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Farmers wrap up harvest

County's Farm Bureau manager reflects on 2021, looks forward

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

OGLE COUNTY – Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said last week that county farmers have harvested “well over” 90 percent of crops and yield results have started to come in.

“There’s maybe still a spot of beans or corn out there,” Kern said. “I’ve noticed fertilizer going on and field work being done. That means it’s wrapped up. From what I’m hearing, the summer dryness and spotty rain, it sounds like the bean crop was average to above average and the corn on average was off 5-10 percent and more in some spots.”

Kern said while looking at the fields throughout the year, he believed the bean crop would be the star of the 2021 show, and that turned out to be true. He said some farmers had optimism



about the corn crop, but a dry spell took off some yield and “the numbers just haven’t shown up.”

The year of farming in the county started off “pretty well” according to Kern. After being dry from last fall, winter brought moisture.

“And then it got dry and we started struggling,” Kern said.

“The rain we did get, it seemed like it came right when we absolutely needed it. Harvest I think saw mild and fair weather. The crops dried down pretty well. I didn’t see as many dryers running. That saved our farmers some cost. And obviously gas prices wouldn’t have been helping them.”

Some of the mid-harvest rain that came did keep farmers out of fields, but Kern said due to the dryness before that, much of the rain got into the ground quickly. An August windstorm did down “a lot of” corn and forced harvesters to cut down machine speed.

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Christmas dinner

On Saturday Dec. 4, the Polo Lions Club held a Christmas Dinner fundraiser. The menu was ham, baked potato, green beans, macaroni salad, roll and for dessert a cookie. There was no set price it was donation only. Here is a list of volunteers to make the dinner successful: Randy and Nancy Ocken, Chris Casper, Tom and Carol Suits, Rick Folk, Irene Short, Paul and Beverly Wiemken, Winton Bocker, Aaron Miller, Mark and Ellen Ebert, Mark Bocker, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Addams, Greg Cross, Tim Rockwell, Keith Chesnut, Nate White and Henry Bocker. Also, a very big thank you to the Polo Fire Department for allowing the Lions Club to use the fire station to host the dine in or drive through dinner.

Annual Christmas tree recycling program starts on Dec. 26

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will once again partner with units of local government and certain high school Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters to conduct the annual Christmas tree collection and recycling program.

Since the program began in 1999, there have been over 15,500 trees collected, with trees averaging around 50 pounds each, that equates to approximately 385 tons of tree material which were all turned into usable mulch.

Starting on Dec. 26, the cities and villages that will have drop-off points include:

Oregon: Park District

Maintenance Dept., 507 Hill St.

Byron: Byron boat launch lot, E. Blackhawk Dr. (Rt. 2)

Forreston: 407 N. Locust St.

Leaf River: 605 Main St.

Rochelle: Atwood Park, 10th Ave. & 20th St.

Monroe Center: Lichty’s Landscaping, 309 Pacific St.

Polo: Southwest corner of E. Colden St. & S. Green Ave.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, local FFA chapters will provide curbside pick-up for trees. Remove all decorations, lights, plastic bags, and place your tree at your curb by 8 a.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Free meals offered on Tuesday

BYRON – The United Church of Byron is continuing their free drive-through meals throughout the winter and will continue this ministry as long as possible.

This takes place every Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and meals will be delivered directly to your car. The meals are free, but donations will also be accepted.

Meals will be offered to everyone on a first come, first serve basis until the food is gone.

All meals will include sides (vegetables, salad, and/or fruit and dessert). Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a meal, please call the church office at 815-234-8777 by noon on the preceding Monday.

The church is located at 701 West Second St., just south of Mary Morgan Elementary School.

To pick up a meal, please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto Colfax/Tower.



Placing flags

Oregon High School student council members, Girl Scout Troops 409 & 1168 and Cub Scout Pack 553 assisted the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in placing flags on veterans' graves at Daysville Cemetery, Lawnridge Cemetery, St. Patrick's Cemetery and Trinity Memory Gardens in honor of Veterans Day. These flags were also be used to locate veterans' graves for Wreaths across America ceremonies at Daysville Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 18 and in Rochelle on Sunday, Dec. 19.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

We extend our congratulations to

Mary Gutfrucht

as she retires after
19 years with Stillman Bank!

Mary joined the bank in 2002 as a Part-Time Teller. During her career, she served in many roles including Loan Processing & Collateral, Document Imaging Specialist, and Call Center Representative, eventually landing in her current role as CSR/Admin Assistant in our Oregon office. Thank you, Mary, for your 19 years of loyalty and dedicated service to Stillman Bank and our customers!

In lieu of an Open House, we will be hosting a Card Shower for Mary. If you would like to pass on well wishes, please feel free to drop off a card at any of our offices or mail to 1445 IL Route 2 North; P.O. Box 9; Oregon, IL 61061

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HARVEST: Fertilizer prices have spiked

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Farmers have not been immune to rising prices across all industries. Fuel prices of diesel and gas are up, but luckily a lot of farmers contract gallons ahead of time at a fixed price. Another spike has been seen in the price of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer, which Kern said is three times the price of what it was a year.

To combat that, farmers could switch fields from corn to beans, which don't need anhydrous ammonia. Some could cut back on the rate they use. Kern believes "the smart guys" will be doing a lot of soil testing to see how much fertilizer they need.

"A lot of guys are scratching their heads about that," Kern said.

"I suppose you could see guys switching corn acres to bean acres, but the University of Illinois said it expects more corn next year. I don't know how. Some input costs will go through the roof. I'm not sure about 2022 and what it will look like with things like that going on. But commodity prices improving recently does help."

As far as 2022's weather, Kern said he's read it's going to be cold with average or above average precipitation. He's ready to look forward after the year that was.

"Every harvest is a journey and an adventure," Kern said "Thank God we got through this year unscathed. I guess that means we can call it a good year."



RECYCLING: Pickup offered

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This pick-up service will be offered in Byron, Forreston, Leaf River, Mount Morris, Oregon, and Polo. For Rochelle residents, the Rochelle Street Department will mulch trees at the curb during the first two weeks of January, weather permitting.

All trees should be free of light strands, garland, and other decorations, no

wreaths or other designs with wire backings, no artificial trees. Drop-off ends Jan. 23, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this program, including specific drop-off points for trees or the FFA collection service, please contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. on Facebook, or go to the county website: oglecounty.org.

LOCAL NEWS



SVHS students are named State Scholars

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley High School Principal Leslie Showers has announced that eight students from the SVHS graduating class of 2022 have been designated as Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's college access and financial aid agency, presents this recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually.

This year, more than 17,340 honorees join the other outstanding students who have been honored since the designation was first introduced in 1958.

The following students were named 2022-23 Illinois State Scholars: Colten Cook, Bryce Gensler, Anna Hagemann, Rayna Johnson, Hope Mickey, Colleen Roberts, Richard Sutliff and Payton Voltz.

"On behalf of ISAC, congratulations to all of the Illinois State Scholars for their hard work and commitment inside and outside of the classroom," said ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow. "In the past two years students and families have faced unprecedented difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; from financial and personal ordeals to all of the challenges of remote learning. The achievements of these students are a credit to their perseverance and resilience, and to the support and encouragement of their families, principals, teachers, mentors, counselors, and others invested in their growth and success."

The Illinois State Scholar acknowledgement is a non-monetary award. Each State Scholar designee receives a congratulatory letter and Certificate of Achievement from ISAC, and can download an official Illinois State Scholar badge to display on their online profiles and social media platforms, as well as share with their high school counselors, colleges, employers, family members and others. *Note that the Program designates honorees based on the year they would begin any postsecondary education, not based on the year they graduate from

high school.

To help ensure that every student in Illinois can make the most informed choices possible about education after high school, all high school students are encouraged to complete the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if eligible, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application). The FAFSA is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and most state and institutional financial aid available for any type of postsecondary education, including certificates, two- or four-year degree programs, and some vocational programs. The Alternative Application can determine eligibility for state financial aid for those students who might not be eligible for federal student aid.

ISAC supports high schools and students statewide, offering free assistance with college and career exploration, and in completing financial aid forms and college applications. Local ISACCorps members, who are recent college graduates expertly trained to serve as near-peer mentors to assist high school students and their families in navigating education after high school and the financial aid process, offer free in-person and virtual workshops, as well as direct one-on-one assistance in communities statewide. Bilingual assistance is available. Find your local ISACCorps member at <https://studentportal.isac.org/isacorps>. Check out free in-person or virtual financial aid workshops through ISAC's calendar: <https://studentportal.isac.org/Events>.

Visit the ISAC Student Portal, <https://studentportal.isac.org/> for free tools and resources to help with college and scholarship search, financial aid, career exploration, and more. Students can also get their college and financial aid questions answered by ISAC experts through ISAC's free text messaging service, ISAC College Q&A, isac.org/collegeqa. ISAC also offers free assistance through the agency's call center, 1-800-899-4722 (ISAC), and its Online Chat service.

Free vaccine clinic set

BYRON – The State of Illinois is offering a free vaccination clinic at The United Church of Byron on Tuesday, Dec. 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Whether you need your booster shot or are in need of your first or second dose, this clinic will offer all three types of vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (unfortunately, they are not be able to offer the vaccines for children ages 5 - 11).

Walk ins are welcome, but you may also make an appointment by calling the church office. To schedule an appointment, please call the United Church at 815-234-8777, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 pm. or 1:30-5 p.m. The United Church is located at 701 W. 2nd Street, Byron.

If you can't make this event, find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov or by calling the hotline: 1-833-621-1284.

County office closed for remodeling

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and Planning & Zoning Department will be closed for remodeling from Dec. 22 through Jan. 5, 2022.

The dates may be adjusted based on the contractor's schedules and completion of the

work.

Staff will be working from home during this period, but will be off on Dec. 24th and the 31st for the holidays. The best way to reach them is by email or by leaving a phone message at the following:

Planning & Zoning:

planning&zoning@oglecounty.org or 815-732-1190

Solid Waste Mgmt.: solidwaste@oglecounty.org or 815-732-4020

The staff will respond as soon as possible, and apologizes for the inconveniences this may cause.

Leaf River sets meetings for 2022

LEAF RIVER – The Village of Leaf River has released its meeting dates for the Board of trustees for 2022.

The board meets the second Monday of each month.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the

Cafeteria of the River Valley Complex, 605 Main St., Leaf River.

The dates are:

Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 7, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.



New officers

Newly elected officers of the Ogle Jolly 4-h club include: Secretary Hannah Seaworth, Vice President Grace Costello, Reporter Braden Rogers, President Gwen Hall, Treasurer Aiden Alderks, Sentinel Alyse Rogers, Roll Call Ada Fager and not pictured Historian Kaitlyn Adams.

The 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:
In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, Dimond Bros. Insurance and Hub City Senior Center
In Oregon at: Merlin's
In Dixon at: Shining Star
In Amboy at: Amboy News Office

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Donna Jean Blume

OREGON – Donna Jean Blume, 79, of Oregon, passed away on Dec. 5, 2021. Donna was born on September 5, 1942 in Chana, to Francis and Mary (Gilroy) Zell. She worked as a bartender at the VFW in Oregon for 14 years. She enjoyed Harness Racing for 20 years, as well as enjoyed Nascar. The thing she loved most was spending time and watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Blume of Oregon, Gary (Kathy) Blume of Oregon and Duane (Sandra) Blume of Oregon; 7 grandchildren, Austin, Sara, Amanda, Rachel, Tyler, Kevin and Kendall;

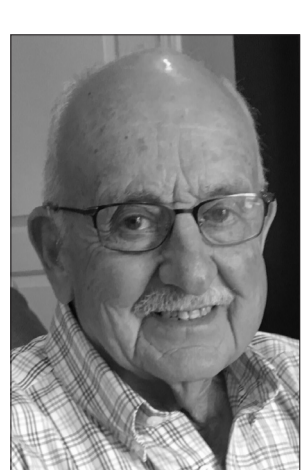
7 great grandchildren, Karter, Khloe, Adalynn, Kasson, Esther, Lucy and Karecey; As well as 1 sister, Doris Danekas.

She is preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers, Dennis Zell, David Zell and Harold Coffman; As well as 1 brother-in-law, Dick Danekas.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com

Franklin Noffsinger

BYRON – Franklin D. “Frank” Noffsinger, 89, lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 in his home in Byron. Born Nov. 24, 1932 in Oregon, the son of Earl and Peryl (Oxley) Noffsinger.



Married to Geraldine Knodle Dec. 17, 1955 in Myrtle, Ill. Frank was a graduate of Oregon High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked most of his life driving truck, first for Highway Trucking, then Knox Trucking and as an independent trucker driving cross country 1978 to 2012. Frank then worked at Prairieview Golf Course in Byron until November of this year. He loved being and

working outdoors, especially mowing. Frank was a member of United Church of Christ, Byron and a member and Past Commander of Byron American Legion.

Survived by his wife, Geraldine Noffsinger of Byron; son, Scott (Kelly) Noffsinger of Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughters, Vickie (James) Laurson of Rockford and Julie Sajewich of Frankfort; grandchildren: McKenzie, Aaron, Adam, Lauren, Addison and Kellie; great grandchildren: Maebrly, Marek and Macklyn; and sisters, Wava Nickerson of Kentucky and Dorothy Grover of Chana.

Predeceased by his parents; son-in-law, Lyle Sajewich; brothers, Charles and Earl; and sister, Viola.

In keeping with Frank’s wishes, cremation rites are to be accorded and no services are scheduled. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family.

Margaret Ruth Lantz

WALLED LAKE, Mich. – Margaret “Marge” Ruth Lantz, age 80, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Commerce Comfort Care in Walled Lake, Mich. She was born June 3, 1941 in Jacksonville, Fla., the daughter of Braxton and Virginia “Louise” (Lively) Slappey.



She was a research Librarian for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for many years, worked at the U.S. Embassy in Japan and at Taipei American School as an assistant Librarian. In England, she volunteered with British Pensioners. Marge was a published author and avid reader who loved to travel, visiting all 50 U.S. states during her lifetime.

Marge was predeceased by her parents, her husband

Terry, her son Dean and her brother Braxton Slappey Jr.

She is survived by her daughter Ginger Lantz-Pratt of Novi, Mich., grandchildren Erin Pratt, Andrea “Andi” Lantz, Amanda (Schupe) Taylor, two great grandchildren, brothers and sisters-in-law and many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Payne’s Point, Ill., with the Rev Thomas Moore officiating. A luncheon and visitation was at noon, also at Emmanuel Lutheran with private burial at the Monroe Center Cemetery in Monroe Center. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Marge’s name and may be directed to the family.

Rosemarie TerHark

Rosemarie TerHark, 89, of Lena, passed away Dec. 12, 2021, at Freeport Memorial Hospital. Rosie was born on June 21, 1932, in Chicago to Hans and Marie Petri, who were immigrants of Germany and Saxony. Her family moved to Lena in 1939. A graduate of Lena High School, she attended Highland Community College, and Wittenburg University in Ohio.



“good things” happening in her community.

She served on many committees in the area. She loved music and played in the Freeport Concert Band. She taught horsemanship classes for HCC and was secretary for the State Saddle Horse Association. She was very interested in alternative energy and writing music and poetry. In 1998, she and Lowell moved to Lena, where they enjoyed retirement until Lowell’s death in 2014.

Rose enjoyed spending time with friends & family and made elab-

orate holiday dinners. Most of all, she enjoyed her grandchildren and was a wonderful “Omie”.

Rose is survived by her three children, Steven (Laurie) TerHark, Heidi (Cody) Calzavara, and Dan (Gabriela) TerHark, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Lowell, her parents, and her stepbrother Hans (Edith) Petri.

Visitation was on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, from 10-11 a.m. at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

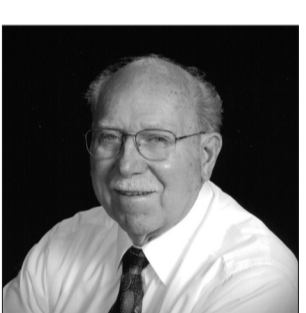
Funeral Service followed on Dec. 18, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Officiating was Reverend Rick Bader

Memorial has been established in her name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

Kenneth A. Nelson

BYRON – Kenneth A. Nelson, age 92, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born Aug. 11, 1929 in Rockford the son of Kenneth J. and Jenny (Carey) Nelson.



Church in Byron.

He was predeceased by his parents, his 2 wives Mary and Meryl, 3 sons; Gary, Rick, and Tracy Nelson, and 2 sisters Shirley Parks, and Ramona Noyes.

He is survived by his children; Lenneth Nelson of Holmstead, Ohio, Gwen Rager of Freeport, Raymond (Diana) Lewis of Oregon, Belinda (Mike)

Seabold of St. Germain, Wis., Rebecca (John) Roberts of Raymond, Ill., David Lewis of Hawaii, and Nathan (Amy) Lewis of Byron, 31 grandchildren, and many Great grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 at the Cornerstone Family Church in Byron with the Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Private burial took place at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Loves Park. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

RRC sets upcoming events

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

or transportation will take place during this time. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

On Sunday, January 2, our Transportation Coordinator will call riders who have Jan. 3 appointments, to let them know their pick up time.

Happy Holidays from Rock River Center.

2021 heating assistance LIHEAP

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

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

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

The Oregon Tri-County Office is located inside the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th Street.

Appointments are available. Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

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

Appointments are available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 815-562-6938 for an appointment in Rochelle. Please have copies made of all of your documentation before your appointment.

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

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

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

Police, the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

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Christmas Programs at RRC

Monday, December 20, A “Timeless” Christmas Sing-A-Long, featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center

Registration requested to accommodate seating. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Refreshments will be served. Packaged, unopened cookie donations accepted.

Unique Holiday Christmas Gifts

For last minute Christmas gifts, stop by Rock River Center for grab and go gifts such as:

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Purchase at Rock River Center 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Call us at 815-732-3252 with questions.

Christmas/New Year Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will be closed from noon on December 24 through December 31. No activities, programs

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Nov. 15
At approximately 9:37 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of W IL Rte 64. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Terrance B. Harris, 18 of Oregon, for No Valid Driver's License. Harris was taken into custody and released on an individual bond with a return court date. Harris was also cited for speeding 73 mph in a .55 mph speed zone.

Nov. 14
At approximately 11:54 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 8000 block of South Illinois Rt 38. After further investigation Brittany Fasulo, 28 of Ashton, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Fasulo was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Fasulo was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At approximately 8 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 1000 block of South Meridian Rd. After further investigation David Echelbarger, 30 of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Echelbarger was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20000 block of E. IL Rte 64. After investigation, Catrina Hampton, 26 of Chicago was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Passenger Devoonna Thomas, 21 of Chicago was also arrested for an active warrant out of Chicago. Hampton and Thomas were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where Hampton was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Illegal Window Tint and Obstructed Driver's View. Hampton and Thomas were released to Correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 2:24 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of

N. IL RTE 2. After a brief investigation, Laquan C. Lyons, 27 of Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested for No Driver's License. Lyons was also issued citations for Speeding 15-20 mph above the limit. Lyons was given an I-Bond on scene and released with a court date later next month.

Nov. 13
At approximately 1:13 a.m., Ogle County Deputies as well as Rochelle and Lynn Scott Rock EMS responded to the 15000 block of E. IL Rte 64 for a one-vehicle accident. After investigation, Deputies determined that Sara Hall, 54 of Rochelle, was traveling west on E. IL Rte 64. Hall then struck a guard rail on the north side of the road, causing major front-end damage to her vehicle. Hall was transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital for suspected minor injuries. Hall was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Lane Usage, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Hall was given an I-Bond and left with Rochelle medical personnel.

At 4:13 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff Deputies responded to 11,800 West Illinois Route 64 in reference to an abandoned vehicle in the roadway. Upon arrival, deputies located a white Ford Fusion parked partially in the roadway. After an investigation, Joseph D Caldwell, 29, of Polo was arrested for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol, no valid Illinois driver's license, illegal parking on the roadway and no valid proof of insurance. Caldwell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. The vehicle was removed from the location by Pines Towing.

At 11:57 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of Rt. 72 at Rt. 251 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Robert Woodard, 55 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license, and improper cannabis con-

tainer/driver. Robert was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and no registration light. Robert was released on a signature I-Bond, and will appear in court at a later date.

At 9:48 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 111 on a 2010 Chevy for a registration violation. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Marquell Ferguson, 24 of Moline, Iowa. for driving while license revoked. Marquell was also cited for no insurance. Ferguson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 12:03 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff Deputies responded to 11791 North Leaf River Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. After an investigation Michael Daniel, 21 of Leaf River was arrested for aggravated assault, domestic battery, unlawful use of a weapon, possession of a firearm without a FOID, possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number (class 3 felony). Daniel was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 4:07 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of E. IL Rte. 64. After investigation, Deputies placed Andrej Obradovic, 19 of Schererville, Indiana under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Obradovic was additionally issued a citation for

speeding 35 + mph over the speed limit. Obradovic was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 12
At approximately 9:05 p.m. Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of S. Mulford Rd. After a brief investigation, Kameron Williams, 19 of Chicago, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Williams was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an Equipment Violation. Williams was given an I-Bond on scene and released with a court date later next month.

Nov. 11
At 9 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disturbance at the Creston Casey's involving an intoxicated male. investigation by Deputies revealed that Arturo Pena, 22 of Rochelle had battered a family member and then entered a vehicle without permission from the vehicle's owner. Pena was arrested by Deputies for domestic battery and criminal trespass to motor vehicle. Pena was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Nov 10
At approximately 11:30 a.m., Deputies with the assistance of the Illinois State Police and Rochelle Fire/EMS responded to the 14000 block of E. IL Route 64 for a two vehicle accident involving a 2006 Hyundai Accent and a 2007 Ford Freestyle.

Upon conducting an investigation It was learned the Ford driven by Beth Benedetto slowed down to turn into a private address and was rear ended by the Hyundai driven by Linda Keane. Keane was transported to the Swedish American Hospital in Rockford for injuries. Keane was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

At 11:08 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident at the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and Meridian Road. After an investigation it was found that a maroon Chevrolet HHR, driven by Ashley E. Kramer, 32 of Rockford, was northbound on Kishwaukee Road when the vehicle suffered a mechanical failure. The vehicle exited the roadway and struck a culvert at that location. Kramer was transported to Swedish American Hospital for injuries sustained in the accident. The passenger in the vehicle, Brittany D. Vyas, 27 of Rockford, refused medical treatment at the scene. The vehicle was removed from the scene by Nielsen's Towing and no citations were issued.

Nov. 9
At 5:09 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies and Oregon Fire and EMS responded to the area of 900 N. River Rd. for the report of a vehicle that left the roadway and entered the Rock River. After an investigation, it was determined Daniel Boyden, 30 of Oregon,

was traveling southbound on River Rd. in his Volkswagen Jetta, when he lost control of his vehicle. Boyden was able to escape the vehicle, and swim back to shore. Boyden was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for precaution. At KSB Hospital, Boyden was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Boyden was released on a signature I-Bond. Boyden was also issued citations for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to prevent an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Nov. 8
At approximately 12:02 a.m., Ogle County deputies and Rochelle Fire responded to a one vehicle accident in the 13,000 block of east Bethel Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that, Tori Sanders, 25 of Rochelle, was traveling eastbound when her vehicle left the roadway and subsequently overturned in the south ditch. Sanders was transported to a local hospital for non life threatening injuries. Sanders was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

At approximately 1 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 16,000 Block of E. IL Rte. 72. After investigation, Deputies issued Lucinda Perez, 31 of Davis Junction a citation for Driving While License Revoked. Perez was given an I-Bond at the scene with a future court date.



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LOCAL NEWS



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Dec. 21

The United Church of Byron is continuing free drive-through meals throughout the winter and will continue this ministry as long as possible. This takes place every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and meals will be delivered directly to your car. The meals are free, but donations will also be accepted. Meals will be offered to everyone on a first come, first serve basis until the food is gone.

Young Critics Book Club at the Julia Hull Library, 6 p.m. Join Miss Zoey for a book discussion and hands-

on craft/activity all about the graphic novel edition of *The Nutcracker & the Mouse King*, by ETA Hoffman. Stop by or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve a copy of the reading. Ages 7-9.

Thurs., Dec. 23

Tween Reads at the Julia Hull Library, 6 p.m. Join Zoey at the library for a discussion and activity all about Yan Glaser's *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. Ages 10-12. Stop by or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

Fri., Dec. 24

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.

Sat., Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Sun., Dec. 26

Christmas tree recycling starts in the county today

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VIEWPOINT

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted." They were in reality manatees. Mythical mermaids have existed in seafaring cultures since the time of the ancient Greeks.

* On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of his life. Washington wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of a friend.

* On Jan. 4, 1847, Samuel Colt rescues his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. Though never cheap, by the early 1850s, Colt revolvers were inexpensive enough to be a favorite with Americans headed westward during the California Gold Rush.

* On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning "divine wind." They needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.

* On Jan. 7, 1959, six days after the fall of the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in Cuba, the U.S. government believes it can work with Fidel Castro and protect American interests in Cuba. Less than two years later, the U.S. severed diplomatic relations and launched the Bay of Pigs invasion.

* On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America.

* On Jan. 3, 1990, Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, after hiding at the Vatican embassy in Panama City, surrenders to U.S. military troops to face charges of drug trafficking and is flown to Miami. In 1992, the former dictator was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

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Childhood friend taught lifelong lessons

Remember when you were a teenager and could sleep for 12 hours?

Man, I sure do. I delivered pizza until 1 a.m. or so in high school, and by the time we got every-thing cleaned up and the shop closed, I would get home on the weekends at nearly 2 a.m. That meant I would get up the next day at 2 p.m. — or as late as 4 p.m.

I'll bet I could sleep around the clock.

These days? Not so much. Maybe it is a getting older thing, but I rarely have a night where I sleep all the way through. Seriously, we are talking a few times a year.

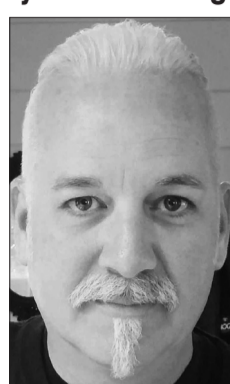
So, I was staring at the ceiling last week in the wee hours of the morning, and I started thinking about my friend Todd from elementary school. I wish I could tell you his last name and the exact year, but I can't. It was probably 1971 or 1972. It was a long time ago.

I think about Todd from time to time. He was a nice kid. And by that, I mean a kid that everyone liked. He was happy and friendly and never, ever said a bad word about anyone. My memories of him include a lot of smiling. He was always smiling.

Is that just the way I remember him and it's not true? Honestly, I'm not sure. But when I think

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



about Todd, I think about a blond kid with freckles splashed across his nose who was always happy.

One day at school I had a particularly bad day, which was not unusual for me. I am glad I didn't have to raise me, I'll tell you that. I was not mean or aggressive, but I was not a fan of school. In fact, I ran away from school a few times when I was in elementary school. Just booked it home in the middle of the day.

That, obviously, did not make my parents happy. My dad, in fact, was the principal at another school in the same district. I'll bet his work friends gave him an earful about me. Sorry dad.

Anyway, I was on the bus after school and not in a good mood. Todd plopped down next to me, with that smile on his

face. Of course, I don't remember our exact conversation, but it was basically Todd trying to cheer me up, and me not giving an inch.

I can seriously still see us sitting there, him to my left, as the bus rumbled around the neighborhood dropping kids off. I was not mean to Todd — it was impossible to be short with such a nice guy. But my dark mood stayed in place.

The next morning, when I got to school, I learned that nice, sweet, friendly Todd had been hit by a car and killed after he got home from school. We talked about him in class that day, our teacher guiding us as we went through what happened and we spoke of our thoughts about the event and about Todd. As you can imagine, this was a very traumatic event in our young lives.

I said very little. I was crushed. I was worried that his last memory was a sour kid named Brad he sat next to on the bus. I cried a lot that day, for Todd and because I felt I had let him down.

Now, that event didn't necessarily change me. I was a kid and kids can be emotional and moody. But over the years I have kept my memories of Todd close, and the lessons I learned from him are with

me always.

* Try to be kind to people, even if you don't want to be. It can be hard sometimes, but kindness is worth it. Always.

* A smile is a much better look on your face than a frown or a scowl. The world is full of grumpy people these days who complain about every-thing. Don't be one of those people.

* Look for things we have in common and focus on those, not our differences. We seem to be so dug in right now, that our country is an "us vs. them." It is not. We are all in this together and we need to be thoughtful of that.

* Thank people for the nice things they do. Hug those you love. And always, always, let those you love know that you love them.

I stared at the ceiling and wondered what kind of life Todd would have had. What kind of person he would have been. Where he would be right now. It made me sad.

But it also reminded me of something very simple: Life is short. Don't waste it being divisive and negative. As much as you can, make it good for you and for those around you.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Finding some artifacts from another era

I was digging around in a barn loft a while back collecting things that had been stored away for half a century.

When I pried open a suitcase, I found a stack of newspapers from Nov. 1963, cataloging the details of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

I carried the suitcase down the ladder to show its contents to my young daughters. They looked at the headlines: Kennedy, Johnson, Oswald, Ruby, Tippit. They asked the appropriate questions, but then they saw a silver-colored tray stuffed among the pages.

One of my teenagers carefully examined the artifact and asked what it was. Her two sisters looked on equally perplexed. Then they looked at me with expectation.

I explained what they held in their hands was called an ashtray.

I couldn't help but be amused. When I was growing up, a pack of Old Golds was always in my dad's shirt pocket and an ash tray in most every room.

But, today, my daughters are never around anyone when they smoke. Springfield banned smoking in restaurants and other public

places before they were born, and all of Illinois soon followed suit. So, the once ubiquitous ashtrays on every restaurant table are gone.

When I entered the newspaper business 33 years ago, I could always tell when one particular editor proofread my copy because there were single marks from his cigar on the bottom of each page that he had marked up.

A few years later, workplaces smokers were relegated to the outdoors. Today, smokers have become lonely distant figures puffing away near curbs — just off their employer's property.

What was once a cultural touchstone has become an artifact of another era.

The conversation got me thinking about what other cultural talismans that will disappear in coming years. (If you are thinking newspapers, I'll smack you upside the head.) Here's my prediction: bank checks.

A couple of years ago, I had this conversation with a young man I had a business relationship with: "Just mail me a check."

The 20-something paused and finally said, "I don't have any checks. And I don't have any envelopes or stamps."

This was no ordinary person. He's an accomplished entrepreneur and a college graduate.

And he ran a business. But he didn't have a checkbook?

How on earth can someone operate a household, yet alone a business, without checks?

Many millennials simply pay with plastic. A debit or credit card more often than not will suffice. And they have apps like PayPal and Venmo on their phones that allow them to pay in ways without a pen.

My young friend ultimately dropped by his bank to have a half dozen checks printed. But before he filled one out, he watched a YouTube video showing him how.

When he shared that with me, I felt old. Really old.

For me, getting a checking account was a rite of passage. I grew up on a farm, and when I was 11 years old, I opened an account so I had a mode of paying for the feed and supplies for the calves I was raising.

I can remember my mother standing over me at the kitchen table as I worked to balance my checkbook. It was hard work — at least for an absent minded 11-year-old who kept forgetting to

enter transactions into his check register.

Federal Reserve data shows that checks are becoming less popular with Americans. And in countries such as Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland and Netherlands, bank checks have essentially been eliminated.

If the trend continues, someday the written check will go the way of the telegram.

Still, there is something to be said for holding a check in your hands. I still remember my first paycheck as a journalist. I was a summer intern at the Galesburg Register-Mail when an editor walked by my desk, handed me a check and said, "Congratulations."

I assure you, \$3.35 an hour never felt so good.

Future students will ponder these words in Martin Luther King's, "I Have a Dream" speech: "America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.'"

Will those future young scholars marvel at the great man's eloquence or ask: "What's a check?"

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Rep. Kinzinger stood against president's lies

Dear Editor,

Concerning the recent letter to the editor titled "Kinzinger betrays the people he represents."

I have several corrections and facts to add to the opinion of the writer. First and foremost, the people he represents is all of Illinoisans not just Republicans.

Second Mr. Kinzinger betrayed nobody, what he did was stand-up against the former President's proven lies concerning the election and involvement

in the planning and encouragement of the attack on our Nation's Capitol. Calling the Insurrection a disturbance in the Capitol building is like calling the 911 terrorist attack an airplane accident.

The writer says Mr. Kinzinger condemns people without evidence. There's more video and audio evidence of what happened to convict all of these traitors without question. The scars will forever be imprinted on our minds

just like 9/11 was. During this so-called disturbance 143 Capitol police officers suffered lifelong injuries and some even committed suicide while others lost eyes, fingers, suffering concussions, and PTSD related issues. Liz Cheney and Mr. Kinzinger now receive daily death threats from radicalized Trump supporters all because they stood up against false information and proven lies. Cheney was stripped of her leadership position within

the Republican Party, yet she voted with Republicans at 92 percent clip.

I for one will honor any politician from any party that stands up for truth and the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Kinzinger and Liz Cheney, for putting your carrier and life on the line for all of the people of Illinois and Wyoming. We definitely need more politicians just like you from either party.

Brian Opsahl, Byron

LOCAL NEWS

Edible Christmas trees



The Oregon Park District Children's Center has been getting in the Holiday spirit! The students made edible Christmas trees to celebrate.

Polo Police report

Dec. 11
 TIME: 7:32 p.m.
 REPORT: Kassondra A. Bruder, 26, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Lee County Warrant. Bruder was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 12
 TIME: 12:37 a.m.
 REPORT: Stephen R. Hiner, Jr, 41, Forreston, was arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving while License Susended and a Tail Light Violation. Hiner was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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You may attend on Sunday, January 9 or Sunday, January 30. Both brunches will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The fee for each event is \$15/Resident and \$18/Non-Resident. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 3 and under are free.

Registration deadline is December 28 for the January 9 brunch and January 19 for the January 30 brunch. Online registration is available at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. You may also register in person at Nash Recreation Center located at 304 S. Fifth Street, Oregon.

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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Scores

Girls Varsity Basketball

Dec. 11
Stillman Valley 57, Elgin St. Edwards 43

Dec. 9
Stillman Valley 52, Stockton 36

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec. 14
Stillman Valley 47, Mendota 41

Dec. 11
Stillman Valley 46, Mendota Township 36

Dec. 9
Stillman Valley 52, Spring Valley Hall 64

Lady Hawk bowlers have strong outing at invitational in Peru

The Oregon Hawk competed over the weekend of Dec. 11-12 in the LaSalle-Peru Cavalier Invitational at IV Super-Bowl in Peru.

The Lady Hawks put together their best overall team performance of the season while finishing in 4th place in the 10-team field. Oregon was led by Ava Wight with an 1188 series good enough to finish 2nd overall in the tournament. Also finishing in the top 15 was Mackenzie Alford with a 1017 series and 14th place. The day was marked with season and personal high games including Kendra Ehrler 182, Mackenzie Alford 190, Ava Wight 256 and Kylie Krug 145.

The Oregon boys finished the day in 8th place overall in the 12-team field. Oregon was led by Brandon Rowe with a 1089 series and 24th place finish. Rowe was followed closely by Isaac Kaltenbrun 1084 (25th place) and Styler Klapp with a 987 series (39th place).

The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team raised their season record to 9-2 on Dec. 9 with a 3348-2951 victory over Sterling tonight at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris.

The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 613 series (244,179,190). Kaltenbrun was followed by Brandon Rowe 610 series, Styler Klapp 582

series, Roberto Hernandez 553 series, Jackson Weren 506 series and Gavvin Surmo with a 484 series. The JV raised their record to 11-0 and were led by Brady Davis with a 569 series.

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team raised their season record to 4-2 with a 2605-2275 victory over Sterling Dec. 9 at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris.

The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 679 series (214,218,247). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford 448 series, Kendra Ehrler 400 series, Paige Beauchem 354 series, Trinity Hultquist 351 series, and Kylie Krug 292 series.

Dean's List

UW-La Crosse

LA CROSSE, Wis. – The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year, ending May 2021.

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

Students on the Dean's List from this area include:

Stillman Valley – Grace Tarara, Biology Major

UW-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of the 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. UWL has more than 10,500 full and part-time students enrolled in 101 undergraduate, 28 graduate and two doctoral academic programs.

Elmhurst University

ELMHURST – Davis Junction resident Savannah Meinen was among the students named to the Elmhurst University Dean's List for the Fall and Spring terms of the 2020-21 academic year.

This fall, Meinen will be a senior at Elmhurst, majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

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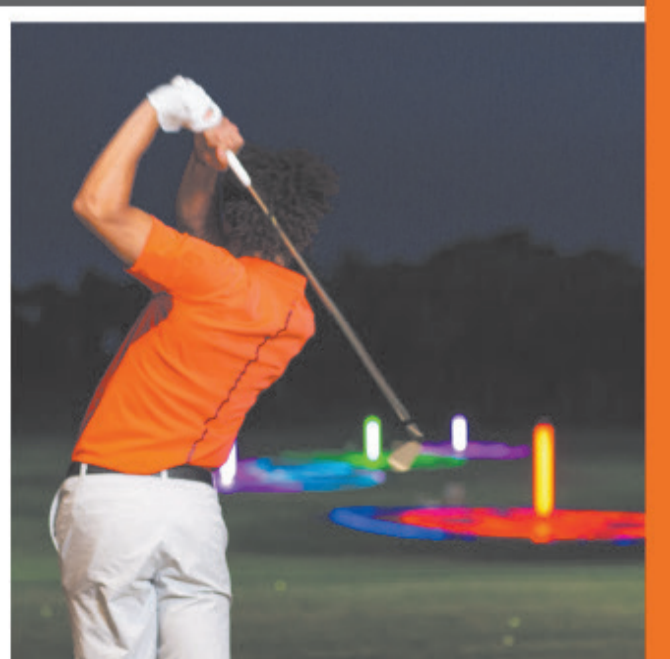
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Masks are required

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

Byron Library News

New Website Address

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

Curbside Delivery

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

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed on December 24 through December 25 in observance of Christmas. The Byron Public Library will also be closed December 31, 2021 through January 1, 2022 in observance of New Year's Eve and Day. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday season!

Blood Drive

Monday, Jan. 10
1-6 p.m.

Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54327. Walk-ins are also welcome!

CBD 101

Tuesday, Jan. 11
6-7 p.m.

Join Lynn O'Hare from O'Hares Naturals, here in Byron, as she gives a brief history of hemp, examples of conditions that CBD can help in relieving, as well as methods of application that are available. There will be a time of question and answers and shared stories of relief that

a.m. Donna Wells is our guest reader, and we will have a fun craft to do also. All preschool children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

The December book is Blackberry Winter by Sarah Jio. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, December 27th at 3:30 p.m..

Book Signing with Dr. John Plescia

Dr. Plescia will be talking about his book and signing copies here at the library on December 22nd starting at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Plescia's book, The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker is his first published novel. Come and hear about his writing and publishing journey!

Display Case Showings

We have two unique displays for the month of December. One is a collection of Santas and the other is all things "Christmas Story". These displays will brighten your holidays! 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.

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 or by calling 815-234-5107.

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

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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 gives you access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Young Critics Book Club
Join Miss Zoey at the library on Tuesday, December 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the graphic novel edition of *The Nutcracker & the Mouse King*, by ETA Hoffman. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Ages 7-9.

Tween Reads
Join Zoey at the library on Thursday, December 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Yan Glaser's *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

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! Pre-register now! Program runs January 2 through February 28.

Holiday Closures
The library will be closed Friday, Dec. 24-Saturday, Dec. 25; and Friday, Dec. 31-Saturday, Jan. 1.

Book Club for Adults
Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Alexandra Andrew's transfixing new novel, *Who Is Maud Dixon?*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.



National Hot Cocoa Day and Adult Craft Night collided this December when Joanna met with crafters on Zoom to create some tree-mendous modern-farmhouse style ornaments, while sipping on hot cocoa. (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley)

Tween Scene: Snow Slime
Wishing for a way to enjoy the winter season without freezing? Head to the library to make some very cool slime! No frostbite necessary! Ages

10-12. Tuesday, January 4 at 6:00 PM. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Mixed Media Winter Tray
Bring a little bit of Hygge into every Winter day with this unique serving tray! Monday, January 10 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register.

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.

Winter Science: Indoor Snow
The weather outside may be frightful, but kids are in for a delightful science experiment. On Saturday, January 22 at 10 a.m., we'll whip up and play with our very own snow all while staying cozy and warm in the library! Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Oregon Library News

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

Library Holiday Hours
The Library will be closed Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday!

December Distraction – It's Back!
Beginning Monday, December 6, through Saturday, December 20, when Oregon Public Library District cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. Ask one of our librarians for more info.

Library Book Clubs
Books On Tap will NOT meet in December due to the busy holiday season. We will discuss both *The Last Mrs. Parrish* and *January's Book: The Library Book* by Susan Orlean on January 27th at 6:00pm at Cork & Tap. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, January 12 at 12:30 pm to discuss *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, January 19 at 1:00 pm to discuss *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)
We'll be taking a break til 2022...Beginning January 3, StoryTime will be a new day, Monday, and a new time, 9:30 a.m. Registration and masks will be required.

Adult Binge Boxes – Registration closes December 22
Adult binge boxes will include several books hand-picked by our librarians of a genre you select. Each box will contain a small surprise and treat. Call 815-732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to complete the registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library.

Holiday Movie Binge Boxes Registration closes December 22nd
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Jumanji Escape Room – December 27-28 and January 3-4
Bring your friends and see if you can crack the case. You will have 60 minutes to solve the mystery. Up to 3 friends can join you. Registration required, call 815-732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Rogue Town Author - Vito Colucci Jr.
Thursday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Local resident, Vito Colucci Jr, takes you back to those days and the years he worked undercover. Disgusted by what was happening in his home town, Stamford police officer Vito Colucci vowed he would do whatever it took to bring the corruption to light. It was a decision that eventually placed him in an undercover role, wearing a wire to gather evidence against senior officers in the Stamford Police Department, and nearly cost him his life. It's the raw truth and that's what makes it so compelling. This program is offered both in-person and through zoom. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline, January 4th.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. – Will be taking a break till January 24
Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Registration is required, 815-732-2724. pace is limited due to COVID regulations.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, January 11th (while supplies last)
Beaded Wish Bracelets. Each kit will contain all supplies needed to make a custom beaded wish bracelets. A wish bracelet is a fun craft project made from hemp string and beads. A wish bracelet is designed to eventually break down, the beads falling off one by one. You make a wish when you put the bracelet on. Once the beads are gone, your wish will come true. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Ink With A Friend- Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline January 14th
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required 815-732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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 ... Jan Brett's *The Night Before Christmas*.
Participate in our first ever StoryWalk® I Spy Contest by picking up your entry sheet (Oregon Public Library cardholders only) at the Library and answer questions from the story. Individual with the most correct answers will win a hardback copy of Jan Brett's *The Night Before Christmas*. Entry sheets available now... contest ends December 21.

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 *Shall I Knit You a Hat? A Christmas Yarn* by Kate Klise.

Passport Services
The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. It is recommended that patrons seeking Passport Services call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items you will need for the appointment. Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

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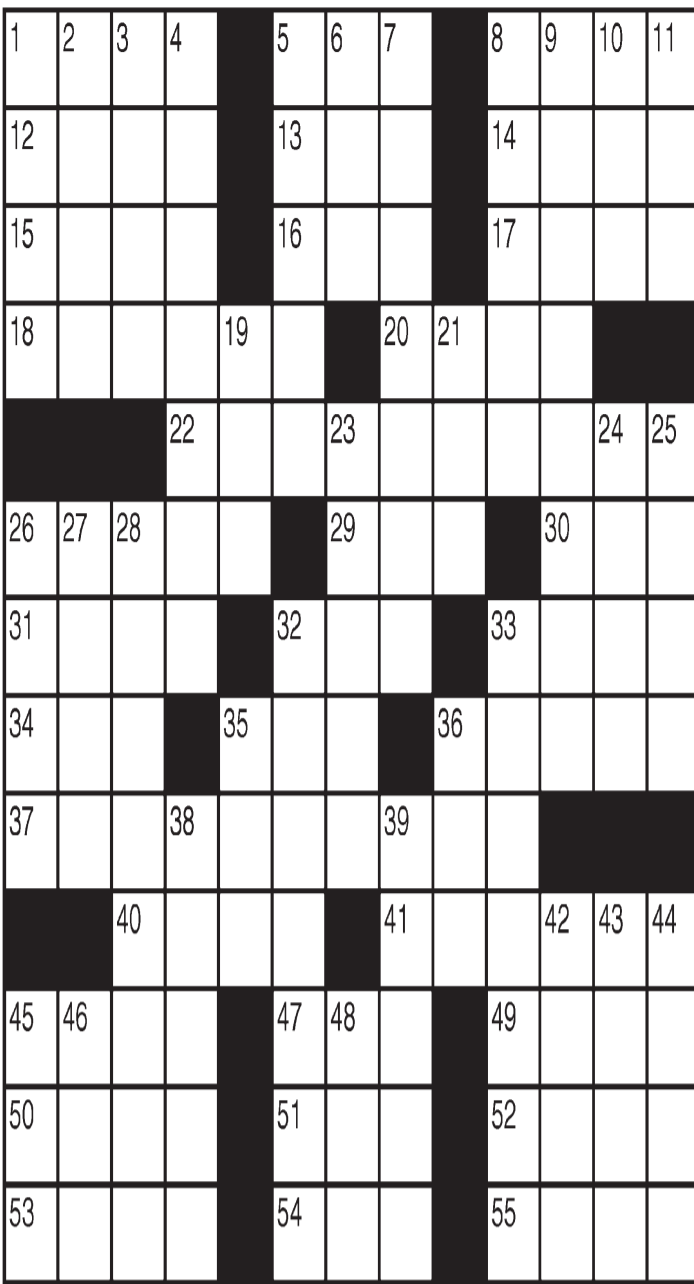
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ACROSS

- 1 Earring site
- 5 Smack
- 8 Blog entry
- 12 Regrettably
- 13 Fuss
- 14 "May It Be" singer
- 15 Dealer's foe
- 16 Moving-day rental
- 17 Aviation prefix
- 18 Energetic person
- 20 Galley supply
- 22 Strikers' queue
- 26 Manhandled
- 29 Chemical suffix
- 30 Hobbyist's abbr.



- 31 Rue the run
- 32 German conjunction
- 33 Lavish party
- 34 — Paulo
- 35 Fuel stat
- 36 Devil's domain
- 37 Playgoer's souvenir
- 40 Writer
- 41 Short jacket
- 45 Gambling game
- 47 Jay follower
- 49 San —, Italy
- 50 Help a crook
- 51 Hosp. sections
- 52 Author
- 53 Striped fish
- 54 Perched
- 55 Deco artist
- 6 Greek mountain
- 7 Ad nauseam
- 8 Oyster's prize
- 9 Biased
- 10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- 11 Eastern "way"
- 19 Central
- 21 Consumed
- 23 Monarchs
- 24 Evening, in an ad
- 25 Peepers
- 26 Bygone days
- 27 Exotic berry
- 28 "So what?"
- 32 Chimney pipes
- 33 Maker of ornate eggs
- 35 Gents
- 36 Coloration
- 38 Shoelace woes
- 39 Secret rendezvous
- 42 Dread
- 43 Send forth
- 44 Portrayal
- 45 "Terrif!"
- 46 Lawyers' gp.
- 48 Altar constellation

DOWN

- 1 Crow's-nest cry
- 2 Skin care brand
- 3 Hoedown site
- 4 Jailbreak participant
- 5 Mayhem

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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: SAID WHEN SOMEONE SNEEZES

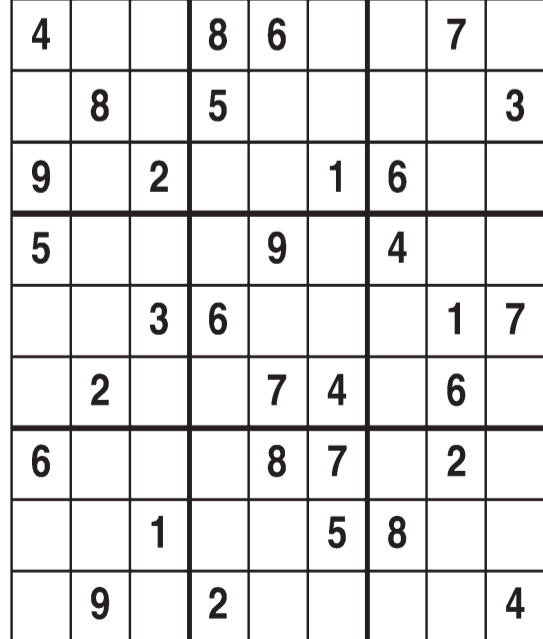
- Glad to see
- Good for
- Good on
- How are
- I ask
- Mind
- Over to
- Same to
- Says
- Shame on
- Thank
- Up to
- What have
- What's eating
- Will

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

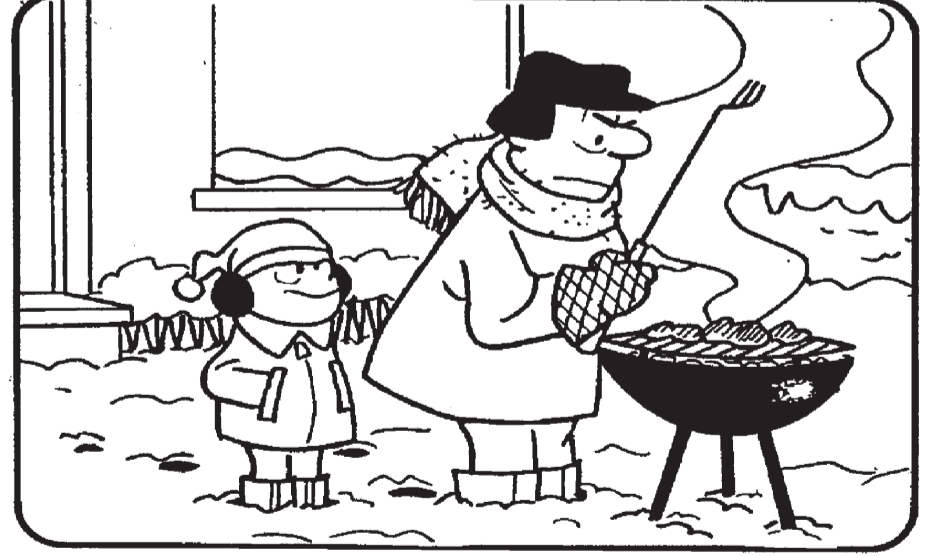
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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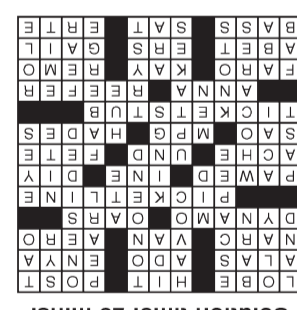
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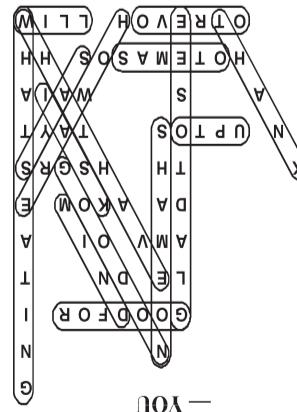
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fork is shorter. 2. Boots are different. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is showing. 5. Oven mitt is different. 6. Grill leg is removed.



King Crossword
 Answers



Answer

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

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REVENUE SUMMARY: GENERAL CORP TAX \$737,954.19 - CROSSING GUARD TAX \$88,860.83 - STREET LIGHTING TAX \$33,974.82 - POLICE PROTECTION TAX \$50,962.24 - AUDIT TAX \$12,991.75 - UNEMPLOYMENT TAX \$1,201.04 - BOND TAX - STREETS \$180,392.70 - LIQUOR LICENSES \$20,421.00 - VIDEO GAMING TAX \$52,541.64 - TOBACCO LICENSE \$1,750.00 - FRANCHISE LICENSES \$49,958.14 - BUILDING PERMITS \$3,425.00 - REMODELING FEES \$1,280.00 - ELEC SVC UPGRADE FEES \$1,700.00 - POOL PERMITS \$560.00 - DECKS/PORCHES/PATIOS \$900.00 - SIGN PERMITS \$320.00 - FENCE PERMITS \$1,360.00 - ZBA FEES \$600.00 - DEMOLITION PERMITS \$200.00 - OTHER PERMITS \$575.00 - ROOFING PERMITS \$2,480.00 - STATE INCOME TAX \$430,233.42 - REPLACEMENT TAX \$30,978.31 - SALES TAX \$588,369.47 - SALES TAX NHMR (07.01.11) \$368,430.41 - LOCAL USE TAX \$167,794.67 - UTILITY TAX \$208,865.30 - COURT FINES \$27,498.04 - PENALTIES \$19,154.40 - ATTORNEY FEES \$321.50 - POLICE VEHICLE FUND \$469.50 - OTHER FINES & FORFEITS \$141.66 - TOW FINES \$17,500.00 - POLICE REPORTS \$115.00 - INTEREST INCOME \$13,851.70 - RENTAL INCOME \$25,838.79 - COMMUNITY ROOM CLEANING FEES \$100.00 - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME \$28,472.17 - PROCEEDS \$359,900.00 - CROSSING GUARD REIMBURSEMENTS \$4,255.00 - IDOT REIMBURSEMENTS \$473.75 - OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS \$2,500.00 - COVID19 REIMBURSEMENTS \$154,823.00 - TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS \$505,386.65 - MOTOR FUEL TAX \$133,140.15 - REBUILD ILLINOIS \$123,668.73 - ROAD & BRIDGE TAX \$57,158.35 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX/MB \$14,377.89 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX/PD \$14,377.94 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX/PW \$28,755.89 - INTEREST INCOME TELETAX \$4,837.28 - REFUSE PENALTIES \$3,875.46 - WATER SALES \$631,284.79 - SEWER CHARGES \$523,645.86 - REFUSE SALES \$288,810.06 - WATER CONNECTION FEES \$6,000.00 - METER SALES \$165.00 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEES \$228,557.84 - SEWER CONNECTION FEES \$9,000.00 - SHUT OFF FEES \$3,563.79 - E CITATION FEES \$333.80 - TOTAL REVENUES: \$6,271,433.92.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: UNDER \$25,000.00 Lundberg, Nancy L - Ashley, Michelle - Most, Kevin A - Sanders, Daniel L - Willing, Keith W - Kuss, Seth M - Lewis, Joshua R - Leon, Raul - Hagemann, Bryant - Hagemann, Craig M - Hagemann, William B - Gerdes, Joshua R - Carls, Tyler J - Chosnyk, Zachary A - McNames, Linda K - Goelitz, Robert W - Goelitz, Ruth Ann - Bjorklund, Beverly - Sample, Brian D. - Nehring, Jessica L - Reilly, Daniel H - Fulrath, Mittzi M - Gerdes, Emily E - Gyorkos, Michael L. - Hobbie, Ezekiel J. - Jarrett-Hanlin, Laura C - Little, Braden P. - Huber, Caryn A. - Logston, Christopher H - Isaacs, John Todd - Rickard, John E. - Between \$25,000.00 and \$49,999.99 Parlapiano, Michael D - Huber, Caryn A - Johnson, Debra K - Wills, Michele - Treese, Gary - Malone, Brian - Between \$50,000.00 and \$74,999.99 Henderson, Garrett W - Baxter, Melissa L - Oleson, Jerry G - Morrissey, Spencer G - McNeely, Robert E - Between \$75,000.00 and \$99,999.99 Vincier, Aaron J - Boehle, Jeremy R - Hewitt, Larry - Murray, Todd R - Brechon Jr, Timothy - TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,062,997.52.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: ADVANCED AUTOMATION & CON \$2,598.17 - AIRGAS USA LLC \$808.03 - ALTORFER INDUSTRIES \$5,265.02 - AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHICA \$319,350.00 - AQUAFIX \$5,247.15 - Architechnics Inc \$1,495.00 - ATCHISON, CAROL \$2,687.00 - ATLAS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS \$600.00 - AUTO TECH CENTERS INC \$2,725.56 - AXON ENTERPRISE INC \$3,811.50 - BADGER DAYLIGHTING CORP \$2,871.75 - BYRON BANK \$22,136.22 - BARBECK COMMUNICATIONS \$9,403.95 - BLAKE OIL CO \$29,033.31 - BOBCAT OF ROCKFORD INC \$2,832.26 - BONNELL INDUSTRIES, INC. \$3,010.43 - BP ROOFING SOLUTIONS LLC \$19,575.00 - BUSS BOYZ CUSTOMS INC \$999.50 - BYRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$1,257.00 - BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIST \$5,607.07 - BYRON BANK \$234,222.19 - BYRON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTR \$1,716.30 - CASPERS HOME INSPECTION L \$14,400.00 - CCI \$675.00 - CERTIFIED BALANCE & SCALE \$909.00 - CINTAS \$6,246.79 - COMMONWEALTH EDISON \$49,639.28 - COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS \$18,342.00 - COMCAST \$5,528.79 - CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY \$92,384.55 - CORE & MAIN LP \$36,275.75 - CORNERSTONE EMBROIDERY \$634.50 - DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE C \$1,971.00 - DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS \$33,334.07 - D&W GARAGE INC \$6,724.25 - ECONO SIGNS LLC \$861.09 - EFTPS \$79,453.15 - ELECTRIC PUMP \$20,731.18 - ENGEL ELECTRIC COMPANY \$7,409.78 - ENTRE' COMPUTER SOLUTIONS \$52,769.57 - EUCLID MANAGERS \$4,104.79 - FASTENAL COMPANY \$1,026.09 - FEHR GRAHAM \$142,509.84 - FELKER, THOMAS \$47,068.00 - FISCHER'S INC \$5,247.48 - FORTUNE AUTOMOTIVE INC \$722.82 - G & O LANDSCAPING INC \$1,060.00 - GALLS, LLC \$1,769.92 - GLENDENNING FERTILIZER IN \$30,067.67 - GLENWOOD TESTING CENTER \$900.00 - GOVOFFICE \$780.00 - GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SV \$1,559.45 - H & N ADAMS LLC \$3,393.00 - HANLIN'S REPAIR \$1,762.50 - HAWKINS INC \$12,207.19 - HEARTLAND BANK & TRUST CO \$102,462.51 - HEELS & HARDHATS CONTRACT \$4,535.00 - HELM SERVICE \$11,246.96 - HEWITT, LARRY \$2,488.23 - BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF I \$204,967.96 - HUNTER, ROB \$1,475.00 - IL EPA (NPDES) \$10,000.00 - IL COUNTIES RISK MGMT TRU \$3,231.00 - IL COUNTIES RISK MGMT TRU \$109,106.00 - IL DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYME \$1,665.89 - ILLINOIS PUBLIC SAFETY AG \$2,016.00 - IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT F \$164,576.54 - JAMES TROUTMAN \$28,973.00 - J & R SUPPLY INC \$801.00 - JULIE INC \$943.54 - KELSEY EXCAVATING INC \$16,640.00 - KIRBY CABLE SERVICE INC \$1,250.00 - KUNES COUNTRY OF OREGON \$767.34 - LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL LL \$840.22 - LAWSON PRODUCTS INC \$3,666.62 - LDR Cleaning & Restoratio \$3,388.73 - LOCIS INC \$5,316.00 - MARTIN & CO EXCAVATING \$18,042.28 - MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC \$6,335.52 - MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC \$2,231.44 - MECHANICAL INC \$1,593.72 - METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS IN \$1,755.44 - MODERN SHOE SHOP \$624.97 - MORING DISPOSAL INC \$259,215.74 - MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS-STARCO \$1,512.00 - MR. GOODWATER INC \$1,301.46 - MUNICODE \$1,500.00 - MYGVO, LLC \$2,520.00 - NAPA AUTO PARTS-DIVISION \$4,473.05 - NESLUND, KELLY \$2,115.00 - NICOR \$5,146.45 - NORTHERN ILLINOIS STRIPIN \$3,465.00 - N-TRAK GROUP LLC \$129,726.96 - NW CONCRETE INC \$18,325.00 - O'BRIEN CIVIL WORKS INC \$185,083.40 - OGLE COUNTY LIFE \$1,139.25 - OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFF \$1,700.00 - OGLE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPAR \$1,112.18 - OGLE COUNTY GIS PARTNERSH \$1,823.00 - PARTY TIME PORTABLES \$780.00 - PENNER, SUSAN M. \$4,813.00 - POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC \$2,180.18 - PRECISION DRIVE AND CONTR \$10,564.47 - RAY O'HERRON CO \$1,020.59 - R J BOWERS DISTRIBUTORS I \$5,561.50 - ROCKY'S PEST CONTROL INC \$600.00 - ROCK RIVER OUTDOOR EQUIPM \$677.41 - ROGERS READY-MIX & MATERI \$2,033.99 - R&R AUTO & DIESEL REPAIR \$1,573.05 - RRWRD \$16,508.36 - RUSH POWER SYSTEMS LLC \$3,234.75 - SAM'S CLUB \$4,431.75 - SENSUS USA INC \$1,949.94 - SERVPRO OF ROCKFORD \$2,184.78 - SES CO \$1,016.11 - SHARE CORPORATION \$3,672.17 - SHERWIN INDUSTRIES INC \$5,160.22 - SISSON'S TREE SERVICE LLC \$4,200.00 - SNYDERS \$610.47 - SOSNOWSKI SZETO LLP \$13,026.00 - SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO \$10,789.69 - TEE JAY SERVICE COMPANY

\$17,641.00 - TEST INC \$174,568.97 - UNIFORM DEN EAST INC \$5,840.11 - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS \$7,774.00 - UPTOWN LANES LLC \$14,306.00 - USA BLUE BOOK \$5,827.45 - US POSTMASTER \$6,935.00 - UTILITY SERVICE CO INC \$61,690.66 - VERIZON WIRELESS \$10,997.52 - VERMEER-ILLINOIS INC \$2,326.06 - VINCER, AARON \$600.00 - VORTEX TECHNOLOGIES INC \$1,275.00 - WATCHGUARD VIDEO \$4,995.00 - WATSON SEPTIC INC \$24,514.90 - WIESNER, DAVID \$30,000.00 - WILLIAMS & MCCARTHY \$31,399.00 - WILLIAM CHARLES CONSTRUCT \$1,599.75 - WILLIAM CHARLES ELECTRIC \$5,557.91 - WIPFLI LLP \$14,300.00 - YING, CHEN HAI \$6,812.00 - All other Disbursements Less Than (600) \$17,899.55 - TOTAL VENDORS: \$3,234,268.62.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

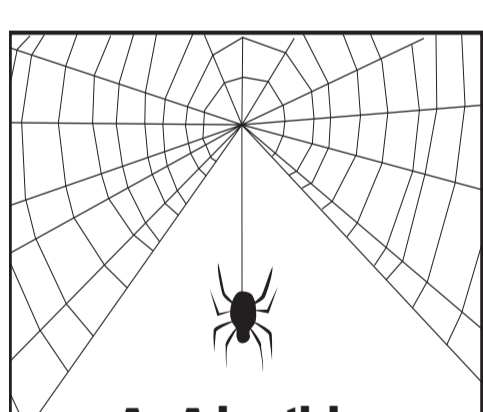
	GENERAL FUND	TIF DISTRICT	TORT & INSURANCE	MOTOR FUEL	IMRF	ROAD & BRIDGE
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$919,804.09	\$45,952.19	\$133,433.31	\$79,620.33	\$87,231.91	\$63,834.45
Revenues	\$2,451,620.36	\$298,444.64	\$141,643.62	\$256,953.12	\$129,996.25	\$57,204.81
Expenditures	\$2,268,012.46	\$231,354.68	\$112,337.00	\$91,041.12	\$164,576.54	\$49,570.63
Other Financing Sources	\$550,670.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$1,571,826.35	\$146,470.52	\$162,307.85	\$188,938.18	\$94,685.15	\$72,755.77
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$466.08CR	\$63,375.66	\$700,000.00CR	\$124,739.48	\$0.00	\$16,879.13CR
Revenues	\$0.00	\$75,015.56	\$0.00	\$57,624.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$79,453.15	\$0.00	\$52,000.82	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$466.08CR	\$80,354.31	\$700,000.00CR	\$118,709.49	\$0.00	\$16,879.13CR
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$2,403,593.58CR	\$85,389.78	\$0.00	\$8,138,402.12	\$290,214.94	\$50.00
Revenues	\$106.75	\$25,794.50	\$0.00	\$1,742,647.39	\$1,486.38	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$319,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,070,405.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources	\$288,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188,667.78	\$0.00
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$505,386.65	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$2,506,844.94CR	\$105,731.11	\$0.00	\$8,248,690.50	\$427,961.90	\$50.00
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$2,237.73	\$12,383.64	\$13,131.02	\$0.00		
Revenues	\$336.17	\$4,738.24	\$482.92	\$0.00		
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$567.27	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$2,513.28	\$15,287.08	\$13,590.59	\$0.00		

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: M&K Kids, 133 W. 2nd St., Byron, IL 61010. Dated: November 18, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1124 (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 23, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Watson Septic, 6621 O'Hare Dr., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: November 23, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1128 (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20)

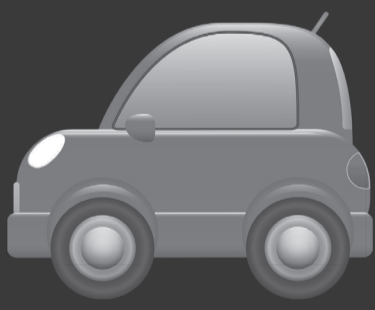
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
JESSICA MARIE CALDWELL
CASE NUMBER
2021 MR 56
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Jessica Marie Caldwell to the new name of Jessica Marie Moser. The court date will be held on Jan. 13th 2022 at 9 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom #202.
Jessical Caldwell
No. 1216 (Dec. 13, 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
JESSICA MARIE CALDWELL
TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
CASE NUMBER
2021 MR 57
There will be a court date on a Request for name change (minor children) for these children:
Jayella Marlee Caldwell to Jayella Marlee Moser
Jettson Duane Caldwell to Jettson Maxwell Moser
The court date will be held on Jan. 13th 2022 at 9 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom #202.
Jessical Caldwell
No. 1217 (Dec. 13, 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Ry Rentals, 7992 W. Judson Rd., Polo, IL 61064. Dated: December 10, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1219 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 94
OF:)
JOHN F.)
KRUSE, deceased.
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOHN F. KRUSE of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on November 9, 2021, to CHRISTINE L. ANDERSON of Byron, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P-100
OF)
HERBERT)
EUGENE)
WHALEY,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of HERBERT EUGENE WHALEY, of Chana, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 13, 2021, to BETTY JEAN SCHABACKER, whose

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address is 4426 S. Chana Road, Chana, IL 61015, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Mulberry Rd., Leaf River, IL 61047.
DATED: December 14, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1222 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.

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CLAIMS against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than June 20, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M., January 7, 2022, for the purchase of the following new equipment with trade ins:

- 1) 1 Ton Dump Truck
- 2) 45 HP Tractor
- 3) Two (2) Tandem Axle Dump Trucks with 13' body.
- 4) 250 Gallon Crack Sealing Melter Applicator.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for BETTY JEAN SCHABACKER, Executor of the Estate of HERBERT EUGENE WHALEY, deceased No. 1221 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE OF:)P 106
JAMES L.)
BARNES,)
deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF
the death of JAMES L.
BARNES of Oregon,
Illinois. Letters of
office were issued on
December 13, 2021, to
JAMES L. BARNES,
JR. and VIRGINIA A.
PEARSON of Oregon,
Illinois. Letters of
office were issued on
December 13, 2021, to
David A. Smith, of
Smith, Birkholz &
Morrow, P.C. at 129
South Fourth Street,
P. O. Box 10, Oregon,
Illinois, 61061-0010.
CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Court at Ogle
County Judicial Center,
106 South 5th Street,
Oregon, Illinois,
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from

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

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on December 14, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Forever Memories Pet Care, 10502 N.

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE OF:)P
SHIRLEY L.)107
JACOBS,)
deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF
the death of SHIRLEY
L. JACOBS of Oregon,
Illinois. Letters of
office were issued on
December 13, 2021, to
Jackson D. Heather
of Byron, Illinois, and
Chase E. Carlson
of Rockford, Illinois
whose attorney is David
A. Smith, of Smith,
Birkholz & Morrow,
P.C. at 129 South
Fourth Street, P. O. Box
10, Oregon, Illinois,
61061-0010.
CLAIMS against the
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Probation Officer:
Ogle County Probation and Court Services is seeking an Adult Probation Officer with strong interpersonal, organizational, and writing skills.
Bachelor's degree required.
For complete application, instructions and job description see posting at www.oglecounty.org

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

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Oregon Park District has pcoming activities set

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

18 ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merrymakers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas:

1. Annual memento: Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.
2. Cookie day: Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over.
3. Holiday classic: Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before.
4. Christmas concert: Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.
5. Dine out: Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.
6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides



for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. See the sights: Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays.
8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party.

Rotate the hosting house each year.

9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.
10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.
11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen

this Christmas.

12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name and purchasing or making a gift for that person.
13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season.
15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.
16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.
18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

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The origins of some beloved holiday traditions

Christmastime is here. The presents are being purchased and wrapped. The stockings will soon be hung on the fireplace mantle. Mistletoe is pinned above the front entryway, and poinsettias add rich color to home decor.

Tradition is integral come the holiday season. Throughout the month of December, traditions fill people's days and comprise the many reasons why individuals decorate, celebrate and dine the way they do this time of year. But few may know the origins of some of the most beloved holiday traditions.

Christmas stockings

The Christmas stockings of today may be a byproduct of various traditions. One such tradition dates back to a Dutch custom in which children would leave shoes full of food to feed St. Nicholas' donkeys, and then St. Nicholas would leave small gifts in return.

Another origin story of Christmas stockings can be traced to the 12th century, when nuns would leave socks full of nuts, fruit and tangerines for the poor. This is why some people still put tangerines in Christmas stockings.

Christmas tree

Christmas Trees are everywhere this time of year. The use of evergreen trees predates Christmas and is

associated with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which celebrated the agricultural god Saturn with partying and gift-giving. During the winter solstice, green branches served as a reminder that spring would arrive anew.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus' origin story can be traced to St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who lived during the fourth century. St. Nicholas was very generous and gave away his fortune to help the needy. He also did various other good deeds. St. Nicholas became infamous and began to be known by various names around the world. The Dutch called him Sinter Klaas, which was eventually transformed to Santa Claus.

Mistletoe

Mistletoe is hung in doorways, and couples who stand beneath are encouraged to share a kiss. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. Mistletoe was thought to bring good luck to a household and ward off evil spirits. The custom of kissing under mistletoe can be traced to England. Originally, a berry was picked from the sprig of mistletoe before the person could be kissed. When all the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing.

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Got to love that gingerbread goodness

Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake.

Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution.

However, gingerbread dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays. Gingerbread's name can be traced to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world.

Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian.

They were probably modeled after the witch's candy cottage in the German fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters.



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Holiday cookies the whole family will love

Many people enjoy baking come the holiday season, and perhaps no dish is more synonymous with holiday baking than cookies. Children leave cookies out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, while adults may indulge and enjoy an extra cookie or two at family gatherings or holiday office parties.

Cookies come in all shapes and sizes, so bakers have an array of options at their disposal when planning their holiday menus. Chocolate chip cookies may be among the most popular types of cookies, and bakers who want to capitalize on that popularity while giving loved ones something a little different may want to try the following recipe for "Double Chocolate Chip Cookies" from Maxine Clark's "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ry-

land, Peters & Small).

Double Chocolate Chip Cookies
 Makes about 12 large cookies

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 5 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 5 tablespoons light brown sugar, sifted
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla essence or chocolate extract (see note)
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons self-rising flour
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup (or more) dark and white (or milk) chocolate chips (or roughly chopped chocolate)

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Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugars together until pale and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla essence.

Sift the flour with the cocoa and salt in a small bowl. Fold into the egg mixture with the chocolate chips.

Place 4 heaping tablespoonsfuls of the mixture on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them well apart. Press down and spread out to about 1/4-inch thick with the back of a wet spoon or with dampened fingers (you may like to scatter some more chocolate chips over the top). Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for 1 minute, then transfer to a wire rack. When cool, store in an airtight container. Repeat with the remaining mixture.

Note: Chocolate extract is a fat-free flavoring ingredient made from a blend of roasted cacao beans, water and alcohol.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

4 tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a homecooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish. Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past,

regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties. Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own homecooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat. Hosts also should not feel



pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust

your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early. If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that

can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

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Holiday cookies the whole family will love

Many people enjoy baking come the holiday season, and perhaps no dish is more synonymous with holiday baking than cookies. Children leave cookies out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, while adults may indulge and enjoy an extra cookie or two at family gatherings or holiday office parties.

Cookies come in all shapes and sizes, so bakers have an array of options at their disposal when planning their holiday menus. Chocolate chip cookies may be among the most popular types of cookies, and bakers who want to capitalize on that popularity while giving loved ones something a little different may want to try the following recipe for "Double Chocolate Chip Cookies" from Maxine Clark's "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small).

Double Chocolate Chip Cookies
Makes about 12 large cookies

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 5 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 5 tablespoons light brown sugar, sifted
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla essence or chocolate extract (see note)
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons self-rising flour
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup (or more) dark and white (or milk) chocolate chips (or roughly chopped chocolate)

A heavy, nonstick baking sheet

Preheat the oven to 350 F.
Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugars together until pale and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla essence.

Sift the flour with the cocoa and salt in a small bowl. Fold into the egg mixture with the chocolate chips.

Place 4 heaping tablespoonsful of the mixture on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them well apart. Press down and spread out to about 1/4-inch thick with the back of a wet spoon or with dampened fingers (you may like to scatter some more chocolate chips over the top). Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for 1 minute, then transfer to a wire rack. When cool, store in an airtight container. Repeat with the remaining mixture.

Note: Chocolate extract is a fat-free flavoring ingredient made from a blend of roasted cacao beans, water and alcohol.



Home for the Holidays!

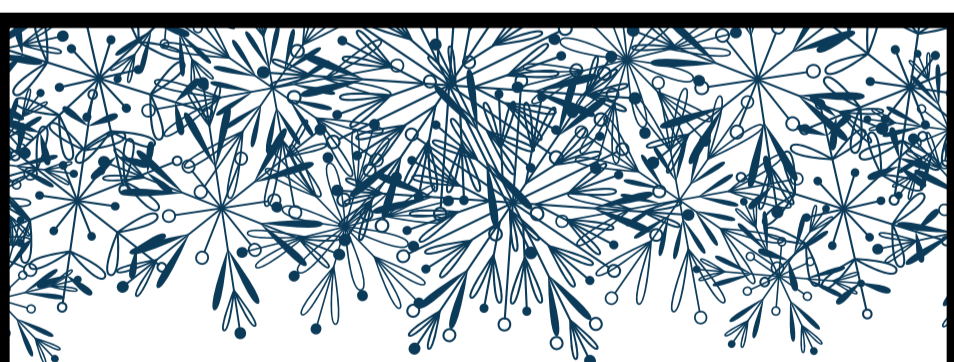
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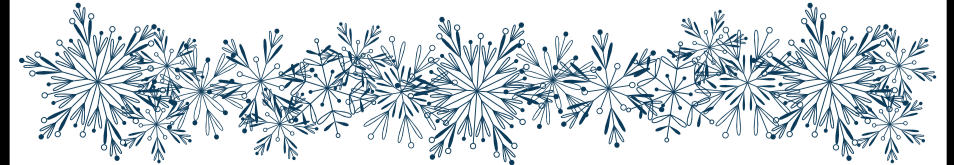
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A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas will soon be here and 2022 will be brighter. As we look back on 2021, we'd like to thank those who put their trust in us. We look forward to being your partner in healthcare throughout the New Year. Please continue to be safe during the holidays and enjoy the simple pleasures of the season. From all of us at Rochelle Community Hospital, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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