

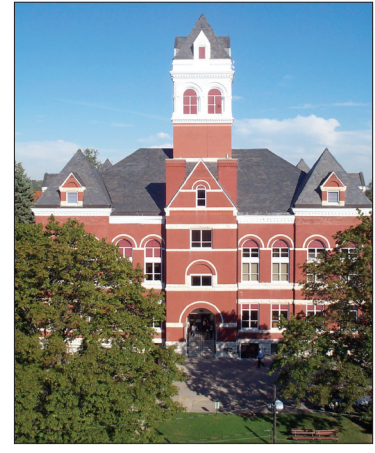
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## RCH has new health record system

### CEO says electronic system will be better for staff and patients

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – Rochelle Community Hospital is currently in the midst of a 10-month implementation of a new electronic health record system, RCH CEO Gregg Olson said.

The system is called Epic and is made by a Wisconsin-based company. Epic doesn't typically work with smaller hospitals like RCH, but Olson said the hospital was able to acquire the system through Pointcore, a retail divi-

sion of OSF Healthcare. "In my opinion and a lot of people's opinion, Epic is the gold standard," Olson said. "They control about 67 percent of the market. I want to say 72 percent of people in the country have touched Epic in some way. They're huge. And they're very good." The Epic system will replace two electronic health record systems that Olson said were installed at the hospital in 2011 or 2012. One of RCH's current systems covers the hospital busi-

ness and the other operates its clinic. Olson said those systems "don't get along very well." Both the clinic and the hospital will use Epic after installation. Olson said putting reports together with RCH's current systems takes a lot of time and is expensive. Epic will also allow RCH to be compatible with other hospitals and medical facilities around the world and country. "One hit of the keyboard with Epic can send patient information," Olson said. "Today, I have to fax and scan information to those providers. The big systems aren't used to that anymore. It's just clumsy and old school. We're fortunate to have access to a product that's well designed

and user-friendly for staff and providers." RCH hopes to start using epic on May 1, 2022, which would be the start of its new fiscal year, Olson said. He said the installation process is "a lot of work" and there are many aspects to it including the patient care side and the financial side. "This is a big thing," Olson said. "This is going to be an enhancement to our patients. I think we can provide better care. We can have that information at our fingertips. It gives everyone more information on what we're dealing with and that's always a better way to be."

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### WEATHER

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## Veterans Memorial ceremony set

### Renovation planning started in 2019

**BYRON** – All Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Byron Veterans Memorial Dedication on Monday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Byron Township Cemetery (405 E. 5th St.).

The short program will include performances by Byron High School Band and Choir members, flag raising, 21-gun salute, echo taps, benediction and laying of the wreath by area American Legion and VFW members, guest speakers are Byron resident Retired Brigadier General, Steven Huber, Byron High School graduate and career Air Force officer, Major Kendall Smith, and Vietnam Veteran, Medal of Honor Recipient, and author, Allen J. Lynch. Seating will be provided.

The guest speakers will be brief at the dedication, but all available to mingle at a complimentary cider and donuts reception immediately after (6:30 p.m.), hosted by and at the Byron Museum of History: 110 N Union St. There will be limited street parking and no parking in the cemetery. Byron



The dedication ceremony for the Byron Veterans Memorial is Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. The dedication will also be shown live on Facebook.

schools are generously offering bus shuttles from the BHS Pool Doors (northeast side of the school: 325 N. Colfax), departing at 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. After the dedication, the shuttles will run repeatedly from the cemetery to the museum and high school. If you are unable to

attend the Dedication in-person, you can watch it "Live" on Facebook: Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial Renovation. You can also see photos and videos, learn more about the project, and watch progress on the Facebook page. When planning the renovation of the over 30-year

old Byron Veterans Memorial Renovation began in late summer 2019, a professional artist in NC, Jim Stillwell, volunteered to create a rendering from our general design ideas and photos of the old Memorial. Everything came to a halt with COVID in 2020.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Rotary honors veterans

On Nov. 3, The Oregon Rotary Club was pleased to honor our Veterans. Rotarian Mike Mudge presented on the topic of WWII veterans coming home and showed pictures of the ships that brought our veterans home. We were pleased to have 2 WWII veterans in attendance who shared when and how they came home from the war. Pictured are: Chris Blumhoff, Stan Eden, Mike Mudge, Joe Brousil, Fred Smith, Harry Travis, Paul Detmer, Richard Little, Stan Asp, Jason Mudge, Darrell Kump, Terry Paul and John Tuttle. Not pictured: Mayor Ken Williams.

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## Medicare program is Nov. 17

**BYRON** – A free educational and informational presentation on Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service.

## RCH: Newer doctors trained on system

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“We know at the end of the day when this is completed, our people will be very happy with it.”

Recently-graduated and future doctors are trained on Epic, Olson said, 91 percent of them are using Epic during residency programs, he said. That could help RCH attract prospective employees in the medical field that are used to working with it.

Olson said he’s most excited about the ease of the applications and the ability to interact with other systems. The Epic system costs “millions” for RCH to license, he said.

“It’s a huge investment,” Olson said. “I

am so blessed that I have such a supportive board. Asking a board to spend millions of dollars is not an easy thing to do. I think we did it the right way and took our time. It took a lot of meetings.”

Olson said RCH is proud to be an independent organization that is governed locally by its board. But for it to stay competitive with larger hospitals in the area, RCH has to stay on the cutting edge, he said.

“For us to continue our path and grow and thrive, we have to be there,” Olson said. “We have to be competent, provide excellent service and be compassionate. In order to do that, we have to provide the best products out there.”



## MEMORIAL: Still accepting donations for the project

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Once execution started in 2021, the project evolved with a larger concrete footprint, additional flagpole, new granite pieces, more extensive lighting, etc. The artist rendering gave us all a ‘vision’ or visual of what the Memorial could be. Today, with Incredible Community support, we have exceeded that vision.

There are a few steps to complete (installing two granite benches and battlefield crosses, sandblasting, and placing military flag granite monuments, and receiving the large granite Donor Recognition monument (due to pandemic supply chain delays, it is on a ship somewhere).

We have only been actively working on this project for 5 1/2 months and made such Amazing progress. This is what happens when our community collaborates and supports each other. Fundraising began on May 15th and deconstruction on June 17th.

This entire project is possible due to a generous community and volunteers. Donations are still needed and

appreciated. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Byron Foundation, Attn: Veterans Memorial, PO Box 555, Byron, IL 61010. Credit card donations can be made online via the Facebook page: Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial Renovation. All Individuals, civic groups, and businesses who donated will be listed on the granite donor recognition display. Thank you for Honoring those who have served our country!

For questions, please contact Michelle: 815-985-5102 or malbert6@comcast.net.

The donor monument will read: “In recognition of a generous Byron area Community who donated time, talent, and financial gifts to celebrate and honor America’s Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In Thanksgiving and prayer, we remember the stories of those who have served in war or peace... whether no longer with us, or who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.”



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There will be a Celebration of Life luncheon in honor of **Evelyn Behrendt Friemuth** on November 20th 1-3pm at Disciples Methodist Church in Mt Morris. Evelyn passed away in 2020. We are honoring her memory this year due to covid.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Make sure to recycle old holiday lights

Autumn is upon Ogle County, and it seems folks are getting an early start on holiday decorating. Some of those light strands from previous years may not be working anymore and can be recycled very easily here in Ogle County.

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

Starting Nov. 15, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 21, 2022.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights,

and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for the processor.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wis., to be recycled. In 2020-2021, over

1,500 pounds of material was collected and recycled through this program.

So as we prepare to untangle, test, and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our homes in the past but now refuse to light up anymore. If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org).



Seated at from left are: Mike Bowers (Scott's dad), Brayden Bowers (Scott's son), Brooklyn Bowers (Scott's daughter), and Melissa Bowers (Scott's wife). Members of the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District (standing and kneeling).

## Family of fallen deputy make donation to fire department

**LINDENWOOD** – On May 2, 2020, Boone County Sheriff Deputy and Lindenwood resident, Scott R. Bowers died as a result of a cardiac event.

Bowers was a great supporter of the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District. He was an outstanding police officer, father, husband, and friend to all that were fortunate enough to know him.

In his honor, his family has provided a generous donation so that Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD may continue to acquire the newest and best equip-



ment in hopes of helping others in their time of need. The LSRFPD was able to secure two sets of DeWalt battery operated tools, one set for each station – Lindenwood and Davis Junction. Each set includes a cut off tool,

reciprocating saw, light tower, angle grinder and a fiber cement cutting shear used for cutting automotive glass along with additional batteries and saw blades.

The family was present at the fire station on Oct. 23 to meet with several fire department members and dedicate the tools in Scott's honor.

We all dearly miss him but know that his memory will live on, and the generosity provided by the family will help countless others for many years to come.

## Paint Nostalgic Christmas Tree

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District and Cin's Treasures are working together offering ceramic painting classes as well as some other fun painting classes on wood.

The Nostalgic Christmas Tree workshop is so popular that we have added another workshop date. Join Cindy Hendrickson, Cin's Treasures owners, for the workshop on Saturday, Nov. 20, 4-7 p.m., at Cin's Treasures Ceramics & Art Studio inside Conover Square. There are limited spaces available so be sure to register soon.

Painting ceramics is fun, gives you a chance to be creative, can challenge you, offers an opportunity for a night out and meeting new people, and of course you end up with a beautiful nostalgic Christmas Tree to add to your holiday décor.

This workshop includes all supplies need to paint a 14" ceramic tree with base and lights and expert guidance from Cindy Hendrickson. Register on or before Nov. 13.

To register or for mor information on the class visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.



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## VFW again delivering food baskets

**OREGON** – Once again at Christmas time, Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be making up and delivering Christmas food baskets to families and individuals who are in need in the Oregon area.

This year has been almost as tough as last year for everyone with the Covid 19 which led to lost jobs and sick families. We are asking those who donate for this purpose please be generous again this year. We normally do 120-plus baskets. We feel the number will be much larger this year.

Any family or individual who is in need must call the VFW Monday or

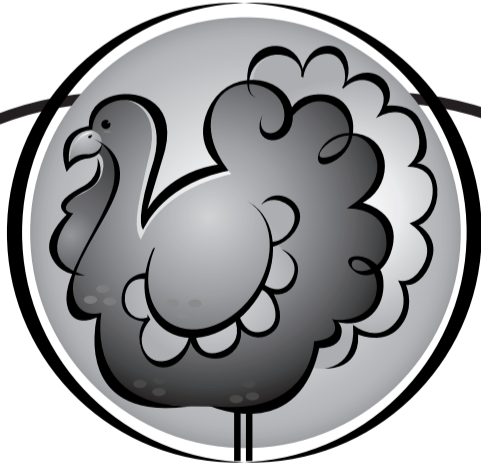
Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at 815-732-6851. Please do not call on Fridays as our phone and people are busy with other work. The Post is closed Tuesday and Thursday. In order to order food we will stop taking orders Dec. 3. Each individual or family must call for themselves.

An adult must be home Dec. 18 to receive the basket. Delivers will start around 8:30 a.m. and should be finished by noon.

We will start taking phone calls Nov. 8. We ask you to please be patient we know this is important.

## Oregon Church holding bake sale on Dec. 4

**OREGON** – St. Bride's Episcopal Church is having a Christmas bake sale and rummage sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The church is located at 1000 Rte. 64 West.



## Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

The following lucky winners have been selected to receive a Gift Certificate towards a Thanksgiving Turkey.

A special thank you to the following businesses:

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Kerry Wickler  
Leaf River



## TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Highland Community College

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District No. 519, Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess, and Carroll for 2021 will be held on November 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at Highland Community College, Freeport, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President of Administrative Services, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032, 235-6121, Extension 3412.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$8,850,073.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$9,412,000. This represents a 6.4% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$1,791,127.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$1,816,050. This represents an 1.4% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$10,641,200.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$11,228,050. This represents a 5.2% increase over the previous year.

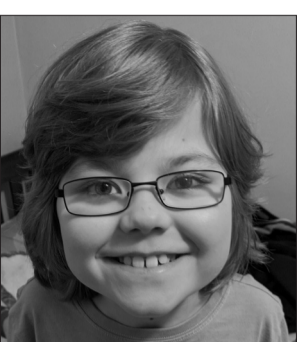
Terri Grimes  
Secretary to the Board

# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Benjamin Goodin

Benjamin Abram Goodin, 10, of Rockford, passed away Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021. He was born on Febr. 15, 2011, in Rockford, the son of Aaron and Haylie (Sanders) Goodin.



His happiness to be where he was, no matter the location, showed how much he loved life and being with people. He loved to ask questions of everyone. Ben made every effort, successfully, to elicit participation from even the most unwilling of strangers at Target—his favorite store. He frequently asked his peers, teachers, neighbors, and family members what they had for dinner last night. Ben found a way to give weight to the smallest of details. Ben enjoyed playing Minecraft with his family, and would ask, “Can I take you on an adventure?” and lead you on quite a journey. He loved helping others. When he recognized that

Rhema, Axton, and Selah Goodin; cousins, Carson, Will, Emma, and Kate Sanders; cousins, Meredith and Will Wagner. He is predeceased by his mother, Haylie (Sanders) Goodin and great grandparent, Francis Sanders.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, from 5-7:30 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL. Service was held at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and tributes to honor Ben may be made online. Please consider giving to support these causes that are near and dear to our hearts: Pediatric Neurosurgery Research and Education Fund and/or Our UW Health Transplant Fund. Please share memories and condolences online at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

### Lester Brooks

**FORRESTON**—Lester Edwards Brooks, 88, died peacefully at his home with his family by his side. Lester was born at that same home, on the farm on April 23, 1933 to Joseph and Ellen (Drake) Brooks, the oldest of five siblings.



When Lester was nine years old his father was killed in a farm accident. Lester graduated from Forreston High School in 1951 and started farming the family farm, which had been homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1840. On Sept. 8, 1956, he married Darlene Drake, his high school sweetheart. After serving in the Army with the 25th armored division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii he returned to the family farm. He was proud to be a farmer and loved the land. That love was recognized in 1992 when he was awarded the Ogle County Conservation Farm Family of the year award. He enjoyed showing off the restored cabin where he was born and proud the 6th generation is farming on the family farm. Lester

was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Forreston.

Lester is survived by his wife Darlene and three sons, Joel Lester, Timothy “Tim” Webster, and Thomas “Tom” James; Joel’s family (daughter-in-law Kay Henze, grandson Koel (Maggie) Brooks, and great-granddaughter Sofie Brooks of Bettendorf, IA), granddaughter Jordan (Ben) Sasscer, great-granddaughter Allie and great-grandson Jack of Forreston); Tim’s family (daughter-in-law Erixana Lewis, of Madison, Indiana, grandson Duncan (Tristan) Brooks and great-grandsons Ezekial and Azaiah of Louisville, Kentucky, granddaughter Araminta (Jed) Tuttle of Munice, Indiana and great-grand-

daughters Annalee and Cecily, grandson Jacob Brooks of Madison, Indiana); Tom’s family (daughter-in-law Joan Viel of Forreston); sisters, Marry Ellen (Malcolm) Davis of Mt. Morris, and Katherine Jacob of Mountain View, Calif. Brother, Phillip (Joanne) Brooks of Rockford; sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Norman Osterloo, and brother-in-law, Donald Drake. Lester was preceded in death by his parents; sister, JoAnn Conkey; brother and sister-in-law Duane and Virginia Drake; and sister-in-law, Sandra Drake. Funeral services will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday Nov. 20, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Forreston, IL with Pastor Sung-Eun Kim officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston. Burial will be in Brookville Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lanark. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Lester’s memory.

### Amy Faber Beard

Amy Faber Beard went into the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, Nov. 8th, 2021. She was born on Feb. 4th, 1962 in Dixon. She was the youngest of Herbert and Virginia Faber. She graduated from Polo Community High School in 1980. Amy married the love of her life, Paul Beard on July 25th, 1998.



JESUS. Amy taught flute lessons for several years and touched many young lives. One thing we will always remember is her Amy-isms and how we learned to not take life too seriously.

Amy is survived by her husband Paul Beard, beloved fur baby Bella, brother Brett (Pam) Faber, of Polo, sisters Kim

Adams of Zephyrhills, Fla., Jodie (Bradley) Galik of Woodstock, Ga., and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Virginia Faber, sisters Vickie Choudoir and Colleen Myler and brother Kurt Faber.

Celebration of life was held at Crossroads Church in Polo on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 2021. The visitation was from 9-11 a.m. and the church service followed at 11 a.m.

Polo Family Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Please visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com) to send condolences.

### Food pantry distributing meal boxes Nov. 22

**MOUNT MORRIS**—Loaves & Fish Food Pantry will distribute Thanksgiving Meal Boxes again this year on Monday, Nov. 22, from 2-6 p.m. (or while the supply lasts).

Meals will be distributed to Mt. Morris and Leaf River residents. Proof of residency is required. Please bring a driver’s license, I.D. card, a current copy of a utility bill or piece of mail for each family receiving a meal to prove residency. No sign-up required. Dinners will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Limit of one dinner per family.

Each meal will include a 12-15 pound turkey and side dishes: stuffing, turkey,

gravy, whole kernel corn, green beans, dry black beans, white rice, mixed fruit in juice, cranberry sauce, hot cocoa, cake mix and frosting.

Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4573 and leave a message with phone number and we will return your call. The pantry is open for normal distribution on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food.

### 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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### RRC has upcoming events, activities

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](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### MS 2016 Word Basics—Thursday, Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

This class provides the basics functions of Microsoft 2016 Word. Learn tasks such as opening existing files, creating new files, formatting, saving and printing. Handouts will be provided. Experience using a mouse is helpful, but not required. Advance registration is required.

#### Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period – Oct. 15-Dec. 7

Here it is again, time for the Medicare Annual Open Enrollment period which begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. This is the time of year for Medicare beneficiaries to make decisions regarding their Medicare drug coverage.

- What can I do?
- \* Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan
  - \* Change from a Medicare Advantage plan back to Original Medicare
  - \* Switch from a Medicare Advantage plan to another Medicare Advantage plan
  - \* Join a Medicare Prescription Drug plan
  - \* Switch from one Medicare drug plan to another Medicare drug plan
  - \* completely Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage

Do you need help? Just give us a call here at Rock River Center where we have trained SHIP counselors on staff who can help you find your options for prescription drug coverage and also help you complete your enrollment into the plan of your choice.

Call 815-732-3252 for your forms to be mailed to you. Send your completed forms to Rock River Center and once we received your forms, we will call you to schedule your phone appointment to discuss options.

#### Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule for RRC

Rock River Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. No activities or transportation will be scheduled on those days. Please plan accordingly. Happy Thanksgiving from the Rock River Center staff.

#### 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.

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#### Support groups

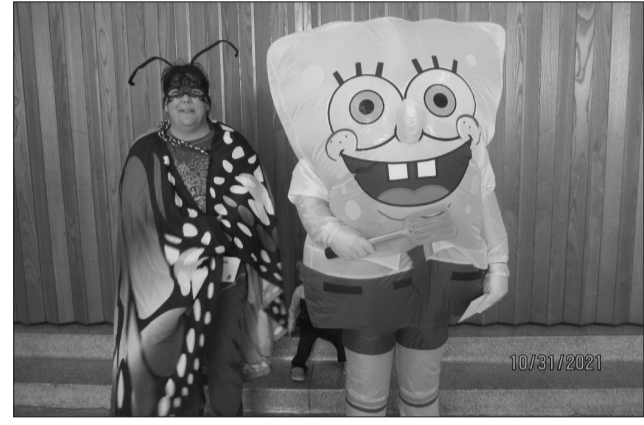
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“Facing the Challenge” is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Rock River Center.

##### Caregiver support group

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

# LOCAL NEWS



## Leaf River Lions costume contest

The Leaf River Lions sponsored a Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31 in the Bertolet Memorial building. Anyone coming in costume received a free hot dog with chips and a drink. The contest was divided into several different age groups. The winners are listed as follows:

### Infant-2 years old

1st Aspyn Johnson as a Unicorn; 2nd Sophia Sanchez as a Witch

### 3-4 years old

1st Knox Johnson as a policeman; 2nd Raelyn Whetsel as a Witch

### 5 years old-Kindergarten

1st Anniya Wheeler as Beetlejuice; 2nd Zaidyn Hinkle as a Ninja

### Second grade

1st Lily Pratt as a Victorian Vampire; 2nd Tyson McIlvanie

### Third Grade

1st Mackenzie Dales as Dracula's Daughter; 2nd Makayla Dales as a Moonlight Unicorn

### 5th Grade

1st Lucy Miller as a Chef; 2nd Isabella McIlvanie as a Skittle

### Middle School

1st Aubree Banister as a Skunk; 2nd Kaylee Banister as an M & M

### High School

1st Stacy Lewis as a Skeleton Face; 2nd Sara Miller as a Ghost with Sunglasses (Some categories had no participants)

### Adults

1st Dalton Blatter as SpongeBob; 2nd Gina Miller as a Butterfly

## Polo Police report

**Sept. 30**  
TIME: 5:58 p.m.  
REPORT: Patrick J. Siepka, 26, Franklin Grove, was issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Siepka was released on an I-Bond.

**Oct. 4**  
TIME: 5:25 p.m.  
REPORT: Devan R. Joens, 21, Freeport, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Driver's License. Jones was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of September 27 thru October 10, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	29
Juvenile	4
Animal Complaint	7
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	9
Alarm/Open Door	3

Lock Out	3
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	21
County Assists	1

**Oct. 11**  
TIME: 4:01 p.m.  
REPORT: Julian Ray Turner Emert, 30, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Emert was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**Oct. 15**  
TIME: 10:50 a.m.  
REPORT: Kathleen A. Mauer, 54, Bloomington, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Mauer was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 5:20 p.m.  
REPORT: Clarzone D. Cummings, 48, Dixon, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and a Written Warning for Illegal Cell Phone Use.

Cummings was released on an I-Bond.

**Oct. 16**  
TIME: 5:55 p.m.  
REPORT: Brittany D. Keller, 28, Sterling, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Keller was also cited for Driving While License Suspended and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 11:22 p.m.  
REPORT: Karen M. Shmid, 51, Vancouver, Wash., was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Shmid was released on an I-Bond.

**Oct. 19**  
TIME: 3:15 p.m.  
REPORT: John Cowan, 57, Sycamore, was cited for Improper Use of an Electronic

Communication Device and a Written Warning for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Cowan was released on an I-Bond.

**Oct. 20**  
TIME: 4:47 p.m.  
REPORT: Julian Jacobo-Nunez, 48, DeKalb, was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph speed zone and a Written Warning for No Brake Light. Jacobo-Nunez was released on an I-Bond.

**Oct. 23**  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
REPORT: Katherine E. Sandrock, 25, Dixon, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and a Written Warning for Illegal Use of a Cell Phone. Sandrock was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of October 11, 2021

thru October 24, 2021  
Citizen Complaints/Assist

Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	1
Ordinance Violation	1
Fire/Medical Assist	6
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	1
911 Hang Up	3
Traffic Stops	30
County Assists	1

**Oct. 26**  
TIME: 3:45 p.m.  
REPORT: Shaun E. Bullock, 43, West Brooklyn, was issued a citation for Illegal Use of a Cell Phone. Bullock was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 4:28 p.m.  
REPORT: Andrea N. Zinke, 39, Winnebago, was issued a citation for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Zinke was released on an I-Bond.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo sets decorating contest for community

**POLO** – The Polo Chamber of Commerce and the Polo Christmas Festival Committee are excited to announce the new Holiday Home Decorating Contest open to all homes and businesses within the Polo School District.

Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to show their holiday spirit by decorating the exteriors of their homes with lights and displays. Winners will be awarded in four categories: People's Choice/Best in Show, Best Use of Lights, Most Creative and Best Business.

Entry is required by visiting [www.plochamber.org](http://www.plochamber.org) or the Polo Public Library. Polo residents will be able to vote on their favorite displays between Dec. 4-18 and winners will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

## Madrigal Dinner Dec. 10, 11

**OREGON** – Join the Oregon High School Madrigal Group for its annual Madrigal Dinner in December.

This year the high court has put themselves in a position of being dethroned, and must destroy the IRS to keep their noble status. Yes, you read correctly, they are in a war with the IRS.

The Madrigal Dinners will be held on Friday, Dec. 10 and on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Brubaker Center at Stronghold. Tickets are \$25 and include the madrigal performance as well as dinner during the performance. To reserve a ticket, please email [zhall@ocusd.net](mailto:zhall@ocusd.net) or call 815-677-5493 with the following information: 1. Your name 2. What day(s) you plan to attend 3. How many people you plan to bring with you (and their names).

Reserve a ticket now, while there is ample space.



## Remembrance wreath

The GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club crafted and placed a remembrance wreath on the "Cross of the Unknown" at Fairmont Cemetery in Polo on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Women's Club member as well as American Legion members were present. American Legion Post #83 Commander Marddi Rahn gave a statement explaining 2021 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" at Arlington National Cemetery. She gave us a brief history of the Tomb in Arlington and read a befitting prayer honoring our lost servicemen and women whose remains have not returned home. Pictured in the back row from left: Veterans Max Snook, VFW Commander; James Reynolds, Mike Scholl, Richard Jacks, Cynthia Reynolds and Mardii Rahn, American Legion Post # 83 Commander. Front row from left: Sheila Dean, Pat Kuhn, and Mary Cimino of the GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tues., Nov. 16

**Holiday Gift Wrapping Tips & Techniques** at the Byron Library, 6-7 p.m. Join Heather and Beth as they share simple and beautiful ways to dress up your holiday gifts. Register online at [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107.

### Weds., Nov. 17

A free educational and informational presentation on Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St. The emphasis will be on

the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare.

### Thurs., Nov. 18

**MS 2016 Word Basics**, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. This class provides the basics functions of Microsoft 2016 Word. Learn tasks such as opening existing files, creating new files, formatting, saving and printing. Handouts will be provided. Experience using a mouse is helpful, but not required. Advance registration is required. Call 815-732-3252.

**Family Reading Night** at the Oregon Library. This is an annual statewide event to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. Let us post how you celebrate reading in your family. Send us a picture via email ([oregonlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:oregonlibrary@yahoo.com)) of your family reading together. Pictures must be received today so we can post them on our Facebook page for Family Reading Night. Please include name and contact info in the email. Call 815-732-2724 for more info.

### Fri., Nov. 19

The Mount Morris Senior

Center will be hosting a potluck at noon. The Senior Center will provide the main dish, but all are welcome to bring a side or dessert or \$5.

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

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@ogle-countylife.com](mailto:bjennings@ogle-countylife.com).

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# VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Dec. 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack. The British were stunned to find the army waiting for them the next day.

\* On Dec. 5, 1872, a British brig spots the Mary Celeste, an American vessel, sailing erratically near the Azores Islands with not a soul onboard. The last entry in the captain's log was dated 11 days earlier.

\* On Dec. 4, 1945, the U.S. Senate approves full U.S. participation in the United Nations. A resolution designed to force the president to get congressional consent before approving U.S. troops for any U.N. peacekeeping forces was defeated.

\* On Nov. 30, 1954, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs in Alabama when an 8.5-pound meteorite crashes through the roof of a house and strikes a woman. She was not permanently injured.

\* On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city. Plant workers had failed to act when gauges showed a dangerous build-up of pressure in the tanks.

\* On Dec. 1, 1990, over 130 feet below the English Channel, workers drill an opening through a wall of rock, connecting the two ends of an underwater tunnel linking Great Britain with the European mainland. The completed "Chunnel" rail shuttle through the tunnel runs 31 miles and takes 20 minutes.

\* On Nov. 29, 2011, Conrad Murray, the doctor convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 death of singer Michael Jackson, is sentenced to four years in prison. The pop star died after suffering cardiac arrest while under the influence of propofol.

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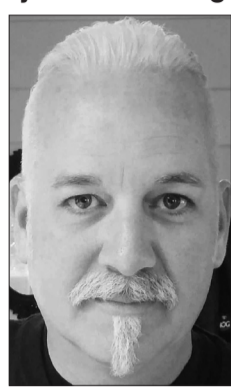
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## I would be lost without technology

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Technology rules our lives.

Bold statement? Not really. In 2021, it is just a true statement. It really hit me last week when we lost Internet connection for a bit. I was basically dead in the water.

Think about your cell-phone. It is a way that you keep connected to the world. You phone, your emails, your text messages, your social media, your maps, your calendar, your photos. Those are all very important things, and they are all on your phone. And I didn't even mention that you can use your phone to Google pretty much anything. The collective knowledge of the history of the planet is available at your fingertips. It is pretty amazing.

If you lost your phone, you would lose a lot. Even just your contact information. I know my own phone number and my wife's phone number. Anyone else? Nope. I don't even know my dad's cellphone number. I simply find a name in my phone and hit "call."

Television is another piece of this in 2021. The

days of being beaten down by the evil cable companies is over. A growing number of people get their TV programming through the Internet. Streaming is a thing that most seem to be doing these days. In fact, I am not sure I have any friends who still have cable.

Now, pretty much anything you want to watch is available – for a price, of course. There are so many streaming services that to have them all would cost a small fortune. But like us, most people pick and choose what they really want and go with those. It saves us a lot of money every month, even though we have multiple services

to stream content.

Many people, myself included, work from home these days. Sure, I go out and meet with people and take photos and cover events. But the nuts and bolts of my daily work is done from home.

And it is technology that makes that possible, of course. The Internet is pretty much all we need. Connect it to your computer that is load with all the programs you need and you are good to go. No commute, no packing a lunch, no worries about office equipment breaking down.

Technology has given us the power to help balance work and life.

But it is a crutch. I know it is for me. When the Internet goes out, I am pretty much stuck. My wife does have a mobile hotspot that can do in a pinch, but no Internet means no, well, anything. No work, no TV, no cell-phone (unless you want to run on data).

Life kind of shuts down. And it is a very strange feeling. Even my books are on a device, and I am a voracious reader.

I also find myself won-

dering what I did before GPS. Like most guys, I am very hesitant to stop and ask for directions, so I love my GPS.

When I was delivering pizzas in high school, we had a big map over the sink in the kitchen of the restaurant. We would look at the map to chart the quickest route to our multiple destinations before deliveries. Eventually, you just memorized addresses and streets.

Now? I couldn't deliver a pizza next door without my GPS. I have one on my Harley and rely on it like crazy. It does allow me to go far off the beaten path, which is great on long trips. Without it I would be literally lost.

Yes, technology rules our lives. And I don't think that is a bad thing. Progress is what it is and we can't stop it so we might as well jump on board. And by my calculations, it will be at least another 50 years before the machines rise and take over. By that time, I won't be around to worry about it.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

## Johnny's pedigree and how we view race

"He's half Labrador retriever and half German shepherd," the volunteer said as she handed me the wiggling puppy.

I looked into the mutt's shiny eyes and just shrugged.

A few months ago, my wife, a veterinarian, went into work on her day off to spay and neuter dogs from a local animal rescue.

Since I already had an obligation that morning, she took our 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin, along.

"We'll just put her in an empty exam room with the puppies awaiting surgery while I'm back in the operating room," she told me.

I cringed. Caitlin falls in love hard.

Beforehand, the two of us told her that we already had enough pets, and we weren't going to adopt another. She could play with the pups but none of them were going home with us.

Wishful thinking.

After spending a morning with one particular puppy she named "Johnny," Caitlin was smitten. My wife, Joan, caved first and said she could have him, "if Daddy says it's

ok."

I then became the subject of a two-week-long lobbying campaign that would put any statehouse advocate to shame. Daily, sometimes hourly, Caitlin would present her case for why she needed that puppy. She even emailed me a PowerPoint presentation on why the dog should join our family.

I kept thinking if I held out long enough, she would lose interest and somebody else would adopt the pooch.

But her ardor remained undiminished and nobody else wanted that mutt. So, I gave in. When I went to pick him up, the volunteer said they knew little about him other than he and his littermates were found abandoned and that she just felt sure he was a Labrador/Shepherd mix.

But after he came home, he didn't grow much, and he seemed far too small to be either of those large breeds. Every night he would curl up by the dinner table and we would debate his pedigree.

My sister-in-law said she thought he was part Rhodesian ridgeback. My

wife suggested pit bull. I just felt sure he was part coonhound. But Caitlin would give him a hug and just say, "I don't care."

The ongoing debate reminded me a bit of a journalism dilemma.

Typically, reporters covering a trial will describe a jury by its racial and ethnic composition.

Since reporters cannot talk to jurors during a trial, it becomes a guessing game. Is she Italian or Hispanic? Is he black or bi-racial? Is Juror No. 10 an Indian American? Or maybe he's Middle Eastern?

We live in a nation where identity is increasingly ambiguous.

A few years ago, I asked a Chinese-American friend and a Korean-American friend who they considered to be the most famous Asian American.

They both said: Tiger Woods. But it's doubtful a stranger looking into a jury box would ascribe someone with Woods' complexion that identity.

A few years ago, I took a DNA test and learned I was 99 % of European

extraction and one percent American Indian. Other than being able to brag that I may be more Native American than U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, I'm not sure what that test accomplished.

Genetic tracking isn't limited to humans. One can send to a laboratory a sample of a dog's saliva and learn its genetic makeup too.

So, after enduring multiple dinner-table debates about Johnny's pedigree, we mailed in a sample. The result: he's 17 different breeds.

He was only one percent Labrador and didn't have a drop of German Shepherd blood. And despite my speculation and my sister in law's, there was no Rhodesian ridgeback or coonhound to be found in his lineage.

After hearing the results, Caitlin hugged her pup and said, "I don't care, I love him."

If only more people would view others that same way.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer with Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreed-er@illinoistimes.com.

## Park Board says it will make necessary changes

Dear Editor,

Recently, a number of former employees of the Oregon Park District communicated personal complaints to the Park Board alleging that a hostile workplace environment exists. Other current employees have rebutted this claim. The Park Board has heard the comments and takes these claims seriously.

The public needs to understand that the Park Board is a policy making entity and does not typi-

cally get involved in day-to-day operations or management of the Park District. Also, there are many rules and regulations governing the Park Board which makes it difficult to act in what would seem a timely manner. There are also rules regarding private personnel information which are designed to protect current and past employees. These rules will also keep the Park Board discussions and actions in regards to employee and personnel policy from public view until changes are

made if deemed necessary.

We want to assure you that we have heard the comments, we take them seriously, and we are working to review and make changes if deemed necessary. In the meantime, you can be assured that the Oregon Park District will continue to provide the public with the quality parks, facilities, and programs to which you are accustomed.

Steve Pennock, President, and the Board of Commissioners

## Church sends thanks for help with annual event

Dear Editor,

The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris was pleased to host its annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. This year's event was a bit different, showcasing a variety of heavy-duty equipment, allowing children and families to get up close to explore and enjoy them.

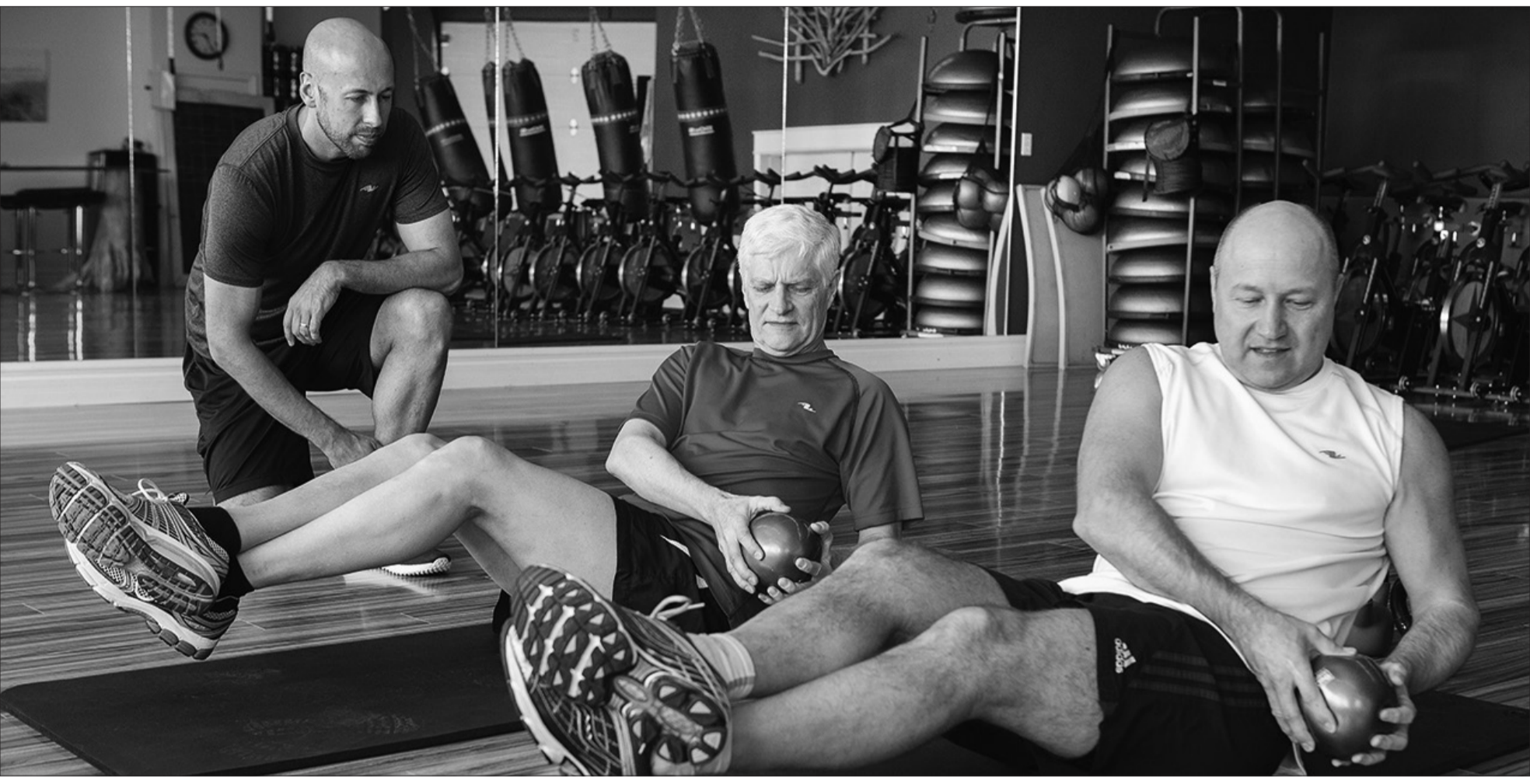
The church is grateful for the partnership of various government representatives and local businesses, that

made this particular event a success: The Village of Mt. Morris, the Mt. Morris Fire Protection District, Mt. Morris Township, R E Wolber & Sons Excavating, and Woods Equipment. Together, Truck & Treat served over 200 children and their families, providing a safe and creative way to trick-or-treat on Halloween.

Joyce Long, Leaf River

# LOCAL NEWS

## Senior Lifestyles



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## There are innovative fitness programs available for seniors

It is important to stay active and eat healthy foods in an effort to promote fitness and well-being. This is especially true for seniors, many of whom lead increasingly sedentary lifestyles as they age.

The American Heart Association says adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, and a Harvard University study says that exercise can be an insurance policy for heart health.

Today's seniors have more fitness options at their disposal than ever before. SilverSneakers® is the leading community fitness program for older adults in the United States. SilverSneakers® mem-

bers can participate in specially curated programs at participating gyms and community centers across the nation. According to the organization, there are more participating fitness locations available than there are Starbucks® coffee establishments. Classes are fit for everyone, no matter their experience level.

Those concerned about gym costs may find that SilverSneakers® already is included in their Medicare Advantage plan for no additional cost. Plus, there is access to healthy living discounts from participating businesses.

Canada has begun to develop its own senior-centric fitness programs. The Healthy, Safe and Strong group exercise program is an introduction

to safe exercises available for adults age 60 and older in the province of Ontario. The program can help develop better stamina, maintain or improve balance and increase strength and endurance. StrongerU Senior Fitness is a relatively new program of pre-choreographed group fitness offering instruction in four program types: cardio, strength training, stretching, and circuit training. The program addresses a need in Canada for quality and consistent senior fitness programming.

As studies show that engaging in physical activity is the most effective way for aging men and women to stay healthy, more adults may be compelled to join fitness groups that cater to the 50-and-over market.

## Adopting an animal later in life

Companion animals bring great joy to their owners. The unconditional love cats and dogs provide appeals to people of all ages. While many people associate pets with kids who can't wait to welcome the first cat or dog into their homes, pets can benefit aging men and women as well.

It's not uncommon for seniors to feel lonely or depressed when they retire, their children move away or they lose a spouse or close friend or friends.

The American Humane Society states that studies show pets help seniors overcome loneliness and depression by providing affection, company and entertainment. Pets also provide much-needed mental stimulation, and many pet owners find their pets help them become more physically active as well.

Seniors who adopt pets may also feel a sense of purpose when helping animals who may not have anywhere to live. This is particularly true of older

companion animals, which many young families are understandably hesitant to adopt. Mature pets might be an ideal fit for seniors. When seniors are looking to adopt a pet, there are various reasons why older pets or particular animals might be the perfect fit for them.

- Adult pets may already be house trained, saving seniors the trouble and effort of training them.
- Seniors may find cats fit their lifestyles more than dogs, as cats are less active and do not need to be walked or played with as much as dogs. Cats also are small and easily maneuverable, meaning even seniors who have arthritis or other physical limitations can easily care for cats. Many cats are also content to spend long periods of time sleeping on their owners' laps.
- Small dogs that can be active within the house might be a good idea as well, especially for seniors with mobility issues. They're also easily transported to and from vet appointments.

It's important that seniors carefully weigh the benefits of adopting a pet against any limitations they may have.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Senior Lifestyles



### Why routine checkups are vital to overall health

Regular visits with a medical professional are an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Too often people visit the doctor only when they are ill, as they may not realize just how essential well visits and physical exams are.

Routine checkups are the smartest way for people in all age groups to stay on top of their health, but they can be especially valuable for those age 50 and older. Regular checkups enable physicians to check current health against past visits, ensuring that any anomalies can be investigated and treated efficiently and promptly. This can make the difference in slowing down the progression of a disease that has already developed or prevent something from becoming a full-fledged issue.

The Mayo Clinic says there are no hard and fast rules about how often seniors should visit health care providers. Those who are in generally good health may only require one medical checkup a year. At this point vital signs will be checked, medications reviewed and lifestyle topics discussed. Doctors may even recommend or discuss tests. Patients also can bring up any issues they may be experiencing, however insignificant they may seem. Anything from sleep disturbances to memory loss to unexplained fatigue or pain can be addressed. Sometimes getting everything out in the open and being reassured that there's nothing to worry about can be helpful.

General care and geriatric doctors also are adept at asking questions to get a sense of how patients are faring in the world. This may include topics that seemingly have no relevance to health but can be quite important. A provider may ask about topics such as bathing or dressing. Questions about social interaction or typical routines can paint a better picture of both physical and mental health.

The recommended frequency of doctor visits may change as health issues arise or if follow-up is needed after a treatment plan or injury, according to the caregiver company Home Care Assistance. Some seniors may have to visit a provider once a week or once a month. Doctors, nurses and therapists will design a regimen based on a patient's current health needs.

The following are some compelling reasons to be diligent with provider visits.

- Frequently health issues can be silent and not noticed early on by a patient, according to Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.
- Patients will be less likely to forget about important screenings, like mammography, prostate tests, cholesterol tests, and more.
- Vaccines can be administered, as even adults need certain immunizations to stay healthy.
- Patients can discuss potential lifestyle changes, like going on a diet or taking up a new fitness regimen.

It is essential to follow through with health care provider visits, even if they seem redundant. Physicians may detect issues that warrant close observation. Patients are urged to have an open dialogue with their doctors so they understand the reason behind health care visits and expectations in the future.

### Generations can learn from one another

In the not-so-distant past, extended families frequently lived in close proximity to one another. Such families shared meals and experiences and essentially grew up together. Nowadays, families separate for various reasons, such as job opportunities and cost of living concerns.

While there are advantages to spreading out, there are also some disadvantages, namely that grandparents and grandchildren may not see one another frequently enough. Even though people of different age groups may not entirely have the same interests, the interactions between generations can benefit both young people and their aging relatives.

#### Finding renewed vigor

Senior living and active lifestyle communities provide invaluable care and amenities for seniors. While being around like-minded individuals can be handy, it's also limiting. Seniors who continue to age in place in mixed-age communities can extract joy from watching youthful children and young adults growing up, playing and socializing. Being around multiple generations also can spark interest-



ing conversation, and all parties involved can learn something from one another.

#### Planning for the future

Younger generations may not understand the concept of "hard times" or "doing without" like a person who has lived through various ups and downs. Passing along advice about economic cycles, saving for the future and maintaining stability is one area of expertise at which many seniors excel.

#### Practicing interpersonal skills

All the technological savviness in the world cannot compensate for the power of strong interpersonal skills. Being

able to address a group of people or speak one-on-one is essential in the workplace and in life. When younger generations speak to older adults, they may become stronger at verbal discourse and have greater perspective of different points of conversation.

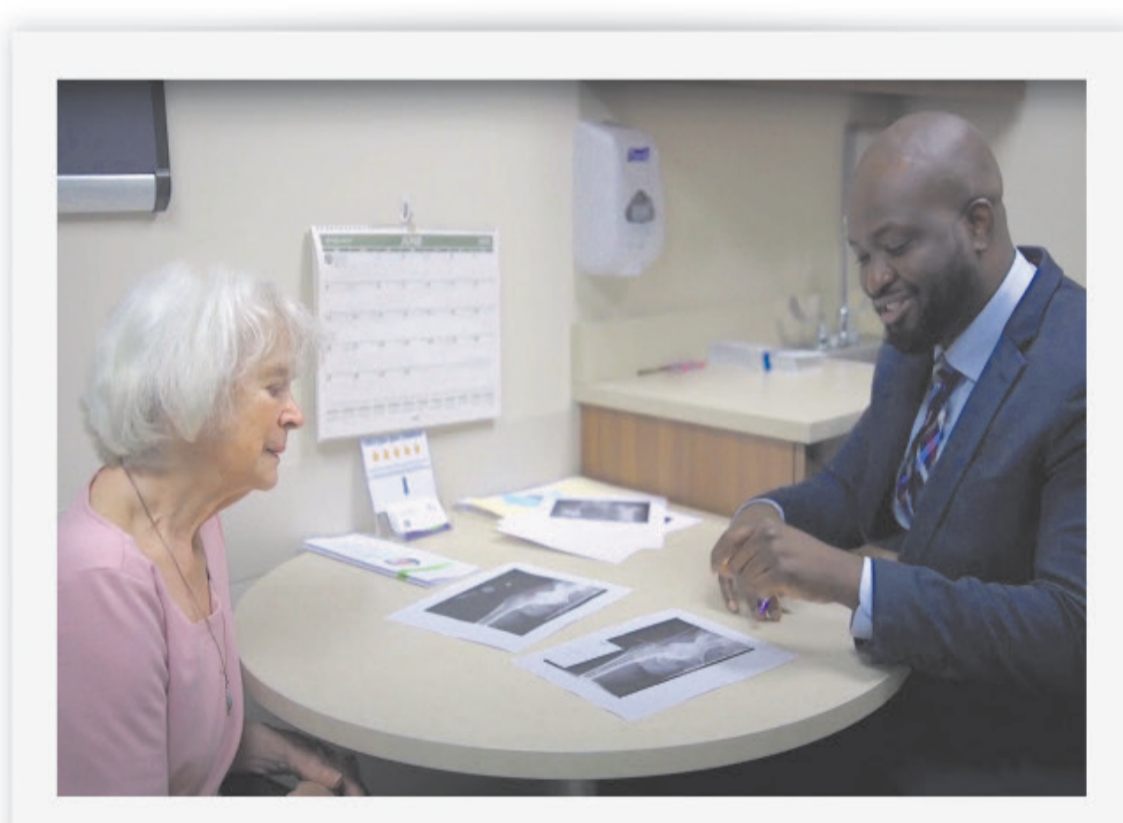
#### Learning new technology

Younger generations can impart knowledge of technological devices to older adults. People with skills are usually happy to share their knowledge. Even if seniors aren't ready to purchase tablets or smartphones, they may be excited to have their grandchildren teach them about the latest gadgets.

#### Providing sense of purpose

Both seniors and younger generations can realize a greater sense of purpose when interacting with one another. That person may be the reason the other one greets the day with a smile. Visits from grandchildren can reduce the likelihood of isolation and depression in older adults. And younger generations can discover the benefits of personal social interaction rather than communicating exclusively through social media apps.

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## Oregon Police report

**Oct. 15**  
At 8:21 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the post office parking lot, located at 1500 W. Washington Street where a 2004 Ford driven by Robert G. Bacon, 74, Mt. Morris, struck a parked 2011 Chevrolet belonging to Allison J. Geuther, 46, Amboy. No citations were issued.

**Oct. 16**  
At 7:16 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Marie K. Richardson, 49, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Richardson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Oct. 17**  
At 1:19 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Lakke S. Ertel, 27, Rochelle for two counts of resisting and obstructing a peace officer. Ertel was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 5:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Deirdra M. Baumstark, 52, of Chicago, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

At 8:03 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jonathan R. Campos, 35, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Campos was transported to the Ogle County jail.

3 parking ticket and 8 verbal warnings issued during the week of 10/11/2021 through 10/17/2021.

**Oct. 21**  
At 7:37 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Lucky Kelly, 25, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Kelly was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no insurance. Kelly was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

**Oct. 22**  
At 1:19 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Madison and S. 2nd Streets involving a 2019 Dodge driven by Otto E. Dick, 85, Oregon, and a 2014 Jeep driven by Michael D. Moore, 58, Oregon. Otto

E. Dick received a citation for failure to yield at a stop intersection.

**Oct. 23**  
At 7:26 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Callie A. Boyer, 23, Oregon, for improper container. Boyer was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 500 block of W. Washington Street.

**Oct. 24**  
At 12:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kevin W. Knack, 60, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road.

12 parking ticket and 9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 10/18/2021 through 10/24/2021.  
On Oct. 12, the Oregon Police Department was made aware of a theft from the Harvard State Bank. Following an investigation, on Oct. 26, at 2:30 p.m., the Oregon Police arrested Traci L. Stanley, 53, Polo, for theft \$500 and under. Stanley was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Oct. 25**  
At 11:16 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael D. Ramsey, 30, Oregon, on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant for larceny/retail theft. Ramsey was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Oct. 26**  
At 10 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 17-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

At 11 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 14-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

At 11 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 15-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

At 5:48 p.m., Oregon

Police issued Haley M. Mayoral, 28, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of S. 4th Street.

**Oct. 27**  
At 9 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 16-year-old male juvenile of Oregon a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

At 2:35 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Kenneth L. Blake, Jr., 40, Mt. Morris, for driving while license revoked. Blake, Jr., was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 9:09 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 800 block of S. 7th Street where a 2019 Dodge driven by Kevin G. Christensen, 61, Oregon, struck a 2016 Mack garbage truck driven by Brent D. Pearson, 32, Stillman Valley. No citations were issued.

**Oct. 28**  
At 3:38 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Casey's General Store parking lot, 901 W. Washington Street, involving a 2010 Ford driven by Elizabeth A. Ruter, 16, Mt. Morris, and a 2007 Dodge driven by Mikkie J. Perrine, 38, Chana. No citations were issued.

At 3:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued one 17-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

**Oct. 29**  
At 7:37 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James J. Ort, Jr., 25, Roscoe, for no valid driver's license. Ort, Jr. was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Illinois Street.

**Oct. 30**  
At 3:31 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kamaryn B. Lappin, 40, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 11:13 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Mercedes A. Cox, 19, Rockford, for improper container. Cox was also issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a juvenile. Cox was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of 5th and Phelps Streets.

**Oct. 31**  
At 12:45 a.m., Oregon

Police arrested Clarissa E. Clark, 38, Rockford, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Clark was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 11:45 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 3rd Street municipal parking lot, 117 S. 3rd Street, involving a 2007 Toyota driven by Kennedy P. Roth, 17, Byron, and a 2021 Ford driven by

Jack D. Williamson, age 21, of Fulton, IL. No citations were issued.

At 7:14 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Austin T.M. Riley, 28, Sycamore, on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant for failure to appear. Riley was transported to the Ogle County jail.

9 parking ticket and 5 verbal warnings issued during the week of 10/25/2021 through 10/31/2021.



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### SVHS Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for October. Pictured from left to right are: Graysea Nicholosi (9th grade), Jose Vasquez-Avila (10th grade), Andrew Forcier (11th grade), and Colten Cook (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



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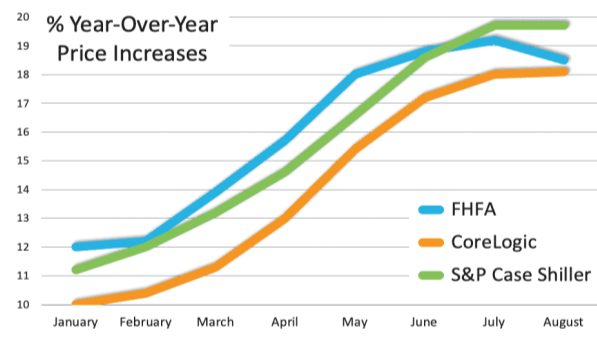
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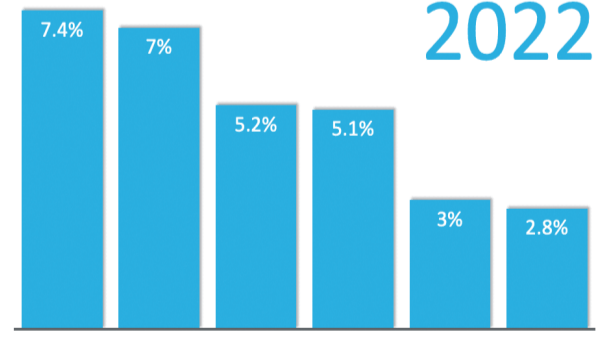
#### Home Price Acceleration Appears To Have Peaked



Year-over-year appreciation is still close to 20%, but it's clearly plateauing at that rate. Many experts believe it will drop below 15% by the end of the year. Keep in mind, that doesn't mean home values will depreciate. It means the rate of appreciation will slow, yet stay well above the 25-year average of 5.1%. What about next year?

The recent surge in prices is the result of heavy buyer demand and a shortage of homes available for sale. Most experts believe that as more housing inventory comes to market (both new construction and existing homes), the supply and demand for housing will come more into balance. That balance will bring a lower rate of appreciation in 2022.

#### Home Price Forecasts 2022



While the projected rate of appreciation varies among the experts, due to things like supply chain challenges, virus variants, and more, it's clear that home values will continue to appreciate next year.

#### Bottom Line

There have been historic levels of home price appreciation over the last year. That pace will slow as we finish 2021 and enter into 2022. Prices will still rise in value, just at a much more moderate pace, which is good news for the housing market.

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#### NEW LISTING! NEW LISTING! NEW LISTING! NEW LISTING!



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# SPORTS/NEWS

## Byron continues to roll

The Byron High School football team continued its winning ways in the post season, beating Lisle 34-13 on Nov. 6  
Chandler Binkley had a big game for the Tigers, with 168 yards on the ground and 52 in the air. He also scored on a 2-yard run.  
Andrew Claunch Had two

touchdown runs for Byron and Ethan Palzkill added a 47-yard TD run as well.  
Byron's Final score was a 16-yard pass from Braden Smith to Max Connell.  
Binkley also stood out on defense, leading the Tigers with seven solo tackles and one assist.

## Oregon bowlers off to strong start

The Oregon Hawks Boys Bowling team opened the 2021-22 season with a 3273-2782 victory over Rochelle at T-Byrd Lanes in Rochelle on Nov. 8.  
The Hawks were led by Senior Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 627 series (222,198,207). He was followed by Junior Brandon Rowe with a 581, Sophomore Brady Davis 551, Senior Jackson Werren 542, Juniors Bryan Immel 509 and Styler Klapp 463. Oregon started slowly trailing by over 100 pins, just 5 frames into the contest, but they maintained their composure, made the proper adjustments and recovered to take a 400 pin lead after two games.  
The Boys JV also opened with a victory 2517-1877. The JV team was led by Freshman Gavvin Surmo 481, followed by Junior Roberto Hernandez 479 and Sophomore Codey Dunbar 469.

## Locals graduate from Northern Illinois

**DeKALB-** More than 580 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:  
**Byron:** Kimberly Flores, Bachelor of General Studies, General Emphasis  
**Mount Morris:** Anthony Guajardo, Master of Science, Geology

**Oregon:** Mayra Nava-Moyotl, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology  
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## Brubaker graduates from U of Northern Colorado

**GREELEY, Colo.** – The following local students were among those who received degrees from the University of Northern Colorado at the end of the spring 2021 semester. The students, degrees, areas of study, honors and hometowns are:  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

**Oregon Public Library Procedures**  
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### Finally Write That Book with NaNoWriMo at the Oregon Public Library

Is writing a novel still on your bucket list? Visit the Oregon Public Library this November for National Novel Writing Month. Abbreviated as NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month is a month-long, international event in which aspiring writers across the globe attempt to write 50,000 words in just one month! Oregon Public Library will be facilitating a month-long National Novel Writing Month event. Throughout the month, writers will meet on both Zoom and at the library for camaraderie, prompts and advice as they work to whittle down their 50,000-word goal. Weekly progress will be posted on social media as well as physically in the Oregon library to show how far the writers have come day-by-day, week-by-week!

The event is free to participate for both patrons of the Oregon Public Library and members of the community. For more information and how to participate, please contact Richard Pulfer at the Oregon Public Library at 815-732-2724 or [opl.rpulfer@gmail.com](mailto:rpulfer@gmail.com).

### Magic or Science II? – Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

**Registration deadline November 11**  
Let's try some more concoctions by using ingredients and items from around the house? Join us at the Library Wednesday, November 17 at 2:30 pm (early dismissal), to discover and experiment again! This is suitable for 3rd grade & up. Registration (limited space) and masks are required. Call 815-732-2724 to register before the November 11 deadline. It will be outside, weather permitting and it could get a little messy, so be prepared.

### Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception, Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. It finds patterns and solves problems efficiently, except for when it lies to us. In this engaging program, William Pack ([williampack.com](http://williampack.com)) explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously. William will also give the attendees proven, scientific, actionable techniques to preserve brain health. At the end, you may be left wondering if your brain has a mind of its own. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

### Family Reading Night – Thursday, Nov. 18

Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. Let us post how you celebrate reading in your family. Send us a picture via email ([oregonlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:oregonlibrary@yahoo.com)) of your family reading together. Pictures must be received no later than Wednesday, November 17 so we can post them on our Facebook page on Thursday for Family Reading Night. Please include name and contact info in the email. A prize will be awarded for Best Picture. Call the Library at 815-732-2724 for more info.

### Sensory Friendly Santa at the Library! Nov. 26 and 27 by appointment.

We are offering a Sensory Friendly environment for Santa. Do you have a child with sensory needs? A child that can't wait in line? We are scheduling Santa Claus in our library from 10am – 3pm, by appointment, Friday and Saturday. This quiet environment will allow one-to-one time with the jolly man in front of our fireplace (COVID Regulations must be followed). Bring a camera for pictures! Registration required (815) 732-2724.

### Pearl Harbor – A Day of Infamy, Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

**Virtual Event with the Author, Robert J Mueller**  
It was a day that Americans would never forget and would live in infamy forever more - December 7, 1941. That morning Japanese warplanes appeared over the Hawaiian Islands to launch a surprise aerial bombardment of American air and naval installations that damaged

or destroyed all eight battleships and numerous support craft propelling the United States into the Second World War. A timeline describes the consequences to each major ship highlighting the stories of sailors and airmen who attempted to save American naval assets in the Pacific Ocean to fight another day. Using individual stories of the men who responded to the attack, Pearl Harbor A Day of Infamy presents the tactics and the consequences of the most treacherous assault ever launched upon American soil. The text includes GPS coordinates of all the important monuments and museums. - A full color Fields of War guide to Second World War battlefields. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Holiday Nail Art – Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 6 p.m.

Create some holiday cheer for your nails. Choose from many different holiday symbols, be creative with adding some “bling” to your nails for the holiday season. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Registration deadline, Nov. 29.

### Denny “Diamond” Svehla Concert – Thursday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.

No better way to get in the holiday spirit with live music. Join our LIVE concert with Denny “Diamond” Svehla as he performs in our Gallery. With Neil Diamond being his core inspiration, Denny's musical merit also stems from a vast array of other prominent artist influences that include Tom Jones, Barry Manilow, Willie Nelson, Josh Groban, Dean Martin, Ray Charles and Jim Croce. He will be sharing his holiday collection along with his Neil Diamond tribute. We will be zooming this from our Gallery if you choose to watch from home, please register to receive the link. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Registration deadline Nov. 29.

### Bow Making – Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Make your packages stand out this Christmas with hand crafted bows. Learn how to make bows for all your holiday gifts. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Registration deadline December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Puzzle Library

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

### 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 a.m.

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

### New Releases

No Cure for Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear) by Kate Bowler 616.99 BOW  
Travels with George In Search of Washington and His Legacy by Nathaniel Philbrick 973.4 PHI  
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## Polo Library News

### Polo Library Hours

Polo Library's open hours are Monday - Thursday – 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Curbside services will continue to be available during open hours.

### Storytime Saturday

In Person, Polo Library – Nov. 27 at 10:30 a.m.  
Join Ms. Melanie \*LIVE\* at 10:30 a.m. these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft! - Outdoors as long as weather permits. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2. Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org)

### Thursday, November 18, 6 p.m. – Family Reading Night on Facebook Live

Join Ms. Melanie and Ms. Hollewell, Centennial School's Reading Teacher, for “Let's Talk Turkey” a live, virtual Family Reading Night on Facebook.com/pololibrary. Get your family's “Family Reading Night in a Bag” at the Library from November 13th-18th

### Polo Library Closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

We will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and resume normal hours on Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Be sure to stop by and pick up any books or movies for the holiday weekend!

### Genealogy Help - First Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month

Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you with your research. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library!

### Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

Polo Library has three book clubs that are open to new participants. If you are interested in joining a book club or knowing what we're reading, call 815-946-2713 or email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org).

### Mark your calendar for Polo's 3rd Annual Christmas Festival - Saturday, Dec. 4

Children's Stories and Grab & Go Craft – Join Ms. Melanie at the Library from 4:30pm-7:30pm for story readings on each half hour and grab & go craft bags while supplies last!

Hygge in a Bag - Swing by the Library from 4-8 p.m. and pick up your own “Hygge in a Bag”, a kit designed to help you experience the Danish tradition of hygge (pronounced “who-guh”) this winter season! Bags are available, one per person (for ages 18 and up) while supplies last.

### Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Line up at the Polo Library Pavilion from 5pm-8pm for a winter horse-drawn wagon ride! This activity will be fun for the whole family. Enjoy some treats and hot cocoa, provided by the Polo Woman's Garden Club & Polo Evening Women's Club, and visit with friends and neighbors while you wait. Local Barbershop Quartet, Spontaneous Combustion, will be providing music from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion during the wagon rides!

For a full list of events, visit [Facebook.com/PoloChristmasFestival](https://Facebook.com/PoloChristmasFestival)

### Rock River Center Senior Information Services at Polo Public Library

Fourth Wednesday of each month – 10 a.m.-noon  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Julia Hull Library News

**Short & Sweets**  
Join us on Zoom, Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Akutagawa Ryunosuke's short story, "Autumn Mountain." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

**Teen Crafternoon: Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls**  
Learn all about the Mexican holiday, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), and decorate your own sugar skull, Thursday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. at the library. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Tween Reads**  
Join Zoey at the library on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

**Thanksgiving Hours**  
The library will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving, and Friday, Nov. 26 for Black Friday. The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, November 27.

## Mount Morris Library News

### Program Coordinator Needed

Now taking applications for a Program Coordinator. If you enjoy working with people of all ages, planning events and programs, and marketing those programs, you might be the right person for this job. This position is part time, and does include some evening and weekend hours. You can pick up an application at the circulation desk.

### Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

Due to staffing issues, the library will be closed on the second and fourth Saturdays until further notice. We are hoping that this will be a temporary measure. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the director or a member of the library board. Contact information is available on the website. [www.mtmorris-il.org](http://www.mtmorris-il.org)

### Masks are required

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

### Curbside Service is available!

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

### Storytime

Story time is on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. Donna Wells will be our guest reader, and we will have a fun craft to do also. All preschool children are welcome.

### Family Reading Night

November 18<sup>th</sup> is Family Reading Night across the state of Illinois. The fun starts at 6 p.m. We will be celebrating with stories, a craft and refreshments. Mr. Ryan Huels and Mary Gardner will be our guest readers! Mark your calendars now for a fun evening at the library.

### Adult Book Club

The November book will be *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Nov. 22.

### Display Case Showings

Thank you, Carolyn Janatka and Mary Head for the items in the display cases. Come and check out the displays! (Our display case schedule is full for 2021 but we're taking reservations for next year! If you have a collection you would like to display, let us know!)

### Explore More Illinois

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

### Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older

### Kids' Holiday Festival

Nothing screams "holiday" like our annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-noon! Take a family photo in our Gingerbread photo booth, play a game for a prize, and complete a special keepsake craft. Then, the whole family will work together in decorating a life-size gingerbread person in our first-ever Gingerbread Wars Challenge! The Gingerbread with the most votes wins an actual Gingerbread Village Kit. Before you go, grab a Take & Make Holiday Kit to continue the festivities at home. Recommended ages: 2-10. One day only. MUST PRE-REGISTER by Monday, Nov. 29. Space limited. Register early to ensure your family's spot: 815-645-8611.

### Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Michael Pollan's latest work, *This Is Your Mind On Plants*. 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, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

### Tween Scene: Holiday Movie Trivia

Do you love the holidays? Do you love movies? Then, this December's Tween Scene is made for you! Come

test your holiday movie knowledge with a fun night of trivia, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.! The winner will receive a very jolly gift card! Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Holiday Jeopardy for Teens

'Tis the season for some festive holiday fun. Join Kelly in the library after school on Friday, Dec. 10 (3 p.m.) to be tested on all things "merry" from movies & candy to fashion & history! Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Modern Farmhouse Ornaments

These modern-farmhouse style ornaments are tree-mendous! Join Joanna on Zoom, Monday, December 13 at 6:00 PM for some hot cocoa, conversation, and of course, some holiday crafting. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register. Adults only. One kit per person.

### Holiday Storytime: *The Night Before Christmas*

Join us in your jammies on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read the classic *The Night Before Christmas*, play games, and create a craft sure to make your season merry. Ages 4-9. Registration : 815-645-8611.

## Byron Library News

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be open our regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 27. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

### Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at [byron.lib.il.us](http://byron.lib.il.us) 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.

### Try-It! Illinois

Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White and the Illinois State Library are pleased to announce a database trial, Try-It! Illinois, available Oct. 1st- Nov. 30th, 2020. Try-It! Illinois offers staff and library users an excellent opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. There is no charge for accessing these databases, but you will need to click on the link on right-hand side to ask for the password (passwords cannot be shared publicly). Check it out today at <http://www.finditillinois.org/tryit/>

### Holiday Gift Wrapping Tips & Techniques

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6-7 p.m.  
Join Heather and Beth as they share simple and beautiful ways to dress up your holiday gifts. Register online at [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107.

### Growing Culinary Herbs for Adults

Thursday, Dec. 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

Want to spice up your home cooked dishes? Learn how to grow herbs indoors all year round. Happy Leaf's horticulturalist BJ Miller will be presenting. Register online at [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107.

### Passport Fair

Saturday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Are you applying for your first passport or is yours about to expire? The Byron Public Library District is once again partnering with the Oregon Public Library District to help you through the application process. Applicants must bring their original birth certificate and a valid photo ID. The cost is \$110 for adults and \$80 for children under the age of 16, plus \$35 processing fee and \$13 for a picture. After the application process, please allow 16 weeks for delivery. Passport application forms are available at the Byron Public Library, or online at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Walk-ins are welcome; no registration is required.

### Home for the Holidays

Monday, Dec. 6, 2-3 p.m.  
Join Heather Braoudakis as she entertains us with her beautiful voice and sets the mood for the holiday season. Please register online at [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Holiday Gnomes for Adults

Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Come enjoy a night out at the library with friends & make Holiday Gnomes. Join Cathy as we create our very own DIY Holiday Gnomes that will spruce up any decor in your home. All supplies will be provided. To register please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs!

and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

### Adult Programming

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

### Additional Services Offered

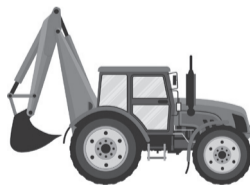
We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and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

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

## Crouse Land Improvement

### 815-973-9543

- Stump grinding • Tiling
- Ditch clean up • Land clearing
- Concrete clean up
- Rock and mulch hauling
- Driveways • Tree work



Follow us on Facebook at Crouse Land Improvement



Send all items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com).  
Deadline is 3 p.m.  
Wednesday.

**Afternoon Diesel Technician Wanted**  
High School diploma or Equivalent.  
Two years' experience as a truck/trailer mechanic preferred. Must be able to make inspections and perform maintenance/repairs to DOT regulations, must have own set of hand tools, must have a valid driver's license & pass physical examination and drug screen. Must be able to lift up to and including 50-80lbs.  
**Please send resumes to:**  
[dick.damschen@lotztrucking.com](mailto:dick.damschen@lotztrucking.com)

**VFW Post #8739**  
1310 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL  
**815-732-6851**

WE'VE OPENED-COME ON IN  
**FOODS GREAT-DRINKS ARE COLD-GAMING IS LIVE**  
BAR IS OPEN MONDAY-WEDNESDAY (3PM-8PM)-FRIDAY (3PM-9PM)  
KITCHEN OPEN MONDAY-WEDNESDAY (3PM-7PM)-FRIDAY (3PM-8PM)  
LIGHTNING MONDAYS 5:30PM

**Cod, Catfish, Shrimp or Chicken**  
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**J&J Gaming**  
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**3rd Annual Christmas Open House**  
Friday, November 19 ~ 4-8  
Saturday, November 20 ~ 9-3  
Come take a drive in the country and start your holiday decorating and shopping here!  
Featuring 7 vendors

For more details and photos check us out on Facebook...3rd Annual Christmas Open House.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreton Library News

### Read for a Lifetime

All high school students are invited to participate in "Read for a Lifetime". This program from the Secretary of State encourages students to read for pleasure from a list of 20 current and classic titles in both fiction and nonfiction. All participants who read at least four books from the list by April 8th will receive a certificate from the state and a chance to win a gift card from the library. Call or stop in for more information or to sign up.

### New Materials

New Adult Fiction includes: "Better Off Dead" by Lee Child and "Game On" by Janet Evanovich.

## Bertolet Library News

### Paws for Reading:

We had a great 1st time reading to Ryan, a trained therapy dog. She really enjoyed all the stories the kids read to her! Our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Register your independent reader for a 15-minute time slot by calling 815-738-2742 today.

### Bertolet Book of the Month Club:

Have you ever wished you could join a book discussion group but were unable to commit to a specific time and place? Bertolet Memorial Library is now offering you an opportunity to read a book a month at your own speed and with no group meeting. You can pick up the book, either in regular print, large print, or audio format, along with handouts providing author information, a list of questions to enhance the reading experience, and a comment sheet for those who wish to give feedback. Books will include a variety of fiction genres and non-fiction titles. Bertolet Book of the Month for October is bestseller Where the Crawdads Sing by

Delia Owens. Stop by the Circulation Desk and check out a copy the next time you are in the library!

### Story Hour:

Story Hour with Miss Jana is back in session! We will be meeting each Thursday at 10:00 A.M. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required.

### Craft Kits for Adults:

Bertolet Memorial Library is now offering take home craft kits for adults and/or families. The kits provide the materials and instructions needed to make a craft. It's a great opportunity to be creative and de-stress at the same time. November's craft will be a tissue paper "stained glass" Christmas decoration. Stop in to pick up your kit today!

### Create-a-Card:

There will be no Create-a-Card in November. We look forward to seeing you on December 18th!

### Masks:

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

curbside service as needed.

### Plastic Recycling:

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

### New Releases:

- Adult Books
- Game On by Janet Evanovich
- The Hidden Child by Louise Fein
- Death At Greenway by Lori Rader-Day
- Picture Books
- Big Brown Bear's Birthday Surprise by David McPhail
- Juvenile Books
- Big Shot by Jeff Kinney
- Get Crafting for Your Cool Cat by Ruth Owen (NF)
- DVDs
- Boss Baby: Family Business (Kids)

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511  
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
 Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### Library Updates

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

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### OREGON

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

#### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

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

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

### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY

#### EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Winter Survival

### Factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however.

#### 1. Changing visibility

While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

#### 2. Snow removal

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

#### 3. Carbon monoxide poisoning

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

#### 4. Black ice

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service.



### How to make driving in bad weather more safe

Impaired visibility can be a safety hazard while driving. Everything from sun glare to hail can affect a driver's ability to see the road and navigate it effectively. Before drivers get behind the wheel, they should make note of their local forecast and make a plan for what to do if rain, snow or other conditions make it challenging to drive.

The International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences indicates that, based on an examination of crash test data conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the "likelihood of a crash increases during periods of low visibility, despite the tendency for less traffic and for lower speeds to prevail during these times."

Drivers can take several steps to improve their visibility when driving in poor weather conditions.

- Inspect and change windshield wiper blades. Wipers are instrumental in clearing precipitation away from the windshield. If

they're not functioning properly, wipers cannot do their jobs. Drivers should replace their wipers at the first indication that they are no longer effective. In some conditions, wipers can freeze or stick. Drivers should then pull over and clean the wipers manually.

- Clear obstructions. Always make sure the windshield is clear before driving. This can include removing ice and snow in the winter and cleaning off mud or bug splatter in the spring and summer. Use the front and rear defrost if condensation fogs up windshields and windows.

- Slow down. Foul weather can reduce drivers' ability to see far into the distance. Drivers should always drive slower in inclement weather in order to improve reaction time.

- Top off fluids. Always keep the windshield washer reservoir full and keep extra fluid in the trunk. In addition, look for a fluid that does not freeze in very cold

temperatures.

- Learn how to drive in fog. Each year, more than 38,700 vehicle crashes occur in fog, states the Federal Highway Administration. Travelers Insurance recommends slowing down, staying focused and using regular headlights and not high beams when driving in fog.

- Go out only if necessary. In snowy or icy conditions, drive only if it's absolutely necessary, as snow and ice can impair visibility and make roads slick, says AAA.

- Avoid driving at dusk and dawn. The human eye can have trouble adjusting to rapidly changing light and darkness conditions, which are common at dusk and dawn. If possible, drivers should make trips during the heart of the day, especially if poor lighting conditions typically make it difficult for them to drive.

Drivers can take steps to improve visibility when inclement weather makes roadways hard to navigate

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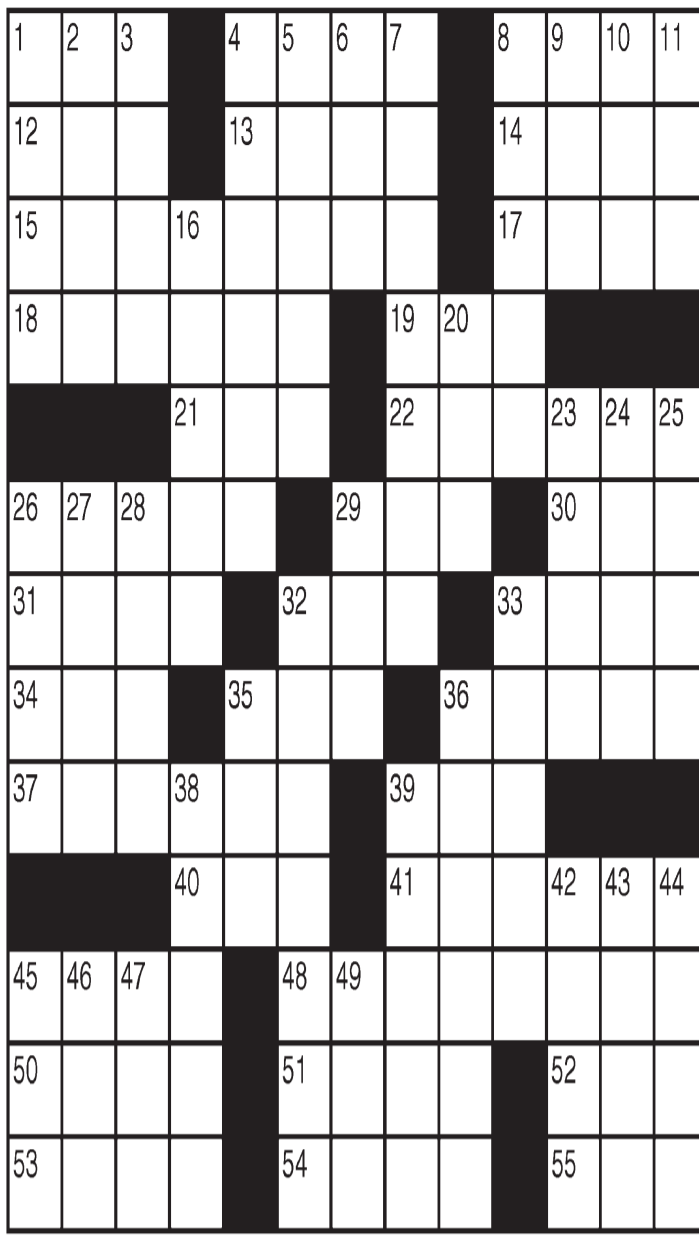
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● TOUGH —

### ACROSS

- 1 Up to
- 4 Platter
- 8 Scoop holder
- 12 Olympics chant
- 13 Sicilian resort
- 14 Dryer fuzz
- 15 Sandal type
- 17 Pub potables
- 18 Computer whiz
- 19 Dog tags, e.g.
- 21 PC key
- 22 Excellent
- 26 Expire
- 29 Present location?
- 30 Med. plan option
- 31 Perry's creator



- 32 — Aviv
- 52 Onassis nickname
- 9 Tin Man's need
- 32 Not out of the ordinary
- 33 Hotel worker
- 53 Marries
- 10 SSW opposite
- 33 Wizardry
- 34 From — Z
- 54 A deadly sin
- 11 UFO crew
- 35 San Francisco's — Hill
- 35 "Science Guy" Bill
- 55 Moment
- 16 Stage
- 20 Ten, in Dijon
- 36 Thing on a string
- 36 Segments
- 1 Clump of grass
- 23 "— she blows!"
- 38 Bagel features
- 39 Moonshine vessel
- 2 Capri, e.g.
- 24 Skip
- 39 Unites
- 40 Japanese sash
- 3 Secular
- 25 Spacecraft compartments
- 42 Regrettably
- 41 Narcotic
- 4 Sully
- 43 Rent
- 44 Grand tale
- 45 Volition
- 6 — -Cat
- 26 Wife of Jacob
- 45 Dazzle
- 48 Sound of hoofbeats
- 7 Domed building in Washington D.C.
- 27 Intro studio class
- 46 White House nickname
- 50 Tom Joad, for one
- 8 Purse fastener
- 28 Fall into a soft chair
- 47 Cover
- 49 Baseball's Gehrig
- 51 First-rate
- 29 Spelldown

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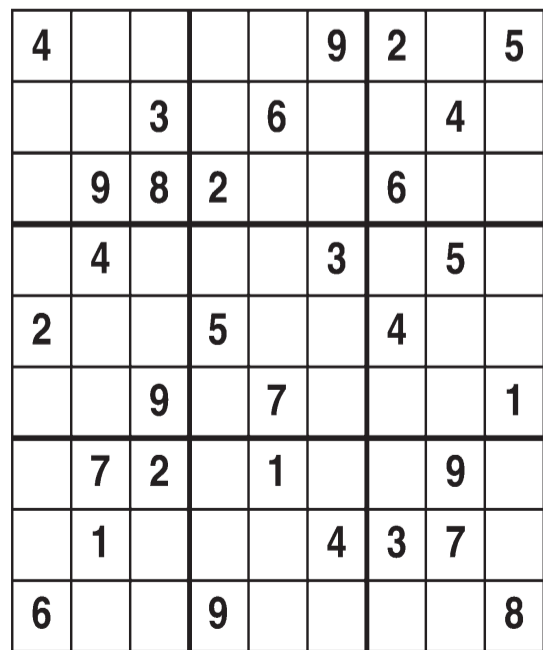
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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- As leather
- Cookie
- Luck
- Sledding
- As nails
- Customer
- Old world
- Spot
- Break
- It out
- On crime
- Times
- Call
- Loss
- Row to hoe

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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.

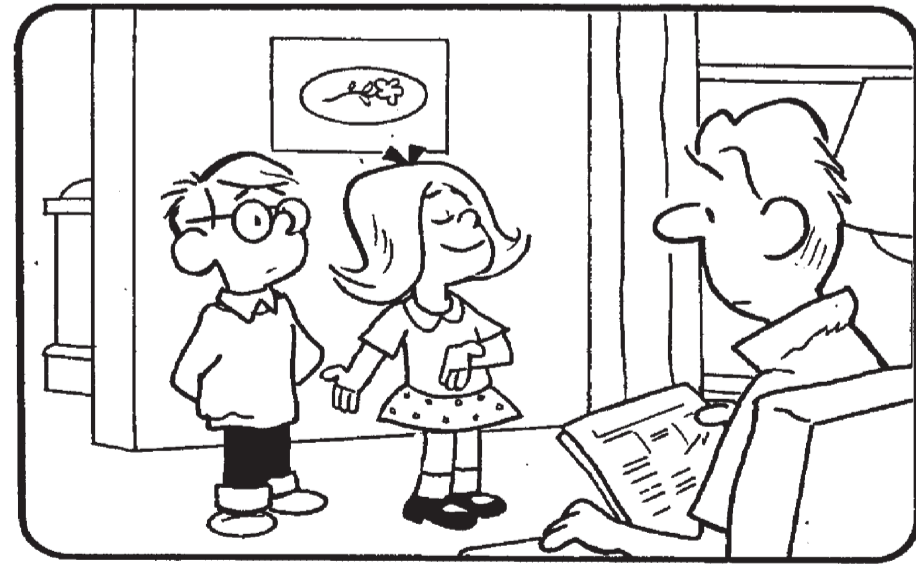
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- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

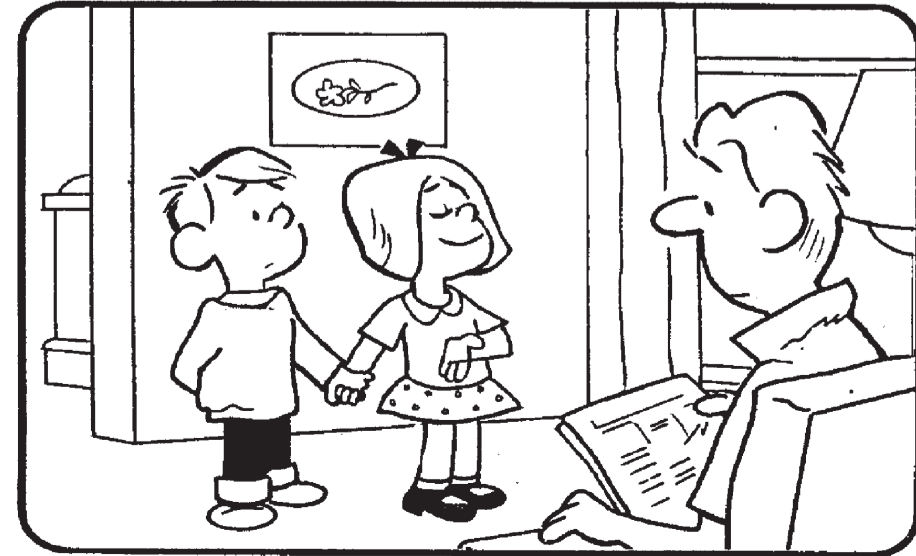
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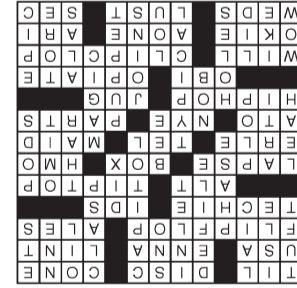
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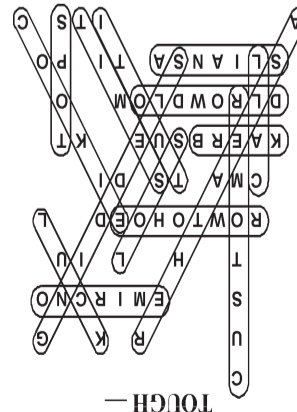
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Flower is reversed. 2. Glasses are removed. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Hair is different. 5. Children are holding hands. 6. Socks are shorter.



Solution time: 26 mins.  
Answers  
— King Crossword —



TOUGH —

6	3	4	9	5	7	1	2	8
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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**\*\* Pick up Day Monday November 22, 2021 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM\*\***

**Tractors**  
**1999 Case-IH MX 240**, MFWD, 7053 hrs., power shift, 18 sp., LH reverser, 1000 large pto, 3 hyd., power beyond, wheel weights, auto steer ready, quick hitch, 480/80R-46 w/axle duals, 380/85R-34, S/N JJA0098448; **1993 JD 8870 4WD**, 6636 hrs., quad range, 3 hyd., bare back, 20.8-42 w/axle duals, S/N 1416; **1979 JD 8640 4WD**, 9278 hrs., quad range, 3 hyd., 3pt., 1000 pto, 480/80R-38 w/axle duals, S/N 2114; **JD 2440**, 3944 hrs., 3 pt., pto, top link, 16.9-28, S/N 3159911, W/JD 146 Loader; **IH 656**, 7280 hrs., NF, gas, 1 hyd., 3pt., pto; **Deutz D 10006**, diesel, 6540 hrs., cab, 2 hyd., 3pt., pto, S/N 79274461.

**Combine - Heads - Sprayer**  
**2002 JD 9650 STS**, 2WD, sep 2149, eng. 3042, Green Star, Maurer bin ext., 20' auger, chopper, 18.4-38, 18.4-26, S/N S697046; **2008 Drago N8 8R- 30"** Corn Head, poly, Insight header height control, w/ face plate adapter for JD 9650 STS Combine; **2001 JD 930F** Grain Platform, 30' flex head, F/A, full finger, poly, S/N 692396; **Unverferth HT 25** Head Trailer; **Drago** face plate adapter for Case IH Combine; **1999 JD 4700** self-propelled Sprayer, 4WD, hrs. unknown, 90' booms, 750 gal aluminum tank, JD Brown box, 380/85R-34 tires, auto steer, S/N N04700X004447.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District has upcoming activities set

### Letters to Santa

Do you have a wish list or story to tell Santa Claus? Write a letter to Jolly Old St. Nicholas and tell him about yourself and if you have been naughty or nice. Mail your letter to Santa in the special mailbox which the elves will be installing at Nash Recreation Center (in the lobby) on Nov. 13. Be sure to enclose a postage stamp and your return address! Letters can be mailed through Dec. 13.

### Kids DIY Kit-Painted Holiday Dog on Canvas

DIY kits are perfect for all ages and those with a busy schedule. Complete this project on a rainy day or when it fits into your schedule. You will enjoy painting this cute holiday dog wearing his Santa hat. DIY kit comes with a pre-drawn 11" x 14" canvas, instructions, access to a video tutorial and all paint needed for your project. Kits can be picked up at Nash any time on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Kit fee is \$17/Resident or \$20/Non-Resident. If you need paint brushes, a small set can be purchased for an additional \$5 dollars to be included in your kit. Registration deadline is November 23.

### Search for Santa & Mrs. Claus

Register today for the Search for Santa & Mrs. Claus as spots are limited. Your family can search for Santa & Mrs. Claus on Saturday, Dec. 18. Fee is per car (family) and there are assigned time slots to start the search. Follow the clues and arrive at various places until you find the jolly couple. This is your chance for the kids to visit with Santa, receive a small goodie bag and of course capture the annual family photo. Registration deadline is Dec 9 or when slots are filled.

### Holiday Pickleball Tournament

Come and play in our Holiday Pickleball Tournament on Tuesday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. This tournament will be a round robin style. Teams will be made up of male, female, or co-ed, and you will have a new partner each round. Players need not sign up as a team, and this round robin style is designed to even the playing field for all! Nash does have a limited number of paddles that are available to play with. Limited number of spots available- so sign up early!

Registration Deadline: 12/17/21

Fee: \$10/person \$12/NR/person

### Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Competitive Basketball

This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Practices scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 3rd. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Registration Deadline Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Fee \$75/\$90NR

## Locals make UW-La Crosse Dean's List

**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-LaCrosse, 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.

UW-LaCrosse - www.uwlax.edu - is the state's top-ranked public or private higher education institution by U.S. News & World Reports for master's degree institutions and has been ranked among the top four Midwestern public institutions for more than a decade. UW-LaCrosse remains one of only two Wisconsin colleges to make Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of the top 100 best values nationwide in public colleges.

**Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday**

## Dean's List

### Iowa State University

**AMES, Iowa** – The Iowa State University College of Human Sciences dean's list honors students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the spring semester of 2021. The following local students have been named to the spring 2021 dean's list in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University:

Lucas Jurasek of Byron

Meghan McCarey of Byron

### About the College of Human Sciences

Students in the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences prepare to work in fields that impact the health, well-being, and education of individ-

uals throughout the lifespan to advance families, schools, and communities. Scholars and practitioners in these fields work together to expand human potential and improve people's lives.

The college encompasses academic units that include the School of Education and four departments, including apparel, events, and hospitality management; food science and human nutrition; human development and family studies; and kinesiology and health. In partnership with Human Sciences Extension and Outreach, these units provide outreach to improve the daily lives of Iowans and others around the world.

## University of Iowa

**IOWA CITY, Iowa** – More than 1,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2021 spring semester.

In order to be included on the list, a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the fall 2020 semester, and a minimum of nine graded hours with a 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the spring 2021 semester.

Connor Flynn of Stillman Valley, (Year: fourth year undergraduate student; College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Human Physiology)

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## Students of the Month

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