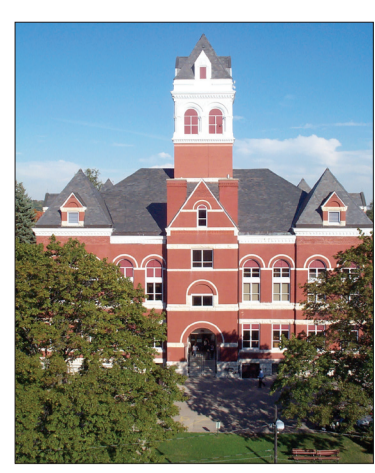


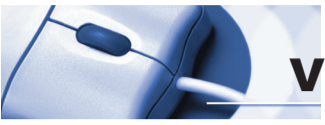


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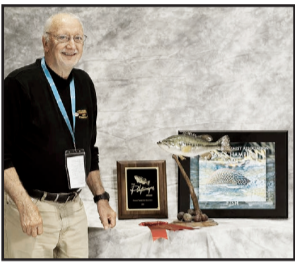


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Plant now under Constellation

Byron nuclear facility will no longer operate under Exelon Corp. name

Constellation announced earlier this month the completion of its separation from Exelon Corp. and its launch as a standalone, publicly traded company and the nation's largest carbon-free energy producer and leading supplier of clean energy solutions to

millions of homes and businesses. The Byron nuclear plant now operates under the Constellation company.

Constellation will begin "regular way" trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "CEG." Headquartered

in Baltimore, Constellation will be a Fortune 200 company and operates in 48 states, Canada and the U.K., employing about 13,000 people.

"The future health and prosperity of our nation is inextricably linked to our success in eliminating carbon pollution, and our entire focus will be on helping our customers and communities achieve that goal," said Joseph

Dominguez, CEO of Constellation.

Constellation is the nation's largest producer of carbon-free energy and leading supplier of sustainable solutions to millions of residential, public sector and business customers, including three fourths of Fortune 100 companies.

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The puck stops here

Ogle County man's backyard hockey rink in its fifth year

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

ROCHELLE – David Williams grew up skating on Spring Lake in the winters.

He still enjoys skating and hockey. He now has six children, two of which play the sport. Williams always wanted to have a hockey rink of his own. Five years ago, after joining a group for backyard ice rinks on social media, he took the plunge and made one of his own at his home on Raindance Drive outside of town. He's done it every year since.

"It progresses every year," Williams said. "It's kind of like an addiction. You want to do something bigger and better. It started out as a 40-by-80 rink and now it's 90-by-50. The amount of hours, it's hard to keep track because I stagger it out. Total hours for a setup by myself would



probably be around 30. Some things I need help with. If I have help, I could probably do it in eight hours with two or three guys."

Williams makes the rink out of treated plywood sheets and puts in brackets to hold them up. He drives steel rods through those brackets three feet into the ground. After that, he

gets a liner and has tankers of water delivered to fill it.

Work on the rink starts around Thanksgiving weekend and the water comes around mid-December. He watches the weather for when a cold front is coming in so the water doesn't sit and attract leaves.

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PLANT: Focus is a carbon-free future

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Its generation fleet powers more than 20 million homes and businesses and is helping to accelerate the nation's transition to clean energy with more than 32,400 megawatts of capacity and annual output that is nearly 90 percent carbon-free.

Constellation's strategy to accelerate the nation's response to the climate crisis includes its:

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Auditions for Mount Morris play set for this week

MOUNT MORRIS – The Performing Arts Guild is excited to announce the spring performance of the award-winning comedy The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong.

Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 13-15 and May 20-22 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

A fictitious Cornley University Drama Society that has received a substantial bequest and is putting on a performance of The Murder at Haversham Manor – a 1920s murder mystery play. The script was written by the fictitious Susie H. K. Brideswell. During the performance,

a play within a play, a plethora of disasters befall the cast, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls, and floors collapsing. Cast members are seen misplacing props, forgetting lines, etc.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 15, 16 and 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.

at the Pinecrest Grove library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. The cast consists of six male and two female roles. Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings. For more information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sheely at 719-740-6162.



Her heart's in the *Right* place

LISA CHARBONEAU, RN, CARDIAC REHABILITATION

Throughout her 16 years at Rochelle Community Hospital, Lisa Charboneau has worked in several areas. But when given an opportunity to help people recovering from cardiac conditions, the registered nurse followed her heart. "I am privileged to care for patients and help them become stronger and healthier," Lisa shared. "We support patients through the recovery process...I love helping them return to activities they enjoy."

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RINK: Outlet for kids during COVID pandemic

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After freezing, Williams said skating can usually be done through February before he starts tearing down the rink by the middle or end of March.

"I think it's fun to share it with my kids," Williams said. "I think it's just something that will help them as they become parents. Just knowing to do something for your children, nothing's really impossible. Having a hockey rink in their backyard in the middle of a subdivision, who would ever think that's possible? But you just put in the effort and you can make just about anything work."

Maintenance of the rink can be a lot of work, but Williams said he enjoys it. He combats snow and warmth every winter. He spent three hours snow blowing the rink after the most recent snowstorm before shoveling it and using a pull behind Zamboni to level it.

Williams called seeing the rink full of people "awesome." He comes home from work when it's dark and sees the glow of the rink's lights.

"I come in and you see the kids out there skating and having fun," Williams said. "Late at night after they're all done I'll go out there and shovel it and sometimes level it with water. It's quiet and the lights are on and you hear the coyotes howling or a deer will come through the yard. It's just peaceful. And it's only 9 p.m."

The rink has gotten a lot of use this year and over the years, Williams said. Two years ago during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was used

as an outlet for kids looking for a safe outdoor activity when schools and more were closed down in the community.

"It was just kind of great," Williams said. "Everything was shut down and locked out and everyone was trapped indoors. You had the kids that were willing to skate and some others would come out and just hang out and be on the ice or just be with their friends for a little bit. It was just nice to see and a nice release for some of them knowing that they didn't have their high school sports or other activities that they could go to."

Williams didn't think he'd end up having the passion he does for the rink. He enjoys being off the couch in the winter. In the future, he'd like to add rounded corners, doors for the boards, rope lighting and a warming hut to it.

One of Williams' fondest memories on the rink was skating while it was snowing one year.

"It was cool 3-4 years ago when we were out there skating and we probably got 6-8 inches of snow while we were doing that," Williams said. "Your skates and your ankles are all underneath the snow so it just kind of looks like you're floating."

Because of the rink, the Williams children love winter. They look forward to it. Around Halloween they ask him when he's going to start building it. Once the water starts freezing over, they ask when they can start skating on it.

"Now they don't mind the winter," Williams said. "They know it's another season we get to enjoy."

Candidates attending Republican central committee meeting

OREGON – The Ogle County Republican central committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the Ogle County Courthouse in the Ogle County Board room at 6:30 p.m.

Several candidates will be attending the meeting.

Environmental Club collecting recyclable plastic at game

STILLMAN VALLEY – Please join the Stillman Valley Environmental Club on Feb. 17 at the home boys basketball game vs. North Boone to collect as much recyclable plastic film as we can.

The Environmental Club is in a nationwide competition to collect the most plastic by Earth Day in April. Thanks to our schools and community we already have over 500 pounds collected.

Each person who brings in plastic that night will receive \$2 off admission to the game and help the Environmental Club get closer to their goal. Please only bring in clean, acceptable items for recycling.

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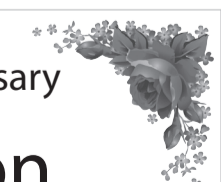
Sunday Open House

February 20th from 1:30 - 4:30pm

Celebration Place

100 S Washington St, Byron, IL 61010
Byron Library (Upper Level)

In lieu of attendance, please feel free to send a card to: PO Box 601, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.



LOCAL NEWS

Conservation District election is Feb. 17

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual election for directors of the District Board on Feb. 17.

The election will take place at the Ogle County Farm Bureau auditorium at 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon. Ballot voting will take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone who owns or occupies land within Ogle County is eligible to vote.

There are five directors on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Directors serve 2-year terms and must be owners or occupiers of land within Ogle County. This year three director positions are up for election. The following three candidates have been placed on the ballot to fill the three open positions: Kayse Rushford of Oregon, Cody Considine of Byron and Cade Bushnell of Stillman Valley.

The other two director positions are currently held by Marcia Heuer of Oregon and Jon Pearson of Mount Morris.

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District is a not for profit, local unit of government in Ogle County, formed in 1942, to help provide landowners technical and educational assistance in applying conservation practices. Today, the Ogle County SWCD has the responsibility to inform

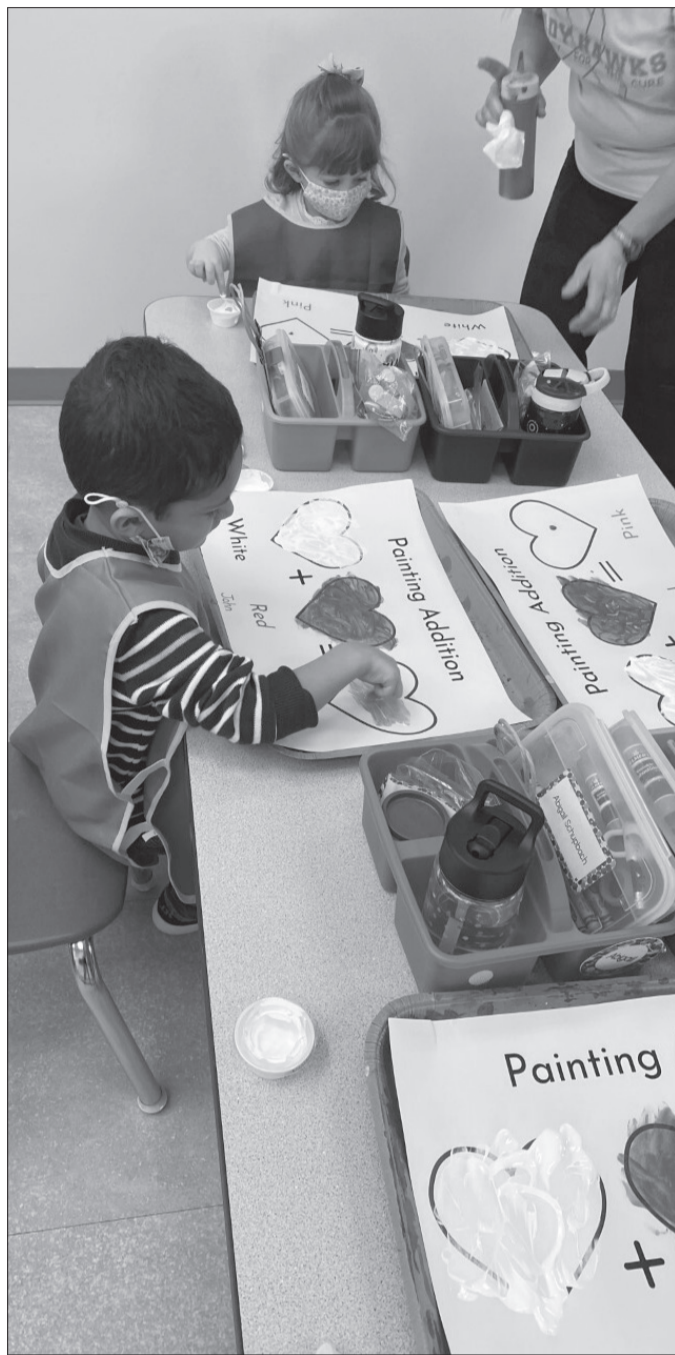
the public on the wise use of natural resources, addressing nutrient management, the application of conservation practices, wildlife habitat, forest uses, water quality, natural resource education, construction and zoning uses.

If you would like more information about the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District, please feel free to contact any of the directors or the district office at 815-732-6127.



Valentine fun

The Oregon Park District Children's Center had fun with Valentine's Day Math. The students learned white + red = pink while fingerpainting.



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Tickets on sale for annual Rotary Club fundraiser

BYRON – Sponsorships are available and tickets are now on sale for Rotary Club of Byron's Annual "Pot of Gold" draw down fundraiser Saturday, March 12 at PrairieView Golf Pavilion.

The event – presented in partnership with Presenting Sponsor Holcomb Bank – once again features a \$3,000 Grand Prize.

"This has always been a much-anticipated community event," Rotary President Kay King said. "It's also an important fundraiser for Rotary's charitable giving program – even more so this year, as the event had to be cancelled last year due to COVID."

Sponsorships of \$200 and \$300 are available by emailing spinzon1@aol.com. Tickets are \$100 and they admit two to the event, which includes a buffet catered by local restaurants, complementary beer, a cash bar and live music courtesy of "Sour Grapes." In the draw down, every ticket will win a prize donated by area business-

es; every 10th ticket will win \$100 cash, and the grand prize winner will leave with \$3,000. Tickets may be purchased from any Rotary member, or on eventbrite.com.

Side raffles during the evening will include opportunities to bid on premiere auction items including wine tastings, premium bourbons, and a State Championship football signed by members of the Byron Tigers Football Team. Raffle tickets for the silent auction may be purchased or won at the Blackjack tables. As always, the "Booze Wagon" will be loaded.

In addition to Presenting Sponsor Holcomb Bank, other "Early Bird" sponsors for this year's event include: Constellation Energy Corp. – Byron Station; Alisa Patterson – Keller Williams Realty Signature; Frank Wehrstein-Dickerson & Nieman Realtors, Floski Law, LLC and Custom Concrete and Snap Fitness.

Businesses that would like to donate a prize of \$10 value or greater,

or take advantage of a larger Pot of Gold sponsorship should contact spinzon1@aol.com or any Byron Rotary member.

Proceeds from this year's event will help fund Rotary's 'Service Above Self Scholarship' to a worthy Byron High School senior and "Believe in the Children" – a foster family support program. In the last year, Rotary has contributed to the Byron Veteran's Memorial, to construction of the Byron Forest Preserve "Sled Shed," to support of reading enrichment programs at Mary Morgan Elementary School, and to other local charitable efforts.

Byron Rotary also supports the international fight against life-threatening diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria, and helps fund international clean water and community hygiene projects.

Doors to Pot of Gold open at 6:30 p.m. Corporate tables are available. Follow this event on Facebook at Rotary Club of Byron.

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LOCAL NEWS

Patricia Ruth Deardorff

Obituaries

Megan Kristine Behn

Megan “BooBoo” Kristine Behn, 37 of Byron, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning Feb. 2. Megan was born Oct. 2, 1984 to Curt and Kris Hagemann of Stillman Valley.



knew Megan knew she could tell a good story and had the best laugh in the world. On any given day you could find her shopping at target, reading a good book, putting together a puzzle, or spending time with her dogs.

Megan met the love of her life Ryan Behn of Winnebago whom she married Sept. 2, 2006. They had known each other their entire lives, but little did they know when they reconnected in 2003 it would lead to 15 years of marriage and their proudest accomplishments in life, her three beautiful children, Carsen (16), Case (12), and Lyzah (10). Megan was a fiercely dedicated mother to all of her children that she loved with everything she had. She was their biggest cheerleader, loudest supporter and the proudest mom. Her favorite things in life were watching her oldest son Carsen on the football field and wrestling mat, you always knew she was there because she was his loudest supporter. She admired most the humble and responsible young man he is growing to be. Megan loved hearing about Case’s next adventure. Hearing what he may have broke just to fix again, what he built or created to be helpful around the house and most importantly his love and concern he gave to her

with a simple hug. Lyzah brought so much joy to her life, she looked forward to the endless girls days they spent together, whether it was getting their nails done, shopping at target, going out to lunch, doing puzzles together and snuggling with all their pets. Her family came first and above all else to Megan a value she instilled in her kids and all those around her. Megan loved a good weekend trip with Ryan to Lambeau Field to support her Green Bay Packers, whether to watch them play, spend all the money at the pro shop or simply be in the presence of the frozen tundra. Megan looked forward to family vacations, her greatest memories and places on earth are those from the North woods, Mexico, Florida and Georgia, spent with those she loved most, Ryan and her kids. Girls days spent with her mom and sisters would end with laughs and stories she would tell for years, and those that

Megan is survived by her husband Ryan; three children Carsen, Case and Lyzah; her parents Curt and Kris Hagemann; her sisters Morgan (Matt) McCartney, Mikah (Zach) Diehl; Nieces and Nephews Macklin and Beaux (McCartney), Walker and Burke (Diehl).

In Laws John and Cathy Behn: brother in laws Andy (Ali) Behn; Logan (Kim) Behn; Nieces and Nephews Brayden, Harper and Aubrey (Behn).

There was a Celebration of life Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022. Open house from 4-8 p.m. at Prairieview Golf Club Pavilion. 6734N. German Church Rd, Byron, IL 61010. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Megan’s name to Miss Carly’s in Rockford and Noah’s Ark Animal Sanctuary in Rockford.

Cremation rites accorded. Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to www.genandtfuneral-home.com.

Rosita M. Bucey

STILLMAN VALLEY – Rosita M. Bucey, age 71, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born Nov. 11, 1950 in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada the daughter of Dennis and Lydia (Corbin) Martin.



his wife Ashley (DeLaCruz) of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; Brothers Jean Bapthiste Martin and Roland (Jeanette) Martin all of St. Leonard, New Brunswick, Canada; sisters Samone Ouelette of Terryville, Connecticut, Theresa Martin of Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada, and Denise Martin of Greenville, South Carolina, grandchildren Alex Bolhous, Ethan Bucey, Owen Bucey, Isaac Bucey, Brooke Bucey, Olivia Bucey, Lauralynn DeLaCruz, and Brayden Bucey, Great grandson Jordan Hawkins, and many nieces and nephews.

She lived and worked in St. Leonard, New Brunswick until she married Silas (Tim) Bucey on April 3, 1971 when they moved to Stillman Valley. She obtained her Associates Degree from Rockford Business College in accounting. Rosita worked for many companies including Madawaska Weavers in St. Leonard, New Brunswick, Glendenning Trucking of Rockford, Brearley Company of Rockford, Gates Rubber of Rockford, Rockford Molded Products, Peoria-Rockford Bus Company, One Stop Financial, Inc. in Rockford. On Aug. 18, 2014 she opened her own accounting business called RMB Accounting Services, Inc. She was also a manager and sales representative for Tupperware and was an Electrolux Vacuum Salesperson. Rosita served her community as a trustee for the town of Stillman Valley.

She was a member of the Stillman Fire Protection District Ladies Auxiliary. Rosita started the Stillman Valley Junior Bowling League and ran it for many years. Rosita attended the Stonebridge Church. She loved sewing, embroidering, and was an avid quilter. Rosita enjoyed creating at Beryl’s Country Ceramics. She loved to go camping, Ruffing-It in their 5th wheel RV, going shopping, attending craft shows, but most of all spending time with her loving family and attending her grandchildren’s sporting events. Rosita is survived by her loving husband of 50 years Tim Bucey of Stillman Valley, sons Robert M. Bucey and his wife Angela (Bolhous) of Winnebago, and Timothy M. Bucey and

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A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley, with the Pastor Scott Nesse officiating. Visitation was held on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd. Stillman Valley, IL. A memorial fund is established in Rosita’s name and may be directed to the family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Rosita.

Patricia Deardorff

Patricia Ruth Deardorff departed this life for glory at her home in Canby, Calif., on Jan. 28, 2022. She was born Dec. 15, 1939, in Polo, to Frank and Lucile (Wade) Wales and grew up in Polo. She excelled musically while a student at Polo Community High School and graduated from PCHS in 1957. While a student at Manchester College in Indiana, she met Donald Lewis Deardorff. They were married June 27, 1959. She earned her PHTS (Put Hubby Through School) degree in 1968.



and Joyce Person; one sister-in-law, Adrienne Hiatt. Her children survive her: Lorna (Bill) Boland, Brenda (David) Pacy, Amos (Angelika) Deardorff, David (Sharon) Deardorff, Anita (James) Babcock, and Karen Deardorff; as well as, ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Lucile Wales; grandson, David Lewis Deardorff; brother-in-law and sister, Robert and Betty (Wales) Capling; brother-in-law and sister, David and Margaret (Wales) Brown; brother-in-law, Wilbur Bowman; brother-in-law, Richard Person; foster brother, John Hiatt.

Services will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the I’SOT Community, Canby, Calif. In lieu of flowers or memorials, please take a moment to be kind to someone in honor of Pat.

Pat was a homemaker. She raised six children, taught school, enjoyed making cheese, yogurt, and soap. She also enjoyed sewing clothes and creating beautiful quilts for her family. She was a medical record technician at the Canby Family Practice Clinic for 16 years and was an avid second-hand store shopper, which led to her leadership in opening

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Larry E. Boes

BYRON – Larry E. Boes, age 74, passed away on Feb. 8, 2022. He was born in Winchester, Ill., on July 7, 1947 the son of Eugene and Mary (Wood) Boes.



Frye of Byron; siblings, Donald (Cece) Boes of Columbia, Mo., Gloria Ferguson of Muskegon, Mich., and Michelle of Ind.; grandchildren, Josh Frye, Courtney (Nick) Williams, Kahley (Sam) Watkins, Jordan Boes, Ryan (Cali) Zoeller, and Kayla Zoeller; and 11 great grandchildren.

He married Donna J. German on Aug. 15, 1964 in Rockford. Larry was a strong provider and a hard worker; he worked at Chrysler for over 30 years but oftentimes worked two jobs when his children were growing up. He was a proud public servant who was a two term Republican Ogle County Board member. He was also a member of the Masons. When he had spare time; he loved DIY projects and gardening. But, the most important thing in Larry’s life was his family.

He was a good father and grandfather and was his wife’s loving caretaker in her final years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and daughter Julie Frye.

He is survived and missed by his sons, Brad Boes of Byron and Brian (Melissa) Boes of Roscoe; son-in-law, Bradley

A funeral service was held at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Visitation will be held at from 11 a.m. to noon prior to the service. Burial will be at Byron Cemetery. Memorials are established for the American Diabetes Association. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com

Motorcycle swap meet Feb. 27 in Dixon

DIXON – Twin Rivers Chapter of ABATE is having their 14th annual motorcycle swap meet on Sunday Feb. 27th from 9 a.m. To 2 p.m. at the Dixon Elks Lodge at 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon.

Admission is \$5 and free for 12 and under. Early birds are \$7.

Venders will be selling all makes and models of new and used parts, leathers, and biker clothes, motorcycle photos,

and more. We will have a seamstress sewing leathers, patches, and making repairs. Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments will be available all day.

Vendor space is available for \$25. To be a vendor or for more information call John at 815-440-6018.

Proceeds from the event are used for education and the signs you may have seen that say “START SEEING MOTORCYCLES.”

Oregon Chamber hosting annual pub crawl

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

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Oregon and Shepherd Premiere Senior Living.

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Thank you to our sponsor E.D. Etnyre and Co reminding you to celebrate safely.

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LOCAL NEWS



Pictured from left are: Isaac Brooks, Wesley Immel, Jesse Suter, Faith Marquardt, Abigayle Miller, Megan Thompson, and Jenae Bothe

Oregon High School students named Illinois State Scholars

OREGON—Seven Oregon High School seniors were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistant Commission (ISAC).

The school congratulates Isaac Brooks, Wesley Immel, Jesse Suter, Faith Marquardt, Abigayle Miller, Megan Thompson and Jenae Bothe who were recognized at a recent Oregon High School basketball halftime show.

The State Scholar Program recognizes high school seniors for outstanding academic

achievement. ISAC, a state agency, provides students with resources and support to obtain financial aid for higher education. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of high school seniors statewide. Selection is based on students' Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and class rank at the end of the junior year.

"Oregon High School is honored to have seven recipients, and we are excited to recognize these individuals for their great

accomplishments," said Shannon Cremeens, dean of students at Oregon High School. "The high school has consistently had students named Illinois State Scholars, and we are thrilled to see this continue each year."

Though there is no monetary award for this recognition, State Scholars are found in prestigious universities across the country, recognized for their achievement in high school and their promise for a successful post-secondary future.

Oregon Police report

Feb. 1

At 10:19 p.m., Oregon Police issued Walker J. Tilton, 17, Dixon, a traffic citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

Feb. 3

At 6:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued James C.K. Rothenbach, 31, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

Feb. 4

At 6:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Ashley M. Mejia, 30, of Harmon, IL, for an outstanding Rock Island County warrant for failure to appear. Mejia was charged for improper cannabis container as a driver and issued citations for driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Mejia was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 7:51 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Clay and 3rd Streets involving a 2004 Pontiac driven by Bradley A. Cheever, 18, Oregon, and a

2001 Subaru driven by Izak A. Holley, 22, Mt. Morris. Cheever was issued a citation for failure to yield at a yield intersection.

Feb. 5

At 12:08 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash in the area of 7th and Gale Streets, resulting in the arrest of Shannon A. Bauser, 40, Rockford for driving under the influence of alcohol. Bauser was also issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Bauser was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:37 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Randy W. Reinhold, 29, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Reinhold was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Feb. 6

At 2:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Terry L. Cullen, 44, Polo, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Jan. 7

At approximately 2:49 a.m., Ogle County Deputies dispatched to the area of E IL Rte 64 and Garnhart Road for the report of a single vehicle accident without injuries. After investigation, Deputies arrested Eric L. Francis, 27 of Oregon, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Driver. Francis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Francis was additionally cited for Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

At approximately 1:39 hours, Ogle County Deputies responded to Stillman Road and High Road in reference to a car in the ditch. Upon further investigation, Darrius Parker, 39 of Rockford, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Parker was also cited for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Parker was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 5

At approximately 3:10 p.m. Deputies responded to a car in the ditch at the intersection of Conger Road and Plum Hill Road. After further investigation Paul Bush, 43 of Dixon, was arrested for No Valid Drivers License. Paul was then released on an Individual Bond

and was given a future court date.

Jan. 4

At 4:53 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 mile marker 112 for an equipment violation. After investigation, Steven W. Crudup Jr., 32 of Rockford was arrested for driving on a revoked license. Crudup was cited for improper cannabis container/driver, and illegal window tint. Crudup was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:49 p.m. Deputies responded to the 2300 block of 4th Street in Daysville in reference to a disturbance. After investigation, Deputies placed John Simmons, 43 of Polo under arrest for Resisting a Peace Officer, Criminal Damage to Property under \$500, Disorderly Conduct, LaSalle County FTA warrant, and an Ogle County FTA warrant. Simmons was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Oregon PD assisted with the incident.

Jan. 3

At approximately 1:20 a.m., deputies were dispatched to 504 E 3rd Street in Leaf River for the report of a battery. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Nathaniel Banister, 18 of Leaf River, for Aggravated Battery. Banister was taken into custody without incident and transported to the

Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries.

At approximately 10:47 p.m. Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle in the 13000 block of West Illinois Rt 72. The vehicle eventually came to a stop near the intersection of Walnut Ave and Green St in Forreston. After further investigation a 17 year old juvenile from Leaf River was taken into custody for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude and No Valid Drivers License. The juvenile was additionally cited for Speeding 35 + mph, Obstructed Registration, Driving Without Headlights, and Possession of Cannabis. The juvenile was released to a parent will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At 10:44 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a disturbance in the 200 block of E. 3rd St. in Leaf River. During the investigation deputies arrested a 16-year-old juvenile for domestic battery and disorderly conduct. The juvenile was released into the custody of his parents.

Jan. 2

At approximately 6:13 p.m. Ogle County Deputies responded to the 14000 block for a report of a car in the south ditch. After investigation, Deputies arrested Kilian Atabong, 26 of Snellville, Ga., for driving while license suspended. Atabong was also

issued citations for failure to reduce speed and improper lane usage. Atabong was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.

At approximately 9:18 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Freeport Road and White Oak Road. Upon further investigation, Michael Donald, 41 of Omaha, Neb., was arrested for Driving on a Revoked License. Donald was also cited for speeding and released on a notice to appear.

At approximately 5:30 a.m., Deputies along with the Rochelle Fire/EMS Department were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on I-39 at mile marker 103. Upon further investigation it was learned Lilian Conley, 19 of Wisconsin, slid off of the roadway due to roadway conditions. Conley traveled approximately 100 yards before driving over a cement culvert and crashing into a ravine. Conley was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

At approximately 1:54 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of E IL Route 64 and Chamberlain Road. Upon further investigation Thaddeus Stokes, 30 from Chicago, was arrested for No Valid Drivers License. Thaddeus was also cited for speeding and released on an Individual Bond.

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RRC has upcoming activities

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February Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, in recognition President's Day. No activities, programs or transportation will take place on that day. Please plan accordingly.

Eastern Bluebirds Program Feb. 24

Learn about the Eastern Bluebird at an interesting program beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Though the current status of the eastern bluebird is of least concern due to the population increasing, it wasn't always this way. A loss of habitat, increased competition for nesting sites, and the introduction of two invasive species nearly wiped them out. The more docile bluebird could not compete. Come hear the story of this little blue gem and how to attract them to your garden.

Peggy Doty is an Educator for the University of Illinois Extension specializing in environmental education as a means to relate wildlife related issues and water quality to all ages. She holds a B.S. in Zoology with a specialization in wildlife management.

Peggy is especially interested in human reactions and relationships to wildlife. She also holds a M.S. in Education with a specialization in Outdoor Teacher Education in Curriculum and Instruction.

Registration is requested. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

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* Reservation/payment/lunch choice deadline: June 20.

* Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon or by mail.

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This program is available through August 31, 2022. You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program through the Rock River Center. Call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252 for more information or to make an appointment.

LR Reunion planning meeting Feb. 26

LEAF RIVER — A planning date for the Leaf River All-School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Bertolet Memorial Library conference room. Anyone interested in sharing their ideas and/or learning about the event is invited to attend the Feb. 26 meeting.

The 2022 All-School Reunion is scheduled for June 4 at "The Barn on the Hill."





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LOCAL NEWS

Memorial concert Feb. 23 in Byron

BYRON – The Byron Chamber Choir and Treble Choir will be holding a memorial concert on Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m., to show their appreciation for the development and transformation of the Byron Music Department by long time music director David Johnson.

The concert will be held in the Byron Middle School Theater and the program for the event will be based on the choir tour he took to Germany during the 1995 school year.

The concert will be open to the public and is free of charge, although donations will be accepted to the memorial fund that is established in David Johnson's name that will be used for a scholarship for a Byron High School student pursuing music education.

From his obituary: "David Johnson, the man who was a driving force in music edu-



cation in Byron, IL for over three decades, died May 28th at his home near Byron after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 79. His affinity for music was cemented as he studied for a time at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and graduated from the esteemed jazz program at the University of North Texas in Denton." "David's first job was in the Byron School District as the high school band director. Two years

into his tenure he enlisted in the Army in 1967 serving as a trumpet player, singer, band leader, and arranger with the 5th Army Band at Fort Sheridan, Chicago and overseas with the 8th Infantry Band in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Upon his return home to Illinois, he resumed his teaching position in Byron. David transformed the notion of music education in Byron by using his college-earned and army-tested standards for quality and discipline to coax generations of students to success in music. He was equally at home conducting the high school band and choir as he was singing along with his ukulele and a class of kindergarten students." "His serious but approachable teaching style built confidence and musicality in his students in all styles of vocal and instrumental

performance as well as in music theory and composition. This was evidenced, in part, by several of his students being selected for district and state level performance ensemble appointments, as well as numerous out of state and international performances by Byron bands and choirs under David's direction. In addition, the Byron Chamber of Commerce named David its "Citizen of the Year" in 1993."

The concert will be open to the public and is free of charge, although donations will be accepted to the memorial fund that is established in David Johnson's name that will be used for a scholarship for a Byron High School student pursuing music education.

Any questions can be directed to Amy Harn, current Byron choir director, at aharn@byron226.org.

VFW election March 15

OREGON – Nominations of Officers for VFW Post 8739 start on March 15 at 7 p.m. during the Post Meeting at 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon.

It is very important that as many members as possible show to have a great selection of members to choose from. We will also be nominating three board members. This will take place at 6:30 p.m., same date and same place. If you have ever a desire to make changes this is your chance. We are looking for all members all branches.

The elections of Officers will be held April 19 during the Post meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW. We really need our veterans to come out in support. We have many members we don't see a lot of and are limited on means of contact.

If you are a member please supply us with a phone number and e-mail. Post phone number is 815-732-6851. Post e-mail is veteransvfw@hotmail.com.

With lack of elected officers we run the risk of losing our Charter which means the Post would be required to close by National by laws.

Polo Toy Show March 5

POLO – The 37th annual Polo Farm Toy Show will be on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Polo High School.

The event, sponsored by the Polo Lions Club, will feature about 100 dealer tables and a 50/50 drawing. The cafeteria will be open.

Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and under are free. For dealer information please call Irene Short at 815-946-3730. Polo High School is located at 100 Union Ave. in Polo.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 14

Yoga at the Oregon Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. 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.

Tues., Feb. 15

The Performing Arts Guild is excited to announce the spring performance of the award-winning comedy The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong. Auditions will be held today, Wednesday and Thursday, from 6-7:30 p.m. at

the Pinecrest Grove library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. The cast consists of six male and two female roles. Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings. For more information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sheely at 719-740-6162.

Weds., Feb. 16

Short & Sweets with the Julia Hull Library. Join Joanna on Zoom at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of Lily King's short story, "Five Tuesdays In Winter." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Paper copies available at the library upon request. Adults.

Thurs., Feb. 17

Please join the Stillman Valley Environmental Club at the home boys basketball game vs. North Boone to collect as much recyclable plastic film as we can. Each person who brings in plastic that night will receive \$2 off admission to the game and help the Environmental Club get closer to their goal. Please only bring in clean, acceptable items for recycling.

DIY Explosion Boxes, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Byron Public Library. Have you ever wanted to take a typical card to the next level? Come join Cathy as she walks you through step-by-step in creating your own Explosion Box. You will get to choose between a Birthday Box, Thank

You Box or a Congratulations Box. All supplies will be included. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Fri., Feb. 18

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.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 6, 1776, a committee of the New York Provincial Congress instructs Major William Malcolm to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse to prevent the lighthouse from helping the British by warning ships of the rocky shore. He succeeded.

* On March 3, 1845, Congress reins in President John Tyler's zealous use of the presidential veto, overriding it with the necessary two-thirds vote. This marked Congress' first use of the Constitutional provision allowing veto overrides.

* On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh, Jr., the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in New Jersey. The baby's body was found a mile from the home. One of the \$70,000 ransom bills was discovered and tracked to a German immigrant. He was tried, convicted and electrocuted in 1936.

* On March 4, 1944, Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, the head of Murder, Inc., is executed at Sing Sing Prison in New York. Lepke's downfall came when several members of his notorious killing squad turned into witnesses for the government.

* On Feb. 28, 1953, Cambridge University scientists James Watson and Francis Crick announce that they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes. The molecular biologists were aided significantly by the work of another researcher, Rosalind Franklin, although she did not share the subsequent Nobel Prize.

* On March 5, 1963, the Hula Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America when it was first marketed by Wham-O in 1958, is patented. An estimated 25 million Hula Hoops were sold in its first four months of production.

* On March 2, 1978, two men steal the corpse of the film actor Charles Chaplin from a cemetery in Switzerland. Chaplin's wife refused to pay the \$600,000 ransom and police later arrested two auto mechanics who were convicted of grave robbing and attempted extortion.

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Military means following orders

I remember it like it was yesterday, but it was more than 40 years ago.

I was lined up with a bunch of other young guys with our heads freshly shaved. Our uniforms still smelled new and weird to me. I was getting used to wearing boots.

Actually, I was getting used to everything around me at Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas.

I had gotten to know a few of the guys around me and was becoming friends with a dude from California and a nice kid from North Carolina. There was a wildman from Idaho who I liked as well.

But here we were under the hot Texas sun standing in twos. My arm was linked with another guy – I don't remember who – as our drill instructor spoke in a very loud voice to us (yell? Maybe).

"Just keep walking when they tell you to walk!" he said. "I don't want any of you babies passing out after this either! Grab some water and sit in the shade for a minute. This isn't the Navy, so no crying!"

OK, maybe those weren't his exact words, but you get the idea.

So, we walked forward and slowed down just long enough to get

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our shots from the shot gun. These things were like high-powered sprayers that forced the vaccines into our arms. We got a lot of them – there were multiple people on each side loading us up. We linked arms to keep the other person from falling if he got weak from all the shots.

When we got to the end, our arms were sore and bleeding – mine not too much – and we grabbed some water and sat in the shade. I felt fine, but quite a few of the guys passed out. I will admit, I found it pretty amusing and was glad I didn't do it.

What was just put into my body? I didn't know, I was in the military. I was a government asset. My job was not to ask questions, as I was reminded about 2,677 times a day. My job was to do as I was told without question and

without hesitation.

As long as it was a lawful order, of course. But we all know that is a very gray area.

That is the system in the military, and it has worked pretty well. When your superior tells you to do something, you don't play 20 Questions. You simply do the job you were trained to do.

I bring this up because I am reading that the U.S. Army is starting to kick out members who are refusing to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Some people are upset about this, but they shouldn't be. When you join the military, you sign a contract to do a job and to follow orders. If you can't follow orders, you don't belong in the military. It is really that simple.

I have talked with my brother, a retired Army Colonel about this a few times. He is a very conservative man, but he thinks the Army should kick these guys out if they refuse to get vaccines they are ordered to get. He knows if soldiers start questioning everything the entire system will collapse.

Vaccines are about readiness. Members of the military live in close quarters and can be deployed all over the world, so a variety of vaccines are necessary.

That currently includes a COVID vaccine.

Now I don't not want the government telling civilians that don't work for them that they must get a vaccine. Yes, I think everyone should for the sake of the country as a whole get vaccinated, but I don't think the government should force it on anyone.

But your private employer, when considering overall worker safety, should be able to make this or any vaccine mandatory. They must consider productivity.

And there can also be consequences for not getting the COVID vaccine or any vaccine. That could include higher health insurance premiums, not being allowed on certain transportation like flights, or not being allowed into sporting events or concerts.

I encourage people to do what they think is right for them, but to just consider the consequences to themselves and society.

But if you want to join the military, know that you will get this vaccine and many, many others, or you will get kicked out. That is a fact of life when you are a Soldier, Airman, Seaman or Marine.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Government should always be out in the open

Dear Editor,

Letters to the Editor gives public dialog to many subjects. In January 4th's LIFE Paul Diederich had a passionate response to Bill Pirnat's letter "... fire all politicians." Both letters carry an understood sentiment that things can be better and government is unresponsive to We the People. Oh, there is stuff going on in the public palace, but firing is not really a full solution – accountability is.

Government in the sunshine works well. Human nature seems to act best when under scrutiny. As far as the politician goes, the leash has been too long and oversight is deeply needed.

Lately, reading Richard D

Younger's book *The People's Panel* described the ways Grand Jury are able to investigate, subpoena, indict for criminal behavior, and also to praise, and make suggestions of improvement.

We have a county Grand Jury process. They can investigate not only what is brought before them, but what they come across on their own. The Grand Jury has audited, checked out book keeping and budgets, looked into roads, bridges, and infrastructure. It has, by its investigative powers, run organized crime out of cities, where the government alone failed to. If a politician seems to be out of line, that can be looked into as well – without another government official initiating the action.

I am still learning about this 1,000 year old institution of the people. It is an underutilized tool of We the People to enforce the government that We put in place to secure our individual God given rights. As we hold those in office to be accountable to us over corporations, or restrain their ambitions to power, greed, and reward - we will make statesmen of them truly worthy of the title Representative.

Let's start today. What has made our society work well in the past needs to be relearned. I use Tactical Civics to assist my education of our forgotten history.

My answer to Paul Diederich's 'man in the mirror' You can too.

John Dickson, Oregon

Not getting COVID vaccine is perpetuating the virus

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the recent article about the Covid positivity rate in Ogle County. I took time to look up numbers on the daily updated CDC website, and found good news that as of February 8th, the Ogle County positivity rate dropped to 11.27%. I also found that 59.9% of the county population age 5 and above is fully vaccinated.

On the other hand, Cook County, which includes Chicago, has a positivity rate of 3.59%. How can it be that Ogle County has more than 3 times the positivity rate of Cook County when Cook County is more densely populated? It is simply because the vaccination rate for those 5 years old and above is a whopping 74.6% and the great majority of people wear masks.

Take a moment to think about those who put themselves first in the name of "personal freedom," perpetuating the virus and dragging us all down. Now expand it to the realization that the sooner all people get vaccinated and wear masks, the sooner herd immunity will be achieved and we can all experience our personal freedom and remove the U.S. from its shameful status as the country with the highest number of Covid-related deaths in the world, which is over 930,000.

Here is the easy to use CDC website that is updated daily and has so much valuable information: <https://covid.cdc.gov>. For those who have their own personal information sources, take a look at these accurate numbers.

Sincerely,
Cindy Enzler, Oregon

School bus drivers are appreciated by community

Dear Editor,

The Forrestville Valley School District would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our bus drivers for ensuring the safe transport of students. The drivers' dedication to safety and commitment to the community are truly appreciated.

Therefore, I hope we all celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week in the Forrestville Valley School District, Feb. 7th through Feb. 11th, by a kind word, a note of thanks or a gesture of appreciation to our drivers.

Sincerely,
Sheri Smith, Superintendent, Forrestville Valley School District

LOCAL NEWS



Trivia and Tacos

All ages are welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior Center for Trivia and Tacos! On Thursday, Feb. 17th at 6 p.m. the Mt. Morris Senior Center will host its 4th monthly trivia night. Teams of six will compete for an unusual prize. Trivia will consist of five rounds with 10 questions per round. The cost is \$2 per person for trivia and \$2 per taco. Please bring your own drinks of any kind and any other snacks you would like. To sign up please email Melissa at mmsrcenter@gmail.com, call 815-734-6335, or respond to our Facebook event. If you don't have a team, you can be added to one when you arrive. Everyone is welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Pictured are January's Trivia winners, "Bright Lights" Sandra Stengel, Linda Borneman, Craig Suttman, Louise Suttman, Mary Jo Dilbeck, and Dan Dilbeck.

Township sets board meetings for 2022

Woosung Township Board of Trustees have scheduled meetings for 2022 to be held at 10598 W. Edgewood Rd., Polo.
The meeting schedule:
March 24 at 7:15 p.m. – regular meeting with Supervisor's end of year report
April 12 at 7:15 p.m. – annual township meeting at at Yingling garage, Woosung
June 23 at 7:15 p.m. – approve budgets
Sept. 15 at 7:15 p.m. – regular meeting
Dec. 15 at 7:15 p.m. – approve levy's

Annual Leaf River Alumni event will be March 5

LEAF RIVER – The 47th Annual Leaf River Alumni Event will be held on March 5 at the River Valley Complex (former Leaf River school).
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. A sandwich supper will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Volleyball games start at 5 p.m. The program to recognize the classes of 1971 and 1972 will begin at 6:30 p.m. The basketball game will begin at 7 p.m. The alumni band will also be performing so bring your instrument if you are interested in playing.
There is a \$5 donation for game and supper (\$2 for basketball and band players)
If you are a graduate of the class of 1971 or 1972, and will be attending or, if you are willing to help with the event, please contact Linda Borneman at 815-938-2129 or lborneman76@gmail.com.

Thank You

Ogle County Life Honorary Staff Members Make Contributions and Share Views

"Thank you for providing Ogle County residents with all the local news!!!"

Deborah Cheek

"I look so forward to your paper. Must be hard to find good news during this hectic time in everyones lives. Thank you all. Stay safe and God bless."

Nancy Hamer

"Thank you. We love your paper."

Two Honorary Readers

"Thank you."

Cynthia Engelkens

"Thank you for the great newspaper. I especially like the puzzles. Also, thanks for the obits which keep us informed. The library news is great."

Judy Jolly

"Keep up the good work. The Editor is usually on the money with his commentary! Thanks again."

J.S. Popp

"Hello, Ogle Cty. Life Staff! Once again thank you for doing a good job - keep up the good work! We enjoy the occasional letters submitted by Bill Piernat - how about allowing him a weekly column?"

Sincerely, Jan & Ed Boehm

"I so enjoy your weekly paper with all the local news and ads. It is looked forward to every week."

Sharon Lung

"Thank you for doing a good job."

Sincerely, Alice & Dawn Nance

"Thank you for giving our community a high quality newspaper. We appreciate having news from all over the county. Keep up the excellent work."

Jim & Marsha Behrens

"Ogle County Life. Please keep it coming. We enjoy the county news. Thanks."

Joy R.

"I appreciate all of you and thank you for the great job you do! Brads columns are so enjoyable because he always talks about things we can all relate to. Keep up the good work."

Charlene Boward

"Ogle County Life, thank you for all you do. We enjoy reading the Life. Keep up the good work."

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10 % of all contributions made by February 28 is going to area senior centers as a donation to help provide services for our county's senior citizens.

Thank you to all of our **Honorary Staff Members for your comments and support. We couldn't do it without you!"**

Sincerely, Mike Feltes, General Manager

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- Central Bank**: "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem" promoting online banking.
- Byron Bank**: "Advertise Your Business Here!" offering great rates and spots.
- Voluntary pay envelopes in newspaper this week**: A notice about a community initiative.
- Welcome to Zoom Town**: A notice about a housing sales boom in 2020.
- What's Inside**: A list of local events and news items.

LOCAL NEWS

Byron Museum hosting taxidermists for special event

BYRON—On Saturday, Feb. 26 the Byron Museum of History will be hosting three award winning taxidermists from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Local taxidermists Jim Hess, Richard Ward, and Bob Wagner will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their techniques while working on their current projects.

Finished mounts will be displayed along with several touchable hides. Visitors will see a wide array of fish, birds and mammals. Museum admission is always free.

The museum's Spring Art Show will be open and you can also get your tickets for the Great American Quilt Raffle. You'll have four chances to win a quilt with each ticket \$1 or buy six tickets for \$5. The Byron Women's Club will be selling raffle tickets to



Jim Hess is one of three award-winning taxidermists to be featured.

raise funds for their local scholarships. See all four quilts on display at the Byron Museum.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House - which is a listed site on

the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Permanent museum exhibits include; Agriculture Then and Now, Underground Railroad, Local Veterans, Byron Business, Outhouses, Trains, and A.G. Spalding. Open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at 110 North Union Street, Byron IL 61010. www.byronmuseum.org.

Election judge training March 3

Ogle County will be conducting schools for Judges of Election and has scheduled different times.

All schools will be held at the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St., Oregon. The Judge of Election classes will be limited to 75 people per class, please call to reserve your spot. Select the time that best fits your schedule and call 815-732-1110.

The class will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The school will be an extensive review of the new Election equipment and Election Day procedures. Training is designed to prepare you for carrying out

your responsibilities at the polling place. This will include hands-on instructions that focus on election procedures and how the new voting equipment will work.

Illinois State Statute requires Judges of Election to attend training. Election Judges work from 5 a.m. until after the polls close at 7 p.m. on Election Day. Judges receive a salary of \$100 per election and an extra \$20 if they attend a school.

We hope to see you at one of the schools, not only for the extra \$20 for Election Day, but because the training will enable you to serve as an informed and knowledgeable Judge.

Mystery dinner event in Mt. Morris Feb. 26

MOUNT MORRIS – On Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m., the Mt. Morris Moose will be transformed into a tragic crime scene.

Folks will not be entering the banquet room and social quarters, but they will be entering a picnic buffet at the trailer park where a crime has occurred. Yes indeed, it is a "Trailer Park Tragedy," and you could be part

of the fun. For \$30 per person, you will enjoy a pulled pork dinner and take part in the mystery and entertainment.

If you choose to join us, stop by the Mt. Morris Moose on Tuesday evening or Friday evening while we are open to sign up, or you can contact Ranae Taylor at ranaetaylor24@gmail.com or send a private message through facebook. Payment must

be received ahead of time unless arrangements are made. You will need to submit your email so that we can send you your role in this fun filled event. Maybe you will be the murderer, or the victim, or an innocent bystander.

At any rate, this is sure to be an incredibly fun event that supports the Mt. Morris Moose and Mooseheart Child and City School.

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Art show open

The Byron Museum of History welcomes the public to a display of local art by the Eagle's Nest Art Group. The show opened on Feb. 5 and will continue until Saturday, March 26. The museum, located at 110 N. Union St. in Byron, is open every Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will also enjoy viewing the museum's exhibits of local history.



NEW LISTING



917 College Avenue, Dixon \$129,000 Call Merri

Tastefully updated Ranch with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on a large lot in Dixon! This home has many updates throughout and first floor laundry. Off one of the bedrooms is a large walk-in closet- perfect for storage or even a third bedroom. The over-sized 2 car garage has a finished loft for extra living space. Enjoy entertaining friends and family in the private, fenced in backyard and patio with fireplace.

Housing Supply Is Extremely Low

EACH month, realtor.com releases data on the number of active residential real estate listings (listings currently for sale). Their most recent report reveals the latest monthly number is the lowest we've seen in any January since 2017 (see graph).

And don't forget, the best time to sell an item is when there's a limited supply of it available. This graph clearly shows how extremely low housing supply is today.

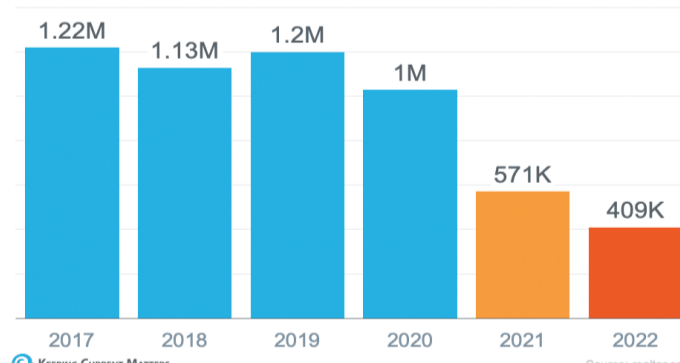
Even Though Supply Is at a Historic Low, Home Sales Are at a 15-Year High

According to the latest Existing Home Sales Report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), existing-home sales totaled 6.12 million in 2021 – the highest annual level since 2006. This means the market is hot and homeowners are in a great place to sell now while sales are so strong.

NAR also reports available listings by calculating the current months' supply of inventory. They explain:

Active Listings Down Dramatically

Active Listings Over the Last 5 Januaries



"Months' supply refers to the number of months it would take for the current inventory of homes on the market to sell given the current sales pace."



509 S. 5th Street, Oregon \$159,000 Call Mark

Charming 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home for sale on 5th St. in Oregon! Kitchen has all stainless steel appliances that will stay. Sliders off the eat in dining area lead to a deck and fenced yard. Nice laminate flooring in a few areas and very charming, original wood flooring in the rest of the house! Pretty dining room with windows off of the kitchen for entertaining. You will love the convenient 1st floor laundry and 1/2 bath! Maytag washer and dryer will stay. 3 bedrooms upstairs and a very nice full bathroom! Newer windows have been installed except for one set and new water heater was installed in 2019. Home has gas forced air heat, central air and water softener. Low maintenance vinyl siding on the exterior with 2 cozy covered porches for relaxing! You'll really enjoy the spacious fenced yard for the kids and pets! 2.5 car garage has plenty of storage room and work area. Radon mitigation system has already been installed. Come see this charmer! It will go quickly!



2225 S. Daysville Road, Oregon \$124,900 Call Carla

Located in the Oregon School District. This super cute 2 bedroom located in Daysville which offers a nice country setting! Large room sizes with cozy eat in kitchen with all kitchen appliances staying. Nice updated bathroom, gorgeous LVT throughout the main floor in the living room and bedrooms, finished lower level with recreation room and bonus room. Detached 2 car garage. New roof 2022.



291 S. Ill Rte. 2 Unit 26C, Dixon \$54,900 Call JD

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2921 N. Ill Route 2, Oregon \$200,000 Call Rebecca

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100 S. 10th Street, Oregon \$240,000 Call Boone

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SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon girls compete in Regional final

The Oregon High School Girls Bowling team competed in the IHSA Regional at Mardi Gras Lanes, in DeKalb on Feb. 5, finishing in 4th place with a 5110 series, 87 pins behind 1st place Dixon and advancing to the Sectional Tournament in Rockford.

The Lady Hawks were led by Regional Champion Ava Wight with a 1313 series (200,194,257,221,203,238). Joining Wight in the top 10 for Oregon was Mackenzie Alford who finished 7th overall with an 1135 series (212,178,255,162,161,167). Also bowling for Oregon was Paige Beauchem 27th place 907 series, Kendra Ehrler 28th place 895 series, and Trinity Hultquist 29th place 860 series.

Scores

Boys Varsity Basketball

Feb. 8
Oregon 32, Rockford Christian 82

Feb. 4
Stillman Valley 58, Rock Falls 50

Oregon 51, North Boone 66

Feb. 2
Stillman Valley 45, Rochelle 78

Feb. 1
Stillman Valley 30, Dixon 58

Girls Varsity Basketball

Feb. 9
Oregon 22, Serena 20

Stillman Valley 37, Rockford Christian 38

Feb. 3
Stillman Valley 38, Rock Falls 35

Oregon 55, North Boone 51

Local students named to NIU Dean's List

DeKALB – Northern Illinois University announces its fall 2021 Dean's List students.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include:

Byron:
Lance Cox, College of Engineering Dean's List, Electr Engineering Tech - B.S., Byron High School
Caleb Denton, College of Engineering Dean's List, Mechanical Engineering - B.S., Byron High School
Abigail Lampe, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Family Social Services, Byron High School
Nicholas Peterson, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Child Development, Byron High School
Grace Sherburne, College of Business Dean's List, Human Resource Management, Home School
Lucia Zarco Flores, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Rehabilitation & Disability Se, Plano High School
Milena Zlaticanin, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Software Development, International Secondary Sch 1

Chana:
Meredith Gelande, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, History - B.A., Oregon High School
Mallory Ponto, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Psychology - B.A., Rochelle Township High School

Davis Junction:
Payton Barger, College of Education Dean's List, Middle Level Teaching & Learning, Stillman Valley High School
Zachary Klonecki, College of Engineering Dean's List, Mechatronics Engineering, Stillman Valley High School
Skot Lien, College of Engineering Dean's List, Mechanical Engineering - B.S. Carina Paluzzi, College of Education Dean's List, ELED-Reading Teacher, Stillman Valley High School

Forreston:
Delaney Buisker, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Anthropology - B.A., Forreston High School
Katie Krogman, College of Education Dean's List, ELED-Special Education, Eastland High District 308
Kate Metzger, College of Education Dean's List, SPED-LBSI with PEL, Forreston High School
Hannah Stevens, College of Education Dean's List, ELED-Bilingual/ESL, Forreston High School

Kings:
Anthony Muratore Jr, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Psychology - B.A., Rochelle Township High School

Mount Morris:
Jared Pottorff, College of Engineering Dean's List, Mechanical Engineering - B.S., Oregon High School

Oregon:
Heather Braden, College of Education Dean's List, ELED-Bilingual/ESL, Oregon High School

Karissa Faler, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, English - B.A.
Thomas Gleiter, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Psychology - B.S., Home School
Ashlyn Kitzmiller, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Child Development, Oregon High School
Priscilla Tennison, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List, Art Studio, Polo Community High School
Cristina Tranchina, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Nutrition, Dietetics, & Wellne, Oregon High School

Polo:
Summer Linboom, College of Education Dean's List, Early Childhood Education, Polo Community High School
Lizzy Stamm, College of Education Dean's List, ELED-Reading Teacher, Polo Community High School

Stillman Valley:
Lily Tarara, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Communicative Disorders, Stillman Valley High School

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Polo's Taylor named to Central College Dean's List

PELLA, Iowa – Reid Taylor, a Central College student from Polo, has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester.

The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

Masks are required upon entering the Library. Hand sanitizing is requested. Please call (815) 732- 2724 for any questions. Holds can be placed online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>, over the phone with Library staff, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile. Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases!

Library Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, February 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Wrong Family* by Tarryn Fisher. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, February 24th at 6:00pm at Cork N Tap to discuss *The Light We Lost* by Jill Santopolo. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, March 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 am. Registration and masks are required.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited.

Winter Blues Bundle- January 15th through February 19th

Register for a winter blues bundle beginning January 15th. Not sure what to read, do, or need something to keep you busy during these cold winter months? Winter Blues Bundle! Each bundle will have a hand-picked book, magazine, DVD and some fun activities. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

Library Lover's Book Bundle for Youth - February 7-28th

Not sure what to read, do, or need something to curl up with in February? Register for a youth (5th – 8th grade) book bundle beginning January 31st. Each bundle will have 2 hand-picked books, craft, some fun activities and treats. Available to Oregon Public Library cardholders. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory-Wednesday, February 16th at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program - ZOOM
Join us for a lively evening with bestselling author Jasmine Guillory as she discusses the importance of real life and the modern rom-com. Jasmine Guillory is a writer, lawyer and New York Times bestselling author of six romance novels, including *The Wedding Date*, *The Proposal*, and *While We Were Dating*. NPR called *The Proposal*, "Rollicking, charming, and infinitely zesty." Her work has appeared in *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Bon Appetit*, and *Time*. She lives in Oakland, California. Register for this virtual event at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline February 18th
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Voucher Drawing for Cooking Classes

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

Daisy's Girls: Camping with Juliette Gordon Low - Wednesday, March 2nd at 4pm

Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means
Registration Required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com
Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. A wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, Juliette spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. By the time of her death, the Girl Scouts had become a successful national organization with thousands of members.

New DVD Releases

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Byron Library News

New Website Address

The Byron Library has a new website address! Our website can now be found at www.byronlibrary.org. Check it out, and be sure to update your bookmarks!

Did you know...that the Byron Public Library has a thriving local history collection? Stop in during the library's regular business hours to view our physical collection in the board room, or to access Ancestry.com from the library computers. You can also visit <https://www.byronlibrary.org/services/local-history/> to peruse our digital collection at any time!

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

Polo Library News

Special Procedures - Masks are required in the library for everyone over the age of two. Polo Library's programs and services are for everyone. If you require an access service to fully participate or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Ellen Finfrock at 815-946-2713.

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

Converting VHS to DVD - With VHS and other videotape formats disappearing fast now is the perfect time to preserve your videos and other important memories. This new service will allow us to convert your videotapes to DVD for you. For \$5 per tape library staff will convert your memories to a more manageable format. Tapes may be dropped off during regular library hours.

Adult Programs

Afternoon Book Club will meet on Monday, 2/28 at 1:30 p.m. and discuss Brit Bennett's *The Vanishing Half*. These

programs are open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in to pick up a copy and join us!

DIY Explosion Boxes

Thursday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to take a typical card to the next level? Come join Cathy as she walks you through step-by-step in creating your own Explosion Box. You will get to choose between a Birthday Box, Thank You Box, or a Congratulations Box. All supplies will be included. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

DIY Coasters

Thursday, Feb. 24, 6-7 p.m.
Come enjoy a night out at the library and create your very own set of coasters. Visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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

Yoga at the Library, Monday, February 14th at 6 p.m. This class is taught by Clementine Studio. Our instructor comes from Dixon; if no one registers the class will be cancelled. Register at the Circulation Desk or call 815-946-2713.

Children's Programs

Saturday Storytime on February 26th at 10:30 a.m.- live read and Winter Reading Program Wrap-Up Party.

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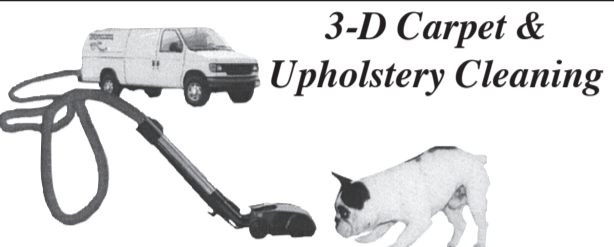
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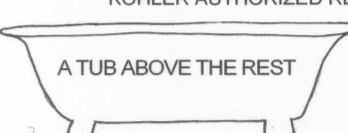
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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

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Book of the Month:

Have you ever wished you could join a book discussion group, but were unable to commit to a specific time and place to meet? Bertolet Memorial Library is offering you an opportunity to read a book at your own speed and with no group meeting. This month's Book of the Month is *The Perfect Mother* by Aimee Molloy. Read about the May Mothers, a group of women whose babies share a May birthdate. They appear to be perfect mothers, but the kidnapping of one of the babies focuses attention on the insecurities and flaws of each member of the club. Visit the Library and check out a copy, either in print, large print, or audio format; and

discover who kidnapped baby Midas.

Paws for Reading: Wednesday, February 16th
Our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, Feb. 16th at 4 p.m.. Register your independent reader for a 15-minute time slot by calling 815-738-2742 today.

Story Hour:

Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required.

Craft Kits for Adults:

A charming mason jar craft is available. Put this Valentine craft together for your sweetheart or for yourself!

Create-a-Card:

Create-a-Card is back in 2022! Join us on February 19th

Masks:

Masks are required at Bertolet Memorial Library for all patrons over age 2. We will be happy to provide curbside service as needed.

Plastic Recycling:

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

New Releases:

- Adult Books
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- The Lady's Mine by Francine Rivers
- Abandoned In Death by J.D. Robb
- Juvenile Books
- Barakah Beats by Maleeha Siddiqui
- Picture Books
- Everybody In the Red Brick Building by Anne Wynter

Forreston Library News

Book Club

Tuesday, February 22nd, 7 p.m.
This month's book selection is "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes. Stop in the library to pick up your copy and then join us for snacks and a lively discussion. New members are always welcome!

Community Room

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

Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Curbside pickup is available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our plans and activities and also check out our website at forrestonlibrary.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Children's time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

DAVIS JUNCTION
Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
14080 Rt. 72 East, Davis Junction (Next to Fritz's Electrical) • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203
Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67
Lindenwood IL
815-393-4658
Worship: 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

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We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance.
815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM.

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-2994
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintrbides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) during 10AM service
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
www.kishchurch.org
Pastor Tom Cox, Interim Pastor
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org
Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VECCoSV
We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Sleva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.



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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Holiday Closing

We will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Drop-In Friday 2/18

Kids out of school on Friday? Want a fun (& educational) activity to keep them busy? Join us on Friday 2/18 or Saturday 2/19 for a Presidential Scavenger Hunt! Children can drop in anytime, get a score sheet, and find as many presidents as possible throughout the library! A *Fabulous* prize will be awarded for completed score sheets! Recommended for 2nd-6th grades

Masks are required

We are requiring everyone over the age of two to wear masks in the library. We understand how everyone feels, but we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you!

Curbside Service is available!

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

Storytime

Story time is on Wednesdays at 11:15. This week we will be celebrating the friendship of Valentine's Day! We will be reading books about this special day celebrating friends and the children will be creating a craft! Come join our story time and bring a friend to the Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool-age children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

The February book is *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* by Denise Kiernan. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, February 28th at 3:30 p.m.

Display Case Showings

The display cases will be changing soon! Don't miss our February display supplied

by local artisans, Frank and Carrie Lay! Stop by to check out the gorgeous wood carvings created by Frank, in addition to Carrie's beautiful mixed media creations! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please let us know, 815-734-4927.

Explore More Illinois

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

Rock River Center

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

Adult Programming

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

Additional Services Offered

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

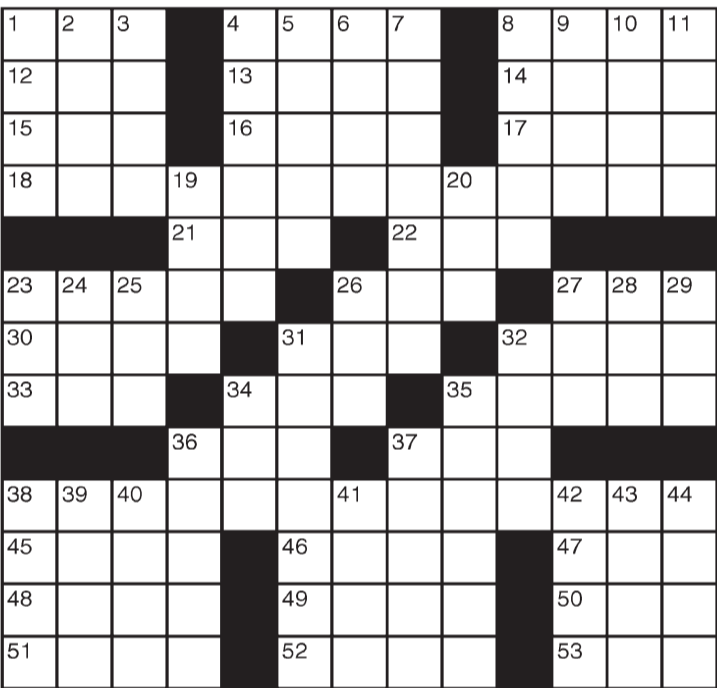
Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fine, to NASA
- 4 "Misery" star James
- 8 Garbage barge
- 12 — -mo (replay speed)
- 13 Taj Mahal city
- 14 Ocean motion
- 15 Sunbather's goal
- 16 Insect organ
- 17 Oklahoma city
- 18 Patsy Cline song
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Little rascal
- 23 Brilliance
- 26 6 on a phone
- 27 Gaiety
- 30 "Dream on!"
- 31 Ginormous
- 32 Flintstones' pet
- 33 Abolish
- 34 Curse
- 35 Summoned with a beeper
- 36 Frenzied
- 37 Jewel
- 38 Words of empathy
- 45 Made into lumber
- 46 Drescher or Tarkenton
- 47 TV schedule abbr.
- 48 Currier's



- partner
- 49 Plane-related
- 50 Debussy's "La —"
- 51 Antitoxins
- 52 Lincoln in-law
- 53 Farm pen
- DOWN**
- 1 Wine region
- 2 Norwegian saint
- 3 Hawaiian coast
- 4 Pill variety
- 5 Marble type
- 6 Woody's son
- 7 Taking a siesta
- 8 Precipitous
- 9 Title akin to POTUS
- 10 "Garfield" dog
- 11 Marries
- 19 Piece of lettuce
- 20 "As I see it," via text
- 23 Hearing thing
- 24 Hit CBS series
- 25 Cover
- 26 Blend
- 27 Pear-shaped fruit
- 28 French article
- 29 Affirmative
- 31 Adipose tissue
- 32 Slightly wet
- 34 Chum
- 35 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 36 High-IQ group
- 37 Sentry
- 38 Egyptian deity
- 39 Top choice, for short
- 40 Pitcher
- 41 Crunchy cookie
- 42 \$ dispensers
- 43 "Yeah, right"
- 44 Not even one

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MAGIC MAZE ● CIVIL-RIGHTS LEADERS

Y J F B Y U R Z O K H D A X U
 Q N K H E B Y V E S P M J H E
 B Y V T Q O S R E V E L I G D
 B Y W T R P M S K N A I F D B
 Y W U I **T U B M A N** T H O N Y
 S Q O E H M K D O L S I C F D
 B Z B O N D E T X K G W U S Q
 O W I L K I N S R N L U J H F
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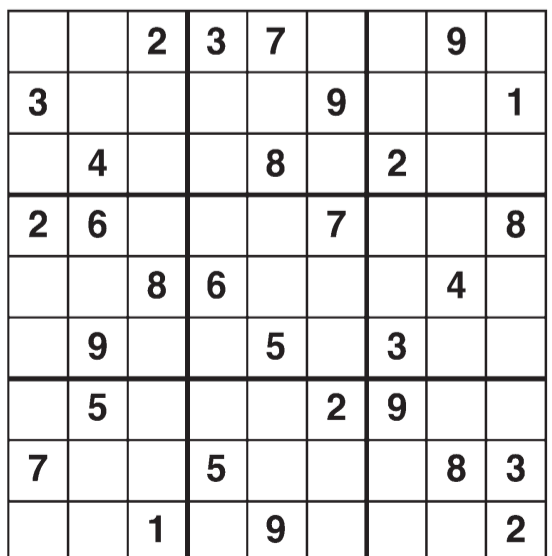
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: ROSA —

- Anthony
- Du Bois
- MLK
- Tubman
- Bond
- Evers
- Paine
- Tutu
- Chavez
- Friedan
- Paul
- Wilkins
- Douglass
- Gandhi
- Stanton

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

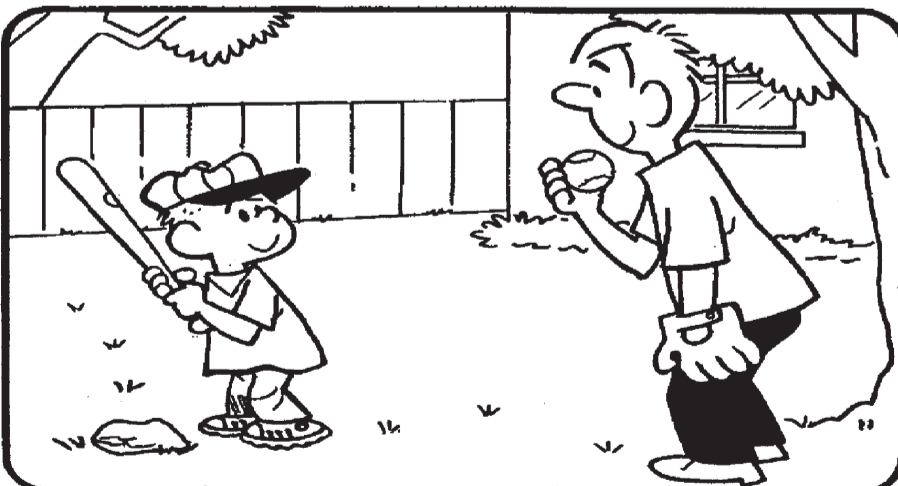
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

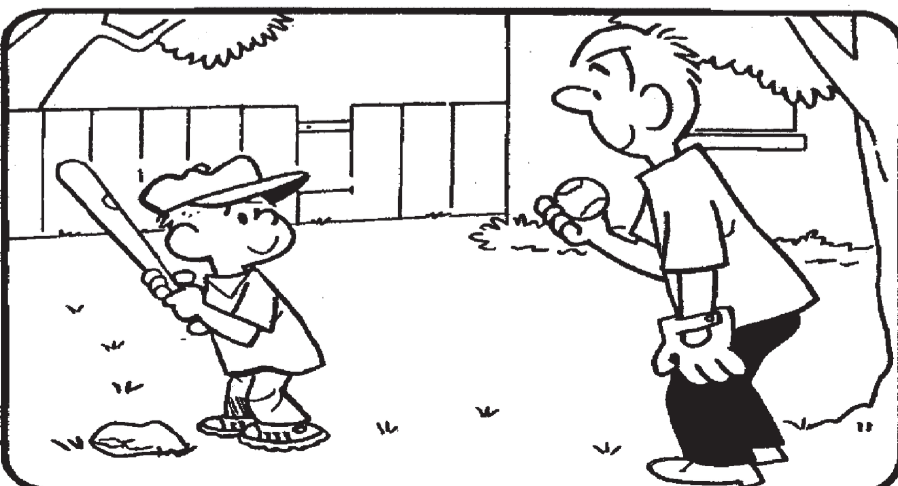
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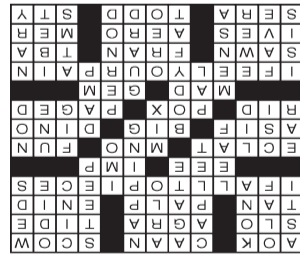
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



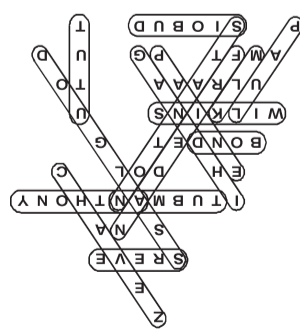
Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Shirt is slimmer. 3. Fence board is missing. 4. Arm is lowered. 5. Pans are missing. 6. Glove is different.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



CIVIL-RIGHTS LEADERS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

LOCAL NEWS

Park District announces upcoming events, activities

Cocktails & Cupcakes Pairing
Cork & Tap is pairing signature cocktails with delicious cupcakes made fresh at The Village Bakery. Enjoy an evening out, Friday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m., and enjoy sampling 4 cocktails and 4 cupcakes that pair perfectly. Spots are limited so register early! Fee is \$24/Resident or \$29/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb 18.

Learn to Make a delicious savory Chicken Pot Pie
This Cooking class with Lynn's Kitchen is on Thursday, March 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Learn to make this delicious Chicken Pot Pie with a cheddar cheese crust. Food supplies are included in the class fee. You will be asked to bring a few utensils and kitchen supplies. Take it home a bake this delicious pie to feed your family. \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb 24.

Beer, Bread & Biscuits with Lynn's Kitchen
You get a glass of beer to enjoy while making a loaf of Irish Soda Bread and homemade biscuits with an Irish twist...to take home & bake. This cooking workshop with Lynn Kaufman is Wednesday, March 16, from 6-7 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Fee is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 9.

Mother Son Date Night at the Fishin' Hole
Dance the night away, enjoy refreshments and the exciting balloon drop. Boys will enjoy playing a few games and earning "bobber bucks" to spend at The Bait Shop. Moms, bring your favorite fisherman to the dance and make some memories together on Friday, March

18, 2022, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee for young fisherman is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Mom, Grandma, Big Sister, etc. fee is \$10/person. Registration deadline is March 4.

Daddy Daughter Dance Under the Sea
Bring your little mermaid to the dance! The evening includes snacks and bracelet making and the highly anticipated balloon drop. Bring your little princess to the dance on Saturday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee for your princess is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Dads, Grandpa, Big Brother, etc. fee is \$10/person. Registration deadline is March 4.

Paint a Happy Easter Ceramic Gnome
This fun painting class will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at Cin's Treasures-Conover Square. All supplies needed will be provided along with guidance and instruction by Cindy Hendrickson, store owner. Learn "dry brushing" and antiquing" techniques. Fee for the class is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 12.




Spring Soccer
Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning April 2nd in Oregon and surrounding towns. All players are required to provide their own practice balls, which can be purchased for an additional fee. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below.
U6- Born in 2016 Fee \$50/\$63NR
U7- Born in 2015 Fee \$50/\$63NR

U9- Born in 2013 & 2014 Fee \$65/ \$80NR
U11- Born in 2011 & 2012 Fee \$65/\$80NR
U13- Born in 2009 & 2010 Fee \$70/\$85NR
U15- Born in 2007 & 2008 (No H.S. Players allowed). Fee \$70/\$85NR
If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org
Deadline for Registration is March 1st, 2022

Oregon Park District- Snowman Building Contest!
Get outside and enjoy the snow that has fallen! It is the perfect opportunity to build a snowman and enter our contest!
Build a snowman between now and February 16th. Email an unedited photo to lesley@oregonpark.org, and please include your email address, name and phone number. Winning entry will receive a prize! This contest is FREE and open to all.
Email your submission to lesley@oregonpark.org by February 16th to be eligible to win prize.


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 30th. Season runs 4/6 through 5/11.

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)P 2
OF)
(JOHN)
GREENE,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN GREENE, of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 24, 2022, to ALAN DAVID GREENE, whose address is 577 W. Jennie Lane, Oregon, IL 61061, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than July 31, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for ALAN DAVID GREENE, Executor of the Estate of JOHN GREENE, deceased
No. 0123 (Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER
2021 MR 59
REQUEST OF:
NICOLE LYNN
GORSEGNER

TO CHANGE NAMES
OF MINOR CHILDREN
Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for these children:
Brextyn Gregory
Edward Perrot to the new name of Gregory Edward Gorsegner
Soiyr William Thomas Perrot to the new name of Soiyr Williams Thomas Gorsegner.
Court date will be April 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 204.
Nicole Gorsegner.
No. 0129 (Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 19, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
JAH 1 Enterprise
3747 W IL Rt 64, Lot 168, Mount Morris, IL 61054
Dated: January 19, 2022
Laura J. Cook,
Ogle County Clerk
No. 0130 (Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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COURT OF THE
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CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, PROBATE
DIVISION

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 23
OF)
(MICHAEL)
(A.)
(BOOMGARDEN,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Michael A. Boomgarder of Forrester, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Lee County Public Guardian Dana

M. Considine, as Administrator of this estate, whose attorneys of record are Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 East Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

LEE COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN DANA M. CONSIDINE, Administrator
E H R M A N N
G E H L B A C H B A D G E R & C O N S I D I N E, L L C
By Dana M. Considine
No. 0203 (Feb. 7, 14, 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 1
OF:
PAUL G.)
DAVIS,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Paul G. Davis, of Forrester, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 18, 2022 to Judy L. Cullor of Freeport, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Clerk of the Circuit Court at 106 S. 5th Street, #300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.

JUDY L. CULLOR,
Independent
Administrator
No. 0208 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER
2022MR1
Request of:
Christine Marie Jenkins
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Christine Marie Jenkins to the new name of Christine Marie Probst. The court date will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom #204.
/s/ Christine Marie Jenkins.

No. 0207 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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2022TX3 FILED:
2/4/2022 TAKE
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2018-00026 Sold
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Property Located at: Property Located at COMM NE COR SEC 14, W1956.53' TO POB, THENCE W624.90', S1400.09', W622', N1130', W807', S1051.27', E97.36', S1321.26', E1042.12', N789.41', E920.84', N1854.69' TO POB 14-25-10 80.15AC DOC #1208096 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 04-14-100-006 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 29, 2022. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 29, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 9, 2022 Jesse W Brewer Christine A Brewer Jesse W Brewer Christine A Brewer Occupant Cristina M. Buskohl as Attorney in 2021 D 19 Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0213 (Feb. 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Special Assessment
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No.: N/A Installment No.:
N/A THIS PROPERTY

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at:

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DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 2162 East Illinois Route 64, Oregon, IL 61061 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-01-100-005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 29, 2022. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 29, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 9, 2022 Michael Steven Hawn Marilyn A. Hawn Occupant Nancy M. Swieter Michael S. Hawn U.S. Attorney General for the I.R.S. U.S. Attorney General for the I.R.S. U.S.A., I.R.S. U.S.A., I.R.S. Attorney General for the U.S.A Department of Justice for the I.R.S. Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0215 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ADOPTION
OF:
COLTON JAMES
HENNING, an adult.
Case No. 2022 AD 2
ADOPTION NOTICE
To: Lance Jeremy
Henning
NOTICE is hereby given this cause has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois for a Petition for Adoption of Colton James Henning, an adult.
Now, therefore, unless you file your response to the Petition for Adoption in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Ogle County Courthouse, Illinois on or before 1:00 p.m. on the 10th day of March 2022, a default may be entered against you at that time and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Adoption.
No. 0205 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received for the following purchases by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. March 4, 2022. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your

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Materials
4. 22-21132-00-RS
Rockvale Township Half
Mile Rd.
5. 2022 County Pipe
Proposals are available
at the Ogle County
Highway Department,
1989 South IL Rt. 2,
Oregon, IL between
the hours of 7:00 A.M.
and 3:30 P.M. Monday
- Friday. The Road
and Bridge Committee
reserves the right to
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Furman Lawn Care and Tree Service. Mowing, Hedge Trimming, Painting, Interior and Exterior. Gutter Cleaning, Storm Damage Clean up, Spring and Fall and Much More. In Business Since 1999. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please Leave Message Will Return Call ASAP. Fully Insured. (TFN)

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203 HELP WANTED

ASHTON - Bartenders and Waitresses Needed, Apply in Person at Ralphie and Lulu's. 812 Main Street in Ashton or call 815-453-2103. (TFN)

Pines Meadow Vet Clinic is looking for **Part Time or Full Time Kennel Staff** during the week. Split shift between morning and afternoon. Please pick up application at clinic.

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 \$500 Sign on bonus
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For Sale: 40" Flat Screen Vizio TV \$75.00 Please call (815) 910-2405 (2-16-22)

Unseasoned Firewood for Sale. \$70 per Face Cord. Delivery Available CALL FOR A QUOTE (779) 251-0254

For Sale: Farmall M Call (815) 378-2036

Breaking up my electric train sets for sale. 3 HO Gauge includes a Coca-Cola 2004 Holiday Edition. 3 O-27 gauge includes Coca-Cola Limited Edition. Please call (815) 562-2582 and leave a message.

BUNDLED Newspaper - \$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on

Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

309 PETS AND SUPPLIES

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HELP WANTED EMPLOYMENT

Seeking Village Clerk:
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The Village of Stillman Valley has an opening for a conscientious and hardworking individual to join its Public Works Department, and is accepting Resumes through February 28th, 2022. Candidates must be able to perform skilled work to maintain and care for all Village facilities and infrastructure. This is a full time position with benefits. Candidates must be 18 years of age, have a good driving record, live within a 20 mile radius of the Village of Stillman Valley, and be able to attain a CDL License Class B with Air Brakes Endorsement within 90 days of employment. Candidates must also be available to work alternating weekends and alternate work hours during winter months or when workloads dictate it. Current CDL license and snow plowing experience a real plus! Starting wage based on experience. For consideration, please drop off your resume at the Village of Stillman Valley, 120 N. Walnut St, Stillman Valley, IL or mail to P.O. Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

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SCHOOL BUS

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- Production Supervisor**
 The Production Supervisor, with limited supervision, will oversee and direct hourly employee work performance to accomplish daily production and shipping requirements consistent with quality control and safety/health policies and procedures. Candidate must be able to work weekend shift, Friday through Monday.
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501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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 Immediate openings for 1 bedroom apartment homes. Must be 62 years of age or older; disabled regardless of age. Included in rent; water, sewer and trash. All units have washer-dryer, stove, refrigerator & a/c units. Family pet welcome with a deposit.

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Hey, Adults! Winter is here. You have nature's permission to grab a book, burrow in, and make cozy. Why not be rewarded for it? Use the Beanstack app to register and track your progress. For each book you read, and each activity you log, you'll earn a badge (and a chance to win actual prizes!) Drawings held weekly. Earn your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge by February 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to LINO'S PIZZA in Rockford. **BONUS:** Earn 5 Review/Activity Badges in addition to your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge, and you'll be entered twice! Through February 28.

A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft each week on Facebook Live. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Stop by, or use the form on our website to reserve your child's monthly take-home kit: <https://>

juliahull.org/order-request. February craft kits now available. While supplies last.

Short & Sweets

Join Joanna on Zoom, Wednesday, February 16 at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of Lily King's short story, "Five Tuesdays In Winter." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Paper copies available at the library upon request. Adults.

Elegant Indulgence: The History & Rituals of Afternoon Tea

There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. -Henry James

This beautifully illustrated lecture by Leslie Goddard, PhD. explores the history and elegant artistry of afternoon tea. Learn why afternoon was so popular with the Victorians

and Edwardians, what a proper menu includes, and why the custom of afternoon tea remains so enduringly appealing. The pleasure of your company is requested Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to RSVP for this Zoom program.

Tween Scene: Macrame Rainbow Wall Hanging

Tweens can find a rainbow at the end of a rainy spring day by using versatile macrame to make this fun decoration. Ages 10-12. Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Nathaniel Ian Miller's novel, *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven*. Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.



This February, tweens met up with Miss Kelly at Julia Hull Library (Stillman Valley) to create their own unique Valentine-themed book tote! Everyone capped-off the evening with a round of Valentine BINGO.

Rainbow Mobiles

Embrace every color of the rainbow with simple supplies

to make a bright hanging mobile! Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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Rear Engine Riding Mowers	\$160.95 + parts
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