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## Radostits Teacher of the Year

### Oregon High School educator earns state honor

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Board of Education last week named Kimberly Radostits of Oregon High School in Oregon Community Unit School District 220 the 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala surprised Radostits with the honor during while she taught a class at her school. She has taught Spanish at

Oregon High School for the past 15 years.

“Kimberly Radostits has the rare capacity to put as much effort into supporting students who have never stepped foot into her classroom as much as she does her own, pushing institutional levers to shape all of Oregon High School for the better,” said Governor JB Pritzker.

“Her after-school program and early intervention efforts have never

been more important than in the renewal of our children’s learning from the impact of the pandemic – yet she’s had the foresight to be at this work for more than a decade. I’m especially proud of Ms. Rad and all the Teacher of the Year finalists for finding the capacity and the creativity to be great for their students in an unprecedented crisis. For our children, they are superheroes, and we honor them as such.”

“What elevated Kimberly in my mind and what truly inspired me during the selection

process was the impact she has had on both her students and her school community,” said Dr. Ayala. “Kimberly leaves absolutely no student behind. Her tenacity and her dedication to ensuring all students discover their innate love for learning has extended beyond her own classroom walls to the very culture of the school and the district. Her work embodies the meaning of equity. She values each individual student for the assets and gifts they bring to the classroom and has helped to change



educational systems so each student receives the unique and extra supports they need to reach high expectations. I extend my deepest appreciation to Kimberly – or ‘Ms. Rad’ as her students call her. She

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## A colorful new reality

### Kings students given glasses to help with color blindness

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**KINGS** – About four months ago, Kings School history and English teacher Steven Steiner found out that one of his students was colorblind.

He reached out to a company called EnChroma to see if he could get some glasses to help the student. He was asked to test every student in the school for color blindness and found five others that needed the glasses. Steiner came to an agreement to get glasses from EnChroma for all of them. That was about four months ago.

On March 18, five colorblind Kings students were presented with their glasses during a school-wide assembly and some saw colors for the first time. Others with more mild color blindness saw colors in their fullest capacity.

Receiving glasses Friday were Tyson Carmichael (sixth grade), Aiden Carmichael (seventh grade) and eighth graders Alex Foster, Ben Foster and Andrew Johnson. Seventh grader Colton Hopp was not able to attend the assembly and Steiner gave him his glasses the day before.



Kings School students Tyson Carmichael, Aiden Carmichael, Alex Foster, Ben Foster and Andrew Johnson received special glasses during a recent school-wide assembly to help with color blindness.

“I did that yesterday and his reaction was just so special to me,” Steiner said. “Because as a teacher, I always want to help my students see the world in a different way and experience things they’ve never experienced before. Just seeing his reaction, it really was something I’ll never forget and I’m sure he would say the same.”

During the assembly, students from the rest of the

school wore bright colors for the students to see through their new glasses. EnChroma sent bright-colored balloons. After students put on their glasses, they saw new shades of orange and their mouths opened in surprise after Steiner directed them to look at the colors of the flag.

After the assembly, students did color-based activities to get further-acquainted with their new glasses.

The glasses are specific to each student and their colorblind needs. Some have very severe color blindness and for others it’s more mild. Kings has approximately 90 students. About 4-5 percent of people are colorblind.

“Some of the kids with more severe color blindness reacted as I hoped and I think this was a life-changing experience for them,” Steiner said.

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## Donation to Forreston Police

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## COLOR: Pairs for indoors, outdoors

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“As a teacher, that’s what we do. Two of the students were brothers, and that didn’t surprise me that they were both colorblind. They actually have different types of colorblindness. Seeing them both react the same

way, that was special to me.” Each student received two pairs, one for indoors and one for outdoor use. Steiner made sure to give the students glasses with adult frames so they can use them as they grow into adulthood. He believes it’ll be really important

for them later in life when they go on to deal with things such as stoplights. “I think it’s really important to make sure that if someone is colorblind, they know about it,” Steiner said. “I’m really happy I was able to provide them with the tools they needed.”

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## TEACHER: Called a leader among her fellow educators

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deserves this honor.” Radostits has played a key role in the development of the “Hawks Take Flight” after-school program since its inception in 2008. She, along with her colleagues, conducts interventions with ninth-grade students who are not on track to graduate on time. Radostits also worked with administrators to develop a program to identify junior high students who may need additional support upon entering high school.

In another example of how Radostits’ reach extended beyond her own classroom walls, she provided professional development to her colleagues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“In numerous ways, Kim is a leader among her colleagues,” said fellow teacher Zach Hall. “Of all the examples of her leadership, the professional development sessions on remote teaching that she offered to our district [in the fall of 2020] are among the most remarkable. Ms. Radostits helped many of our teachers build skills and understanding to connect with students online when school started. Without this help, many of our teachers would have struggled to

teach their classes, and many students would have struggled consequently. She was not paid or compensated for these sessions, but she volunteered to facilitate them because she recognized that our teachers needed them.”

Radostits’ students praise the positive energy she brings to teaching. One student wrote in their nomination letter, “Some teachers choose their profession because of their love of the subject they teach. Others love to help kids in need. Ms. Rad teaches for both of those things with the most passion I have ever seen. She steps into the room with an aura of love and fun every single day.”

Radostits believes it was a moment with one student that drove her to be the best teacher she could be for her students. “In 2011, I left freshmen orientation in tears after having an interaction with a boy who said that he hated school and there was nothing I could do to change that,” Radostits said. “The four years I spent trying to prove him wrong have strongly impacted me as a person and an educator and solidified the beliefs I have about education.”

As committed to her students as she is, Radostits is equally invested in

her colleagues. Through the New Teacher Academy (NTA), she assists teachers new to the Oregon school district to get acclimated through a series of monthly professional development sessions. Principal Heidi Deininger believes the district’s high staff retention rate is directly related to NTA.

Radostits has spent all 15 years of her teaching career at Oregon High School. Prior to that, she earned her bachelor’s degree in Spanish language from Northern Illinois University and master’s degree in educational leadership from Aurora University. Radostits earned the prestigious designation of National Board Certified Teacher in 2011.

As the 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year, Radostits will have an opportunity to share her knowledge and expertise with an even larger audience via an ambassadorship beginning in June. State funding will enable Radostits to take a one-year sabbatical and will provide a novice teacher with the opportunity to teach in her place for one year under her expert guidance. Radostits will represent Illinois in the National Teacher of the Year program sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Schrader new principal in Forreston

Forrestville Valley Board of Education took action to formally approve the hire of Ryan Schrader, as the elementary principal for the district during the next two school years.

The principal position was open following the resignation of Jonathan Schneiderman.

Schrader will serve Forreston Grade School and German Valley Grade school beginning July 1. Mr. Schrader is a grad-

uate of Aurora University where he completed his undergraduate teaching degrees and his master's degree in educational leadership. Schrader comes to the district with 15 total years in education, seven years of elementary teaching experience, one year at the middle school, and seven years in administration where he has served as middle school dean of students and elementary principal. Schrader will be

relocating to the area with his wife and three children.

Schrader will be welcomed by elementary assistant principal, Christy Garnhart, and secondary administrators Travis Heinz, FJSHS Principal, and Kyle Zick, FJSHS Assistant Principal/Activities Director.

"Mr. Schrader is a great fit for our teaching staff and administrative team," said Superintendent Sheri Smith. "His experience at

the elementary level will allow for the continuation of great things for our students in Forrestville Valley and we are excited to have him join us."

"I am so excited to have the opportunity to work in such a great school district as Forrestville Valley," Schrader said. "I look forward to joining an exceptional team of educators and working closely with students and families in this already great school and

strong community. What an amazing honor it is to be a part of such a great district where student success and continued growth is a priority."

"We are excited to continue great leadership in our district and look forward to adding Mr. Schrader to the administrative team," said Board President John Reining. "Mrs. Smith continues to secure high quality staff and programs for our students, and I believe Mr.



Schrader will be a strong contributor in our pursuit for excellence at Forrestville Valley."



Caption: Oregon Woman's Club treasurer, Sandi Brubaker presents Pegasus Special Riders administrator, Sara Morris with a \$200 check to support the therapeutic horse-riding program, while OWC members look on. Members present for the presentation were (Front Row) Fran Strouse, Valdean Fletcher, Marge Wilhelm, Sharon Lung, Jan Larson. (Middle row) Audrey Taylor, Rosemary Underwood, Pegasus administrator, Sara Morris, and OWC Treasurer, Sandi Brubaker. (Back Row: Maja Shoemaker, Krista Young, Joyce Dixon, Jan Steward, and Sandi Chasm.

## Woman's Club donates to Pegasus

OREGON—Members of the Oregon Woman's Club heard a presentation by Sara Morris, the new administrator of Pegasus Special Riders.

Pegasus Special Riders is a therapeutic horse-back riding facility. Therapeutic horsemanship develops a special relationship between the riders, the horses, and the instructors that helps people of varying abilities to engage to promote his or her confidence and self-esteem, and help improve posture, balance, hand-eye coordination, and muscle tone.

"The lessons and riding experiences are also useful for relaxing muscles, increasing joint

mobility, and developing concentration, coordination, and self-discipline," Morris said. "Our programs are open to both children and adults who are physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged. The weekly lessons include both riding and the care of the horses, which helps develop the bond between the rider and the horse."

Pegasus' horses are also specially trained to work with the special-needs riders. "The horses are 'bombproof,'" she said. "That is they are chosen for their calm, gentle temperaments and are trained not to startle easily or to be

upset by loud noises or unusual situations."

Pegasus Special Riders is a non-profit organization funded solely through contributions, and staff are all volunteers.

"We need volunteers for everything from barn chores, working with clients on riding lessons, fund-raising events, newsletter preparation, and all the other functions that keep us going," Morris said.

The facility is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Check the website at [www.pegassusspecialriders.org](http://www.pegassusspecialriders.org) for

more information about special events, including a golf outing at Prairieview Golf Course on June 20 and a picnic and open house on July 23.

The Pegasus barns and riding facility are located at 6668 South Carthage Road (Just off Daysville Road) in Oregon.

They are open from April 19th through October/November, depending on the weather.

Pegasus Special Riders is just one of the community organizations to which Oregon Woman's Club supports throughout the county.

The family of Larry Roberts would like to thank everyone for all their calls, cards, gifts and prayers during this difficult time. Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Larry at Barnacopia in Polo on April 9th, from 11am-4pm.

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Advanced tickets are available till Thursday April 25 at the Leaf River Library or contact Lions John Pratt, Kathy Rose, Josh Lamping, Dorothy Mahon, Connie Hartje and Paul Lindstrom.

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## Forms for Play Day scholarships are now available

The Chana Play Day Committee has announced competition for several scholarships.

The candidates must be high school graduates or the equivalent with ties to the Chana area.

Applicants who are current or former residents of Chana or who have parents or grandparents who attended the Chana School or participated in Chana Play Day may apply. Two-time recipients are not eligible to reapply.

The scholarships will be awarded to the candidates who best meet and complete the requirements listed in the application.

Scholarship forms may be picked up at the Oregon High School guidance office or Stocking Equipment, four miles east of Oregon on IL Route 64.

Please deliver or mail the application to Ron Stocking, Stocking Equipment, 3749 East Pine Rock Road, Oregon, IL 61061.

The completed application must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

## Game Afternoon fundraiser April 8 at Rock River Center

OREGON – Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 8 to attend the Oregon Woman's Club Game Afternoon at the Rock River Center.

This fundraiser is open to the public. Bring your own cards or board games. Gather friends and reserve a table or join others to play favorite games. Refreshments will be served, and at the end of the afternoon, there will be a drawing for door prizes. Admission is \$5 per person at the door. Fees will go to support OWC's various local charities.

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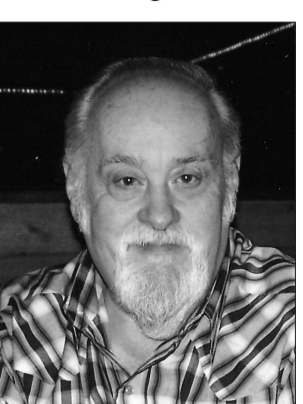
# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Henry Coy

**OREGON** – Henry “Hank” Coy, age 75, of Oregon, passed away on March 19, 2022. Born on July 5th, 1946 in Oregon, Henry was the youngest of three children born to Henry and Stella (Zmuda) Coy.

He graduated Oregon High School class of 1964. After graduation, Henry was employed in a family business owned by his parents. In 1969 Henry married Lind Nicholson of Milledgeville and both worked in the family business and were later divorced. Henry also worked a Police Patrolman for the City of Oregon for a short time but left to continue the family business. Upon the retirement of his parents, Henry began working a Territorial Sales manager for FMC Corp. in their Outdoor Power Equipment Division, based in Menomonee Falls, Wis. Following that he opened his own business in Chana selling and servicing lawn and garden power equipment, until moving the business back to Oregon. Henry later closed



the business to pursue other interests; obtaining his State of Illinois Registered Private Detective PERC card and was a past member of the American Federation of Police, Alumni member of the University of Illinois Police Training Institute and longtime member of the NRA. He was employed for several years as a 911 dispatcher for the Mt. Morris Police Dept. before accepting the position of Chief Animal Control Warden for Ogle County where he remained until his retirement.

During his later years due to medical mobility issues, he was confined to a wheelchair; but it did not hamper his ability to drive and he was always happy,

laughing, and in good spirits. During his lifetime he enjoyed traveling. He also enjoyed watching the Chicago Bears, collecting coins, antiques, Oregon and Ogle County memorabilia, police patches and firearms.

He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother John.

He is survived by his sister, Veronica “Sue” (Thomas “Skip”) Eytalis and nieces and nephews, Michele (Doug) Droge-muller, Charles Eytalis, Julie (Wade) Scheckla, Mark (Marisa) Eytalis, and Jeremy (Natalie) Coy; and sister-in-law, Rena Coy. He leaves behind many friends he made throughout his lifetime including special friends Michael Cullen, Cindy Yang, and Michelle He.

Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon. As per his wishes, there will be no visitation, cremation will be by Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Douglas H. Love

**BYRON** – Douglas H. Love, age 81, formerly of Davis Junction and Stillman Valley, died Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at his home in Byron. He was born April 9, 1940 in his parent's car at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Charles Steet in Rockford. He was the son of Leo G. and Dorothy “Alice” (Nelson) Love.

Doug graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1959. He then attended Wisconsin State College Institute of Technology at Platteville, Wis. Doug married Carol Wikoff on Feb. 26, 1967 at the First United Methodist Church in Dixon. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War from 1963–1965. Doug worked over 30 years for Chrysler Corporation in Belvidere. He also owned his own upholstery business where he would repair furniture, car and boat seats. He taught Upholstery at Rock Valley Community College.



He was a member of the Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at Paynes Point, Ill. He was also a 50-year member of the Byron Masonic Lodge # 274, the Freeport Consistory, the Tebala Shrine of Rockford, and the Tebala Shrine Klowns.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother Richard Love, and sisters Janet Lundberd and Kathy Kietzmann.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Carol Love of Byron; 2 daughters: Cory (Scott) Bolanowski of Lakewood, Ill., and Shelley (Steve) Wagner of Belvidere; brother Bruce (Margaret) Love of Haines City, Fla.;

sister Carol Bullock of Copenish, Mich.; 4 grandchildren: Alec and Emma Bolanowski, and Samantha and Jacob Wagner and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Paynes Point, with the Rev. Andrew Kayes and Rev. Joan Scheffler co-officiating. Visitation was Friday, March 18, 2022 from 4-7 p.m., at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley, followed by a 7 p.m. Masonic Service. Burial followed the service on Saturday at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery with Military Honors by the Rochelle VFW Post # 3878.

A memorial fund is established in Doug's name for the Tebala Shrine Children's Hospitals or the Carpenter's Place. Visit [www.farrell-Holland-Gale.com](http://www.farrell-Holland-Gale.com) to leave a memory or condolence of Doug.

### Tina M. Higdon

**BYRON** – Tina M. Higdon, age 46, passed away surrounded by her loving family on March 18, 2022. She was born in Harlan, Ky., on March 29, 1975 the daughter of Ron and Becky Hall.

She graduated from Stillman Valley High School Class of 1993. She loved the beach and anything related to it such as mermaids and collecting sea shells which she would use to craft. Tina was a people person always taking the time to listen to their stories, serving them, and making them laugh. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, watching crime shows, and spending time with her cat Princess Sassypants. Family was the biggest priority in Tina's



life; especially being a mother and aunt. She loved her kids fiercely.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Joseph Hall and Ted and Dorothy Nelson.

She is survived by her parents, Ron and Becky Hall of Stillman Valley; her children, Lexi Cook of Delavan, Wis., Brady Higdon of Lebanon, Tenn., and Caily Higdon of Lebanon, Tenn.; sis-

ters, Amber (Cal Schoonover) Doss of Byron and Tammy (Dustin) Lewis of Stillman Valley; grandmother, Ida Hall; and nieces and nephews, Devin, Jarrett, Luna, Chloe, Ashton, Adam, and Raven.

A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with Molly Bowen officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m. prior to the service. Memorials may be directed to the domestic violence shelter of your choice or to Tina's go fund me. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Marilyn K. Beauchem

**BYRON** – Marilyn K. Beauchem, age 82, longtime Byron resident passed away on March 17, 2022 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born on Dec. 9, 1939 in Burlington, Iowa the daughter of John and Kathryn Noble.

She married Harry Beauchem on April 20, 1963 in Loves Park; he preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 2021. She was a member of Leaf River Baptist Church. In her later years, Marilyn enjoyed working at the Byron

McDonalds. The most important thing to her was her family and she loved attending her grandchildren's activities.

Survived by her sons, David (Vicky) Beauchem of South Bend, Ind., and Dawayne Beauchem of Byron; daughter, Penny (Doug) Reber of Byron; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, parents, and son, Dale Beauchem.

A memorial service for Harry and Marilyn will be held on Saturday,

April 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. The family encourages you to please wear your blue jeans to the service and visitation just like Marilyn and Harry liked to wear. Burial will follow at Daysville Cemetery in Oregon. Memorials are established for the Byron Booster Club. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Rosemarie Nestrojil

**OREGON** – It is with great sadness that the family of Rosemarie Nestrojil announce her passing on March 22, 2022, at the age of 92. It was a wonderful life and heaven will never be the same! Rosemarie lived a long and full life. She was born a twin on April 9, 1929, in New York City, New York to two loving parents, Fitzie and Fred Komarek. Raised in Little Bohemia and Flushing, N.Y., her father was an electrician and her mother a homemaker and milliner.

Rosemarie and her twin sister, Lilyann, were best friends, duet partners, and even with 1000 miles between them... were often found talking on the phone daily or writing daily, lengthy letters for over 85+ years. Rosemarie was always an optimistic, strong, active, and beloved wife, mother, daughter, grandma, sister, aunt, and friend. Rosemarie's talents touched many lives.

After graduating from Bayside High, Bayside, N.Y. she went on to graduate from Gibson Secretary School, working in New York City until meeting the love of her life, Charles at her twin sister's wedding. They married in 1952 and went on to dance through life. They had two children, Lynn and Charlie. Born on the East Coast, she loved the beach, the ocean and seafood; especially clam digging and catching her own crabs. Her husband's job brought them to the Midwest in 1969 which was an adjustment that grew into an amazing life. Charles passed away after 35 years of marriage. Rosemarie then rejoined the work force at Lutheran Social Services for 12 years. During her years in Oregon, she also expressed



her artistic talents through her painting and involvement with Eagles Nest Art Group. She served as an officer, along with Harry Nurmset and Jessie Hinkle, organizing many fabulous art shows all over Oregon for most of the 70 – 80's.

Her most memorable attributes were her smile on her face and a song on her lips and in her heart. A song for every occasion! One word would break her into song; at the grocery store, the salon or on the local street. She even performed on the Carnegie Hall stage in New York City! Often a serenade would be heard if you visited the ‘Oregon Bakery’ she owned with her husband until 1982. During her bakery years, she made countless delicious cakes, as well as the “sandwich and soup of the day.” Her bubbly personality and love for the Lord was shared with her beloved congregation of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Oregon, where her presence, smile and song filled their lives. She could often be found spending countless hours arranging flowers, singing in the choir, planning and decorating for every church event imaginable, especially “Coffee...and,” her favorite Dorcas Circle Group and abundant parties for friends. She was always dropping off fun little gifts for everyone's “special occasion.”

She cherished her family the most! Mom or aka ‘Granny Nest’ will always be remembered for the hours she spent with them and her presence in their lives; from screaming in the stands at many a school event, to family dinners, weddings and daily drop by visits.

Rosemarie is survived by her daughter and her husband, Lynn and Ken Kaufman, her grandchildren Bill (Shannon) Etnyre, Carnation, Wash., Amanda Guidos, Vermilion, Ohio, Hannah (Brian) King, Sammamish, Wash. Step-grandchildren Kara (Bradley) Bauer, Oregon, and Drew (Kristin) Kaufman, Mount Morris. Great-grandchildren Emery, Zachary, Savannah, Greyson and Leah. Nieces, Susan (Shawn) Sanborn, Edmond, Okla., and Bonnie (Victor) Cubow, Culpeper, Va., and nephews, Scott (Tammy) Stehlik, Bluffton, S.C. and Joe (Debie) Sanda, Patchogue, N.Y.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; son, Charlie; and twin sister, Lilyann. I'm sure their reunion will be epic!

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Farrell-Holland-Gale 110 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon from 3-5 p.m.. A Celebration of Rosemarie's Life will be held 10 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 at St Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Rasmussen officiating. Burial at Riverview Cemetery in Oregon with luncheon following. You are invited to come and enjoy one last meal with Rosemarie. A memorial fund is being established in Rosemarie's name for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Serenity Hospice and Home.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Karen Louise Garland

On Friday, March 18, 2022, our dear mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, coworker, and neighbor, Karen Louise (Schreiber) Garland, 80, of Malta, Esmond, Ill., and Ottertail, Minn., surrendered to heart failure after a heroic 18-month battle with advanced AL Amyloidosis.



She was surrounded by her loving family for the last beat of her tired and battered heart, at Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital, DeKalb. Karen was born on Feb. 10, 1942, in Rockford, to Elton and Helen (Knodle) Schreiber. Later to join the family were brothers, Gary and Dennis, and sister, Lolly. At the family homestead in rural Leaf River, IL, Karen bonded with and raised her precious and beautiful Mallard ducks. This would also be the place where she played and frolicked with adored cousins. Coming from a family of musicians, Karen sang and played several musical instruments, with an emphasis on the clarinet. Upon graduation from Leaf River High School in 1960, Karen ventured to DeKalb, where she was enrolled with scholarships into the NIU School of Music. Educational courses also included English and Grammar, to which she had a plethora of natural knowledge and exceptional skills. In 1961, while continuing musical coursework with the revered Dr. Wilbur Smith, Karen became a telephone operator at the DeKalb Phone Co. This is when she would meet her future husband, Roger, and a few of many valued future sisters in law! In 1962, Karen gained employment as a staff secretary for the NIU Department of Physical Education. Roger and Karen were married March 20, 1963, in Higdon, Arkansas. Along came 2 sons, Dan and Tim. After a brief move and stay in Decatur, IL, the young family returned to the Dekalb area, settling in Malta, where they added

in the Cape Canaveral, Co-coa Beach, Fla., area, where she and Roger met many significant friends. Throughout her childhood and adulthood, Karen was known to be shy, super sweet, kind, supportive, understanding and always an extremely hard worker. She was also the family photographer, always around to snap a picture. We all will miss her so much! She was our rock and the strongest person her family will ever know.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Garland, her sons, Daniel Garland and Timothy (special daughter in law Doreen Schmidt) Garland, daughter Lori (special son in law, Mario Rodriguez) Garland Rodriguez, grandson Shane (special friend Sharvelle Gunn) Garland-Rodriguez and granddaughter Mercedes Rodriguez. Great-grandchildren, Taelynn, Logan and Dallas Garland-Rodriguez, brothers Gary Schreiber and Dennis Schreiber, close cousins, Jan, Carol and Lois, several sisters in law, nieces and nephews, family friend Charlotte Swanson, and not to forget her pup, (Pretty Boy) Chance. Karen was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Laurel (Lolly) Ann, in infancy, father and mother in law, James and Orpha (Morgan) Garland, several brothers/sisters in law, 2 nephews and a niece. In lieu of services, Karen requested her cremated remains be spread over the graves of her fiercely loved parents and baby sister, at a date yet to be determined. Her family requests any special comments or memories of Karen via the online obituary guestbook. A memorial fund has been established at the Finch Funeral Home, DeKalb, IL, for future educational expenses for her very much treasured and adored great grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to: Finch Funeral Home 310 Oak St. DeKalb, IL, 60115 (815) 758-3841.

### Jerry James Tobin

**POLO** – Jerry James “Jerbear” Tobin, age 40, of Polo, passed away in his home on March 17, 2022. Jerry was born in West Frankfort, Ill., on Jan. 7, 1982, the son of Paul and Deborah (Murphy) Tobin.



Jerry grew up in Chana, and loved being outside. He loved life and being with his family. Jerry’s daughters Adrianna and Leah were his world. He always had a smile on his face especially when riding his Harley with Julie. He was a great cook, just like his mom, and loved making meals for his family; “the spicier the better” he always said. Jerry also loved camping, boating, and traveling. His favorite past times were watching Leah play basketball and jamming out to music in his Mustang with Adrianna. It was always said that he was able to fix anything. Jerry also loved his dog, Carl. Jerry

was sprinkler fitter for Local 281 with S.J. Fire, however, he also DJed for many years. Jerry will be missed dearly.

Jerry is preceded in death by his grandparents, Bernard and Betty Murphy, grandmother Caroline Tobin, grandfather Paul Bear Martin, and uncles Randy Lee Pigg and Louis Lopez.

Jerry is survived by his parents Paul and Deborah Tobin of Chan, daughters Adrianna and Leah Tobin of Polo, sister Amanda Tobin of Oregon, nieces Zoe Prascak and Mila Tobin both of Oregon, fiancé

Julie Cornett Hensley and her children Bradley and Bailey and grandson, Kolten. Also survived by grandparents Jerry and Eula Pigg of Johnston City Ill., and Mike Tobin, Sr. of Bryon, aunts Jerry (Dave) Shoemaker, of Johnston City Ill., Anita Morgan of Knoxville, Tenn., Rose (Jim) Lorden of Byron, and Robin Lopez of Oklahoma; uncles Ronnie Pigg of Johnston City, Ill., and Mike Tobin Jr. of Boston, Mass., and many cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, IL 61061 with Rev. David Rogula officiating. Burial in Daysville Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m.. Memorials may be directed to American Diabetes Association. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Paint recycling event is April 9

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a Latex Paint/Aerosol Can Recycling and Document Shredding Event on Saturday, April 9, at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and identification is required. No permits are required for this recycling event.

Latex paint will be collected for recycling from 8 a.m. until noon. The first 10 containers of latex paint per vehicle will cost \$1 per quart-sized container, \$2 per gallon-sized container, and \$8 per 5-gallon pail. The OCSWMD will subsidize the remaining cost to recycle the latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle, which is \$2.50 per quart, \$5 per gallon, and \$18 per 5-gallon pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to “EathPaint.org” will be accepted for payment.

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes and spray cans will not be accepted.

No business or contractor paints accepted. No bulking of latex paint. Bulked latex paint cannot be recycled.

EarthPaint.org is a nonprofit business in the Chicago area that works with adults with special needs and disabilities to sort and recycle unwanted latex paint into new paint or other products.

Aerosol cans, small 14-16 ounce propane cylinders, and small isobutene cylinders will also be accepted by Flatcan Recycling. There is no cost up to and including 10 containers, after 10 items aerosol cans and isobutene cylinders are \$1 and propane cylinders are \$2 for recycling. Most aerosol spray products will be accepted for recycling.

Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport Recycling’s Shred-Beast truck from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three (3) boxes per vehicle.

Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, email [solidwaste@ogle-county.org](mailto:solidwaste@ogle-county.org), for more information about this recycling opportunity.

Email all items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com). Please send photos in a jpeg format. Deadline is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

**Feb. 20**  
At approximately 10:04 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. Fifth St in Oregon. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Halley Smith, 56 of Oregon, for Driving While License Revoked. Smith was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an Equipment Violation. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

**Feb. 18**  
At approximately 6:58 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20000 block of E. IL Rte 64. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jasmine Campbell, 30 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Campbell was also issued citations for Expired Registration and Suspended Registration.

Campbell was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

At approximately 12:25 p.m., Deputies responded to the 11000 block of North Illinois Rt 2 in reference to a single vehicle accident. A preliminary investigation revealed that a northbound vehicle being driven by Deivontae Partee, 21 of Rockford, traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The vehicle then struck a tree and caught on fire. Partee was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS where he was later pronounced deceased. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Byron Fire/EMS and Byron Police. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Fox Run and Blackhawk Dr in Byron. After an investigation, Deputies cited Christo-

pher Mccammond, 26 of Rockford, for driving while license suspended and obstructed front side windows. Mccammond was given an I-bond for his citations with a return court date.

At approximately 2:46 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8400 Block of N. Rt 251. After further investigation, Celina Michelle Kirkham, of Davis Junction, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Kirkham was also cited for Speeding. Kirkham was released on scene with a return court date.

**Feb. 15**  
At approximately 10:04 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 106. After investigation, Deputies placed Isaac Martinez, 24 of Combined Locks, Wisconsin under arrest for No Valid Driver's License.

Martinez was additionally issued citations for an inoperable registration light and operating an uninsured vehicle. Martinez was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

At approximately 11:31 p.m., Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 7000 block of W. Lowell Park Road. After investigation Deputies placed Stafanie Page, 51 of Mt. Morris under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. Page was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 10:34 p.m., Deputies responded to a one vehicle crash with an injury in the 1000 block of E. IL Rte. 64. After investigation, Deputies learned that a black Dodge Durango driven by Cale Sandell, 35 of Oregon was traveling eastbound on IL Rte. 64 just east of Daysville Road. Sandell then struck the elevated median before traveling into the westbound lane and off into the north ditch. Sandell then struck a ditch embankment before overturning his vehicle at least once and coming to rest in the north ditch. The Dodge Durango sustained heavy damage. Sandell was transported to Mercy Riverside Hospital by Oregon EMS for serious injuries. Sandell was later placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Sandell was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and illegal transportation of alcohol. Sandell was released on an I-bond at the hospital and given a future court date.

**Feb. 14**  
At approximately 1:37 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near

Monroe Center. After further investigation, Beatriz Flores-Martinez, 49 of Woodale, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Flores-Martinez was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an equipment violation. Flores-Martinez was released on scene with a return court date.

**Feb. 13**  
At approximately 2:07 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on IL Rte 251 at Big Mound Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested the driver, Daniel H. Correl, 35 of Rockford, for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Driver (open container). Deputies also arrested passenger, Frank X. Rosado, 22 of Rockford, for an active Boone County arrest warrant for Failure to Appear on Aggravated Fleeing to Elude. Daniel was released on a Notice to Appear and additionally cited for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Frank was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

**Feb. 12**  
At 11:53 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Stephaney Myers, 22, of Dekalb for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis by Driver. Myers was released on an I-Bond. Myers was also issued citation for speeding.

At approximately 9:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic at Route 251 and Edson Road for a speeding violation. After further investigation, Aguilar Alvarado, 25 of Rockford, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Alvarado was also cited for speeding and a child restraint violation. Alvarado was released on scene with a return court

date given.

At 9:25 p.m., Deputies responded to Illinois Rte. 38 and Chana road for a one vehicle crash. After a short investigation Deputies arrested John A Stark, 74 of Elgin Illinois for DUI, Aggravated DUI, Driving While License Revoked, and Improper Cannabis Container. Stark also received citations for Failure to stop at an intersection, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, No Insurance, Unlawful Transportation of Alcohol and Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle. Stark was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in Lieu of bond.

**Feb. 11**  
At 12:07 a.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of 13000 W. Coffman Road to the report of a car in the ditch. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a 2003 Ford Focus operated by Vuk Durisic, 28, of Chicago, had slid into the ditch. Durisic was issued a citation for No Valid DL, and released on an I-Bond.

At 8:17 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Jack Dame Rd and Avenue B, and as a result of that stop, Deputies arrested Omar Aguilar-Reyes, 37 of Covington Ga. for driving without a valid driver's license. Omar Auilar Reyes was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

**Feb. 9**  
At 5:39 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of N. IL Rt. 251 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Janeth Morales, 18 of Rockford was arrested for no valid driver's license. Morales was also cited for speeding. Morales was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

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### Polo Police report

General Calls for Service for the weeks of January 24, 2022 thru February 6, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	16
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	1
Fire/Medical Assist	2
Alarm/Open Door	1
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	14

**Jan. 12**  
TIME: 8:54 p.m.  
REPORT: Michael Fust, 49, Adams, WI, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Fust was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for service for the weeks of February 7, 2022 thru February 20, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	24
Juvenile	3
Animal Complaint	2
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	9
Alarm/Open Door	2
Traffic Stops	11
County Assists	2

**March 13**  
TIME: 11 p.m.  
REPORT: David J. Amundsen, 23, Aurora, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Amundsen was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for service for the weeks of February 21, 2022 thru March 6, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	11
Juvenile	2
Disturbance/Domestic	4
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	2
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	5
County Assists	1

**March 9**  
TIME: 6:50 p.m.  
REPORT: Juan Munoz, 37, Polo, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Munoz was released on an I-Bond.

**March 13**  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
REPORT: Tanya M. Brooks, 65, Dixon, was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Brooks was released on an I-Bond.

**March 15**  
TIME: 5:17 p.m.  
REPORT: Dalton R. Haenitsch, 26, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Whiteside County warrant. Haenitsch was transported to the Ogle County jail.

TIME: 5:17 p.m.  
REPORT: Jodi L. Horner, 57, Oregon, was arrested for Battery. Horner was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**March 16**  
TIME: 6:06 p.m.  
REPORT: Charles Alba, 41, Forreston, was arrested for Driving While License was Suspended. Alba was transported to the Ogle County jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of March 7, 2022 thru March 20, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	23
Juvenile	3
Animal Complaint	2
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	2
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	2
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	13
County Assists	3

# LOCAL NEWS



*Jerry Ketchum often sings and plays at First Fridays. He's accompanied in this photo by Mike Bratt on bass, John Lindblade on guitar, and Tim Laurence on banjo.*

## First Fridays Open Mic returns to K's Sports Bar in Oregon on April 1

**OREGON** – The next First Fridays Open Mic arrives on April first – no fooling!

The monthly musical event at K's Sports Bar in Oregon attracts many talented performers. The coffee-style atmosphere is warm and accepting for musicians and singers of all skill levels. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam

session at the end of the show.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.

K's Sports Bar is located at 408 East Washington (Rt. 64) in Oregon, close to several restaurants. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

## Adult egg hunt set for April 9

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Join the Mt. Morris Senior Center and Let Freedom Ring for an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on the Campus on Saturday, April 9.

This Egg Hunt is for only for those over the age of 18 and only 200 tickets will be sold. Everyone will need to bring a flashlight and something to carry their eggs in. Here is how it works – registration will be at the Mt. Morris Band Shell from 7-7:40 p.m. Last minute instructions will be given at 7:40 p.m. and the hunt will begin at 7:45 p.m. sharp.

Each person will be allowed to find a certain number of eggs. Each egg will have a number. Some of the eggs will have winning numbers. The people who find those eggs will be able to choose

a prize from the prize table. There will also be golden eggs hidden with numbers that will coincide with larger prizes. Prizes will be awarded for winning eggs, golden eggs, and a door prize at the end of the evening.

No alcohol will be allowed on the hunt grounds, but food and refreshments will be available to purchase at Mullarkey's Bar and Grill, The Idle Hour, and The Campus Café. All are welcome to support the Senior Center and our Let Freedom Ring Festival at this fundraiser.

To purchase tickets for \$10 each call the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 815-734-6335 or stop by Mt. Morris Village Hall at 105 West Lincoln Street. If you have any questions call the Senior Center or email [mmsrcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mmsrcenter@gmail.com).

## Serenity Hospice and Home to facilitate griefs support group starting March 28

**OREGON** – Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, 8-week Grief Support group open to the public starting Monday, March 28.

Based on the book "Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, this group is designed to help individuals along their grief journeys by connecting them with a supportive community and providing helpful resources.

The program will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, and will be held from 10-11:30 am. I

ndividuals who would like to attend should register by calling Denise Watts of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Annual Golf Playday is May 7 in Byron

**BYRON** – The Byron Fire-fighter’s Association will be serving their 26th Annual Allied Health Scholarship Golf Playday on Saturday, May 7, at PrairieView Golf Club in Byron.

Registered Golfers can sign in at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$65 per person which includes green fee, half cart, midcourse brat, lunch at the conclusion of your round, door prizes and awards.

All money raised from the playday goes directly towards scholarships for up to four Byron High School Seniors majoring in the medical or fire science fields. The Association proudly awards up to four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

The Association appreciates the communities ongoing support and would love to see as many people as possible coming out for a day of fun.

The golf playday is open to anyone who wants to have a good time – no matter what “level” of golfer you are! Whether you are interested in golfing, being a hole sponsor, or donating a prize for the raffles held that day, visit our website: [www.byronfire.com](http://www.byronfire.com) click on the Golf Outing icon, and print the PDF forms. Last year, our event filled quickly, so please register early.

Please come out and show your support. For more information, please contact the Byron Fire Department at 815-234-4911.

## Leaf River Lions ‘Breakfast with Bunny’ is April 16

**LEAF RIVER** – The Leaf River Lions will be serving, “Breakfast with Bunny” on Saturday April 16 from 7-10 a.m. in the Bertolet Memorial building.

The menu being served will be pancakes, waffles, French Toast scrambled eggs and whole hog sausage. Also available will be blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes as well as strawberries and whipped cream on your pancakes or waffles. Children 10 and under will eat free while cost for children 11-13 years is \$4, ages 14 and over is \$7 and All You Can Eat is \$9.

After breakfast, at 10 a.m., the Lions will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Bertolet Park, weather permitting. The Easter Egg hunt will be inside the Bertolet building if weather is bad. The Easter Egg hunt is open from toddlers to 8 year-olds. The hunt is divided into three age groups, 0-4 years, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8, with prizes awarded for each group.

The next Lions dinner on April 24 will be the Roast Pork Loin dinner in support of the Summer Daze Festival.

That dinner will consist of roast pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, applesauce and cake for dessert. Cost of the meal at the door is \$6 for children 6 thru 13 years and 14 years and older \$10. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Advanced tickets are available saving \$1.00 per dinner at the Bertolet Library or Lions Paul Lindstrom, Connie Hartje, Kathy Rose, Josh Lamping and Dorothy Mahon. Advanced tickets will be available April 1 and sold until Saturday April 16.

## Rock River Center sets upcoming events and activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at [www.rockrivercenter.org](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. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252.

**2022/2023 American Classic Tours Preview**

We are excited to be invite you to a special Tour Preview highlighting our 2022/2023 Tour Schedule. Join us on Wednesday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at the Rock River Center.

Joe Conroy, President of American Classic Tours, Inc. will provide an informative program schedules complete with beautiful images of these destinations.

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**The Latest in Alzheimer’s, Dementia**

“The Latest in Alzheimer’s and Dementia” as presented by the Alzheimer’s Association. Thursday, March 31 at noon at the Rock River Center.

Alzheimer’s is a global health problem with more than 6 million people living with the disease in the US alone. Tremendous gains have been made in the understanding of the science and basic biology underlying Alzheimer’s and other dementias. These advances are leading to great strides in strategies for prevention, detection, diagnostics, and therapeutic interventions.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., March 28

Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, 8-week Grief Support group open to the public starting today. The program will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, and will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Denise Watts of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

Hull Library, Stillman Valley, 1-2 p.m. Spring into the library and try your luck at winning a round of BINGO. All ages welcome

and Dementia” as presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, noon at the Rock River Center in Oregon. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

located at 408 East Washington (Rt. 64).

### Weds., March 30

Storytime at the Mount Morris Library, 11:15 a.m. This week we will be reading books about super heroes like Ladybug Girl. We will be reading books and creating a craft to take home. All preschool-age children are welcome.

### Fri., April 1

First Fridays Open Mic at K’s Sports Bar in Oregon, 7 p.m. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m. K’s Sports Bar is

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

### Tues., March 29

Spring BINGO at the Julia

### Thurs., March 31

“The Latest in Alzheimer’s

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On April 17, 1882, several copies of Sheriff Pat Garrett's wildly inauthentic, fictionalized biography, "An Authentic Life of Billy the Kid," arrive at the Library of Congress. The first full, realistic biography of William Bonney (the Kid's principal alias) was not published until 1989.

\* On April 16, 1897, Frederick William Winterbotham, one of Britain's top code breakers, is born. Winterbotham would play a decisive role in the World War II Ultra code-breaking project, enabling MI-6 to intercept top secret messages transmitted to and between German armed forces.

\* On April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to sink. The Titanic's hull was divided into 16 presumed watertight compartments, and the ocean liner was considered unsinkable.

\* On April 11, 1921, KDKA in Pittsburgh broadcasts the first live sporting event on the radio, a boxing match. Radio had been used primarily for two-way communication, but KDKA became the first licensed radio station in 1920. Months later the first Major League Baseball game was broadcast.

\* On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Warm Springs, Georgia. The only man to be elected to four terms as president, Roosevelt is remembered for his New Deal social policies.

\* On April 15, 1967, a massive parade to protest Vietnam War policy is held in New York. Police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, youth burned nearly 200 draft cards in Central Park.

\* On April 13, 1978, opening day at Yankee Stadium, the New York Yankees give away thousands of Reggie! candy bars to fans, who toss them onto the field after star outfielder Reggie Jackson homers in his first at-bat.

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## Don't lose passion for what you love

I was just standing there, minding my own business.

The music was loud – very loud. My wife and I had gone to see some local metal bands in Rockford and these guys were trying to compete with a nuclear explosion when it came to volume.

The good news is that my hearing is so bad these days that it didn't really bother me.

I have long been a fan of loud, aggressive music. Yes, I love melodies and harmonies and appreciate beautiful music as well. But I also love the rush of loud rock music and always have.

I also still play loud rock music myself. And as a musician, I love to go out and see other bands. And on this occasion, we went to see some very brutal stuff, lots of screaming and volume.

Again, no problem.

So, I was standing there enjoying the bands – mostly younger people giving it all they have. Yes, it was hit or miss, but I always appreciate

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



the passion. But I was there to enjoy the music and I was.

A big guy with a beard stopped and stood next to me as a band blared away 30 feet away. I recognized him as the "singer" in the band that had just finished. I say singer, because it has more in common with painful yelling than singing, but that was the genre of bands playing that night.

He looked at me and said it was so cool that a guy my age came out to watch these bands. I smiled and yelled some-

thing back, over the din. I can't remember exactly what it was.

Then he dropped a bomb on me. He moved in closer and said, "I wish my dad would come out and see us play."

It hit me like a ton of bricks: He thought I was the dad of some dude in a band here to support my kid as he chased a dream his mom and I thought was stupid.

I just smiled at the guy, pretty much speechless. I forget that I am an aging rock guy and in a room with younger rock guys, I certainly look like someone's dad. Or, worse yet, someone's grandpa.

It can be jarring when I remember how old I am sometimes. You always kind of feel like a kid, so looking in the mirror can be a shocking experience at times.

Many of us, as we age, still love to do the things we did when we were teens. It can be playing music, or sports or even collecting things like Hot Wheels or Barbies.

For me I love to hang

with friends, I love to play and enjoy loud music. I love to bang my head and tip a few adult beverages from time to time.

The problem? My recovery time has gone from hours to days. After a gig, where I run around the stage and bang my head, my body – especially my neck – hurt for days. Every time before a show I remind myself of this, and every time I forget about it the second the first song starts.

I don't mind being the older dude watching a band or playing in a band. It's what I do and it's who I am. My hope is that all of you also still do the things you enjoy if you can.

I also hope the younger people now in bands or simply enjoying going out to see live music can do it as long as I have. And I don't have any plans to stop.

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

## Truthiness and the Ghost of 2020

The ghost of 2020 will haunt this year's political campaigns. The elections will in many cases amount to referendums on what happened back then, and what it means for the future. Candidates will win or lose on that issue.

One version, that of former President Trump and his allies, says that the Democrats stole that year's election. They tampered with computerized voting systems. They cast illegal votes. Dead people voted for Biden. Democrats blocked Republican observers from watching the count. They suddenly found new, fraudulent Biden votes late in the counting. And so on.

The mainstream media, the courts, state legislators, and Congress were all "complicit in the fraud," according to blogger B. Nathaniel Sullivan on 2-9-21. Other accused accomplices include state secretaries of state, state attorneys general, election officials, and even the Supreme Court. "We know this," said the American Thinker, as quoted in Sullivan's blog, "because there are videos, hundreds of signed affidavits by witnesses and many patriotic whistleblowers..."

Others tell a different story. William Barr, Donald Trump's Attorney General, relates in

### Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



his recently published book that he investigated the election at the request of the President and found no evidence of fraud. The President had no better luck in the courts. Harriet Alexander, in the 12-13-20 Telegraph, reports that a total of 86 judges, many of them Trump appointees, dismissed all of the 63 lawsuits, and the appeals, that President Trump and his allies filed after the election.

Three respected organizations also looked into the former President's accusations. These independent investigations were conducted by the Department of Homeland Security; a delegation of international observers invited by President Trump; and a New York Times survey of top election officials in 49 states. All affirmed that the elections were free of significant fraud, as reported by Jon Ward and Andrew Romano, at

yahoo.com in December of that year.

The wealth of evidence supporting the fairness of the 2020 election would in normal times be decisive. The gargantuan fraud claimed by former President Trump and his allies is hard to believe on its face. The supposed proofs have time and again been debunked.

And yet the belief persists and will persist. The previously discredited charges will be repeated again and again, and their sheer number will create the impression that there must be something to them. This strategy, known since Adolf Hitler's day as the Big Lie, is widely used throughout the world, most notably by the Russian government. Ward and Romano explain that the idea is to create a deluge of false accusations that overwhelms and confuses the public. Donald Trump's ally and former advisor Steve Bannon calls it "flooding the zone with s\*\*t."

The apparent purpose of this Big Lie offensive is to weaken public confidence in American elections. The Week Magazine's Briefing section, in its February 18 edition, outlines how it drives efforts by Bannon and other Trump allies to insert Trump partisans into all levels

of the nation's election machinery. Meanwhile, state legislatures are considering laws that could allow them to reverse presidential election results that they find unacceptable, something that may be possible even without such a measure. And many political candidates loyal to the former President have expressed their willingness to overturn results that fail to produce the supposedly inevitable victory for their side.

The Big Lie feeds on suspicion and fear. It exploits a universal human weakness, namely truthiness, which was the subject of last month's column. The belief that, if an idea feels right, it must be right, and that any evidence to the contrary must be a lie, can overwhelm facts and truth.

This year's elections will be a test of America's vulnerability to truthiness. They'll reveal what we believe about what happened back in 2020, but more importantly, how we made that choice.

*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>.*

## When do we finally say enough is enough?

Dear Editor,

If any of you reading this have a child or children in the public school system and you're not happy with the way things are going, then listen up.

From what I understand, all public officials who hold a position of official authority that is given to them by the state, city, county or other municipality, elected or appointed, Must acquire a Surety Bond. That Surety Bond provides financial guarantees that the bondholder will uphold their contracts according to mutual terms. Surety Bonds protect We The People from fraud and malpractice. (referenced from [bondsforthefwin.com](http://bondsforthefwin.com))

So, if your school is trying to force ridiculous and unbelievable policies upon your child or children, you do have a way to not only stop that from happening, but also a way of ousting that person or persons from office.

I'm sure we've all heard of some of those unbelievable policies being implemented in the schools around this area and up in Rockford. Where's the line? At what point do we finally stand up and say enough is enough? A complaint filed on their Surety Bond and a visit to the next Board meeting to serve them, just might be the way to do that.

Paul Diederich, Stillman Valley

# LOCAL NEWS

## Popular Park District dances return to Oregon

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District Mother/Son Date Night and Daddy/Daughter Dance were held March 18 and 19 at Nash Recreation Center.

After a year with no dances due to the pandemic it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and hugs between the parents and their children.

At The Fishin' Hole was the theme for the Mother Son Date Night and the gym was full of young boys dressed to "catch the big one" and an evening of fun with Mom or Grandma.

On Saturday, the gym was full of young girls dressed like mermaids or in their pretty dresses and

dancing shoes. These little ladies were so happy to share the dance floor with Dad or Grandpa after getting all dressed up.

Many of these couples enjoyed dinner out prior to the dance which is great for the local restaurants and other businesses benefitted as well with hair and nails done at the salon for some and sweet little corsages from the local florists for those parents that went all out.

All the participants, young and old, enjoyed dancing, contests, games, gift items, refreshments, photo booths and more. The boys had the opportunity to play fishing related games and earned

"Bobber Bucks" to spend at The Bait Shop Shop. Keeping with tradition, the girls made commemorative bracelets at the Daddy Daughter Dance with a mermaid or sea related charm. Each night is special, and each dance provides a wonderful opportunity for quality time with children creating memories and fun for a lifetime!

Memories were also captured by Lifeworks Photography. To see photos of the dances and/or to learn more about Oregon Park District special events visit the Oregon Park District Facebook page or [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).



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## Stillman Valley High School math team members compete at regionals

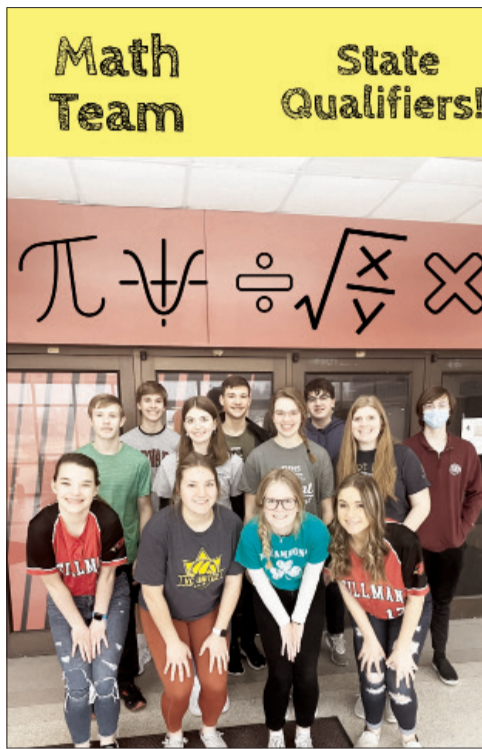
The Stillman Valley High School math team recently participated in the ICTM Regional Event.

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

- Regional Results**  
**Individual:**  
 Algebra I Trevor Miller 8th  
 Geometry Noah Klaren and Jacob Rhodes tie for 7th place  
 Algebra II Kennedy Swenson and Nick Youman tie for 6th place  
**Teams:**  
 Geometry Team 3rd  
 Kevin Chavers, Haley Jones, Noah Klaren, Jacob Rhodes  
 Algebra II Team 3rd  
 Philip Broski, Lexi Dienberg, Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman

- Precalculus Team 4th  
 Rayna Johnson, Hope Mickey, Colleen Roberts, Joscelyn Sweet  
 Junior/Senior 8 person Team 4th  
 Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman, Lexi Dienberg, Hope Mickey, Rayna Johnson, Cayla Purvis, Colleen Roberts

- Verbal Presentation Team 2nd  
 Philip Broski, Hope Mickey  
**Individual State qualifiers are:**  
 Algebra I Trevor Miller  
 Geometry Noah Klaren and Jacob Rhodes  
 Algebra II Kennedy Swenson and Nick Youman



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

Jr/Sr 8 Person  
 Madison McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, Nick Youman, Lexi Dienberg, Hope Mickey, Rayna Johnson, Cayla Purvis, Colleen Roberts and Philip Broski (Alternate).

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



First Row: Ruby Mulvaney, Maddy McCammond, Kennedy Swenson, McKenna Alcock, Hope Mickey, Advisor-Kathy McCarey. Second Row: Lauren Kerr; Luna Taylor, Aidan Taylor, Philip Broski, Levi Schamper, Ritchie Sutliff, Nick Youman.

## SVHS academic team 2nd at Sectionals

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

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

Some special highlights and our individual state qualifiers:

- Philip Broski - 1st in Chemistry and 1st in Math
- Richie Sutliff - 2nd in Chemistry and

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

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

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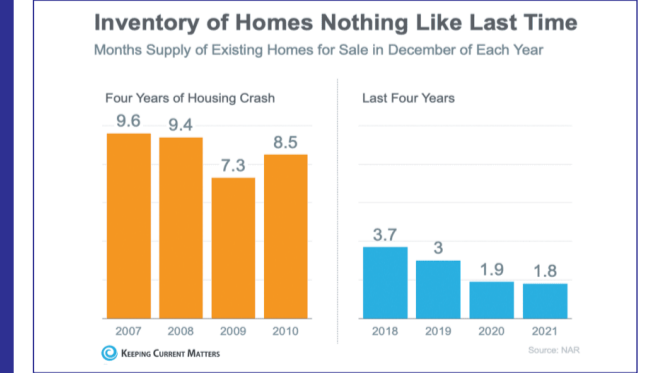
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### ARE WE IN A HOUSING BUBBLE?

The "warning signs" look all too familiar. Escalating home prices have both buyers & sellers worried that the market is just "too good to be true," and agents across the U.S. are getting bombarded with the ultimate question: "Are we in a housing bubble?"

Let's take a look at 3 key factors that suggest we're not, so you can educate your clients and calm fears in your market.



#### PART 1: HOUSING SUPPLY

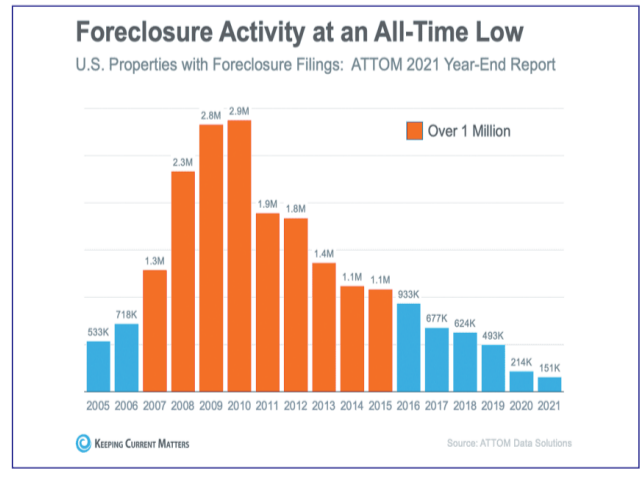
Last year, home values appreciated an average of 15% across the nation. And while this year's growth isn't expected to match it, buyers and sellers are still worried that home prices are too high and that depreciation is likely to follow.

However, unlike the Housing Bubble years of the mid-2000s, the major factor driving up home values is that we're also in a dire inventory shortage.

A balanced real estate market's inventory sits around 6 months. Today's current market is at 1.7 months, a historically low amount of homes for sale.

In comparison, the inventory level from 2005 and 2007 increased from 5 months to 11 months, a vast over-supply of homes that did not warrant the price appreciation that went along with it.

So, throwing it back to your high school economics class, the biggest driver of price appreciation is a simple case of supply and demand, hence what we're seeing in the market today.



#### PART 2: HOUSING DEMAND

If you remember the housing boom of the mid-2000s, you know how crazy that time was in real estate. But if Robert Schiller, a fellow at the Yale School of Management's International Center for Finance, could sum it up in one phrase, it's this: irrational exuberance.

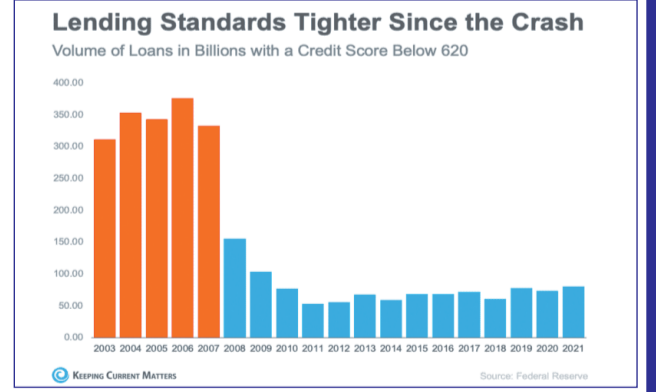
In other words, the buying and selling frenzy that contributed to the market collapse was fueled not by tactful, financial decisions but a country-wide case of FOMO (fear of missing out).

The mortgage industry fed into the frenzy, making it easy for people to obtain home loans much higher than they could afford.

Today's real estate demand, however, is a very real thing. And lending standards have become much tighter since before the crash.

Plus, with escalating rent happening across the U.S., many Americans are opting for the financial stability that homeownership offers.

These factors, coupled with low mortgage rates, make purchasing a home today a good financial decision. So, not only is the demand very real, it's also very smart.



#### PART 3: EQUITY

Following the housing and economic crash of 2008, economists, financiers, and real estate industry experts have combed through data to figure out why the entire system crumbled the way it did. Most will agree that one of the biggest pieces of that catastrophic equation came down to this: equity. Or in reality, a lack of it.

The mid-2000s saw a massive wave of homeowners cashing out the equity in their homes. In short, they were using their homes like ATMs to afford some of the finer things in life.

This led to a lot of negative equity situations: where the amount someone owed on their home was far more than what their house was worth. Many foreclosures and short-sales followed, depreciating home values nationwide.

Today is a much different equity picture. Cash-out refinance volume over the last three years is less than a third of what it was compared to the three years before the crash. Plus, escalating appreciation meant that homeowners gained an average of \$55,300 in equity in the last 12 months alone. As prices continue to rise, equity will too.

This positive equity perspective puts the current housing market in a much stronger place, minimizing risk of foreclosure and stabilizing home values across the U.S.

#### BOTTOM LINE

The most important role of a real estate agent is to be the educator to their clients. Let a RE/MAX of Rock Valley agent guide you through the process of navigating the 2022 real estate market!

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# SPORTS



## Rochelle students compete in basketball scrimmage

On Friday, March 18, Rochelle Township High School hosted the athletes of the Ogle County All-Stars Team to participate in a basketball scrimmage.

There were 28 students who participated overall, rotating in and out of the scrimmage. Coach Tabitha Thomas made arrangements for the students to play against each other. This season

the Ogle County All-Stars did not have the opportunity to play against their usual opponents, including teams such as Hope Wall, Byron, and the Village of Progress due to Covid. The RTHS student fans were present along with the RTHS cheerleaders. Family, students from Chana Education Center, and the SOAR House transition program were also in attendance.

We wish to send a special thanks to RTHS staff and students, Dr. Lewis, Terry Camplain and Kyle Kissick for serving as referees, Molly Sly, Scorekeeper and Scott Swartz, announcer.

The overall score was 16-38, with the "guest" team in the lead. Students enjoyed a great game and celebrated with pizza from Alfano's Pizzeria in Rochelle afterwards.

## Reynolds named OHS head basketball coach

OREGON – Oregon High School announces that Jarrett Reynolds has been hired by the OCUSD #220 Board of Education as the head boys' basketball coach at Oregon High School for the 2022-23 school year.

"We are excited for Jarrett to have this opportunity," said Oregon Athletic Director Mike Lawton. "Jarrett is a Hawk through and through. As a former player in the program not that long ago and now being a teacher here at OHS as well, we feel he is poised to help move our program forward in a significant manner. We look forward to him working with our athletes on the five Hawk core values of accountability, integrity, selflessness, being coachable, and being physically and mentally tough."

Reynolds is a 2016 graduate of OHS and was a two-time captain of the boys basketball team and soccer team as a student-athlete



at Oregon. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education in May of 2020 and is currently employed full time as a math teacher at Oregon High School. He assisted with OHS boys basketball in a volunteer capacity the during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. During the 2021-22 season, he became a full-time assistant coach.

"I'm very thankful for this opportunity," Reynolds said. "We have a great group of guys to establish traditions that bring excitement to our community."

## Oregon High softball team off to strong start

Oregon defeated Rock Falls 11 to 3 in a 5-inning rainy affair on March 22.

Jess Suter smashed a 3-run homer in a 6-run second inning for the Hawks (4-0). Reilee Suter and Ella Dannhorn each had 2 hits. Liz Mois notched a single and an RBI.

Mia Trampel pitched the 5-inning game and struck out 9 while walking 4.

Power proved the key on March 21, as Oregon softball got a pair of 3-run home runs from Liz Mois and Gracen Pitts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning of the game against Fulton and never looked back.

The Hawks dominated the game, winning 16-5, taking their record to 3-3 on the early season.

Lena Trampel started in the pitchers circle for Oregon going 4 innings in the win. Jess Suter and Ella Dannhorn each reached base 4 times for the Hawks.

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The pool repainting project in August of 2021 did not adhere correctly to the pool surface. The contractor will be returning to correct the work at no cost to the District.

### What happens to my pass?

If you have an active pass and will not be using the facility during the shutdown, please contact the front desk to receive membership credit for the duration of the closure.

### Locker Rooms?

The locker rooms will be closed beginning April 15 for routine maintenance and deep cleaning, once completed, the locker rooms will be available prior to the pool re-opening.

# LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

## Bertolet Library News

**Women's History Month:**  
In recognition of Women's History Month, Bertolet Memorial Library is highlighting its collection of titles about Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the struggle for women's rights. When Stanton was born in 1815, women couldn't vote or hold elective office, couldn't keep the wages they earned, and weren't even allowed to speak in the public arena. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, leader of the Women's Suffrage movement, launched a revolution when she drafted the first organized demand for women's rights in 1848 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. In her words, "Our struggle shall be hard and long, but our triumphs shall be complete and forever." Check out our collection of titles on Women's Suffrage.

**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 6:00PM. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at bertolet705@gmail.com.

**Movie Matinee: Monday, March 28th, 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 31st, 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.

## Byron Library News

**Special Hours**  
The Byron Public Library will be closed Sunday, April 17 in observation of the Easter holiday. We wish our patrons a safe and happy Easter!

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

**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.

**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 or calling 815-234-5107.

**Money Smart Week - Spend Smart, Eat Smart**  
Monday, Apr. 11  
1-1:30 p.m.  
This webinar is entitled, "Spend Smart. Eat Smart." Review planning ideas that can encourage you to take charge of your food budget in a way that works best for your household. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

**Money Smart Week - Credit: Build & Improve It**  
Tuesday, Apr. 12  
1-1:30 p.m.  
This webinar is entitled, "Credit:

**National Library Week: April 3-9**  
Stop in during National Library Week. We will have adult and youth raffle baskets, a scavenger hunt, and our annual Guess-Me Jars! Prize winners will be drawn on April 11th.

**Lego Club: Monday, April 4, 5 p.m.**  
Lego Club returns for ages 5 and up on Monday, April 4th!

**Story Hour: Thursdays at 10 a.m.**  
Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10:00AM. Registration requested but not required. \*There will not be a Story Hour on March 31st.\*

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

**Create-a-Card: Saturday, April 23rd, 9 a.m.**  
Spring is in the air! High School graduation season is just around the corner. Create a one-of-a-kind card for that special graduate!

**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:**  
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Applesauce Day by Lisa J Amstutz  
Dress-Up Day by Blanca Gomez

Build & Improve It." An explanation of what a credit score is and how to boost your credit score will be discussed. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

**Money Smart Week - Understanding Social Security, Retirement, Spouse & Survivor Benefits**  
Thursday, Apr. 14  
1-1:30 p.m.  
This webinar is entitled, "Understanding Social Security, Retirement, Spouse and Survivor Benefits." Become informed about the entitlement factors for retirement, spouse, ex-spouse and survivor benefits. Get the facts about the options to start benefits at various ages. To enhance your experience, you are encouraged to download your Social Security statement ahead of the session by going to: www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

**Natural Cleaners**  
Tuesday, Apr. 12  
6-7 p.m.  
In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we will show you how to make your own "green" cleaners with simple household items. Each attendee will receive a bag of these earth-friendly ingredients and recipes to begin cleaning. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

**Wine Glass Candle Holders**  
Thursday, Apr. 14  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Get in touch with your crafty side with us as we create a set of wine glass candle holders. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

**Bee Keeping**  
Thursday, Apr. 28  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Come learn what all the buzz about bee keeping is in this class for beginners. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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

## Scores

<b>Boys Varsity baseball</b>	March 17 Stillman Valley 6, Lena-Winslow 4
March 21 Stillman Valley 7, Rock Falls 2	<b>Girls Varsity Soccer</b>
March 17 Stillman Valley 6, Lena-Winslow 4	March 22 Stillman Valley 4, Rockford Auburn 0
March 16 Stillman Valley 6, Harlem 10	March 21 Stillman Valley 1, Princeton 6
<b>Girls Varsity Softball</b>	March 19 Stillman Valley 0, Alleman 5
March 22 Oregon 11, Rock Falls 5	March 17 Stillman Valley 3, Rockford Jefferson 0
March 21 Oregon 16, Fulton 5	March 14 Stillman Valley 1, Marengo 0
Stillman Valley 5, Rock Falls 7	

## Dean's List

### UW Wisconsin- Milwaukee

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.** - The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2021 semester.

**Byron:**  
Grace Abrahams, Nursing Undergraduate  
Katelin Mumma, Business Undergraduate

**Davis Junction:**  
Hannah Fleming, Letters & Science Undergrad

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

### Iowa State University

**AMES, Iowa** - The following area students are ranked among the top 2 percent of students in their college at Iowa State University.

Polo - Joseph Bardell, sophomore, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## Oregon grad gets Coast Guard promotion

Dusti Zimmerman-Streibek, a 2007 Oregon High School graduate, was recently pinned Chief in the U.S. Coast Guard by her brother, Jake Zimmerman, a 2005 Oregon High School graduate and Coast Guard veteran. The pinning took place where Dusti is currently stationed at Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans/ Dusti entered the USCG right out of high school and has traveled across the United States and around the world. Jake served in the USCG from 2005-09 and is now the superintendent of the Kane County Veterans Commission. Their proud mother is Cheri Wright of Oregon.



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## Oregon Library News

### Oregon Public Library Procedures

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### Spring Break Book Bundles- Registration began March 14 Youth Patrons, ages 6-18

Pickup between March 23rd- April 1st  
Are you looking to get away with a couple of great books? Sign up for a Spring Break Binge Bundle for a selection of books hand-selected by one of our librarians. Visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com%20to%20register%20or%20stop%20by%20the%20library%20for%20a%20registration%20form%21/> <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> to register or stop by the Library for a registration form!

### Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *The Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss *Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry.

### New Book Club- Cocktails & Crimes – April 13th at 6:30 p.m. (grab a book to find out where)

This book club is for the fans of True Crime. Part of the mystery each month will be the book we read and the location, date and time of the meeting. You can pick up the book for April at the library or visit our Goodreads page to see the description. Each month, the location, date and time of the club will be revealed in the next book chosen and will never be in the same place twice in a row. It's a mystery. If you would like to join this book club, stop by and get the book for April and find out more information.

### 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 am

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.

### An Evening with Jenny Lawson- Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00pm Virtual Program – ZOOM

Join us for an evening with the #1 New York Times bestselling author and award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent memoir, *Broken* (in the best possible way), and her brilliantly funny body of work. Lawson is a journalist, author, and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. Her previous books *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* and *Furiously Happy* were #1 New York Times bestsellers. She will be joined in conversation with R. Eric Thomas, bestselling author, award-winning playwright, and screenwriter. His book *Here for It: Or, How to Save Your Soul in America* was featured as a Read with Jenna pick on NBC's Today. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Register for this virtual event at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Alzheimer's Watch Party: Advancing the Science at Any Given Moment Date: Thursday, March 31. Time: Noon

Alzheimer's is a global health problem with more than 6 million people living with the disease in the US alone. Tremendous gains have been made in the understanding of the science and basic biology underlying Alzheimer's and other dementias. These advances are leading to great strides in strategies for prevention, detection, diagnostics, and therapeutic interventions. The Alzheimer's Association is a global leader in research, mobilizing the field to advance the vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Join us to learn more about:

- Landscape of Alzheimer's and Dementia Science
- Risk Factors for Alzheimer's and all other dementia
- Highlights in Early Detection and Diagnosis
- Latest Advances in Clinical Trials, Treatments and Lifestyle Intervention

### National Library Week- Connect with Your Library! April 3-9

As part of the National Library Week celebration, when Oregon Public Library cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. There will also be special treats for patrons checking out materials!

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books.

### Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, April 12th (while supplies last)

Seed Starter kits. Want to try a garden this year? How about fresh herbs? Let us help you get your herb garden started. Each kit will contain all supplies needed. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.**

### Seed Swap – Tuesday, April 12th from 2-6 p.m.

Bring seeds to share to the library— fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. Make sure your seeds are labeled with variety, year grown, crop family, days to maturity, location grown, germination rate and skill level. **NO GMO SEEDS OR SEEDS OVER 2 YEARS OLD.** U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact (815) 732-2724. If you haven't seen it yet, come check out our new seed lending library.

### Stories Aboard the Titanic – Thursday, April 14th at 1pm

On April 14, 1912, the H.M.S. Titanic strikes an ice berg and sends out an S.O.S. At 1:30 am NY Times Managing Editor, Carr Van Anda, reads that wireless message. RJ Lindsey portrays Carr Van And, who narrates a slide program detailing the ship's construction, its luxurious accommodations and modern safety features. He then recounts hour by hour the events of that dramatic maiden voyage. As the ship slowly sinks, Van Anda tells the stories of several passengers from First, Second and Third class; Who were they? Why were they on board? What finally happened to them? Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club Monday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. Registration Deadline April 15th

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you

care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded-Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy Talk presented by Claire Evans– Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Long before the British Invasion, the cash-strapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of "Downton Abbey" and "The Gilded Age" on television and film will delight as Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself.

Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless episodes of "Are You Being Served," "Fawlty Towers," and "The Vicar of Dibley" on PBS. She went on to study abroad in London and, against the odds, she married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They moved to England, where they lived for a number of years. Outside of her work for a legal advice charity, Claire became a student of historical sights, pub dining, and tea shops. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel and relocation advice. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### An Evening with Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy Wednesday, April 27th at 7 p.m. CST/Zoom

Illinois Libraries present actor/humorist/woodworker Nick Offerman in conversation with musician/hiking buddy Jeff Tweedy. Register at <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Best known for his breakout role as Ron Swanson in the hit TV series Parks and Recreation, actor and New York Times bestselling author Nick Offerman, originally of Minooka, Ill., will be discussing his newest book, *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside*.

Jeff Tweedy is a musician, songwriter, author, and record producer best known as the singer and guitarist of the band Wilco. Originally from Belleville, Ill., Tweedy has released 20 studio albums across his career and is the author of two books, including *How to Write One Song: Loving the Things We Create and How They Love Us Back*.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

### New Collaboration!

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, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> and click the newsletter image to sign up and receive our NEW email newsletter. The next class is April 21st, drawing will be held April 5th. <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> and click the newsletter image to sign up and receive our NEW email newsletter. The next class is April 21st, drawing will be held April 5th.

### Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month 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, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>.

### Puzzle Library

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

### Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato by Tomie DePaola.

### OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. Current story- What's Today For? by Jessy Humann

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

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

### PCs for People

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### New Releases

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Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City by Andrea Elliott 362.7 ELL (ALSO LARGE PRINT)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Julia Hull Library News

**Spring BINGO!**  
Spring into the library and try your luck at winning a round of BINGO! We'll have lots of fun and prizes. All ages welcome. Tuesday, March 29, 1-2 p.m.

**Spring Craft Drop-In**  
We're not foolin'! Stop into the library for a round of colorful Spring crafts, Friday, April 1, 1-3 p.m. Ages 2-9.

**Storytime at the Library!**  
Join us at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting April 6. Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

## 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 Finfrock at 815-946-2713.

**Library Services** - Converting VHS to DVD - With VHS and other videotape formats disappearing fast now is the perfect time to preserve your videos and other important memories. This new service will allow us to convert your videotapes to DVD for you. For \$5 per tape library staff will convert your

**Tween Scene: DIY Squishies Lab**  
Squeeze your stress away, tweens! On Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m., we'll experiment with paper, sponges and foam to test which technique makes the best squishy. All supplies provided. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Peep Diorama Contest**  
Come celebrate Spring at the library on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.! Each family will create a diorama featuring marshmallow Peeps! All dioramas will be photographed and posted on the library's social media. The diorama with the most votes after a week wins a prize! All supplies provided. All

memories to a more manageable format. Tapes may be dropped off during regular library hours.

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

ages. Registration required. \*MUST REGISTER BY MONDAY, APRIL 4th: 815-645-8611.

**Felted Desert**  
This April, we're returning to the magic of felt painting...with a South-west-inspired theme! Join Joanna on Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. as she instructs participants through the process of felting wool roving on fabric to create a painted desert scene. Registration required for this Zoom program. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults only.

**Short & Sweets**  
Join Joanna at the library on Wednes-

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

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

25th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict.

**Coffee with a Cop** - Join us for coffee (or tea) and conversation with Polo's Police Chief Troy Randall on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Programs**  
Early Out Dismissal...kiddos, head on over to the library, Wednesday, April 6th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Movie at the Library. Enjoy a movie and refreshments. Look for clues on our Facebook page to figure out the movie you will be watching.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1	Bar legally
6	Decorator's theme
11	Floodgate
12	Apple music service
14	Maidens of myth
15	Nap
16	Doctrine
17	Varieties
19	Up to
20	Casual tops
22	— Paulo
23	Optimum
24	Passover repast
26	Heller and Conrad
28	Chips go-with
30	Small barrel
31	High-ranking angels
35	Nintendo princess
39	Neural transmitter
40	Snitch
42	Eye drop
43	Spasm
44	Croc's kin
46	Gl's address
47	Runs off to wed
49	Transforms (into)
51	Safe and sound

**DOWN**

1	Parisian palace
2	Tallied
3	Bit of advice
4	Folksinger Phil
5	Mexican money
6	Identified incorrectly
7	Elevator name
8	Calendar abbr.
9	Foot part
10	Fixation
11	Tizzies
13	Mariners
18	British rule of India
21	Auto style
23	Sire
25	Shred
27	"— who?"
29	Sentence parts
31	Fills up
32	Driven out
33	Highly ornate
34	Perched
36	Figure skater, at times
37	Author du Maurier
38	Got up
41	Actress Marisa
44	Richard of "Chicago"
45	Crucifix
48	Young dog
50	HDTV brand

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### MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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### IRS TAX FORMS

**Answers**

1. Hat is different. 2. Bush is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Valentine is missing. 6. Poster is missing.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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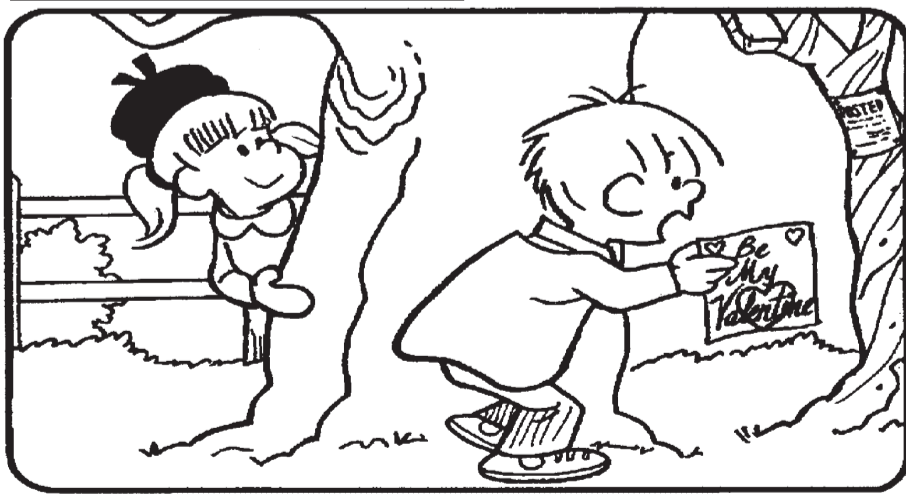
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Weekly SUDOKU



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2. Prequalification If checked, the 2 apparent as read low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and two originals with the IDOT District Office.

3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals.

4. The following BLR Forms shall be returned by the bidder to the Awarding Authority:  
 a. Local Public Agency Formal Contract Proposal (BLR 12200)  
 b. Schedule of Prices (BLR 12201)  
 c. Proposal Bid Bond (BLR 12230) (if applicable)  
 d. Apprenticeship or Training Program

Certification (BLR 12325) (do not use for project with Federal funds.)  
 e. Affidavit of Illinois Business Office (BLR 12326) (do not use for project with Federal funds)

5. The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.

6. Submission of a bid shall be conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has examined the plans and understands all requirements for the performance of work. The bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from failure or neglect to conduct an in depth examination. The Awarding Authority will, in no case, be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses or changes in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder.

7. The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.

8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an

envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

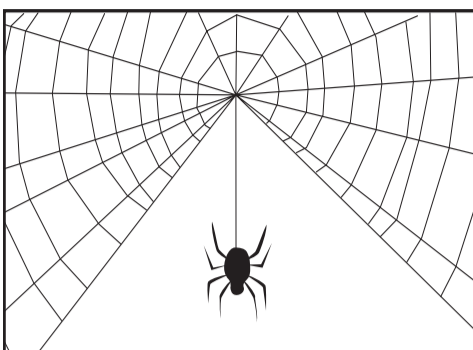
9. Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals. No. 0337 (Mar. 28)

reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law come before the meeting; and especially to consider the following:  
 1) Approval of 2021 meeting minutes  
 2) Approval of Funds balances  
 3) Setting Moderator's salary for 2023  
 4) Setting date, place and time for 2023 Annual Meeting  
 5) Vote on county services provided to Township residents  
 6) Other business as brought before the meeting  
 7) Discussion of possible transfer of monies from Town Fund to R&B Fund  
 Town Clerk Heather Barcai-Mowry  
 No. 0339 (Mar. 28)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
 To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Pine Rock in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Being the second Tuesday of said month At the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at the Pine Rock Township Hall  
 210 West Street Chana, Illinois  
 For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF THE OREGON PARK DISTRICT  
 The Oregon Park District hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 has been filed with the County Clerk of Ogle County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq.  
 The full report of the audit is available for public inspection on the Districts website or at the Nash Recreation Center during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays. No. 0338 (Mar. 28)

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### An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

### 203 HELP WANTED



### Reporter/Designer

The Mendota Reporter, a weekly community newspaper located in Mendota, IL, is seeking a reporter to help us create fresh, relevant and timely news content, and can also help design the pages the stories appear on.

Writing duties include general assignment writing, feature writing, and meeting coverage. A college background or the equivalent, knowledge with Indesign/ CMS systems, experience in writing and excellent grammatical skills are a must for this position.

Successful candidates must possess strong writing, grammar and spelling skills as well as strong communications skills. We're looking for a team player that has excellent computer and pagination skills, photography skills, strong work ethic and a desire to package and publish a quality product. Some evening and weekend work hours are required.

Advancement and management opportunities to larger newspapers within top-flight newspaper company are very realistic. News Media Corporation has community newspapers in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Oregon, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Solid benefit package includes: bi-weekly pay, medical insurance plan, life insurance, 401(k) plan, paid vacations and mileage reimbursements.

To apply, send your resume and at least three samples of your work to [tgreenfield@mendotareporter.com](mailto:tgreenfield@mendotareporter.com) No phone calls, please. TELECOMMUTERS NEED NOT APPLY

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 BIDDING CLOSES: MON., APRIL 11th @ 7 P.M.  
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 Rochelle, IL 61068  
 Public Service Announcement



## THE HARVARD STATE BANK

### 1. Customer Service Representative

The Harvard State Bank is looking for enthusiastic, customer centric individual to join our Customer Care Team. This is a full-time position with benefits and room for growth with increased responsibilities.

#### Essential Duties include but are not limited to:

- Answering/directing customer calls
- Fielding customer account inquiries and debit card inquiries
- Scanning documents
- Processing electronic deposits
- Processing stop payments, address changes, e-statement enrollments and debit card increases
- Responding to online banking messages
- Assisting customers with Digital Banking Platforms

#### Requirements

- Must be bilingual -English & Spanish
- Must be customer centric
- Prior customer service experience a plus
- Prior call handling a plus
- Must be able to work 2 Saturdays a month 7:45 AM to Noon
- Must be available Monday – Friday 8M – 5PM\*\* (assigned hours vary slightly)

\*\*Day off during the week when working Saturday

### 2. Bank Loan Administrative

The Harvard State Bank has an opening in their Loan Department for a Loan Administrator. This position provides administrative support, exceptional customer service, loan maintenance and reporting for the loan department, all loan officers and the consumer lending for relationship bankers. This position proactively interacts with the Loan officer and customers.

- Minimum of 2 years related experience - preferred, not required

### 3. Bank Teller

The Harvard State Bank is seeking a customer focused individual for a Bank Teller. This position is responsible for handling routine bank transactions and promoting business for the Bank by maintaining good customer service and referring customers to appropriate staff for new services.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Receives retail, commercial checking and savings deposits by determining that all necessary deposit documents are in proper form, and issuing receipts.
- Cashes checks, savings withdrawals cash advances; c
- Operates computer terminal to process account activity, and determine account balances.
- Cross-sells the Bank's other products and services, referring customers to appropriate staff when necessary.
- Accepts and processes all types of loan payments.
- Balances cash drawer daily.
- Provides excellent customer service
- Follows policies and procedures; completes administrative tasks correctly and on time; supports the Bank's goals and values; benefits the bank through outside activities.
- Bi-lingual preferred but not necessary – Hours normally Monday through Friday 8 to 5.

### 4. Universal Banker

The Harvard State Bank has an opening for an energetic, customer focused Universal Banker. The position of a Universal Banker will be responsible for both new accounts opening as well as back-up support for the teller/customer service areas of the bank. This position will include working with our customers for their /retail banking needs. This position will work every other Saturday per month until noon. Excellent customer service skills including cross selling and referring customers to other departments within the bank will be essential. Experience not required yet preferred. Bi-lingual preferred yet not required.

To apply send your resume to [HR@thehsb.com](mailto:HR@thehsb.com)



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**HS 3rd Shift Custodian**

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**Now Interviewing**

The Byron Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of **Police Officer** and for the lateral hiring of **Police Officers**.

Applications may be picked up at and returned to: The Byron Police Department, 232 W. Second Street. Applications will be accepted until April 8, 2022.

Minimum requirements: U.S. Citizen, 21 years of age, High School Diploma and a valid drivers license. College education is preferred.

Applicants must be able to pass the State of Illinois P.O.W.E.R. Test.

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**Byron CUSD #226 has openings for Bus Drivers**

**SIGN-ON BONUS Available**

Contact Barb Rundle at 815-234-5491 For more information

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**203 HELP WANTED**

LaVigna is looking for kitchen help - prep work, dishwashing, cooks. Please call us at **815-732-4413** or email at [LaVignarestaurant.comcast.net](mailto:LaVignarestaurant.comcast.net)

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**Rewarding Sales Position with Hiring Bonus!**

If you have an outgoing personality, an energetic get-it-done approach, and enjoy helping clients build their business, then you may be a perfect fit for a fun and rewarding multimedia sales position with the Ogle County Life.

As a multimedia sales consultant, you will service current accounts and also help new clients in the Ogle County region of northern Illinois market their products and services through a variety of highly visible, popular and effective local media vehicles.

If you have a passion to get out of the office and meet with clients on a regular basis to help grow their audience and reach new customers, then we would like to talk to you because this position may be right up your alley.

We have two positions to fill and are offering an incremental hiring bonus up to \$1,500 for candidates who can start by March 31, 2022.

Applicants should possess excellent communication and organizational skills with a positive personality and team-player approach. Previous media sales or related marketing experience is a plus, including print, digital and social media advertising.

Sky is the limit on earning potential and career development in this position. We offer a competitive base salary plus commission, paid vacation, paid sick days, paid holidays, excellent medical benefit plans, and 401-K options.

Qualified applicants should mail or e-mail their resume to Mike Feltes ([mfeltes@oglecountylife.com](mailto:mfeltes@oglecountylife.com)) or mail it to the following address:

**Ogle County Life**  
**ATTN: Mike Feltes**  
**P.O. Box 175**  
**Rochelle, IL 61068**

**Covia - Employment Opportunities**

**• Office Administrator**  
The Office Administrator, with limited supervision, will coordinate and maintain effective office procedures and efficient workflow. Responsible for billing of plant payroll process.  
• Candidate must have 3 to 5 years of general administrative or reception experience.

**• Production Operators**  
1st, 2nd, 3rd & Weekend Shift Positions in Sand Mining Quarry. Candidate must be self-motivated and capable of completing manual work outside, in all weather conditions.

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The Electrician is accountable for all electrical inspections, electrical troubleshooting, and repairs at the plant. The Electrician will also be responsible for providing electrical training to other members of the maintenance staff and assisting with other maintenance activities as needed.

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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Moring Disposal Forreton, IL Full-time Transportation  
Moring Disposal is accepting applications for **CLASS A CDL Drivers, Class B CDL Drivers, and Non-CDL Laborers**

Ideal Class "A" driving candidates should have a minimum of 2 years of experience. Class "B" and limited experience Class "A" Candidates will be considered for commercial and residential refuse collection routes. Non-CDL laborer positions vary. All applicants must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record as all positions require operating company vehicles. Moring Disposal offers an excellent wage and benefit package including Medical, Dental, Optical, Life Insurance, and 401K. Also, crew members that perform at a consistently high level are rewarded with our weekly performance incentive bonus program.

Applications are available on our website [Moringdisposal.com](http://Moringdisposal.com) or in our office located at 306 E Main St., Forreton, IL 61030, between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

Moring Disposal conducts pre-employment and random drug screening.

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**113 FINANCIAL**

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

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**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

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**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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**205 SITUATIONS WANTED**

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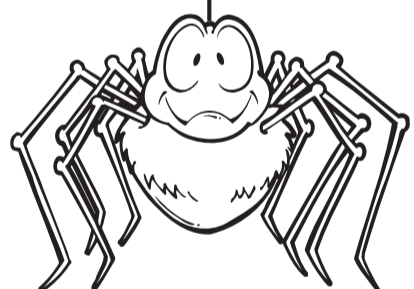
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## Meridian Junior High School Honor Roll

Meridian Junior High School  
8th Grade Quarter 2  
A Honor Roll 2021-2022

Kristina J. Schultz  
Joseph L. Scott  
Nathaniel A. Stone  
Sage O. Sweet

Khloe J. Chambers  
Kate L. Costello  
Jessie M. Hagemann  
Olivia J. Halbreiter  
Alexandria L. Hoff  
Gianna N. Jimenez  
Maya M. Kayes  
Karmen G. Knoll  
Kylie A. Lewis  
Kaera R. Lundine  
Ryne J. Lundquist  
Sydney L. Musial  
Madelynn E. Nelson  
Hudson L. Pollock  
Cody J. Rahn  
Vaughn M. Schamper  
Mackenzi M. Shere  
Boyd M. Spoon  
Makenzie L. Syfert  
Anthony J. Tofari  
Jade M. Williams  
Emma M. Withers  
Bernice M. Zandonai

Mallory J. King  
Pedro D. Lopez  
Lily G. Martinovich  
Adam C. Mendoza  
Maddelin S. Roushia  
Nora C. Schneiker  
Tristan J. Shepley  
Dex J. Shook  
Ella G. Simpson  
Jersey A. Smalley  
Kendra J. Spangler  
Kacee B. Summers  
Arianna G. Thompson  
Erin N. Tryggestad

A/B Honor Roll 2021-2022  
Samantha R. Denton  
Mylee H. Hulstedt  
Kaera R. Lundine  
Addision G. Meyer  
Joshua D. Miller  
Quinn D O Connor  
Brinna M. Sutliff  
Ethan D. Waugh

Avery E. Britnell  
Gage S. Broski  
Abigail J. Dennis  
Josephine R. Gibson  
Taylor R. Grobe  
Taylor J. Haymes  
Grace L. Jacobson  
Joslyn M. Nanni  
Connor J. O Sullivan  
Audrey G. Payne  
Zaiah E. Reed  
Raegan L. Reynolds  
Catalina L. Smalley  
Jack P. Sparrow  
Charles E. Steele  
Brady M. Stewart  
Isabella G. Sugden

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8th Grade Quarter 2  
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Vinicio R. Arias  
Tyler E. Ayotte  
Bradley O. Baney  
Wyatt E. Birkett  
Ethan S. Buhler  
Alexis L. Davis  
Gavin L. Evenson  
Anna E. Forcier  
Kelvin N. Gebel  
Kylah I. Gretschnann  
Robert M. Hazen  
Brooklyn K. Hodge  
Avalyn G. Janssen  
Evan D. Jones  
Cale E. Kleinschmidt  
Arianna L. Lampley  
Preston S. Ludens  
Mia M. Mcguire  
Tegan M. Menet  
Colin J. Metcalf  
Madison L. Moore  
Aaliyah Moreno  
Shelby D. Prosise  
Rafael R. Rodriguez  
Breanna F. Rowl  
Colby M. Rufenacht  
Jazlyn Sanchez  
Liam M. Seabold  
Jett A. Shook  
Caitlin M. Staat  
Vanna R. Stone  
Noah A. Town  
Bryson W. Vatch  
Noah N. Wright  
Presley J. Zilm  
Johanna K. Zinke

Meridian Junior High School  
6TH Grade Quarter 2  
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Meridian Junior High School  
6th Grade 1st Semester  
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Meridian Junior High School  
7TH Grade Quarter 2  
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Sapphire R. Ashley  
Paxton R. Barger  
Abigail J. Bogner  
Kyler M. Bradley  
Lillian N. Bruder Green  
Brooklyn M. Buhler  
Kayden R. Campbell  
Sophie I. Casey  
Stella G. Christiansen  
Kaylyn M. Cicogna  
Evan J. Cline  
Rowan C. Considine  
Wavelynd G. Faerber  
Trinity A. Feltz  
Bryce J. Files  
Emma J. Gates  
Eva L. Gates  
Addison R. Gillespie  
Jack L. Halbreiter  
Matthew A. Herrera  
Gwendolyn S. Hildreth  
Brady M. Jacobson  
Noah S. Janesak  
Sophia Jimenez  
Dominic J. Johannsen

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Meridian Junior High School  
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Ayden M. Alderks  
Cecilia M. Bishop  
Emma R. Champlain  
Collin C. Evenson  
Olivia J. Flaherty  
Max H. Horstman  
Charles R. Larson  
Meghan A. Mannix  
Casey J. McCleary

Meridian Junior High School  
7th Grade 1st Semester

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

### Paint a Spring Door Hanger

Welcome your guests with a painted *Home Sweet Home* door hanger. Register for this workshop instructed by Cindy at Cin's Treasures, Conover Square, on Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. This piece measures 22" across. You simply add the paint and assemble. Class fee is \$35/Resident or \$42/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 29.

### Spring Rolls & Pot Stickers Cooking Class

Learn to make 2 healthy Asian appetizers & dipping sauce with Lynnies' Kitchen at Cork & Tap on Thursday, April 21, at 6 p.m. All food supplies included but you bring a few cooking supplies. Class fee is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 14.

### Spring Container Gardening Classes at Merlin's Greenhouse

Learn the tricks and techniques for planting a Spring Container Garden. This class is so popular, so we are offering 3 sessions to choose from. Learn everything you need to know about planting, soil, choosing the right plants/flowers, watering and caring for your spring planter. Take your beautiful container home to display on your porch, patio, from step or to give as a gift.

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

### Fan Bus to Cheer on Oregon Ganymedes at The Field of Dreams

Hop on the fan bus to watch the Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. Enjoy the If You Build It exhibit and dinner at Chad's Pizza & Restaurant (not included in trip fee) prior to the 7:00 game. Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on the motor coach. Trip fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Womens 3 on 3 Basketball League

Womens Basketball League is back at the Oregon Park District! Games are played 3-on-3 on a half court at Nash. Teams will compete in a regular season followed by a tournament to conclude the season. This is a fun opportunity for all skill levels to play in a competitive atmosphere. The league will be self officiated and all players must be 18+ years old and graduated from High School. Number of teams is limited, so register early! Fee \$100 p/team, Deadline March 30<sup>th</sup>. Season runs 4/6 through 5/11.

### Baseball and Softball 2022

Registration is open for all of our Baseball and Softball programs, featuring options for ages 3 years old through 14 years old. Whatever your skill and age level, we have a program that will help develop your skills and ensure that you will have a fun season! Coaches are needed for all levels, please email [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if you are interested in coaching.

- Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 6/21
  - T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/21
  - Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Coach Pitch Girls Softball (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Minor Girls Softball (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
  - Intermediate/Senior Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1 (No High School Players)
- Register at Nash, by calling 815-732-3101 or online at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).

## Celebrity Extra

Q: I finally got caught up on "Ted Lasso" and now understand what all the hype was about. When will the third season air? -- G.M.

A: Filming has already begun for the third season of the No. 1 series on Apple+, "Ted Lasso," but don't expect to see it until late summer or fall of 2022. The second season took a bit of a darker turn but was still filled with laughs and inspirational quotes by Lasso, played by "Saturday Night Live" alum Jason Sudeikis.

"Ted Lasso" was a much-needed hit for the struggling Apple streaming service. It also was a critical success, becoming the most nominated new series in the history of the Emmy Awards. It's made stars out of the British cast, including Hannah Waddingham as Rebecca Welton, the pro soccer team's owner, and Brett Goldstein as retired star player Roy Kent.

Sudeikis first played the lovable coach during a promo for NBC aimed at promoting viewership of its English Premier League soccer audience. It worked. The promos went viral, and years later he teamed up with

creative partners Joe Kelly and Brendan Hunt, the latter of whom plays Coach Beard on the show, and came up with a pilot. With the help of experienced producer Bill Lawrence ("Scrubs"), they developed the series into the hit that it is today.

Q: Whatever happened to Geena Davis? I haven't seen her in anything in a long time, and she used to be a big movie star. -- S.H.

A: If you look at Geena Davis's resume, you might be surprised to learn that she's accumulated quite a list of roles in the past two decades. At the height of her career in the late 1980s to early 1990s, she won an Oscar for "The Accidental Tourist" and was nominated for one for "Thelma and Louise." She also starred in the below-mentioned film "Beetlejuice."

She later tried her hand at network television with "The Geena Davis Show" and "Commander in Chief," both of which were soon canceled. She then recurred on "Grey's Anatomy" as Dr. Nicole Herman and then as Sandy Devereaux on Netflix's "GLOW." Next up for Davis is a new untitled legal drama on CBS.

Q: Is it true that they are making sequel to "Beetlejuice"? Will Tim Burton direct it? -- B.C.

A: Yes, it was recently announced that "Beetlejuice 2" is happening. A sequel has been rumored for decades since the original graced movie theaters in 1988. Brad Pitt's production company Plan B Entertainment has signed on to make the sequel a reality with original stars Michael Keaton and Winona Ryder. Hopefully Pitt's vision includes Tim Burton as director, but nothing official has been announced about that important detail.

The tale of "Beetlejuice" met Broadway in the form of a musical in 2019 but had to shut its doors during the pandemic. It's returning with a new production in April 2022 at the Marquis Theatre in New York.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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