then replace outgoing MCUSD administrator Jill Davis as she concludes her decade-long, successful tenure as Meridian Junior High School at the end of the 2022-2023 school-year.

Superintendent PJ Caposey noted that the interview and selection process was very rigorous and involved Board members, administration, teachers, students, and community members. Caposey said that Speakes distinguished herself from a pool of over 40 candidates with a combination of experience, talent, and skill.

Speakes will be the first external candidate hired for a Principal position within the district in over eight years. While she is an external candidate, she has Me-



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Barbara Lynn Haye

MOUNT MORRIS – Barbara Lynn Haye, 65, of Mt. Morris, was born on June 20, 1956, and passed away on May 26, 2022, in Serenity Home in Oregon. Barbara married Richard Haye, Jr. on March 4, 2001, in Reno, Nev. Barbara is survived

by her loving husband, Richard; step-son Richard Haye, III; mother Betsy Wolfe; and brother Brett Hanson

Stateline Cremations is assisting the family, 712 Windsor Rd. Loves Park. www.statelinecremations.com



Forreston Class of '82 reunion in July

Forreston High School's Class of 1982 is planning its 40th reunion for Saturday, July 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Eilert's in Freeport.

There will not be a sit-down dinner, but heavy appetizers and a cash bar will

be available. A class photo will be taken at 8 p.m. Past teachers and administrators are also invited.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Missy Clark, 815-238-5779 by July 2.

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Stout

Check me out, I'm a certified good boy who wears sunglasses! Hello, Stout is my name and snuggles is my game. I'm a very playful, affectionate, and outgoing boy that'd be thrilled to join your family. I've hit a rough patch in my life where I'm now homeless and just searching for my furr-ever home. I enjoy going out on walks, running around in the fenced in yard, playing in water, playing with all sorts of different toys, and snuggling with my people after a very long day of being me. I adore every person I meet, even the youngsters! I'm even said to be good with other dogs! If you do have another dog in the home, my friends at Tails encourage meet-and-greets just to make sure we all get along! I'm working really hard on my housetraining, I promise you I'll be a very good listener and learn your routine in a jiffy! But hey, I am crate trained! I do need some training, but training will be fun as I'm very open-minded and very food motivated!

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Floyd Eugene Corbett

MOUNT MORRIS – Floyd Eugene Corbett, 91, of Mount Morris, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dixon on Monday, May 30, 2022. Gene was born on Dec. 19, 1930, in Grand Detour to Joe and Bessie (Ballard) Corbett.



falling!!

Gene graduated from Mt. Morris High School – Go Mounders!! He married Betty Hanes in 1949. Gene was an electrician where he worked for ComEd and for Quebecor Printing, retiring in 1993. Corby enjoyed watching the Oregon boy's high school football games, putting around the house and cruising, whether it was in his car or later on his mower. Now he can climb any tree he wants without our fear of his

Brown, Kamryn Brown, and Logan Harbaugh. And brother, Derril (Joyce) Corbett.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty, son Fred and brothers, Howard, Russell, John and sisters, Gladys, Marian, Dorothy and Lois.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8 at Finch Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 4 p.m. until service time. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the Mt. Morris Moose after the funeral service.

Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris, assisted the family with services.

Edna Eilertson

Edna (Zittle) Eilertson, age 76, of Adeline, Ill., entered eternal life on the morning of Saturday, May 7, 2022. Edna was born June 6, 1945 in Peach Orchard, Ark., to parents, Virgil and Beulah Mae Humphrey.



Mon (Billy). Beloved grandmother of Gabrielle, Garrett, Greyson, Haley, Zachary, Roxie and great grandkids Liam and Porter, as well as many nieces

and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her late husband, Donald R. Zittle, who passed away July 5, 1988; her niece Jackie and her nephew Eric.

A celebration of life reception will be held Saturday, June 18th, 2022 at the Bertolet Building, 103 W. 2nd St. in Leaf River from noon to 3 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the venue between June 15th and June 18th.

Phillip M. Lackey

Phillip M. Lackey, age 91, late of Plainfield, and formerly of Stillman Valley, passed away peacefully, Saturday, May 28, 2022 at home, with his family by his side.



48 years. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Plainfield and served as Church Historian and Sunday School Teacher.

Born Sept. 29, 1930 in Kankakee, he was the son of the late Ernest and Eva Mae (nee Tansley) Lackey.

Phil graduated from Illinois State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. His teaching experience is very extensive having taught at various schools throughout Illinois. He taught the beginning bands for the Plainfield School District at Crystal Lawns and Grand Prairie from 1973 until his retirement in 1994. He had additional experience having served the 75th Army Band at Fort Belvoir, Va., as a music librarian and as Assistant Band Director, 29th Army Band in Okinawa. His professional experience includes playing with the National Chamber of Commerce Orchestra and woodwind ensembles, Washington, D.C., Bloomington-Normal Symphony, Rockford Symphony, and the Bloomington Municipal Band. He served as the Music Director at Boylan Catholic High School, Rockford, IL and as the musical director of various musical productions as well as providing private instrumental teaching for

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Patricia A. Lackey (April 15, 2021); his parents; and brother, Robert Lackey.

Memorial donations may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church, 24022 Lockport St., Plainfield, IL 60544.

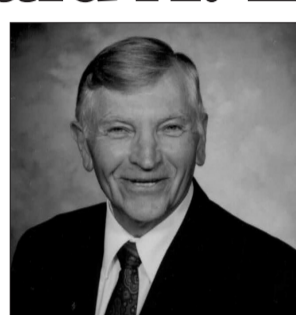
Phil's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Abby and Centered Care Hospice for the support and care they received. Also, they would like to thank Stephanie and Reda and Right At Home Caregivers for their assistance and continued support. Phil and Pat were blessed and appreciated the time and care their daughter in-law, Mary provided. Mary spent the last 6 years living with them and ensuring their well-being.

Visitation for Phillip M. Lackey was held Friday, June 3, 10 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 1 p.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Rd. (at Essington Rd.), Joliet. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park with Military Honors being provided by the U.S. Army.

For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or you may visit his Memorial Tribute at www.freddames.com where you can share a favorite memory or leave an online condolence.

Ronald A. Lewis

STILLMAN VALLEY – Ronald A. Lewis, age 82, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Generations at Neighbor's in Byron. He was born July 30, 1939 in Marion Township, Ogle County, the son of August and Amanda (Maas) Lewis.



in Rockford. He drove school bus for over 10 years for the Stillman Valley School District.

Ron served as the Marion Township Clerk for 49 years. He was a member of the Ogle County Farm Bureau, the Ogle County Pork Producers Association, and the FSA County Commission. Ron served as the official score keeper for over 30 years at basketball games for the Stillman Valley School District. He also enjoyed working on his Model A Ford.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Cherry, and his sister Leona Henning.

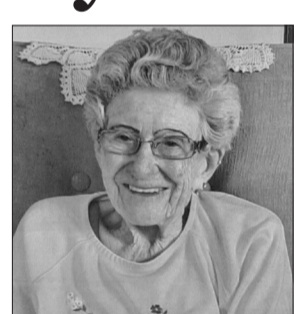
He is survived by his daughter Candy (Scott) Beck, and son Ronald (Debbie) Lewis all of

Stillman Valley; grandchildren Clay (Jessie) Coffey of Davis Junction and Ally (Andrew) Davis of Crestview, Fla.; great-grandchildren Gunner and Quinn Coffey, Grayson and Addalynn Davis; special cousin/brother Wesley Lewis; step grandchildren Stephanie (John) Hugentober, Angela (Jarrod) Bisch; step great-grandchildren McKenna and Maren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley with the Pastor Leslie Petty officiating. Burial at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday evening, May 31, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial fund is established in Ronald Lewis's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Ron.

Shirley J. Reber

BYRON – Shirley J. Reber, age 92, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. She was born on June 28, 1929 in Byron to George and Lena (Hoyt) Ashelford and then adopted by her grandparents George and Nancy Ashelford.



Shirley attended Byron High School. She married Hibbard Reber on Aug. 23, 1947; he preceded her in death in 1996. She worked as an assembly line worker for Kysor for many years. She was a member of the United Church of Byron. Shirley loved collecting bells and had bells from all over the world. In her spare time; she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and embroidery even taking the time to teach the skills to her grandchildren. She loved tending to her flower garden. Shirley helped with the Hib Reber Memorial Car Show for the past 31 years.

She is survived and missed by her children, Jackie (David) Ward of Stockton, Calif., and Darrell (Lisa) Reber of Byron; grandchildren, Robert (Rita) Ward, Michael (Susan) Ward, Daniel Ward, Jessica (Veordo) Gamble, and Adam Reber; great grandchildren, Justin (Jenna) Ward, Elizabeth (Benjamin) Brooker, Kyle Ward, Andrea Ward, Trenton Ward, Felicia Ward, Samantha (Keshawn) Reid, Seth (Lorissa) Strawn, and Sydney (Connor) Jerke;

and great great grandchildren, Aurora, Haley, Riley, Everly, Addison, Shane, Charlie Mae, Atticus, Alaina, and one more on the way.

She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, daughters, Vicki and Shelby, and great grandson, Benjamin.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron with Pastor Tyler Spellious officiating. Burial will be in Byron Cemetery. A celebration of life and refreshments will be held at the United Church of Byron on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Memorials are established in her name. Memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

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Rick Lee Rucker

Rick Lee Rucker, 58, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Rick was born on June 10, 1963 to Phil and Sharon (Knox) Rucker in Dixon. On Oct. 4, 1996, he married Theresa Renee Fenton in Oregon. He was an over-the-road owner operator truck driver for over 30 years.

ball and wrestling. He was the coordinator for N.I.Y.T.F., a youth football league in Sterling. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, working on his semi and watching drag racing. Most of all, he enjoyed the time he spent with his family and friends.

Rick is survived by his wife, Theresa of Leaf River; four sons: Anthony and Cory of Breau Bridge, La., and Curtis and Andrew (Katlynn Palmer) of Leaf River; his parents, Phil and

Sharon Rucker of Lake City, Fla.; sister, Lori (Randy) Senn of Dixon, and two grandchildren: Lillianna and Alexander Rucker.

There will be a graveside service on June 10th at 10 a.m. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Dixon, and a visitation will be held on June 9th at 5-7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Funeral Home across the street from the cemetery.

LOCAL NEWS

Museum, Historical Society open for June events in Davis Junction

DAVIS JUNCTION—The Davis Junction Museum and Historical Society, will be having a Bake Sale on the “610 Celebration.”

Three towns are having a garage sale celebration of our communities — Stillman Valley, Byron and Davis Junction. We will be having a bake sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday June 10th and June 11th from 9 a.m.-noon. Look for the program of events in the local papers.

The Museum will also be having a presentation on Sunday, June 19th at 1:30 p.m. from the Blackhawk Model Railroad Club. They will be displaying a small working model train and talking about trains, the Club, and Model Trains. The Museum will be open that day from 1-4 p.m. Come learn about the Model Trains and see the working model train. The president of the club, Bill Cummings, will be giving the presentation. Power point pictures will help tell the story.

Cookies and coffee will be provided.

The museum is located at 202 Pacific in Davis Junction.



Axe throwing business opens

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who attended the Grand Opening at Rustic Ridge Axe Throwing on May 28. All had a wonderful time and benefitted from the knowledgeable trainers and exciting atmosphere. Rustic Ridge Axe Throwing is located at 117 N 4th St., Oregon. Reserve your lanes online at rusticridgeaxethrowing.com or stop in and visit them soon. Discounts may be available for large group reservations or parties. Please call 815-881-8217 to discuss options and reservations. Must be 14 and older to throw. Minors please be accompanied by an adult. Alcohol is not allowed for everyone's safety. They welcome guests to bring in food but will not allow outside drinks. Closed toed shoes are required. Their hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 5-10 p.m., Fridays 5-11 p.m., Saturdays 1-11 p.m., and Sundays 1-8 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lions keep it clean

The Oregon Lions were busy on Route #2 North on April 21st cleaning up the winter debris that had accumulated at the side of the road. Pictured from left: Grant Afflerbaugh, Lion Jim Hoff, Lion Lori Peterson and Lion Pat Farraday



Ogle County Sheriff

May 15

At 6 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9000 block of N. Pecatonica Rd. As a result of the traffic stop, Candy M. Wendt, 31 of Rockford, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Wendt was also issued citations for Expired Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Wendt was released on an I-Bond with a court date.

At approximately 12:29 a.m., Ogle County Deputies, along with Illinois State Police District 1 Troopers attempted to initiate a traffic stop in the 8000 block of South Illinois Route 251. The vehicle fled from Deputies and continued traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. Ogle County Deputies continued to pursue the vehicle until reaching the city limits of Rockford, at which time Ogle County Deputies disengaged the pursuit. Illinois State Police District 16 Troopers, Winnebago County Deputies and Rockford Police Officers were able to apprehend the vehicle and suspect, identified as Kyle Kirschbaum, 26 of Rockford, near Perryville Road just south of Guilford Road. Kirschbaum was transported to OSF Saint Anthony's Hospital to be treated for his injuries after an accident involving his vehicle. The incident remains under investigation.

May 14

At 7:45 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the intersection of N. Baileyville Rd./W. Pit Rd. for a one vehicle motorcycle accident. It was determined that the driver of the motorcycle, Richard E. Thompson III 30, of Freeport IL, had lost control of the motorcycle, exited the roadway, and struck a tree. Thompson was arrested for DUI Alcohol, and transported to FHN Hospital in Freeport, IL for moderate injuries, by Forreton EMS. Thompson was issued citations for Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Expired Registration, Too Fast for Conditions, Violation of License Class 1st & 2nd Divisions, and was released on a \$3,000.00 I-Bond with a court date. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Forreton Police Department, and Forreton Fire Department/EMS.

At approximately 7:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 104. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jasmine Alexander, 22 of Aurora, for Driving While License Suspended. Alexander was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Alexander was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

May 13

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Saul Valdez, 28 of Rochelle for violation of an order of protection. Valdez was held in lieu of bond at the jail.

At approximately 5 p.m., Ogle County Deputies, Monroe Center Fire/EMS and Stillman Valley Fire/EMS responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and the I-39 southbound off ramp for a two vehicle accident. After investigation, it was determined that a red Jeep Patriot, driven by Meagan Prosize, 22 of Davis Junction, was traveling westbound on East Illinois Route 72. A silver Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, driven by Aurelio Mascorro-Arenas, 60 of Irving, Texas, was traveling southbound on the I-39 southbound off ramp. The silver Chevrolet failed to stop at the posted stop sign, at which time the red Jeep struck the Chevrolet near the rear driver side wheel, causing major damage to both vehicles. Prosize was accompanied by a juvenile, who was transported to Saint Anthony's Hospital for minor injuries. Aurelio-Mascorro and passenger, Maria Mascorro-Pacheco, 19 of Irving, Texas, were both transported to Saint Anthony's Hospital for minor injuries. Aurelio-Mascorro was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at an Intersection.

At 7:35 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a two vehicle accident in the 1800 block of N. IL RTE 26. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that a 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Difo C. Nunez, 58, of Freeport, was traveling northbound on N. IL RTE 26. The blue Chevrolet lost control on the wet pavement crossing the center line, striking a southbound 2018 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Kathleen I. Donaldson, 51, of Polo. The red Chevrolet then entered the west ditch, spun back onto the roadway, and then re-entered the west ditch facing northwest. Nunez was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon for minor injuries by Polo EMS. Nunez was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Polo Police Department, and the Polo Fire Department.

At approximately 11:20 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 100. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jesus Garcia, 24 of Rochelle, for Improper Container of Cannabis/Driver and an active Ogle County warrant. Garcia was also issued a citation for having an inoperable taillight. Garcia was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

May 12

At approximately 9:09 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Road Ranger Gas Station in Rochelle (1101 N 7th Street). After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Brianna R. Robinson, 20 of Rochelle, for Driving While License Suspended. Robinson was taken into custody without incident and released on scene after being issued a \$2,500.00 individual bond with a return court date set. Robinson was additionally cited for an inoperable registration light.

May 9

At approximately 6:26 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of North Illinois RTE-2. After investigation, Caleb J Spate, 32, of Belvidere, was arrested for improper cannabis container as a driver. Spate was also cited for speeding. Spate was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bound.

At approximately 10:27 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 104. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Emma Boyd, 46 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Boyd was also issued citations for an Inoperable Registration Light and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Boyd was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released from the scene.

May 8

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Chandler Mershon, 31 of Stillman Valley for driving with no valid drivers license and possession of cannabis open container. Mershon was arrested by Deputies on Rte 72 near Stillman Valley after being stopped for a domestic disturbance investigation. Mershon was released on a Individual bond and will appear in court at a later date.

May 6

At 11:20 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of North Illinois Route 2 and Margaret Fuller Drive in rural Oregon. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Isaiah Jiminez, 20 of Rockfalls, for driving on a suspended license. Jiminez was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond with a future court date. Jiminez was also issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration.

At approximately 12:33 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Woolf Court in Rochelle. After investigation, Deputies arrested Jesus Orozco, 30 of Rochelle, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Orozco was also issued citations for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Orozco was transported to the Ogle County Jail with incident.

May 5

At approximately 7:27 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 5000 block of South Chana Rd. After further investigation Robert Curatola II, 35 of Ashton, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Curatola was also cited for Speeding and Illegal Window Tint. Curatola was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 7:21 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 18,000 block of E. IL Rt. 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Rashema Malone, 34 of Rockford, was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Malone was also cited for illegal window tint. Malone was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

At approximately 9:58 p.m., Deputies responded to a vehicle parked in the roadway in the 1000 block of North Ridge Rd. After further investigation Jeremy Lower, 42 of Leaf River, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Lower was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol and Illegal Parking in the Roadway. Lower was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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LOCAL NEWS

Church hosting Tent Vendor Day on June 10

STILLMAN VALLEY – Valley Evangelical Covenant Church is hosting a Tent Vendor Day on June 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Some local home business and non for profits will be selling and displaying their wears on the south lawn of the church, located at 103 S. Maple St. People are welcome to enjoy a bottle of water and some chips will seeing all that is for sale.

Chana history book to be available for purchase this month

CHANA – Reserve your copy now of the new Chana sesquicentennial book, which is more than 200 pages celebrating Chana's sesquicentennial. The book is a collection of early Chana/ Pine Rock history, the 1971 Centennial and 1996 Festival. It is filled with original photos of people, places and events up to 2022. It contains new research and discovered nuggets of this history. The book is \$40 per copy, and reservation are now being taken for first edition copies intended to be available at the Chana School in Chana on June 11 and 12. For more information message Kathy Jacobs Heather on Facebook or email at klhonlyme@yahoo.com. If you cannot attend the festivities, we can mail it to you with a \$5 shipping fee or can arrange a pick-up spot somewhere.

First band shell concert of year is June 10

MOUNT MORRIS – The Neverly Brothers will be making their debut on our band shell with a free concert on Friday, June 10th from 7-9 p.m. Their show is billed as a Rock 'n' Roll tribute from Elvis to the Beatles, presenting a tribute to one of the most exciting chapters in music history: the birth, near-death and resurrection of rock and roll. Their one-of-a-kind high energy stage performances take you on a musical guided tour of rock history from 1955-1965. The first half of their concert pays tribute to the music created by the 1950's pioneers of American Rock and Roll, which by 1960 had become a distant memory, but became the inspiration for the next wave of young rock bands from Britain. The second half then pays tribute to the 1964 British Invasion bands that re-recorded the forgotten 1950's American Rock music and lesser known early 1960's rhythm and blues songs, recorded their own originals and pulled R&R from the edge of extinction by re-inventing and re-energizing it for a new generation. You'll learn rock history and be thoroughly entertained by their exciting show.



Concessions will be served by the Let Freedom Ring committee, providing sloppyjoes, chips and drinks, starting at 6 p.m. So please plan to join us and bring a chair or enjoy our benches on our beau-

tiful Campus for a family friendly night of entertainment. In the event of rain, the whole event moves to Pinecrest Grove Community Center at 500 Evergreen Lane at the same times.

Oregon Park District concert series is back for summer 2022

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is excited to bring back the popular Concert in the Park series for June and July! The popular Concerts in the Park series kicks off on Tuesday, June 14. Concerts are held at Oregon Park West, 1402 Koontz Place, Oregon at the amphitheatre. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are sponsored by local businesses and free of charge. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, picnic basket and wear your dancing shoes! Enjoy a variety of music and family fun. We thank our local businesses that sponsor the entertainment each week.

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. to encourage everyone to join us in the park and enjoy one of our local food trucks. Four vendors have signed on to offer a variety of food for dinner or just a treat. Hector's Cocina, Hazel's, WoodFire Pizza and and Ice Cream Truck will offer a variety of food, coffees and sweet treats each week. Concerts in the Park schedule is:
June 14 – Him & Her sponsored by the City of Oregon.
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July 12 – Buzzed by SonSET sponsored by Central Bank.
July 19 – Hillbilly Rockstarz sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.
July 26 – Burn N Bush sponsored by Woods/Blount.
In the event of threatening weather concerts will be rescheduled for a later date. Updates can be found on the Oregon Park District facebook page.
For more information visit www.oregonpark.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., June 6

The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive from noon-6 p.m. in conjunction with Rock River Valley Blood Center.

Tues., June 7

Young Widows group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

Thurs., June 9

Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Grubsteakers, 14698 IL 64, Rochelle. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

Fri., June 10

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved 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.

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N 3rd Street, Oregon. Please bring your own supplies.

Sat., June 11

Byron's Hairy Cow Farmer's Market is 8 am to noon, Sunshine

Park, IL Route 2 and Peru Street, Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, area crafters and more. For information contact Diane Pearse at 815-914-7384, dianepearse69@yahoo.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 20, 1782, Congress adopts the Great Seal of the United States after six years of discussion. The seal depicts a bald eagle clutching an olive branch in its right talon and arrows in its left. On its breast appears a shield marked with 13 vertical red and white stripes topped by a bar of blue. The eagle's beak clutches a banner inscribed, E pluribus unum, a Latin phrase meaning "Out of Many One."

* On June 26, 1807, lightning hits a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. When lightning struck the underground armory, two entire blocks were leveled by the blast.

* On June 21, 1916, the controversial U.S. military expedition against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa brings the U.S. and Mexico close to war when Mexican troops attack U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing's force at Carrizal, Mexico. The Americans suffered 22 casualties, and more than 30 Mexicans were killed.

* On June 25, 1942, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower becomes commander of all U.S. troops in the European theater of World War II. He would be appointed Supreme Allied Commander of all forces in Europe in 1943. "Ike" would later become America's 34th president.

* On June 24, 1953, Jacqueline Bouvier and Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy publicly announce their engagement. Kennedy gave her a 2.88-carat diamond-and-emerald ring. He went on to become the 35th president and Jackie became one of the most popular first ladies ever.

* On June 22, 1964, Dan Brown, author of the "The Da Vinci Code," is born in New Hampshire. Brown's bestselling novels are known for symbols, conspiracies and secret societies.

* On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the "Teflon Don," is sentenced to life in prison. Moments later, hundreds of Gotti's supporters stormed the federal courthouse in Brooklyn and overturned and smashed cars before being forced back by police reinforcements.

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We need to talk – and listen

I am not ashamed to admit that I shed a few tears for the children murdered in a senseless act of violence in Texas on May 24.

A shooter went into a school and killed 19 children and two teachers. The parents of those kids will never see them grow up. They will never hold them again. They will never get to tell them they love them again.

It broke my heart.

There have been more than 200 mass shootings in the U.S. this year. There were eight the weekend after the massacre in Texas.

The numbers are simply numbing. This is an epidemic, clearly. But it is one we don't talk about seriously and with the intent to change things.

This is generally a country of action. But we are frozen when it comes to gun violence. The reason? People are so deeply entrenched on each side of the issue, no one listens to those that disagree with them. Not listening or seeking compromise is also an epidemic in this

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



country.

You see, there are those of you who have read this column up to this point and are convinced I want all guns melted down and turned into monuments of those killed. I don't. There are others who read that sentence and are convinced I have a stash of semi-automatic rifles in my home. I don't.

I am a gun owner, but something must be done about these mass shootings. Something real, something meaningful, something that will save the lives of countless Americans – especially

our children. Our children do not deserve to be gunned down anywhere, but especially at school, a place of learning and discovery.

I am not here to offer up solutions – there are many of them already out there and known to pretty much anyone paying attention. And no, the solution is not home schooling all children as some have suggested. If we go that route, we might as well just give up.

But the problem, again, comes back to listening. We can't find workable solutions because we can't do the first thing we need to do – sit down and talk about this. And by us, I mean politicians.

Sadly, they spend way more time grandstanding on this issue – and many others – than actually finding solutions. They are bought and paid for by special interests so they can't even pretend to want to find solutions to this horrible and growing problem.

Instead, it falls on places like schools to try to

keep children safe. Soon, schools will be like prisons. Will that matter to those entrenched on each side of this issue? They will say yes, but their inaction will say a very loud "no."

Elected officials, please do something. Start by listening. Listen to things that make you uncomfortable or angry or sad. Listen. Listen to those you strongly disagree with. Hear what they have to say.

That is where we must start. It is a conversation we have never really had – it is generally yelling and sloganeering and inaction. Well, inaction just won't cut it anymore.

The leading cause of death among children and teens in the U.S. is now firearm-related injuries, according to the New England Journal of Medicine. I find that sickening and shocking. Clearly, we must act.

It all starts with an honest, open conversation.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Always looking for ways to make school safer

In light of the tragic and horrific events in Uvalde, Texas, in late May, I have fielded quite a few calls on school safety. As such, I thought it would be appropriate to update the community on what our district is doing to create the safest possible environment for our kids. In doing so, I want to be clear. No matter what we do, the instinct will be to always do more because there is nothing more important than the safety of our kids. Moreover, before I begin I want to be clear that by expressing the steps we have taken to ensure student safety we are in no way trying to condemn or criticize the actions or inaction of any other school or district, particularly schools that have faced the most horrific of tragedies.

In the last five years, we have completely revamped how we do crisis management in our district. We have been fortunate to have incredibly strong relationships with our local first responders and the leadership of their organizations that have been able to help guide our actions and provide us counsel and perspective

Guest Opinion

By Dr. PJ Caposey



that we would not have as school leaders.

The first major shift was to move from the typical lockdown protocol to ALICE procedures. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. This protocol changed the previous strategy of hunkering down in a corner and gave students and staff autonomy in decision-making to make the decisions that they believe will provide them the greatest safety.

Next, we moved to the CrisisGo app for building and districtwide alerts. Any staff member can push these alerts if they are aware of a threat and it notifies the district and first responders. This has allowed for cleaner

and quicker communication than relying on someone to notify the office who then would notify other staff and authorities. The app also allows for attendance tracking and additional communication features. Additionally, we are in the process of installing gunshot detectors in some of our buildings with a built-in video that will track directly to first responders and immediate notification to local police and fire. Another technology-based solution we have begun using is LobbyGuard. This allows us to track every person who enters our building. While this may not impact a crisis event, it allows us to know exactly who was in our building at all times in the case an emergency event ever occurred.

Third, in every room, we have Nightlock devices installed. We were one of the first districts in the state to utilize these tools and had to work through many layers of bureaucracy at the state level to deploy these tools. Nightlock is a simple tool that makes breaching a door nearly impossible. A simple five-second application of the tool provides better

protection than stacking desks and chairs in front of the door.

Additionally, we are in the process of writing a grant application to receive funding to create more secure entrance vestibules to create an additional barrier between the outside and our students. We are doing so with the support of local law enforcement and are hopeful for positive feedback in the coming months.

Additionally, and probably most importantly, we have added a School Resource Officer. While Officer Rugeberg adds many other benefits to our district, having him on campus at all times is both a deterrent and reassurance. He also has become our on-site lead (in addition to Crisis Manager, Joe Mullikin) to lead us through drills and safety practice.

As stated before, I never think we can do enough. But given the news that is weighing on everyone's mind, I thought it appropriate to share that we are constantly looking at ways to make our schools safer.

Dr. PJ Caposey is Superintendent of Meridian 223.

Dear gun owners, NRA members, we need your help

Dear editor,
Dear NRA Members and Responsible Gun Owners,

We need your help.

On the morning of May 16, I woke to the news that five mass shootings had occurred over the previous weekend. Five in one weekend! Then, that evening a news story reported that as of 2020, firearms are now the leading cause of death for children. Just days later the unthinkable happened and 19 children and 2 teachers in Texas were shot and killed in their school building. This is unacceptable.

We need your help.

The U.S. has the highest incidence of gun violence of all developed countries, but the least restrictive gun laws. Surveys show

the vast majority of gun owners favor universal background checks to purchase a gun, but many states allow concealed carry of a weapon without a permit OR training.

We need your help.

Our country is fortunate to provide security for its citizens in multiple forms of law enforcement at the city, county, state, and national levels with several branches of military protection. And yet nowhere in our country seems safe from gun violence - not a theater, rock concert, shopping mall, Wal Mart, grocery store, church, synagogue, high school, elementary school, or sitting in your own home. What is the common element in all these shootings? The gun. I'm not referring to

your hunting rifle, or the gun used to protect livestock or used for target practice, but I assume you have been instructed on its proper use. I'm referring to assault style weapons and ghost guns made on digital printers. Most tragic is that now children have become the shooters. We need your help.

Those like me who aren't gun owners feel powerless to solve this problem. As a mother, grandmother and former teacher, I feel morally obligated to speak out about this national problem. Thoughts and prayers aren't working. Taking action might. We need YOU to speak out that with our 2nd Amendment rights comes responsibility, as does our right to free

speech. But all of us do have the power to vote out of office those lawmakers who refuse to make sensible restrictions on gun ownership and/or usage. Other countries have done so. How many children must die before we come to our senses and do the right thing to keep our children safe? To ensure our country's security we need YOU to convince our legislators to address this appalling situation so our children are protected. I love my country, but right now I am not proud of my country. Please make me proud again.

We need your help.

With deep concern and sadness,

Bonnie Mueller, Oregon

LOCAL NEWS

Taylor Rufer receives P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

OREGON – Taylor Rufer, a senior at Oregon High School, is selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She is recommended by P.E.O. Chapter IU of Oregon.

This year Rufer was in three sports, Jazz band, in charge of FCA, helped with crew and tech for the musical, worked concessions, and served at her local church. She will attend Kishwaukee College in the fall to pursue a major in history and minor in political science. Her ultimate goal is to become a family practice lawyer.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution

in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Chapter IU has been a part of the Oregon community since it was organized in 1954.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 116,000* women pursue educational goals by providing over \$383 million* in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through

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What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 6,000 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org



Above left: Taylor Akins, Principal Heinz and Montana Heinz.



Above right: Brady Zipse, Principal Heinz and Caroline Bawinkel.

Forreston names award winners

FORRESTON – Forreston Jr/Sr High School Eighth Grade Students Caroline Bawinkel and Brady Zipse along with Seniors Taylor Akins and Montana Heinz have been named the winners of the Illinois Principals Association's Leadership Award.

and Holly Bawinkel of Forreston, and Brady is the son of Rich and Jennifer Zipse of Leaf River. Taylor is the daughter of Bill and Shannon Akins of Baileyville, and Montana is the daughter of Travis and Kelley Heinz of Forreston.

Students were selected by the faculty of Forreston Jr/Sr High School for displaying leadership, character, and achievement on a daily basis at FJSHS.

Winners attended a brunch at the Dixon Elks Club sponsored by the Northwest Illinois Principals Association. Super Bowl Champion Sean Considine was the keynote speaker.

Caroline is the daughter of Michael



Award winner Taylor Rufer and P.E.O. Oregon Chapter IU President Dana Russell-Brown.

Church hosting community picnic

LINDENWOOD – Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood is have a special worship service and community picnic on Sunday, June 12.

The service is at 9 a.m. and the lunch is set for 11:30 a.m. This is a hog roast and potluck meal. There will be a pie auction, horseshoes, sack races and music.

All donations from this event will go to the Ukrainian Relief Fund.

Peiffer earns award from Edward Jones

BYRON – Mark Peiffer of the financial services firm Edward Jones recently earned the firm's exclusive Century Award for outstanding performance during 2021.

Peiffer was one of only 448 financial advisors to receive the Century Award. Peiffer said he is honored to receive the award.

"I am one of those fortunate people who gets to make a living doing something I truly enjoy," Peiffer said. "This industry is always challenging and sometimes difficult, but I enjoy helping the people of Byron meet their financial goals. It is a pleasure to be recognized for my work."

Peiffer has been an Edward Jones financial advisor for 6.5 years, and he knows the hard work that goes into building a business in the financial services industry. Peiffer is honored to receive the award.

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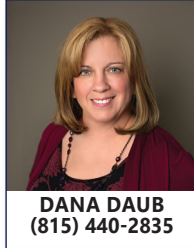
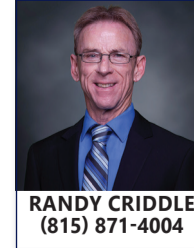
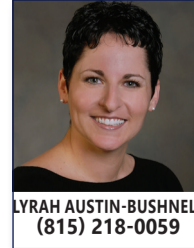
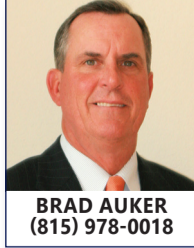
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LOCAL NEWS

Market returns with music on special dates

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is excited to announce Music and More at the Market is back this summer with three dates.

Music and More at the Market is held in conjunction with the River's Edge Farmer's Market that is held every Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy great music along the Rock River, a little shopping at the River's Edge Market and some outdoor fun for kids with the Oregon Park District.

Music will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on June 16, July 7 and Aug. 11.

On June 16 we will kick off the night with Burn 'N Bush sponsored by Country Financial Mike Guzman.

July 7 will feature the One Man Country Band sponsored by The Harvard State Bank.

The final concert of the series will feature JT Wells on August 11 sponsored by Circle G Farms and Chili Pepper.

The River's Edge Farmer's Market runs every Thursday and offers up a variety of shopping and food options each night.

For more information about Music and More at the Market, contact the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.



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Bring your lawn chair, blanket, picnic basket and wear your dancing shoes. Enjoy a variety of music on Tuesday evenings at Park West. We thank the local business sponsors for bringing great entertainment to the park for the enjoyment of all ages! Food vendors are available on site if you would like to purchase dinner, a snack or beverages.

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Ganymedes play at Field of Dreams – Milwaukee next

The Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club will be playing the Milwaukee Grays Base Ball Club at Estabrook Park and Beer Garden in Milwaukee on Sunday, June 12, starting at noon.

The two vintage base ball clubs will be playing 1860 rules base ball on a ball field located next to the historic Estabrook Beer Garden operated by Milwaukee County Parks.

Come out to watch the Ganymedes and experience the first public beer garden in the U.S.A. since prohibition. The Estabrook Beer Garden was restored in 2012 and offers imported beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages along with bratwurst, hot dogs, and giant fresh-baked pretzels in a family-friendly setting.

Estabrook Park and Beer Garden is located at 4600 Estabrook Drive in Milwaukee.

The Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club is an all-volunteer educational outreach program of the Chana School Museum in Oregon. They teach the early history of the game of base ball. For more details about the club visit their Oregon Ganymedes Facebook page.



The Oregon Park District chartered a motor coach with a group of fans to cheer on the local Ganymedes vintage baseball club. The baseball club had the awesome experience of playing at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa. The "Fan Bus" had 42 "cheerleaders" on it who were all very excited to cheer on Oregon's vintage team. There were more than 200 fans at the game. The Canton Cornshuckers, of Canton, Mich., won both matches. A good time was had by all and it was fun to watch the players enjoy this once in a lifetime experience. Special thanks to Neal Trainor for acting as trip host.



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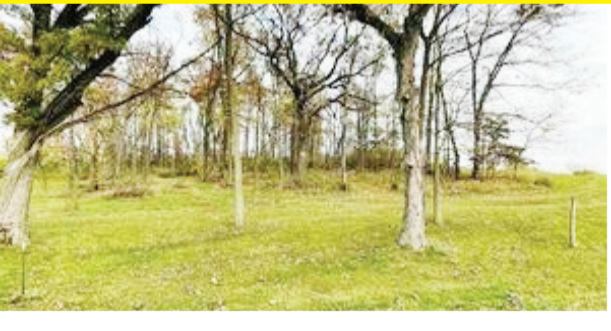


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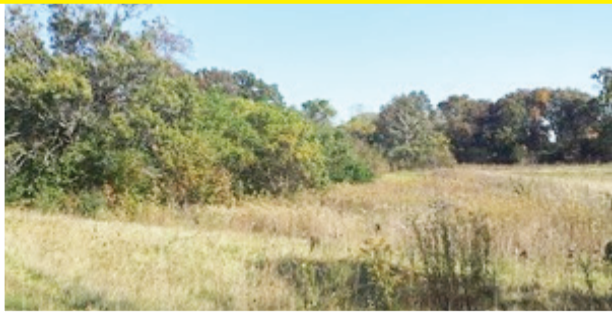


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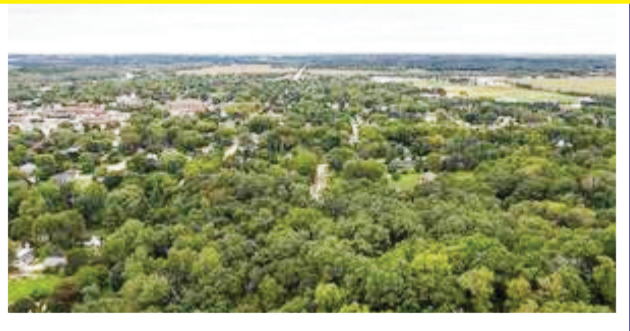
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LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Flamingo Bingo

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Concerts in the Park

Join us for FREE music at Oregon Park West on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and purchase dinner from one of the Food Trucks. Enjoy an evening out at the park! Him & Her, featuring Mike Charbonneau and Dina Bach, will bring an upbeat performance of originals and covers with a full band sound. This concert is brought to you by the City of Oregon.

CPR & First Aid For Your Pets

Pet lovers will enjoy this 5+ hour class which includes CPR, First Aid skills, health care and wellness information for dogs and cats. The class includes the PetSaver 40-page handbook and upon successful completion, you will receive a certificate and wallet card. Certification is through Pet Tech and instructed by Beth Wiltshire. Class fee is \$80/Resident or \$90/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 8.

Farm to Table Dinner

Get your tickets now for the Farm to Table Dinner Curbside Pick-Up on Friday, July 29. This year's Old Fashioned Summer Picnic will be a wonderful meal prepared by 10 local celebrity chefs. Pick it up and enjoy dinner in one of the beautiful parks, at Cork & Tap, or in the comforts of home. You won't be hungry after this fabulous meal which includes BBQ chicken, Pork Kabob, Sweet Corn, Toasted Southern Potato Salad, BarbaQ Baked Beans, fresh watermelon, 7 layer salad, fresh bread and a dessert sampler that will satisfy your sweet tooth. This event is a fundraiser for the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Meals are \$35/person. A limited number of meals will be prepared, so purchase yours today!

Little Baseball Stars

Your child will learn the very basics of baseball in this introductory program for 3-5 year olds, offered by OHS Coach Nate Girton and his baseball players. A parent/adult will be required to attend each evening and may be asked to assist their child throughout the program. Each week, children will learn a new skill and develop a previously learned skills. Catching, running, batting, and safety will be taught. The last night will be a T-Ball game! Only the first 14 participants will be accepted for each time slot. Each child will receive a t-shirt. All proceeds to benefit OHS Baseball program. This program will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from July 5th through July 14th, with timeslots starting at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Fee is \$30 resident and \$35 non-resident. Deadline is June 21st, but limited spots are available so register soon!

Intro to Weight Training for 12+

Join Personal Trainer, Jason Donegan, for this four week introduction to weight training. This class will teach proper weight lifting techniques and target specific areas of the body each week. Class will meet on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. June 8-June 29. Cost is \$35R/\$42NR. Deadline is June 2.

Youth Tennis Camp

Tennis Camp is back at Oregon Park West! Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a fun filled week learning basic skills and improving on your current skills. Camp runs from June 21st-June 24th. Kristy is an experienced certified Tennis Coach and is the current Rochelle High School Tennis Coach. Please bring a Tennis racket and a water bottle. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt. There will be a limited number of Park district tennis rackets that you can borrow. Registration Deadline is June 8th. Cost is \$35/\$40NR

OHS Volleyball Camp

Join Oregon Hawks Volleyball Coach Farrell Cain, her coaching staff and the OHS Lady Hawks for a week of basic techniques, skill building and intra-team scrimmages. Camp runs from July 11th through July 15th at the Blackhawk Center. This week-long camp will either introduce your child to the sport of volleyball or build on their skills. Each player will receive an OHS Lady Hawks team shirt. Players will be divided by age levels. Younger players will learn the basics of volleyball at their level with an age appropriate net. Camp will be held at the Blackhawk Center. 100% of the proceeds from camp benefit the OHS Volleyball Team. Pre K -4th grade, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fee \$30/ \$36NR. 5th-8th Grade 9:30am-11:30am Fee \$60/ \$72 NR. Registration Deadline is July 1st.

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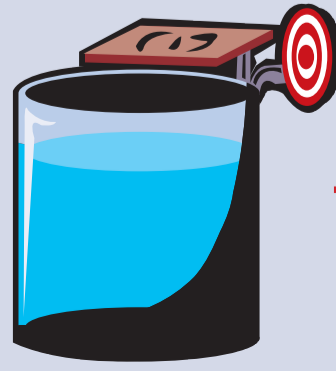
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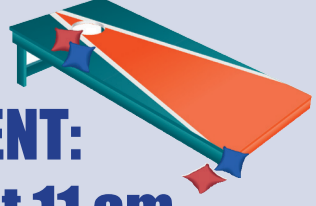


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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

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June 1st through Aug. 1

Join others who are “too old” for the Children’s Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. NEW - We have brain game packets available this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 1, 2022.

2022 Summer Reading Program- Read Beyond the Beaten Path! June 6- July 29

It’s here! Registration has begun and brochures are now available! Programs begin the week of June 6. Free to residents, 3 – 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs will be available. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our Facebook page to find out how you can register.

Week of June 6

Monday, June 6, **Story-Time** 10 am (18 months-6 yrs.)

Monday, June 6, **Spiders, Snakes & Bugs, Oh My!** 3 pm (All ages)

Thursday, June 9, **Activity Time, 1:30 p.m.** (grades 1st & up)

Friday, June 10, **Bison Safari, 5-6:30 p.m.** (1st grade & up w/parent)

Saturday, June 11, **Relief Stamping, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** (ages 9-17)

Week of June 13

Monday, June 13, **Story Time, 10 a.m.** (18 months-6 yrs.)

Tuesday, June 14, **Activity Time 1:30 p.m.** (grades 1st & up)

Wednesday, June 15, **Pour Paint, 1-3 p.m.** (ages 9-12)

Thursday, June 16, **Bald Hill Prairie Preserve Excursion, 10:30 a.m.** (4th grade & up)

Thursday, June 16, **Lego Club, 1:30 p.m.** (2nd -7th grade)

Spiders, Snakes & Bugs, Oh My!- Monday, June 6 at 3 p.m. - All Ages

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Forreston Library News

Summer Reading Program

We’re so excited for Summer Reading at the library! Children in preschool through kindergarten will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., beginning June 7th. Students in 1st through 4th grade will meet on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m., beginning June 8th. Both groups will enjoy stories, crafts, and exciting adventures as we “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”. You may register in person at the library, message us on Facebook or call us at 815-938-2624. Other activities are being planned throughout the summer, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, forrestonlibrary.org, for the latest information.

An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi

Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m. - Virtual Watch from home as Top Chef contestant and award-winning chef Kwame Onwuachi discusses his cookbook, *My America: Recipes from a Young Black*

presented by Crosstown Exotics

Bison Safari-Friday, June 10, 5-6:30 p.m. 1st grade & older w/parent for Oregon Library Cardholders

Take a vehicle tour inside the fence of The Nature Conservancy’s Nachusa Grassland. See the bison in their natural habitat & experience the beauty of Nachusa. Led by Susan Kleinman, Environmental Educator. For more information, call the Library at 815-732-2724.

Relief Stamping- Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ages 9-17

Join us in welcoming regional artist Alison Weust as she teaches the art of relief stamping. Use your stamps all summer as you hunt for letter boxes in our community & beyond.

Pour Paint-Wednesday, June 15, 1-3 pm, Ages 9-12

Join local artist Tempest Jones and learn the art of pour painting!

Bald Hill Prairie Preserve Excursion Thursday, June 16, 10:30, 4th grade & up

See the tallest tree, gravel hills left by ancient glaciers & tuxedo wearing birds. Join naturalist Mark Herman for a special hike at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve to see the biggest tree in the state of Illinois. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Call the Library at 815-732-2724 for more information.

Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Cocktails & Crimes will meet on June 13 at 7 p.m. (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 15 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss *The Cactus* by Sarah Hayward. Teen Book Association will meet Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Legend* by Tracy Deonn. The TBA will meet the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

StoryTime is back! Join us on Mondays at 10 am for stories, games, crafts and playtime! Registration is required.

Shipwrecks – Treasures of the Great Lakes –Wednesday, June 8th at 2 p.m.

Chef. His cookbook celebrates the cuisine of the African diaspora, “the world’s wisest food”. Onwuachi will share stories behind his family’s recipes and the importance of the connections between place, cuisine, and culture. A James Beard award-winning chef, Onwuachi was also named *Food & Wine’s* best new chef in 2019 and *Esquire’s* chef of the year in 2019. He has opened several restaurants and was the executive chef at acclaimed Kith/Kin in Washington, DC. This presentation will be held virtually, so please visit our website or stop in the library to sign up. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

In-person Virtual Program – A Visual Tour by Photographer Cal Kothrade

An introduction to Great Lakes Shipwrecks, how and why are there so many, as well as an in-depth look at ten of the most incredible shipwrecks in North America. This presentation has been updated to include new finds. Appropriate for any audience interested in shipwrecks, maritime history, diving and underwater photography. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, June 14th (while supplies last)

Small Macrame Wall Hanging DIY Kit - Macrame is a technique or method of crafting a textile that uses several knots to form the basic shape and function of the piece. All other supplies provided. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.**

Making Change: LGBTQ Activism since the 1950’s – June 16th at 6:30 p.m.

In-person Virtual Program

The change that has taken place in the United States since the 1950s around LGBTQ issues has been enormous. From criminalization, religious condemnation, psychiatric illness diagnosis and the need to live completely “in the closet,” we have moved to a time of visibility, decriminalization, marriage equality and much more. Join us for an overview of the activism that has propelled change since the 1950s, while also acknowledging the work that remains to be done. Presenter John D’Emilio is a pioneer in the field of LGBTQ history and the history of sexuality. He has written or edited almost a dozen books, including *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America*, and *Queer Legacies: Stories from Chicago’s LGBTQ Archives*. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

Crime, Killers and Wrongful Convictions: A hodge-podge of true crime research and stories from central Illinois – JUNE 20TH AT 6:30 p.m.

In-person Virtual Program

Description: Illinois Wesleyan University psychology professor Amanda Vicary will discuss some of her research into why people, especially

women, are drawn to true crime and also will discuss two central Illinois cases of potential wrongful convictions. **Registration required**, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi-Wednesday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. - Virtual Event

Join award-winning chef and former Top Chef contestant Kwame Onwuachi as he discusses his new cookbook *My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef*.

A must-see event! This event is presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present, a new collaborative effort designed to bring virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse authors to library patrons across the state. More than 190 libraries have joined Illinois Libraries Present, which is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

We now have a SEED LIBRARY!

To add seeds that you have saved or purchased to the collection, bring them to the Circulation Desk and request a seed envelope for each plant. Please fill out as much of the information on the envelope as you can, put in enough seeds to grow at least five plants, and return the envelope to the Circulation staff. You do not need to have a library card to donate seeds or ‘borrow’ seeds. Our intention is to make wholesome food available to our community members. Through this seed library, we hope to foster a culture of sharing and abundance. In the spring, the Seed Lending Library will be up and running for community

members to be able to take seeds and grow their own plants. If you have ideas about how you’d like to see the Seed Lending Library develop, or have any questions, please email us at carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com with the subject “Seed Lending Library.”

Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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 *Down by the River* by Andrew Weiner.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children’s stories are changed monthly. Current story- *The Hiking Viking* by Laura Gehl.

Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am.

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

Passport Services

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Children's Programs - Summer Reading Program "Reading Beyond the Beaten Path" will kick off on Saturday, June 11th. Introducing Beanstack as our new reading challenging website and app to help you kiddos achieve your reading goals while earning badges in fun exciting ways!!

REGISTER for any of the programs by calling 815-946-2713, emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org, or clicking the Google form link on the Polo Library Facebook for the program.

Adult Programs - Yoga with Becka - Monday, June 27th - 6 p.m. To register, call 815-946-2713 or visit pololibrary.org

What we're reading and discussing in June - Friday Book Discussion Group will meet at Polo Senior Center on June

10th at 1 p.m. to discuss *The President and the Freedom Fighter* by Brian Kilmeade. Wednesday Book 2 Movies Group will gather at the library to discuss the book and movie *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman on June 15th at 5 p.m. Join us on Monday, June 27th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

2022 Outdoor Concert Series - Join us at the Polo Library pavilion on Saturday, June 18th as we welcome back Turas, an Irish/Celtic folk band from Peoria. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. Save the date for the rest of the series: July 16th - Project Nostalgia (Classic Rock and Oldies), August 13th - The Lone Canary (Folk/Americana), September 17th - The

Beaux (Classic Rock 60-90s). The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

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.

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.-noon 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.

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 Ellen Finrock 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.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Our first StoryWalks® of the season are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek» by Jonny Lambert, or read «Whose Tail?» by Sue Tarsky while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Wild Food, Wild Medicine
Thursday, June 2
6-7 p.m.

There are many plants that grow right under our feet that we can use for food and medicine. Join 30-year veteran herbalist and forager Linda Conroy for this engaging presentation. She will share about the plants, how to identify them, and how to transform them into delicious dishes as well as healing medicine. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Friday Matinee for Adults
Friday, June 10
1-3 p.m.

Popcorn and a movie at the Byron Public Library. Join us to watch the documentary *They Shall Not Grow Old* directed and produced by internationally renowned director Peter Jackson. This documentary uses the voices of the veterans combined with original archival footage to bring to life the front line of the First World War. It is rated R - disturbing war images. Popcorn and water will be served.

Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Wills and Trusts
Tuesday, June 21
6-7 p.m.

It's never too early to begin to plan! Kristine Youman from Holstrom-Kennedy will be at the library to discuss the basics of wills and trusts. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

DIY Scrabble Tiles
Thursday, June 23
5-6 p.m. or
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Looking to create some fun & creative art for an entryway or hallway in your home? Look no further! Come join us at the library as we make our very own DIY Scrabble Tiles. You will have the chance to make 3 words/names out of stencils & paint. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. The same class will be given at both time slots so please only choose one. If you are unable to attend, please call the library before the day of the program to cancel, so that we can fill your slot.

National BINGO Day
Monday, June 27
1-2 p.m.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of BINGO as we celebrate National BINGO Day at the Byron Public Library. We will be switching up ordinary BINGO to make for a fun afternoon. Everyone is guaranteed a prize! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Healthy Living
Thursday, June 30
Noon-1 p.m.

Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This program will continue to discuss healthy living and will include a cooking demonstration on how to make a Fourth of July delectable treat! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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

Julia Hull Library News

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

Summer Reading Challenge: Dive Into Reading
Sun. Sand. Surf. Join us on the beach as we *Dive Into Reading*. From sea-inspired stories, STEM and crafts, we'll engage in fun challenges and activities, track our reading, and earn badges online using Beanstack: a FREE and user-friendly mobile app. (Don't worry: you can also use Beanstack on your desktop.) You can register as an individual, family, or organization/class/school! For more information visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-2022>.

Toddler Time: Water Sensory Bins
Indulge your little ones' curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us on the library lawn, Friday, June 17 at 10 a.m. for water play featuring a variety of sensory bins. Dress to get wet. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club
Join us on Tuesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about *Secrets of the Sea*, by Evan Griffith. Stop by the library, or call to register and reserve a copy of the reading: 815-645-8611.

Watercolor Mugs
Dive into this easy and one-of-a-kind craft. Teens will get to personalize their own coffee mug with a watercolor ocean pattern using water and nail polish. Friday, June 24 at 1 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Adult Book Club
Pick up a book then join us Monday, June 2, for a lively discussion of Juhea Kim's debut novel, *Beasts of a Little Land*. Copies of the reading are available on loan, Email Joanna at jkluver@mail.meridian223.org to register for the link to the program. Adults only.

Smarty Pants entertained patrons at Julia Hull District Library's (Stillman Valley) summer reading kickoff. Giant balloon sculptures and hats in the shape of sea creatures coordinated with the library's Summer Reading Challenge: Dive into Reading theme.



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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Oceans of Possibilities Kick-Off: Thursday, June 9th, 10 a.m.

Our summer reading program kicks off with **Rockin' & Reading with Leonardo**

Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves because it's time to go ROCKIN' and READING with LEONARDO. He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago strumming into town with a humorous high energy musical program that inspires little rockers to become big readers! This highly interactive performance has plenty of sing-a-longs and dance moves to inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading in audiences of all ages and abilities.

Oceans of Possibilities: Thursdays, June 16th - July 14th:

10-10:45 a.m.: Pre-K thru 5th graders are invited to join Miss Jana for stories, crafts, and games as we learn about everything that goes on under the sea!

10:45-11:30 a.m.: 1st thru 5th graders are invited to stay for a project geared to their ages. Miss Jana will have a more in-depth, hands-on project just for you!

Adult Summer Reading Program:

Once again Bertolet Memorial Library will be offering an Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Reading is its own reward, but by signing up for our adult summer reading program, you have a chance to win prizes! All that is required is to register for the program and keep a reading log of titles read over the summer. For every five titles logged, you have a chance to win one of three grand prizes. Kick off and registration for teens and older readers begins June 13th. You may register at the library or call 815-738-2742. The program runs through July 30th. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program.

Pics On My Phone: Monday, June 20th, 5 p.m.

Got great pictures on your phone, tablet, or digital camera? Now what? Learn how to transfer those images to your computer or laptop, edit them, or share them on social media or through email. Registration requested, but not required: 815-738-2742. Presented by HCC Lifelong Learning.

Adult Book Club:

Spend some time with the Soames family, the subject of our Springtime Book --The Moonflower Vine by Jetta Carleton. The story follows Matthew Soames and his family over the span of the first half of the 20th century. Set in rural Missouri, the book recounts the joys, the sorrows, and the secrets of each member of this apparently close knit family. Pick up a copy of a little known but unforgettable American classic next time you visit the Library.

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!

Craft Kits for Adults:

Dreaming of a beach vacation? Bring the beach to you with this rope-wrapped candle holder. They are available at the Checkout Desk.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m.

Summer is upon us. Stay cool at the library while you create a one-of-a-kind card for that bridal shower or wedding. All supplies are provided for your use.

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.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bridge
- 5 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 8 Untalkative one
- 12 Architect Saarinen
- 13 Inseparable
- 14 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 15 Legal document
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Privy to
- 18 Debriefed person?
- 20 Crib cry
- 22 Enigma
- 26 Mudville slugger
- 29 "Certainly!"
- 30 Half of CIV
- 31 Exploits
- 32 Goof up
- 33 Fine spray
- 34 Pickle holder
- 35 "— was saying ..."
- 36 "Olympia" artist
- 37 Batting position
- 40 Scruff
- 41 Help
- 45 Eager
- 47 Energy
- 49 Yon folks
- 50 Anti-fur org.
- 51 Before

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- 52 Wheelchair access
- 9 "Chocolat" actress
- 33 Address for Toscanini
- 53 Texter's sign-off
- 10 From — Z
- 35 Venomous viper
- 54 Last letter in London
- 11 AOL rival
- 36 Roast VIPs
- 55 Garfield's pal
- 19 Devious
- 38 Tennis star Rafael
- 23 Aleppo's land
- 24 French river
- 39 Identified
- 25 Chanteuse
- 42 "If — a Hammer"
- 1 Stitched
- 2 Andean land
- 26 Stephen King pooch
- 3 Saharan
- 4 Observes
- 27 Now, in a memo
- 45 Suitable
- 5 Slogan
- 6 Santa — winds
- 28 Peace
- 46 Dog doc
- 7 Dutch artist
- 32 Emilio of "The Breakfast Club"
- 48 Rage
- 8 Scale

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MAGIC MAZE ● NATIONAL DAY : JUNE

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Self-Portrait With Your Phone**

- Bubba
- Eyewear
- Jerky
- Upsy Daisy
- Cheese
- Flag
- Lobster
- Waffle Iron
- Doughnut
- Gingerbread
- Olive
- Yo-Yo
- Egg
- Iced Tea
- Red Rose

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

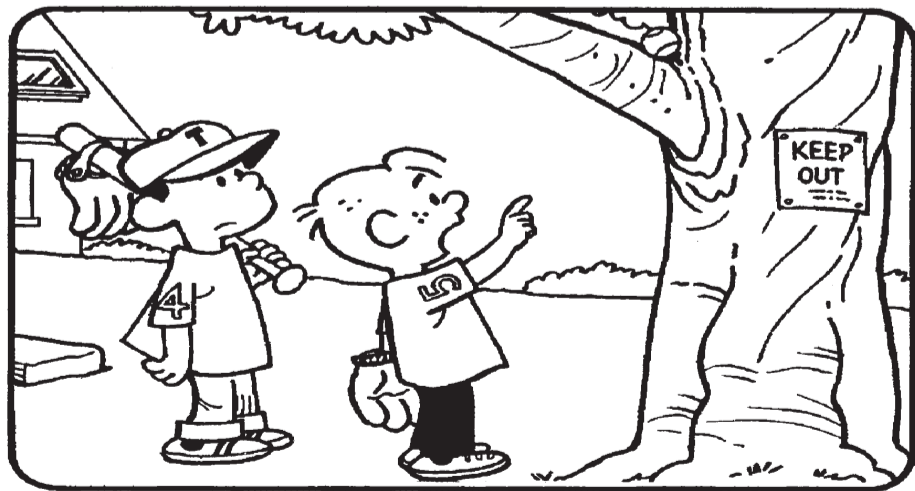
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Roof panel is missing. 2. Glove is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Sign is missing.

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 25 mins.

NATIONAL DAY : JUNE
 Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 20th day of May, 2022
#006-22AM
0612 (June 6)

Part of the South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 33, Mt. Morris Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 10.98 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: Part of 08-33-300-005
Common Location: 1200 N. Moose Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 18th day of May, 2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Mt. Morris Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed May 18, 2022 of Shane & Kayla Pope, 510 W. Hitt St., Mt. Morris, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agriculture District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s):

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Sell!

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Garage Sale
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Garage Sale
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