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### Six BHS students go to state event

Byron students selected to participate at all-state music festival. 2A

# Ogle County's final multiplier set

**SPRINGFIELD** – Ogle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing dis-

tricts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and

equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Ogle County are at 33.16 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2021 taxes, payable in 2022. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equal-

ization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in December 2021 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

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### WEATHER

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>HIGH LOW</b>	<b>HIGH LOW</b>
<b>39 22</b>	<b>44 24</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>HIGH LOW</b>	<b>HIGH LOW</b>
<b>45 26</b>	<b>43 25</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>HIGH LOW</b>	<b>HIGH LOW</b>
<b>38 19</b>	<b>38 18</b>

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- Farm & Fleet



Pictured from left are: Jason Wombacher, Asst. General Manager – PrairieView/PrairieFire; Todd Tucker, Executive Director - Byron Forest Preserve District; Aaron Vincer, Board President – Byron Forest Preserve District; Scott deOliveira, General Manager – PrairieView/PrairieFire; Shawn McCammond, Supt. of Finance/HR – Byron Forest Preserve District; Chris Remhof, Board Treasurer – Byron Forest Preserve District.

## Byron Forest Preserve District earns state awards

The Byron Forest Preserve District was recently recognized with two prestigious awards from the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) at their Annual "Soaring to New Heights" Conference.

The Forest Preserve received an Outstanding Facility Award (Division I) for PrairieFire Golf & Grill (located at PrairieView Golf Club) and an Outstanding Event Special Event Award for the PrairieFire Invitational charity golf tournament. The awards were given to agencies that exhibited outstanding and unique achievements in the design and development of new/renovated facilities and special

event planning.

"We are proud to be recognized at a state level by the IPRA for our efforts in making PrairieFire a unique, year-round golf facility," said Todd Tucker, Executive Director of the Byron Forest Preserve District. "The PrairieFire Invitational is also an event that serves a lot of charities, and we look forward to growing each year."

Opened in the June of 2020, PrairieFire is a year-round driving range facility with indoor and outdoor seating that includes eight covered and heated hitting bays, Toptracer® virtual golf games, and a full-service bar & grill. PrairieFire has been very well received and become

a golf entertainment destination for golfers and non-golfers alike.

The PrairieFire Invitational is an annual tournament brings together top amateur golfers from Rockford area courses for a competitive tournament on a virtual golf course. What makes the PrairieFire Invitational event so unique is that the tournament is structured where players compete for charities of their choosing. Sponsor proceeds from the event are allocated to each player's designated charity based on their finishing position. Over \$20,000 was donated in 2021 to 24 different charities, many of which serve the Rockford area.

## Oregon teacher finalist for honor

**OREGON** – Oregon High School Spanish teacher, Kimberly Radostits, has been nominated as a finalist for this year's Illinois Teacher of the Year award.

The OHS staff planned a surprise announcement in Radostits' classroom. Several former students came or sent videos congratulating her. The OHS staff got her balloons, flowers, and a cake. Also present were the school Board President Bryan Wills, the OHS Superintendent Tom Mahoney, as well as the Regional Superintendent Chris Tennyson.

Radostits is one of the 10 Regional Teachers of the Year and will be competing for the Illinois State Teacher of the Year later this spring. The annual program honors classroom educators who have made lasting impacts on the students, families and fellow educators in their school communities.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BHS students participate at state event

**BYRON** – Six Byron Music Students were selected to participate in the 2022 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Festival.

ILMEA sponsors District and All-State competitions for the State of Illinois. Illinois is divided into nine districts. Byron is located in District 8, which includes the Western edge of the North-West Chicago suburbs, to the Mississippi River, and from the Wisconsin border down to I-88. The festival was held, in Peoria, on Jan. 26-29.

The six Byron musicians who qualified for the All-State Ensembles this year are Denise Braithwaite, Maison Brandt, Alaina Haas, Kaci McKnight, Isaac Mondello and Sophie Tucker.

Braithwaite is a sophomore who is in Chamber Choir. Her parents are Amanda and John Braithwaite. She made it to All State in the Composition Track. She spent time during the pandemic writing a choral piece for the Chamber Choir called "Clear Skies."

Braithwaite's future plans are to become a robotics engineer and to continue to compose music. She has been involved in volleyball, scholastic bowl, math team, theater, and choir while at Byron High School. Denise was selected to All State in both the All State Choir and the Composition Track, but she had to decide on one program and she chose the Composition Track.

Brandt is a sophomore

who was selected to the Honors All State ensemble as a Bass 2. Maison is in Band, Chamber Choir, Golf, Basketball, and Illinois Music Honor Society. His parents are Ann and Jacob Brandt. He future plans include many interests, including meteorologist, business, college golf, and music artist. His favorite choir memory is the St. Louis Choir trip in 2019. His favorite memory from band is marching at the football games.

Haas is a junior who is in Concert and Symphonic Band. Her parents are Nate and Natalie Haas. Haas is a two time All-Stater and was selected again on the French horn. She plans to go to college to study elementary education. She has been involved Cross Country, Speech, Band, and is a member of the Illinois Music Honor Society. Her favorite memory is being drum major this year and having the spring concert last year after not getting to have in person concerts.

McKnight is a senior at Byron High School. She is involved in Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Chamber Choir. She is a two-time member of All-State. Last year she was and Alto 1 in the All-State Choir, this year she made the Honors All-State Choir, again singing Alto 1. McKnight's future plans include to continue her track career at North Central College and to major in pre-nursing. While in high school she has participated in Track



Above, from left: Alaina Haas, Kaci McKnight, Sophie Tucker, Isaac Mondello, Maison Brandt. At left, Denise Braithwaite.

and Field, Cross Country, Band, and Choir, Swim & Dive, Cheerleading, and is a member of Illinois Music Honor Society.

Mondello is a senior in Chamber Choir. His parents are Jason Mondello and Mellissa Mondello. He will sing Bass 1 in the Honors All-State Choir. Mondello is Bryon's first time 3-year member of All State. (The rules changed a few years ago to allow sophomores to be eligible for All State). He made it sophomore year in Honors, junior year in All-State, and senior year in Honors. His future plans are to attend Indiana University. Mondello has participated in Cross Country and Track and Field and is also a member of Illinois Music Honor Society. He has been involved in both Band and Choir.

Tucker is a senior who is involved in Chamber Choir. She is a 2-time member of the Honors All-State Ensemble as a 1st soprano. Her parents are Jill and Jeff Tucker. Her future plans include attending college. She is involved in Theater, Byron Thespian Troup, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National English Honors Society, Illinois Music Honor Society Choir President, and Chamber Choir. Her favorite memory was when the Chamber Choir visited Augustana College and sang with a lot of different schools! It was amazing to learn with students all over Illinois.

While the students were at the All-State Festival, they attended numerous rehearsals, workshops, panel discussion, and master classes.

## Mount Morris Senior Center sets activities

Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center News

\* Join us for a new card game! We will be playing cribbage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome, and we are happy to teach you the game.

\* The Mayor of Mt. Morris, Phil Labash, will be with us for breakfast on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m.. We hope you can join us for Biscuits and Gravy and Pancakes!

\* Watch a movie with us on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Just bring \$5 for pizza!

\* We will be carpooling to Somkit in Dixon for some Thai food on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. for lunch. If you would like to join us, simply call Melissa at 815-734-6335 to get on the list. All are welcome!

\* Our Supper Club is headed to Maria's in Amboy on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and you are welcome to join us. We will be carpooling from the senior center and leaving at 4 p.m. Call 815-734-6335

to reserve your seat.

\* A birthday celebration complete with free bingo for all! Join us for lunch on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> as we all celebrate our March birthdays. At 10:30 a.m. we will play bingo, and at 11:30 a.m. an \$8 Alfredo lunch will be served. Afterwards we will enjoy cake and ice cream together. Call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot!

\* Trivia and Tacos for all on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to join this fun evening. The trivia costs \$2 and the tacos are \$2 each. Please bring your own beverages of any kind. Come with your own team or join a team when you arrive. There will be a prize for the winning team! Call 815-734-6335 to make sure there are enough tacos for all.

(Do a Kraft with Kerri on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. This spring craft will be fun for all. Please call 815-734-6335 to add your name to the list.

## TEACHER: Does more for school than just teach

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Radostits began impacting students' lives at OHS as a teacher in 2007. She achieved National Board Certification in 2011. From this, she has had the opportunity to write articles, present at conferences, provide professional development on technology to her colleagues, write curriculum, design courses, take her students abroad, and help plan numerous school events. In addition to teaching, she has been one of the facilitators of Oregon's award-winning Hawks Take Flight program and New Teacher

Academy. Additionally, she is one of the moderators of an online professional network for Spanish Teachers with over 13 thousand members. Her students affectionately call her Ms. Rad out of appreciation.

"Ms. Rad is always asking how she can help with school problems and even issues at home," said OHS freshman, Christian Selden-Rodriguez, who sent the letter nominating Ms. Radostits. "No matter who you are, Ms. Rad will care for you. She is always looking for ways to improve the lives of her students and her teaching methods."

## MULTIPLIER: Doesn't mean increase in property tax

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If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or

decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Stillman Valley students earn academic honors

Congratulations to Payton Voltz for being selected to the All-State Academic Team and to Colleen Roberts for being selected as Honorable Mention.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is proud to announce the 26 students who have been selected to the 2021-22 All-State Academic Team. The 13 male and 13 female honorees of the IHSA's top academic honor were chosen from a group that included hundreds

of students throughout the state. "This is a tremendous honor and I hope every student who was nominated takes a great deal of pride in all that they have accomplished," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "These students are the embodiment of what it means to take advantage of the entire high school experience. I am thankful to Caterpillar for providing the All-State Academic Team platform to honor and congratulate

them." Every IHSA member school was invited to nominate one female student and one male student by the February deadline. Nominees needed to possess a minimum 3.50 grade point average on 4.0 scale after their 7th semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored sports or activities during each of the last two years and demonstrated outstanding citizenship. The nominations were evalu-

ated by a committee made up of IHSA principals, representatives of the Illinois Activities Directors Association and representatives of the Illinois Athletic Directors Association. One male winner and one female winner from each of the seven IHSA Board of Directors Divisions were selected initially, while the final 12 spots on the team were then rounded out with at-large candidates from anywhere in the state.



## Innagural Art Dash in Oregon will be on April 6

OREGON – Tickets are on sale for the first annual Art Dash, Wednesday, April 6, at the Cork & Tap in Oregon who generously donated use of their space.

There are two kinds of tickets: "Dasher" (\$100) and "Spectator" (\$50). The tickets can be purchased online at: <https://serenityhospiceandhome.org/purchase-art-dash-tickets>

The event will benefit Serenity Hospice and Home, a nonprofit that provides the highest level of compassionate care as well as free, ongoing bereavement services that are open to the public. It will be a magical evening.

Fifty local artists from throughout the nine counties served by Serenity, have donated a piece of original art worth at least \$100. Some artists have generously donated works of substantially greater value. After the "Art Preview" from 6-7 p.m., the "Dash" will begin. Three "Dashers" will be called at a time at random to dash for the art of their choosing. What art the "Dashers" ultimately end up with depends on when their number is called and how well they "dash" to the piece they desire; every "Dasher" will go home with a one-of-a-kind piece of art to treasure.

Both Dashers and Spectators will have the opportunity to savor light bites, purchase beverages from the cash bar, listen to live music, view amazing art and mingle with many of the artists who will be in attendance! While "Spectators" do not get to dash, they will be able to enjoy watching and supporting a good cause. It will be an evening of fine art, food and fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen at 815-973-2050.

Donating artists include: Beth Anderson-Hall, Tim Appenheimer, Shirley Battin, Marsha Behrens, Harry Nurmet, Barbara Berney, Valerie & Clarence Butcher, Craig Carpenter, Letha Catalina, Alice Conrad, Becky Cortez, Daryl Drennen, Jan Feit, Laurie Friemuth, Linda Fronk, Bill Gailbreath, Chloe Gale, Ashley Hahn, Tonya Hardy, Jan Harvey, Diane Haugen, Becky Hundrieser, Don Hyson, Matt Jagitsch, Brad Kleindl, Jen Koertner, Paula Kuehl, Jody Larson, Bob Logsdon, Dale Nehring, Nancy O'Neill, Jennifer Newcomer, Victoria Onorato, Sue Pflieger, Joe Popp, Betty Predmore, Stuart Roddy, Mary Rogers, Jimmy Sawyer, Dave Sweeney, Anne Thompson, Dale Tulk, Karen Tucker, Carol Ubben, Linda Vietmeyer, Mary VonTish, Cindy Winterfield, Larry Lambe



## Messie's is back

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce was pleased to celebrate the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Messie's Bar & Grill. Messie's is located at 17 N River rd in Oregon and can still be reached at 815-732-1234. There have been many new upgrades to the location including: Brand new kitchen and plumbing, some flooring, bar top, upgrades to point of sale to offer order and pay at the table if you wish. New games and features: Golden T golf game, pool table, dart boards for online and traveling leagues, coming soon a claw machine for kids. They are looking forward to welcoming back Messie's fans and incorporating more live music, bags tournaments, and during the summer they'll feature smoked meats. Stop in and visit and you'll be sure to see familiar staff and favorite menu items have returned. Be sure to like them on their new Facebook page.

## Oregon Chamber launching leadership program

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of a brand new program specific to the community.

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Leaders Boot Camp is designed by our community and for our greater community. It begins the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and meals are provided.

Our Emerging Leaders program is capable of providing strong leadership within businesses and organizations which will build continued resilience in our community. We are excited to provide this immersive experience and bring out new and emerging leadership in our community in order to bring in new and innovative ideas to businesses and organizations.

Participation is limited to participants in the Oregon/Mt. Morris/Chana area. Candidates will submit a brief application stating why they would like to participate in this training. This program includes series of three one-day workshops and a capstone project that includes a group visit to another progressive community with similar size and amenities to evaluate the community and identify a project to be implemented in our local area. Program participants will identify, plan, and implement a community project to put into practice the skills/knowledge they have learned.

Scholarships to cover costs of the program will be available for up to 30 candidates. Funding for candidates residing or employed in the Oregon community is provided by a special grant from the City of Oregon. Busi-

nesses and organizations can nominate or sponsor candidates. Participants from surrounding communities are welcomed but need to be sponsored by an independent business or organization. Candidates outside of 61061 sponsorships are \$250/candidate. This fee covers costs related to the program including expenses related to the capstone project.

Thank you to the Chamber Board, namely President Donna Mann for her dedication to and vision for this project, and to the presenting sponsor of this program the City of Oregon, for their continued commitment and forward-thinking leadership.

If you would like to learn more and apply for this training please visit: <http://oregonil.com/emerging-leaders/> or call Executive Director, Liz Vos at 815-732-2100.

## Spaghetti dinner March 8 in Polo

POLO – The Polo FFA Alumni is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, March 8, from 5-7 p.m. at the Polo Community High School Cafeteria.

Proceeds will be used to fund the FFA Alumni Scholarship, awarded to a Polo High School senior or seniors that are pursuing higher education in the agricultural fields.

Contact any Polo FFA Alumni member, or Ginger Albano at 815-631-0457 to purchase tickets.

The Family of Donald L. Baugous would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards and gifts during this difficult time.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Sharice Ghibellini

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Sharice Lynn Ghibellini, age 79, passed away on Tuesday March 1, 2022 in Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon, with her family by her side. Shari was born on Feb. 16, 1943 in Peru, the daughter of George and Lucille (Borneman) Williams. She married Mike Ghibellini on July 13, 1963 in the First Lutheran Church, Granville, Ill.



Ghibellini, Charleston, Ill.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Shari is preceded in death by her parents; son: John Ghibellini; grandparents: Oscar (Helen) Borneman and Ray (Sara Jane) Williams.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Steven Erickson officiating. Burial held in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 10 a.m. until service time in Finch Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Sunset Golf Club and/or Serenity Hospice & Home.

The family would like to thank the staff of Serenity Hospice & Home for their loving and comforting care.

Shari is survived by her husband: Mike Ghibellini, Mt. Morris; son: Joseph (Missy) Ghibellini, Mt. Morris; step mother: Ursela Williams, Oglesby, Ill.; grandchildren: Kennedy (Tyler) Ghibellini-Burkhart, Oregon; John Ghibellini, Mt. Morris; Jacob Osborne, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Danielle (Jacob) Miller, Saratoga, Wyo.; great grandchildren: Barrett and Oden Miller; brother in law: Gary (Chris) Krejsa, Marina, Calif.; sister in law: Connie

Shari owned and operated Smart Wear Dress Shop in Mt. Morris; before she worked for Plum Electric & Kable News Company, where she retired. She treasured her boys and her grandchildren more than anything. Shari enjoyed golfing, gardening, and coloring. She was a tenacious player of Aggravation and Scrabble games. Shari was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris, and the Red Hat Society.

### Barbara J. Jacobs

**OREGON** – Barbara J. Jacobs, age 58, passed away at home on Feb. 27, 2022. She was born on Feb. 20, 1964 in Rockford the daughter of Don and Eloise (Roberts) Fisher. She married Barry Jacobs on March 14, 1985.

birds and squirrels at her home. Barbara was a collector of bells and Coca Cola merchandise. She loved vacationing in the mountains and spending time with her dogs Milo and Missy. But the most important thing in her life was spending time with her family.

Wayne Fisher and Teresa Horner and their families.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Chad Fisher and Donnie Fisher.

A memorial visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

Barbara worked for Kable Printing in Mt. Morris for many years prior to it closing. She was a fan of watching old western films on TV and loved feeding the

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### Doris M. Luttrell

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Doris M. Luttrell, age 87, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. She was born Jan. 5, 1935 in Biggsville, Ill., the daughter of Eugene W. and Margaret (Stubbs) Beauchem.



Katy Hunter (Shelly), Breanna Liedel, Danielle Schabacker (Matt), Derek Luttrell, Patrick Haye (Jessica), and Kirsten Kenney (Austin); Great grandchildren: RJ Haye, Hayden Haye, Vincent Hunter, Audrianna Haye, Landon Liedel, William Hunter, Thomas Hunter, Lydia Liedel, and Olivia Haye, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 with the Pastor Judy Williams, Chaplin of the Rochelle Community Hospital officiating. Visitation was Friday evening at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m., Burial will be in the Byron Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Doris Luttrell's name and may be directed to her family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Doris.

ing for her family. Every Sunday you could find her making lunch for anyone who wanted to stop by.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband Jimmy, 2 infant grandsons, brothers Ray, Harry, Donald, and Gene Beauchem, sisters Mary Jern and Margaret Meiers, and her special lifelong friend Mick Deming.

She is survived by her 3 children: Brenda (Bob) Haye of Stillman Valley, James (Carrie) Luttrell of Davis, and Linda (Jim) Presslor of Davis; brother John Beauchem of Palisades, Minn.; 4 special sisters-in-law; 7 grandchildren: Bobby Haye (Brittany),

She graduated from Oregon High School in 1954 and then attended Rockford Business School for 3 years. Doris worked for Sunstrand in Rockford for 4 years. She then worked at Quality Metal in Byron for over 28 years in the Buffing Department. Doris married Jimmy L. Luttrell on Jan. 7, 1961 in Oregon. He preceded her in 2005. Doris was a member and attended the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley for many years. She was a member of the Northern Illinois Tres Dias where she would go on retreats and serve others by making jean bags and baking for people. She was a former member of the Mt. Morris Moose Club. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, gardening, and cook-

### Frank Smith

**ROCHELLE** – Frank Smith, age 80 of Rochelle, passed away peacefully on Feb. 25, 2022, while holding the hand of his wife, Betsy and embraced by the prayers of many.



He was born in Rochelle on June 7, 1941, to proud parents Victor and Ellen Smith, graduated from Stillman Valley High School, and lived in the surrounding farm communities his entire life.

Frank worked tirelessly for his family at Larson's farm and Del Monte, but found his place, being his own boss, at Frank's Goodyear in Rochelle. He had the reputation of being an honest auto mechanic with storytelling, kittens, and fresh produce from his garden included for free with repair services.

When he wasn't telling everyone else to, "Stay out of trouble," he could be found behind the wheel of any type of vehicle, with his favorite being the lawnmower. Through extensive "tinkering", he was proud to rig several mowers together to get the job done. Gardening, with a philosophy of "the more varieties of vegetables, the better" was another enjoyable way to spend time outside.

Camping with his friends in the *Kings of the Road* camping club was his favorite way to spend a weekend. Sitting

around a good campfire, talking the night away after a great potluck dinner, was one of his favorite pastimes. He loved the different campgrounds, and the lifelong friendships.

Rare was a time when he didn't know the weather forecast or would pass up a good dessert. He enjoyed knocking down pins in a bowling league along with playing golf and driving the golf cart. Watching westerns was his most recent hobby and he knew them all.

In his 80 years, Frank never backed away from a cat. He loved house cats, barn cats, and the cats that found a home at Frank's Goodyear. The parts room at the shop became a warm, safe place for stray mama cats to have kittens. He facilitated many kitten adoptions with customers or even an occasional salesman that stopped by.

His good deeds, stories, and friendships are the legacy of a life well lived.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Betsy Smith; children:

Shane (Noel) Smith, Terri (Kevin) Cork, Kelli Cottrell, Matthew (Jennifer) Smith, Jennifer (Steve) Lavoie, Emily Egeland; daughter-in-law Dawn Smith, and his sister Betty (Jason) Dietrich. Frank was the very proud grandpa to Megan, Heidi, Christopher, Taylor, Christopher, Nicole, Andrew, Chandler, Kaitlyn, Hailey, Joshua, Corey, Amanda, Patrick, Jacob, Mary, Katherine, 10 great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, a cuddly dog named Scotch, and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Victor and Ellen Smith; his son, Todd Smith; the mothers of his children: Carol Hermann and Susan Smith; siblings: Bob Weeks, John Weeks, Bill Weeks, Victor Smith, and Anabelle Weeks.

His family hosted a memorial visitation 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 704 N 6th St. Rochelle, IL 61068. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.beverage-lyonsfamilyfh.com](http://www.beverage-lyonsfamilyfh.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 Illinois Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061.

### Linda L. Massolle

**OREGON** – Linda L. Massolle, age 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at her home near Oregon surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sept. 5, 1948 in Chicago, the daughter of William H. and Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Riley) Nielsen.



She attended St. Patrick's Catholic School of St. Charles, where she made a lifelong friend with her favorite teacher Sister Maria Goretti Browne. Linda married Dale W. Massolle, Sr. on March 16, 1965 in Danville. Linda was devoted wife and mother who loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Oregon. She loved to crochet, grow flowers, and enjoyed reading.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Dale W. Massolle, Sr. and her brothers; William Nielsen, Lawrence Nielsen, Robert Nielsen, and her sisters; Gail

Crenshaw and Cynthia Nielsen.

She is survived by her 4 children; Dale (Nancy) Massolle, Jr. of Davis Junction, Dan Massolle of Oregon, Dennis (Toni) Massolle of Oregon, and Cyndi (Seth) Gelande of Chana, 2 brothers; Richard Nielsen of Stillman Valley and Steven Nielsen of Rockford, and 2 sisters; Mary Nendze, Nancy (William) Messenger of Oregon and grandchildren; Katrina (Cody) Lessman of Oregon, Kassandra (Joseph) Leber of Mt. Morris, Dustin (Brianna) Massolle of Polo, Shelbi (Raymond) Pigot of Sterling, Brody Massolle of Oregon,

Meredith Gelande of Chana, Joey Gelande of Chana, Heather Norman of Rockford, and Sara Norman of Brookfield, Wis. She is survived by great grandchildren; Carter Lessman, Kallen Lessman, Camden Lessman, Kohen Lessman, Myles Leber, Aidan Mallars, and Stella Mallars. Linda will also be nurturing two more great grandchildren arriving this summer.

Private family service will be held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 West Merchant Street in Byron, with Rev. Richard Kramer officiating. Private burial will take place at the Daysville Cemetery near Oregon. A memorial fund is established in Linda's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Linda. A celebration of Linda's journey on earth will be held at a later date.

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"A Celebration of Life will be held March 20th, at 2 PM at Rock River Center on South 10th Street in Oregon to celebrate the life of James L. Barnes a noted Oregonite, who passed away December 5th at the age of 93".

### Church dinner is March 12

Chana United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Lasagna Dinner Through on Saturday, March 12th from 4-6:30 p.m.

Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes a hearty portion of homemade (from scratch) noodles and chicken, a generous piece of homemade lasagna and fresh from the oven apple crisp.

Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant. Dinner is drive through only.



# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Joann W. Hayton

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Joann W. Hayton, age 86, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022 at her daughter's home, in the tender loving care of her six children, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She was born Feb. 29, 1936, a leap year baby, in Cowles, Neb., the daughter of Ed and Meta (Schiermeyer) Blobaum.



They moved to Paynes Point when Joann was 3 years old. She attended Paynes Point grade school and Stillman Valley High School where she was on the May Queen court and graduated in 1953 as class valedictorian. In June of 1954 she married Jack Hayton, her high school sweetheart. They raised 6 children who were the love of her life (until grandchildren!) Joann learned a strong work ethic from her parents, putting it to good use waitressing throughout her life. She cherished the connections and friendships developed in the community through Avon and Tupperware sales, Welcome Wagon and catering Lions Club

dinners. Joann spent as much time as she could in her numerous flower gardens, enjoyed square dancing, baseball and was a loyal Cubs fan. Joann gave many hours to Paynes Point Lutheran Church as pianist, organist and choir director. She later attended First Assembly of Rockford and sang in the choir for many years. She had a deep faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which sustained her throughout many difficult times in life. Joann left a legacy of prayer and faith passing it down to her children and grandchildren.

She was predeceased in death by her parents, husband Jack of 33 years, brother Darrell Blobaum and second husband Lyle Harms.

She is survived by

her husband Bob Sund, children Greg (Hazel) Hayton of Osceola, Wis., Frank (Terry) Hayton of Cumberland, Wis., Jody (Ken) Pineschi of Rockford, Gail (Brian) Johnson of Rockford, Lynn (Jerry) Gorseger of Stillman Valley, and Dawn (Jeff) Whaley of Stillman Valley; 29 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren (#32 on the way); sister, Dolores (Stan) Brooks of Stillman Valley; many nieces, nephews, and a special nephew, Greg Creek, whom she helped raise.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 7, 2022 at Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley with Pastor Matt Hayton officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service at the church from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.. Burial will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Paynes Point. A memorial fund is established in Joann's name and may be directed to her family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory.

### Dennis Lee King

**BYRON** – Dennis (Denny) Lee King, age 77, of Byron, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022. He was born April 23, 1944 the son of Robert L. and Nadine (Biggart) King, in Dixon.



He attended High school in Byron, where he met his beloved wife, Kay, and attended college in Pasadena, Calif. He worked for many years as a brick layer, while also working at the Indian Village, where he was owner, manager, cook and bartender extraordinaire. Denny will best be remembered as an endearing force of nature who was quick with a joke (usu-

ally dirty) followed by a wink, smile and a great big laugh. He loved his grandkids, traveling, skiing and watching his Chicago sports teams. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Nadine King, brother, Jerry King, and wife, Kay King.

Survived by son, Jason King, grandchildren, Hunter and Haylee King; son, Jared King (Kristin),

grandchildren, Owen and Henry King. Denny also leaves behind nieces, Bonnie Hettinger Pond (Jay), Wendy Swanson and Kelly Quast, and Rebecca King. Nephews, Brian Hettinger and Jon King. He also leaves behind 9 great-nieces & nephews (Kristin, Rebecca and Robby Pond, Eric Swanson, Zachary, Owen and Brooke Quast, Angelika and Alex King). In lieu of services, a celebration of life will take place in the summer. And remember as Denny always said, "You be careful out there."

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Richard M. Short

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Richard M. "Dick" Short, age 80, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 in his home with his family by his side. He was born on March 25, 1941 in Ryan, Iowa, the son of Thomas P. and Mary G. (Maruna) Short. Dick graduated from Lisbon Consolidated Schools in 1959, and he attended University of Iowa. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam.



a life member of the NRA, Illinois State Rifle Association, and the Tri-County Gun Club.

Dick is survived by his children: Philip Thomas (Melissa) Short, Mt. Morris, and Nicole Marie (Randy Caronna) Short, Norco, La.; grandchildren: Erin, Lily, and Keil Groves, Daltan

and Skylar Short; great grandchildren: Alicia Blake, Journey Groves, Christian Rollette, Brock Groves, and Dakotah Groves.

He is preceded in death by his Parents, great grandchild: Gabriel Groves; 6 brothers: Arthur, Thomas, Vincent, Robert, Bernard, and Edward; and 5 sisters: Anna Pirnat, Marie Feuss, Dorothy Woodford, Bernice Hanson, and Leona Van Drasek.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, IL at a later date.

### Larry W. Roberts

**POLO** – Larry W. Roberts, 72, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, at his home.



Larry was born June 1, 1949, in Dixon. He was the son of George and Virginia Roberts. Larry married his high school sweetheart Joy Scott on Feb. 12, 1972, in Polo marking 50 years of marriage this year. Larry cherished spending time on the farm from feeding cattle with his dad as a child to raising hogs and grain in his married years. He enjoyed reminiscing about his years driving truck out west and hauling cattle and grain.

After retirement he always enjoyed taking his morning stroll around town "Arlyn's Route," and talking with friends, whether it be in their shop or his own. Larry was blessed with many cherished friendships

over the years and would always help them anyway he could whether that meant driving a tractor or a truck, running for parts, working auctions, or just simply going out for breakfast. His proudest achievement was driving train for Bocker Ruff Grain – something he never dreamed possible. The only thing he loved more than any of this was his family. He was always so proud of his kids and his eyes lit up every time any of his

grandchildren entered the room. He never met a stranger, and his laugh will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Joy; daughter Melissa (Derick) Newton of Rock Falls; son Scott (Ellie) Roberts of Polo; sisters Linda (Rick Sarver) Powell of Dixon and Cindy (Elmer) Stauffer of Polo; 4 grandchildren, Parker and Trevor Newton, and Ava and Carly Roberts.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Kenny, in infancy.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, April 9 at Barnacopia from 11:00-4:00. Larry will be laid to rest at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his name.

Visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com) to send condolences.

### Angela Winters

**CHANA** – Angela Marie Winters, 54, Chana, joined her many family members in heaven on Feb. 18, 2022. She was born on Nov. 19, 1967, in Rockford, the daughter of James (Daveen) Winters and Margaret (Stephen) Archer.



Angie was a graduate of Rockford Auburn High School, class of 1988. She was a movie and music lover. Angie never missed the chance to listen and sign along to one of her favorite songs. Movies were a great past time for her

and always a topic for discussion. The love and memories of Angie will never be forgotten. She will be forever missed.

Survived by her daughter, Laura Hoffman; her father, James Winters; her mother, Margaret Monaco Ar-

cher; her sisters, Diane Winters and Jacqueline (Jeremy) Fallis and many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by Stephen Archer, Daveen Winters, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Lino's Italian Restaurant, 5611 East State Street, in the lower level. Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family. Share online condolences at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

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Strawberry Shortcake is the name and I am just as sweet as I sound! I'm not going to lie, I'm not a huge fan of other animals! So ideally, a home where I can be the center of your attention would be fantastic. If you spend a little time with me you'll discover that I have a lovely, soft coat and that I like people very, very much. I definitely should go home with an experienced and confident dog owner as I am still working on my manners (no children, please). LOVE spending time with my people and I enjoy learning new commands especially when tasty treats are involved! When I can't be with those I love, I enjoy chewing on Kongs and bones or any other sort of chew toy and I take afternoon snoozes all curled up in my soft blankets, I love my naps. Tails doesn't know anything about my past, but they've quickly discovered that I'm smart and am a dream to walk on leash! I even know how to sit and keep my kennel pretty clean! And even better, my adoption fee has been sponsored by a wonderful volunteer! Please stop in and visit with me soon!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon to hold referendum to change form of government

Over the past months, a group of active citizens requested the mayor form an ad hoc committee to research and discuss a change of local government.

That group returned to the Oregon City Council with a recommendation to pursue the Council-Manager form of government. The request is to place a referendum on the next qualifying election ballot, putting this question to our citizens. The City Council unanimously agreed to pursue this request.

Oregon would still elect a mayor and council just as it does now. The council would continue to set policy and create the vision for the city. The city manager,

who reports to the council, then has the executive authority to carry out those policies and oversee our day-to-day operations.

Oregon established the position of city administrator in 2020 to manage the day-to-day operational decisions of the city. This is the final step in shifting routine administrative tasks from the council to a city manager. The city is about 85 percent there already but state law requires this last piece to be done by referendum.

The current city administrator will take the title of city manager if citizens vote for the change.

## Annual pub crawl is back March 12

**OREGON** – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to our annual St Patrick’s Pub Crawl “ShamROCK The Town!” Saturday March 12th Sponsored by Etnyre.

Free drinks, food specials, contests for prizes (prizes valued approximately \$500) shenanigans, coupon book with savings of well over \$27, and two free courtesy shuttles to get to outlying locations supplied by Oak Lane of Oregon and Shepherd Premiere Senior Living. Learn more and get your tickets today at any of the 12 participating pubs in Oregon or go online to <http://oregonil.com/shamrock-the-town/>

Thank you to our sponsor E.D. Etnyre and Co reminding you to celebrate safely. Since 1898, they’ve continually set the bar for performance and reliability and paved the way for customers’ success. Learn more about ways they support our community and apply to work with them at <https://etnyre.com/>

## Raffle to raise money for counselor

Meridian Jr High Student Council would like to invite you to participate in our Virtual Yeetathon Raffle event.

Funds raised through this event will be given to our dear school counselor, Kelli Zitzke, who was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer. This has been an ongoing battle for her family, as her husband was also diagnosed with cancer in 2019 and again in 2020. Parents, teachers and community members

are encouraged to purchase tickets for over 90 raffle baskets. Our raffle baskets and silent Auction Items can be viewed on the Facebook Event Page. Search “Yeetathon.”

We will also have an open house at Meridian Jr High on March 11 from 4-7 p.m. to view raffles and purchase tickets in person. Drawing will be held on March 19. Winners will be contacted.

Please see our insert and blank raffle tickets

in this paper – If interested, please fill out your name, phone number and which basket you’d like your ticket(s) in. Tickets are 1-\$1, 6-\$5, 12-\$10, 25-\$20. Checks should be made out to MCUSD 223. Raffle tickets and checks can be mailed to Meridian CUSD 223, c/o Micki White, 207 W. Main St. Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

Raffle drawing will take place on Saturday, March 19.

## Bread of Life has March 8 distribution

The “Bread of Life Food Pantry” that serves Stillman Valley, Davis Junction, Monroe Center, Byron, Leaf River, and all of Meridian School Dist #223 will be distributing groceries on March 8, from 3-5 p.m.

The Pantry is located at 103 South Maple St. at Valley Covenant Church in Stillman Valley. We offer a large selection of fresh frozen meats, canned vegetables,

dry goods, bread, and fresh produce. Shoppers are expected to come inside unless arrangements are made in advance by calling Bonni at 1-815-298-5035 by noon on 3/8/22. Please bring your own bags for shopping.

The “Bread of Life” Pantry distributes food on the second Tuesday of each Month. Please call Bonni at 1-815-298-5035 if you have questions.

## Charity Challenge back at First Federal Bank

People Helping People, “PHP,” has been nominated by employees of Sterling First Federal Bank to compete in the Fifth Annual Sterling Federal Bank Employee Charity Challenge.

For the month of March persons can visit the Sterling Federal Banks Facebook page to cast their vote in the Charity Challenge. On the Facebook page there will be a list of charities that will be in the competition. PHP will be on the list.

You can check PHP’S box and submit your vote. Persons will be able to vote once a day thru the end of March. The votes will be tallied up the beginning of April. The first prize winner will receive \$20,000. Second place receives \$10,000. Third place receives \$5,000.

PHP assists families in and around the Byron area. Food is distributed to needed families on the Second and fourth Mondays of the month. During the holiday season the

need for PHP’s assistance grows every year.

PHP depends on food and monetary donations to help meet the needs of the less fortunate families in and around the Byron area. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic situation the need for PHP’s assistance has grown immensely.

Let’s help PHP win this Charity Challenge. This would be a great win for not only PHP, but it will help meet the needs for all those who receive assistance from PHP.

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**421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061** 732-2191

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

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

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**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801  
**The Serenity Shed Grief Services** 732-2499

**Senior Citizens Services**  
**Hub City Senior Center** 562-5050  
**Mt Morris Senior Center** 734-6335  
**Polo Senior Center** 946-3818  
**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
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## RRC has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center.

### 2022 Wits Fitness Brain Exercise Class Schedule

University of Illinois Educator Karla Belzer continues to lead participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The monthly classes are from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Rock River Center.

Your 2022 Class dates are:  
 Monday, March 7; Monday, April 4; Monday, May 2; Monday, June 6; Monday, July 18; Wednesday, Aug. 17; Wednesday, Sept. 21; Monday, Oct. 3; Monday, Nov. 7

You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Karla in this fun and informative class. Classes are free and open to the public and you are welcome to join at any time. Registration is requested. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

### Tips for Surviving the Pandemic

Dr. Carri Anderson, local chiropractic doctor, specializing in Natural Medicine, will be at Rock River Center on Tuesday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m.

She will give us some tips such as vitamins, healthy foods, and habits that may help our community during the pandemic.

Carri’s program is in a casual format discussion and will include a question and answer period. Please join us in welcoming her to Rock River Center.

A Lifescape lunch and free bingo will follow at 11:30. If you plan to stay for lunch, please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252. Lunch registration is required by 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 7.

### Attorney General’s Office Scam Update

Skip Gonsoulin, of Lisa Madigan’s Office in Chicago, will be at Rock River Center on Monday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

He is Sr. Outreach Liaison in the Attorney General’s Office (AGO), the Consumer Fraud Bureau. His goal is to update us on:

Consumer Fraud Bureau, and other Bureaus of the AGO

Current scams to be aware of

Identity theft, which is a major concern

How NOT to become a victim of either consumer fraud or identity theft

The complaint process for both consumer fraud and identity theft.

Don’t miss this very important program. It could save you money and a lot of unnecessary stress. Handouts will be provided. A question and answer period will follow.

Registration is requested by Friday, March 11. Please call RRC at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending so we can be prepared.

### March Yoga Schedule Revised

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts. Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

**Class day and time:** Friday, from 10-11 a.m.

**Class dates:** March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

The cost is \$5 drop-in rate per class.

Space may be limited. Advance enrollment is suggested to reserve your spot. Call RRC at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

### Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

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

Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center on Mar 14 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Forreston/Faith Lutheran Church on Mar 16 from 11 a.m.-noon

Mt. Morris Library on Mar 10 from 11 a.m.-noon

Polo Public Library on Mar 23 from 10 a.m.-noon

Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center on Mar 2, 9, & 23 from 9:30 a.m.-noon

## Part of 251 to be closed until August

Starting March 18, IDOT will be closing Route 251 south of Route 72 for bridge repairs.

The closure is expected to last until the end of August. Traffic will be detoured



# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Police report

**Feb. 14**

At 12:07 a.m., Oregon Police issued Irene J. Scott, 22, of Chicago, a citation for speeding, 60mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 6:23 a.m., Oregon Police issued Randale L. Wilkinson, 37, Mt. Morris, a citation for driving while license suspended. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 9:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Olyvia M. Micko, 22, Rockford, citations for speeding, 48mph in a 30mph zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Feb. 15**

At 5:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jahlen A. Bell, 21, Sterling, for possession of adult use cannabis as a driver, improper container. Bell was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:19 p.m., Oregon Police issued John R. Gillett, 25, of Fennville, MI, a citation for speeding, 43mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Feb. 17**

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile female, 10, Oregon, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon Elementary School, 1150 Jefferson Street

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At 5:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, involving a 2019 Jeep belonging to Keiri A. West, 16, Oregon, and a parked 2017 Chrysler belonging to Andrea L. Messenger, age 40, Oregon. No citations were issued.

**Feb. 19**

At 10:17 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Carlos Gonzales, 19, Oregon, for no valid driver's license. Gonzales was also issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control signal. Gonzales was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

**Feb. 20**

At 12:28 a.m., Oregon Police issued Esmeralda Diaz, 17, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 4:25 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a car vs train traffic crash at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Collins Streets involving a 2008 Chrysler driven by Rochelle

D. Beaty, 62, Dixon, which had been struck by a BNSF train that was traveling westbound. Beaty was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign.

9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 2/14/2022 through 2/20/2022.

**Feb. 21**

At 7:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ray C. Allen, 74, of LeClaire, IA, a citation for speeding, 48mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Feb. 22**

At 10 a.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile male, 12, Mount Morris, for violating the Tobacco Ordinance Sec. 22-15, Tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon Elementary School, 1150 Jefferson Street, Oregon.

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**Feb. 23**

At 1:15 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile male, 14, Mount Morris, for violating the Tobacco Ordinance Sec. 22-15, Tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon.

At 1:15 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to Ethan C. George, 18, Oregon, for violating the Tobacco Ordinance Sec. 22-15, Tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon.

**Feb. 26**

At 9:57 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jasmine B. Gasmund, a20, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with registration suspended for non-insurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 800 block of Pines Road.

38 parking citations and 13 verbal warnings issued during the week of 2/21/2022 through 2/27/2022.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Mon., March 7**

A blood drive will be held in conjunction with the Rock Valley Blood Center at the Oregon United Methodist Church, 200 S. 4th St., from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling 815-440-1894 or 815-973-8908.

Byron Seniors (55+) meet once a month at the Byron Forest Preserve on the second Monday of the month at noon. Lunch and fun provided, so bring a friend. Call Linda Stevens to get details

at 847-529-2439.

**Tues., March 8**

Operation: Gratitude at the Byron Public Library, 6-7 p.m. Operation Gratitude puts together boxes for military deployments. Supplies and instructions will be provided. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

**Thurs., March 10**

Lunch Group we will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Spring Valley Restaurant, 300 E Washington

in Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

**Fri., March 11**

C.A.F.E. will meet at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, from 9-10 a.m. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A mask is required to enter the building. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

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. For information call 815-732-7616.

**Sat., March 12**

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the annual St Patrick's Pub Crawl "ShamROCK The Town!" Learn more and get your tickets today at any of the 12 participating pubs or online at <http://oregonil.com/shamrock-the-town/>

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# VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

Published every Monday  
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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On March 24, 1603, after 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England dies. Elizabeth had repealed pro-Catholic legislation, established a permanent Protestant Church of England and encouraged voyages of discovery.

\* On March 21, 1871, journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous search through Africa for the missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone. When Stanley found him on Oct. 27, he stepped forward and stretched out his hand: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

\* On March 22, 1893, the first women's college basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Each made basket counted as one point with the game lasting two 15-minute halves. The game had been invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, with rules for men and women the same.

\* On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., first lady Helen Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River, near the Jefferson Memorial. The event was held in celebration of a gift, by the Japanese government, of 3,020 cherry trees to the U.S. government.

\* On March 23, 1962, Pakistan's governor Ayub Khan gives first lady Jacqueline Kennedy a horse she nicknamed Black Jack. Jackie chose Black Jack to serve as the ceremonial riderless horse during Pres. John Kennedy's funeral.

\* On March 26, 1950, ever on a witch hunt, Sen. Joseph McCarthy charges Johns Hopkins University Professor Owen Lattimore with being a top spy for the Soviet Union. Lattimore's career was ruined, even though no evidence ever surfaced to support the charges.

\* On March 25, 1983, during filming of the television special "Motown 25," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoves Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out. Smokey Robinson stepped in onstage to keep between the two warring Supremes.

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## Putin is just a murderous thug

We had a saying when I was younger: "I would rather be dead than Red."

Sure, this was back in the Cold War days, but we didn't like the Russians. In fact, we would rather be dead than be a Russian.

Yes, it sounds a bit goofy now, but we took our hatred of all thing Commie very seriously. That is why I can't understand anyone not absolutely horrified by the actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the invasion of Ukraine.

If you have watched the news, you have seen the shelling of Kyiv and the killing of countless innocent civilians. Hit squads are also reported to be after the Ukrainian president. We must use plain language here: Putin is a vile human being. He is a threat to the stability in the region and is not now and has never been a friend to the U.S.

He is a murderous thug. He is not our friend. He is not a good guy or a smart

**Living the Life**  
By Brad Jennings



guy.

While the former president tried to play nice with Putin, it really meant nothing. Putin doesn't play nice. It is not who he is as a leader or a person.

Russia has not been our ally in my lifetime. The last time we were on the same side was WWII, and that ended when the war did.

Putin is a bully, and he needs to be dealt with and treated as such. I am glad to see not only our country, but others placing

strong sanctions on Russia for this action. It is and will hurt. Will it make the difference? Only time will tell. But we cannot sit by and do nothing.

Some people say, well, it is just the Ukraine. Yes, Ukraine has had a closer relationship with Russia in the past. But that is the past. Ukraine is a developing country and has an elected president who has proven himself to be a man of courage in the face of overwhelming odds. This is the kind of country that the U.S. has long supported and helped. A fledgling democracy next to Russia is a good thing.

But Putin, being a man who only seems to understand aggression, won't stand for that. He has also already threatened our allies in Sweden and Norway. History shows us that madmen like Putin don't stop once they get forward momentum.

What does all of this mean? We will see as it unfolds. As I write this the

attacks continue, so I have no idea where things will be even a few days from now. I do think people talking about another world war are overreacting . . . for now.

But the Ukraine does and should matter. And we should not shrug our shoulders about this and ignore it. Seeing the outpouring of support around the world has been great, but it ultimately won't stop the killing.

And that is what we need to focus on. A country is being invaded by a neighbor with a vastly superior force. Civilians are being wiped out and families are taking up arms to try and beat back the invaders.

Maybe the Russian people don't want this, but their leader is doing it anyway, even after he said he wasn't going to do it.

So yes, I would rather be dead than Red is a Cold War saying, but it still fits.

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

## The enduring and deceptive appeal of truthiness

"Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies," according to Friedrich Nietzsche. He wrote this in 1878, but he could have been talking about today's politics. Our most passionate opinions are now, as ever, the least trustworthy.

The comedian Stephen Colbert boiled it down into one word back in 2005, when, in character as the populist broadcaster Dr. Stephen T. Colbert, he rejected dictionaries and reference books. "They're all fact and no heart," he declared. His guide, he said, was "truthiness"—how an idea feels, instead of how it lines up with the facts.

He offered as an example the case being made at the time for the Iraq war. "If you think about it, maybe there are a few missing pieces in the rationale for war, but doesn't taking out Saddam Hussein feel right? Right here, right here in your gut? Because that's where the truth comes from, ladies and gentlemen. Truth comes from the gut."

Colbert's satire was aimed at conservative broadcasters like Bill O'Reilly, but no one is immune to the fallacy that if it feels right, it must be right. A research team

**Guest Opinion**

By Lowell Harp



headed by Peter H. Ditto in 2019 examined 51 studies regarding biased political thinking. Taken together, the studies revealed that both liberals and conservatives are less inclined to question information that supports their political beliefs, as opposed to information that contradicts them.

Sinclair Lewis touched on this phenomenon a century ago when he said, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends upon his not understanding it." It's an example of the natural tendency to find reasons for believing what we want (or need) to believe, and to reject or ignore inconvenient facts. Political beliefs, along with the tribal loyalties that inspire them, are rich soil for this kind of motivated

reasoning.

It's of little use, apparently, to look to education and facts for a remedy to this universal human frailty. The evidence, according to Ditto and his colleagues, suggests that greater knowledge about political issues actually increases bias among liberals and conservatives.

We do, nevertheless, examine the facts with an open mind much the time. The comedian George Carlin illustrated the difference: "Tell people there's an invisible man in the sky who created the universe, and the vast majority will believe you. Tell them the paint is wet, and they will have to touch it to be sure."

When the question is about the practical issues of everyday life, we must think critically, taking nothing for granted. There'll be unpleasant consequences if we don't. When it comes to politics and religion, the consequences are more remote and harder to see. This is the realm of truthiness, where we can believe what we want to believe, home to our most passionate convictions.

We can't eliminate truthiness from our thinking any more than a Chris-

tian can erase sin from his moral life. It's too ingrained. We can only be on constant guard against it, and ready to confess when we fall into it.

I believe that reason is nevertheless far from a hopeless cause in politics and elsewhere. We can trace its power along the path of material and moral progress throughout history. Humanity as a whole learns from its mistakes and successes, in spite of our individual shortcomings.

Progress comes to a nation that rejects truthiness. Convictions of a certain sort have a place there, but they're not the kind that come from the gut. They are instead general principles that everyone, liberal and conservative, shares about things like democracy and the rule of law.

A wise nation keeps those convictions in mind as guides, and shuns belief and certainty about the issues of the day.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*

## Stillman Fire sends thanks to voters for support

Dear Editor,

As many of you know, volunteerism has nationally been on a decline for years. In the world of the fire service, training requirements increase, and so do the needs of our communities. This means that we are no longer just going to fires and ambulance calls. Fire departments in smaller areas are "all hazard." In other words, when the public doesn't know what to do about something, they simply call the fire department and expect to find someone who does know what to do for pretty much any situation.

I could go on and on about the nature of calls that have absolutely nothing to do with fire, or a medical emergency that the public expects us to handle. We, in the fire service have adapted to these roles. However, this does increase our call volume immensely. The needs are higher, the call volume is higher, the training requirements are higher, the level of education needed to be

maintained to be a firefighter or paramedic continue to grow, and many departments are still trying to maintain a volunteer group that need to have full-time jobs outside of their fire department life just to support themselves. Because of all this increase in demand along with the expectation that the fire department arrives in a timely manner and well-staffed, the Stillman Fire Protection District reached out to our community for help.

The Stillman Fire Protection District would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for the terrific support of the voters within our district for their approval of the two referendum questions that passed recently. While tax increases are never popular, the vote for this measure will allow us to meet the priorities that you, the community, have indicated are your biggest needs of our fire district. With the passage of these referendum questions, the Stillman Fire Protection

District has the financial footing to provide more prompt, consistent, and professional Emergency Medical Services and Fire Service to you all.

Stillman Fire Protection District recently began staffing our station for 24 hours of service. This will mean much faster response times, consistency in responders, and many levels of accountability on our end.

Our assurance to you is that we will continue to be careful stewards of your tax dollars and will remain open and transparent in all we do. We are delighted to have such a wonderful community to serve, and again, we thank you for allowing us to continue doing this amazing and much needed job. As always, this is your community firehouse. Please feel free to stop by and talk to your responders and look at the amazing resources you have all provided.

**Chief Chad Hoefle, Fire Chief, Stillman Fire Protection District**



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Minnis speaks to Oregon Lions

Oregon Together Treasurer, Robin Minnis, spoke to the Oregon Lions at their meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about the many accomplishments of Oregon Together, including moneys raised to help renovate the Chief Blackhawk Statue, bicycles in the planters in downtown Oregon in honor of TOSOC (Tour of Scenic Ogle County), and the gorgeously art alleyway renovation next to Bela's Café.

Oregon Together continues to meet monthly, and is currently working on a future history walking tour of our unique community, among other projects.

The Oregon Lions Club would like to thank Oregon Together for their devotion to moving our town forward in beautification, and business sense, with tourism in mind.

Pictured are Robin Minnis (left) and Oregon Lion" President Dave Stenger.

## Students earn scholarships from Village of Progress

For 24 years the Village of Progress Foundation has presented educational scholarships to folks in Ogle County.

Applicants must be a resident of Ogle County and a high school senior or full-time college student who either has a disability or is majoring in an area that serves those with disabilities.

The first scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000 is made through the generosity of the Pete & Wanda Cacciatore Family. The Cacciatore's have been long time supporters of the Village of Progress. Wanda was a member of the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 1988 and has served on the Foundation's Board for over 25 years. Her husband, Pete was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Village. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the Village and its mission.

This year a scholarship through the Cacciatore Family was given to Gracie James. Gracie graduated from Stillman Valley High School and currently attends Kishwaukee College.

Gracie wants to pursue a degree in special education at a University.

Gracie has a heart for helping others. Throughout high school she volunteered for many organizations like Bread of Life Food Pantry, Carpenters Place, and Rockford Rescue Mission. She is a member of the National Honors Society. Gracie worked multiple jobs while maintaining her strong GPA. She is described as strong, confident, and responsible, with an excellent work ethic.

This second scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000 is made through a gift from Larry Young & Friends Charities. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with the Foundation to help make its annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

This year a scholarship through the Larry Young & Friends Charities was given to Madison Ost. Madison is a senior holding an above-4-point GPA at Rochelle Township High School. Madison will be pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy.



Madison Ost



Gracie James

Madison wrote about her desire to make a difference after observing an Occupational Therapist work with children with Autism and watching the therapist actually elicit eye contact and smiles from the students which were previously staring at a wall. Each of Madison's references commented on the countless clubs and numerous recognitions that she has received over the years.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities visit the news and events section at [www.villageof-progress.org](http://www.villageof-progress.org).



## Lifeline donation

Oregon Lifeline's Director Sharon Wallace accepted a \$500 check from Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger outside Lifeline's headquarters in Conover Square Shopping Mall. Pictured are Sharon Wallace (left) and Lions' President Dave Stenger.

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**NEW PRICE**

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**800 S. 4th Street, Oregon**  
**\$99,000 Call Carla**

New Commercial listing in Oregon. Great location with an average daily traffic count of 9700! This property is ideal for a car lot. Previously used as a car lot and fast food drive through restaurant. Many updates throughout including bathroom and office areas. Call today for your private showing!

**416 W. Washington St., Oregon**  
**\$375,000 Call Rebecca**

THE CHILE PEPPER GRILL & BAR is being offered for sale! Here is your chance to own a piece of property in booming downtown Oregon with a well-established bar and grill. Locals love the Chile Pepper along with other regulars that travel from afar. Known for the great atmosphere and delicious food, this business is being sold completely turn key! The sale includes the real estate along with all equipment. There is seating inside for nearly 70 guests comprised of pub tables and a bar space. The building is ADA accessible, has ample storage and a large kitchen. Added ambience with the large window with views of the beautiful and historic courthouse and downtown Oregon. High traffic count along Route 64/North Avenue. If you have always dreamed of owning a bar, do not miss your chance to call this successful bar and grill yours!

**2796 S. Brooks Island Rd., Oregon**  
**\$150,000 Call Carla**

New Listing in Oregon in Brooks Island! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath raised ranch home offers a nice open floor plan and main floor laundry! This home is only 5 years old. Enclosed garage parking under the house. Large deck overlooking the Rock River. Call today for your place to vacation all year round!

**16 S. Wesley Ave., Mt Morris**  
**\$149,999 Call Mark**

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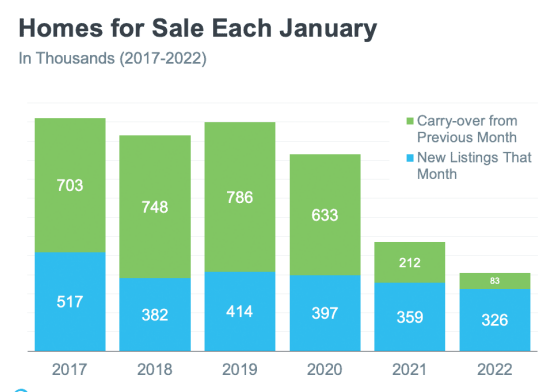
### Inventory is at an all time low

Because purchaser demand is so high, the market is running out of available homes for sale. The current months' supply of inventory of homes for sale has fallen to 1.6 months. This prompts Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist at NAR, to say:

"The inventory of homes on the market remains woefully depleted, and in fact is currently at an all-time low."

Earlier this month, realtor.com released their inventory data for January. It helps

confirm this point. Here's a graph comparing inventory levels for January over the last six years:



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# SPORTS/NEWS

## Oregon bowlers compete in tournament

The Northern Illinois Bowling Conference (NIBC) held its Top 10 match play tournament Feb. 24 at Park Lanes, Loves Park and Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at Plum Hollow Family Center, Dixon.

The top 10 individual conference season averages qualified for this event. Four boys and four girls from the Oregon High School bowling teams qualified. The boys were led by Brandon Rowe with 1870 pins with a high game of 256 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Stylar Klapp with 1808 pins with a high game of 246 in 4<sup>th</sup> place, Brady Davis with 1805 pins with a high game of 227 in 5<sup>th</sup> place, and Isaac Kaltenbrun with 1687 pins with a high game of 213 in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Rowe will receive a \$50 scholarship, while Klapp and Davis will receive trophies for their finish.

The girls were led by Ava Wight with 2011 pins with a high game of 235 (twice) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, followed by Paige Beauchem with 1652 pins with a high game of 192 in 5<sup>th</sup> place, Mackenzie Alford with 1514 pins with a high game of 194 in 8<sup>th</sup> place and Kendra Ehrler with 1474 pins with a high game of 188 in 9<sup>th</sup> place. Wight will receive a \$75 scholarship, while Beauchem will receive a trophy for the finish.

## Scores

### Boys Varsity Basketball

Feb. 25  
Stillman Valley 24, Eureka 36

Feb. 23  
Stillman Valley 59, Winnebago 46

# Local students graduate from NIU

**DeKALB** – Almost 1300 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in June. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

**Byron:**  
Alex Bozzi, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science - Enterprise Software  
Daphne Snodgrass, Master of

Science in Education, Literacy Education  
**Mt. Morris:**  
Kristien Taft, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
**Oregon:**  
Maria Tranchina, Master of Accounting Science, Accountancy  
Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, national-

ly recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. Through its main campus in DeKalb, Illinois, and education centers for students and working professionals in Chicago, Hoff-

man Estates, Naperville, Oregon and Rockford, NIU offers more than 100 courses of study while serving a diverse and international student body of about 19,000. The 17 NIU Huskie athletic teams compete in the Mid-American Conference at the highest NCAA Division I level. For more information, visit [www.niu.edu](http://www.niu.edu).

## Local students earn scholarship money

**WHITEWATER, Wis.** – The following local students are among the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2021-22 academic year.

**Byron:** Casey Smith who is studying Supply Chain and Operations Management, won the following scholarship(s): Transfer Excellence Scholarship

**Polo:** Lauren Strauss who is studying Media Arts and Game Development, won the following scholarship(s): College of Arts & Communication Scholarship

**Oregon:** Evan Vache who is studying Finance, won the following scholarship(s): Chancellor Scholars

## Students graduate from UW-Whitewater

**WHITEWATER, Wis.** – The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement, held Dec. 18, 2021.

**Polo:**  
Lani Bergstrom graduated with the following degree: Physical Education - BSE

**Forreton:**  
Liz Gronewold graduated Summa Cum Laude with the following degree: Marketing - BBA

More than 762 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center.

The graduating class included 4 international students, 71 military veterans and 168 nontraditional students, defined as undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. In addition, 79 self-identified students with disabilities received degrees.

## Anniversary

### Alderks to celebrate 45 years of marriage



Bob and Linda Alderks of Chana are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

Bob and the former Linda Siedschlag were united in marriage on April 2, 1977, at Zion United Methodist Church in Juda, Wisconsin. They raised their three children on a farm near Chana. They are Dan of Chana, Dusty (CC) of St. Charles, Mo. and Kristi (Robert) Calbeck of Littleton, Colorado. They are the proud grandparents of seven grandsons, Cooper, Boone, Beckett, Asher and Reyland Alderks, and Luke and Levi Calbeck.

Please come and help them celebrate 45 years of wedded bliss on Sunday, April 3rd at the Jarrett Prairie Center, Byron, Illinois, from 3-5 p.m. No gifts please.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

**Oregon Public Library Procedures**  
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**Library Book Clubs**  
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. to discuss The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

**Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)**  
StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 am. Registration is required and masks are recommended.

**Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**  
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.

**Voucher Drawing for Cooking Classes**  
We have partnered with the Oregon Park District for a few of their cooking classes with Linnie's Kitchen. Everyone who signs up for our e-newsletter beginning January 1st, will be entered into a drawing to receive 2 (two) vouchers to attend a cooking class with the Oregon Park District. Visit our website, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) and click the newsletter image to sign up and receive our NEW email newsletter.

**Oh, Jackie O! – Tuesday March 8th at 1 p.m.**  
Paradise Playhouse presents, another provocative & delightful original solo musical based on the life of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Written, directed and starring Jillann Gabrielle. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, March 8th (while supplies last)**  
Sunflower Diamond Painting Kit.

## Bertolet Library News

**Trustee Opening:**  
We currently have an opening for a Trustee with a term that expires in 2023. Our Board of Trustees meets at the library on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at [bertolet705@gmail.com](mailto:bertolet705@gmail.com).

**Laura Keyes' Suffrage Program: Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m.**  
Join us as Laura Keyes arrives as Elizabeth Cady Stanton on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Cady Stanton fought for equal rights for women for over fifty years, and upon her death in 1902, she left behind a legacy of her crusade for female equality and myriad writings that would inspire feminists for over a century to come. Hear from Mrs. Stanton in 1866, when the Civil War was over but the battle for Women's Suffrage was just beginning.

**Movie Matinee: Monday, March 28, 1 p.m.**  
We are looking forward to the return of our movies and popcorn! Join us on Monday, March 28th at 1:00PM as we watch the tale of the Madrigals, an extraordinary family living in a magical house in the Colombian mountains. But when Mirabel, the only ordinary family member, discovers the magic surrounding their home is in danger, she may be her family's last hope.

**Family Game Night: Thursday, March 31, 5-7 p.m.**  
We hope you used your family time these past 2 years to hone your board game skills! Family Game Night returns on Thursday, March 31st from 5-7PM. Bring your family's favorite game to share with others or choose from the selection available.

What is Diamond Painting? Similar to both cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting is a new creative hobby that has taken the world by storm, especially fans of DIY crafts. Crafters have fallen in love with this activity because it is easy to learn and incredibly rewarding. Mastering the basics is a breeze, and crafters describe diamond painting as relaxing and calming. In fact, most say it is more stress-relieving than any other craft. Each kit will contain all supplies needed. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** for Oregon Library Card Holders.

### Sensory Strategies for the Classroom – March 9th at 6 p.m.

Either In-Person or via ZOOM  
Join us for this informative session as we discuss and explore considerations for supporting students with sensory issues in the classroom. Often, the environment presents challenges and opportunities that we need to evaluate and modify to meet the students every changing needs. We dive in deep to address those modifications, accommodations and share many strategies for success for all students. Check Family Matters website at [www.fmptic.org](http://www.fmptic.org). soon to get a link to register. This program is in collaboration with Easter Seals, Family Matters, and Florissa. If you are unable to participate in ZOOM, please contact the library at (815) 732-2724 and accommodations can be made for viewing in the library.

### POW Camps in Illinois – Thursday, March 10th at 1 p.m.

Nearly 400,000 prisoners were shipped to the United States and detained in camps across the country. There were 175 Base camps in the U.S. Twenty-one of these camps were in Illinois. One of the Base Camps was Camp Grant in Rockford. A Branch Camp was in Lanark, IL which was under Grant. Join us as we learn more about these camps from Carol Chandler. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### St. Patricks Day TRIVIA at 12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724. Contact the Rock River Center to have lunch before trivia at (815) 732-3252, by 10:30am on March 14th, limited seating.

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

**Paws for Reading:** Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Ryan will return in April to listen to your stories.

**Story Hour:** Thursdays at 10 a.m.  
Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Registration requested but not required.

**Craft Kits for Adults:**  
March has us getting ready for Spring! Pick up your Cookie Cutter Seed Bird Feeder today!

**Create-a-Card: Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m.**  
Spring is right around the corner! Join Miss Jessie on March 19th to create that perfect springtime card to send to a friend.

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

**New Releases:**  
**Adult Books**  
Carolina Built by Kianna Alexander  
Aftermath by Terri Blackstock  
The Silent Sisters by Robert Dugoni  
**Juvenile Books**  
Making Games with Scratch Jr by Tracy A Gardner (NF)  
Winds of Change Graphic Novel by Erin Hunter

**Picture Books**  
The Unicorn and the Lost Cat by Claire Philip  
The Unicorn and the Wild Horses by Claire Philip

## Polo Library News

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

**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 videotapes 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.

Explore More Illinois allows Polo Library cardholders to reserve free and discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more. Go to <https://exploremoreillinois.org/> or call the library for more information.

Tax season is upon us and forms and instructions have arrived. If you need a form other than 1040 library staff will be happy to print it for you at no cost. If we print multiple forms for you a donation is appreciated. Public computers are available for doing your own taxes but keep in mind you will need a current email address to file online.

**Adult Programs**  
To celebrate Women's History Month we'll be reading and discussing books about women's challenges and successes throughout history. Friday Book Discussion Group will meet on March 11th to discuss *The Women's March* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Book 2 Movie Group is reading and viewing *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shatterly Lee and will meet on March 16th. Monday Afternoon Book Club is reading *Once and Future Witches* by Alix Harrow and will meet on March 28th. These programs are open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in to pick up a copy and join us!

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.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap - Are you bored with the same old puzzles you have at home? Bring your gently used puzzles to the library and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Each puzzle to swap must: be primarily at least 500 pieces, be complete, no missing pieces; be placed in a zip-lock bag within its container; include an image of the completed puzzle - picture on box, poster or photo. Please bring donated puzzles to the circulation desk. Don't have a puzzle to swap? Come pick one out and swap it back when you've finished with it. Jigsaw Puzzle Swap is located in the display cabinet in the Congress Street foyer.

### Children's Programs

Storytime Saturdays are in person at the library on March 12th and 26th at 10:30 a.m., come join Ms. Melanie for a story, a craft, and other hands-on activities.

Children's Library Area Open House, March 26th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kicking off in April ... Spring Reading Program "Bloom into Reading". This program will run April 9th to May 21st.

March is Women's History Month. Be on the lookout in our children's library area for book displays of remarkable women and their contributions to our society, culture, and history that lives on through their countless efforts.

### New books expected in March

Steal by James Patterson  
Death of a Green-eyed Monster by M.C. Beaton  
Diablo Mesa by Douglas Preston  
The Paradox Hotel by Rob Hart  
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley  
The Silent Sisters by Robert Dugoni  
This Might Hurt by Stephanie Wrobel  
The Verifiers by Jane Pek  
The Darkest Place by Phillip Margolin  
Ocean State by Stewart O.Nan  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Library News

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

Did you know...that you can get your CDs, DVDs, and video game discs cleaned at the Byron Library? For a fee of \$1.00 per disc, our special disc cleaning machine can wipe away smudges and buff out most scratches. If you have a disc that won't play correctly, bring it to the library and we'll make it good as new!

**Operation: Gratitude**  
Tuesday, Mar. 8  
6-7 p.m.  
It's time for another outreach program. Operation Gratitude puts together boxes for military deployments. We will be creating very simple, quick paracord bracelets for these boxes. Supplies and instructions will be provided. This is a special way to thank those who serve our country. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup).

**PI(e) Day**  
Monday, Mar. 14  
6-7 p.m.  
Celebrate PI(e) Day at the Byron Public

Library. We will learn about the mathematical constant and then create our own mini fruit pie. Please be sure to choose which pie filling you'd prefer. Register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

**Advancing the Science**  
Thursday, Mar. 31  
Noon-1 p.m.  
Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This program will discuss: the landscape of Alzheimer's and dementia science; risk factors for Alzheimers and all other dementia; highlights in early detection and diagnosis; and the latest advances in clinical trials, treatments and lifestyle intervention. Call 815-234-5107 to register, or register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup).

**DIY Spring Wreath**  
Thursday, Mar. 31  
6-7 p.m.  
Who's ready for Spring? Give guests a warm, cheery welcome this season with an elegant DIY Spring Wreath. Join Heather and Cathy for an evening at the library as they guide you step-by-step in creating your very own wreath. Register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

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!

## Forreton Library News

**Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime is back! Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

**Healthy Living/Mission Wildlife Program**  
Wednesday, March 16th, 1 p.m.  
Join us as Joe Landmichl of the Alzheimer's Association of Illinois presents a program on lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. He will discuss research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, and social engagement as well as offering hands-on tools to add these recommendations into your daily routine. He will also share a video featuring Julie Scardina of Mission Wildlife, who will explain her organization's purpose and introduce us to unique animals from around the world. Please plan to join us for these interesting and informative presentations.

**310 House Necessities Drive**  
This month we are helping spread love in the community and beyond as a collection point for the 310 Sibling Home and Foster Parent Resource Center. Please bring any size diapers, as well as new boys or girls underwear and socks of all sizes. We will be collecting these items until March 7th. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**Library Hours**  
The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277  
Pastor: Janet Wold  
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilts meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

**CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH**  
205 N. Peru St., Byron IL 615-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls  
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available  
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.  
Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.  
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

**BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

**SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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Email: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net) Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Pastor: Tyler Spellicious  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am  
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:  
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am  
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am  
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am  
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
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### CHANA

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

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Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
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9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available  
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047  
815-738-2205 [leafriverbc@gmail.com](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

### LINDENWOOD

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS**  
[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://immanuel-lindenwood.org) (for sermons, events, etc.)  
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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler  
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Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM.

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207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 615-645-2526 | [www.redbrickchurch.org](http://www.redbrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

**KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940  
Pastor Tom Cox, Interim Pastor  
[www.kishchurch.org](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

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103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva  
**Sunday mornings:** Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris Library News

**Masks are optional**  
Thank you!

**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.

**Storytime-Wednesday's at 11:15 a.m.**  
One book, two books, three books, More! This week we will be learning about Dr. Seuss! We will be reading books by Dr. Seuss, then the children will be creating a craft to take home! Come join our 'Wacky Wednesday' story time at your Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool-age children are welcome.

**Spring Break Drop-In Activities**  
School will be out from Spring Break sooner than you think! Want a creative craft for the kids to work on during their time off? 'Spring' into the Mount Morris Public Library for a great craft and some super books! They can be taken home to complete or completed here while you browse for a new book! Oregon School's spring break is March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Adult Book Club**  
The March book is *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

**Display Case Showings**  
'Watch' us this month as we have a display of alarm clocks ringing in March! Local collector, Lori Peterson, is showcasing her collection of clocks in our display cases. 'Wind up' your excitement and come visit this 'alarming' display! 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.

**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.

**Additional Services Offered**  
We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

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

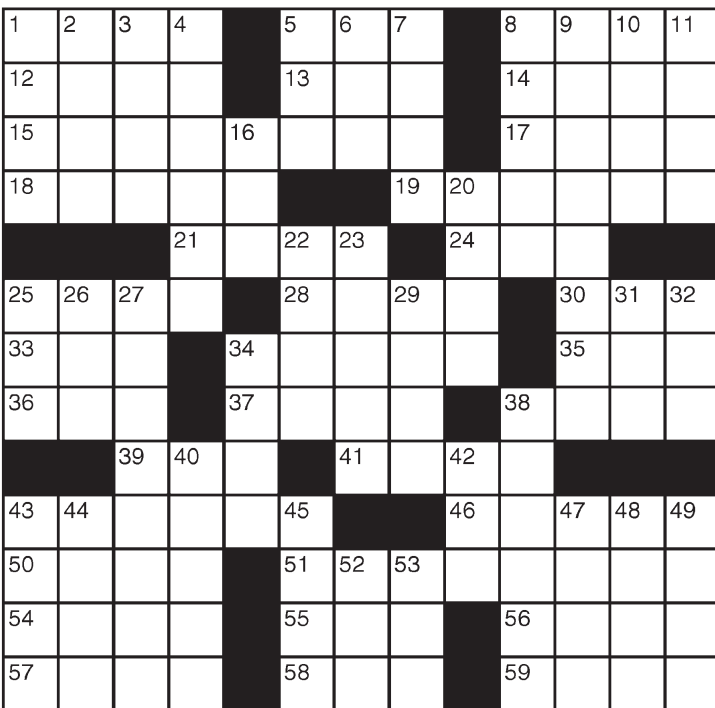
## Byron's Kalyn Brown makes Dean's List at University of Central Arkansas

**CONWAY, Ark.** – Kalyn Brown of Byron was named to the University of Central Arkansas fall 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List in a given semester, a student must earn a 3.50 or higher grade point average on a minimum of twelve hours of undergraduate degree credit with no incomplete grades. Brown was among more than 1,350 named to the Dean's List.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Taj Mahal city
  - 5 Chatter
  - 8 Pugilist's weapon
  - 12 Regrets
  - 13 Half of bi-
  - 14 Bygone Peruvian
  - 15 Diamond parts
  - 17 Miles away
  - 18 Thai or Korean
  - 19 Oscar contenders
  - 21 Leaves
  - 24 Medit. nation
  - 25 Buckeye State
  - 28 Take five
  - 30 Yoga pad
  - 33 Mafia boss
  - 34 Emulate Lincoln
  - 35 Bedazzle
  - 36 Dict. info
  - 37 Nick and Nora's pet
  - 38 Arm bone
  - 39 Fireplace residue
  - 41 Luminary
  - 43 Charlton Heston film
  - 46 Seraglio
  - 50 Aware of
  - 51 Endless time or space
  - 54 Burning heap
  - 55 Automobile
- DOWN**
- 1 Met solo
  - 2 Weaponry
  - 3 Mortgage again, for short
  - 4 Italian cheese
  - 5 Actor Brynner
  - 6 Moreover
  - 7 Galileo's birthplace
  - 8 Decrees
  - 9 Casual planet
  - 10 Cicatrix
  - 11 Old salts
  - 16 Rock's Brian
  - 20 Refer to
  - 22 Messes up
  - 23 Plane assignments
  - 25 Peculiar
  - 26 Garden tool
  - 27 Foot soldiers
  - 29 Sports figure?
  - 31 Bristle
  - 32 Chai, e.g.
  - 34 Diamond Head locale
  - 38 Seventh
  - 40 Loafers, e.g.
  - 42 Sashimi fish
  - 43 Conks on the head
  - 44 "May It Be" singer
  - 45 "Casablanca" cafe owner
  - 47 Teeming
  - 48 Harrow rival
  - 49 Island in a computer game
  - 52 Scot's refusal
  - 53 Saute



### MAGIC MAZE "GEORGIA ON MY MIND"



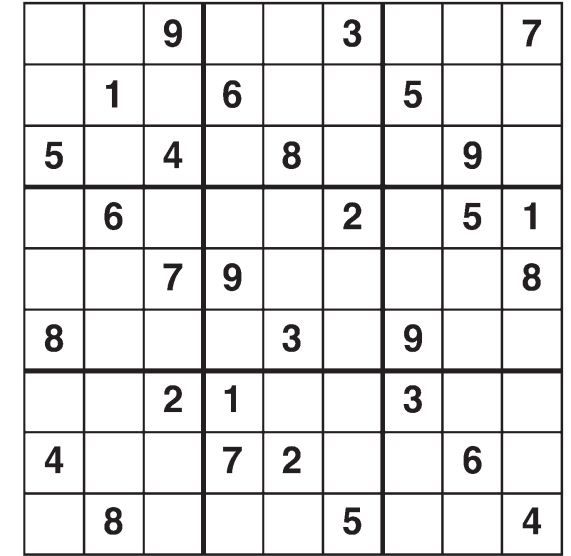
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: JUST AN OLD — SONG

- |             |            |             |          |
|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Back to you | Moonlight  | Pines       | Smile    |
| Clear       | No peace   | Ray Charles | Tenderly |
| Dreams      | Other arms | Reach out   | Woah     |
| Eyes        | Peaceful   | Road        |          |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



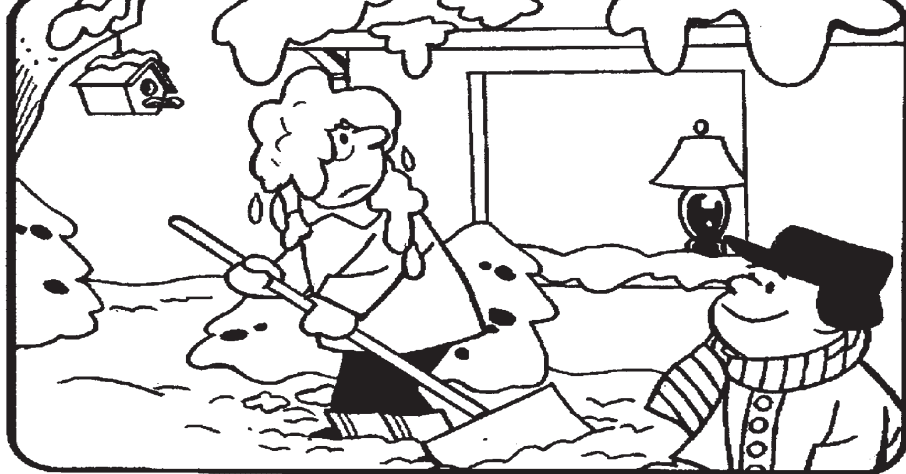
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆  
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

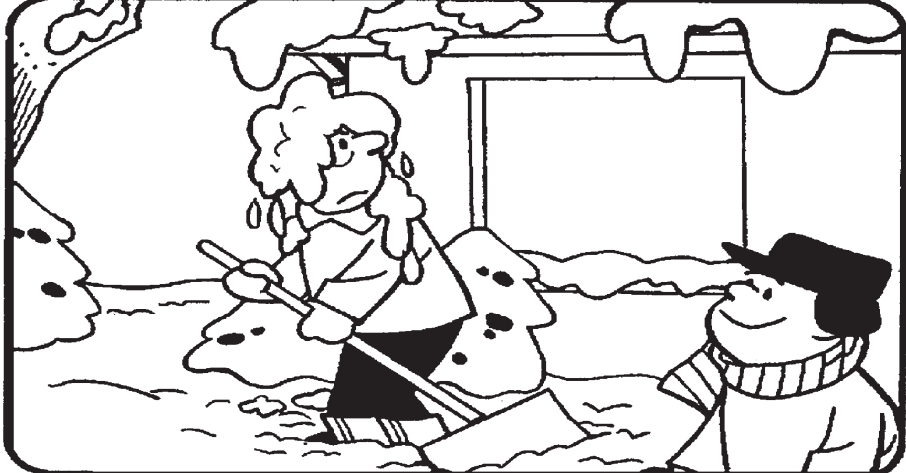
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



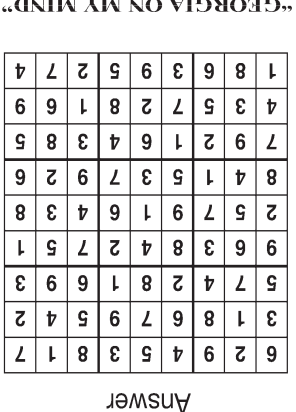
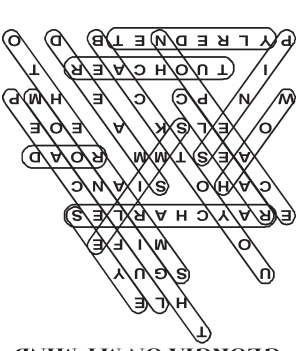
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Birdhouse is missing. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Jacket is shorter. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Scarf is shorter. 6. Buttons are missing.



Solution time: 24 mins.



Answer

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS... AUSTIN LEE HENNING, an adult. ) Case No. 2022 AD 1... Adoption NOTICE To: Lance Jeremy Henning Notice is hereby given this cause has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois for a Petition for Adoption of Austin Lee Henning, an adult.

after admission of the Will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 or with the attorney for the representative, or both, on or before September 5, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

KENNETH A. NELSON, ) PR ) 11 ) Deceased. ) CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF KENNETH A. NELSON of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 18, 2022, to NATHAN D. LEWIS of Byron, Illinois and GEANELLE NELSON of Byron, Illinois, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLOZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.

OF THE ) P ) 10 ) ESTATE ) ) OF: ) LEONA ) REEDER, ) deceased. ) CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF LEONA REEDER of Leaf River, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 13, 2022, to William H.T. Lee of Rock Falls, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

Deceased. ) CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF HARRY Jacobsen, Jr. of Rockford, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 7, 2022 to Kimberly J. Walsh of Rockford, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

Deer Paint Drive, Dixon, Illinois. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public comment on the Lost Lake Utility District's Oak Lane, Lake Side Drive and Adjacent Streets Watermain Improvements Project (the "Project"), as well as the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination (PEID), as provided for in Section 662.330 of the Illinois Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35 Ill. Admin. Code 662.330). The Project will provide improved drinking water service and quality to residents served by LLUD. Specifically, it involves the installation of approximately 6,700 linear feet of watermain in areas currently served by undersized watermain or with no existing watermain. The work will occur in two areas LLUD has identified as crucial portions of the distribution system. The Project has an estimated total project cost of \$1,009,000.

submitted at any time for up to and including an additional ten (10) days following the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the LLUD District Office, and/or to Ellen Watters, Project Manager, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9276, or the IEPA may be contacted directly at (217) 782-2027 for further information. Lost Lake Utility District Susan Steffens District Secretary No. 0306 (Mar. 7)

Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 18, 2022, to CYNTHIA L. BAADE of Roscoe, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. CYNTHIA L. BAADE Independent Executor No. 0307 (Mar. 7, 14, 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 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: White Oak and Co., 7813 E. Wildwood Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: February 8, 2022 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0231 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS In The )In Matter )Probate of the )No. Estate of: )2022 KIMBERLY STAHL, Circuit Clerk Ralph E. Elliott Bridget C. Trainor Christina M. Willman ELLIOTT, TRAINOR & WILLMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Independent Executor 1005 West Loras Drive P.O. Box 1149 Freeport, IL 61032 Telephone: (815) 233-1022 Facsimilie: (815) 233-1988 Email: ree@etpcxlaw.com No. 0232 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE )No. OF THE )2022 ESTATE )PR 15 OF: ) HARRY ) JACOBSEN, ) JR., )

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION Saturday March 19th, 2022 10 AM

We will offer at Public Auction the following described Real Estate at Public Auction. This auction will be held on site at 10411 E Kyte Rd., Rochelle IL 61068. On Auction Day, watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs from Skare Rd. & Flagg Blacktop, West of Rochelle on Flagg. Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for a private viewing or visit our web site at www.bearrows.com for further information & pictures. DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: This auction will feature a 5.88 Acre tract of land with a very large (3144 sq ft) 4 Plus bedroom 2-story home, complete with 3 full bathrooms. The home has 2-furnaces, 1 being newer, (Natural Gas) and 2 central air units. Home features a 26'x24' master bedroom suite with walk in closet & full bath, Gas fireplace, hardwood floors, and a family room addition that has an office or extra bedroom and so much more. Large walk-in attic, and a partially finished basement with wet bar. The outbuildings include a 54'x 42' cold storage pole barn with concrete floor, another 90' x 42' pole barn with a heated 42'x 30' garage/rec room. Other buildings include a large barn with a newer horse barn attached, and a lean-to horse pen area. There is a large machine shed and smaller garden shed as well. This truly is a spectacular offering. Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for full details. REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$10,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before April 29th, 2022, at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide an appropriate executed deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

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PUBLIC NOTICE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Lost Lake Utility District (LLUD) at a special meeting on March 18, 2022, at 12:00pm at the District Office located at 213

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY MATTER )No. OF THE )22 ESTATE )PR 10 OF ) DAROLD ) L. WUBBENA ) Deceased ) NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Notice is given of the death of DAROLD L. WUBBENA. Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on February 18, 2022 to Robert J. DeVries, whose attorneys are Elliott, Trainor & Willman, P.C., 1005 West Loras Drive, P.O. Box 1149, Freeport, Illinois, 61032-1149. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Circuit Clerk and the attorney for the Independent Executor at the address set forth below.

Having decided to discontinue our Snow Removal & Lawn Care Business, we will sell at Public Auction the following described equipment. This Auction will be held Live On Site at 615 N 15th Street, Rochelle IL 61068 with a part of the auction being held indoors. Watch for Bearrows Auction signs from 20th Street and Flagg Blacktop in Rochelle IL. For More information, and pictures, visit our web site at www.bearrows.com click on the Auction Zip link.

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday, March 26th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Comfort Station Auctioneers note: This auction will feature some very good quality trucks, commercial lawn care and snow removal equipment that is ready to go to work for you, and has been well maintained. For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 or visit our web site www.bearrows.com to view color photos. Plan now to attend. Trucks & Trailers: 2006 GMC Sierra SLT 1/2 Ton, 4WD, Crew Cab, 6ft box, Leather and loaded up, approx. 138,305 miles, some rust: 1998 GMC 3500, 2WD, 6.5 Turbo Diesel, approx. 87,775 Miles, 10ft dump box, landscapers sides, cloth int. solid truck; 1998 Chevy Cheyenne 3500 1 Ton dump, 8 ft box, 4 speed manual trans, 7.4L gas, 2 way gate, 2WD, good work truck, VIN# 197949; 1997 Ford F150 XLT, 163,238 Miles, Cloth int, Std cab, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, some rust; 1997 Ford F250 XLT Lariat, 2WD, approx. 64,482 Miles, Std Cab, Auto, 8ft box, Tool box, PW, PL, Tilt cruise, some rust VIN# 11857; 1990 Dodge Ram Pickup, LE150, 2WD, ext. cab, 8ft box, with shell, PW, PL, VIN# 017096, some rust; 2003 Jamie Widg 18ft Road Boss utility trailer, tandem axle, lift assist gate; 1994 Rettig Ent 16ft Tandem axle utility trailer, w/lift assist ramp; 1993 Jamar 16 ft tandem axle utility trailer, w/lift assist rear gate; 2000 Holt Trailer, 18 ft tandem axle utility trailer, 16ft flat + 2ft beaver tail with folding ramps; Case IH Tractor, Skid Steer & Attachments: Case IH DX55 Compact Tractor, with LX118 Loader, 72" quick Tach bucket, and a 758C Case IH Mounted Backhoe, 18.4x24 Rear, 12x16.5 Turf Frts, approx. 4697 Hrs.; Case 1840 Skid steer, approx. 2300 hrs, Aux Hyd., 62" Dirt Bucket w/detachable teeth, & Push Blade, (quick Tach) 10-16.5 Rubber(VIN# JAE0175482); Set of FFC Quick Tach Pallet Forks; Berco Frt mounted broom (Like new); ExMark Mowers & Others: ExMark Lazor Z, S series, Red Technology, Better seat, 60" Mulch deck, 554 Hrs, Kawasaki Gas engine: ExMark Lazor Z, S series, Red Technology, Better seat, 60" Mulch deck, 571 Hrs, Kawasaki Gas engine: ExMark Lazer Z XP mower w/60" Deck, Diesel; ExMark Lazer Z C1, 52" deck, 23HP Vanguard, 2012 Hrs.; ExMark Lazer Z, X series, w/60" deck, Kohler Command Pro 747cc, 2372 Hrs; ExMark Lazer Z XS series diesel, 60" mulch deck, 1613 hrs; ExMark Lazer Z XP series, diesel, 60" side discharge deck, 1775 Hrs; 2-Woods 6215 Mowing Machines, Diesel, 60" decks, walking rear wheels; ; Pull type Gang mower; Woods 72" 3pt rotary mower, hard rubber tire and safety chains; Cub Cadet 1711 hydro Garden tractor with deck and mounted sprayer w/3 ft boom and hand gun; Troy Bilt 21" walk behind variable speed mower; TORO 4ft walk behind commercial Proline mower; Kinco walk behind sickle mower; Walk behind self-Prop fence row mower; Walk behind string trimmer; 12ft. Woods Tri-Deck pull type finish mower, Hyd lift and fold; Grasshopper 72" mower, w/vacuum, 1970 Hrs; Cub Cadet 125 Hydro, snowblower, deck & wheel weights; Snow Blowers, Assorted Shop Tools & Equipment John Deere 826 Walk Behind snow blower; Large assortment of Stihl String trimmers & Blowers, shovels, rakes, thatcher's, lawn rollers, and other items used in his lawn care business; Snow Blowers include 2-Toro CCR 2000 Power Curve and many other walk behinds, with several that are newer; 4ft pull type lawn Aerator; 110 Gal Pickup Fuel Tank; 300 Gal overhead gas and 300 Diesel overhead tank; Many assorted parts including filters, plugs, blades and other items; Aluminum scaffolding; Bench grinders; Radial arm saw; Torch Kit w/cart; Shop Vacs; Sears 15" floor drill press; Usual hand & power tools; Keller KKL-16 folding ladder; Drop Cords; Husqvarna 455 Rancher 20" chain saw; Other quick start chain saw; Chains and load binders; Forney welder; Splitting mallets; Gas pressure washer; TERMS: Cash or Check w/ driver's license I.D., 3% Convenience fee for VISA, Master Card or American Express. Electronic clerking system used. Announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising. Not responsible for accidents or items after sold.

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Notice is given of the known heirs whose names and addresses are stated in the Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and also unknown heirs at law of DAROLD L. WUBBENA, that an Order was entered by the court on February 17, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21), you also have the right under 5/8-1 of the Probate act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within six months

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**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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