



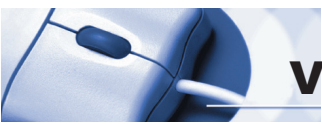
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The Oregon Park District hosts the Village of Progress for Recreation Thursdays each week. The friends enjoy their recreation time and each week two friends are chosen to receive medals for their Effort, Hustle and Attitude. Medal winners last week were Sharon and Richard. Everyone enjoyed playing basketball and soccer.



Did you get your voluntary pay envelope?

OGLE COUNTY – The Ogle County Life is offering readers a chance to become honorary staff members of the paper by participating in the annual Voluntary Payment promotion.

Envelopes were inserted into our Jan. 31 issue. If you didn't receive an envelope or have any questions, call our office at 815-732-2156. Also, 10 percent of any money donated in February will be donated to our local senior centers.

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However, newsprint and postage costs do continue to rise, and any contributions that readers can make greatly help defray these costs and enable us to provide the best product possible.

"Our readers' generosity has played a big part in helping us achieve our goals, including continuing to offer a free e-edition," said Life general manager Mike Feltes.

In addition to helping out the paper, anyone making a voluntary payment will also be helping our local senior citizens, as we in turn make a donation to area senior centers on your behalf.

The envelopes can be mailed in to P.O. Box 175 Rochelle 61068, or put in our drop box at Conover Square.

Dr. Williams retires after 41 years

BY JEFF HELFRICH
RNL MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — When Dr. Nancy Williams came to practice in Rochelle in Aug. 1980, she moved four hours away from her family.

Williams retired last week after 41 years in town as a family doctor. Over that time she built a family of her own. On top of that, she built relationships with her patients and their families.

"I think the hardest part about retiring is how much I'll miss the patients," Williams said. "People that I see frequently or even

the ones I see every six months or once a year. I have a relationship with them and I'm going to miss that. As I was thinking about all of this, I thought, 'Maybe doctors should move every 10 years so they don't develop such ties with patients.' And then I thought, 'Well what fun would that be?'"

Williams said it's been a blessing to have developed relationships with patients. While growing up, her children called a lot of people in the Rochelle area grandma and grandpa.

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LOCAL NEWS

Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Program successful

OREGON — The annual Ogle County Christmas tree collection and chipping program recently wrapped up around the county and final numbers for trees are now in. A total of around 280 trees were collected and chipped up into useful mulch. That is a total of around 14,000 pounds or roughly 7 tons of trees not headed to the landfill. While the overall number of trees was down this past season, it was good to once again offer curb-side collection in some areas. Since program year 1999, a total of almost 16,300 trees, or roughly 408 tons, have been recycled into mulch and not ended up in the landfills.

Starting on Dec. 26th, people dropped off trees at locations in Rochelle, Byron, Oregon, Monroe Center, Polo, Forreston, and Leaf River. Rochelle residents placed trees out by the curb and the street department came out and chipped them at the curb. In certain areas local Future Farmers of America (FFA) volunteers collected trees and brought them to the drop-off point for chipping. This year's collection was held on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 and was the first organized FFA collection since the winter of 2018-2019 due to weather and pandemic-related problems. FFA volunteers in Byron, Forreston, Polo, and



Polo FFA crew, Brogan Shank, Eli Baumann, Teburden Miller, Connor Ukena, and Mr. Wetzel.

Oregon collected trees curb-side for residents in their respective areas

and collected around 100 trees that morning and dropped them off to the chipping sites around the county.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department coordinates

the program and wishes to thank all of the volunteers, municipalities, street departments, and FFA students and teachers who actually do the work and handle the trees. This program will continue

for 2020 and into 2021. Anyone interested in free mulch from the trees, please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 for more information and sites where mulch will be available.

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ABATE holding annual swap meet

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.

Vendors 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."

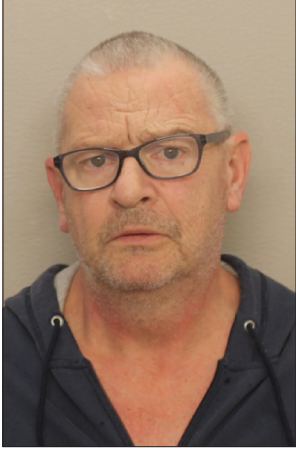
Frank sentenced

OREGON — On Feb. 2, Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced that Douglas C. Frank, 60, of Stillman Valley, was sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge John C. Redington for Attempted Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault.

In June 2021, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Rockford Police Department

investigated a sexual assault complaint made by an adult female that occurred in Stillman Valley.

During the investigation, the defendant was developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized. Attempt Aggravated



Douglas Frank

Criminal Sexual Assault is a Class I felony with a sentencing range of 4 to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant's criminal record qualified him for Class X sentencing with a sentencing range of 6 to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Eileen Mary Alderks

ROCKFORD — Eileen “Toots” Mary Alderks, age 83, passed away on Jan. 30, 2022 peacefully at Cherryvale Place, Rockford. Eileen, born April 2, 1938, was married to Harold Alderks (deceased) for 58 years. The wedding took place at the United Methodist Church in Monroe Center on Oct. 19, 1956.

During their marriage they had four children, Jean Lawrence of Tarentum, Pennsylvania, Larry (Luann) Alderks of Dundas, Minnesota, Wayne (Nancy) Alderks of Loves Park, and Barbara (John) Stryzak of Glendale Heights. During her life, Eileen was blessed with eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Eileen was the heart and



caretaker of her family and home. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed the quality time she was able to spend with her family. Among the joys in her life were dancing, playing cards, visiting family, and supporting those closest to her.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Ina Frantz, her

brother Ralph Frantz, and her husband Harold.

She is survived by her two sisters, Joyce McKnight, Dorothy Evans, and brother Lyle Frantz.

Funeral services were held at Elim Reformed Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022. Visitation was 1 hour prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial followed the services at the White Rock Cemetery.

The children and other family members were available for a short period of time at the church after the burial.

A memorial fund is established in Eileen’s name for ProMedica Palliative Care of Rockford.

Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Homes assisted the family.

Michael John Cox

ROCHELLE — Michael John Cox, 65, passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at Loyola Hospital in Proviso Township, Illinois. Mike was born on Jan. 6, 1957 to Clifton C. and Velma J. (Harmon) Cox in Rockford. On June 7, 1980, he married GERALYN “GERI” Marie Kleparski in Rockford.

Mike enjoyed hobby fishing and raising his goats and cows and bailing hay despite all the break downs. He also enjoyed restoring and collecting antique Cub Cadet lawn tractors. He could often be found at an auction where he was always looking for a good buy or treasure. In that same vein, he was an avid online deal seeker especially on Market Place and Craigslist. Mike loved hunting and



attended their baseball, fishing. He served on the Kings Elementary School Board and was the pack leader for Cub Scouts when his son, John, was growing up. He worked at Eaton Corporation for many years.

Mike was always very involved with family and loved ones. He wouldn’t hesitate to help with home improvement projects if he was asked or not. He cherished his grandkids, attending their baseball,

football games and dance recitals.

Mike is survived by his wife of 41 years, Geri of Rochelle; children, John (Julia) Cox of Rochelle, Lacy (David) Hansen of LaMoille, and Lindsey (Michael) Cogar of South Beloit; two sisters, Melody (Gerald) Marynowski of Bedford, Ind., and Ritta (Brent) Stovall of Rockford; four grandchildren, Evelyn and Cody Cox, Harper and Tucker Hansen and his two dogs, Jake and Molly.

In addition to his parents, Mike is preceded in death by two sisters, Viola Olson and Charlotte Morrow.

There will be a celebration of Mike’s life at a later date. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Visit www.ungerhorner.com

David L. Snapp

FORRESTON — David L. Snapp, 89, of Forreston, passed away, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2022, at Serenity Hospice Home, Oregon. David was born June 5, 1932, in Forreston, to Christ and Ima (Bush) Snapp.

He was a lifelong Forreston resident, graduating from Forreston High School in 1950. He was a Korean Vet, serving from 1952-1954. He married Eleanor Wubbena in 1957. He worked for his brother, Ralph, for many years at the Cities Service Gas Station and also drove school bus for five years. Then deciding to switch jobs, he went to work for Montgomery Ward, under the leadership of Dean Ruckman who became a close friend. After two at years at Wards, he went to work at Allstate Insurance as an agent. There he won many awards for top sales.

In 1976, David went blind in his right eye during a cataract surgery, and he was considered legally blind for 20 years. During this time at home, he developed a peanut brittle recipe. For many years he made and donated pea-



nut brittle to many friends and businesses. After 20 years, God restored his vision in his left eye to 20/20 while undergoing a cataract procedure at a clinic in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Dave loved to tell his eye story about how God gave him a miracle and restored vision in his left eye.

His community memberships included Forreston Reformed Church, Excelsior Lodge of Freeport, lifetime VFW member, and a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 308. Dave was extremely proud of the Veteran’s Memorial in the Forreston Park that he helped to promote and gain sponsors. In 1972, Dave and Eleanor purchased a piece

of God’s creation in the Northwoods of Wisconsin where they enjoyed summers. Dave often joked that they bought a piece of cake and continued to put frosting on it for years. He enjoyed time with his family and watching the grandchildren grow up. Dave made many friends over his lifetime, and it was said of him that he never met a stranger. His life was full, and he was ready to see what was going on the other side.

Surviving is his wife, Eleanor Snapp of Forreston; son Jeffrey (Lori) Snapp of Waunakee, Wis.; daughter, Jodie (David) Lehne Byron; and four grandchildren, Emily Lehne, Ellie Lehne, Sarah (Shawn) Budden, and Nathan Snapp.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Ralph (Irene) Snapp Ed and (Eileen) Snapp; and sister, Donna (Bob) Schnieder. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Forreston Reformed Church. Visitation 1 p.m. until the time of service. Burial in White Oak Cemetery.

Genevieve Grace Pearson

BYRON — Genevieve Grace Pearson, age 93, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at Generations at Neighbor’s in Byron. She was born Feb. 14, 1928 near Leaf River, IL the daughter of Milferd and Luetta (Miller) Kappenman.

She attended the Stone School one room school and graduated from Leaf River High School in 1945. Genevieve married Douglas G. Pearson on April 7, 1951 in Adeline, IL.

She was a hard worker and had worked for Kable Printing for 3 years, Kable News for 5 years, the IGA Deli for over 5 years in Byron, the Neighbor’s Nursing Home, the Dress Shop in Byron, and Pinecrest Manor Dietary Dept. retiring in 2007. She was a past member of the Adeline Zion Evangelical Church and currently was a member of the Cornerstone Family Church in Byron, IL. Genevieve enjoyed her weekly hair appointments and BANTER with the Girls at



Eclips Hair Salon. She loved making deserts for her family and friends including any church function or birthday party. Most of all Genevieve loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Douglas, her brother Robert, and sister Delores.

She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Pearson (Lori Nickelsen) of Leaf River, and Jon (Deb) Pearson of Mt. Morris; grandchildren, Dave (Sheryl) Crowell of Rockford, Jon (Bonnie Magallon) Crowell of

Cortland, Mark (Laurie) Crowell of Andover, Minnesota, Sarah (Jonathan) Hopman of Stillman Valley, Kristin (Bryan) Johnson of Davis Junction, Brent (Jess) Pearson of Stillman Valley, and Sean Pearson; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Alex, Tyler, Abby, Charley, Sydney, Bennett, Soren, and Huxten; and special nieces, Lynette Cibert and Brenda Ricke.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at the Cornerstone Family Church in Byron with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Burial was at the Adeline Cemetery.

A memorial fund is established in Genevieve’s name for the Rockford Rescue Mission or the Cornerstone Family Church.

Please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Genevieve.

Celebration planned

CHANA — Last year, the village of Chana would have celebrated 150 years since its founding in 1871.

Due to circumstances, the village board decided to hold off on any celebratory plans. Now a variety of Chana community volunteers and entities are beginning to coordinate a Sesquicentennial Celebration event for the second weekend of June, 2022. Activities will include The Maggie & Amos

Foundation’s 5k and 1 mile run/walk, free children’s events, an antique tractor show and parade, corn hole bags tournament, a street dance, displays of historical memorabilia from Chana history, the dedication of the new Pine Rock Township Soldier Memorial, food and much more.

The next planning meeting will be held Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. at Chana Education Center.



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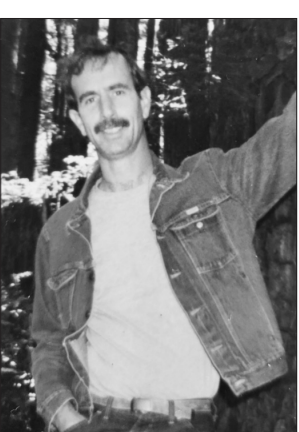
Stanley Gerard Head

SALEM, Oregon — Stan Head, age 66, passed away Dec. 14, 2021, in his sleep in his home in Salem, Oregon.

Stan is proof that a person can be bull headed and have a good heart at the same time.

He was known for his great artistic talent which he never gave up on and we all enjoyed.

Stan joined the army in 1975 serving 2 years in Germany. After



discharging from the Army, he joined the Navy, serving another

2 years stationed on a ship in San Diego, California.

Having obtained welding certificates, Stan went to work for an amusement ride manufacturer in Salem, Oregon, where he remained until his retirement in 2018.

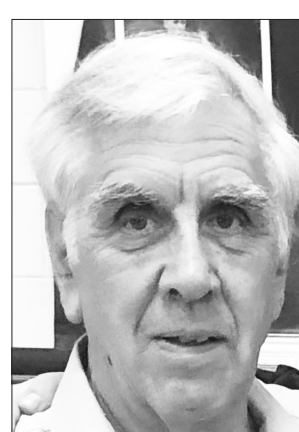
Stan is survived by his two brothers, Steve (Glenna) Head of Newport, Oregon, and David (Patty) Head of Oregon, Illinois.

John W. Uhlar

STILLMAN VALLEY — John W. Uhlar, age 80, entered into eternal rest with his Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. He was born on Aug. 21, 1941 in Detroit, the son of John and Ruth (Turpin) Uhlar. He married Loretta Stabenow on Oct. 3, 1964.

He owned and operated J&L Engineering in Rockford for many years. John was a prayerful man who loved the Lord, his bible, and leading his family to have faith filled lives. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Oregon for many years.

When he wasn't working or at church John loved the outdoors; spending time fishing at the cabin he built with his family. He also loved to go snowmobiling. He was a major bowler and avid golfer. John was incredibly handy and there was nothing he couldn't fix.



But, more than anything he loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived and missed by his loving wife, Loretta of Stillman Valley; children, Jeff (Fiancé Rhonda Hall) Uhlar of Trussville, Ala., and Luann (Marvin Capps) Chapman of Byron; siblings, Daniel (Margie) Uhlar of Elbert, Colo., and Mary Ann Edler of

Shannon; grandchildren, Ashlee (Ashis) Jana, Chelsea Uhlar, Collin (Karlee) Uhlar, Zachary Chapman, Taylor (Fiancé Ayden Whaley) Chapman, Addison Chapman, Julia Capps, Jodie Capps, Jordan Capps, Madison McGee, and Malachi McGee; great-grandchildren, Caroline and Kennedy; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Oregon with Pastor David Snow officiating.

Memorials are established in his name.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com



Ms. Bruning's nephews Cory Bruning (holding the check) and Kurt Bruning present the scholarship check to FJSHS Principal Travis Heinz and FHS Counselor Mrs. Christina Bergin.

Family establishes scholarship fund

FORRESTON — The Forrestville Valley Education Foundation Board and District Board of Education would like to recognize and thank Ms. Lucille Bruning and her family for establishing the Lucille Bruning Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Bruning knew on her first day of first grade she wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. That passion for education and learning carried her throughout her career and even through retirement. She attended Leaf River High School, graduating in 1943. Growing up as the third oldest child in a family with eight children she feared her family could not afford college after high school. With the help of the Leaf River High School administration, she was able to apply for several scholarships with many state universities, ultimately being awarded a scholarship from Eastern Illinois in Charleston. She attended Eastern for

two years, obtaining her teaching certificate early because of the teacher shortage during WWII. In 1963 she received her BS degree from Rockford College.

Bruning began her 46-year career at Poplar Grove School, a one room schoolhouse in rural Pecatonica. She moved to Wessels Rural School on Rock City Road north of German Valley for five years. When the rural schools were consolidated and the grade school was built in German Valley, Bruning moved again and remained teaching at German Valley Grade School until her retirement in 1991. Her retirement was followed by 20 plus years of private tutoring in her home.

She loved learning and always made it her goal to make learning fun. Bruning wished to grant scholarship opportunities to other students wanting to enter the field of education through the establishment



Ms. Bruning

of the Lucille Bruning Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Forrestville Valley Education Foundation is honored to continue Bruning's legacy and carry out her wishes with the 2022 scholarship application process. Students at Forreston High School will have the opportunity to apply for two annual scholarships this March, for a total of \$5,000 given annually in Lucille Bruning's name.

OREGON — Douglas G. Raney, 79, passed away on Monday Dec. 27, 2021 in his home in Oregon. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving family and wife, Darlene. Doug was born to Jesse and Mildred Raney in 1942 in Mt. Morris. Doug lived most of his life in Mt. Morris, attended schools and Trinity Lutheran Church. He moved to Oregon in 1998.

Doug could fix almost anything and make it work like new. He never hesitated to stop to help a friend or stranger in need. His hobbies included: bicycling, sports, camping, church activities, fishing, hunting, and playing cards (for the last 12 years, he always looked forward to the weekly Euchre match with his buddies Don, Ron and George).

Doug knew a lot of card tricks and would gladly share, especially when needed by a student for a school project or event. Doug never forgot a joke and was good about sharing one. He had a great sense of humor and always a smile and kind words to share. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Doug enjoyed volunteering. In 7th grade he started keeping the time clock which he did for 35 years for both the girls and boys basket-



ball home games. He often trained a student to assist in running the clock. Doug volunteered at On the Waterfront in Rockford for 27 years. He helped build several Habitat for Humanity homes throughout Ogle County and even supervised high school students, including his grandson, Gary, in building a Habitat for Humanity Home in Machesney Park. He also volunteered at: Rockford Rescue Mission, Church Activities, Autumn on Parade (Oregon), Pinecrest Manor and Mt. Morris and Oregon food pantry and events when needed, coaching and umpiring the youth for baseball, softball and supervising the Teen Center in Mt. Morris. He followed many students as their sports careers continued into college.

Doug retired from Acme Resin in Oregon where he worked as a mixer operator for 35 years. Previous employment included: working

as a finisher on pianos as Conover Cable in Oregon; building the face fronts of the business's at Conover Square in Oregon IL; and construction of houses in Ogle county for Buser Lumber, Marv Miller, Dean Dye and Babe Tracy.

Doug is survived by his wife of 58 years, Darlene; daughters: Doreen (Jim) Vickery, Jacksonville, Fla., and Deborah (Gil) McNaughton, Raleigh N.C.; niece (whom they raised) Cindy (Matt) Allen, Aurora; grandchildren: Jessica (Nate) Scalf, Rockford, Gary Armstrong, US Navy, Norfolk VA, Brianna (John) Crowley, South Beloit IL, Abigail McNaughton, Chapel Hill N.C., Grant McNaughton, Boone, N.C., Eitan Madar, Raleigh N.C.; great niece Lily Allen; great grandkids Jazlyn and Elliot Armstrong, Josh, Owen and Cameron Crowley, Levi and Patrick Scalf; brother Darrell Raney Mt. Morris and sister Dorothy Wood Wilmington Del.; special nieces and nephews Denise Welsh, Rod Hammil, Jarid Hammil, Cheri McGrory and Dale Freedlund.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Mt. Morris Friday Night Campus Concerts charity in Doug's name.

Judy Miller

POLO — Judy M. Miller, 80, of Polo, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.

Judy was born, April 29, 1941, in Freeport, the daughter Leslie and Jeanette Kitzmiller. On Nov. 18, 1978, she married Mr. Earl E. Miller.

She graduated in 1959 from Forreston High School. Judy then went to work at Cable News from 1959-1967. She attended MacConnel Airline School in the fall of 1967 and then went to work at British Airways from Oct. 1967 to Oct. 1977. After the airline she moved to Mt. Morris area and worked for Bell Credit Union from 1977 to 2006 when she retired.

Judy was a member of Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, Mt. Morris Senior Center. Her hobbies are Gem Stone collecting, snowmen, enjoyed sewing and crafting, basket collecting. Judy traveled around the world to 18 differ-

ent countries and islands and 43 states within the U.S.

Survivors include daughter, Julie Ann (Timothy) Spurgeon of Dixon; granddaughters, Courtney Short and Ashley Short; great-granddaughter, Isabelle Patterson; and several nieces and nephews.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; sister, Betty J. (Kitzmiller) Remmers; and brother, John W. Kitzmiller.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 from 10 a.m. until the start of the service at 11 a.m. at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo. Burial will be immediately following at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

Memorials may be directed to Mt. Morris Moose Lodge and the Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon.

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LOCAL NEWS

Clovers create cards



The 4-H Monroe Center Mighty Clovers Club made Valentine's Day cards for a nursing home in Rochelle. The members do this every year, they enjoy it so much and it is a part of our community service project. Club members are busy working on their project demonstrations. Mighty Clovers meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Monroe Center Community Church at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Byron Museum hosting winter art show

BYRON – The Byron Museum of History will host the Eagle's Nest Art Group wintertime art show.

The show will begin with an Opening Reception on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. Artists will be on hand to welcome visitors. The art will remain on display through Saturday, March 25. The museum, located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Museum's exhibits and the 2-month long art show are open to the public free of charge.

This year's Eagle's Nest Art Group show features oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings as well as photography and 3-D art. It will be an extensive show of the work of local artists from Oregon, Byron, Rock Falls, Dixon, Forreston, Mt. Morris, Ashton and Pearl City.

ENAG, founded in 1957, has a full schedule of art events, workshops and

shows and will have materials available at the Museum for all who are interested in learning more about this community of artists and its activities. The group welcomes artists of any level of experience. Weekly daytime studio sessions and summer outdoor painting sessions are open to all members. For more information about ENAG, call 815-732-7783 or visit Facebook at Eagle's Nest Art Group Oregon, Illinois.

The permanent collections of the Byron Museum of History as well as the historic Read House, which is a listed Underground Railroad site on the National Park Service's Network of Freedom, are open to the public throughout the year. The museum is dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Byron area through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. To learn more about the Museum and its events, call 815-234-5031 or visit their website www.byronmuseum.org

Recyclables to be collected at game on Feb. 17

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.

Oregon Police Report

Oregon Police Department activity for Jan. 24 through Jan. 30

Jan. 24
Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 24
At 10:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shkelcim Zeciri, 24, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th and Webster Streets.

Jan. 25
At 10:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Patricia L. Sullivan, 48, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Sullivan was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation

occurred in the 100 block of N. River Road.

Jan. 26
At 4:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Drew J. Markham, 24, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 300 block of Mix Street.

Jan. 29
At 11:08 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a single-vehicle crash in the 1000 block of W. Washington Street, resulting in the arrest of Dustin J. Weaver, 40, of Eldena, IL, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. Weaver was also issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving

while license revoked, and illegal transportation of alcohol. Weaver was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Jan. 30
At 7:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jacob A. Borgen, 22, Stillman Valley, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

Officers issued 14 parking tickets and three verbal warnings during the week of Jan. 24 through Jan. 30.

Bread of Life distributing groceries Feb. 8, March 8

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located at 103 S. Maple St. in Stillman Valley, will be distributing groceries on Feb. 8 and March 8.

We will distribute from 3-5 p.m. Shopping will be inside unless you order a box by calling Bonni at 815-298-5035 by noon on the

day of distribution. Please bring your own shopping bags.

The Bread of Life Pantry serves the residents of Me-

ridian School Dist.#223, Stillman Valley, Byron, Davis Junction, Leaf River and Monroe Center. Call Bonni at 815-298-5035.

Thank You
The family of Dale Snyder would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers, food, donations and support in the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Judy Cook for the beautiful tribute and to Polo Rehab Center for Dale's care.

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LOCAL NEWS

RETIRE: Doctor reflects on 41-year career

From page 1

“People have been very gracious in including us with their families and inviting us to weddings and picnics and all sorts of things,” Williams said. “It’s been great.”

Williams was recruited to Rochelle during her third year of residency. She was “amazed” when she first came to see Rochelle Community Hospital and everything it had to offer and how advanced it was considering its size.

Over the years she’s seen much more advancement at RCH. She seen specialists start to come to the hospital to offer their services to local patients, such as cardiology and nephrology.

As a solo family practice doctor in a town of Rochelle’s size, Williams said her role is to know a lot about a wide variety of health issues and to have the ability to direct patients to specialists.

“With technology and with the specialists we have readily available within 35 miles, it makes our job easier because we don’t have to do everything,” Williams said. “We’re able to be the gatekeeper and take care of what we can care for. What we do well, we do. And

then see that the patient gets the care that they need elsewhere.”

The final two years of Williams’ career came during the COVID-19 pandemic, which she called “extremely difficult and odd.” At times, a screening process was required to determine whether or not a patient could come into the office to be examined.

During the more dire parts of the pandemic, only those with the greatest need were allowed into her office.

Williams said she did quite a bit of work over the phone with patients helping them to maintain problems and long-term issues they had and making sure they had the medications they needed.

Williams moved her practice recently from her Carrie Avenue location to the RCH Family Healthcare Clinic as a way of downsizing and backing off and making sure that her patients had a place to go once she retired. She

also made a decision at that point to not admit patients to the hospital.

“I had the hospitalist do that if they needed to be,” Williams said. “I was not involved in inpatient care of COVID-19 patients. I can’t imagine how intense that was. I know how intense, but I did not experience it firsthand. And I have great respect for all of the nurses and the physicians who have taken care of those patients because it hasn’t been easy.”

During the pandemic, Williams spent time worrying about patients who may have been deferring care due to fear of COVID-19 infection.

“A lot of people have delayed procedures,” Williams said. “Some not always because they wanted to, because they were forced to because hospitals could not provide them with the care. They were so heavily-involved in COVID-19 and worried about non-emergent patient exposure. It’s been difficult

all around.”

When reflecting on the things she enjoyed most during her 41 years, Williams first mentioned obstetrics and delivering babies at RCH. She also talked about being involved with Focus House as its medical director and working with the residents there.

Williams recalled a near drowning at Spring Lake in 1984. The patient was kept alive by the Rochelle Fire Department and he was brought to RCH and later transferred to Rockford and released 12 days later.

“That same patient brought his mom in to see me for the last time recently,” Williams said. “He wanted to see me and thank me again for my participation in his episode. That was so wonderful to see that outcome. I’ve had some other tragic things happen to patients that have ended up turning out with relatively good outcomes and we talk about those things periodically when I see them. I don’t know that there’s any one thing I can bring to mind because there are so many. I’ll have a lot of things to think about over the years.”

Williams plans to spend her retirement with family and pursuing

projects that she hasn’t had time for over the years. She plans to continue living in Rochelle.

The physicians at RCH’s Family Healthcare Clinic will be absorbing most of Williams’ patients. RCH will be recruiting someone to take her place in the future, she said. Williams said seeing her patients for the final time was difficult to do.

“I had a few that made appointments just to come in and say goodbye,” Williams said. “My very last patient was my first receptionist here. It was ironic. And she didn’t really even plan it that way either. We started out together and we ended up ending here together.”

Williams said running a solo family practice for a small town isn’t for everyone, but it was for her. Some physicians don’t want to go to the grocery store in town and run into 15 of their patients.

“I feel like because of the length of time, I’ve taken care of generations in the same families,” Williams said. “I feel like I’ve become a part of their family and they’ve become a part of mine. I think it’s nice to be able to walk down an aisle or into a store and be able to say hi to someone and call them by name.”



Dr. Nancy Williams retired in January after 41 years in town as a family doctor. Over that time she built a family of her own. On top of that, she built relationships with her patients and their families.

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LOCAL NEWS

Register for class at park district

OREGON – If you love Mexican food and you love cooking, you need to register for one of the classes offered by the Oregon Park District and instructed by Michelle Carreno.

Not only do Michelle and her husband Hector own, operate, and cook at Hector's Cocina in Conover Square, but they also do cater and operate a food truck so that folks can enjoy their food anywhere. And on top of all that, Michelle also shares her love of cooking with the community by teaching a few classes each year through the Park District.

It's not too late to register for the Loaded Mexican Chicken Casserole & Mexican Style Cornbread workshop coming up on Thursday, Feb. 17. The class is held at Hector's in Conover Square



from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Students are asked to bring a few cooking utensils, but all food supplies are included in the class fee which is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. The registration deadline is Feb. 10. You can register online at www.oregon-park.org or by calling Nash Recreation Center

at 815-732-3101. Take the recipes home as well as a delicious chicken casserole and cornbread, which pair nicely. You will enjoy preparing these 2 warm dishes to feed your family. Just take them home and bake them and then enjoy a warm dinner on a cold February night!

January Rochelle Rotary Club Cash Calendar winners announced

January 2022 From The Heart Calendar Winners
 Jan. 1 – From The Heart, \$1,000
 Jan. 2 - Michele Norkus, Sunsit Hills, Mo., \$50
 Jan. 3 - Evi O'Rorke, Steward, \$25
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 Jan. 5 - Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, \$25
 Jan. 6 - Dwayne Rangel, Rochelle, \$25
 Jan. 7 - Paul J. O'Rorke Jr., Steward, \$25
 Jan. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
 Jan. 9 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50
 Jan. 10 - Martha A. Reed, Steward, \$25
 Jan. 11 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
 Jan. 12 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
 Jan. 13 - Diane Wegener, Rochelle, \$25
 Jan. 14 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
 Jan. 15 - From the Heart, \$25
 Jan. 16 - Kathy Windland, Rochelle, \$50
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Jan. 18 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
 Jan. 19 - Kim Dewey, Davis Junction, \$25
 Jan. 20 - Evan Tracy, Rochelle, \$25
 Jan. 21 - From the Heart, \$25
 Jan. 22 - Shaun D. Schaefer, Rochelle, \$25
 Jan. 23 - Sherri Drew, Mt. Morris, \$50
 Jan. 24 - Denny Arjes, Village of Progress, \$25
 Jan. 25 - Natalie Campbell, Sandwich, \$25
 Jan. 26 - Diane Sanders, Dixon, \$25
 Jan. 27 - Tyler Post, Somonauk, \$25
 Jan. 28 - Pam Payne, Amboy, \$25
 Jan. 29 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
 Jan. 30 - Amy Hayden, Rochelle, \$50
 Jan. 31 - Michael Martinez, Cortland, \$25
 Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month. Winners are drawn randomly and entrants can win more than once. Many local businesses and organizations who purchased 2022 cash calendars, wanted the monetary prize, if won, to be donated back to either the From The Heart organization or to one of the eight charities the organization supports.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 8

The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located at 103 S. Maple St. in Stillman Valley, will be distributing groceries on Feb. 8 from 3-5 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 10

Lunch Group will meet

at 11:30 at Bella's, 317 W Washington Street in Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on Feb 9th to register.

Fri., Feb. 11

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2. Please call 815-

732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on Feb 10th to register. A mask is required to enter the building. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

Thurs., Feb. 17

The Stillman Valley Environmental Club at the home boys basketball

game vs. North Boone will collect as much recyclable plastic film as possible.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Feb. 27, 1860, President Abraham Lincoln poses for the first of several portraits by noted Civil War-era photographer Mathew Brady. A relatively new art form, the photograph (or daguerreotype) showed a beardless Lincoln just moments before he delivered an address at Cooper Union.

* On Feb. 23, 1885, a 19-year-old man named John Lee is sent to the gallows in Exeter, England, for the murder of a rich, older woman. However, the gallows equipment malfunctioned three times and Lee was not dropped. He was then sent back to prison.

* On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlacheslav Skryabin, foreign minister for the Soviet Union who took the revolutionary name Molotov, is born in Russia. Molotov advocated the use of throwing bottles filled with flammable liquid and stuffed with a lit rag, and the famous "Molotov cocktail" was born.

* On Feb. 26, 1903, Alexander Winton, driving his Winton Bullet, sets the first speed record ever achieved at Daytona Beach, Florida. Built in 1902 the "Bullet Number 1" drove a measured mile at over 65 mph.

* On Feb. 22, 1946, George Kennan, the temporary American ambassador in Moscow, sends an 8,000-word telegram to the Department of State detailing his views on the Soviet Union, and U.S. policy toward the communist state. Kennan's analysis provided one of the most influential underpinnings for America's Cold War policy of containment.

* On Feb. 21, 1952, men's figure skater Dick Button wins his second Olympic gold medal. Button captured his first gold prize at the 1948 Olympics, becoming the first American to ever take home the men's title. Button retired from amateur skating in 1952 and went on to perform with the Ice Capades as well as graduate from Harvard Law School.

* On Feb. 24, 1969, after a North Vietnamese mortar shell rocks their Douglas AC-47 gunship, Airman First Class John L. Levitow throws himself on an activated flare and tosses it out of the aircraft just before it ignites. For saving his fellow crewmembers and the gunship, Airman Levitow was later awarded the Medal of Honor.

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Offers rebuttal to mask mandate

Dear Editor,
Here's a rebuttal to a recent letter regarding enforcement of the "mask mandates."

I have personally been getting "mixed" info from those in the medical field - the feeling that masks are having little if any effect on curbing the spread of COVID! In fact - the continual use of face masks seems to be causing a huge increase in allergies as well as sinus problems. I believe it should be a personal decision on whether or not to wear a mask - and, if all you "mask advocates" believe they help you then by all means keep them on - but there again if you truly believe

they are protecting you like the "media" tells you they are - you shouldn't be worried that some of us aren't wearing one!

Oh, one more thing, please stop crucifying the "unvaccinated" - more and more people who have been fully vaccinated are still getting COVID! Oh, and yes, there is still a medical event called the COMMON COLD and the FLU! I for one am sick to death of all the COVID information and misinformation that we are being bombarded with by the media! It's time we started thinking for ourselves!

Noralee Gray
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LIFE letters' policy

Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication.

During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication.

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Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

A cold weather mystery finally solved

Living the Life is on vacation this week. Here is a "classic" column from Feb. 4, 2019. There will be a new column on Feb. 14.

It was quite the mystery.

As we all know, it has been cold the past couple of weeks. Very cold. Some days, even brutally cold. For me, it has been downright torture. I was talking with my dad when it was six below zero here. In my hometown, it was 72.

Just close your eyes and imagine 72 degrees right now. Kind of makes you weepy, right? But don't cry - the tears will only freeze to your face.

Back to the mystery. My wife and I own an older home. Not that old - it was built in the 1930s - but old enough. Old enough to make noises. You know those popping sounds older homes make in the heat, the cold - pretty much all of the time.

But we were now hearing some real bangs. They seemed to come from all over the place. The bathroom? No, maybe the living room area? Possibly the back yard?

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



One thing seemed clear: The noises were coming from the outside, and sounded like something hitting the house.

As my hearing is pretty terrible - thank you, loud music - it was a real problem for my wife.

"Did you hear that," she said as we were sitting on the couch. "What was that?"

"Hear what?" I answered.

But I did hear it a couple of times. So, I would suit up and go outside to try and find the culprit.

I don't have the greatest winter gear, mind you, but I have some decent boots and a good jacket.

My gloves are actually pretty pathetic. I need to do something about that.

I would go outside and trudge through the snow, knocking icicles off of the house and looking for any obvious problems. An old telephone wire connecting to the house had a large chunk of ice on it and I couldn't break it off. Maybe that was hitting the house.

My wife wasn't buying it.

So I would go out front and look for tree branches that had fallen. Maybe an incredibly fat yet agile raccoon had climbed up on the roof and decided to do the River Dance.

Nothing.

Finally, one night last week, we were sitting on the couch binge watching "The Sopranos" - hey, better late than never - when we heard a very loud bang.

This one I heard. I think the neighbors heard it.

It sounded like it was coming from the garage area. Again, I geared up and went outside to do another futile perimeter check. I came up empty.

I wondered if it was coming from the attic, so

I went into the garage to grab a flashlight. On my "workbench" (I put that in quotes because, honestly, I don't really do any work out there), I saw some ice, but it looked strange. Why would there be a little ice up there?

I saw more ice in a box to my right. I picked it up. It looked ... greenish. Green ice? I kept moving to my right and the trail led me to the answer.

Diet 7-Up.

There was a 12-pack of the stuff on top of our outside refrigerator. Well, actually, there was one can left. The rest had exploded after freezing. I found exploded cans behind the fridge. I found them behind my covered riding lawn mower. I found them near the chainsaw.

Mystery solved. My wife and I had a good laugh, and I wondered aloud why I was such a moron to leave soda out in the garage when it was below zero.

I brought the beer inside too. Letting your beer explode would be a punishable offense.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Severson needs to explain vote against plant

Dear Editor,

(A letter sent to State Se. Severson)

Dear Senator Severson:

I believe you recently did your constituents in Ogle County a disservice on two counts:

1) A scheduled Town Hall meeting at SVCC was cancelled when it was discovered that according to the college's COVID-19 protocols, face coverings would be required. In its place a week or two later, a call-in Town Hall meeting was held.

I participated in that call-in. At the beginning I raised a question I hoped would be addressed during your comments, along with four other members of the State Legislature. It was not. At the end of the call-in, participants were offered the opportunity to leave their questions, with the assurance that someone from the legislator's office would make a return call with an answer to the question posed. I

am still waiting!

2) The question I posed had to do with your "NO" vote on legislation to keep the nuclear plants at Byron and another location along the Illinois River in operation. As noted in my comment, there were (and still are) three reasons why I believe the nuclear plants should be kept on-line:

a. Nuclear energy needs to be part of the equation if we are to meet the environmental goals spelled out by both the federal government and the State of Illinois. Continued dependency upon fossil fuels is a no-win gamble. I would have to say that I was displeased that in the measure passed, an exception to that policy was granted to one of the largest polluters in the State of Illinois...the coal-fired generating station in southern Illinois.

b. Why would anyone, especially during these difficult economic times, turn their backs on highly

skilled, good paying jobs? Why would anyone pull the rug from under a number of governing bodies dependent upon the tax revenue provided by the presence of a nuclear facility, especially the one at Byron with its impact upon the people of Ogle County? It doesn't make much sense to me. c. Sure, the measure as adopted provides funding to a corporation that some regard as corrupt and will raise electrical rates to consumers. On the other hand, the monthly amount of that increase is negligible in comparison with the increases in health care costs and insurance premiums consumers would pay in the long run by continuing to live in an unhealthy environment. I think your "NO" vote was short-sighted, and a gross disservice to your constituents in Ogle County.

Respectfully,

Roger V. Asplund, Dixon

There is a difference between credentials and education

We live in a society that extols the virtues of degrees and diplomas - but not life-long learning.

In Springfield, we honor Abraham Lincoln, our state's native son, who despite having little formal schooling was able to teach himself and become our greatest president.

But today when it comes to politicians, Americans have a different standard.

We haven't had a president without a college diploma since Harry Truman.

In 2020, the New York Times reported 95 percent of today's House members and 100 percent of the Senate's have a bachelor's degree or higher. But only about one-third of Americans are college graduates.

According to the Congressional Research Service, more than one third of the House and more than half the Senate have law degrees. Roughly a fifth of senators and representatives have their master's. Four senators and 21 House members have medical degrees and an identical number in each body (four, 21) have some kind of doctoral degree.

Does that mean we have a really good Congress? Well, I have seen little

evidence over the past decade to support such a proposition. Whether led by Republicans or Democrats, our nation's legislative bodies have few independent thinkers. Group think and deadlock seem to prevail.

Things aren't much different in Illinois. We haven't had a governor without a bachelor's degree since 1932 when Louis Lincoln Emmerson left office.

Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and Larry Ellison rose to be titans of high tech without obtaining a college degree.

Movie director Steven Spielberg didn't receive his college degree until 35 years after he started at California State University in Long Beach. He was famous and successful by the time he was handed his sheepskin.

Unfortunately, a college diploma has become a litmus test for some voters on whether they will support a candidate.

This year, two of the four Republicans seeking their party's nomination haven't earned a bachelor's degree.

If either state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, or Gary Rabine, of Bull Valley, were to win the

governorship, it would be the first time in 88 years that someone without at least a bachelor's degree held that office. Rabine has only a high school diploma and Bailey has an associate's degree in agriculture production from Lake Land College.

Their opponents in the primary not only have degrees, but ones dripping with prestige. Former state Sen. Paul Schimpf of Waterloo graduated from Annapolis and later snagged a law degree from Southern Illinois University. And Jesse Sullivan of Petersburg has master's degrees from Oxford and Stanford.

There are things I like about Bailey and Rabine and plenty I don't. But one thing I wouldn't lose a moment's sleep over is their lack of academic credentials.

I'm much more concerned about a person's willingness to learn and their life experiences.

Look no further than the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois. He never held a college degree but had a long and honorable career in politics and higher education.

Even without a college degree, Simon was able

to found the graduate program where I received my master's degree. He later went on to found what is now the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.

While Simon didn't have a diploma nailed to his wall, he was well educated. He read Greek philosophers in his free time. As a young man, he went into business for himself and eventually owned a chain of 14 newspapers.

That's an education in its own right.

He was someone who not only read books but wrote them.

Before Joe Biden, we had five consecutive presidents with degrees from Ivy League universities. And we still managed to get enmeshed in stupid wars, make staggeringly stupid economic decisions and witness personal moral lapses in the White House that had the rest of us shaking our heads.

Do I care if a politician has a college diploma? Nope. But should they be educated? You betcha.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Students of the Month



Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for December. Pictured from left to right are: Dustin Cole (11th grade), Alec Medford (9th grade), and Natasha LeClercq (12th grade). Not pictured is Gavin Pennington (10th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



January high achievers
Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for January. Pictured from left to right are: Payton Voltz (12th grade), Adrie Allvord (10th grade), Nick Wythe (9th grade), and Jackson Snider (11th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

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We expect to be able to continue offering this service to you for years to come, but your help makes it easier! Today you can become an Honorary Staff member of the Ogle County Life! Just drop off or mail in your voluntary payment in the yellow envelope inserted in last week's paper or just use your own envelope. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continue serving our readers each week.

Thank you,
 Mike Feltes, General Manager



Join our staff by February 28th and you can help out our local senior citizens too!

This year if you elect to become a 2022 Honorary Life Staff Member by making a small voluntary payment by February 28th. A contribution of 10% will be forwarded in your name to area senior centers throughout Ogle County for provision of services to senior citizens.

p.s.

In an effort to prevent any undue confusion and concerns, it should be clear that no one is obligated to make a voluntary payment. Regardless of whether you elect to become an Honorary Staff member or not, your decision has no effect on receiving your Ogle County Life paper each week, nor will it affect in any way the services provided by the area senior centers in Ogle County.



Valentine's Day gifts couples enjoy together

VALENTINE'S Day is a time to bring smiles to the faces of loved ones — particularly the special someone in a person's life.

Gifts that appeal directly to spouses or significant others may be the standard, but gifts couples can use together can bring them closer together. The following are some great Valentine's Day gifts couples can enjoy together.

- Quirky mugs: Mug sets come in all shapes and sizes and express various sentiments. Some even feature interlocking designs designed to symbolize that couples are two pieces of one puzzle. Kissing mugs, which look like lips touching when they are brought together, are perfect for couples who enjoy their morning coffee together. Look for them at www.uncommongoods.com.

- Matching robes: Plush terry cloth robes need not be reserved for luxurious stays at premiere hotels. Coordinating robes can be monogrammed and worn on lazy days when gathering in front of a cozy fire.

- Charcuterie set: A romantic meal is the start of any Valentine's Day celebration. Invest in a compact charcuterie board with two matching wine glasses and enjoy the set on date nights at home.

- MasterClass lesson: Purchase a MasterClass instructional (www.masterclass.com) and learn photography tricks or insider tips from established professionals together.

- Travel excursion: Jet set to an

exotic locale with a planned adventure. Parents can arrange for a sitter, friend or relative to look after the children so the trip provides some one-on-one time. This trip can serve as the second honeymoon couples dream about.

- Custom cornhole set: Couples who love tailgating or opening up their homes (and yards) to guests can purchase monogrammed or custom-carved bean bag toss boards.

- Fancy coffee maker: Couples who spend more time in take-out coffee shops than they probably should can brush up on their barista skills at home. There are plenty of coffee makers on the market that can help couples whip up lattes, cappuccinos or espressos with ease.

- Wine club membership: Couples who enjoy sampling the latest vintages and flavors may enjoy a wine subscription. Winc.com is just one of the delivery services available. Or couples who prefer to be a little more hands-on can experiment with winemaking kits.

- Hot tub: What can be more relaxing than soaking in a warm bath of bubbling water? A backyard hot tub turns up the heat on relaxation and time spent together.

- Tokens of love: Matching or coordinating bracelets, necklaces or even tattoos can serve as enduring symbols of a couple's love.

Valentine's Day gifting may be even more enjoyable when gift-giving focuses on presents couples can enjoy together.



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Women's club holding a quilt raffle

BYRON – Byron Women's Club members meet monthly September through May for lunch and a program, and the next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15 from noon-2 p.m.

The guest speaker at the meeting will be Barrett Cowan. He will be doing a presentation on cyber security and what we can do to protect ourselves against sophisticated hacking technologies. The luncheon will be held at Cornerstone Family Church, Byron.

At their latest luncheon Byron Women's Club had the pleasure of listening to guest speaker Dee Lacny, Executive Director of Rock House Kids. Rock House Kids, located in Rockford, provides meals and services to several hundred children in the Rockford area every week. Byron Women's Club members donated blankets and snacks to help this organization.

Get your tickets for the Great American Quilt Raffle and you'll have four chances to win a quilt with each ticket only \$1 or buy six tickets for \$5. The Byron Women's Club members are selling raffle tickets to raise funds for their local scholarships. See all four quilts on display at the Byron Museum of History.

If you are interested in attending a meeting as a guest or would like information about joining the Byron Women's Club, please email kvavra90@gmail.com with any questions.

Byron Women's Club proudly donates to 13 local charities and supports a women's empowerment scholarship each year for a young woman pursuing further education. The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Collectively, we are Living the Volunteer Spirit.



Pictured from left to right are Norma Freeburg, BWC, Dee Lacny, Executive Director of Rock House Kids, and Karen Sikorski, BWC.



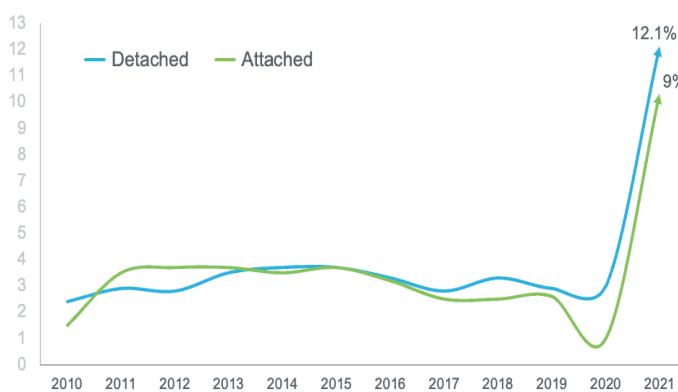
If you were thinking about buying a home this year, but already pressed pause on your plans due to rising home prices and increasing mortgage rates, there's something you should consider. According to the latest report from ATTOM Data, owning a home is more affordable than renting in the majority of the country.

The 2022 Rental Affordability Report says: "... Owning a median-priced home is more affordable than the average rent on a three-bedroom property in 666, or 58 percent, of the 1,154 U.S. counties analyzed for the report. That means major home ownership expenses consume a smaller portion of average local wages than renting."

Other experts in the industry offer additional perspectives on renting today. In the latest Single-Family Rent Index from CoreLogic, single-family rent saw the fastest year-over-year growth in over 16 years when comparing data for November each year (see graph below):

Rents Continue To Skyrocket

Year-Over-Year Percentage of Single-Family Rent Growth in November Each Year



If you're weighing your options between renting and buying, it's important to look at the full picture. While buying a home can feel like a daunting process, having a trusted advisor on your side is key. Work with a RE/MAX of Rock Valley agent to explore your options so you can learn more about the benefits of homeownership today.

PRICE DROP



406 Tracy Avenue, Ashton
NOW \$164,900 Call JD

Desirable ranch home with tons of space to offer! Featuring two main living spaces, master bed/bath, main floor laundry, full partially finished basement, sun room, & attached garage- plus much more! This 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom home offers a move-in ready opportunity, with an open canvas to implement your own new finishing touches!



979 Hillcrest Drive, Carol Stream
\$299,000 Call Boone

Charming 2 story home with many great features including Durastone floor, eat-in kitchen and dining room, large family room, 1st floor laundry, fenced yard with patio and garden shed. Located close to schools, parks, shopping, and expressway access.



408 W. 11th Street, Sterling
\$120,000 Call Jenny

Beauty, character, and charm abound in this sweet home! It features 2 main floor bedrooms with a possible second floor bedroom and basement bedroom or office. Gorgeous original woodwork and hardwood floors, fresh paint, and several new light fixtures throughout. Updated kitchen with ample cabinets and counters- all appliances stay. Upper level has a variety of uses- bedroom, playroom, or rec room and has loads of closets and built-in cabinets. Smart home lighting, security cameras, and Sensi furnace/AC thermostat control. The exterior of the home has a wrap-around porch and 2 decks for relaxing and entertaining. Large, fenced yard and 2 car garage complete this HOME SWEET HOME.



413 Davis Drive, Leaf River
\$165,000 Call Mark

Awesome potential in this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath desirable RANCH home in Leaf River! If you need space, this is the place for you! Kitchen has an eat in area, nice cabinets and plenty of room to work. You will love the convenient 1st floor laundry area right off the kitchen to save you steps! Formal dining area right next to the kitchen has tons of light and perfect for family get togethers. The partially finished lower level has a 2nd kitchen, bar area and a lot of room to entertain and relax! Not only do you get the storage/living space this beautiful home w/attached 2 car garage offers, but you get an ADDITIONAL LOT next door with a detached 3 car garage! Boats, trailers, snowmobiles... no problem! The backyard offers a handy covered picnic shelter with electricity! City water and sewer, vinyl siding, central air and electric heating. Appliances will stay. This home needs some updating such as flooring and vanities but the layout is wonderful and ready to make your own! Schedule a showing soon before this great property is taken!



3425 Southworth Court, Rockford
\$93,000 Call Boone

Meticulously maintained home on quiet cul-de-sac. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch with a 24x30 detached 3 car garage, and a finished basement. Professionally landscaped with pergola and garden shed. New roof, gutters, and gutter screens in 2018. Updated kitchen and bathroom.



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SPORTS

Kaltenbrun competes at state finals

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS — Oregon Senior Isaac Kaltenbrun competed at IHSA Boys State Finals at St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights.

He finished the 2-day event with a score of 2314 and a 192.8 average for the

12 games. He is only the 4th member of the boys team to advance to the 2nd day of the State Finals (Austin Strite twice, Will Nordman, Derek Poole) and only the 3rd to advance to the State Finals twice (Austin Strite, Dan Grimm).

Mt. Morris Library News

Holiday Closing

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

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 adorable hedgehog! We will be reading books about the hedgehog and the children will be creating a craft! Come sink your 'quills' into story time at 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 PM.

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 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 – 815-734-4927 Fax- 815-734-6035 www.mt-morris-il.org

Bertolet Library News

Vaccine Clinic, Thursday, February 10th:

Bertolet Memorial Library will be hosting a vaccine clinic on Thursday, February 10th from 1:00-6:00 pm. The Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will all be available. Appointments are recommended. Call 815-738-2742 to schedule an appointment.

Pack the Pantry:

Unexpired food and pantry items will be accepted during February to benefit the New Life Community Center in Forreston. As we are now a fine-free library, there is no longer a need for "Food for Fines." Even though it's no longer necessary to bring in donations to erase fines, we hope you will still consider donating to help local families in need.

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, February 16th at 4:00PM. 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 10:00 AM. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required.

Craft Kits for Adults:

A charming mason jar craft is available beginning February 2nd. 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 ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Releases:

- Adult Books**
- Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by Diana Gabaldon
- A Haunting at Holkham by Anne Glenconner
- The Apollo Murders by Chris Hadfield
- When Stars Collide by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- Audiobooks**
- The Good Son by Jacquelyn Mitchard

Collins and Williams named to Dean's list

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Elizabeth Collins of Byron was named to the Deans List list.

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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 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, February 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner. 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.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

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

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 am starting February 7

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.

Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, February 8th (while supplies last)

Pour Paint Wine Glasses. Each kit will contain all supplies needed to make a custom painted wine glass, including the glass. Using the pour paint technique, each glass will be a one of a kind creation and is easy to do. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Education Children with Emotional Disabilities - February 9th at 6:00pm

Join us via ZOOM to learn ways that students with emotional disabilities can be supported at school. Register in advance for this webinar by going to www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. This program is in collaboration with Easter Seals, Family Matters, and Florissa. If you are unable to participate in ZOOM, please contact the library at (815) 732-2724 and accommodations can be made for viewing in the library.

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory - Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00pm

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.

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA! - February 17th at 12:30pm at Rock River Center

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends, make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724.

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

Registration Deadline February 18th

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This

month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Voucher Drawing for Cooking Classes

We have partnered with the Oregon Park District for a few of their cooking classes with Lynn'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

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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 Girls 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 Kid by Jerry Craft - Book Review by Isabella, 7th grader at DLR

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Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is *Big Bear, Little Bear* by David Bedford and Jane Chapman.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. Current story- Stacey's Extraordinary Words by Stacey Abrams.

Passport Services

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

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

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you

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Oregon Park District Happenings

Loaded Mexican Chicken Casserole & Mexican Style Cornbread Cooking Workshop

This Cooking class with Michelle Carreno at Hector's Cocina is on Thursday, February 17 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. These two delicious warm dishes will feed the family on a cold February night. Food supplies are included in the class fee. \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb 10.

Cocktails & Cupcakes Pairing

Cork & Tap is pairing signature cocktails with delicious cupcakes made fresh at The Village Bakery. Enjoy an evening out, Friday, February 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.

Beer, Bread & Biscuits with Linnie'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, 2022, from 6-7 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Fee is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident.

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, 2022, 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.

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.

VFW officer nominations begins 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 VFW is very important to local veterans and the support we provide the community.

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.

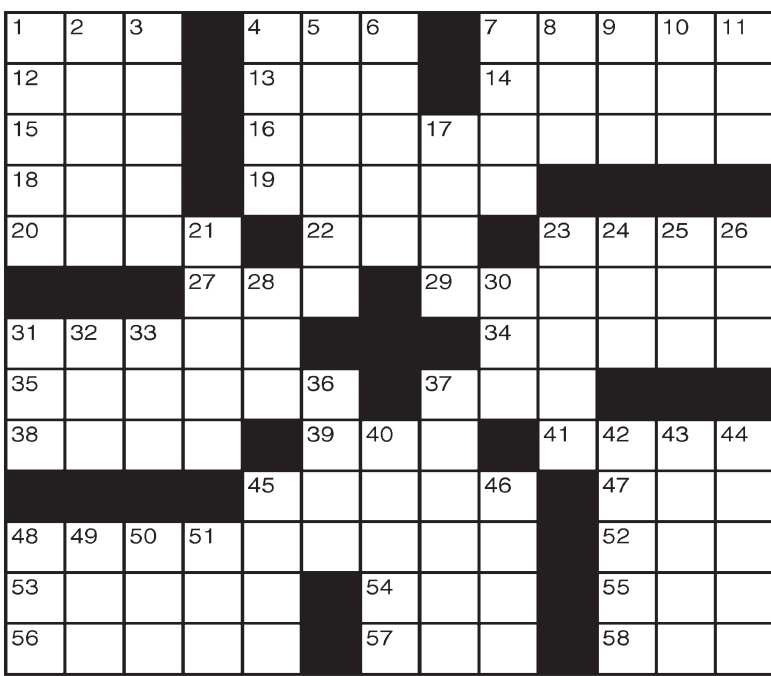
If you are a member please supply us

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.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Keep it down!"
- 4 Tax pro
- 7 Whizzes (by)
- 12 Horse chow
- 13 Owned
- 14 Emanations
- 15 Shred
- 16 Pennsylvania city
- 18 Guitar's kin
- 19 Symbol of freshness
- 20 Lancaster or Reynolds
- 22 "Blue Bloods" ainer
- 23 Fly high
- 27 Flamenco cheer
- 29 Oliver Twist, for one
- 31 French composer Gabriel
- 34 Hilo hello
- 35 Snowman's nose
- 37 Links org.
- 38 Prop for Dr. House
- 39 Devilish laugh
- 41 Body powder
- 45 "I'm with you!"
- 47 Meadow
- 48 Pennsylvania city
- 52 Conditions
- 53 Boredom



- 54 Kimono sash
- 55 Packed away
- 56 "The Dapper Don"
- 57 Fixed
- 58 Snake's sound
- 8 "Shoo!"
- 9 Acapulco gold
- 10 Gullet
- 11 Capitol Hill
- 17 Old U.S. gas brand
- 21 Baseball manager Joe
- 23 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 25 Satisfied sigh
- 26 Genetic letters
- 28 Summer sign
- 30 Cleaning cloth
- 31 TV watchdog
- 32 Small battery
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 36 Biblical pronoun
- 37 "Friends" role
- 40 Community spirit
- 42 Fake name
- 43 Some jobs
- 44 Attorney's load
- 45 Roman 1052
- 46 Skip
- 48 Plead
- 49 Rock's Brian
- 50 Potent stick
- 51 Shack

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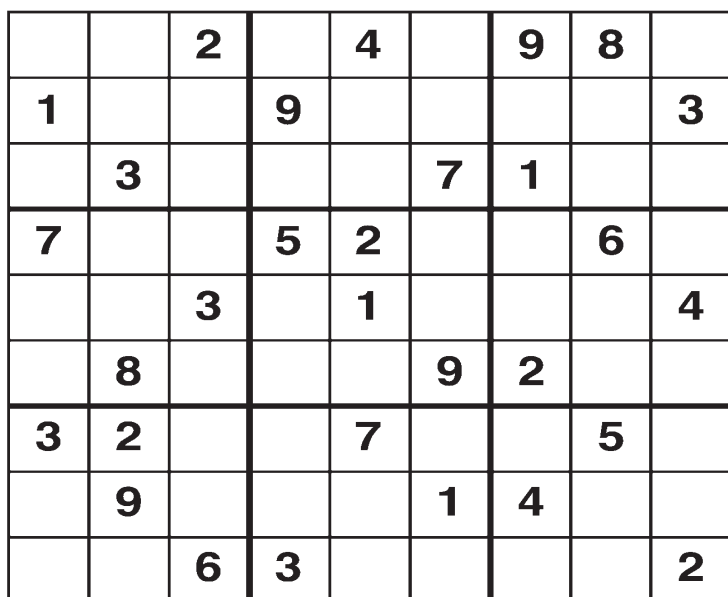
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Player Takes no more Cards**

- Betting box
- Card counting
- Casinos
- Dealer
- Draw
- Going bust
- Hit
- Hole card
- Insurance
- Natural
- Push
- Split
- Surrender
- Table
- Twenty-one

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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.

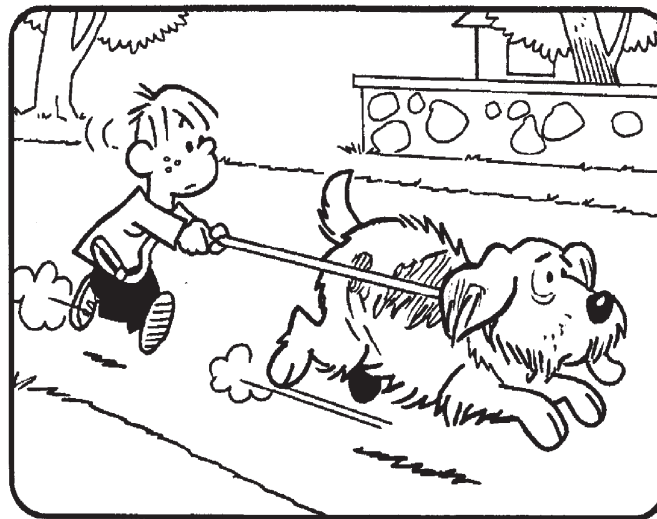
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

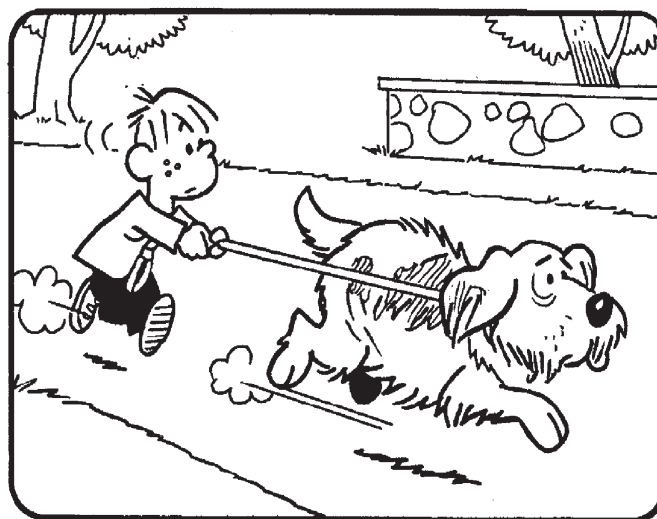
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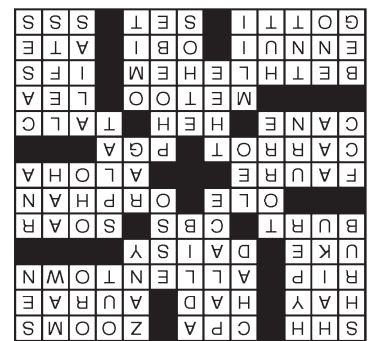
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leash is shorter. 2. Tail is lowered. 3. Wall is hidden. 4. House is missing. 5. Tongue is different. 6. Front paw is hidden.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY CASE NUMBER 2021 MR 65
Request of:
Carrie June Dempewolf
There will be a court date on my request to change my name from: Carrie June Dempewolf to the new name of: Carrie June Moeller.
The court date will be held on March 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #204.
/s/ Carrie J. Dempewolf No. 0122 (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7)

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL 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. Boomgarden 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. C O N S I D I N E , Administrator
E H R M A N N GEHLBACH BADGER & CONSIDINE, LLC
By Dana M. Considine No. 0203 (Feb. 7, 14, 21)

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS
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NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED
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301 ANTIQUES
WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
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Please Call (815) 734-6597 (2-6-22)

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Breaking up my electric train sets for sale. 3 HO Gauge includes a Coca-Cola 2004 Holiday Edition. 3 0-27 gauge includes Coca-Cola Limited Edition. Please call (815) 562-2582 and leave a message.
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309 PETS AND SUPPLIES
FOUND-Very friendly black & white Female cat. Front claws clipped short. Been here several weeks. 584 E. US Rt 34 Mendota. Owner or Interested party please call (815) 539-6318 (2-13-22)

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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
Public Notice 1s 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 LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023
Board Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., April 2022 through March 2023, at the Leaf River Township Building, 12 Main Street, Leaf River. Dates: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19. No. 0201 (Feb. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Public notice is hereby given that the Leaf River Township's Annual Audit Report for 2021 is complete and available for public inspection at the Leaf River Township Building, 12 Main Street, Leaf River, by emailing for appointment to Lrtownship@gmail.com. The Audit was completed thru the Lucas Group CPA's & Advisors, LLC, Freeport, IL. Janet Cunningham Leaf River Township Clerk No. 0202 (Feb. 7)

203 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

Byron CUSD #226 Openings:

- HS Head Custodian
- 5.5 hpd HS Kitchen Worker
- MS Library Aide (requires ELS)
- 2nd Shift HS Full-Time Custodian
- 2 hpd HS Lunchroom Supervisor

Anyone interested should apply online at www.byron226.org under the About Us tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY

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LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center Activities

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

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

Valentine's Day Lunch

On Monday Feb. 14, 2022, please join us for a Valentine's Day Lunch at Rock River Center that will be sure to bring out the sweet side of anyone!

We will begin with a lunch provided by LIFES-CAPE that is topped off with a Sweet Treat made by Debbie Clark. You can then pair up with your Sweetheart, or group together with your Cupid Crew and play a fun game of Minute to Win It. There will be prizes for the winners!

The fun all starts at 11:30 with Lunch. RSVPs by Thurs. Feb. 10, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

You can call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to reserve your Lunch and your Valentine's Day fun! We look forward to a "treat" of a day with you!

Enjoy the following menu for a suggested donation of \$3.00. (payable when you arrive for lunch.)

Menu – BBQ Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll & Butter, Pineapple Tidbits, Assorted Valentine's Day Desserts.

Computer Lab - Thurs., Feb. 17, 2022 – Excel Basic Lab – 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This lab is available for those looking for assistance with MS2016 Excel questions. Bring your questions with Excel Basic tasks (such as: opening existing workbooks, creating new workbooks, setting up a spreadsheet, formatting, formulas, saving and printing). Space is limited. Experience using a mouse is required.

Yoga for ALL Ages

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts.

Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

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Jen

Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Class dates: February 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23 and 28. March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23.

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

Enrollment Options are as follows:
A. \$30: Advance Enrollment for 1 class a week (1 free class)
B. \$60: Advance Enrollment for all 14 dates (2 free classes)
C. \$5 Drop-In Rate per class (No free classes)

Space may be limited. Advance enrollment is suggested to reserve your spot. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

NICOR GAS "SHARING" PROGRAM

NICOR GAS sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150% of poverty level and less than 250% of the poverty level.

For a 1-person household the 30-day income minimum gross must be at least \$2,148, but no more than the limit of \$2,683,

For a 2-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$2,905, but no more than \$3,629,

For a 3-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$3,661, but no more than \$4,575, etc.

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.

2021 HEATING ASSISTANCE - LIHEAP

Colder weather is just around the corner and we all will be experiencing higher utility bills as we need to turn on the heat in our homes. There are two programs that help those with low-income pay for their heating utility bills.

The LIHEAP program continues to accept applications for assistance with paying heating bills.

Tri County Opportunities Council is the agency that processes those applications and they will be available at two locations in Ogle County, Oregon and Rochelle, by appointment only.

The Oregon Tri-County Office is located inside the

Rock River Center, 810 S 10th Street. Appointments are available. Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

The Rochelle Tri County Office is located at 306 N 6th Street.

Appointments are available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am – 3pm.

Call 815-562-6938 for an appointment in Rochelle. Please have copies made of all of your documentation before your appointment.

You can call their Rock Falls office for more details at 800-323-5434.

In order to qualify, your household must meet the following income guidelines, no more than 200% of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$2,147; 2-person household is \$2,903; 3-person household is \$3,660, etc.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Kaylene Park, RN from Serenity Hospice & Home, leads the Caregiver Support Group. This group is not limited to those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. The Caregiver Support Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Sheryl Rocke, Licensed Dietician, facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. This informative group meets the 1st Wednesday each month from 11 a.m. - 12 pm at Rock River Center. For more information, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

LOW VISION GROUP

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm at Rock River Center.

Registration requested for all activities and groups. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Heimer named to Belmont University Dean's list

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The following students achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University for the Fall 2021 semester.

Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours (exclusive of

audit and pass/fail courses this semester) and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C (inclusive of audit, pass/fail courses and zero-credit courses).

Elizabeth Heimer of Oregon

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