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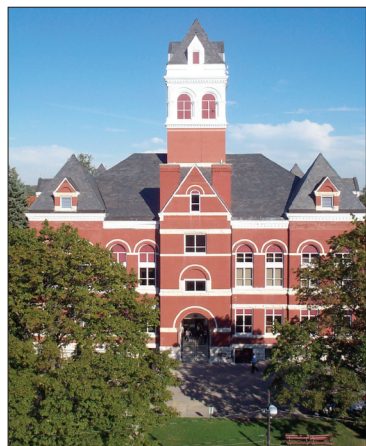
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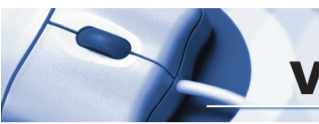
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First Friday's music set for K's Sports Bar will be on March 4. **2A**

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School closure confirmed

Oregon Board again votes to close DLR at end of year

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The Oregon Community Unit School District 220 board confirmed at its Feb. 22 meeting that David L. Rahn Junior High School in Mount Morris will be closed at the end of the school year.

The board reached the same 5-2 vote that it did when it initially called for the closing of DLR at its Aug. 16, 2021, meeting.

Rob Urish, a former board member in the Mount Morris and Oregon school districts and a strong proponent of keeping

DLR open, said the decision, “hurts deeply.”

“Notwithstanding all of the data, all of the information ... all of the research which have been presented to the board and, to the best of our ability, transparently to the public, and including last night the unsolicited, heart-rending testimony of a 13-year-old DLR student and that of a father from another family, plus the passage of August, September, October, November, December, January and most of February ... time during which board members could think and study – not one single vote has changed,” he



said in a written statement.

Superintendent Dr. Tom Mahoney recommended to the school board at a meeting in May 2021 that the district consider closing DLR. He said that the

decision to recommend closing the school came down to money, with the district spending more than it is taking in.

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Bert Cote with the cane he received from Free Canes for Veterans. (Rochelle News-Leader photo)

100-year-old vet gets free cane

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

ROCHELLE – Bert Cote was using his new cane so much this week that he misplaced his walker.

The 100-year-old World War II veteran received the cane on Tuesday from Free Canes for Veterans, a Florida organization that creates canes free of charge for veterans that are dependent on them. Free Canes for Veterans has sent creations all over the United States.

“My dad was so excited,” Cote’s daughter, Jeanine Harms, said. “I went over to help him find his walker. He was so excited to get that cane that he forgot all about his walker. He’ll

get some use out of it.”

Cote’s cane is adorned with memorabilia from his own service along with his brothers’. He served in the U.S. Army 2nd Armored Division known as “Hell on Wheels” from 1941-1945.

Cote served in Germany under General Patton and was part of a mortar squad. His nine brothers also served in various other branches of the service.

After the war, Cote stayed behind to help get people back into their homes because he spoke French due to his French-Canadian upbringing.

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Election judge training set

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

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

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

The school will be an extensive review of the new Election equipment and Election Day procedures. Training is designed to prepare you for carrying out your responsibilities at the polling place. This will include hands-on instructions that focus on election procedures and how the new voting equipment will work.

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

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DLR: Hoped for deeper look at issues

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He also said the school needs fixes that would cost between \$2 million and \$6 million.

Urish and others said there the district's financial performance was on the upswing, so that was not a reason to close DLR. But the morning after the vote, Mahoney said the closure will help in that area.

"As I have stated all along, with the closure of DLR, the addition of the CARES monies, and the increased EAV will be able to address any financial issues," he said. "The board's policy on fund reserve calls for the district to have 50% of the operating budget in reserve. At this time, we are \$2.2 million dollars short of that policy requirement. Additionally, the additional revenue will allow us to make

necessary purchases for instructional material, professional development and provide adequate funding for student activities."

Urish did hold out hope that the board would look at the deeper issues they were provided.

"We had hoped that a majority of the board members would recognize that the very, very serious problems, e.g., test scores, absenteeism, faculty turnover and more, systemic within the school system and its current culture, as confirmed by the factual information we found in the public domain and reported to the board, would take precedence ... over what appeared to the Advisory Committee to be the red herring of the superintendent's recommendation to close the only remaining school in our small village," he said.

Planning is underway

for the closure of DLR and the move of students to OHS in the fall. Information about the move can be found All of that information can be found at on the district's Website. Roughly 200 students and their teachers will be moved to OHS.

After a long, hard battle, Urish said he is concerned about how this decision will affect the relationship between the two communities.

"My reaction, shared by so many others, will be called 'sour grapes' and perhaps it is," he said. "But deep in my heart, I am convinced, certain, that it will take the passage of several generations, certainly mine, before the unnecessary damage that is perceived to have been done to the community of Mt. Morris, and even more so to the relationship of the two communities, will be healed, if ever."



Singer and harmonica player Randy Holland performed at the last First Friday Open Mic. He was accompanied by Larry Lamb on guitar, John Lindblade on guitar, and Tim Laurence

First Friday's event set for Oregon

OREGON – March is coming and that means it's again time for the First Fridays Open Mic at K's Sports Bar in Oregon.

The monthly musical event attracts many talented performers, but the coffee-style atmosphere is warm and accepting

for musicians and singers of all skill levels. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes. Everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show, if they wish to.

The next show will be on March 4 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, al-

though a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.

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

Chance to help preserve area prairie

Anyone interested in learning about natural areas or restoring them has an opportunity to have first-hand experience helping a "jewel of Illinois' ecosystems" – the Sand Ridge Prairie.

The Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County (PPSOC), owner of Sand Ridge, recently received a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to help with stewardship activities at the site.

Community members are encouraged to help improve the prairie. This could include seed picking and removing invasive plants, and while they are helping, to learn the names of the plants and their part in the prairie ecosystem. They will also see, first hand, wild animals including deer, badgers, coyotes, foxes, turtles and many birds and insects. Please call 815-973-4624 if you are interested.

CANE: Military history part of the family

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"The lieutenant came to my barracks and told me to put my stuff on and follow him," Cote said "We went all over Germany getting displaced persons and shipping them back to where they were. It was quite a job. I stayed over there a few extra months. I liked it."

The story of how the cane came to be started during the holidays. Harms got three Christmas trees

for a display at SideTrack Bar in Ashton from St. Patrick Church. A woman from Arizona came in and said to send the trees to Free Canes for Veterans, which makes canes out of them.

"We donated three trees and one came back as that cane," Harms said. "It was awesome. My dad almost started crying."

Military history is a large part of the Cote family. Harms talked about how her mother worked at

the steam engine factory in town that made trains for the war during WWII. A lot of her sisters did as well while their husbands were at war.

Harms wanted to remind the public that during Christmas 2022, old Christmas trees can be sent to make more canes for veterans.

"I knew it was coming and that my daughter sent for it," Cote said. "We didn't expect it to be so pretty."

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Family Closet sets hours

The Chana United Methodist Church is announcing its winter hours for the Family Closet.

The Family Closet is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon through appointments only.

To make an appointment, please call the church at 815-732-7683 and speak with an employee. Many new and warm clothes are stocked for fall and winter, including coats, boots and accessories. All clothes are free and everyone is welcome with an appointment.

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LOCAL NEWS

Camp Oh-Pea-Dee returning this summer

The Oregon Park District is excited to announce Camp Oh-Pea-Dee will be returning this summer of 2022.

Summer camp will be offered each week that the Oregon School District is on summer break, except for Memorial Day and the week of 4th of July.

The first week of camp will begin on May 23 and run through Aug. 12. Camp times are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Late pickup will result in a \$15 fee every 15 minutes after 5 p.m.

Camp is open for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall of 2022.

Camp Oh-Pea-Dee focuses on fun, peer interaction, planned and themed activities, swimming and exploring our local parks and businesses.

All IDPH and CDC guidelines will be adhered to at the time of camp. Sanitation protocols will be in place to ensure a safe environment for both the campers and staff.

Camp will be held in our new ET room at Oregon Elementary School. This move will provide the campers with plenty of space for crafts and activities, a dedicated gym for games, use of the elementary school playground, as well as within walking distance of Park West. Since

we are housed within a school, safety remains our top priority at the Oregon Park District.

Participants will also enjoy local field trips, parks, the splash pad, and exploring Oregon.

Camp OPD will be limited to 25 campers each week. Parents can sign children up for as many weeks as they like with an easy deposit of 10% down per week to secure their spot for the summer. Registration includes the entire week. Campers may choose to attend fewer days, but the cost will be the entire week. Campers can cancel up to 11 days prior to the enrolled camp week for a refund minus their 10% deposit. A waiting list will be available if a camp week is filled.

Registration will open on Monday, March 7, both online and by phone at 8 a.m. Our new system will allow parents to either pay in full at time of registration or reserve their week with a 10% non-refundable deposit for each week booked. The registration fee, less the 10% deposit, will be due 10 days prior to the registered week using our automatic payment plan.

Current dates, prices and deadlines are listed below. These are subject to change dependent on OCUSD School



Schedule. This summer we will be taking a Road Trip Across America with a new destination each week. The week will include fun facts, games and field trips to correlate with the destination.

Week 1: May 23-27 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: May 13 - District of Columbia

Week 2: May 31-June 3 Fee: \$115/\$138 NR Deposit: \$11.50/\$13.80 NR Deadline: May 20 - Arizona

Week 3: June 6-10 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: May 27 - Florida

Week 4: June 13-17 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: June 3 - New Jersey

Week 5: June 20-24 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: June 10 - Wyoming

Week 6: June 27-July 1 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: June 17 - Alaska

Week 7: July 11-July 15 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline July 1 - California

Week 8: July 18-22 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: July 8 - Maine

Week 9: July 25-29 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: July 15 - Hawaii

Week 10: August 1-5 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: July 22 - Michigan

Week 11: August 8-12 Fee: \$150/\$180 NR Deposit: \$15/\$18 NR Deadline: July 29 - Massachusetts

For more information about camp or if you have any questions, contact: Chris@oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101.

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities scheduled

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.

March 2022 Yoga

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

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

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

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

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:
\$5 Drop-In Rate
Registration and Payment required prior to class.

Advance enrollment accepted. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

2022 Wits Fitness Brain Exercise Class Schedule

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day lunch at Rock River Center! Our lunch will be served on Thursday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Menu includes - Irish Chicken Stew, Cabbage Salad, Leprechaun Fluff Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Assorted St. Paddy's Day Desserts, Coffee and Water.

Immediately following will be a Special-Themed St. Patrick's Day Trivia, hosted by Oregon Public Library.

RSVP's are required by Monday, March 1 by 10:30 a.m. Call Rock River

Center at 815-732-3252 to RSVP for lunch. Suggested donation: \$3.00 per person

Trivia Team/Individual Registration: Sign up at Rock River Center the same time you RSVP for lunch.

No Lifescape dining will be served on March 17th.

Legally Blonde!

Timberlake Playhouse
Wednesday, July 20

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Elle appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

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We will be having lunch at "The Deck"

across from Timberlake Playhouse before the show

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

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

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Special appreciation to pallbearers, Pastors Dick & Rick Eldreds, American Legion & Honor Guard, East Oregon Church & kitchen helpers, Sarah & Serenity Hospice staff along with Tom & staff at Farrell, Holland, Gale Funeral Home.

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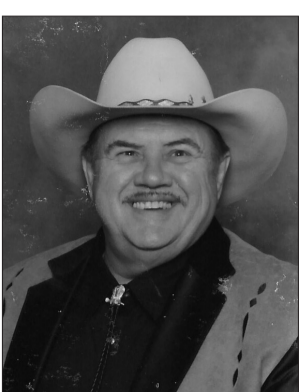
Obituaries

George A. Fountain

George A. Fountain, 77 of Mendota, left this earth to be with our Lord and Savior Feb. 14, 2022, at Generations at Neighbors, Byron.

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jay Miller officiating. Cremation rites will follow and burial will be private at Restland Cemetery, Mendota at a later date. Visitation was Friday from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

George was born Nov. 30, 1944 in Thomasville, Ga., the son of Hoke and Pearl (Kirgan) Fountain. He was a longtime resident of Mendota where he met his wife Judy Kowalski and raised five children.



George was a man of God and a loving husband, brother and father. He enjoyed fishing, telling stories, building and repairing boats and making hand tied flies. He and his wife owned and operated Bait and Tackle in Mendota. He was a longtime member of the Mendota Moose Lodge and Victory Baptist Church in Mendota.

He is survived by his five children, Laura Chapman of Texas, Debbie (Tom) Terry of Depue, Brenda (Gary) Dobbs of Stillman Valley and David (Luanne) Chapman of LaSalle and Melissa (Robert) Collier of Tennessee; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 sisters Sarah Rodatz of North Carolina and Eleanor (Andy) Ridge of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1999, siblings Hoke S. Fountain and Jean Hensley, granddaughter Jennifer Terry and great granddaughter Jennifer Cloe Terry.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Virginia May Good

Virginia May Good, 86, passed away on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 in Rochelle with her family at her side. She was born on Sept. 9, 1935 in Rochelle, the 2nd daughter of eight children to Jewell and Marion (Eckhardt) Holloway. Beginning with a blind date, Ginger married the love of her life, Orville Good, on March 22, 1952; he preceded her on May 13, 2007. While driving to her family's home, she stopped, applied and was hired on the spot at Eaton in material control. Ginger loved to have her family around her and will be dearly missed. Ginger enjoyed feeding her family and baking, known to make the best cinnamon roll cookies. The exceptional, loving care and companionship of her sister, Judy, was evident and the entire family was truly honored and grateful.

In addition to her parents and husband, She was preceded in death by two brothers: Loyd and Ronald Holloway; sister,



Jean Smith; brothers-in-law, Ted Everest and John Smith; sisters-in-law: Sue Holloway and Norma Holloway; two granddaughters: Jodi Pifer and Tricia Lodico and two nephews: Greg Crisp and Brian Holloway.

Survived by her four children: Jean (Carroll) Cordes of Rochelle, Kathy (Bill) Pifer of Rogers, Ark., Orville (Linda) Good Jr. of Rochelle and Diane Good of Rochelle; two brothers: George Holloway of Rochelle and Richard Holloway of Hiawatha, Kan.; two sisters: Dixie (Ronald) Crisp of Rochelle and Judy

Everest of Rochelle; sister-in-law, Carrie Holloway of Dixon; 11 grandchildren: Brad (Karen) Cordes, Julie Pifer, Amy (Jacob) Daigle, Derek (Karen) Good, Jeremy (Lisa) Good, Jacob (Rosemary) Good, Andrew (Alyssa) Good, Russ (Liz) Gittleson, Nicky Gittleson, Jesse (Sky) Myers, and Kelsey Myers; grandson-in-law, Kent Lodico;

26 great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at the Unger Horner Funeral, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 at Faith Lutheran Church, 14206 E. Flagg Rd., Rochelle with Rev. Joy Alsop officiating. Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Visit www.UngerHorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Darlene Martin

LEAF RIVER – Darlene Martin, age 88, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 in Polo Rehabilitation Center with her family by her side. Darlene was born Aug. 5, 1933 in Leaf River, the daughter of Clinton N. and Vernie V. (Snyder) Motter. She married Harold "Andy" Martin on August 19, 1951 in Adeline.

Darlene was a life-long Leaf River resident. She was employed by Watt Publishing Co. in Mt. Morris and as a bookkeeper for the Leaf River School District. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved travelling, camping, cooking, and baking.

Darlene is survived by her children: Vickie (Jim) Myers, Forreston; Andy



(Kim) Martin, Mt. Carroll; Randy (Sheri) Martin, Forreston. 6 grandchildren: Kyle (Susie) Wolfley, Drew (Karla) Martin, Jenna (Aaron) Dietrich, Brooke (Mason) Huckabay, Luke (Tiffany McCartney) Myers, Nick (Faith Stoner) Myers. 6 great-grandchildren: Sierra and Bryan Wolfley, Lincoln and Lilyanna Dietrich, Brynlee Huckabay and Tayden Myers, and step great-grandson: Joey

Pina. Niece Darla (Dave) Miller and nephew Steve (Nicki) Shelton and their children Paul Miller, Jeff Miller, Samantha (Nick) Boyden and Aaron Shelton.

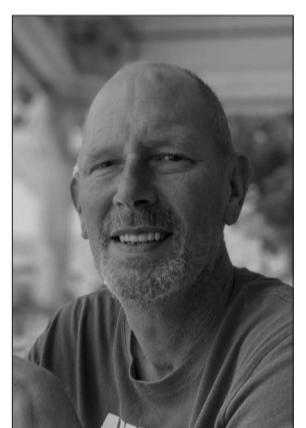
Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Bev Remrey and son-in-law Mike Remrey, brother Clinton and sister Donna Jones.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Finch Funeral Home, 405 E. Hitt Street, Mt. Morris, IL, with Pastor Rodney Caldwell officiating. Burial in Lightsville Cemetery, Leaf River. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at Finch Funeral Home from 10:30 a.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers memorials to be determined at a later date.

Steven Lynn White

Steven Lynn White, 61, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 in Oregon. Born January 21, 1961 in Wellsboro, Pa., son to Robert and Donna White, Steve and family moved to Oregon when he was in 6th grade. In Oregon, Steve met the love of his life, Tracie Aurand. They were married on Nov. 30th, 1990. Steve enjoyed gardening, fishing, golf, and just being outdoors.

His children, Branden Johnson and Stephanie White, and his grandchildren, Olyvia, Greyson, and Jackson, were his greatest joys. Steve worked at J.L. Clark in Rockford, Illinois for 20 years as a welder/



maintenance worker, a career which evolved into a hobby creating unique and quirky metal art pieces.

His family loved him dearly, and he will always be missed. His fun-loving personality and sense of humor were what people loved most

about him.

Survived by wife Tracie White of Oregon; children Branden (Jennifer) Johnson of Homewood, Ill., and Stephanie White and Jeremy Fallin of Rochelle, Illinois; grandchildren Olyvia, Greyson, and Jackson; brothers David (Ella) White, Machesney Park, John (Pamela) White, Mesa, Ariz., William (Ercella) White, Oregon; father Robert White, Belgrade, Mont.; as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his mother, Donna White.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Thomas E. Harmon

BYRON – Thomas E. "Tom" Harmon, age 80, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. He was born in Rockford on Feb. 16, 1941 the son of Everett and Marion (Parkinson) Harmon.

He graduated from Byron High School Class of 1959. Tom married Marie Lewis on April 23, 1960. He worked as pipefitter for the Local 23 for many years prior to retirement. He was a faith filled man who attended Cornerstone Baptist Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and snowmobiling.

Tom also liked to go out to eat at various restaurants especially with the supper club. But more than anything he was a family man. He was a supportive husband, father, and grandfather who loved to attend



all the school activities and sporting events. He always made sure his family knew they were the most important thing in his life.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Marie Harmon of Byron; daughters, Karshon Hume of Byron and Kim (Mark) Childers of David Junction; brother, Bill (Barb) Harmon of Byron; grandchildren, Lindsey (Cody) Blankenship of Davis Junction, Logan (Fiancée Maddie Bayliss) Alberts of Rockford, Sydney Alberts of

Stillman Valley, and Skylar Alberts of Stillman Valley; and great grandchildren, Mason, Isaac, and Kane Blankenship.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law George Hume.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the staff at the Regional Cancer Center and ProMedica/Heartland Hospice for their exceptional care of Tom. A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was held from 10- 11:30 a.m. prior to the service. Masks were required to be worn at the funeral home during the visitation and memorial service. Memorials are established for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Sally Jane Chitwood

BYRON – Sally Jane Chitwood, age 75, passed away on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 in her home in Byron. Sally was born on May 14, 1946 in Chicago; the daughter of Harry H. and Dorothy (Smith) Sylvester. Sally married Robert Lee Chitwood on Dec. 4, 1981 in Northlake, Ill., and he preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1994.

Sally was a hotel van driver retiring in 2001 and has lived in the Byron area

since 1995. Sally loved watching Wrestling on TV and spending her time with her dogs back in Kansas.

Sally is survived by her step-son: Robbie Chitwood, Topeka, Kan.; brother: Bud (Carol) Sylvester, Bonham, Texas; sisters: Carol (Robert) Bennett, Mt. Morris, Joyce Latzke, Byron, Jean Lawrence, Searcy, Ark., Lynn (Kevin) Coll, St. Charles, Ill.; several nieces and nephews, and special

friends: Minnie Irvin and Terrie Kump.

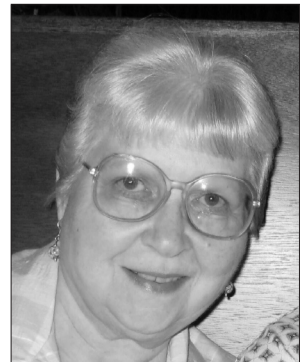
Sally is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Robert; sisters: Irene and Sue; and brother: Gerald.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL, with Pastor Rodney Caldwell officiating. Burial will take place in Ozawkie Cemetery, Ozawkie, KS at

Linda Lee Dockins

Linda Lee Dockins, 80, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at Magnolia Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Columbia, Tenn., after a brief illness. Born June 22, 1941 to Lloyd and Dorothy (Kennedy) Woods.

Linda was a longtime resident of Byron. She was a 1959 graduate of Byron High School. She married David Dockins on Oct. 10, 1959 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron. David passed away Oct. 31, 2012. Linda devoted her life to raising their three children and managing the family household. She worked as a teacher's aide at Mary Morgan School, as an assistant to Byron's City Clerk,



and on the staff of Byron Bank until 1986. Linda was a parishioner of St. Mary's for many years and taught CCD there for several years.

Linda is survived by her three children: Dennis of Centerville, Ohio; Pamela, of Spring Hill, Tenn.; and Kimberly (Gary) Rice of Rockford; two grandchildren, Stephen and Michael

Dockins; her sister-in-law Virginia Woods; and several nieces and nephews.

Also predeceased by her parents and her brother Steve Woods.

Her children would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Magnolia Healthcare & Rehabilitation for their kindness and care. There will be services at a later date. Memorials can be made to Serenity Hospice and Home, PO Box 462, Oregon, IL 61061, www.serenity-hospiceandhome.org. The family was assisted by Heritage Funeral Home, Columbia, TN. To express condolences or share a memory, visit tfunerals.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituary

Lesly P. Wills

Lesly P. Wills, age 40, died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center following a sudden illness. She was born May 16, 1981 in Darlington, Wis., the daughter of Ken and Joyce (Kane) Wills.



her son Kenneth. Her son Kenneth was her greatest gift and she adored and loved him so very much. She was a wonderful and loving mother to her son.

Lesly was predeceased by her mother Joyce Wills, maternal grandparents Donald and Eleanor Kane, paternal grandparents Kenneth "Bob" and Donna Wills, and Aunt Darlene Smith.

She is survived by her son Kenneth Kane Wills, age 2, father Ken Wills of Stillman Valley, sisters Aimee (JR) McBride of Milwaukee, Wis., and Julie Wills of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; nephews and niece Nolan, Savannah, and Kyle.

The family will have a private funeral and burial. A memorial fund is established in Lesly's name for her son Kenneth Wills and may be directed to her family.

She graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1999 and then attended Cosmetology School in Rockford. Lesly worked as a hair stylist and also worked for Affordable Water in Belvidere as an office co-manager. Lesly had a big heart and always went out of her way to help people and animals. She cared for many of her elderly family members and was a big reason why those family members were able to stay in their home and not a nursing home in their later years.

mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and niece. Lesly often hosted holiday gatherings as she was an incredible cook. Lesly lived in the moment most of the time and enjoyed spontaneous plans for fun. She was a brave and mentally strong person who persevered through difficult situations and continued on most often with an upbeat smile and funny sense of humor. She loved to go boating on the Rock River but most of all she loved spending time with

Lesly had patience in ways most people do not. Lesly was a good



Members pictured from left to right are Julie Mann, Deanne Forrest, and Teri Johnson.

Women's group speaks to Rotary

Ogle County 100 Women Who Care formed in 2020 with a small group of women, spearheaded by Deanne Forrest who recently spoke at the Oregon Rotary Club.

The purpose of this group is to learn more about and support charitable organizations in Ogle County. The group now has 35 members with a goal to reach at least 100 members. They meet on a quarterly basis, hear presentations from

nominated charitable organizations and vote to award their donation, which consists of \$100 per member. The more members they have the greater the donation to the organization/

To get more information about Ogle County 100 Women Who Care: Dede Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.Com

To get more information about joining Rotary contact Julie Mann at jmann@ksbhospital.com

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Jan. 27

At approximately 9:44 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 mile marker 107. After conducting an investigation, Deputies arrested Jonathan Williams, 50 of DeKalb, for Driving While License Suspended. Williams was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Williams was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Lake LaDonna for a report of suspicious activity. While in the area deputies located a suspicious vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on a black Dodge Durango. As a result of the stop deputies arrested Brandon Miller, age 28, of Oregon for possession of cannabis. Further investigation into Miller by deputies and detectives concluded that Miller was responsible for committing more than a dozen burglaries at Lake LaDonna and the Rock River Marina over the last month. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 24

At approximately 8:01 p.m., Deputies responded to Rochelle Community Hospital in reference to a domestic battery that had occurred earlier in the 100 block

of Windmill Court. After investigation, Deputies placed Fatmir Fejzovski, 26 of Rochelle under arrest for Aggravated Domestic Battery at Liquor and Wine in Rochelle. Fejzovski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance.

At approximately 12:13 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of E. IL Rte 64 and IL Rte 251. After investigation, Deputies arrested Tanya Aluriston, 35 of Cedar Rapids IA, for No Valid Driver's License. Aluriston was also issued citations for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign and an equipment violation. Aluriston was given an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

Jan 23

At approximately 2:36 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 100 block of Roy Avenue in reference to a disturbance. After investigation, Deputies arrested Cody Huff, 29 of Rochelle, for Domestic Battery. Huff was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 21

At 4:22 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the

7000 block of N. IL Rt. 251 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Nicholas Dildine, 27 of Davis Junction was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Dildine was also issued citations for speeding 26-34 MPH over the limit and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Dildine was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

At approximately 10:57 a.m. Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident in the area of IL Rte. 64 and Moore Road. Upon arrival Deputies learned that a Chevrolet Cruze driven by George Hall III, 81 of Rochelle, was traveling westbound on IL Rte. 64. The Chevrolet Cruze then crossed the over the center line of the roadway into the eastbound lane before striking a Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck, which was traveling eastbound and was driven by Jacob Hackbarth, 19 of Lindenwood. The Chevrolet Cruze sustained heavy damage and Hall was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 2500 pickup truck overturned during the accident and sustained heavy damage. Hackbarth was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital by Lynn-Scott Rock EMS for minor injuries. Rochelle EMS and the IL State Police also assisted. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies, along with For-

reston Police Department and Forreston EMS responded to a one vehicle accident in the 13000 block of West IL RTE 72. Upon investigation, it was learned that the driver, Jacqueline Hollaway, 59 of Oregon, entered the north ditch when her vehicle overturned. Hollaway was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Hollaway was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

Jan. 18

At approximately 6:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 mile marker 111. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Rogelio Gonzalez-Sanchez, 31 of Beloit WI, for Driving While License Revoked. Gonzalez-Sanchez was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an equipment violation. Gonzalez-Sanchez was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 5000 block of S. Greenland Dr. for a disturbance. After investigation, Deputies arrested Kelly Gallagher, 38 of Rochelle, for Disorderly Conduct. Gallagher was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

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Serenity facilitating grief support group

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, eight-week Grief Support group open to the public starting Monday, March 14th- May 2nd from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Serenity Home. The group will meet weekly every Monday. Based on the book "Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, this group is

designed to help individuals along their grief journeys by connecting them with a supportive community and providing helpful resources. The program will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, IL. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Denise Watts of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.



Lifeline donation


The Church of Jesus Christ Forever presented a check for \$3,700 to Lifeline of Oregon. "We are hopeful that this contribution awakens in them the reality of loving your neighbor, especially those less fortunate," said Dr. Joy Ryland, formerly of Oregon. Back row: John B. James, Kai Jacobs, Dr. Joy Ryland, Lexi James and Elikai Aluli-James. Front Row: Charity James, Ikaika Aluli-James, Liliu Aluli-James and Junior James.

Church hosting drive through noodle dinner


Chana United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Lasagna Dinner Drive Through on Saturday, March 12th from 4-6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes a hearty portion of homemade (from

scratch) noodles and chicken, a generous piece of homemade lasagna and fresh from the oven apple crisp. Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant. Dinner is drive through only.

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LOCAL NEWS

LSSI programs reaching youth, parents

The Youth WORKS (Wellness, Opportunities and Resources for Key Services) and Project LEAD (Leaders Encouraging Abstinence from Drugs) programs are grant funded Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) programs that were established with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) in 2016 and 2017.

Since then, the programs have worked tirelessly to provide youth violence and substance abuse prevention services to parents, teachers, youth, and community members. Both programs cover Lee, Ogle, Whiteside and Carroll counties.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth WORKS program has been tasked with changing the way services are provided in order to better serve the youth in our communities. The Ogle County Prevention Specialist, Danielle Horst, continues to utilize Zoom for meetings and other community contact, as well as transitioning some of the services back to in-person. A few of the in-person services that have been provided in Ogle County include teaching the "Too Good for Violence" curriculum at Polo High School, the "Hidden In Plain Sight" parent forum at Oregon High School, the social media youth presentations at Meridian Jr. High, and the healthy relationships and bullying youth presentations at Forreton High School.

The Youth WORKS team is excited to get back to in-person activities in the community and schools, continuing to provide the services and resources that are desperately needed in our area. Staff continue reaching out to local schools and work toward future collaborations. As a community, we all hope that this coming year allows us to continue to move forward with in-person plans and collaborations. We hope that as a community we can come together to serve the youth of our counties and help shape a brighter future.

Project LEAD also began the 2021-22 school year extremely optimistic and has prepared for reconnecting in-person with the students. Ogle County Prevention Specialists Shannon Tompkins and Alexandra Ocampo have worked diligently in prioritizing being flexible and accommodating with the schools that we have had the privilege of serving in the past.

Adapting and overcoming some barriers, the Ogle County Prevention Specialist maintained partnerships with David L. Rahn Jr. High School, Meridian Junior High School and Aplington Middle School. Over the past year, the Prevention Team has attended trainings and spent time researching new trends area youth may be using to hide substance use items within their room. This has made the team eager to educate the community and

to showcase our "Hidden in Plain Sight" exhibit, which we recently shared at Oregon High School during their Freshman Orientation Night.

Prevention specialists Tompkins and Ocampo are currently running a communication campaign at Oregon High School to reduce the perception of alcohol use amongst youth within Ogle County. The second campaign is at the middle school level, located at David L. Rahn Jr. High School with the focus to reduce the perception of marijuana use amongst youth within Ogle County. These campaigns have a wide variety of material, including posters hung school-wide, informational cards that are given to each student, newsletters that are sent home, and stickers to be distributed to the youth. The goal with these materials is to reach a wide variety of the student body.

This year we have enjoyed transitioning back to in-person learning with the schools and rebuilding personal connections with the youth in Ogle County. These efforts have motivated us to take our work one step further and develop more connections with additional middle schools in order to provide youth prevention education at that level. If you would like to learn more about Project LEAD or Youth WORKS contact Jacqueline.Smith@lssi.org or Kelsey.Kant@lssi.org.

Polo Senior Center has upcoming events, activities

Exercise every Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Mexican Train Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

Birthday Bingo March 11 at 10 a.m.

March 14 through March 18 Luck of the Irish Week – Drawing for a prize, stop in to enter.

Golden Adventures Club – Meeting at White Pines Lodge on March 14 at 9 a.m.

March 16 11 a.m. Movie and Popcorn "PS I LOVE YOU"

March 18 PASS MEAL – Corn Beef and Cabbage, Speaker Peggy Dody - Eastern Bluebirds Drawing for winner of Luck of Irish Drawing

March 23 – Craft Class, Acrylic on Canvas, No artistic talent needed, \$6 per person. Class taught by Pat Kuhn

March 25 - Game day 11 a.m. – Learn Mahjong with Bonnie

March 27 - Sunday, Music and Brunch – noon, Mountain Grass & Friends Band

Please sign up for our events at the center or call 815-946-3818.

FFA Spaghetti dinner is March 8

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

Dinner will include tossed salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under.

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

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

Church hosting blood drive March 7

OREGON – A blood drive will be held in conjunction with the Rock Valley Blood Center at the Oregon United Methodist Church, 200 S. 4th St., on Monday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling 815-440-1894 or 815-973-8908.

Masks are required.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 28
Yoga at the Oregon Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, 815-732-2724. Space is limited.

Tues., March 1
Young Widows Group will meet at the Serenity Home

1658 S IL RT 2 from 6-7 p.m. This group is for ages 55 and under. Call 815-732-4111 by noon to register. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

Tween Scene: Macrame Rainbow Wall Hanging at the Julia Hull Library, 6 p.m. Tweens can find a rainbow at the end of a rainy spring day by using versatile macramé to make this fun decoration. Ages 10-12. Registration 815-645-8611.

Thurs., March 3
Mexican Train at the Polo

Senior Center, from 1-3 p.m.

Fri., March 4
First Fridays Open Mic at K's Sports Bar in Oregon, 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m. K's Sports Bar is located at 408 East Washington (Rt. 64) in Oregon. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets

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

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 17, 1601, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762.

* On March 20, 1823, Ned Buntline, the "dime millionaire" and discoverer of Buffalo Bill, is born. More than any single writer, Buntline was responsible for creating a romanticized and misleading image of the American West. He once said, "I found that to make a living I must write 'trash' for the masses."

* On March 18, 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with other investors to launch their namesake business. In July 1852, their company Wells Fargo shipped its first loads of freight from the East Coast to mining camps in northern California.

* On March 15, 1901, paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh are shown in Paris, causing a sensation across the art world. Van Gogh had died by suicide, and in his lifetime he had sold only one painting.

* On March 19, 1916, eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, New Mexico, in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. They flew in support of the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture revolutionary leader Pancho Villa.

* On March 16, 1945, the west Pacific volcanic island of Iwo Jima is declared secured by the U.S. military after weeks of fierce fighting. More than 6,000 Marines died fighting for the island, along with almost all the 21,000 Japanese defenders

* On March 14, 1950, the FBI institutes the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list. Since its debut, hundreds of criminals on the list have been apprehended or located, many as a result of tips from the public.

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I can dodge zombies while I shop

I have become one of those dudes who does his grocery shopping on a Monday.

Yes, Monday.

Before anyone tells my boss, I get up and get going on my work before grabbing a quick shower and hitting the store. Why Monday? Because there is usually no time on the weekend and Monday is just a good day to get it done.

The grocery store on a Monday can be a strange place. Even at my age, I am usually the youngest person in the store who is not working there. I got behind a dude near the deli last week who was walking so slow I almost walked up beside him to check his pulse. He wasn't pushing his cart as much as leaning on it and holding on.

If the zombie apocalypse ever happens when I am grocery shopping, I probably won't be able to tell.

You have to start with the fruits and veggies first – always. Why? I have no idea but trust me on this. I generally go for some fresh fruit and load up on

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



avocados. Ah, avocados. They can be pretty tough to get just right. You don't want them mushy, and you don't want them hard as a rock. Pro tip: Hard is better than mushy. Just leave them out for a couple of days and they will be ready. Pro tip No. 2: Grab one of those difficult to open plastic bags and put it over your hand to check the firmness of the avocado. Don't use your grimy bare hand to touch them.

I work my way over to the deli to get some fresh ham and thin chicken breasts. We also use ground turkey a lot these days. My dad would laugh

at that as I used to give him a very hard time about eating turkey burgers.

This is a high traffic area, and I usually must battle through a traffic jam of push and electric carts to grab what I need. I try to be friendly, but these people aren't playing around. They will stand blocking the chicken for as long as they please, and don't care that you need to finish shopping and get back to work.

I have learned to basically be an NFL running back and just barge through, trying not to break any hips on my way.

This is also about the area I run into my nemesis – the Instacart shopping woman. She shops for a living, so I always try to show my shopping prowess by beating her at her game. I can give you an example.

One time she was in the area with the sodas and water, and I heard her talking to herself about Diet Mountain Dew – something I like as well. It was not in the usual places, so I made a beeline for an area they sometimes have extra 12-packs. I beat

her there – it is a long way from the soda area – and was walking away with the last 12-pack as she came around the corner.

Sweet victory.

Being Monday, I also must dodge everyone re-stocking the shelves. Honestly, it can be a real pain. You have to time the trip so that the shelves aren't bare, but you are also not being blocked by the army of people filling shelves.

I seem to remember years ago they did this at night, so the shelves were full and ready the next day. Well, not anymore. But with my Olympic level shopping cart handling skills, I am able to juke and dodge my way through the store.

When I get to check out, I pretty much know everyone, and we banter a bit as I consider using or saving my reward dollars – save them for a big shopping day! – before I am out of there.

But I'll be back next week to dodge the zombies and find the deals.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Mailing letters can get actual results

I mail letters to get results.

This month, I noticed a leak under my kitchen counter and called a plumber. He told me how much it would cost and asked for payment in advance. Over the next week, plumbers visited our house multiple times but the project was never quite done.

My wife and I were sick of the continual visits without resolution. So, I went to the hardware store, bought some parts and finished the project myself.

I then sent a letter to the CEO of the Collinsville-based plumbing contractor relating our experience and asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the \$23 in parts I purchased. He did me one better and mailed a \$400 check compensating me for the inconvenience of the multiple visits and my own labor.

My dad taught me about the power of letters many years ago. When he was a young farmer in the 1960s, railroad workers would clean out boxcars near our field. Swarms of rats would leave the trains and devour rows of our crops.

Dad went to the Galesburg Public Library and looked up the name and address of the CEO for the Burlington Northern railroad. He typed a letter explaining the problem and asked for it to stop.

The crews quit cleaning out the railcars at that spot and the rats disappeared. Sometimes you just need to ask.

In July, I took my family on a trip. We arrived at the airport early but the person at the ticket counter was new and couldn't quite figure out how to check our luggage. We stood at the counter for more than an hour and eventually missed our flight. We also were charged for 15 or 20 bags when we only had five.

We ended up driving from Springfield to O'Hare International Airport to catch an alternate flight. I wrote a letter to the CEO of United Airlines explaining the situation and was reimbursed \$3,000 for our trouble.

In 2020, our two Labrador retrievers became violently ill after eating dog food. They were vomiting blood. My wife, a veterinarian, thought they could die. They ended up spending two nights in an intensive care unit. We believe a toxin caused by mold was in the bag of dog food.

So, I sent a letter along with the vet bills to the CEO of a giant pet food company. They responded with a check for \$3,000.

These experiences happened in a little over a year and they illustrate the power of letter writing.

Here are my rules on

how to write a letter that gets results:

Aim high. Write the letter to someone with the power to solve your problem – and that usually isn't anyone in customer service. I start with the CEO or owner of the company and let them delegate.

Always write a letter – not an email, text message or social media post. Send an honest to goodness epistle in an envelope adorned with a stamp. When it comes through the U.S. Mail, it is taken more seriously and is less likely to be ignored.

Stick to the facts and present them in a reasonable, non-emotional manner.

Never threaten legal action. If you do, the letter will be shuffled off to the legal department where the jackals will use it to line their litter box.

Bolster your case with supporting evidence and attach corroborating documents such as receipts and medical records.

Make sure the letter is typed and the grammar and spelling are excellent.

I'd also suggest that one not only write letters to help themselves but to help others. Back in 2019, I upgraded my hearing aids to ones that are compatible with my cell phone. I offered the old ones to anyone in need and ended up giving them to a woman suffering a 50 percent hearing loss who

cleans houses for a living and cares for her elderly mother.

Unfortunately, the store where I bought them wanted to charge \$650 to reprogram them for her to use.

So, I sent a note to Bentonville, Ark., to one John Furner, the CEO of Sam's Club. I explained my predicament and my desire to help someone. The next morning, I received a call from his assistant informing me they would waive the \$650 fee and would provide a gift card to cover the cost of six months' worth of batteries for the woman in need.

A well-placed, persuasive letter can benefit many people.

Also, I write letters to CEOs not just to complain but to praise when things go well. Last summer, a nurse at my doctor's office really went out of her way to help my family through a predicament. I thanked her and sent a letter to Ed Curtis, CEO of Memorial Health System.

He contacted her and praised her for her conscientious effort. For that nurse, I'm sure that letter from the boss, carried more weight than anything I would have written.

Letters get results.

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

Reader has gotten mixed messages on masks

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, Polo

LOCAL NEWS

Senior Lifestyles

How active seniors can lower their injury risk

Physical activity is one of the key components of a healthy lifestyle. Though physical activity benefits people of all ages, it can be especially helpful for seniors by making it easier for them to overcome some of the obstacles associated with aging.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physical activity supports daily living activities and independence. That's a significant benefit for seniors who are worried that age-related physical and mental decline might one day compromise their ability to live independently. The CDC also notes that physical activity lowers the risk for early death, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.

The CDC reports that physical activity is generally safe for fit individuals who are 65 and older and have no existing conditions. Despite that, it's best for any senior to consult his or her physician prior to beginning a new exercise regimen. Once doctors give seniors the go-ahead to begin a new workout routine, seniors can take the following steps to reduce their risk for injury.

working out. Seniors may think they don't need to warm up before exercising because their workouts are not as high-intensity as they might have been when they were younger. But Harvard Medical School notes that warming up pumps nutrient-rich, oxygenated blood to the muscles and helps increase heart rate. The American Council on Exercise reports that warming up helps reduce workout-related injury risk by improving tissue elasticity. So prior to beginning a workout, regardless of how moderate- or low-intensity that regimen will be, seniors should warm up for five to 10 minutes.

- Start with a routine that's commensurate with your abilities. Seniors excited by the prospect of working out must temper that excitement if they're not accustomed to physical activity. Such individuals should consider working with a personal trainer. Personal trainers design exercise regimens based on each individual client's fitness levels and goals. As clients make progress and their bodies become acclimated to routine physical activity, personal trainers can



then tweak regimens to make them more challenging. Seniors can take on these responsibilities themselves, but are urged to begin slowly and gradually build up their exercise tolerance.

- Don't skip strength training. Seniors may think lifting weights is for young people who want to look buff, but the

AARP® notes that muscle-strengthening activities protect the joints, reducing seniors' risk for injury as a result. The Department of Health & Human Services recommends seniors who have been cleared to exercise engage in strength training at least twice per week.

- Stretch after your

workout. Harvard Medical School reports that efforts to cool down after a workout, including stretching, can prevent muscle cramps and dizziness and lengthen muscles throughout the body, which improves range of motion. Harvard Medical School recommends holding each stretch for 10 to 30 seconds, as the

longer a stretch can be held the more flexible individuals' muscles will be.

Physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle for seniors. Active seniors can take various steps to reduce their injury risk so they can continue to reap the rewards of exercising for years to come.

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LOCAL NEWS

Senior Lifestyles

Long-term solutions to protect joints

Periodic aches and pains can affect anyone. Individuals who are physically active and even those who live largely sedentary lifestyles may experience pain from time to time. In fact, many professional and amateur athletes experience relatively minor, short-term injuries at one point or another, and rest is often the best remedy to overcome such obstacles.

Though minor tweaks may be somewhat normal, long-term issues like persistent joint pain should not be written off as par for the course. It can be tempting to write joint pain off as a concern only serious athletes need to worry about. Terms like “tennis elbow” and “runner’s knee” can give less physically active individuals a false impression of joint pain and what causes it. But the Mayo Clinic notes that lack of exercise can contribute to pain and stiffness in the joints. That’s because exercise strengthens the muscles and tissues that surround the joints. That added strength puts less stress on the joints.

In recognition of the threat posed by chronic joint pain, the Arthritis Foundation® recommends individuals take various steps to protect their joints over the long haul.

- Focus less on fashion in regard to footwear. High heels may be the epitome of glamorous footwear, but women who routinely wear high heels will pay a steep price. The AF notes that heels put added stress on the knees and increase risk for osteoporosis, and experts indicate that three-inch heels are seven times more stressful on feet than one-inch heels. But women aren’t the only ones whose footwear fashion sense could be hurting their joints. Men also must pay attention to what they’re putting on their feet. For example, sandals without a back strap force toes to overgrip the edge of the sandal, putting needless strain on each foot and potentially causing issues with the toes.

- Alternate between sitting and standing throughout the day. Joint stiffness and strain can develop when individuals spend lengthy periods of time sitting or standing. The AF recommends taking a break to stand up or sit down every 30 minutes. Professionals who sit at a desk all day may want to switch to height-adjustable desks that make it easy for them to transition from sitting to standing and still get their work done.

- Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight causes a ripple effect that impacts the entire body, including the joints. The AF notes that researchers have determined that losing 11 pounds can reduce risk for osteoarthritis of the knee by 50 percent. On the flip side, each extra pound an individual carries puts four times the stress on his or her knees. Exercising to lose weight can provide the added benefit of preventing joint stiffness.

- Opt for low-impact activities. Low-impact activities like cycling and swimming are easier on the joints than fitness classes that involve high-intensity dancing and kickboxing. In addition, when choosing between a treadmill and elliptical machine, the Mayo Clinic notes that ellipticals are generally considered low-impact machines that are less stressful on the knees, hips and back than running on a treadmill or even outdoors.

Various strategies can help individuals maintain healthy, pain-free joints over the long haul.

How aging adults can maintain healthy weight

Calorie-counting and watching one’s weight is often seen as a young person’s game. But even aging men and women should recognize the importance of maintaining a healthy weight.

Older adults may experience weight gain or unintentional weight loss. Understanding how to address each in healthy ways is important.

Weight loss tips

More than two-thirds of Americans, including adults age 65 and older, are overweight and obese, according to U.S. News & World Report. A combination of factors can contribute to weight gain in older adults, including a slower metabolism and a tendency to be more sedentary with age. Empty nesters also may be less likely to cook their own meals, relying on convenience foods — some of which may be high in fat and/or calories.

Sustained healthy weight at any age is linked to improved heart health, mental health benefits like increased self-confidence, healthy joints, and much more. These tips can help aging individuals maintain healthy weights.

- Incorporate strength or resistance training into your weekly routine. Hormone production slows down as the body



ages, and that may result in a loss of muscle mass. Lifting weights or engaging in resistance training with elastic bands or body weight can restore muscle tone and speed up metabolism. Adults should aim for strength training twice a week.

- Monitor sugar and starch intake. Many older adults have elevated blood sugar levels due to insulin resistance. When cells become resistant to insulin, glucose doesn’t get used up and remains in the blood. Eventually this can lead to pre-diabetes, metabolic syndrome and type 2 diabetes. Many people with these conditions have a hard time losing weight. Avoiding added sugars and extra carbohydrates could help.

- Practice portion control. A 60-year-old can’t eat the same way he or she did at age 30 or 40. Nutritionists say that, with every decade that passes, people generally need about 100 fewer calories a day to maintain their weights. Cutting calories slowly and steadily helps people maintain healthy weights, especially when they couple this with exercise.

Avoiding malnutrition-related weight loss

Malnutrition is a common component in unintentional weight loss in aging populations. Reduction in senses of smell and taste, smaller appetites and lack of desire to make meals can contribute to malnutrition and weight loss. Underly-

ing health problems also may lead to unwanted and unhealthy weight loss. Tracking weight loss and getting sufficient nutrients is vital to aging adults’ overall health.

A 2014 study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that having a body mass index at the lower end of the recommended age for adults increased risk for mortality more so than being overweight. Individuals whose BMI is less than 23 could be putting themselves in jeopardy.

Older adults need to adjust their routines as they age in order to maintain healthy weights. Such adjustments can reduce seniors’ risk for disease and improve their quality of life.

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Raffle winner

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SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon's Wight bowls in finals

Oregon Girl's Bowling Team member Ava Wight competed in Day 2 of the IHSA State Bowling Finals on Feb. 19 at The Cherry Bowl rolling a second 1197 6-game series in two days (201,193,203,216,225,159) for a 12-game total of 2394 (199.5 average) and a 20th place finish.

Wight made a run at an individual medal (top 12) through 9 games she was in 27th place, then rose to 15th place after 11 games, but an unfortunate lane assignment on a very difficult pair of lanes on the end of the center, was just too much to overcome.

The total pinfall of 2394 and the

20th place overall finish in this single-class IHSA sport are both Oregon High School Girls State Finals records for the program started in 2003.

Wight is in 22nd place after the first day's session on Friday, Feb. 18 at the IHSA Girl's Bowling State Finals.

Wight bowled games of 241,167,242,213,164,170 for an 1197 series.

She was 42 pins out of 12th place, the final individual medal position. Her 22nd place finish is the highest Day 1 position of any Oregon bowler in history (boy or girl) as she attempted to become the first ever OHS IHSA bowling medalist.

Oregon boys earn all conference honors

The Oregon Boys Bowling team has 4 individuals who earned 1st Team All-Conference honors.

Honorees included: Isaac Kaltenbrun (Sr)– 198.0667 average, Brandon Rowe (Jr)– 193.0667 average, Styler Klapp (Jr)– 180.4667 average and Brady Davis (So)– 179/4667. The Oregon Girls team has 4 individuals who earned 1st Team All-Conference and 1 Honorable Mention honor. Honorees included: Ava Wight (Jr) 211.4286 average, Mackenzie Alford (Jr) 151.619 average,

Pagie Beauchem (Sr) 145.722 average, Kendra Ehrler (Jr) 136.388 average, Honorable Mention Trinity Hultquist (Fr) 136.381 average. Dixon had 1 Boy earn All-Conference and 1 Honorable Mention honor. Dixon award winners are: Wyatt Miller (Fr) 178.5833 average and Honorable Mention Cody Geil (Fr) 176.9333 average.

The awards are based upon performance during designated NIBC matches with the top 10 averages earning All-Conference 1st team honors.

Engagement

Bertsch and Brittenham set to wed

Cade Bertsch of Oregon and Bethany Brittenham of Cumming, Iowa, announce engagement.

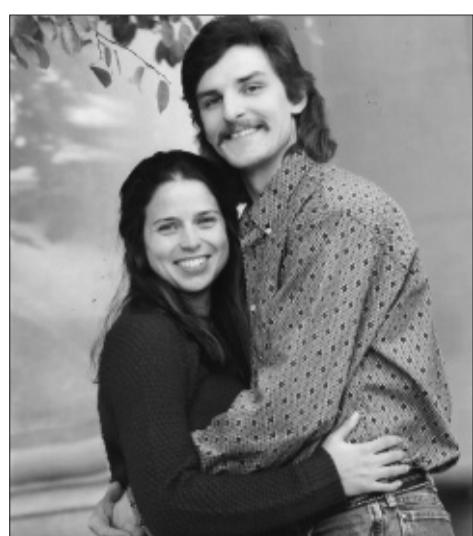
The couple is planning a September 2022 wedding.

Cade is the son of Kortney and Cherie Bertsch of Oregon. Bethany is the daughter of Larry and Margaret Brittenham of Superior, Neb.

Bertsch graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 2012. He is also a 2016 graduate of Iowa State with a degree in Ag Engineering.

Brittenham graduated from high school in 2011 and earned her bachelor's in Ag Engineering from the University of Nebraska in 2015, and her master's in Ag Engineering from Iowa State in 2017.

She is employed by ISG Consulting as a civil engineer. He is employed by



Ideal Metal Fabricating as an engineer. The couple plans to wed in Indianola, Iowa.

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Parents can choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the Summer Camp Payment Plan. The payment plan allows you to reserve your child's spot in summer camp with a non-refundable deposit. The non-refundable deposit will be 10% of the weekly registration fee, and the remaining balance will be automatically invoiced to your card on file 10 days prior to the first day of camp.

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Questions about Camp Oh-Pea-Dee or the Summer Camp Payment Plan? Visit www.oregonpark.org/programs/camp-oh-pea-dee/ or email Chris at chris@oregonpark.org.



LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

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

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

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

Adult Programs
Friday Book Discussion Group will meet on March 11th to discuss *The Women's March* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Book 2 Movie Group is reading and viewing *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shatterly Lee and will meet on March 11th. Monday Afternoon Book Club is reading *Once and Future Witches* by Alix Harrow and will meet on March 28th. These programs are open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in to pick up a copy and join us!

Oregon Library News

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, March 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited.

Daisy's Girls: Camping with Juliette Gordon Low-Wednesday, March 2nd at 4 p.m.
Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means
Registration Required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com
Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. A wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, Juliette spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the 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.

Oh, Jackie O! – Tuesday March 8th at 1 p.m.

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

Children's Programs
Storytime Saturdays are in person at the library on March 12th and 26th at 10:30 a.m., come join Ms. Melanie for a story, a craft, and other hands-on activities. Email melaniew@pololibrary.org or call 815-946-2713 to register.

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

New books expected in March
Steal by James Patterson
Death of a Green-eyed Monster by M.C. Beaton
Diablo Mesa by Douglas Preston
The Paradox Hotel by Rob Hart
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley
The Silent Sisters by Robert Dugoni
This Might Hurt by Stephanie Wrobel
The Verifiers by Jane Pek
The Darkest Place by Phillip Margolin

Paradise Playhouse presents, another provocative & delightful original solo musical based on the life of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Written, directed and starring Jillann Gabrielle. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, March 8th (while supplies last)
Sunflower Diamond Painting Kit. What is Diamond Painting? Similar to both cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting is a new creative hobby that has taken the world by storm, especially fans of DIY crafts. Crafters have fallen in love with this activity because it is easy to learn and incredibly rewarding. Mastering the basics is a breeze, and crafters describe diamond painting as relaxing and calming. In fact, most say it is more stress-relieving than any other craft. Each kit will contain all supplies needed. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Sensory Strategies for the Classroom – March 9th at 6 p.m. Either In-Person or via ZOOM
Join us for this informative session as we discuss and explore considerations for supporting students with sensory issues in the classroom. Often, the environment presents challenges and opportunities that we need to evaluate and modify to meet the students every changing needs. We dive in deep to address those modifications, accommodations and share many strategies for success for all students. Check Family Matters website at www.fmptic.org, soon to get a link to register. This program is in collaboration with Easter Seals, Family Matters, and Florissa. If you are unable to participate in ZOOM, please contact the library at (815) 732-2724 and accommodations can be made for viewing in the library.

POW Camps in Illinois – Thursday, March 10th at 1 p.m.
Nearly 400,000 prisoners were shipped to the United States and detained in camps across the country. There were 175 Base camps in the U.S. Twenty-one of these camps were in Illinois. One of the Base Camps was Camp Grant in Rockford. A Branch Camp was in Lanark, IL which was under Grant. Join us as we learn more about these camps from Carol Chandler. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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

Bertolet Library News

Trustee Opening:
We currently have an opening for a Trustee with a term that expires in 2023. Our Board of Trustees meets at the library on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at bertolet705@gmail.com.

Paws for Reading: Wednesday, April 20
Ryan will return in April to listen to your stories.

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

Craft Kits for Adults:
Our kits have all been claimed for February. Check back next month!

Create-a-Card:
Spring is right around the corner! Join Miss Jessie on March 19th to create that

perfect springtime card to send to a friend.

Masks:
Bertolet Memorial Library follows the state guidelines on wearing masks. Curbside service is available at patron's request.

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
A Lady In Attendance by Rachel Fordham
Provenance by Carla Laureano
Unthinkable by Jamie Raskin
The Fields by Erin Young

Picture Books
Thomas and the Leprechaun by Thomas Awdry
Which Nose For Witch? by David Crosby

Forreston Library News

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime will begin again on Wednesday, March 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

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

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

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

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

Library Updates
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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

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This beautifully illustrated lecture by Leslie Goddard, PhD. explores the history and elegant artistry of afternoon tea. Learn why afternoon was so popular with the Victorians and Edwardians, what a proper menu includes, and why the custom of afternoon tea remains so enduringly appealing. The pleasure of your company is requested Monday, February 28 at 6:30 PM. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to RSVP for this Zoom program.

Tween Scene: Macrame Rainbow Wall Hanging

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

Book Club for Adults

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

Rainbow Mobiles

Embrace every color of the rainbow with simple supplies to make a bright hanging mobile! Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m.. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Geometric Wall Hanging

Spring is the perfect season to do a little home re-design on a dime. To inspire you, we'll take simple wood circles, paint them with geometric designs—then connect them to create a unique piece of wall art. Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m. Registration required for this Zoom program. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults only.

Short & Sweets

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of David Means' short story, "Clementine, Carmelita, Dog." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Paper copies available at the library upon request. Adults.

Family Feud: Teen Edition

It's time to play Family Feud! Compete against other teens to see if you can guess the most popular answers to survey questions about a range of pop culture topics. Thursday, March 24 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Mount Morris Library News

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.

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 a.m. This week we will be learning about different types of weather! We will be reading books about sun, clouds, rain, snow and more, then the children will be creating a craft! Come join our 'sunny' story time and 'blow' into the Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool-age children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

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

Display Case Showings

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

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.

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Tyler Spellicious
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here!
"By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve"
During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
In-person communion services, are offered at various times. Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register. We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance.
815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Jasiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bagner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley,
815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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OGLE COUNTY LIFE

ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

211 Hwy. 38 E.
Rochelle, IL 61068
Ph: 815-732-2156
Fax: 815-562-2161

LOCAL NEWS

Byron Library News

Curbside Delivery

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

Discover Ireland

Friday, Mar. 4
1-2:30 p.m.

Spend a relaxing afternoon sipping a non-alcoholic Irish coffee while learning about the Emerald Isle. We will be watching the film *Karma Trekkers Ireland* which delves into the rich history of Ireland. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Operation: Gratitude

Tuesday, Mar. 8
6-7 p.m.

It's time for another outreach program. Operation Gratitude puts together boxes for military deployments.

We will be creating very simple, quick paracord bracelets for these boxes. Supplies and instructions will be provided. This is a special way to thank those who serve our country. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

PI(e) Day

Monday, Mar. 14
6-7 p.m.

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

DIY Kokedama (Japanese Moss Ball)

Thursday, Mar. 24
6-7 p.m.

Get ready to be a little messy and make your own Kokedama (Co-key-da-ma) using soil, a plant, and moss. Call 815-234-5107 to register, or register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Advancing the Science

Thursday, Mar. 31

Noon-1 p.m.

Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This program will discuss: the landscape of Alzheimer's and dementia science; risk factors for Alzheimers and all other dementia; highlights in early detection and diagnosis; and the latest advances in clinical trials, treatments and lifestyle intervention. Call 815-234-5107 to register, or register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

DIY Spring Wreath

Thursday, Mar. 31
6-7 p.m.

Who's ready for Spring? Give guests a warm, cheery welcome this season with an elegant DIY Spring Wreath. Join Heather and Cathy for an evening at the library as they guide you step-by-step in creating your very own wreath. Register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

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

Oregon's Hailey White graduates with nursing degree from St. Ambrose University

DAVENPORT, Iowa—St. Ambrose University held separate commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate degree recipients at the RiverCenter in Davenport Iowa, on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The graduate hooding and commencement ceremony

began at 9 a.m. Micah Kiel, PhD, a professor in the SAU Theology Department, delivered the commencement address to 74 students earning their Masters degrees and another 37 doctoral degree candidates.

At 1 p.m., the University celebrated the 145 can-

didates for Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Longtime Physical Plant Director Jim Hannon '84 addressed the graduating class.

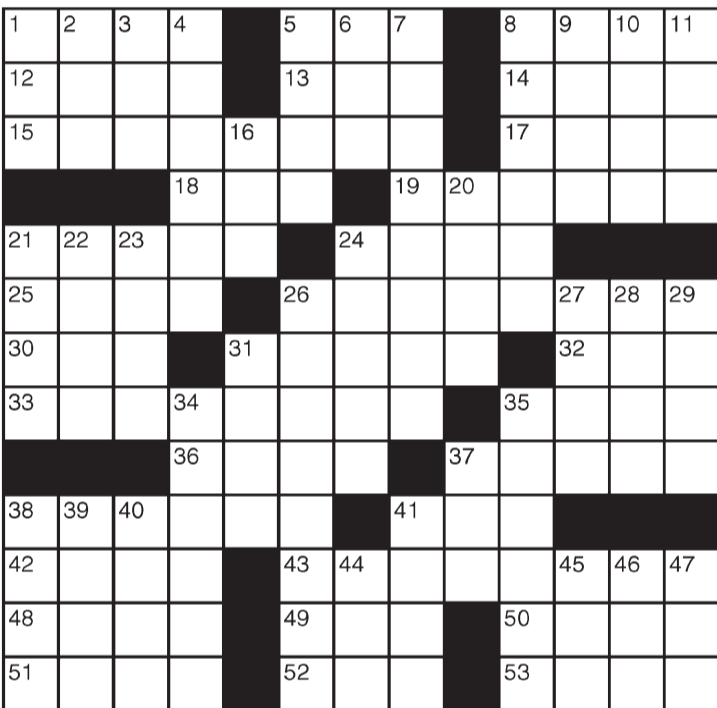
Oregon: Hailey White-Nursing

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Offend
- 5 Vegas lead-in
- 8 Biting remark
- 12 Jacob's twin
- 13 Antlered animal
- 14 Latin love
- 15 Printout
- 17 Earring site
- 18 Roscoe
- 19 More slothful
- 21 Filled fully
- 24 — colada
- 25 Cupid's alias
- 26 Street vendor's vehicle
- 30 Sawbuck
- 31 Attorney's load
- 32 Bee follower
- 33 Barber's offerings
- 35 Panache
- 36 Aachen article
- 37 Utter impulsively
- 38 Architectural style
- 41 Hero sandwich
- 42 Actress Perlman
- 43 Ski lodge cupful
- 48 "A Room of — Own"
- 49 Prior night
- 50 Not so hot?



- 51 "Holy cow!"
- 52 Enervate
- 53 Trade
- DOWN**
- 1 "I'm not impressed"
- 2 "This — recording"
- 3 Distant
- 4 Fakes, as figures
- 5 Author Uris
- 6 Jungfrau, for one
- 7 Urban silhouettes
- 8 French novelist
- 9 Mine, to Marcel
- 10 Judicial garb
- 11 Rabbit's title
- 16 Cow's chew
- 20 &&&&
- 21 Actor Rogen
- 22 Location
- 23 Singer Braxton
- 24 Stickum
- 26 Hindquarters
- 27 Rights advocacy org.
- 28 Bring up
- 29 Bivouac shelter
- 31 Roman 202
- 34 Go over again
- 35 Macaroni shapes
- 37 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 38 Pirate's drink
- 39 "It can't be!"
- 40 Golf props
- 41 Dance move
- 44 Eggs
- 45 Cornfield noise
- 46 Mouths (Lat.)
- 47 Music booster

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MAGIC MAZE

DIY AUTO MECHANIC

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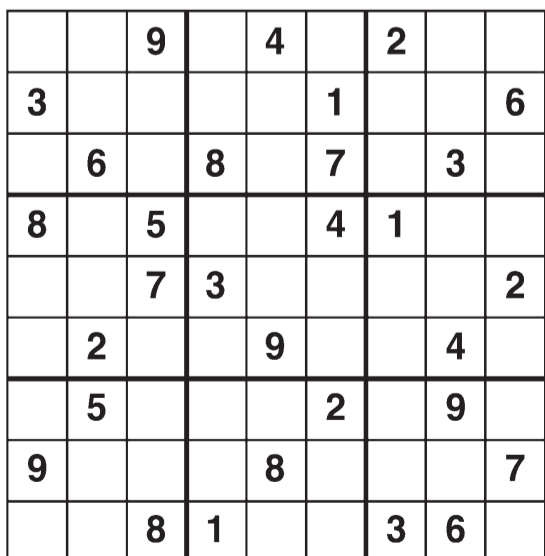
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: SPARK —

- Air filter
- Coolant
- Lamps
- Shocks
- Battery
- Fuses
- Lubrication
- Tire change
- Belts
- Headlights
- Oil change
- Tuneup
- Brakes
- Hoses
- Oil filter

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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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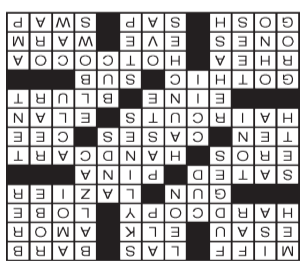
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



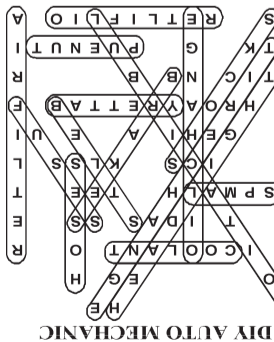
Differences: 1. Scrolls are missing. 2. Controls are missing. 3. Cord is shorter. 4. Locker is missing. 5. Cap is different. 6. Word is different.



Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



DIY AUTO MECHANIC

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER
2022MR1
Request of:
Christine Marie Jenkins
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Christine Marie Jenkins to the new name of Christine Marie Probst.
The court date will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom #204.
/s/ Christine Marie Jenkins.
No. 0207 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 1
OF:)
PAUL G.)
DAVIS,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Paul G. Davis, of Forreston, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 18, 2022 to Judy L. Cullor of Freeport, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC. at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.
CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Clerk of the Circuit Court at 106 S. 5th Street, #300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
JUDY L. CULLOR,
Independent
Administrator
No. 0208 (Feb. 14, 21, 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX3 FILED: 2/4/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 5, 2019 Certificate No.: 2018-00026 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: Property Located at COMM NE COR SEC 14, W1956.53' TO POB, THENCE W624.90', S1400.09', W622', N1130', W807', S1051.27', E97.36', S1321.26', E1042.12', N789.41', E920.84', N1854.69' TO POB 14-25-10 80.15AC DOC #1208096 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 04-14-100-006 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 29, 2022. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 29, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 9, 2022 Jesse W Brewer Christine A Brewer Jesse W. Brewer Christine A. Brewer Occupant Cristina M. Buskohl as Attorney in 2021 D 19 Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0213 (Feb. 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX5 FILED: 2/4/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 5, 2019 Certificate No.: 2018-00074 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1190 North Mongan Drive, Oregon, IL 61061 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 09-33-351-003 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX4 FILED: 2/4/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 5, 2019 Certificate No.: 2018-00042 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1190 North Mongan Drive, Oregon, IL 61061 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 09-33-351-003 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if

for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6779 East Bluegrass Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-27-477-004 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 29, 2022. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on August 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 29, 2022 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 9, 2022 William R. Mongan Harriet Lea Mongan William Robert Mongan Harriet Lea Mongan Occupant Scott Mongan Lee Mongan William Scott Mongan U.S. Attorney General for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation U.S. Attorney General for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation U.S. Department of Justice for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0214 (Feb. 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX DEED NO.: 2022TX6 FILED: 2/4/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 5, 2019 Certificate No.: 2018-00138 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2162 East Illinois Route 64, Oregon, IL 61061 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-01-100-005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 29, 2022. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
AUSTIN LEE HENNING, an adult.
) Case No. 2022 AD 1 ADOPTION NOTICE
To: Lance Jeremy Henning
NOTICE is hereby given this cause has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois for a Petition for Adoption of Austin Lee Henning, an adult.
Now, therefore, unless you file your response to the Petition for Adoption in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Ogle County Courthouse, Illinois on or before 1:00 p.m. on the 10th day of

March 2022, a default may be entered against you at that time and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Adoption.
By:
Attorneys for Petitioners Brandi L. Chudoba (ARCD # 6282659) FAULKNER SPEARS & CHUDоба, LLC 308 West State Street, Suite 115 Rockford, IL 61101 P:(815) 963-8050 / F: (815) 963-8057 eservice@fsclegal.com No. 0223 (Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: White Oak and Co., 7813 E. Wildwood Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084.
Dated: February 8, 2022
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0231 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

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

the court on February 17, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21), you also have the right under 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the Will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 or with the attorney for the representative, or both, on or before September 5, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the representative within ten days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
KIMBERLY STAHL, Circuit Clerk
Ralph E. Elliott
Bridget C. Trainor
Christina M. Willman
ELLIOTT, TRAINOR & WILLMAN, P.C.
Attorneys for Independent Executor
1005 West Loras Drive
P.O. Box 1149
Freeport, IL 61032
Telephone: (815) 233-1022
Facsimilie: (815) 233-

1988
Email: ree@etpcxlaw.com
No. 0232 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice
The Byron Township Road District will be accepting sealed bids for the following material and services for fiscal year April 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023:
Base Rock FOB at quarry & tailgate spread on road, Road Rock FOB at quarry & tailgate spread on road, dirt to haul and load, 3/8 chips, pea gravel, hot mix with 3/8 stone, and cold mix.
For Specifications, please contact Mark Rundle, Byron Township Road Commissioner, at 815-234-8438.
Sealed bids must be received at the Byron Township Office, 507 Colfax Street, Byron IL by 10:00am on March 11, 2022.
Bids will be opened March 11, 2022 at 10:15am at the Byron Township Office.
Byron Township Road District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Barbara Rundle
Byron Township Clerk
No. 0234 (Feb. 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice
The Byron Township will be accepting bids for mowing the Byron Cemetery located at the Northwest corner of Mineral & 5th Street in Byron Illinois, consisting of 11.5 acres more or less for the 2022 mowing season.
For Specifications and bid packets please contact Byron Cemetery Sexton, Josiah Henson at 815-988-9177
Bids are due at the Byron Township Office, 507 N. Colfax Street, Byron IL 61010 by 6:30 PM on March 10, 2020.
Bids may be mailed to "Byron Township - Mowing Bid 2022", 507 N Colfax Street, Byron IL 61010 or email to supervisor@byrontownship.com with "Byron Township

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– Mowing Bid 2022” in the subject line.
Bids will be read March 10, 2022 at 6:45p.m. in the Byron Township Office.
Byron Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Barbara Rundle
Byron Township Clerk
No. 0235 (Feb. 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Marion Township that a Public Hearing will be held March 31, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed January 25, 2022 of Chad & Tracy Surmo, 500 Madison St., Oregon, IL for a Variation to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling on 30.02 acres in lieu

of 40 acres in the AG-1 Agricultural District as required by the Ogle County Amending Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s):
Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18 Marion Township 24 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 30.02 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 10-18-400-011
Common Location: 3858 N. Black Walnut Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing.

The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 25th day of January 2022
#001-22VAR
No. 0236 (Feb. 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS)
IN THE)No.)
MATTER)2021)
OF THE)P 10)
ESTATE))
OF:))
LEONA))
REEDER,))
deceased.))
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF LEONA REEDER OF Leaf River, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 13, 2022, to William H.T. Lee of Rock Falls, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124 Nathan D. Lewis, Independent Co-Executor Geanelle Nelson, Independent Co-Executor No. 0239 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The)In)
Matter)Probate)
of the)No.)
Estate of:)2022)
KENNETH A.)PR)
NELSON,)11)
Deceased.))
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF KENNETH A. NELSON OF Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 18, 2022, to NATHAN D. LEWIS of Byron, Illinois and GEANELLE NELSON of Byron, Illinois, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 28, 2022, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124 Nathan D. Lewis, Independent Co-Executor No. 0239 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District schedules upcoming events, activities

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. Registration deadline is March 9.

St. Patrick's Day Fun at Nash
 Ages 5-12, join us at Nash on Wednesday, March 16 from 2:30-4 p.m. for St. Patrick's Day fun. We will be making slime, bouncy balls, decorating cookies and playing Bingo in the River Room. Cost is \$4R/\$5NR. Deadline to register is March 10.

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.

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

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

- U6- Born in 2016 Fee \$50/\$63NR
 - U7- Born in 2015 Fee \$50/\$63NR
 - U9- Born in 2013 & 2014 Fee \$65/ \$80NR
 - U11- Born in 2011 & 2012 Fee \$65/\$80NR
 - U13- Born in 2009 & 2010 Fee \$70/\$85NR
 - U15- Born in 2007 & 2008 (No H.S. Players allowed). Fee \$70/\$85NR
- If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org
 Deadline for Registration is March 1.

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

Baseball and Softball 2022
 Registration is open for all of our Baseball and Softball programs, featuring options for ages 3 years old through 14 years old. Whatever your skill and age level, we have a program that will help develop your skills and ensure that you will have a fun season! Coaches are needed for all levels, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested in coaching.

- Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 6/21
- T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/21
- Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
- Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
- Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
- Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1
- Coach Pitch Girls Softball (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
- Minor Girls Softball (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
- Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
- Intermediate/Senior Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1

(No High School Players)
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