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## Starbucks now open in County

### National coffee chain opens its first county location in Rochelle

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE**—The new Starbucks location next to Walgreens on North 7th Street in Rochelle opened on Thursday, April 14.

After that, Starbucks will be open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. Work inside the location in recent days has been all hands on deck to get everything ready for opening, Manager Matt Willahan said.

“Right now we have store managers from all throughout our district and also some other partners here with us helping

us,” Willahan said before the opening. “We had 8-12 pallets come in and we’re unpacking everything and setting everything up and cleaning and trying to get everything ready for opening next week. We’re going to have it ready for Rochelle.”

Willahan said he was impressed with the newly-constructed standalone building and everything turned out well and on-time in one the faster builds the company has done. Ground was broken in August. The 2,000 square-foot store has indoor and outdoor seating and a drive-thru and created 75-80



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construction jobs.

Starbucks has hired a total of 30 employees for the location and the majority of them started with the company about three weeks ago and have been traveling to

DeKalb or Rockford for training. Hiring wasn’t a difficulty amid employment shortages in all industries, Willahan said.

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The Grugel boys pose with the Easter Bunny (above), while Baker Barringer enjoys a moment with the Easter Bunny himself (below).

## Families come out to enjoy some fun with the Easter Bunny in Oregon

Creating fun for a lifetime is what the Oregon Park District does, and Easter events are one of the many ways the district offers fun to families in the spring.

The Easter Bunny was invited to come to the park and join in the fun on April 6th.

Despite the wind and chilly weather, 334 people enjoyed the Easter Event which included the StoryWalk Trail at Park West and of course pictures with the Easter Bunny.

“Thanks to our presenting

sponsor, E.D. Etnyre and Co. the Easter Bunny had a little goodie bag for each of the kids and a balloon artist was on sight twisting balloons into Easter bunnies,” said Debbie Leffelman, event coordinator.

E.D. Etnyre supports community events to help the Park District offer some free programming for youth throughout the year by being the Presenting Sponsor.

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## Farm Bureau scholarship winners announced

Kayla White, Renee Gehrke, Megan Hagemann, Jack Richolson, Hannah Seaworth, Isaac Charbonneau, Breanna Cisketti and Grace Pfeiffer were all recently named as recipients of scholarships awarded by the Ogle County Farm Bureau in 2022.

Kayla White was awarded the Del Flessner Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1500. This scholarship was created to honor the legacy of long-time Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager, Del Flessner. She is the daughter of Ryan and Michelle White. Kayla is a 2020 graduate of Stillman Valley High School and is currently majoring in Agronomy at Highland Community College with plans to attend Iowa State University next fall.

Renee Gehrke and Megan Hagemann were named winners of the \$1000 General Farm Bureau Scholarship.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Lions donation

Stillman Valley Lions Club president Dan Janes received a memorial donation from the family of Warren Ippen at the monthly meeting in February. Warren was a longtime Lions Club member of Stillman Valley and was the top seller of roses for Rose Day in Northern Illinois for the support of the Center of Sight and Hearing. The memorial donation will be used for Lions Club activities in Stillman and for continued work at the Sight and Hearing Center in Rockford.



## STARBUCKS: Ready for a rush of customers at opening

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“We’ve had no problem getting positions filled,” Willahan said. “We still have quite a few applications on file. Once we get open and we get things assessed on where we’re going to be and all that, we’ll be looking into hiring even more help.”

Starbucks will be prepared for a rush of customers upon opening the new location. Willahan said staff will be “bulked up” in the coming week and more seasoned partners from other locations will be brought in to help the newer employees through opening.

“We’re going to bulk up so we can be prepared for a lot of customers the best we can,” Willahan said. “It’s going to be a learning experience for us all until we figure out

what the cadence is for Rochelle.”

Willahan said he’s excited about the location and its proximity to two major roads in Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 38 along with The REC Center, Walgreens and the eventual development of the former site of Hickory Grove.

The Starbucks location’s manager said Rochelle and area residents can expect a warm and friendly place where patrons can hang out and relax. Starbucks refers to its storefronts as “the third place” for its customers.

“Your first place is your home and your second is your work,” Willahan said. “The third place is here. We want everybody to be able to come in here and feel comfortable and relaxed and feel welcome. People can come in here and just kind of get away and have



a great beverage, a snack, lunch or whatever they want and just enjoy the space. We’re all about the community. A lot of times people say we’re a coffee business that serves people. We’re actually in the people business that serves coffee. That’s what our main focus is and that’s what we want everybody to feel when they come in here.”

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## FARM: This is 24th year for scholarships

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Gehrke is the daughter of Jason and Kathi Gehrke, Byron. She is a 2021 graduate of Byron High School and currently attends Highland Community College majoring in Diesel Mechanics.

Grace Pfeiffer is the recipient of the Mary LeFevre Memorial Scholarship, sponsored in cooperation between the Farm Bureau and the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family. The scholarship focuses on students pursuing careers in healthcare. Grace is the daughter of Jason and Angela Pfeiffer, Davis Junction. She will graduate Stillman Valley High School this spring and attend the University of Wisconsin – Platteville majoring in Biology. The scholarship is awarded at \$1000.

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This marks the 24th year that the Ogle County Farm Bureau has awarded scholarships to member dependents who seek to pursue course studies in agriculture at an accredited institution of higher education. Scholarships will again be awarded in 2023 and applications will be available in January. For information on the Ogle County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program contact Ron Kern at 732-2231.

Isaac Charbonneau is the Ag Technology Scholarship winner. Isaac is the son of Melinda

Charbonneau, Leaf River. He graduated Byron High School last year and will continue his studies at Kishwaukee Community College majoring in Diesel Mechanics.

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## BUNNY: Event included games and prizes too

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Thanks to the Oregon Public Library, the walk featured the book “We’re Going On An Egg Hunt” by Laura Hughes.

Families enjoyed the walk and the story and playing some games between the pages to win little prizes which were collected in the kids Easter Baskets.

“It was great to see the excitement on the children’s faces when they saw the Easter Bunny,” Leffelman said. “Most of them were all smiles and could not wait to see the bunny. There were a few that needed a little coaxing from Mom and Dad for a picture, but for the most

part, the children were eager to high five, hug and sit with the Easter Bunny.”

The Easter event was also offered earlier in the day for those with special needs. A group came from the Village of Progress to enjoy the Easter festivities. They loved getting a photo with the Easter Bunny, getting balloons and goodies and a special ride on the Park District shuttle.

Special thanks to Easter Seals for sponsoring one of the games and a big thank you to the volunteers who battled the wind to help make these event such a success. It was our pleasure to offer a fun Easter event for the community and we hope the memories of Easter 2021 last a lifetime.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Electronics recycling event for county is April 29

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit

call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecounty.org](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27. Provide your name, address, and phone number in your email.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders

(no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit. Permits will

come with a comprehensive list of accepted items.

Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Other items which are commonly brought to these events but are not accepted include dehumidifiers, fans,

heaters, air purifiers, coffee makers, lamps, vacuum cleaners, alkaline batteries, smoke detectors, toasters, and other types of kitchen appliances.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



### Lions host Delany

Community and Economic Development educator Mike Delany spoke at the Feb. 24 Oregon Lions Meeting. He is based at the University of IL Extension Office in Oregon and is an educator for several Northwest Illinois counties. He spoke on the history of Extension Offices operating through the U. of I., and the numerous opportunities and resources available to communities and individuals through the University of IL via these Extensions. Many of us know about the Master Gardener and Naturalist programs – but there are many more. Northwest Illinois benefits from the extension office in several ways, including the 4H program. For more information on what they offer, visit [extension.illinois.edu](http://extension.illinois.edu). Pictured from left: Mike Delany and Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger.

### Mt. Morris Senior Center sets events

\* Join our Supper Club at 4 p.m. on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Cornett's Chana Tap. The carpool to Chana will leave the Senior Center at 4 p.m. or you can meet us there at 4:20 p.m. All are welcome!

\* We will be taking a trip to Galena on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost for this trip is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. We will be taking a Rock River Center Bus and visiting downtown Galena and Fergidaboutit Winery in Hanover. There are only a couple of spots left for this trip. Give Melissa a call at 815-734-6335 to sign up!

\* All are invited to come to Tacos and Trivia at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. The cost for this fun evening is just \$2 for trivia and \$2 for each taco. We will have 5 rounds of trivia for teams of up to 6 people. You can come with your team or join one when you arrive. All are welcome.

\* There will be a Health Fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. sponsored by the Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB. All are welcome to join us to learn some new things and have a little fun. There will be healthy eating demonstrations, a talk about "plann", many different tables of information, and door prizes. All are welcome!

\* We would like to invite the community to a Pie and Ice Cream Social on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Mt. Morris Senior Center. This is a free event, but all donations received will go to the United Way of the Rock River Valley. All ages are welcome!

## Free oak trees available to county residents April 22

The 52nd anniversary of the first Earth Day, a day dedicated to preserving our environment, is on April 22.

Arbor Day, a day designated in 1872 to promote the importance of planting trees, is recognized this year on April 29. What better way to celebrate these days than to plant an oak tree for future generations to enjoy.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will have free oak tree saplings available for Ogle County residents on April 22 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road, Oregon, while supplies last.

There will be a total of 900 bur oak, red oak, and swamp white oak trees for distribution on a first come first serve basis. Residents can take up to 10 (total) saplings per household to plant on their property while supplies last. Take only what you can plant and care for. This means caring for it after it is planted (watering, weeding, wrapping) and protecting it from animals and mowers.

The free saplings will be located in the garage on the south side of the parking lot at the OCSWMD. They will be individually wrapped bare rooted saplings, should be kept cool and moist, and must be planted as soon as possible. Information about each species, planting instructions, and tree posters will also be available. The site is under video surveillance. The limit per household is ten trees. Those wanting more trees can

put their name on a list to be contacted if extra trees are available.

The trees were donated by Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) Million Tree Project in East Moline. The Million Trees Project was initiated in 2007 to help further the Living Lands and Waters mission to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment of our nation's major rivers and their watersheds. Their mission is to not only clean up the river ways but to also enhance the watersheds by planting native trees and removing invasive plants.

OCSWMD and the Rock River Trail Initiative have supported this mission for several years by facilitating and distributing over 10,000 trees per year to units of government, forest preserves, and conservation groups in all of the eleven counties that border the Rock River in Illinois and Wisconsin. Planting the trees along rivers, streams, and waterways is strongly encouraged by these groups. This should have a long-lasting positive impact on the Rock River watershed.

Residents are encouraged to submit digital photos of their trees after planted and in subsequent years to LL&W or OCSWMD, to verify the success of the program and to help to sustain donors to the program.

Visit [www.livinglandsandwaters.org](http://www.livinglandsandwaters.org) or contact [solidwaste@oglecounty.org](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty.org) for more information, or call OCSWMD at 815-732-4020.

## Gun Club holding open house April 30

Tri County Gun Club of Polo, Illinois will be having an open house April 30 and May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

This event is open to the public at no charge. All ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. You will be able to try 10 different shooting sports.

An NRA Women On Target Class, is offered by Tri-County Woman of Caliber, 20 seats available each day. There will be raffles and door prizes. Have you ever wanted to experience shooting a 50-caliber rifle or a full auto rifle, come give it a try.

There will be two food

vendors from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. More information and Raffle tickets are available online at, [www.tcgc.net](http://www.tcgc.net)

Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Road, just north of Hazelhurst. Watch for the gun club's sign.

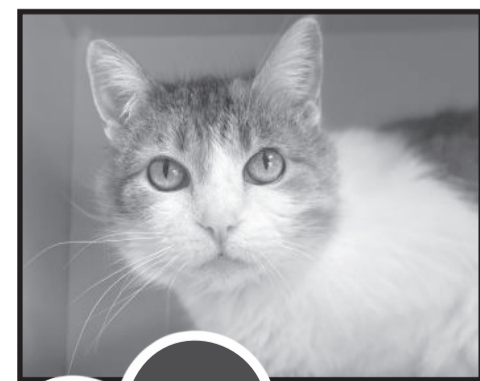
## Oregon Together to talk past, future

OREGON – The Oregon Together Coordinating Council will host a Regathering Event Thursday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m. at the soon-to-be River's Edge Experience at 103 S. 1st St., Oregon.

There will be a short presentation on past accomplishments, future plans and volunteer opportunities, but the main goal is to gather with and enjoy each other's company and get a sneak peek at this great new event space. Everyone is welcome and can come and go as they please.

For more information, those interested can visit the Oregon Together Facebook page at [facebook.com/oregontogether](http://facebook.com/oregontogether) or email [oregontogether@gmail.com](mailto:oregontogether@gmail.com).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Ann Marie Egyed

**OREGON** – Ann Marie Egyed, age 90, died Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. Ann was born Nov. 21, 1931 in Omaha, Neb., the daughter of James V. and Anna (Milek) Soukup.



and feeding and watching the birds and deer in their yard.

She was predeceased by her parents, infant son Joseph Paul, husband George, brothers James Soukup, Bob Soukup, and Richard Soukup, and her sister Lillian Machacek.

She is survived by her daughters; Marjorie (Bill) Lindenmier of Oregon, Barbara (Tony) Kubat of Roscoe, Mary Carr (Larry Bull) of Leaf River,

IL., sons; James (Cathy) Egyed, Andrew (Christy) Egyed, Robert (Marcy) Egyed, and Michael (Tricia) Egyed, all of Oregon, 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Mary Ann Soukup, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oregon with the Rev. Ronald Weber officiating. Visitation was Tuesday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon. Burial will be at the St. Mary's Cemetery. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home or the Village of Progress. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Ann.

### Patrick B. Lewis

Patrick B. Lewis (McNames), 46, was born in Dover, N.J. on Dec. 11, 1975, the son of Daniel C. and Linda K. (Brainard) Lewis. Patrick left us on March 29, 2022 in Osaka, Japan where he resided, following a sudden illness. Patrick graduated from

Byron High School, class of 1994 and then from Augustana College, class of 1998. During his time at Augustana, a class trip was offered to students to spend time in Asia while continuing their education, and he immediately fell in love with the culture. In the fall of 1998, Patrick traveled to China to become an English teacher until approximately 2002, when he was employed by Booz Allen and Hamilton in Hong Kong until 2003. Following this, he headed to South Korea for one year and then returned

home in 2004. Although Patrick loved his home and family here, he was always restless and as a result, he returned to Asia, this time to Osaka, Japan, and that is where he left us. He was so fortunate to have met so many international teachers and ex-pats during his time in Asia, and that always added to his happiness there. During his time in Japan, he met his most loved and cherished friend, Minoru Yamaoka, in Osaka, to whom we owe so much more than we will all ever be able to thank or repay him for, because of his love, support and never ending help through this absolutely horrific time.

Also, we are so thankful for Patrick's good friend, Justin Landis, who has also made Patrick an uncle to his beautiful daughter, Erena. Patrick was such a bright light,

filled with humor and love, which will remain in our hearts to carry us through the years and tears to come.

Patrick is survived by his parents, Linda and Douglas McNames of Rockford, and Daniel and Martina Lewis of La Jolla, Calif.; brothers, Daniel McNames of Rockton, Mark Lewis of Santee, Calif., and Brian Lewis of Alhambra, Calif.

Our hearts are shattered, our spirits broken and we are lost. Please remember to hold your children close and tell them you love them every single day, no matter their age.

A private celebration of life for family will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to be established at a later date. Please share memories and condolences online at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

### Harold D. Hilliard

**BYRON** – Harold D. Hilliard, age 83, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. He was born in Cisne, Ill., on Aug. 20, 1938 the son of Ira and Jessie (Powless) Hilliard.



Joyce of Byron; children, Dean Hilliard of Byron, Lisa (Roger) Kirkland of Rockford, and Jason (Aarica McCammond) Hilliard of Winnebago; sisters, Maryann (Bob) Arn of Byron and Deanne (Rick) Munhollon of Byron; grandchildren, Jessica (Jeff) Bacher, Tim (Mindy) Hilliard, Mari-beth Hilliard, Abigail Hil-

liard, Kayla Hilliard, and Taylor Hilliard; and great grandchildren, Conner, Kaylee, Clairra, Cameron, and Heidi.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law Larry (Phyllis) Hilliard, and son, Randy Hilliard.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street in Byron with Pastor Katrina Steingraeber officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the services at the funeral home from noon-1 p.m. Burial will be at Byron Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Harold's name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Lawrence L. Toms

**OREGON** – Lawrence L. "Larry" Toms, age 73, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born on Sept. 14, 1948 in Oregon, the son of Leon C. and Louise Pauline "Polly" (Black) Toms.



Leon "Butch" Toms, and sister Sue Smith.

He is survived by his wife Sally Toms of Oregon, many cousins and nieces: Dawn (David) DeGarmo, Shelly Gertmann, Amy Smith and nephew Adam (Carrie) Smith.

Funeral services were held at noon, Monday, April 11, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, with Pastor Matthew Smith and Pastor Dana Cox co-officiating. Visitation was held prior to the services on Monday at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-noon. Burial will be at the Lighthouse Cemetery near Oregon. A memorial fund is established in Larry's name for the University of Wisconsin Regional Cancer Center in Rockford and the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. The family would like to thank the people of both for their care and kindness.

Larry graduated from Oregon High School in 1968. He married Sarah "Sally" Corron on June 14, 1991 in Wasco, Illinois. Larry worked as a welder from 1971-2010 at E. D. Etnyre Co. in Oregon. He was a member of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Illinois State Pistol Association where he formerly served on its Board of Directors. In 1980, Larry was the alternate for the U.S. Olympic Pistol Team. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA. Larry loved going fishing, bowling, and golfing. He spent many hours on

woodworking in his shop making beautiful bowls and cutting boards along with many other wooden pieces.

Larry mentored many children in the art of woodworking through 4-H and also taught welding at Oregon High School. Many knew Larry (Smotsy) as the awesome joke-teller that could bring a smile to anyone's face with his stories and laughter. Many knew him as their best friend as he had many and was always there for all of them.

Larry was predeceased by his parents Leon and Polly Toms, his brother

### Nancy J. Marceau

**FORRESTON** – Nancy J. Marceau, 85, of Forreston, passed away, Saturday Feb. 5, 2022, at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Nancy was born May 11, 1936, in Sterling, the daughter of James P. and Hilda (Wuebben) Lawson.



ing, and sewing. Nancy was the 1954 Sauerkraut Queen.

Surviving is her two sons, Loran (Marcie) Marceau and David (Katie) Marceau of both of Polo; daughter, Fern (Vernon) Kruse of Lanark; brother, James D. (Phyllis) Lawson of Shannon; sister, Shirley (Don) Schryver of

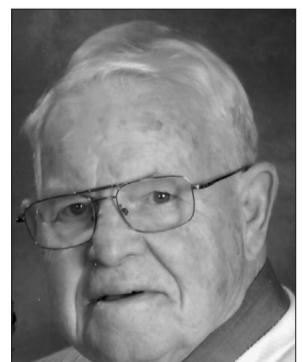
Milledgeville; and grandchildren, Joshua (Mandy) Kruse of Dubuque, Theresa (Travis) Brugger of Milwaukee, Wis., Sawyer and Keandria Marceau of Polo, and Brooklyn Marceau of Polo.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022 at North Grove Evangelical Church. Visitation 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. A memorial has been established in Nancy's memory. Please sign her guestbook and share a remembrance at [www.burketubbs.com](http://www.burketubbs.com)

### Darrel L. Waddelow

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Darrel L. Waddelow, age 93, passed away on March 29, 2022 at Pinecrest Terrace, Mt. Morris.



delow, Greencastle, Pa. Daughters: Darla (Rex) Hamel, San Carlos, Panama; DeAnne (Adam) Auld, Browns Summit, N.C. Twelve grandchildren; 7 Great-Grandchildren; Several nephews and nieces; and special sister-in-law Janet McNiven.

Darrel is predeceased by his parents; Brother: Donald; Sisters: Fern Smith and JoAnne Cook.

Special thanks to the caring staff at Pinecrest Terrace and to Dr. Plescia who gave him such loving care.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Disciples United Methodist Church with Pastor Julie Bunt and Pastor Rodney Caldwell officiating. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. with the funeral service at 11 a.m. A luncheon at the church will follow the service. Private family burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Disciples United Methodist Church and Pinecrest Terrace. Arrangements were entrusted by Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt Street, Mt. Morris, IL, 61054.

Darrel was born on Jan. 12, 1929 in Mt. Morris, the son of Walter and Dorothy (Marston) Waddelow.

He married Donna L. Fleer on June 23, 1951 in the United Methodist Church, Mt. Morris.

Darrel graduated from Mt. Morris High School Class of 1947. He was a talented athlete in football, basketball and track. After high school he served in the ECB (Engineer Combat Battalion) of the U.S. 432nd Army Corp of Engineers in Germany during the Korean War. After returning home from the Army, Darrel became a Pressman for Kable Printing for 43 years, retiring on Feb. 1, 1991.

He was a member of Disciples United Methodist Church, American Legion of Mt. Morris, Oregon VFW Post #8739 and the Mt. Morris Senior Center. He served as a board member of the Rockford Bell Credit Union for 15 years.

When Darrel's five children were growing up he enjoyed attending all their school sporting

events and later spending time with his grandchildren. Darrel and Donna loved to travel and looked forward to their annual trips to Florida. Darrel was a handyman. The Methodist Church was Darrel's second home, as he provided maintenance for the church. He had a great sense of humor and was known for his "typical dad jokes." Darrel enjoyed researching family genealogy and was knowledgeable of Mt. Morris history. He was patriotic and proudly displayed the American flag. In 2015, he went on an Honor Flight with his son Douglas to the nation's capital.

Darrel is survived by his wife: Donna, Mt. Morris; Sons: Douglas (Annette) Waddelow, Grayslake, Ill.; David (Marsha) Waddelow, Santa Ana, Costa Rica; Daniel (Crystal) Wad-

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituary

### Kevin Lee Adams

Kevin Lee Adams, 63, went to be with his Lord and Savior April 8, 2022. Born Sept. 21, 1958 in Rochelle, son of DeWayne and Marilyn (Vogeler) Adams. Graduate of Rochelle High School, class of 1976. United in marriage to Barbara Persson on June 15, 1985 in Rockford.



Kevin was employed at DeKalb Implement for 31 years, where he worked as a Diesel Technician. He retired from Heartland Community Church, where he was a Small Group Coordinator after 8 years of employment. Kevin was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hiking, nature photography and deer shed hunting with his family. Kevin loved vacationing with his family in Ely, MN every year. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a talented carpenter and artisan, creating intricate, detailed bird houses and wood duck houses.

If he wasn't out in nature, he could often be found tinkering on his Chevy truck in the garage. He was a huge Chevy enthusiast. Kevin also collected and restored John Deere toy tractors; including fabricating necessary parts for small toy tractors and pedal tractors. Kevin leaves behind his soul mate and love of his

life, Barb; children, Nikki (Randy) Rapier, Jacob Adams; grandchildren, Brooke Bucey, Colton Vinger; great-grandson Jordan Hawkinson; father, DeWayne Adams; sister, Nancy (Jack) Harding; aunts, uncles, two nieces and a nephew, cousins; special friends, Dave Arand, Craig Meiter, Buddy Jackson, Jeanie Jorgensen; his friends in the Thursday Morning Men's Group.

Preceded in death by his mother, and daughter, Amy Adams.

Special thank you to the staff at Serenity Hospice and Home. Memorial visitation Monday, April 18 from 6-8 p.m. at Kishwaukee Presbyterian Church, 8195 N. Kishwaukee R. Stillman Valley. In lieu flowers, memorials in Kevin's name should be made to Serenity Hospice and Home. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

## Prairie Society's annual banquet is back this year

The Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County's annual spring banquet is back.

The Society is happy to announce Amy Doll, Director of the Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves, will join them Sunday, April 24 at the NIU Taft Campus just outside of Oregon. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and Doll's presentation after. Doll will talk to us about the establishment, goals, and accomplishments of the Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves organization.

Cost is \$25 per person, this includes a family style meal of turkey and all the sides or vegetarian Moroccan stew.

Contact lin.vogl@gmail.com or call 815-973-4926 to reserve your seats. We hope to see you at the Taft Campus on Sunday, April 24.

## Ogle County Republicans to meet on April 26

OREGON – The Ogle County Republican central committee will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 26 6:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in the County Board room on the third floor.

## Forreston greenhouse sales open on April 23

FORRESTON – The Forreston FFA and high school agriculture program is proud to provide their hard work to the community through their annual greenhouse sales.

This year the program increased the number of vegetables available, added a mega hanging basket option and will have over 300 beautiful hanging baskets. Also available are multiple annual bedding plants and perennials that would work well in a pollinator garden or add more color to your perennial beds.

The following are the dates and times the greenhouse will be open for shopping:

April:  
 Saturday 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Opening Day  
 Tuesday 26 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday 28 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 30 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

May:  
 Tuesday 3 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday 5 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Tuesday 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday 12 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

We are partnering with Koeller Forreston Hardware, and they will also be selling our plants every day they are open from 4/24/22 - 5/16/22.

## Oregon Police report

### March 9

At 5:55 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Christina G. Jordan, 42, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Jordan was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of N. IL Route 2.

At 9:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Berogan W. Garcia-Free, age 22, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 44mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

### March 10

At 8:01 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the area of W. Washington and S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street intersection for a car vs school bus crash where the offending vehicle, a 2006 Ford driven by Marc A. Taylor, II, 29, Rockford, struck the back of a school bus while it was in the turn lane, waiting to turn left onto 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Taylor was issued citations for improper lane use and failure to give aid or information. There were no injuries.

### March 11

At 5:04 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of S. 7<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets involving a 2015 GMC driven by Mason A. Breeden, 16, Oregon, and a 2012 Lincoln driven by Steven E. Pierson, 64, Byron. No citations were issued.

### March 12

At 6:18 a.m., Oregon Police issued Wyatt D. Ackerson, 28, Byron, a citation for operating a vehicle with no valid registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

At 8:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Juana D. Lopez, 30, of Genoa, IL, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of Webster and S. 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

### March 13

At 3:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christina M. Galindo, 29, Bonfield, IL, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 800 block of E. Washington Street.

1 parking citation and 9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 3/7/2022 through 3/13/2022.

### March 14

At 9:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Torrez C. Jamison, 18, of Chicago, for no valid driver's license. Jamison was also issued a citation for speeding, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. Jamison was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

At 2:16 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street involving a 1998 Dodge driven by

Francis G. Case, 71, of Pennville, IN, and a parked 1998 Jeep belonging to Devin E. Black, age 26, Oregon. No citations were issued.

### March 15

At 7:12 a.m., Oregon Police issued Luis A. Baez-Ortega, 33, Rockford, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of W. Washington and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets.

At 6:03 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Uriel Moreno, 32, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Moreno was also issued a citation for speeding, 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. Moreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

### March 16

At 12:55 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to Kenton D. Comery 18, Mt. Morris, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

### March 17

At 7:30 p.m., Oregon Police responded to the 100 block of N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street for a hit and run that had just occurred where a parked 2021 Dodge belonging to Culligan Water, Dixon, was struck by a 2010 Toyota driven by Nicole M. Mason, 39, Oregon. Mason was arrested for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and issued a citation for improper lane usage. Mason was transported to the Ogle County jail. There were no injuries.

### March 20

At 1:02 a.m., Oregon Police issued Xena M. Schick, 24, Rockford, a citation for no valid registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. River Road.

1 parking citation and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 3/14/2022 through 3/20/2022.

### March 22

At 9:15 a.m., the Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile male, 15, Mt. Morris, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred on the Oregon School Bus at the Chana Educational Center.

At 5:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued April M. Foster, 38, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for noninsurance. This violation occurred in the 400 block of N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

### March 23

At 9:49 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Laura L. Mills, 39, Rock Falls, for driving while license suspended and possession of drug

paraphernalia. Mills was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with an obstructed windshield. Mills was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 11 a.m., the Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one male juvenile, 14, Oregon, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

### March 25

At 12:57 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a hit and run that had occurred at some point throughout the previous evening in the 900 block of Madison Street involving an unknown vehicle that had struck a parked 1996 Toyota belonging to Anthony C. Walsh. Anyone who may have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

2 parking citations and 12 verbal warnings issued during the week of 3/21/2022 through 3/27/2022.

3 parking citations and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 3/28/2022 through 4/03/2022.

## Spring and summertime ordinance reminders:

### 12.16.020 Weeds

Grass or any weeds such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistles, cocklebur, or other weeds of like kind, that are more than **six inches in height**, on any lot, block tract or parcel of land situated along any street or avenue in the city, or in the space between the curbline and the sidewalk line of any street, alley, or avenue in any such lot, block, tract, or parcel of land in the city, are hereby declared to be a nuisance; any owner, occupant, or agent of any such lot, block tract or parcel of land shall allow said nuisance to exist shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Code.

### Unlawful Burning

Only dry branches, leaves and grass clippings can be burned in the city limits. Branches shall not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. No burning shall commence prior to 10:00 a.m. nor shall it be allowed later than sunset. All non-recreational fires must be extinguished by sunset. Smoldering is not allowed at any time. Burning permitted no earlier than March 1 and shall end no later than November 30 of each year. No burning shall take place on any right-of-way, street, or alley in the city limits. All fires and burning shall be supervised and attended at all times by an adult. No yard waste shall be transported into the city limits from outside of the city.

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**Saturday, April 30, 8:15am to 3:00pm**  
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**Phone: 815-266-1126**

# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon holding clean-up day on April 24

**OREGON** – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to Have A Spring Clean Up Day on April 24, from 1-4:30 p.m. The rain date will be May 1. This is a day for Oregon residents to get outside and clean up our yards together as a community. All the information can be found online at <http://oregonil.com/oregons-community-clean-up-day/> Is your yard already awesome? Sign up at the website provided to help someone who needs a

hand and a team captain will contact you with details. Do you need some help with your yard? Is your siding needing some pressure washing or maybe you're struggling to get your mower going? Please sign up and a team captain will contact you with details. Call Executive Director Liz Vos if you have any questions: 815-732-2100 A fall clean up on Sept. 11 is also planned. A special thanks to participating businesses and organizations. We are very lucky to have them here serving our

community. Special thank you to the City of Oregon for providing support, and Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department for providing grant assistance. Thank you to Oregon Lions Club, Oregon School District, Oregon Together, Oregon United Methodist Church, St Paul Lutheran Church, Woods Equipment for helping two years in a row. If your business or organization would like to lend a hand too, please contact Liz Vos [chamber.director@oregonil.com](mailto:chamber.director@oregonil.com)

## Senior Center hosting health fair April 22

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB are hosting a health fair at the Mt. Morris Senior Center, 9 East Front St. The health fair will take place on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It will feature many different areas of health and all are welcome to attend. We will have healthy cooking demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

as well as a presentation about how to make "plarn" and what it is used for. There will be many different places represented including KSB, the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, the University of Illinois Extension, Serenity Hospice, the Oregon Park District, Sinissippi Centers, the new Mt. Morris Pharmacy, and more. There will be door prizes and something for everyone.

## Ogle County Sheriff

**March 23**  
At approximately 3:50 p.m. Deputies responded to the intersection of Skare Rd and Cottonwood Rd for a two vehicle accident. An investigation into the accident revealed that a vehicle being driven by Kevin Childley, 59 of Rochelle, was eastbound on Cottonwood Rd at which time it disregarded the stop sign at Skare Rd. Childley's vehicle entered the intersection where it struck a southbound vehicle being driven by Patrick Hochstein, 38 of Franklin Grove. Childley and Hochstein refused medical attention at the scene. After further investigation, Childley was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Childley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Childley was also cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Disregarding a Stop Sign.

Spana, 37 of Rochelle for Driving While License Revoked. Spana was also issued a citation for Improper Lighting (One Headlight). Spana was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond. At approximately 4:30 p.m., Deputies received a driving complaint of a semi-truck and trailer in the area of IL Route 2 south of Oregon. After searching the area, Deputies with the assistance of Oregon Police, located the suspect vehicle. The commercial motor vehicle was observed to commit several driving infractions and subsequently a traffic stop was conducted. After a brief investigation, Austin Platzer, 28 of Nebraska, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Platzer was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and Improper Lane Usage. Platzer was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**March 21**  
At approximately 12:29 a.m., Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of East Third St in Leaf River. After further investigation Corey Craycraft, 26 of Leaf River, was placed under arrest for Aggravated Battery-Victim 60 years or older (Class 3 Felony) and Resisting a Peace Officer. Craycraft was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held pending an appearance before a judge.

**March 16**  
The Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Devante Wesley, 21 of Rockford, Il. for driving while license suspended and an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Wesley was arrested by deputies on Rte 64 near Oregon after he was stopped for speeding. Wesley was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 5:44 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to a residence in the 2000 block of West Myrtle Road for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle. After a brief investigation, Mark Ellena, 57 of Leaf River, was arrested for Criminal Damage to Property. Ellena was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 5:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to a physical domestic disturbance at an address on Rogene Drive in Oregon. After investigation, Deputies arrested Cale J. Sandell, 35 of Oregon, for Domestic Battery. Sandell was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond.

**March 19**  
At approximately 6:19 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and I39. After investigation, Deputies arrested Jahashi Hutton, 28 of Carpentersville IL, for Aggravated Driving While License Revoked. Hutton was issued citations for Driving While License Revoked, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Front Registration. Hutton was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic in the 10,400 block of North Illinois Route 26. After investigation, the driver, Ethan Rogers, 52 of Leaf River, was arrested for Driving While License Revoked and an In-State Warrant. Rogers was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Rogers was also cited for Illegal Window Tint and Expired Registration.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Ogle County Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle near the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39. The offending vehicle failed to stop and fled southbound on Interstate 39 in an attempt to evade Deputies. Deputies pursued the offending vehicle and with the assistance of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, were able to get the vehicle stopped using STOP STICKS near mile marker 83 in Lee County. After investigation, Deputies arrested Craig Kehl, 49 of Ottawa IL, for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant, and Aggravated Driving While License Revoked. Kehl was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, Speeding 26-34 MPH Over the Limit, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Kehl was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond. Ogle County Deputies were assisted by Lee County Deputies and District One Illinois State Police.

**March 15**  
At approximately 6:16 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Lashawn Love, age 41 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked. Love was also issued a citation for Following Too Closely. Love was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

**March 17**  
The Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angel Speracino, 19 of Rockford for driving with no valid driver's license. Speracino was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Speracino was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

**March 14**  
At approximately 6:34 p.m. Rochelle EMS/Fire, Flagg Center Fire Department, and Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of 12,000 East Flagg Rd for the report of a one vehicle accident with injuries. After an investigation, it was determined that a black Nissan Altima driven by Robert Trumbull, 76 of Rochelle, left the roadway traveling eastbound in the 12,000 block of East Flagg Rd and entered into the north ditch. The Nissan drove over two culverts in the north side ditch, and came to rest after striking a creek embankment. Trumbull was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

The Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Meosha Adams, 33 of Rockford for driving while license revoked. Adams was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Adams was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 7:52 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Rudy Dozal, 46 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License. Dozal was taken into custody without incident and released on an individual bond with a return court date set. Dozal was also issued a citation for an Inoperable Rear Registration Light.

At approximately 8:57 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 17,000 block of E IL Route 72. After further investigation Deputies arrested Cassandra Ruiz, 29 of Rockford, for driving with no valid license. Cassandra was released on an Individual Bond and was given a later court date. Cassandra was also cited for illegal window tint and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

**March 13**  
The Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Samuel Nieva Rodriguez, 20 of Rockford Il. for driving with no valid driver's license. Nieva was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Nieva was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At approximately 8:12 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 near mile marker 110. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Benjamin

At approximately 12:55 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black Nissan Frontier in the 3700 block of N Leaf River Road for Improper Traffic Lane Usage. After investigation, the driver, Steven Maronde, 53 of Leaf River, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Maronde was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Maronde was also cited for Improper Lane Usage.

## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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Sinissippi Centers, Inc.  
Oregon **732-3157**  
Rochelle **562-3801**

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HOPE of Ogle County **562-8890 or 732-7796**  
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University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County  
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 **732-2191**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Rock River Center has upcoming programs, events set

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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.

### Ready...Set...Grow...Gardening Workshop April 25, 2022

The Heritage Woods/Illinois Extension Office will present a Spring Program on Monday, April 25, at 10 a.m. at Rock River Center. The topic for the day is: Hardy Perennial Vegetable Crops For The Midwest (Asparagus, Rhubarb, Horseradish)

Presented by Phil Bratta, Ogle County Master Gardener, Master Naturalist Join Phill Bratta, retired educator and Master Gardener for spring's most luxurious vegetables, Asparagus and Rhubarb. Learn to grow and harvest your own crops and get ideas on how to prepare several nutritional dishes. This is a FREE program.

Registration  
Workshop Registration requested by Thursday, April 21 to accommodate seating. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you will be attending.

Lifescape Congregate Dining will follow the workshop at 11:30. If you would like to stay for lunch, sign-up for lunch when you register for the program. Lunch reservations required before 10:30 on April 21.

### Music and Wellness Program

Northern Illinois Hospice and Rock River Center together offer this program on Wednesday, April 27, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center.

Music triggers powerful emotions in all of us. It can evoke personal memories and reduce stress but did you know music has many other health benefits? Join Northern Illinois Hospice Music Therapist, Mallory Pannell, MT-BC, as she offers different ways to add music to your self-care including using guided imagery, creating playlists, and more.

To sign up for this educational and free program, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252. Registration requested by Monday, April 25.

Lifescape Congregate Dining will follow at 11:30. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call to sign up before 10:30 a.m. on April 26, 2022

### Mother's Day Tea on May 4

Ladies, join us as we celebrate you at a Mother's Day Tea in your honor at RRC from 2-3 p.m. Tea and light snacks will be served. There will be games and prizes. Reservations Required by Wed., April 27. Call Rock River Center 815-732-3252 to make your reservation. Recommended Donation: \$5



Members of the Mt. Morris Senior Center Book Club Pictured: Elaine Sweet, Kathy Heid, Dr. John Plescia, Brenda Nevenhoven, and Harvey Briggs. Not pictured: Joy French and Betty Sorensen.

## Author visits Mt. Morris book club

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Local author Dr. John Plescia recently visited with the book club at the Mt. Morris Senior Center.

Plescia recently wrote and published his book titled *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker*. He talked about how he came up with the idea for the book, the publishing process, and read the first chapter to the seniors in attendance. The seniors really enjoyed Plescia's book and loved hearing about how the story of Bob Baker came to be.

It was interesting to hear

about where Plescia was in his life when he originally came up with this story to tell his children at bedtime. Each night his kids asked for more, and the seniors felt the same way. The story of Bob Baker's adventures was a quick and easy read that included many lessons for both young and young at heart. The seniors learned about the north woods of Maine, trapping, and more through Plescia's book.

The seniors hope to work with the Mt. Morris Public Library to read this book with some students

this summer and host a book signing for Plescia when he has more books available. The book club at the Mt. Morris Senior Center highly recommends *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker* by John Plescia to everyone.

If anyone would like to join the MMSC book club just let Melissa know by calling 815-734-6335. They meet on the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Doc Stengel Coffee Shop at the Mt. Morris Senior Center (9 East Front St.).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tues., April 19

There is a Supper Club at 4 p.m. on April 19th at Cornett's Chana Tap. The carpool to Chana will leave the Mount Morris Senior Center at 4 p.m. or you can meet us there at 4:20 p.m. All are welcome.

### Weds., April 20

A free educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at the

United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

### Thurs., April 21

Evening Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. This group is for all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

### Fri., April 22

The Mt. Morris Senior Cen-

ter and KSB are hosting a health fair at the Mt. Morris Senior Center, 9 East Front St. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It will feature many different areas of health and all are welcome to attend. There will be healthy cooking demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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.

### Sat., April 23

Children's program at the Polo Library – Storytime Saturday "in person" in our children's library, 10:30 a.m. Come join Ms. Melanie for a story, earth friendly animal crafts, and other hands-on activities.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountyilife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountyilife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On May 7, 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven's ninth and final symphony debuts at Vienna's Theater am Karntnertor. Having lost his hearing years earlier, the celebrated composer nonetheless appeared to conduct the first performance of his Ninth Symphony, while the real conductor stood in the wings. Beethoven was several bars off the actual music by the time the piece concluded.

\* On May 5, 1904, Cy Young pitches the first perfect game in modern Major League Baseball history as the Boston Americans defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0. Young's perfect game was part of his then-record 45-inning scoreless streak.

\* On May 4, 1916, Germany responds to a demand by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson by agreeing to limit its submarine warfare. However, on Feb. 1, 1917, Germany announced the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the United States formally entered World War I.

\* On May 8, 1933, the first police radio system, connecting headquarters to patrol cars and patrol cars to one another, is installed in Eastchester Township, New York. The system consisted of one transmitter of 20 watts for the headquarters and two transmitters of 4.5 volts each for the two patrol cars.

\* On May 3, 1952, a ski-modified U.S. Air Force C-47 becomes the first aircraft to land on the North Pole. Aboard the flight was Dr. Albert P. Crary, an American scientist who in 1961 traveled to the South Pole by motorized vehicle, becoming the first person in history to have stood on both poles.

\* On May 2, 1972, Steven Spielberg begins filming "Jaws." The production, which used three mechanical sharks, enthralled audiences and grossed \$458 million in its theatrical release.

\* On May 6, 1991, 51-year-old race car driver Harry Gant betters his own record as the oldest man ever to win a NASCAR event in the Winston 500 in Talladega, Alabama.

## Seems anything can be a TV show

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



When I work during the day, I have the television on in the background. It is easy to ignore and doesn't distract me like music can.

But every now and then something will catch my ear. Either on a show or, more usually, a commercial.

I was working away one morning last week when a commercial pumping a free preview of a TV channel caught my attention. It was for a fishing channel. Yes, a fishing channel.

Just to say right off the top here, I have nothing against fishing. My dad used to take me fishing plenty when I was a kid. My family spent every summer in the Ozarks in Arkansas visiting relatives and fishing was something we did almost daily. We caught a lot of perch, the occasional snapping turtle and a lot of chigger bites.

We also fished the Colorado River in my hometown, catching large catfish.

So yes, I have fished. Honestly, it has been decades since I fished and never really fished with

my kids because there are plenty of other things I prefer doing to fishing. But I get that many people, including friends of mine, love to fish.

But for the life of me, I can't imagine a channel dedicated to fishing. I can watch a few "how to" YouTube videos if I want tips. Do I need a channel dedicated to people fishing? Anyone who has gone fishing knows that it is pretty much waiting. Sitting on a boat, on the shore, in waders—waiting.

That doesn't seem like a strong pitch for a TV channel. But one exists

— I saw the commercial plugging it.

It made me think of other things that could be made into channels that are equally exciting. And by exciting, I mean not exciting at all.

With most people these days using streaming services for television, the number of "channels" is pretty much endless. There could be a channel to fit almost any niche.

A channel that is all about buying the perfect furniture? Sure. A channel dedicated to watching people play chess? Why not? A channel that focuses on people doing yard work? That could be a big hit.

These days we seem to prefer to watch people doing things. Seriously. There are people who stream themselves playing video games and get millions of views. I am not kidding. People will watch another person, sometimes on another continent, play a video game.

Look at the number of reality shows that follow

vapid people basically doing things that pretty much annoy much of the population. These people are getting rich by being obnoxious.

Yes, television is all about entertainment. I get that. The things that don't get it why do we find these things entertaining? Watching other regular people doing things used to be called "going outside and living your life."

Now we pay for the privilege of watching people fish and play games. That just doesn't seem right to me.

But if people want it, who am I to complain? Times change and the ways people are entertained change as well. I still love to read books, so what do I know?

Maybe I'll start a channel where people can tune in and watch me read books. That sounds like the most boring show in history.

I'll be it would be a huge hit.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*

## More transparency in state budgeting process

Illinois politicians talk a lot about transparency but rarely practice it — even amongst themselves.

State budgets are negotiated behind closed doors between whomever is governor and legislative leaders. Sometimes members of the minority party are included, but other times, such as this year, not so much.

This month, once a budget agreement was reached behind those locked doors, lawmakers found themselves voting on a 3,400-page, \$46.5 billion operating budget a few hours later.

Think any of them knew exactly what they were voting on? No way.

Is this unusual in Springfield? No. But it has never served the public well.

Whether the governor's last name happens to be Pritzker, Rauner, Quinn, Blagojevich or Ryan, the secrecy persists.

I first began covering the General Assembly in 1988. I can say both Republicans and Democrats

are guilty of this practice. "Good-government-type" politicians and political hacks are equally guilty, too.

"They didn't talk to Republicans during the budgeting process at all, and they don't need to," Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Andalusia, said. "Why would they? This is kind of the result you get: a closed-door budget to make sure everybody in their caucus is happy."

In politics, knowledge is power.

Taxpayers and bondholders deserve to know how our money is being spent. But the budget document is so opaque it is often hard to discern whether major new initiatives have been slipped into the spending plan — even if those voting on it had adequate time to review it.

For example, back in 2005, the General Assembly rejected spending state money on stem-cell research. Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who favored the

measure, snuck \$10 million in stem-cell research spending into the budget by labeling it "scientific research."

Lawmakers were understandably angry when they figured out they had been tricked into voting for something they had opposed.

Blagojevich shrugged and said the end justified the means.

And there is the rub. Deception is often the key to legislative success. The closed-door process benefits political insiders, legislative power brokers and a host of special interests. But it rarely benefits voters.

It shows contempt not just for the minority party but also for the rank-and-file lawmakers of the majority party, who are derisively referred to as "mushrooms" because they are kept in the dark and fed a lot of er, um manure.

The budget was hurriedly debated and voted on during an all-night

session. Why? Well, if they act fast — before lawmakers and constituents have reviewed the spending plans contents — they can beat any possible new opposition.

"You're trying to track everything and there's a lot of last-minute changes because you know, amendments get filed at the last possible moment," state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said. "And it does make it very difficult to know exactly what's in there. I'm sure we'll see things coming out over the next several weeks about things that were tucked in there or mistakes that were made."

His view was echoed by state Rep. Sandy Hamilton, R-Springfield. "We can do better than this to improve transparency. After all, the budget is spending taxpayers' money. The people of Illinois should have far more input."

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## Park commissioners comment on investigation

Dear Editor,

As many of you know, various former employees of the Oregon Park District and other members of the community have alleged the existence of a negative working environment created and facilitated by Park District leadership. The same group has alleged that there are irregularities in the District's financial practices. The Park Board takes these allegations very seriously. It does so because it is fully committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, rewarding and enjoyable workplace. The Board is equally committed to ensuring that its financial procedures are legally compliant, and its practices are maintained to the highest standards, with integrity and transparency. The Park Board has carefully considered the statements and documentation provided by the former employees and community members concerning these allegations. Each Commissioner has been provided copies of and responses to over 20 Freedom of Information Act requests submitted by the group making these allegations.

After evaluating the allegations of a negative work environment and poor employee morale, the Park Board arranged for an independent workplace climate investigation related to these allegations to be conducted by legal counsel. The investigator was given complete access to all full-time employees. All employees were encouraged to be candid in their comments, and we thank them for providing honest feedback.

The workplace climate investigation has been completed, and the Park Board has had the opportunity to review the facts and deliberate. The Board is satisfied that there is no evidence to indicate the existence of any unlawful workplace discrimination or harassment. The Board did identify the need for certain remedial action to address the legitimate concerns and input provided by our current staff. Specifically, in addition to positive culture-building actions, Park District leadership will participate in management coaching and training.

The Park Board investigated the allegations of financial wrongdoing

and is satisfied that no material impropriety has occurred. The District has received a favorable audit every year since its inception. Further, the Park Board is satisfied that employees' expenses on behalf of the District are fully and appropriately documented and in total compliance with applicable law and the policies of the Oregon Park District.

It is time for the Oregon Park District to move forward. Since September of 2021, the District has responded to 35 FOIA requests, all from four individuals closely aligned with the group raising these concerns. The Park District's small team has responded to these requests at significant financial cost and resulting in a diversion of manpower within the organization to meet the demand. The Park Board looks forward to resuming its work providing for the recreational needs of the residents of Oregon.

**Steve Pennock, president of the Oregon Park District Board and Park District Commissioners**



# LOCAL NEWS

## DAR welcomes new members

The Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution recently welcomed new members Sue Andrew and Sherrie Taylor, both of Oregon, and Millie Dutchoff of Dixon. In addition to Rochelle, the Chapter encompasses the neighboring towns of Amboy, Ashton, Chana, Creston, Davis Junction, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Kings, Leaf River, Malta, Monroe Center, Oregon, Paw Paw, Steward and Stillman Valley. Above left, from left: Regent Laurie Perry, Sue Andrew, Sherrie Taylor, and District II Chaplain Debby Katzman. Below left: Millie Dutchoff (center) is shown with Regent Laurie Perry (left) and Chaplain Mary Lou Kator (right).



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- A visit to an FAA Certified Hot Air Balloon Repair and Manufacturing Facility.
- Attend the famous 'Night Glow' festivities at the Balloon Festival
- Mass ascension of 60 balloons
- Bridges of Madison County
- John Wayne home and newly renovated museum in beautiful Winterset, Iowa
- National Hot Air Balloon Museum (Includes movie and guided tour)
- The bison and elk of the Neal Smith Nature Center

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Women's Club promotes awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983; and millions of Americans have participated in this exciting public awareness that all children deserve to grow up in happy and healthy environments.

GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club partners with Prevent

Child Abuse Illinois to spread the message that everyone can help promote great childhoods in their community. Pinwheels (blue and silver) are nationally recognized symbols of child abuse prevention and symbolize hope.

The Polo Women's Club brings public awareness by annually planting pinwheel

gardens at the Paul Grahlng Park, Centennial Grade School, Applington Middle School, and the Polo Community High School each April.

This year, pinwheels were planted on Friday, April 1 with Mayor Doug Knapp reading a proclamation from the City of Polo recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

With awareness, education, and support, the community working together can have an incredible impact on preventing child abuse. As a reminder, the simple pinwheel should compel us to report suspected abuse (1-800-25-ABUSE) and protect all children.

Resources of Help:  
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## SVHS Academic Team qualifies for state

Stillman Valley High School's Ace's Academic Challenge Team qualified for State by placing 2nd at Sectionals.

"This is only the second time our team has qualified for state in the 15 years that I have been the advisor," said Advisor, Kathy McCarey. "It is quite an accomplishment."

Some special highlights and our individual state qualifiers:

Philip Broski – 1st in Chemistry and 1st in Math  
Richie Sutliff – 2nd in Chemistry and 3rd

in English

Nick Youman – 3rd in Chemistry  
Aidan Taylor – 3rd in Physics (tie)  
Luna Taylor – 3rd in Physics (tie)

"It's nice to have academic competitions like this back so the kids can showcase where they excel," said SVHS Athletic Director Heather Alderks. "Also, what is noteworthy is our Chemistry teacher, Kathy McCarey, who currently teaches the kids who placed first through ninth in AP Chemistry. What an achievement!"

## SVHS math team competes at regional

The Stillman Valley High School math team recently participated in the ICTM Regional Event.

There are eight schools in the division and for the individual events, there are up to 32 students in each category. The preliminary results of those who placed are as follows:

**Regional Results**  
**Individual:**  
Algebra I Trevor Miller 8th  
Geometry Noah Klaren and Jacob Rhodes tie for 7th place  
Algebra II Kennedy Swenson and Nick Youman tie for 6th place  
**Teams:**  
Geometry Team 3rd  
Kevin Chavers, Haley Jones, Noah Klaren, Jacob Rhodes  
Algebra II Team 3rd  
Philip Broski, Lexi Dienberg, Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman  
Precalculus Team 4th  
Rayna Johnson, Hope Mickey, Colleen Roberts, Joscelyn Sweat  
Junior/Senior 8 person Team 4th  
Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman, Lexi Dienberg, Hope Mickey, Rayna Johnson, Cayla Purvis, Colleen Roberts

**Verbal Presentation Team 2nd**  
Philip Broski, Hope Mickey

**Individual State qualifiers are:**  
Algebra I Trevor Miller  
Geometry Noah Klaren and Jacob Rhodes

## Math Team State Qualifiers



1st row: Rayna Johnson, Kennedy Swenson, Maddy McCammond, Lexi Dienberg. 2nd row: Trevor Miller, Hope Mickey, Colleen Roberts, Cayla Purvis. 3rd Row: Philip Broski, Jacob Rhodes, Noah Klaren, Nick Youman.

Algebra II Kennedy Swenson and Nick Youman

Jr/Sr 8 Person

Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman, Lexi Dienberg, Hope Mickey, Rayna Johnson, Cayla Purvis, Colleen Roberts and Philip Broski (Alternate).

State competition will be the same format as Regionals on Saturday, April 30th.



### FEATURED LISTING



**2921 N. III Route 2, Oregon**  
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THIS PROPERTY CAN BE VIEWED DURING THE SPRING MONTHS! Schedule your private showing of this 5 acre island of total seclusion, only accessible by boat, make this island the ultimate Rock River Escape! There are two cabins on this island: one features full kitchen and living space, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom with laundry. The other is one bedroom with a kitchenette. The larger cabin has large windows overlooking the river and your property. In 2020 the larger cabin underwent a major renovation and also has a new steel roof. Updated kitchen is open to the living room and dining area. Fall in love with the rustic charm of the guest cabin offering additional space for your family or guests. Island has it's own electric, well and septic. Dish Satellite service and unlimited internet with Trifecta wireless. Just 90 Miles west of Chicago and a 5 minute boat ride. Boat dock and furnishings included. Fishing Boat negotiable. The possibilities are endless!

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**NEW LISTING**



**601 8th Avenue, Sterling \$79,900 Call JD**

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**NEW LISTING**



**602 N. 5th Street, Oregon \$115,900 Call Lori**

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**901 S. 1st Avenue, Rock Falls \$119,900 Call JD**


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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## Lena Trampel leads Hawks with masterful pitching performances

The Hawks defeated GK 12 to 0 behind Lena Trampel's masterful pitching performance on April 12.

Lena carried a perfect game into the bottom of the sixth, but had to settle for a 1 hit shutout after the first batter singled.

Reilee Suter had 3 hits and 3 RBIs to lead the Hawks at the plate. Ella Dannhorn and Laila Anderson also had multiple hits for the Hawks.

Oregon dropped a 1-0 conference loss to Stillman Valley on April 11.

Mia Trampel pitched 7 innings striking out 10. The Hawks outthit Stillman 5 to 4 but couldn't score a run. Reilee Suter had a hit and a stolen base for Oregon.

Oregon swept a Doubleheader over Lena Winslow 10-0 in game 1 and 10-3

in game 2 on April 9.

Mia and Lena Trampel combined for a 3 hit shutout in 5 innings over Lena Winslow in the first game. Reilee Suter lead the Hawks with 4 hits, 2 doubles, and 3 RBI. Liz Mois, Lena Trampel, and Mia Trampel each had 2 hits each for the Hawks.

Mia and Lena Trampel again held down the pitchers circle in game two with Mia Trampel picking up the win with 4 innings pitched and 6 strikeouts while giving up no runs. Lena closed out with 3 innings while striking out 3. Jess Suter lead the hitting attack for the Hawks with 4 hits and 2 RBI. Ava Hackman and Gracen Pitts also collected 2 hits for the Hawks.

## Rahn teams compete at state bowling finals

Teams from Mt Morris David L Rahn Junior High competed in the IESA State Bowling Finals April 8 and 9 with the Boy's team finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> Place in the State with 5984 10-game total.

The boys were led by Aiden Currier with a 10-game total of 1557 and a high game of 202 for a 43<sup>rd</sup> place finish. He was followed by Caleb Ehrler with a 10-game total of 1486 and a high game of 190, Xander Garcia with a 9-game total of 1351 and high game of 202,

Sebastian Alford with a 4-game total of 599 with a high game of 196, RJ Keene with a 4-game total of 564 and high game of 162 and Ivan Hernandez with a 3-game total of 427 and a high game of 146.

Two Rahn girl's competed on the individual side, Ahren Howey finished with a 397 series (101-101-105-90) finishing in 98<sup>th</sup> place. Katlyn Miller rolled a 381 series (128-98-73-82) and ended up in 106<sup>th</sup> place.

## Scores

### Girls Varsity Soccer

April 7  
Oregon 2, Stillman Valley 1  
April 11  
Oregon 1, Faith Christian 0  
Stillman Valley 0, Belvidere North 8  
April 12  
Stillman Valley 0, Byron 4

### Girls Varsity Softball

April 11  
Stillman Valley 1, Oregon 0  
**Boys Varsity Baseball**  
April 11  
Stillman Valley 6, Byron 5  
April 12  
Stillman Valley 5, Byron 6



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## Byron Library News

### Curbside Delivery

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### Wine Glass Candle Holders

Thursday, Apr. 21  
6-7:30 p.m.

Get in touch with your crafty side with us as we create a set of wine glass candle holders. Call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Bee Keeping

Thursday, Apr. 28  
6-7:30 p.m.

Come learn what all the buzz about bee keeping is in this class for beginners. Call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Morse Code Bracelets

Tuesday, May 3  
6-7 p.m.

Share a message with someone special using Morse code. Join Beth as she teaches you how to make an adjustable bracelet with a beaded Morse code word of your choice to give as a Mother's Day, graduation, or birthday gift. All materials will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register. We are unable to make take-home kits for this project. Please call the library to let us know if you are unable to attend the program so that we can try to fill your seat.

### Healthy Living

Thursday, May 5  
Noon-1 p.m.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive

## Julia Hull Library News

### Storytime at the Library!

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

### Short & Sweets

Join Joanna at the library on Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Kevin Wilson's short story, "Biology," while we snack on homemade dessert! Copies of the reading available at the Circulation Desk. Adults.

### Teen Eggsclusive Scavenger Hunt

Teens, this egg hunt is just for you! Don't worry, it's eggstra tricky, eggs-tremely hip, and all the eggciting people will be there. Ok, you get the idea. Bring your friends to the library on Thursday, April 21 at 3:00 PM to hunt for eggs that reveal clues to the location of an egg-stravagant jumbo candy prize. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

### Book Club for Adults: Zorrie

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Laird Hunt's novel, *Zorrie*. Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to join the program by Zoom.

## Forreston Library News

### Preschool Storytime (New Day!)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime has moved to Tuesdays! Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

## Illinois Libraries Present a Virtual Event

Nick Offerman and Jeff Tweedy  
Wednesday, April 27th, 7 p.m.

Illinois Libraries Present invite you to join actor/humorist/woodworker Nick Offerman and his musician/hiking buddy, Jeff Tweedy. Best known for his breakout role as Ron Swanson in the hit TV series «Parks and Recreation», Nick Offerman, originally of Minooka, IL will be discussing his newest book, *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral*

activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Garden will talk about the Monarch Butterfly and how to build your own Butterfly Garden at home. No matter if you create a garden on your patio or plant them in the ground, join us to learn how your home can become a butterfly oasis. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Taking Good Pics

Monday, May 9  
6-7 p.m.

How are your picture-taking skills? Want to get more from your cell phone camera? Join John Franks, a retired professional photographer, as he shares tips on getting better pictures using your cell phone. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Egypt Travelogue

Friday, May 13  
1-2 p.m.

Egypt was the first large organized society in human history, and still exerts influence on us today. Learn a little history, and see photos of some incredible monuments while hearing about the speaker's travels through the country. Pyramids, temples, tombs, obelisks, the Sphinx, and the Nile: you'll see it all. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### DIY Denim Planters

Thursday, May 19  
6-7 p.m.

Come join Cathy for another DIY craft project at the library. We will be creating a recycled Denim Planter. These are a great use of old jeans for a whimsical garden decor! All materials will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register. We are unable to make take-home kits for this project. Please call the library to let us know if you are unable to attend the program so that we can try to fill your seat.

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!

## Tween Scene: Minute To Win It Games

Think you can win it, with only a minute? You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! Come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Star Wars Day: The Snacks Strike Back

It's "Revenge of the Fifth" and tasty things are happening in a galaxy not so far away. Stop by the library on Thursday, May 5 at 3 p.m. to make edible Star Wars crafts out of sweet snacks. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### No-Sew Rope Basket

This May, we're crafting a basket you can put *all* your eggs in! (No sewing required!) We'll each make a simple DIY vessel for your craft supplies (or other storage needs). Then, add rose-gold handles, for just a hint of bling! Adults only. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for this Zoom program on Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. \*Please note: Participants must supply their own glue gun and glue sticks.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

**Oregon Public Library Procedures**  
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**Library Book Clubs**  
The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss Northern Spy by Flynn Berry. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The Cocktails & Crimes Book Club will meet in May to discuss? - the location, date and time of the club is revealed in the book chosen for that month. If you would like to join this book club, stop by and get the book to find out more information.

**Teen Book Association (TBA)- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**  
Join us for this NEW teen book club! We'll enjoy donuts and a discussion of Scythe by Neal Shusterman. The TBA will meet the last Saturday of each month at 10am.

**Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years) NO STORYTIME ON MONDAY, APRIL 18TH.**  
StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required and masks are recommended.  
Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. NO YOGA will be held APRIL 18TH  
Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited.

**Seed Library**  
If you're unfamiliar with seed lending, the basic idea is that you plant the seeds, grow the plants, let some go to seed, and then return some of these next-generation seeds for others to borrow. You can get started by checking out books on seed saving from the Library's collection!  
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 seed to grow at least five plants, and return the envelope to Circulation staff. You do not need to have a library card to donate seeds or 'borrow' seeds.  
Through this seed library, we hope to foster a culture of sharing and abundance and to make wholesome food available to our community members. 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](mailto:carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com) with the subject "Seed Lending Library."

**We're Back! Movie at the Library- Wednesday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m.**  
After a long hiatus, movie time is back! Join us for the 2021 film, Clifford the Big Red Dog, rated PG. Registration is requested, but not required. No food or drink, please.  
From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded-Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy Talk presented by Claire Evans- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Long before the British Invasion, the cash-strapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of "Downton Abbey" and "The Gilded Age" on television and film will delight as Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself.  
Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless episodes of "Are You Being Served," "Fawley

Towers," and "The Vicar of Dibley" on PBS. She went on to study abroad in London and, against the odds, she married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They moved to England, where they lived for a number of years. Outside of her work for a legal advice charity, Claire became a student of historical sights, pub dining, and tea shops. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel and relocation advice. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**From a Culture of Compliance to a Culture of Joy: Approaching Challenging Behaviors with an Asset Based Lens with Dr. Lindsey Meeker- Friday, April 22nd 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (1 hr break-lunch on your own)**  
**Location: Rock River Center, 810 S 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061**  
Registration required: <https://star-net.org/home/events/culture-of-compliance-to-culture-of-joy/> or visit [oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://oregonpubliclibrary.com). This event is FREE to attend - in collaboration with Florissa, EasterSeals Chicagoland and Greater Rockford, STARnet, Oregon Public Library, The Autism Program of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Human Services.

**An Evening with Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy- Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. CST/Zoom**  
Illinois Libraries present actor/humorist/woodworker Nick Offerman in conversation with musician/hiking buddy Jeff Tweedy. Register at <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>  
Best known for his breakout role as Ron Swanson in the hit TV series Parks and Recreation, actor and New York Times bestselling author Nick Offerman, originally of Minooka, Ill., will be discussing his newest book, Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside.  
Jeff Tweedy is a musician, songwriter, author, and record producer best known as the singer and guitarist of the band Wilco. Originally from Belleville, Ill., Tweedy has released 20 studio albums across his career and is the author of two books, including How to Write One Song: Loving the Things We Create and How They Love Us Back.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present 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.

**Illinois Author Kristy Lee "Meet the Author"- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**  
Kristy Lee was born in Southwestern Colorado. She moved to Illinois after graduating from Alfred University, New York with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Kristy has spent the majority of her career in human resources at various not-for-profits in Illinois and, in 2016, she graduated from the University of Illinois with her Master's Degree in Public Administration. Kristy is now working to obtain her Doctorate of Education in Organization and Leadership. When she is not writing, working, or furthering her education, Kristy is traveling the globe with her husband, having set a goal of going to one new place each year. Kristy's debut novel is titled *The Worst Thing I Could Do*.  
Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

**New Releases**  
French Braid by Anne Tyler 8-BOCD FIC TYL  
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Under a Starlit Sky by Em Castellan 7-BOCD FIC CAS  
From Staircase to Stage by Raekwon 9-BOCD BIO RAE  
Her Name in the Sky by Kelly Quindlen 9-BOCD Y QUI  
The Me You Love in the Dark by Skottie Young 741.5 YOU (GRAPHIC NOVEL)  
You Sound Like a White Girl by Julissa Arce 303.48 ARC  
The Avoidable War by Kevin Rudd 355.03 RUD  
Red Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win by Peter Schweizer 305.5 SCH  
The Devil Never Sleeps by Juliette Kayyem 658.4 KAY  
Things Are Never So Bad That They Can't Get Worse by William Neuman 987.06 NEU

## Mount Morris Library News

**Masks are optional**  
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**Quiche & Scone Sale Going on NOW! Order Deadline 4/20!**

Come in and order your choice (or all) of the varieties of quiche (Lorraine or veggie) and scones (traditional or Lemon Blueberry). Orders will be taken until April 20th with pickup of these fresh delicacies on April 22 from DUMC. Quiche can be ordered as a whole (\$20), half (\$12), or quarter (\$8). Scones are available by the dozen (\$18) or half dozen (\$10). We are making limited quantities so get your orders in soon!

**Storytime-Wednesday's at 11:15 a.m.**

Hooraay for Mother Earth! This week, 4/20, we will be reading books about our Earth in honor of Earth Day! After learning about our amazing planet, children will create a craft to take home! Come join our 'earthy' story time at your Mount Morris Public Library!

**Lego Club Returns!**

Lego night returns on Thursday, April 21, from 6-6:45 p.m.. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited - ages 4 and up. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them!

**Adult Book Club**

The April book is The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home by Heath Hardage Lee. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, April 25th at 3:30 p.m..

**Display Case Showings**

We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

**Illinois Libraries Present:**

Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m. - That's right....We are truly honored to have Mr. Jeff Tweedy of Wilco and friend of Nick Offerman joining ILP's virtual event on Wednesday, April 27. Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram for the link to sign up for this awesome event.

**Explore More Illinois**

Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our resource page.

**Rock River Center**

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

**Adult Programming**

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library.

**Curbside Service is available!**

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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*Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Library News

**Children's Programs** – April 23rd at 10:30 a.m., Storytime Saturday “in person” in our children's library, come join Ms. Melanie for a story, earth friendly animal crafts, and other hands-on activities.

Saturday, April 30th, Polo High School Greenhouse from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in celebration of Earth Day & Arbor Day, join Ms. Melanie and FFA HS students discuss how a greenhouse works and environmental enrichment.

Spring Reading Program “Bloom into Reading” started Saturday, April 9th and will end Saturday, May 14th. This 5-week spring program will focus on nature related activities and book reading participation. Registration is still open.

\*\*\*REGISTER for any of the programs by calling 815-946-2713, emailing melanie@polo.library.org, or clicking the Google form link on the Polo Library Facebook for the program.\*\*\*

**Adult Programs** – Book 2 Movie Group is reading and watching *French Exit* by Patrick deWitt. Their meeting is on Wednesday, April 20th at 5:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Book Club will meet on April 25th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict.

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

Master Gardener intern Carl Mook will join us on Zoom on Wednesday, April 27th at 6 p.m. to present his program “Trees to Beautify Your Yard: how to select, plant, and care for your trees”. There will be time at the end of the program to ask questions. Please call the library (815-946-2713) to register and receive the link for this program. There will also be a limited number of seats available to view at

the library so contact us early to reserve your seat.

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

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

**Library Services** – Converting VHS to DVD - With VHS and other videotape formats disappearing fast now is the perfect time to preserve your videos and other important memories. This new service will allow us to convert your VHS tapes measuring approximately 7x4x1 to DVD for you. For \$5 per tape library staff will convert your memories to a more manageable format. Tapes may be dropped off during regular library hours. Unfortunately, our convertor does not accommodate VHS-C (compact videocassette) or mini DV tapes..

**Memorial Gifts** – We accept donations for purchasing memorial books. A book-plate will be added to the book stating your loved one's name and occasion you want to memorialize. Call the library for more information.

### New books expected in April

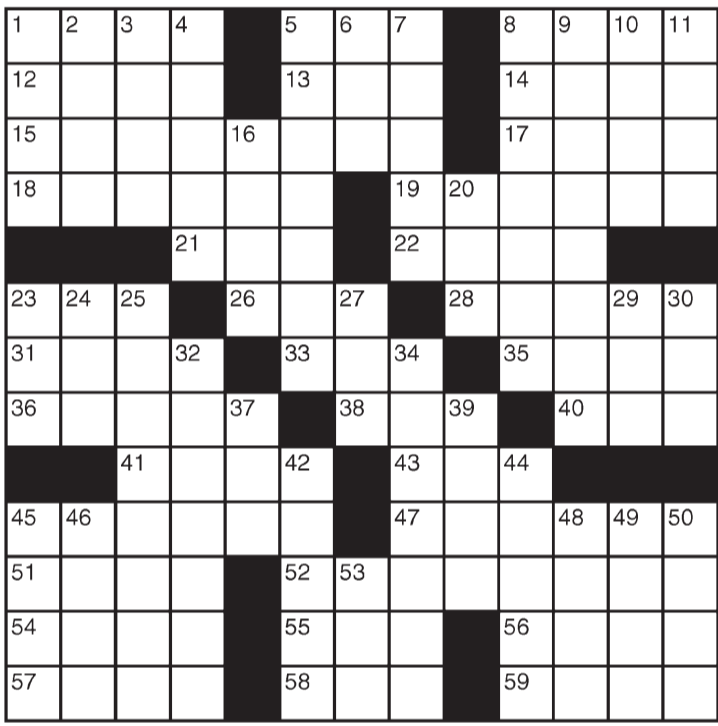
- The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth
- The Investigator by John Sandford
- Dream Town by David Baldacci
- Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson
- The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani
- Little Souls by Sandra Dallas

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Facts and figures
- 5 Bygone jet
- 8 Son of Seth
- 12 Latin love
- 13 Historic period
- 14 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 15 "No problem!"
- 17 Darkens
- 18 Skip
- 19 "Delicious" crop
- 21 Three, in Rome
- 22 Hold sway
- 23 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Stitch
- 28 Justice Ruth – Ginsburg
- 31 Missing
- 33 Pouch
- 35 Shriek barks
- 36 Toy (with)
- 38 Prattle
- 40 Make lace
- 41 Beer, slangily
- 43 Capote nickname
- 45 Black Sea port
- 47 Indigenous
- 51 Accomplishes
- 52 "Yes?"
- 54 Garfield's pal
- 55 Napoleon's

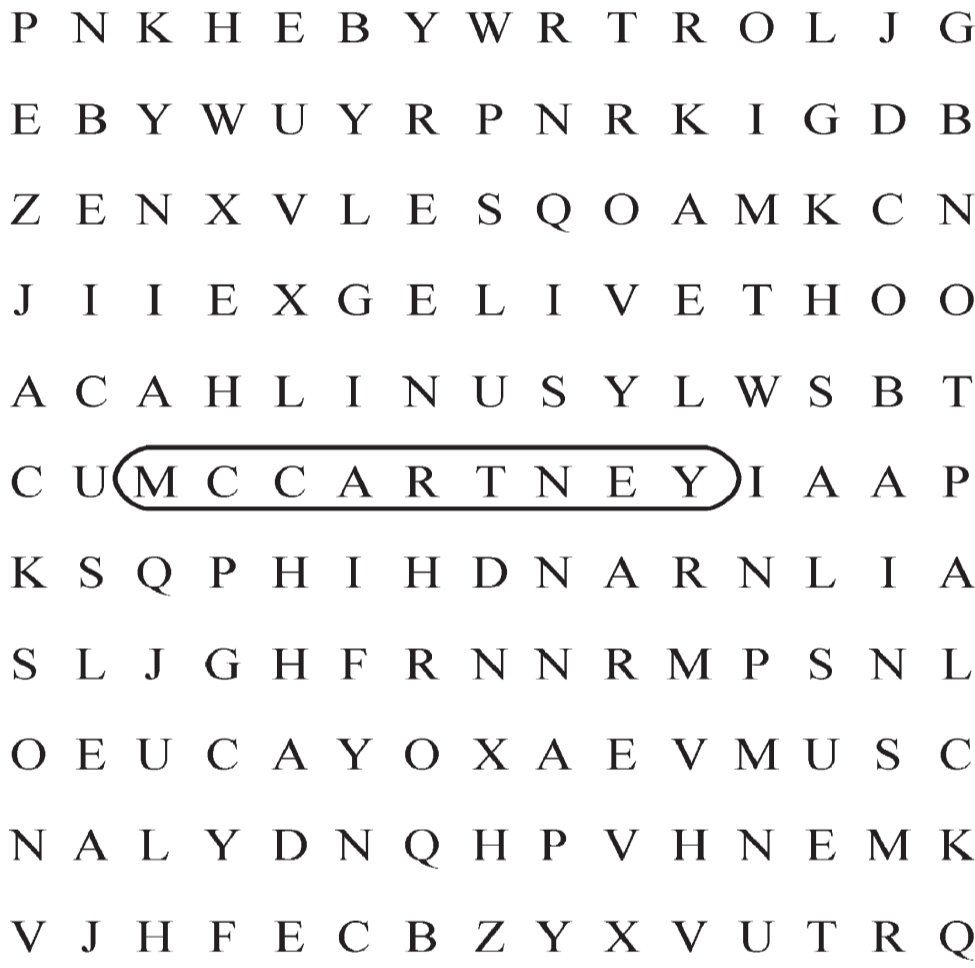


- title (Abbr.)
- 7 Early
- 32 Bridge supports
- 56 Actress Turner
- 8 Mongolian
- 34 Short snoozes
- 57 Breaks down
- 9 Aced a test
- 37 Super Bowl stats
- 58 Coifs
- 10 "My treat"
- 39 Unruly kid
- 59 Stretches (out)
- 11 Lip
- 42 Cut lumber
- 20 Tavern
- 44 Of service
- 23 Sprite
- 45 Scent
- 48 Author
- 25 "In my view ..."
- 49 Tarzan's commuter line?
- 27 Witty one
- 50 LAX guesses
- 29 Clean air org.
- 53 Med. plan
- 30 Trio after Q

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### MAGIC MAZE

### COULDN'T READ MUSIC



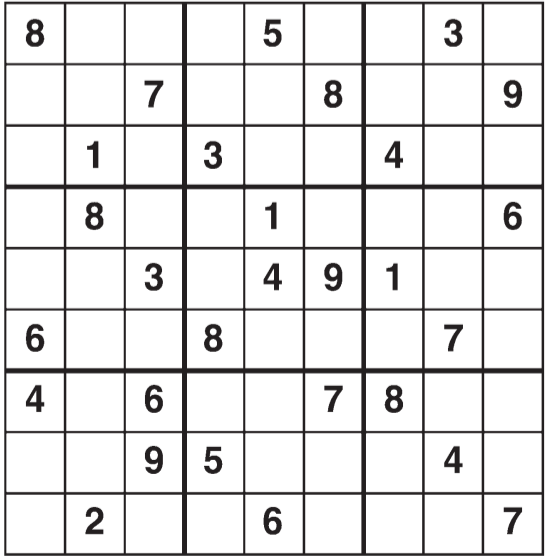
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: KING OF POP

- Clapton
- Cobain
- Dylan
- Emmanuel
- Harrison
- Hendrix
- Lennon
- McCartney
- Presley
- Richie
- Slash
- Starr
- Van Halen
- Vaughan
- Vile

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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

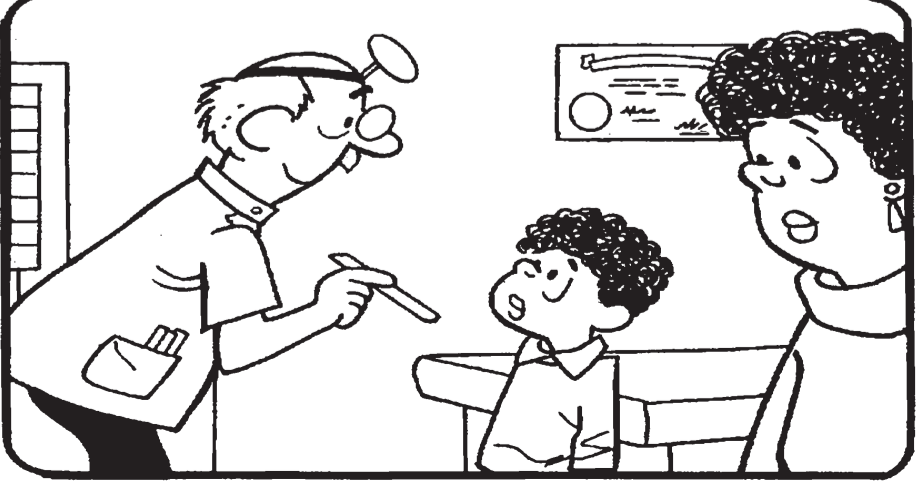
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

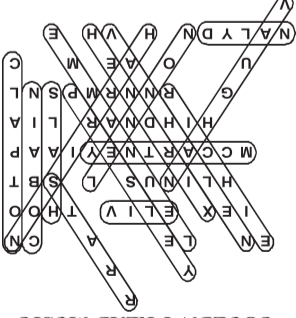


Differences: 1. Switch is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt logo is missing. 5. Diploma is smaller. 6. Locket is missing.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers



COULDN'T READ MUSIC

1	2	8	4	6	3	9	5	7
7	3	6	5	8	1	6	4	2
4	5	6	2	7	8	1	3	
6	9	1	8	3	5	2	7	4
2	7	3	6	4	9	1	8	5
5	8	4	7	1	2	3	9	6
9	1	5	3	7	6	4	2	8
3	4	7	1	2	8	5	6	9
8	6	2	9	5	4	7	3	1

Answer



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CIRCUIT COURT  
OGLE COUNTY  
Request of  
Matthew Allen  
Gronewoll  
Case Number  
2022-MR-2

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Matthew Allen Gronewoll to the new name of Layla-Michelle Aleia Gronewoll. The court date will be held on May 6th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #202.  
/s/ Matthew A. Gronewoll  
No. 0402 (April 4, 11, 18)

transacting the business known as: Nava Family Restaurant, 4449 West Rte. 64, Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Dated: March 10, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0419 (April 11, 18, 25)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

In the )  
matter )Case No.  
of the )2022P29

Estate of: )  
John P. )  
Klemm )

137 Harvest Glenn Drive, Davis Junction, IL 61020

Date and Place of Death: March 19, 2022 - Rockford, IL

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS (ONLY)

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of John P. Klemm who died on March 19, 2022, a resident of Davis Junction, Illinois.

2. The Representative for the estate is Edward P. Klemm of 119 North Harrison Street, Batavia, IL 60510.

3. The Attorney for the estate is Leslie G. Bleifuss of 210 E. North Street, Elburn, IL 60119.

4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before October 11, 2022. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

5. The estate will be administrated without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Article XXVIII 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).  
Edward P. Klemm, as Executor of the Estate of John P. Klemm  
No. 0424 (April 18, 25, May 2)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:  
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Dated: April 1, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0414 (April 11, 28, 25)

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IN THE CIRCUIT  
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OGLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

In The )  
Matter )No.  
of the )2022

Estate of: )PR 27  
SANDRA )  
L. HAYNES,) Deceased. )  
IN )  
PROBATE )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SANDRA L. HAYNES of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 30, 2022, to BRADLEY A. INGRAM of Byron, Illinois, and SANDRA S. GOBIN, of Byron, Illinois, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 11, 2022, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District sets upcoming activities, events

**Spring Container Gardening Classes at Merlin's Greenhouse**  
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Class dates: Wednesday, April 27; Thursday, April 29 or Tuesday, May 3 at Merlin's Greenhouse starting at 6 p.m. Class fee is \$49/Resident or \$59/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 20.

**Garden Goodies with Mom**  
 Mother's Day fun with Mom includes making a few garden-style treats with instructor Lynn Kaufman on Wednesday,

May 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. This is a perfect quality time activity and always fun when food is involved. Payment is based on one adult and one child. Each additional child is \$5. Fee is \$35/Resident (Mom & Child) or \$42/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 27.

**Fan Bus to Cheer on Oregon Ganymedes at The Field of Dreams**  
 Hop on the fan bus to watch the Ore-

gon Ganymedes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. Enjoy the If You Build It exhibit and dinner at Chad's Pizza & Restaurant (not included in trip fee) prior to the 7 p.m. game. Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on the motor coach. Trip fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.




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**AURORA**—Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

- Byron:**  
 Alivia Bradford, Nursing  
 Katelyn Byerley, Exercise Science  
 Davis Junction:  
 Maria Lampson, Elementary Education  
**Oregon:**  
 Breanna Dehaan, Criminal Justice
- Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution offering students an exceptional education. Aurora University is located on a beautiful 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students.

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