

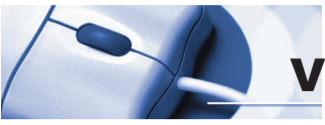
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# State Police release 2021 numbers

**STERLING** – State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced activity and enforcement figures for the calendar year 2021.

Troopers in District 1, which includes Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties, recorded 12,195 incidents during the year.

In addition, enforcement figures totaled 4,723 citations and 6,298 written warnings, including 2,483 speeding citations, 64 DUI arrests, 388 occupant restraint citations, 277 distracted driving citations, 54 move over (Scott's Law) citations and 150 criminal arrests. Troopers made 283 arrests for no valid driver's

license or driving while license suspended/revoked. Troopers conducted 2,308 Motor Carrier Safety Inspections with 292 being placed out of service for safety violations. Additionally, troopers conducted 112 portable scale details, which resulted in 133 overweight citations and 200 overweight warnings being

issued. District 1 handled 265 traffic crashes and assisted 1,509 motorists.

During the year, 3,212 citations were issued for "Fatal Four" violations. These violations are most associated with fatal traffic crashes and include Speeding, DUI, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt and Distracted Driving.

# Tattoo shop open in county

## New downtown Rochelle business is the only tattoo parlor in Ogle County



By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – Steder Tattoo, 507 W. 4th Ave., opened recently, making it the only tattoo parlor in Ogle County.

Officials from the city, members of the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, members of the community and friends and family of the owner, Mat Steder, were in attendance for the recent ribbon cutting for the business. Steder comes from Raven Tattoo in Dixon and services a lot of Rochelle residents already. The business is Rochelle's first tattoo shop.

"It was breathtaking," Steder said. "I wasn't expecting the turnout to be this big tonight. It was a wonderful feeling seeing everyone come out to support me. I just appreciate everybody coming out. It just blows my mind. I'm speechless."

In the past few months since having a special use permit approved by the city council, Steder has been working to get the space ready for business. He said that at times, the work felt like a "never-ending story," but he got the shop finished, complete with merchandise.

"I've told my wife multiple times that I'm tired of building and I just want to get

back to tattooing," Steder said. "I'm very excited to get back and do what I love doing."

Steder is a Rochelle resident. He and his wife are expecting a newborn in February and that played into his decision to open up a shop closer to where he lives.

Last week, he started taking appointments to fill up the rest of January and the first week of February. The shop will be appointment only. Once those dates are filled, Steder's books will be closed until after his child is born. Once he returns to work, he'll be booking appointments on the first of every month.

"I've already seen the crazy flow of people wanting to get tattoos, even though I haven't even been open yet," Steder said. "It's just a really good feeling that I have so much support. It's wild to see that."

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows attended the ribbon cutting event on behalf of the city to welcome Steder and said he's excited to have another new business in town.

Bearrows said he's proud of the work the city has done to fill its downtown buildings. A business like a tattoo shop can keep dollars local in more ways than

one, he said.

"This is one of those quality of life things, Bearrows said. "There's people who want to go to a tattoo shop and they're leaving town to go somewhere else. When they go somewhere else, they may eat there or get gas there. Here, they'll stay in town and keep that spending local."

Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera attended the event and said she's happy Rochelle will be able to provide a new type of business with Steder Tattoo.

"We're really excited to have this here," Herrera said. "And it also shows the city is moving forward a little. The codes had to be changed to allow this business. We're really excited about that, that we're not limiting the type of businesses that can come here. If a new business wants to come here, come and talk to the chamber and the city. It's always a possibility, nothing's out of the question."

Herrera said she was impressed with Steder's space, which was previously empty.

"He has taken it and given the time and effort with his wife to make this a great, welcoming environment," Herrera said. "I think that even if you're not a tattoo person, you would be welcomed here and you would think this is such a high standard of quality and workmanship that is in this building. The pride in his business shows and those are the types of businesses we feel are a great fit here in Rochelle. We're very happy and excited for him."

Following the ceremony and the work done to get his shop ready, Steder said he felt accomplished. In the past, he's talked about wanting to get more involved in the community to follow in the footsteps of his late father, Ron, who owned and ran Steder Diesel and Steder Trucking in town during the 1990s. That day has come.

"I just wanted to get my foot in the door," Steder said. "Now I feel like my whole body's in the door and I can finally do the work. I can finally make a difference. I can help out and put my time and effort into the community and make it better."

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Art show at Byron Museum of History opens Feb. 5

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

The show will begin with an Opening Reception on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. Artists will be on hand to welcome visitors. The art will remain on display through Saturday, March 25.

The museum, located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Museum's exhibits and the 2-month long art show are open to the public free of charge.

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

ENAG, founded in 1957, has a full schedule of art events, workshops and shows and will have materials available at the Museum for all who are interested in learning more about this community of artists and its activities. The group welcomes artists of any level of experience. Weekly daytime studio sessions and summer outdoor painting sessions are open to all members.

For more information about ENAG, call 815-732-



7783 or visit Facebook at *Eagle's Nest Art Group, Oregon, Illinois*.

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

## Meridian to use grant for technology upgrade

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Meridian CUSD 223 announces it is a recent receipt of Emergency Connectivity Grant Funding.

The fund, generously offered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is meant to be used by school districts to accommodate students and staff with the necessary devices to aid in teaching during this time of increased technology reliance. After providing the FCC with student and staff enrollment information, Meridian CUSD 223 was approved to receive \$536,250 in funding which will be used to rapidly increase the quality of devices used within the district.

Meridian's technology department will immediately begin allocating the funds to be used for purchasing new staff laptops and student Chrome-

books. These new devices will replace computers that are either not in an ideal condition or sufficiently up to date.

"This would not have been possible without the tireless effort of my team who are constantly trying to improve upon the technology we are able to offer our students and staff," said Director of Technology Nicolas Belmonte. "These funds will allow us to further increase our high standards and continue our mission to strive for excellence."

Since the onset of COVID, the district has more than ever begun to appreciate and embrace the importance of technology in the classroom. With these funds, and with the help of the technology department and staff, the district is able to ensure our community has the necessary tools and resources to provide a quality education.

## Holiday light recycle available until Jan. 21

The last chance to recycle old holiday lights is this week.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, non-functional holiday light strands can be recycled.

Drop-off boxes are available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 21.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights, and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths,

garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for the processor.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wis., to be recycled. In 2020-2021, over 1,500 pounds of material was collected and recycled through this program.

So as we prepare to untangle, test, and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our homes in the past but now refuse to light up anymore.

If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org).



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### LISA CHARBONEAU, RN, CARDIAC REHABILITATION

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

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## Mt. Morris Church hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris will be hosting two COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

The first date is Friday, Jan. 21; the second date is Friday, Feb. 11. The clinics will be open from 1-5 p.m. Pfizer, Moderna, and J & J vaccines and boosters will be available, plus vaccines for the 5-17 year old youth. The vaccinations are free.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 308 East Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Although not necessary, pre-registration can be done by going to Trinity's website [www.trinitymmil.net](http://www.trinitymmil.net)

## Ogle County Republicans to meet on Jan. 25

**OREGON** – The Ogle County Republicans will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The meeting will be held at the Ogle County Courthouse in the County Board room at 6:30 p.m.

All Republicans are welcome to attend.



# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Heart Gala set for Feb. 5

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – From the Heart will hold its annual gala on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. at Flight Deck Bar & Grill. The event, in its 14th year, benefits the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, HOPE of Ogle County, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Pegasus Special Riders, Hub City Senior Center, Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center, CASA and FOCUS House. The gala will have hors d’oeuvres,

dinner and dessert, a live and silent auction and games and raffles. There will be complimentary valet parking and photographs. A table of eight costs \$700, couples cost \$185 and individual tickets cost \$95. The items at the gala include a 75-inch TV, a Gale Sayers autographed jersey, a Jerry Rice autographed jersey and a Justin Fields autographed jersey. From the Heart President and Founder Dave Eckhardt said his goal is to raise \$70,000 this year. “Our goal for our first year was

\$30,000,” Eckhardt said. “We’ve come a long way. We only had two groups that benefited from it when we started. It’s just been incredible. We had no idea it’d go where it has. We’re our own 501c3 nonprofit now. The biggest thing and what I enjoy most is giving the checks. And it’s more every year.” Last year, the gala was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eckhardt said that was “fun” and turned out successful. From the Heart decided to keep a virtual aspect in 2022 and will host a virtual drawing on its Facebook

page on Feb. 5. Those who are unable to attend the gala the same day can still participate in the drawing and event in that way. “For the virtual raffle drawing, it’s \$100 per ticket, and you’ll have one entry into each of the three prizes,” Eckhardt said. “One is half a hog with processing, one is a quarter beef with processing and a 75-inch Samsung TV. They also get a \$25 voucher for Flight Deck. It essentially costs \$75. If you want additional chances, you can pay an extra \$20 per ticket.”

### Nominations being accepted for Ogle County SWCD Board

Nominations are being accepted for three, 2-year terms as directors of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nominations can be made by contacting the District office at 815-732-6127, Ext. 3 or by visiting the office at 1213 Pines Road, Suite 3, Oregon, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the district. Interested persons must respond and complete a “Certificate of Eligibility” by 4 p.m. on Jan. 28.

### Grand Detour meetings set

**GRAND DETOUR** – The Grand Detour Township would like to invite everyone to attend their monthly meetings. They are held the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Detour Town Hall. Except the April meeting which the annual meeting and held on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. If the date

or time of the meeting should change it will be posted outside the town hall. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lowry, supervisor, at 815-652-4543. The dates are: Feb: 9, March 9, April 12, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11, 2023.

### Mobile food pantry Jan. 27


Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pan-

try is open anyone in Ogle County. The pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m.



### Rotary donation

The Oregon Rotary Foundation presented \$6,000 to Oregon Elementary School on Dec. 21. The funds have been donated to assist in enhancing the existing libraries in each classroom. Classroom libraries provide continual access to books and promote literacy. The Oregon Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that supports the efforts of achieving world understanding and peace through humanitarian and educational programs. Anyone interested in joining this great organization, Oregon Rotary Club please contact : Julie Mann@jmann@ksbhospital.com

  
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 The Family of Warren Ippen would like to thank you for your love, kindness and support during dad's battle with cancer. We greatly appreciate each memorial donation, card, prayer, act of kindness and expression of sympathy. Although dad's battle was short, it was hard fought. Dad couldn't have gotten through each day without the love and support shown to him. Many happy memories were created during dad's 83 years that include farming, racing, traveling, selling roses, and spending time with family and friends. He will not be forgotten and will be greatly missed.  
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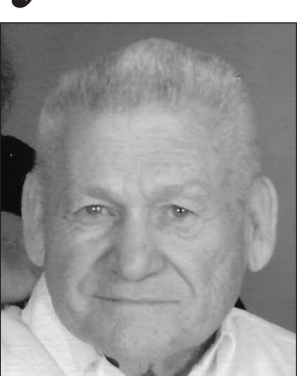
# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### LeRoy G. Comins

LeRoy G. Comins, 84, passed away on Jan. 10, 2022 surrounded by family. LeRoy was born on Aug. 21, 1937 to Lillian and Guy Comins in Wautoma, Wis. He proudly served in the U. S. Navy from 1955 to 1958. LeRoy worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 33 years, starting his career as a letter carrier in South Beloit Illinois and retiring as Postmaster of Sterling.

LeRoy dearly loved his family and visits from his children and grandchildren. He treasured family vacations with his wife, Sue, and children and grandchildren. He enjoyed and was known for his wonderful cooking! LeRoy was an avid golfer. After his retirement, he spent many years volunteering at the Mt. Morris Moose Club.



LeRoy is survived by his wife, Susan; son, Roger (Riley) Comins, Oregon; daughter Tara (Jim) Miller, Prophetstown; daughter Lori Comins, Beloit, Wis.; grandchildren, Joseph Harriett, Owen and Ella Miller, Bishop and Kairi Comins; sister Jenny Garber, Beloit, Wis.; sister Mary Hager, Blue Diamond, Nev., brother-in-law Thomas (Monica) Lynch and numerous nieces and nephews. He is pre-deceased by

his parents Guy (Kay) Comins and Lillian (Reuben) Bennett, sisters, Myrna Welsh, Carol Penewell, and Darlene Ward.

The family would like to thank Dr. Harvey Einhorn and the staff at Swedish American Cancer Center, Father George and their St. Bride's church family, and Heartland Hospice.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Bride's Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

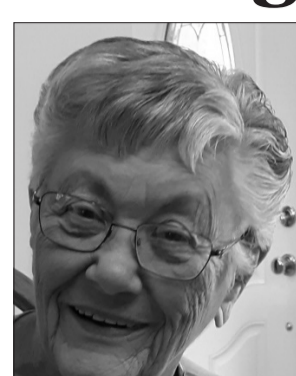
Visitation will be held at Finch Funeral Home, 405 E Hitt St., Mt. Morris, on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 from 2-4 p.m.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at the Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Dr., Mt. Morris, IL 61054, on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 1 p.m.

### Phyllis A. Hagemann

BYRON – Phyllis A. Hagemann, age 87, passed away at OSF Saint Anthony in Rockford on Jan. 5, 2022. She was born in Mt. Morris on Jan. 9, 1934 the daughter of Marlin and Ruby (Angle) Carr.

She married Jimmy Hagemann on July 9, 1954. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1981. Phyllis worked for the USDA Farm Service Agency for many years until her retirement. She was a member of the United Church of Byron, co-founder of a family powersports business, and a life member of the Forest City Riders M.C., Phyllis had a love for traveling, genealogy and a developed interest in the regional farming community. In her



spare time, she enjoyed sewing, crafting, and gardening. However, the most important thing in her life was her family.

She is survived and missed by her children, Janet (Marc) Burwell of Boulder City, Nev., Gary (Valerie) Hagemann of Byron, Douglas (Terry) Hagemann of Harriman, Tenn., Kayla Cunningham of Fenton, Mo., and Dean Hagemann of Byron; loving companion

of 37 years, James Zuidema; grandchildren, Garon Burwell, Alyssa (Nathan) Lasoff, Danielle (Sean) Lynch, Ariel (Lyle) Pratt, Jason Crabtree, Justin (Tina) Hagemann, and Kysa (David) Boll; and great grandchildren, Wesley, Vivian, Fabian, Johanna, Annabelle, Gideon, and Tamzyn.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy and son-in-law, Jeff Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations directed to the United Church of Byron in Phyllis' name. A memorial service to remember her well lived life held at a future date. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Leon Grooms

OREGON – Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather, Leon Grooms, 84, of Oregon, died on Wednesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, just days after the passing of his beautiful wife, Joan. He was born on Sept. 3, 1937, in Marshfield, Mo., the son of Burley and Ida Grooms.

He married Joan Mora on Oct. 25, 1963, in Montgomery County, Ill. Together they lived in Oregon for nearly 60 years. Their greatest joy came from outdoor planting, gardening, golf carting, 4-wheeling and spending time with their little dogs. Leon had been enjoying retirement from Construction and the Byron Nuclear Plant for over 20 years.

He is survived by his



daughter Cheryl Bennett of Belvidere, sons Tony (Julie) Mora of Rockford and Frank Mora of Henderson, Nev.; brother Roy (Gladys) Grooms of Sterling and sister Irene Hogen of Mountain Home, Ark.; grandchildren, Andrew (Catrina) Bennett, Megan (Tyler) Axtell, Audrey (Alex) Young, and Blake (Paul) Lentini; great

grandchildren, Matthew, Wyatt, Wylie Faye, Anthony, Benjamin, Amelia, and Charlotte Rose and many, many nieces and nephews.

Leon is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donnie, sisters, Seal, May, Loretta, and Cathy.

Our family would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Deb Johnson and Bob Hansen who gave so much of their time and love for so many years to the caring of their Uncle Leon and Aunt Joan. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. There is no visitation. Special thanks to Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon for their amazing care and compassion.

### Alice F. White

OREGON – Alice F. White, 83, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dixon on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. She was born in Lone Rock, Wis., on Jan. 15, 1938 the daughter of Al and Hazel McGuire.

She married Darrel White on June 15, 1957. Alice worked for the Byron Forrest Preserve and OCEC. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rochelle. In her spare time; Alice enjoyed reading, playing pool, and going on walks. She also loved doing jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Darrel of Oregon; chil-

dren, Cindy (Greg) Vant of Leaf River and Dan (Sherrie) White of Owatonna, Minn.; grandchildren, Amy White of Oregon, Ashley (Justin) Szymczak of Neenah, Wis., Bethany Steuerwald of Mt. Morris, Michala White of Frisco, Texas, and Christy (Joshua) Bunger of Rochelle; step grandchildren, Stephanie (Brandi) Gilbertson of Mariana, Fla., Trevor (Julia) Vant of Jacksonville, Ill., Megan Finch of Jacksonville, Ill., and Ryan Vant of Jacksonville, Ill.; step great grandchildren, Ashley, Jack, Wyatt, Lilly, Ki-

era, Odin, Avery, and Dahlia; and 6 siblings.

She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Nancy and 2 siblings.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at First Baptist church, 810 Woolf Ct, Rochelle, IL 61068 with Pastor Douglas Cowan officiating. Visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Memorial donations in Alice's name may be made to the First Baptist Church. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Penny Sue Mon

Penny Sue Mon, 56, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 at KSB hospital unexpectedly. Penny was born April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1965 in Freeport, to Clara Knopp (Ketchem) and Roger Meyer Sr.

She attended Leaf River schools and received her G.E.D and later attended Sauk Valley Community College. Penny married her life-long love Gary Mon in their home in Polo. Penny worked at Shopko in Dixon until they closed, and she went into an early retirement.

Penny is survived by daughter, Brandy (Chad) Meyer of Milledgeville; five siblings, Pam (Lance) Painter of Bricelyn Minn., Roger (Glenda) Meyer of Mt Morris, Scott Mon of Perry Okla., Dawn (Val) Stephenson of Perry, Okla., and Melissa (Michael) Cooper of Perry, Okla. One



grandson, Noah Oldham along with several cousins, nieces and nephews and some great nieces and nephews.

Penny is preceded in death by her husband Gary Mon, mother Clara Knopp and father Roger Meyer Sr.

While in retirement, Penny enjoyed time listening to Elvis Presley and any other 80's rock music she could. She also spent most of her life collecting anything cow related. Penny had a found love for baking. Any birthday

or celebration, Penny had a cake pan for. She also enjoyed casual baking and cooking, usually enough to feed an army. She would disperse everything out evenly amongst anyone that walked through her doors. There was not ever a stranger to Penny. She loved everyone she met unconditionally. Her house was always full of love, laughter, and full bellies. Many of the family has taken their "turn" living in Penny's house when they needed it. There was not a thing she wouldn't do for anyone in need.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donation to the memorial fund. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Polo Faith Discovery Church, Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Condolences may be sent to [btfh@aeroinc.net](mailto:btfh@aeroinc.net)

### Wava I. Nickerson

Wava I. (Noffsinger) Nickerson, 91, died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 in her home surrounded and held by her husband and children in Morning View, Ky. Wava was born in Mount Morris, the daughter of Earl and Peryl (Oxley) Noffsinger.

She was married John Nickerson Jr. for 69 years and raised four children. Wava and John have 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; she was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved cooking and baking and her delicious signature dishes were famous in family celebrations. She enjoyed volunteering in Meals on Wheels and



helping others in need. She was adventurous and enjoyed the outdoors.

Wava is survived by her husband, John Nickerson of Morning View; daughters Kathy (Marty) Monaghan of Mt. Vernon, Ky., and Kelly (Wade) Ward of Morning View, Ky.; sons John (Teresa) Nickerson of Blairsville, Ga., and Gene Nickerson of La

Crosse, Wis.; sister Dorothy (Noffsinger) Grover of Ashton.

Wava was predeceased by her parents Ear and Peryl; brothers Charles, Earl and Frank; and sister Viola.

Wava was a graduate of Oregon High School, where she was very active in band, chorus and athletics.

Wava retired from Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Fla., where she held the position of chief inspector for numerous programs. Wava was a kind woman and loved by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association. (<http://act.alz.org/donate>)

### Serenity offers free grief support group

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, 8-week Grief Support group open to the public starting Wednesday, Jan. 19.

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

a supportive community and providing helpful resources.

The program will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, and the time will be determined based on when participants are available. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Rock River Center schedules upcoming programs

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

**Unclaimed property event, Jan. 19**  
Bonnie Jefferson, Ogle County Marketing Representative from the Illinois State Treasurer Office will be at Rock River Center on Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon to connect Illinois residents with their unclaimed property. Bonnie will meet with people on a first come, first served basis.

Unclaimed property is money or assets that have been separated from their owner for at least five years. Businesses and banks are required by law to turn over the unclaimed accounts to the state so they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Often the owner doesn't know the property exists. Examples include:

- Inactive savings and checking accounts

- Unpaid wages or commissions

- Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds

Money orders and bill overpayments  
Paid-up life insurance policies  
Safe deposit box contents  
Please also note not only individuals but companies, hospitals, not for profit organizations, etc. may also have monies. Bonnie will have a computer and be able to see if attendees have any unclaimed funds. If they do indeed have money (1 out of 7 people do), she will help them complete the paper work.

There is a website that is open to the public [icash.illinois.gov](http://icash.illinois.gov) however many are not aware of this. If you think you may have some unclaimed assets or property, stop in and see Bonnie. No appointment is necessary.

**Mouse Basics – Thursday, Jan. 20**  
10-11:30 a.m.

The class provides the basics functions of using a mouse. Learn the common functions and the importance of your cursor. You will also learn the difference between left- and right-clicks, single- and double-clicks. All classes are free to attend and open to the public. Space is limited, so call early to register.

Anyone interested should call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

**Trivia comes to RRC**  
Oregon Public Library will be hosting

Trivia on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center. Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more.

**Free Team Registration**  
Each Team consists of up to (4) people.

Teams may register in person at the Oregon Public Library, or by calling 815-732-2724. Questions? Call 815-732-2724.

Register teams by Feb/1 for February 3 games. Additional trivia dates include February 17, and March 17. We all look forward to registering your team(s) and seeing you at the Trivia Kickoff.

**AARP Income Tax Assistance Available at Rock River Center**

Every Wednesday beginning Feb. 2-April 6

AARP will again provide trained tax aides to prepare tax returns at Rock River Center for individuals with low to modest incomes. If you have a business, farm, partnership, or rental property or need to file a return for another state, these representatives will not be able to complete your return. It is not necessary to be a member of AARP or of a particular age to participate in this free program.

To insure that you will be ready for your appointment, stop by Rock River Center in advance and pick up the

pre-registration forms and arrive on time the day of your appointment. In an effort to keep on schedule and not have to wait past your scheduled time for assistance, you must arrive half an hour before your scheduled appointment time with all pre-registration forms completed. If these forms are not ready, you will have to reschedule for another day.

Taxpayers are reminded to bring:  
A copy of last years' returns (for each of the above)

At least one picture ID for themselves and each dependent (such as a driver's license, passport, etc.)




Social Security cards for the entire household

Income statements  
Any other official documentation for household members that apply to the year of 2021.

Masks Are Required.  
Reservations are now being taken for one-hour appointments beginning at 9:30 a.m., with the last being at 1:30 p.m.


You must have an appointment to see a preparer so call 732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479. Rock River Center is located at 810 S 10th Street in Oregon. Schedule your appointment while they last. Again, please remember to be on time, have the completed registration form, and the correct documentation to help the preparers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Police report

**Dec. 6**  
At 9:07 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 900 block of Madison Street resulting in the arrest of Alyssa N. Ghibellini, 28, Oregon, for domestic battery. Ghibellini was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Dec. 9**  
At 4:47 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Diane L. Harrod, 3, Byron, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for driving while revoked. Harrod was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:23 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael R. Guzman, 36, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Guzman was also issued citations for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Guzman was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred near the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Gale Streets.

**Dec. 10**  
At 3:47 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Devon J. Canada, 27, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for aggravated domestic battery. Canada was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Dec. 11**  
At 9:37 p.m., Oregon Police issued James V. Despain, 55, Dixon, a citation

for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

3 parking tickets and 11 verbal warnings issued during the week of 12/06/2021 through 12/12/2021.

**Dec. 13**  
At 11:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lynette M. Chmelik, age 58, of Aurora, IL, a traffic citation for improper lane usage. This violation occurred in the 500 block of W. Washington Street.

**Dec. 15**  
At 8:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lucas A. Sorensen, 20, of Coralville, IA, a traffic citation for speeding, 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Dec. 17,**  
At 7:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kevin A. Kost, 27, of Batavia, IL, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Dec. 18**  
At 1:04 a.m., Oregon Police issued Luis A. Xique, age 17, Dixon, citations for no valid driver's license, fleeing to elude police, disobeying a traffic con-

trol device, and unlawful concealment of registration. Two male juveniles of Dixon, both age 17; and one male juvenile, age 15, of Dixon, were taken into limited custody for violating the curfew ordinance and subsequently released into a parent or guardian's custody. These violations occurred beginning at 10<sup>th</sup> and Adams Streets.

**Dec. 19**  
At 10:18 a.m., Oregon Police issued Debra A. Jordal, 63, Chana, a citation for speeding, 60 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 8:45 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 500 block of S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street resulting in the arrest of Jerry E. Williamson, 51, Oregon, for domestic battery. Williamson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

2 parking tickets and 4 verbal warnings issued during the week of 12/13/2021 through 12/19/2021.

**Dec. 20**  
At 7:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Marcello Castillo, 30, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 1100 block of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Dec. 23**  
At 11:49 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 500 block of S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street resulting in the arrest of Julian R. Moorehead, 22, DeKalb, for disorderly conduct and criminal trespass to a vehicle. Moorehead was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Dec. 24**  
At 9:10 p.m., Oregon Police issued Vicki L. Williamson, 60, of Sycamore, citations for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 400 block of E. Washington Street.

**Dec. 25**  
At 9:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jayden T. Berry, 19, Rockford, on an outstanding Winnebago County warrant on an assault charge. Berry was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Dec. 26**  
At 7:22 p.m., Oregon Police issued Gregory L. Brown, Jr., 40, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 48mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

1 parking ticket and 5 verbal warnings issued during the week of 12/20/2021 through 12/26/2021.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., Jan. 17

Ink With A Friend, 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Public Library. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required 815-732-2724 or <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>.

### Tues., Jan. 18

Center for Retirement Living, 1-2 p.m. at the Byron Public Library. Arnie Ames will be

presenting programs offered by Rock Valley College's Center for Retirement Living (CLR). CLR offers programs in several different categories. CLR also offers day and multiple-day trips and social events. Come and see what is available for the 50+ crowd at CLR. Register by going online to [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Weds., Jan. 19

Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, 8-week Grief Support group open to the public starting today. The program will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Or-

egon, and the time will be determined based on when participants are available. Register by calling Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

### Thurs., Jan. 20

Evening Support Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, in Oregon. This group is open to all adult Bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon. A mask is required. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

### Fri., Jan. 21

Diamond Art will meet from

9-11 a.m. at the Serenity Shed 131 N 3rd St in Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on Jan 20th to register. A mask is required, please bring your own supplies.

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

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@ogle-countylife.com](mailto:bjennings@ogle-countylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) is published. Originally begun in 1857, it was estimated the project would take 10 years to finish. In fact, it took over 40 years. The OED covers all vocabulary from the Anglo-Saxon period (1150 A.D.) to the present.

\* On Feb. 2, 1913, New York City's Grand Central Terminal opens for the first time. The terminal, with a towering white marble facade, took 10 years to construct and more than \$4 billion in today's money. It needed a \$100 million restoration starting in 1980.

\* On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt announces a plan to expand the Supreme Court to as many as 15 judges. Critics immediately charged that Roosevelt was trying to "pack" the court and thus neutralize Supreme Court justices. The Senate struck down the bill by a vote of 70 to 22.

\* On Feb. 3, 1959, rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their plane crashes in Iowa. Singer Don McLean memorialized the musicians in the 1972 hit "American Pie," which refers to "the day the music died."

\* On Feb. 6, 1985, in his State of the Union address, President Ronald Reagan defines some of the key concepts of his foreign policy of supporting freedom fighters around the globe. These included covertly supporting the Contras in their attacks on the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

\* On Jan. 31, 1990, the Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast-food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people lined up to pay the equivalent of several days' wages for Big Macs, shakes and french fries.

\* On Feb. 4, 2004, a Harvard sophomore named Mark Zuckerberg launches The Facebook, a social media website he had built in order to connect Harvard students with one another. The previous year, he had created FaceMash, a website where students could vote on which of two randomly selected Harvard women was more attractive, quickly running afoul of both the administration and several women's groups.

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## No kids doesn't mean you're selfish

As you may have noticed, many people are choosing to not have children these days. One person who certainly noticed is Pope Francis.

The Pope recently said that people who choose to have pets instead of children are selfish.

"And this denial of fatherhood or motherhood diminishes us, it takes away our humanity," he said.

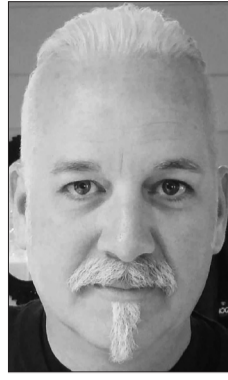
Now, I am not here to argue with the Pope or any religious figure. Religion is a deeply personal thing for people. Many have strong beliefs in one religion or another – or no religious feelings at all – and I respect that.

So, you won't see me bagging on anyone's religion here.

But the Pope is simply wrong here. I understand his point of view, of course. Religions rely on there being people to not only worship, but to tithe. That money helps with church missions and outreach, and it also keeps the doors open.

That is not a knock, just the truth. Religious institutions are run on money – if you ask me some of the mega-church

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types rely too much on money and flaunt it too freely.

But I digress. There have been numerous studies on lower fertility rates in this country from many sources, including the Pew Research Center (which I will quote here). It's clear that birth rates were down before the pandemic and continue to go down.

A lot of people are choosing to not have any children at all. And those that do are having fewer children. A recent Pew study found that 44 percent of people ages 18-49 who don't have kids say they are not likely to in the future.

And 74 percent of

adults under that age of 50 who are already parents don't plan to have more.

The reality is that not everyone wants to have children. I had two with my ex-wife, but my wife now, who is younger than me, has never wanted children.

But we do have pets, and that is something that apparently has the Pope concerned.

I want to be clear on something – I do not in any way shape or form believe that choosing to not have children diminishes us or takes away our humanity. In fact, I think it is ridiculous to say so.

In 2022, you can't expect people to believe we are simply here to breed. We are all individual humans with dreams and desires and goals. They don't always include having children. I know a lot of people who don't even like children. That has always been the case.

Many people, of course, choose to have children. Some have one, some have six. That is a choice they make, and I say more power to them.

But people who choose to have children and in no way better or more

human than those who choose not to.

And pets? Well, pet ownership is very high these days, and pets are no longer things that are chained up in the backyard and given table scraps.

Pets are truly members of the family to be loved and cherished. I personally think that rescuing animals enhances our humanity rather than diminishes it.

I love my children. I am sure everyone reading this who has children loves their children. But I certainly don't think I am better than a person who chose not to have children. Not at all. It would be foolish to believe that.

In 2022, it doesn't seem strange to me that a lot of people don't want to bring a child into the world. Anger, divisiveness, changing climate – it is not the greatest environment to bring a child into.

So please, make the decision that is best for you. But we all have our humanity, children nor not.

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

## Board must nullify its vote to close DLR

**Dear Editor,**  
To School Board Members and Residents of Oregon Consolidated Unit School District 220 (OCUSD):

At the June 2021 OCUSD Board meeting, when the motion was made to delay the David L Rahn Junior High (DLR) closure vote for a detailed public Citizens Committee study, several board members asked why, which I paraphrase "... the numbers aren't going to change, we know all we need to know." Maybe an understandable response based on their information in hand, but proven flawed over time.

The Citizens extensively investigated the superintendents "Pillars" of rationale, the reasons presented in his request for a DLR closure. During the process the Citizens offered frequent communication with the superintendent and board members. They had in depth information about the latest tax rates, and deeper historical calculations of district finances. Citizen members toured the DLR building with an independent architect, and Citizens also researched questions of how the Junior & Senior High 'Student Experience' would be impacted.

The Citizens Advisory Committee findings were presented in August and further information has been forwarded to the board and offered at board meetings. The Advisory Committee concluded the presented rationale for DLR closure was deeply flawed, and had evaporated.

The OCUSD operation is financially strong and getting stronger. OCUSD scored a perfect

4 out of 4 on the top 3 financial ratios on the year-end audit (6/30/2021). The OCUSD Board is meeting their financial reserve obligations (a primary stated reason to close DLR) and they will continue growing reserves, not depleting them for the foreseeable future.

The only financial ratio that wasn't perfect was the OCUSD debt limit, primarily due to the OCUSD board bonding over \$11 Million in Life Safety repairs for Oregon Campus buildings in February of 2021. OCUSD did not stop at what was urgent and required, but spent for every single identified repair! A more prudent plan could have done the urgent and required work on the Oregon Campus and DLR for much less, reducing the tax increase necessary to pay the bond.

Yes, there are needed repairs to DLR, a few immediate, more over the next ten years and beyond. Quite normal for any building, no more of a burden than other district buildings through the years. DLR is 20-30 years younger than the part of OHS suggested for the DLR student relocation.

The DLR building is an asset that would cost \$25 million to \$30 million or more to replace. If DLR is closed the OCUSD debt limit will make it virtually impossible to re-open or replace. A closure of DLR would be irreversible; combining Junior & Senior High students in OHS would be permanent. Student experience will likely deteriorate with no foreseeable options. OCUSD bond debt structure puts

principle payments out into the 2030's. The OCUSD debt ratio isn't improving anytime soon.

In August the superintendent dismissed the latest County Assessor's tax revenue information, revealed by the Advisory Committee, as projections from which you can't budget, and reiterated his position to close DLR. After the August board closure vote, during the levy discussion at the November meeting, however, the superintendent, highlighted more optimistic revenue calculations while saying the Ogle County Assessor "... had been quite accurate lately."

At the September board meeting the board showed confidence in the financial stability of OCUSD and voted unanimously to pass a budget over \$1,000,000 higher than the previous year (3 to 5 times higher than any projected annual savings from a DLR closure).

At the November 15th board meeting, while addressing student experience and reconfiguring OHS to accommodate DLR students, the superintendent was asked if combining DLR into OHS would be done for student experience if there wasn't a financial reason. The Superintendent replied "No!"

The Illinois State General Assembly passed 'Public Act 102-0204' effective, July 31, 2021, prior to the OCUSD board August 16, 2021 DLR closure vote. The wording of the act is clear in the required actions to be taken prior to deciding to close a school building "... the school board must hold at least 3 public hearings, the sole purpose of

which shall be to discuss the decision to close a school building and to receive input from the community." It includes specific stipulations of how meetings are to be scheduled and communicated. It appears quite clear, there hasn't been a legal vote regarding a DLR closure.

With new information that has become available since the closure recommendation: subsequent fact finding, a positive state audit, favorable Ogle County tax revenue information, board budget actions, citizens reporting, public input, the superintendent's comments, and the fear of losing Byron Nuclear tax revenue is no longer an impending problem, the 'Pillars' are not standing, there is no case made to close DLR.

There were things the board didn't know, tax revenue numbers that have significantly improved, a state score card that shows objectives are on track, growing reserves, and thankfully a law that was enacted directing school boards to 'discuss the decision to close a school building and to receive input from the community' before voting. The OCUSD board must nullify its August DLR closure vote, which isn't valid.

OCUSD needs to focus on making our schools great and improving education for all students; it's unconscionable to imagine why the OCUSD board would consider combining DLR/OHS for no reason.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Bold, Encore!  
Mt. Morris, Chair, Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp.**



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In addition, some employers may match contributions up to a certain percentage. Companies also may offer Roth 401(k) plans, which differ from traditional plans in regard to when you pay taxes. With Roth plans, you pay taxes up front. When the money is eventually withdrawn, those withdrawals are tax-free. • IRAs: Individual retirement accounts are similar to 401(k) plans in that they're tax-deferred. However, they generally offer greater freedom in investment choices. Roth IRAs, like the Roth 401(k) plans, must be paid with af-

ter-tax dollars. But the advantages are higher contribution amounts, withdrawals that are tax-free and no mandatory withdrawals when a person reaches a certain age. • Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA): Canadian investors can explore TFSA's. These are accounts that do not tax any contributions, interest earned, dividends, or capital gains, and can be withdrawn tax-free. It is available to individuals ages 18 and older in Canada and can be used for any purpose. • College savings accounts: Investing in a 529 plan can be wise for parents. While

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Drafting a last will and testament is an essential component of estate planning. Despite the importance of having a will, a recent survey from AARP found that two out of five Americans over the age of 45 do not have one. Putting wishes down on paper helps avoid unnecessary work and sometimes heartache upon the death of a loved one. Wills allow heirs to act with the decedent's wishes in mind, and can ensure that assets and possessions will end up

in the right hands. Estate planning can be tricky, which is why many people turn to attorneys to get the job done right. Attorneys who specialize in estate planning will no doubt discuss the following topics with their clients. • Assets owned: Make a list of known assets and figure out which assets are covered by the will and which will have to be passed on according to other estate laws, such as through joint tenancy on a deed or a living trust. For example, life insurance policies or retirement plan proceeds



will be distributed to your named beneficiaries. A will also can cover other assets, such as photographs, clothing, cars, and jewelry. • Guardianship: Parents' wills should include

a declaration of who they want to become guardians their underage children or dependents. • Pets: Some people prefer to use their will to also dictate guardianship for their pets and to leave money or property to help care for those pets. However, pets do not have the legal capacity to own property, so one shouldn't gift money directly to pets in a will. • Funeral instructions: Settling probate will not happen until after the funeral. Therefore, funeral wishes in a will often go unnoticed, states the legal advisement resource Find Law. • Executor: An executor is a trusted person who will carry out the terms of the will. This person should be willing to serve and be capable of executing the will. People who die without a valid will become intestate. This means the estate will be settled based on the laws of where that person lived, and a court-appointed administrator will serve in the capacity to transfer property. This administrator will be bound by laws and may make decisions that go against the decedent's wishes. To avoid this outcome, a will and other estate planning documents are crucial.

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## Some simple ways to keep a realistic budget

Successful financial plans often begin with the creation of a budget.

A budget is an estimate of income and expenses in a given period of time. Budgets help with long-term goals like paying off a mortgage or sending a child to college as well as short-term goals like financing a dream vacation.

Not all budgets are alike, and when people hear the word "budget," they may get apprehensive. Budgeting may require making some concessions in regard to spending habits, but it doesn't have to put a complete damper on plans. In fact, with a budget in hand, people may be more free to spend because they will have a stronger grasp of their financial situation.

Making a realistic budget does not have to be a chore. Here is how to get started.

• List the necessities. Begin by calculating the costs associated with fixed needs, including rent/mortgage, utilities, food, and any other bills you have

to pay each month.

• Add existing debt. Debt includes any routine payments being made to credit card companies, student loan lenders, car payments, or unpaid medical bills.

• Conduct a spending analysis over several months. Budgets are easier with fixed numbers, but unforeseen variables can affect spending every month. These can include the extras for clothing, entertainment and much more. Average the cost of these expenses throughout your analysis period so you can get some idea of how much to allocate for them.

• Use software or apps to help. There are plenty of resources available to help people calculate their budgets and get a picture of their financial habits. Resources such as Mint, YNAB (You Need a Budget) and various accounting programs can produce spreadsheets, pie charts and bar graphs as you work to create a budget.

• Start trimming gradually. Quitting a certain lifestyle cold



turkey can be jarring. Gradually cut back on your spending if your analysis suggests that's the way to go.

• Automate saving. Imme-

diately removing a set amount from your paychecks by having it directly deposited into a separate account can remove the temptation of spending

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## Recreation fun

The Oregon Park District is excited to offer Recreation Thursdays for our friends at the Village of Progress. Each Thursday the village joins us for stretching, recreation and dancing! The village has played basketball, pickleball, relay races, kickball and volleyball. As we move into January the village will begin completing in their own version of the OPD Olympics. Santa surprised the village at our Thursday recreation day and joined to play basketball, run relays, dance and even brought gifts.

## Mt. Morris Police report

**Dec. 11**  
The Mt. Morris Police Department arrested 37-year-old Nicholas Davis of Mt. Morris for Domestic Battery and Unlawful Use of Weapons. Davis was lodged at the Ogle County Jail, pending judicial review.

**Dec. 17**  
The Mt. Morris Police Department cited Barbara Kittoe, 77 of Polo, for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device.

**Dec. 25**  
The Mt. Morris Police Department cited Bryant N. Rasmussen, 18 of Ashton, for Improper Passing, No Insurance, and Expired Registration. Rasmussen has a January 12, 2022 Court Date.

The Mt. Morris Police Department cited 26-year-old Brennin R. Ziegler for Speeding, No Insurance, and Expired Registration. Ziegler has a January 12, 2022 Court Date.

## Polo Police report

**Dec. 20**  
TIME: 10:10 a.m.  
REPORT: Juan J. Lopez, 18, Sterling, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Lopez was released on an I-Bond.

**Dec. 26**  
TIME: 6:09 p.m.  
REPORT: Ricky J. Rippy, 23, Polo, was cited for Driving While License Suspended. Rippy was released on an I-Bond.

**Dec. 29**  
TIME: 3:42 p.m.  
REPORT: Antwon M. Woodson, 29, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Woodson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**Jan. 4**  
TIME: 5:21 p.m.  
REPORT: Kenneth P. Green, 37, Polo, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Driver's License. Green was released on an I-Bond.

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## Oregon bowler Wight has record-setting performance

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team rolled to a 2737-2332 Northern Illinois Bowling Conference victory over Dakota at 4 Seasons Lanes, Freeport on Jan. 11, raising their record to 8-4 on the season.

The story of the night was the record setting performance by Oregon's Ava Wight who rolled a 729 series (267,269,193). This is the highest recorded girls match score in school history. Wight was followed by Trinity Hultquist 449 series, Mackenzie Alford 437 series, Kendra Ehrler 433 series, Paige Beauchem 414 series and Kylie Krug 275 series. By sweeping all 5 conference standings points, Oregon keeps its conference championship hopes alive going into its final conference contest of the season against Lutheran on Jan 13th.

The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team raised their season record to 15-3 with a 3127-2957 victory over Dakota at 4 Seasons Lanes, Freeport Jan. 11.

With the victory Oregon won the NIBC Conference Championship. The Hawks

were led by Styler Klapp with a 607 series (203,200,204). Klapp was followed by Isaac Kaltenbrun 578 series, Brandon Rowe 525 series, Brady Davis 514 series, Gavvin Surmo 463 series and Codey Dunbar 440 series.

The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team raised their season record to 14-3 with a 2975-1770 victory over Hall at Ladd Lanes on Jan. 10.

The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 562 series (180,204,178). Kaltenbrun was followed by Roberto Hernandez 556 series, Brandon Rowe 519 series, Brady Davis 468 series, Gavvin Surmo 414 series, Bryan Immel 322 series (2 games) and Styler Klapp 134 series.

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team rolled to a 2588-1370 victory over Hall at Ladd Lanes today raising their record to 7-4 on the season. The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 626 series (179,221,226). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford 473 series, Kendra Ehrler 412 series, Trinity Hultquist 406 series, Paige Beauchem 351 series and

Kylie Krug 320 series.

The Oregon Hawk bowling teams competed in the Belvidere Boys and Girls Invite at The Cherry Bowl, Rockford on Jan. 8.

The Lady Hawks continued their strong performance against the bigger schools finishing in 6th place in the 14-team field. Oregon was led by Ava Wight with an 1190 series (216,192,182,190,208,202) good enough to finish 9th overall in the tournament. Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford with a 1038 series and 24th place finish which included a 209 game. Also bowling 6 games were Kendra Ehrler with a 968 series and Paige Beauchem with a 921 series. Trinity Hultquist bowled 5 games recording a 671 series and Kylie Krug started one game before an injury sidelined her.

The Oregon boys finished the day in 12th place overall in the 16-team field. Oregon was led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 1257 series and 14th place finish and was the only bowler to bowl all 6 games.

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## Scores

<b>Boys Varsity Basketball</b>	Jan. 8
Jan. 8	Stillman Valley 76, Indian Creek 32
Stillman Valley 49, Indian Creek 35	Jan. 6
Jan. 7	Stillman Valley 51, Oregon 21
Stillman Valley 56, Rockford Christian 78	Jan. 11
Jan. 7	S. Valley 56, Rockford Christian 40
<b>Girls Varsity Basketball</b>	Oregon 34, Rockford Lutheran 57

## BOWLER: Boys continue to win

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Others who bowled included Brandon Rowe 928 series (5 games), Gavvin Surmo 736 series (4 games), Styler Klapp 730 series (4 games), Codey Dunbar 486 series (3 games), Bryan Immel 463 series (3 games), Roberto Hernandez 463 series (3 games) and Brady Davis 377 series (2 games).  
The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team lost a close match 3294-3195 to St. Bede Jan. 6 at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris, dropping to 13-3 on the season.  
Oregon lost the 1st game by 10 pins, the 2nd game by 55 pins and the 3rd game by 34 pins. The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 645 series (233,188,224). Kaltenbrun

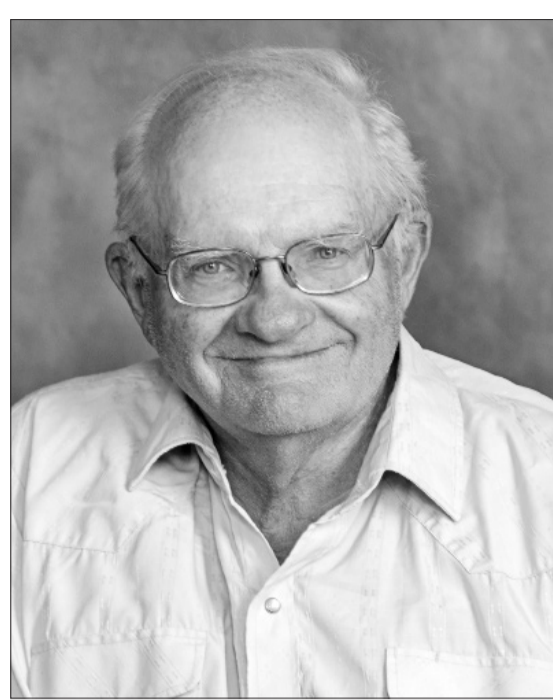
was followed by Brandon Rowe 529 series, Brady Davis 527 series, Gavvin Surmo 521 series, Roberto Hernandez 496 series and Styler Klapp 477 series. The JV raised their record to 16-0 and were led by Immanuel Arellano with a 532 series.  
The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team lost a very close match to St Bede 2932-2868, January 6th at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris. Oregon recorded its 2nd highest series of the season, but it was not enough to offset a 279 in the first game for Veronica Martin of St Bede. The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 623 series (206,213,204). Wight was followed by Paige Beauchem 537 series, Mackenzie Alford 469 series, Kendra Ehrler 467 series, Trinity Hultquist 407 series and Kylie Krug 365 series.

## Birthday

### Hagemann to celebrate 80 years

**MOUNT MORRIS**—The family of Karl Hagemann, Jr. would like to honor him with a card shower in celebration of his 80th birthday, Jan. 28.  
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- Craft Kits for Adults:**  
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- Create-a-Card:**  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Julia Hull Library News

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

**A Song & A Story**  
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**Short & Sweets**  
Join Joanna on Zoom Wednesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Ernest Hemingway's short story, "Cross-Country Snow." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org). Paper copies available at the library upon request. Adults.

**Teens: Art Rhythms**  
Let your stress and winter blues drift away by joining Kelly after school in the library for some relaxing doodling to music, and casual conversation with friends. Thursday, January 20 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Tween Scene: DIY Heart Tote**  
Join us at the library on Tuesday,

## Byron Library News

### New Website Address

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

### Curbside Delivery

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

### Center for Retirement Living

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1-2 p.m.

Arnie Ames will be presenting programs offered by Rock Valley College's Center for Retirement Living (CLR). CLR offers programs in several different categories. There are currently 120 different classes planned for Spring, 2022. CLR also offers day and multiple-day trips and social events. Come and see what is available for the 50+ crowd at CLR. Register by going online to [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Healthy Living for

### Your Brain and Body

Thursday, Jan. 20, Noon-1 p.m.

Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This will be the first in a series that the Alzheimer's Association will be presenting for the upcoming year. For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Register online at [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or by calling 815-234-5107.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10

a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us as we host a community COVID-19 vaccination clinic in partnership with the Illinois Department of Health and IEMA. This clinic is open to the public, ages 5 and up, and will offer pediatric first doses, adult second doses and boosters. If you would like to set up an appointment please register online at <https://events.juvar.com/IL-IDPH/ghj7s/> or call the library at 815-234-5107. Any appointments that can be scheduled in advance will help to cut down on wait times during the clinic event since all attendees must be registered in the clinic system to receive their vaccination.

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## 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.

### Community Services

A representative from Rock River Center will be at the library from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, January 26th.

### Library Services

Did you know we offer scanning and faxing services? There is a charge for faxing but scanning is free! If your document can be emailed to the recipient, library staff will scan and email it at no charge.

### Adult Programs

Afternoon Book Club will meet on Monday, January 24th at 1:30 p.m. We're reading and discussing *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy. The following is a description found on Amazon: "Epic and intimate, heart-breaking and galvanizing, Charlotte McConaghy's *Migrations* is an ode to a disappearing world and a breathtaking page-turner about the possibility of hope against all odds." This program is open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in to pick up a copy and join us!

### Genealogy Assistance

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

### Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Are you bored with the same old puzzles you have at home? Bring your gently used puzzles to the library and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Each

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

**Virtual Travelogue**, John Lynn's *America Coast to Coast*, Part 2 February 9th, 6 p.m. This is a live on Zoom program. Register at the Circulation Desk, email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) or call 815-946-2713.

**Yoga at the Library**, Monday, February 14th at 6 p.m. This class is taught by Clementine Studio. Register at the Circulation Desk or call 815-946-2713.

### Children's Programs

Help Ms Melanie kick-off Winter Reading Land (Winter Reading Program). This reading program is for Kindergarten through 5th graders and will run from January 29th-February 26th. Register for the kick-off party and reading program by emailing [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org) or call 815-946-2713. Board game kick-off party has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 29th at 10:30 a.m.

**Virtual Storytime** on Saturday, January 15th at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

In person Storytime on Saturday, January 29th at 10:30 a.m.

### New books expected in February

The Horsewoman by James Paterson  
Find Me by Alafair Burke - Ellie Hatcher series, book 6  
The Final Case by David Guterson  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

### Oregon Public Library Procedures

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### Library Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, January 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle. Books On Tap will discuss both *The Last Mrs. Parrish* and *January's Book: The Library Book* by Susan Orlean on January 27th at 6 p.m. at Cork & Tap. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, February 9 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner.

### Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

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

### Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 am- beginning January 24

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Registration is required, 815-732-2724. Space is limited due to COVID regulations.

### Winter Blues Bundle- January 15th through February 19th

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

### Ink With A Friend- Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

#### Registration Deadline January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Museum of Bad Art Is Back! – January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

#### Tough Times-Having a Bad Day to Dystopian Apocalypse-Virtual Program

Museum Of Bad Art: Tough Times - Having a Bad Day to Dystopian Apocalypse  
Art has always helped get us through difficult times. In this presentation MOBA explore some of the ways artists react to small and large, real and imagined, disasters. The Museum Of Bad Art collects, exhibits, and celebrates art that will be seen in no other venue. Since 1993, they have collected art from thrift stores, yard sales, sidewalk trash, and even the artists who create it. They analyze, compare to classic art, and share with thousands of fans around the world.

This program is offered both in person and through zoom. Registration required, call 815-732-2724 or visit our website [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Registration deadline, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia - Wednesday, January 26th, 7 p.m.

The bestselling and award-winning author of *Mexican Gothic* discusses her newest book, *Velvet Was the Night*, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror. Register for this virtual event on our website.

### Create Your Own Dragon-Wednesday, January 26, 2:30 p.m.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up, Registration Deadline Friday, January 21

Pick out a ceramic dragon (eight different choices), paint your dragon, glaze it and then leave it to be fired. Individuals will be notified when dragon has been completed. Only 8 spots available so register early.

### Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!-February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, call 815-732-2724. Registration deadline February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Puzzle Library

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

### Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is ... Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr. by Jean Marzollo.

### OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. The current story is *All You Need for a Snowman* by Alice Schertle.

### Passport Services

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

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

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

### PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organization. PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords, and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use the links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at [info@pcsforpeople.org](mailto:info@pcsforpeople.org). Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

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## Forreton Library News

### Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic

In partnership with IDPH, the library will be hosting free Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics on Wednesday, January 19th and Wednesday, February 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 12 and up. First shots of Pfizer and boosters of Pfizer, Moderna, and J & J will be available. Walk-ins are welcome. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for more information or to preregister.

### Virtual Health/Wildlife Program

Thursday, January 20, noon

Join us for a virtual program presented by the Alzheimer's Association. The first part of the program examines lifestyle choices and offers hands-on tools that may help keep your body and brain healthy as you age. The second part features Julie Scardina from Mission Wildlife sharing their program and introducing viewers to unique animals such as the pangolin, painted dogs, and much more. Please call the library for more information on how to participate.

### 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. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 2. Curbside pickup is available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### Library Updates

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



# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris Library News

### Holiday Closing

We will be closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### Masks are required

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

### Curbside Service is available!

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

### Storytime

Story time is on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. We will be reading books about mittens and children will be creating a craft afterward! Come and warm up at the Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool children are welcome.

### Adult Book Club

The January book is The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Jan. 24th at 3:30 p.m.

### Display Case Showings

The display cases will be changing! During January, we have a display supplied by local resident, Leah Rui! Stop by to check out all the Sesame Street characters in person. We are always looking for people who are willing to share a collection or artwork in our display cases. If you are interested, please let us know.

### Rock River Center

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

### Adult Programming

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

### Additional Services Offered

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

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
 Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls  
 Children's Ministry Director : Lori Martin  
 Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available  
 Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
 Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.  
 Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.  
 Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 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](mailto:ucb@comcast.net) Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
 Pastor: Tyler Spellious  
 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: [chanaumc@gmail.com](mailto:chanaumc@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, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceisforyou.com](http://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 Raiston  
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
 Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](http://www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/)  
 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](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@goelimchurch.org)  
 Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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: [mimcob@frontier.com](mailto:mimcob@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. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.COM](http://www.EBENEZERREFORMED.COM) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994  
[www.oregonumc.org](http://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](http://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](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto:saintbride.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](http://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](http://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](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

#### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Browns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
 815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://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 Eric Tonjes, [www.kishchurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/VECCofSV)  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva  
 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](mailto: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 Sept - May 9:15 a.m.  
**Other activities include:** Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitches For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

# Stillman BANK

Your Independent, Local Community Bank  
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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

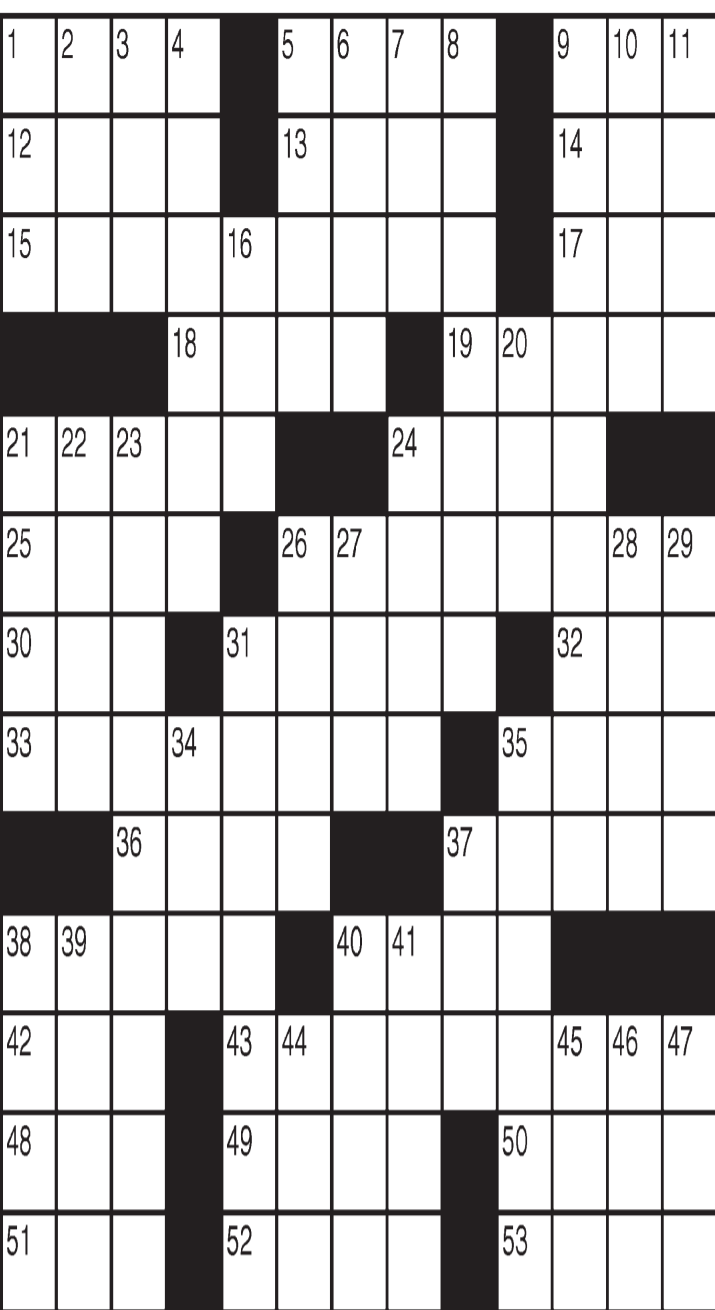


# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Hula swivelers
- 5 Kvetch
- 9 Comedian Margaret
- 12 Inky stain
- 13 Stead
- 14 Bond rating
- 15 Sooner State native
- 17 "The A-Team" actor
- 18 Trails
- 19 Rose parts
- 21 Halloween disguises
- 24 Rating unit
- 25 iPhone downloads
- 26 Skunk relatives
- 30 "— was saying ..."
- 31 Passion
- 32 — tai
- 33 Olympic winner
- 35 Poet of yore
- 36 Dutch cheese
- 37 Arm bones
- 38 Peer in a box
- 40 The Emerald Isle
- 42 Branch
- 43 Intermediary
- 48 "Patience — virtue"
- 49 Thus
- 50 Corn recipe



- 9 TV station
- 28 Skater
- 51 PC linkup
- 52 Calendar employee
- 53 Fill up squares
- 10 Injure
- 29 Faction
- 11 Feed-bag filler
- 31 Fear-stricken
- 16 Possesses
- 34 Big fuss
- 20 Tic- — -toe
- 35 Censors
- 1 "Veep" ainer
- 21 Sir's counter-part
- 37 Internet address
- 22 Church section
- 38 Hoosegow
- 23 Peter Parker's alter ego
- 39 Celestial bear
- 24 Coin aperture
- 44 Roth svgs. plan
- 26 Prudish
- 45 Extinct bird
- 27 Takes too much, in med.
- 46 Picnic crasher
- 8 Groan-inducing humorist
- lingo
- 47 Born

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## MAGIC MAZE

## GRAPHS AND CHARTS

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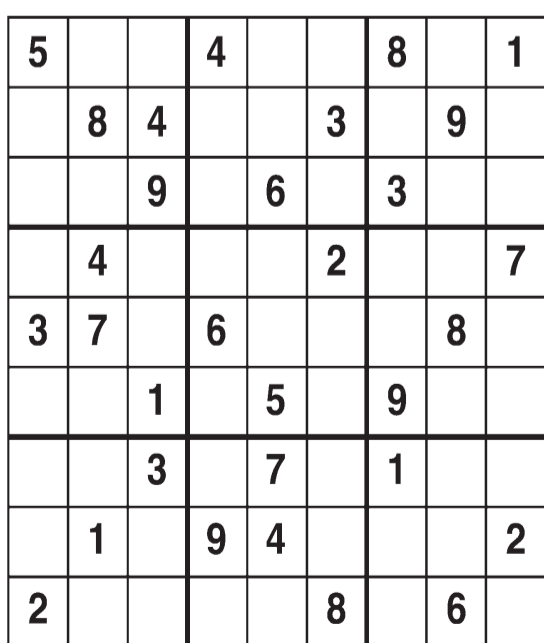
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: A CHART WITH SLICES

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| Data       | Labels    | Plot       | Variables  |
| Flow chart | Legend    | Scale      |            |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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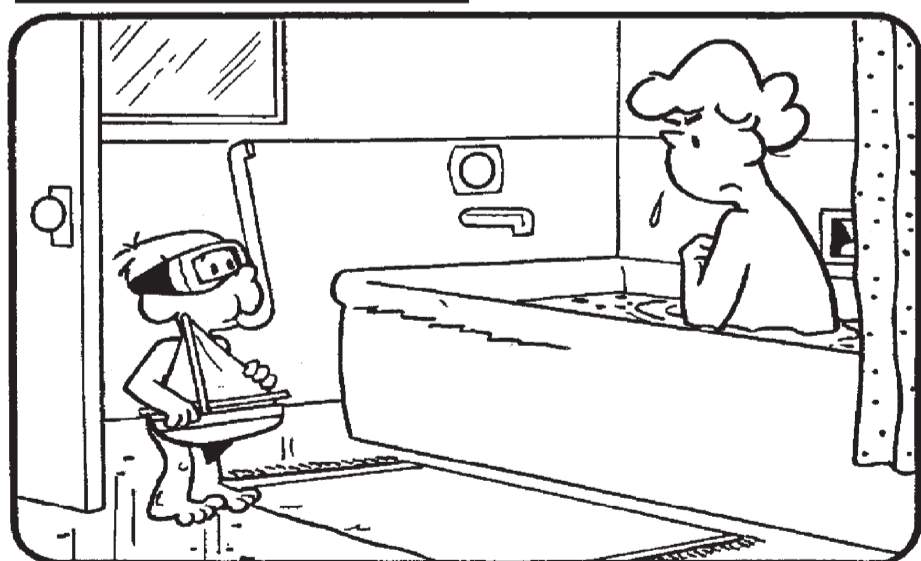
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

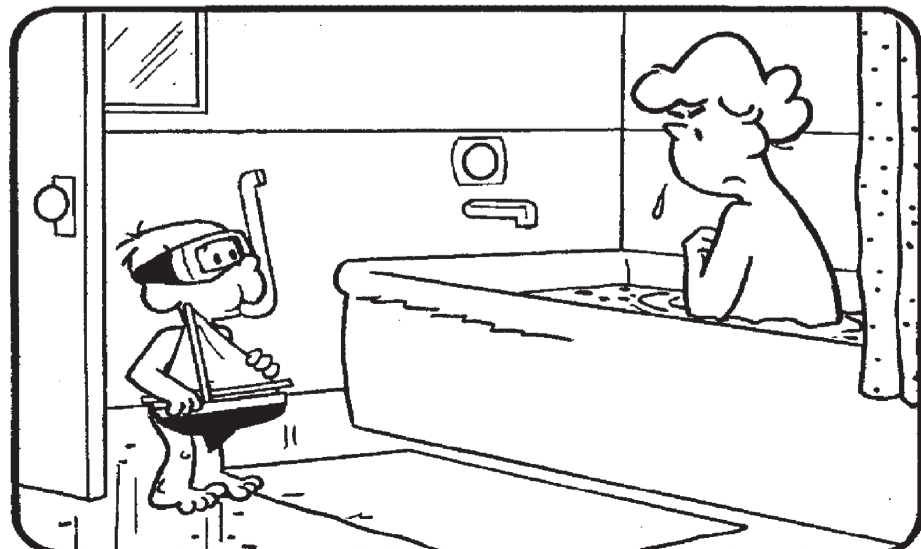
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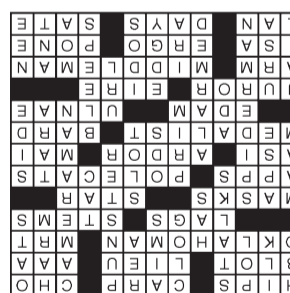
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



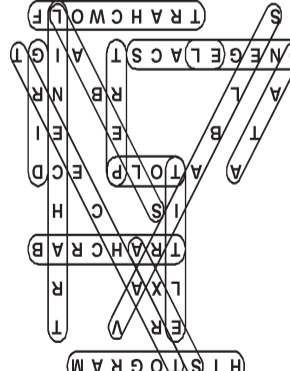
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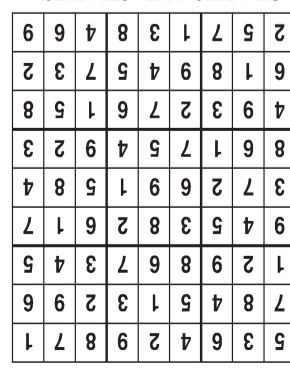
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Answers

King Crossword



Answers



Answers

Weekly SUDOKU



# MARKETPLACE

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

IN THE )  
MATTER )No.  
OF THE )2021  
ESTATE OF: )P  
ERNEST S. )109  
STASI, JR., )  
(deceased. )

## CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of ERNEST S. STASI of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 16, 2021, to DANIELLE JACKSON of Oswego, Illinois, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Eric D. Morrow of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, PO 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 April 3, 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.

DANIELLE JACKSON, Independent Executor  
No. 0102  
(Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2022)

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

IN THE )  
MATTER )No. 2021  
OF THE )P 101  
ESTATE )  
OF )  
STEPHEN )  
P. BERG, )  
(deceased. )

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to

creditors of the death of Stephen P. Berg, of 735 Kari Court, Byron, Illinois 61010. Letters of Office were issued to Malcolm Berg, 7545 Harris Parkway #2405, Ft. Worth, TX 76123, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

By: Malcolm Berg, Independent Executor  
Emily R. Vivian  
ARDC: 6290977  
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC  
114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300  
Dixon, IL 61021  
vivian@egbclaw.com  
(815) 288-4949  
(815) 288-3068 FAX  
No. 0105 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID ON

REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, IL PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and 5/11-76-2, that the Village of Stillman Valley duly enacted Ordinance No.969, at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on December 13, 2021, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF xxx MAPLE STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY BY OPEN BID. The Ordinance, authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved parcel roughly FRONT 11.24 irregularly shaped and generally described as xxx Maple Street; Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, P.I.N. 10-01-358-006, and legally described as: PARCEL

Part of Lot Four (4) in Bock Fifteen (15) of White's Second Addition to the Village of Stillman Valley, County of Ogle, State of Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Lot 4; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East, 54.76 feet on the east line of said Lot 4, to the Point of Beginning; thence North 70 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 35.19 feet to the north line of said Lot 4; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds East, 33.22 feet on said north line, to said east line of Lot 4; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds West, 11.26 feet on said east line, to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.004 acre (187 square feet).

The property consists of one vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lot located in the Village's R1 Residential zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development

plans for the Property must conform to the R1 Residential zoning district standards and complement existing residential uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for any and all costs associated with closing as charged by a title company to convey good, marketable title. Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no later than 12 Noon on February 14, 2022. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid. Sealed bids for the Property shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk by no later than noon on February 14, 2022. Any bids received after noon on February 14, 2022 will not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey, Stillman Valley Village Hall, 120 N Walnut Street, PO Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact Village Clerk Yvonne

Dewey at 815-645-2200 during regular business hours. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk  
Publication Dates: January 10, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 No. 0106 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

Roberta Arn, thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of Block 3 a distance of 132 feet to a point thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of Block 2 a distance of 45 ½ feet to a point, thence Easterly a distance of 132 feet to the place of beginning; to the Village of Stillman Valley, in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle, State of Illinois.

ALSO INCLUDING a right-of-way for ingress and egress, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the above described tract, which point is 116.75 feet South of the Northerly line of Block 3, thence Easterly a distance of 20 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of Block 3 a distance of 116.75 feet, to the North line of Block 3, thence Westerly along the North line of Block 3, a distance of 20 feet to a point, which point is the Northwest corner of Lot 2 in said Block 2, thence Southerly, parallel with the East line of Block 3 along the West line of Lot 2, a distance of 116.75 feet to the place of beginning, all situated in Ogle County, Illinois. The property consists of one vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lot located in the Village's B1 Business zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the B1 Business zoning district standards and complement existing business uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning

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PARCEL Part of Block 3 of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a pint 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block 3, which point would be the Southeast Northerly along the Easterly line of Block 3 a distance of 45 ½ feet more or less to the Southeast corner of the property owned by Donald Arn and

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PARCEL Part of Lot One (1) in Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 147 ½ feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), running thence West 66 feet, thence North 25 feet, thence East 66 feet, thence South 25 feet to the place of beginning; situation in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and the State of Illinois

PARCEL 2. Part of Bock Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot Twelve (12) in said

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## 103 AUCTIONS

### REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Having made her home in the retirement center, We will offer at Public Auction the following described Real Estate at Public Auction. This auction will be held on site at **926 N 16th Street, Rochelle IL**. On Auction Day, watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs on 10th Ave & 9th Street in Rochelle. Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for a private viewing or visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**Saturday February 5th, 2022**  
10 AM

**DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:** This is a single family ranch home, situated on a city lot that is 65 x 120. It has 3 bedrooms, and 1 large full bath with laundry hookups. There is a large front living room, and kitchen/dining area. The garage is a 2 car detached with opener. The heat is natural gas and features central air, both of which have been updated. With some work, visualize an adorable ranch home. Plus, Cooper Park right in your back yard!! **REAL ESTATE TERMS:** \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before March 4th 2022, at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide an appropriate executed deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

**Jacqueline Whetston – Owner**  
Auctioneer: John Bearrows – 815-739-9150  
Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co.  
Attorney for the Estate – Paul Chadwick – 815-562-2156  
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JOSH HICKEY, Steward, IL  
(815) 739-1030  
IL Lic. #441001092

## 103 AUCTIONS

### Ogle County, IL FARMLAND AUCTION


**Wednesday, February 9th, 2022**  
at 10:30 A.M.  
Sale to be held at:  
Prairieview Golf Course Pavilion  
6734 N German Church Road  
Byron, IL 61010

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Polo, IL 61064  
Ph) 815-946-4120

**Owner, Charles E Hanna Revocable Trust**  
Kathleen Hanna Revocable Trust  
Trustee, Mitch Hanna  
Attorney, Emily Vivian  
Ehrmann Gelbach Badger & Considine, LLC.  
Ph) 815-288-4949



**The Assessment, Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board is requesting written and verbal comments regarding the proposed Text Amendment to the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, this text amendment would create a new AG-2 Expanded Use Agricultural District. Details of the Text Amendment can be viewed below:**

**#007-20**  
**TEXT AMENDMENT**

Please submit your comments either by mail to: Ogle County Planning & Zoning, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 or by email at [planning&zoning@oglecounty.org](mailto:planning&zoning@oglecounty.org) on or before February 1, 2022.

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# MARKETPLACE

Block Three (3), thence Westerly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 182.5 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of said Block Three (3) a distance of 70.75 feet, to a point, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3) a distance of 50.5 feet, to a point, which point shall be the place of beginning, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Northerly parallel with the East line of block Three (3), 25 feet to a point, thence Westerly, parallel with the North line of Block Three (3) a distance of 25 feet to a place of beginning; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois.

The property consists of two vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lots located in the Village's B1 Commercial zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the B1 Commercial zoning district standards and complement existing business uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for all costs associated with closing as charged by a title company to convey good, marketable title.

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Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 4, 2022, to DAVIDE. BAKENER of Oregon, Illinois, and JOYCE A. VANDERKLOOT of Des Plaines, Illinois as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & 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 \* Jf 2--11- 11 , 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, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124 David E. Bakener, Independent Co-Executor Joyce A. Vanderkloot, Independent Co-Executor No. 0112 (Jan. 17, 24, 31)

on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Haley Mizner Board Secretary January 7, 2022 No. 0113 (Jan., 17)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
2022  
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The Ogle County Soil And Water Conservation District:  
Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 17th day of February, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Auditorium, 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon, IL. Three (3) Directors will be elected to serve the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois. All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote. Marcia Heuer, Chairperson Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District  
DATE: 13th day of December, 2021. No. 0114 ((Jan. 17, 31)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. February 4, 2022 for:  
1. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Spread 2022 Township MFT Aggregate  
2. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Apply 2022 Township MFT Calcium Chloride  
3. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and deliver 2022 Township MFT Pipe Supply  
4. 2022 County Pipe  
5. 2022 County Aggregate  
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0116 (Jan. 17, 24)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the Landlord's lien provisions in rental agreement between Meagan Ross Unit 109 at White Eagle Storage, Forrester, IL, this storage unit 109 containing personal property will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after January 31, 2022 at White Eagle Storage, 11627 Rt 72, Forrester, IL 61030. Payment must be made by January 29th, 2022 to prevent this sale.  
Thank you, Sue Book White Eagle Storage, Inc. No. 0117 (Jan. 17, 24)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Ogle County Housing Authority has developed paperwork related to its Annual Agency Plan process and Five-year Capital Fund Program budgets for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 in compliance with current HUD regulations. They are available for review at the Authority's Office located at 200 Washington Street, Suite 100, Oregon, IL. The office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM. A public hearing will be held on March 9, 2022 at 12:00 PM. To participate in the Public Hearing via Zoom, enter meeting ID 828 6827 5190, and pass code 393915. No. 0118 (Jan. 16, 17)

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**  
This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

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

**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**  
Furman Lawn Care and Tree Service. Mowing, Hedge Trimming, Painting, Interior and Exterior. Gutter Cleaning, Storm Damage Clean up, Spring and Fall and Much More. In Business Since 1999. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please Leave Message Will Return Call ASAP. Fully Insured. (TFN)

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/ Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**  
NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

**203 HELP WANTED**  
N E W S P A P E R CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

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

**Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted**  
\$500 Sign on bonus Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year- round driver to haul grain. **815-938-3644** Please leave message.

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

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**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**  
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**309 LOTS AND ACREAGE**

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**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
Large 2 bedroom Northside of Rochelle. Free heat and water. NO PETS! Available now at \$750/month. Security deposit, Credit Report, and Job Verification needed. Call (815) 919-9015

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**511 STORAGE UNITS**

**K&P SELF STORAGE**  
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage) **815-247-8518**  
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Storage Unit Sizes:  
5' x 10' 10' x 10'  
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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Notice is further given that the public hearing on the adoption of said proposed Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at the Oregon Park District Board Room, Nash Recreation Center, 304 South Fifth Street, Oregon, Illinois, No. 0116 (Jan. 17, 24)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District sets upcoming activities

### Savory Chicken Pot Pie

Join Lynn Kaufman with Lynnies' Kitchen and learn to make a delicious Pot Pie with a Cheddar Cheese crust on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Class is at Cork & Tap from 6-7:30 p.m. The next day pop your Pot Pie in the oven and dinner is served! All food is included in the class fee, but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Fee for the class is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 19.

### Taste of Oregon Pairing at Cork & Tap

Make it a date night or an evening out with friends at Cork & Tap! This new fun pairing on Saturday, January 29 from 5:30-7 p.m. can be dinner out as the four food samples will be enough to satisfy your taste buds and your hunger. Choose between wine or beer as your beverage upon registration. Four wine or beer samples will be included in the tasting as well as 4 delicious foods made by local restaurants or caterers. Pairing will include cheese/crackers/fruit (Hazels), Pork Kabobs (Ralfie's BBQ), Italian beef (Father & Son) and Turtle Cheesecake (The Noble Cakery). This pairing is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 22.

### Ceramic Gingerbread Valentine Hearts DIY kit

Have fun painting 2 ceramic gingerbread Valentine hearts! Kit includes two heart 4 3/4" tall x 4 1/2" wide, 1 paint brush, an assortment of paint colors, and sealer. Kits can be picked up on January 24 at Nash Recreation Center. DIY kit fee is \$12/Resident or \$14/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 17.

### Double Macrame Shelf

The bohemian textile art form of knotting and hitching, which was popular in the 70's, is back! You too can join the macrame craze and create a double macrame shelf with the help of instructor Rachel Young. This hands-on workshop is Thursday, February 3 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 27.

### Hearty Couples Enchilada Casserole

Celebrate Valentine's Day with this Heart Healthy, yummy dish! You will get the recipe and learn to make this Mexican style casserole to take home on Friday, February 11 (6-7:30 p.m.) at Cork & Tap. It's the perfect combination of chicken, cheese, corn, sauce, and seasonings. This is a great class for couples (work together and make one casserole), but individuals can sign up as well. All food supplies are included but you will be asked to bring a few cooking utensils. This class, instructed by Lynn Kaufman is a cooperative effort between the Oregon Park District and Oregon Public Library. Fee for the class is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is February 4.

### Indoor Soccer

Practice your soccer skills in the warm of Nash! For ages 4-7 years old. Youth players will develop their fundamentals and team playing strategies through a 30 min practice followed by a 30 min game every week on Saturday mornings at Nash. All players will receive a t-shirt and their own soccer ball to keep! Season runs February 12<sup>th</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Please email [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if you are interested. Fee \$40/Resident, \$48/NR. Registration deadline is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Co-Ed Volleyball

Adult Co-ed Volleyball is back at Nash! Games will be played on Thursday nights. This is a fun and semi-competitive league and will consist of a regular season and an end of season tournament. Teams may have a maximum of 6 players on the court at one time with no more than 3 males at once. All players must be 18+ and graduated from High School. Mandatory captains meeting will be held on February 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Nash Recreation Center. A maximum of 8 teams will be allowed, register early! Deadline for registration is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fee \$215 per team. Season runs 2/10 through 4/28.

### 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

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U13- Born in 2009 & 2010 Fee \$70/\$85NR

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If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org)

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