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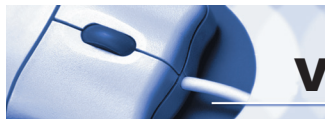
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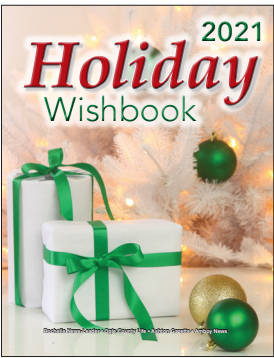
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Holiday deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for all editorial content this week will be Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. The deadline for all classified ads will be 10 a.m. Tuesday.

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COVID positivity up in county

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The COVID-19 positivity rate is up again in Ogle County, Kyle Auman told the County Board at its Nov. 16 meeting.

Auman, the Ogle County Health Department health administrator, said the positivity rate was at 6.28 percent in the county. Last month he reported to the board that it was 4.18 percent. In September it was 6.94 percent. "In the last 30 days, we've had

six new COVID-related deaths," Auman told the board.

He told the board that on Nov. 15 there were 65 new cases, and 18 the day of the meeting. He said 50.28 percent of the county is fully vaccinated. That number is up slightly from last month when it was at 49.5 percent.

He said the Health Department is still administering first and second doses, as well as booster shots at its locations in Oregon and Rochelle.

The following groups can currently get the booster:

* People ages 65 and over who could have a health condition that means they need a booster.

* People 18 and older who live in a permanent care setting.

* People 18 and older with an underlying medical condition.

* People 18 and older who live or work in a high-risk setting.

Auman also said they are now giving pediatric doses. Those are available for children ages 5-11.

For an appointment in Rochelle, people can call 815-562-6976, Ext. 170. For Oregon, call 815-562-6976, Ext. 282.



Kyle Auman addresses the County Board on Nov. 16. (Brad Jennings photo)



'Tis the season

Shoppers flocked to Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers and Otherside Boutique in Oregon for the Christmas Open House on Friday, Nov. 11. The event ran Nov. 11-13 and shoppers found plenty of unique Christmas items and plants for sale. (Brad Jennings photos)

Art show to be held at Conover

OREGON – Eagle's Nest Art Group will have an art show during Oregon's Candlelight Walk, Saturday, Nov. 27, from 4-8 p.m.

The ENAG gallery is located on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, 201 N. 3rd St. in Oregon. An elevator is available. There is no cost for the show. Parking is plentiful.

Many different forms of art will be on display, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, ceramics, photography, alcohol ink, pen and ink, calligraphy, 3 dimensional art, prints, cards, and jewelry.

This year's show is dedicated to the memory of ENAG member Bob Friemuth. Many examples of his wonderful art will be on exhibit.

Also, the show will have a special display of art from the Oil Painting Class taught by Laurie Friemuth and assisted by Karen Tucker.

Artists will be on hand to greet you. Refreshments will be served.

Information about all of the ENAG programs and workshops will be available during the show for those who are interested.

Everyone is invited to this celebration of art and community and the upcoming holiday season. It is a festive event that all of the family will enjoy.

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LOCAL NEWS

Memorial fund makes donation to Byron theater, choir dept.

BYRON – The Byron High School Theater and Choir department have been given a donation of \$3,000 from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

The donation in honor of Megan, from the Clift family, has been used to support many activities and events that the groups participate in. Here are several ways the donation has been used this last school year:

Byron Choir used their portion of the donation last year towards protective masks to be used while singing. The masks are specially designed singing masks to allow the

students to breathe better while they are singing and wearing the mask. Each choir member was also given a refillable water bottle to remain hydrated while they are singing. The water fountains were unavailable to them last year, so the water bottles benefitted them during class. The choir also used a portion of the donation to help a student participate in the Illinois Music Educators National Honor Choir virtual event. Jaidyn Newton submitted an on-line application and was accepted to be a part of this national honor choir. She spent three days in virtual sessions preparing music with a nationally recognized choir director.

From these sessions she was prepared to record for the final concert performance video.

Byron Theater Troupe used their donation of funds to pay for students to attend the virtual Illinois State Theater Fest. The students spent several days attending virtual workshops on various details of acting. They also watched recorded musical performances of high schools who presented their performance at convention.

Each year the Shining Star Award is presented to the outstanding theater and choir students, typically from the senior class. This year the theater award was given to Jayne Lynde and the choir award



Amanda Camling, left, and Jayne Lynde.

was given to Amanda Camling. The success of the Shining Star donations and other donations from "Friends of Megan" help to continue the assistance

that is given to the Byron Theater and Choir and its membership.

The choir and theater students are very appreciative of the support from

the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the friendship of Ed and Beth Clift.

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Habitat seeks family for home build

Habitat for Humanity Ogle County is beginning the process of choosing a partner family for our 2022 House Build in Rochelle.

The first application / informational meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 2 from 4-6 p.m. at the Oregon Church of God, 860 W. Oregon Trail Road. The second meeting will be in Rochelle at the Holcomb Bank for 5-7 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 9. For more information and an application, call Vanessa at 815-440-6598.

The building of a Habitat home takes many hours of planning. It begins with and orientation/application event at which a person in need of affordable decent housing can apply to be awarded an interest free mortgage on a new home.

To qualify a family must be willing to partner with Habitat and put in "sweat equity." They must have a need for affordable decent house. They also must be able to make regular monthly payment. We use volunteers and gifts in kind to build a quality house and a minimum cost. This is not a free home. It carries an interest free mortgage and regular payments will be made.

It is required a family attend one of the above two meetings. They must bring:

1. copies of driver's license or state ID (proof of Ogle County Residence).
2. Copies of federal tax returns last 2 years including W-2's.
3. Copies of your last months paystubs.
4. Copies of last 2 bank statements (checking and saving) and 4. Proof of

any other type of income, (child support, social security, disability etc.).

We plan to break ground in Rochelle nest spring. We just finished a build on S 9th Street and the new house will be 2 doors down. We also built a house in 2018 on 8th Avenue. We are excited to meet our new partner family and get started.

Habitat is also looking for volunteers to server on a couple committees. We are looking for someone to head up our fundraising group, volunteer committee, a church relations person. If you are interested in serving on one of these groups, please be sure to contact Vanessa 815-440-6598 or Gail 815-494-2114. Join our team, help us give a hand up to those in need.



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Hippology award

Natalie Johnson, of the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H club, received 6th place that earned a slot at the state Hippology contest. She then earned herself a spot on the Illinois State Hippology team where she was able to attend 2 National contest, Quarter Horse Congress held in Columbus, Ohio and the Eastern National Roundup held in Louisville, Ky., where the Illinois Team came home as Reserve National Champion in Hippology.

Wayne Arand of Stillman Valley is celebrating his 90th birthday. He was born in Galena in 1931. His family includes his late wife, Rosetta Arand; children, the late Jean Fleege of Hazel Green, WI., Joan Rasmussen of Stillman Valley, Elaine Arand of Byron, Carol Arand of Crystal Lake, and David Arand of Stillman Valley; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



LOCAL NEWS

Nicholson wins highest state honor for school secretaries

Meridian's Elaine Nicholson has won the state's highest honor for district secretaries. Created in 2009, the Holly Jack Outstanding Service Award honors the memory of longtime IASB administrative assistant, Holly Jack. The purpose of the award is both to honor Holly's contribution and to recognize the extraordinary work and service provided by administrative professionals who assist their local boards of education. In order to qualify for the recognition, nominees must demonstrate characteris-

tics that Holly Jack found essential in her work with local school districts. Some of these qualifications include a constant desire for self-improvement, passion for public education work, dedication toward improving the quality of life for others and the quality of education in the community, independent problem solving abilities, and innovation and imagination within the work environment. This year's nominees came from throughout the state of Illinois and from all sizes and types of school districts. All nominees were outstanding candidates,

but out of the over 850 districts in Illinois, Nicholson stood out above the rest. The Meridian CUSD 223 team's letters of support described Elaine's impact and character well. The letters of support included phrases such as "I trust her implicitly; an empath, a nurturer and a healer; an expert in multiple operating systems and a leader of others; brought trust back to the position, assumed leadership roles never imagined; turned our District Office into an inviting professional work atmosphere." "Elaine is the glue that holds our team

together," said Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey. "On the 'soft side,' she is the perfect fit necessary to support the complex personalities on our team and on the technical side she is incredibly competent and willing to take on difficult tasks previously never considered part of the job description. She is truly exceptional at what she does." The 2021 Holly Jack Outstanding Service Award was presented at the Opening Session of the Administrative Professionals' Program on Friday, Nov. 19, in the Swissotel, Vevey Rooms 1-4 at 1 p.m.



'The Game's Afoot' at the Byron Civic Theater

BYRON – Byron Civic Theatre (BCT) returns to live theatre this holiday season with *The Game's Afoot* (or *Holmes for the Holidays*), a play written by Ken Ludwig. "We are thrilled to bring live theatre back to the local community," said Pete Rosa, Byron Civic Theatre president. "Over the years, we have worked hard to build a strong connection with our audiences. The opportunity to revisit that relationship has everyone excited." Byron Civic Theatre's production of *The Game's Afoot* opens Nov. 26-28 and continues Dec. 3-5, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are general admission seating and will be available at the door for all performances. No advance sales. *The Game's Afoot* is a whodunit set in December 1936 at the

home of Broadway star William Gillette, who is admired for his leading role in the play, *Sherlock Holmes*. Gillette invites his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle, but when one of the guests turns up dead, the festivities in this isolated house quickly turn dangerous. Byron Civic Theatre's production features a community cast of talented actors who keep the audience engaged through non-stop action and laughs. "This production will not only entertain, it will put the whole family in the holiday spirit," said Dawn Degenhardt, Director. "The actors bring to life a story that's wild, funny, and a great return to live theatre for BCT." The Story It is December 1936, and Broadway star William Gillette has invit-

ed his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. It is then up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. About Byron Civic Theatre Byron Civic Theatre (BCT) is located in Byron, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization. Now in its 27th season, BCT produces four quality shows each season using local talent from throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Shows are performed at the Byron Middle School Theatre, 850 N. Colfax, Byron.

Meridian recognizes school board members

STILLMAN VALLEY – Meridian CUSD 223 joined communities throughout the state to say "thank you" to local school board members on Nov. 15. The date is officially designated each year as School Board Members Day in Illinois to honor these public servants for their contributions to our public schools. "The job of a school board member, like all roles in education, seemingly gets more difficult each year," said Meridian Superintendent, Dr. PJ Caposey. "Our Board of Education has been incredible to work with this year as they have stayed committed to our vision and values – even when things have been incredibly difficult." As community trustees for the schools, school board members have oversight in District 223 for an annual budget of over \$20 million; 1400+ students in grades Pre-K through 12; and more than 250 employees.

Meridian 223's Board takes their obligation to the community seriously and also gives back in many other ways. Meridian 223's Board of Education has been recognized with numerous individual awards for their service and they have been awarded the Governance Award by IASB (highest award in the state for school board governance) in six consecutive years for their continued commitment to doing the right work on behalf of our students. The Meridian 223 Board of Education members are: John Smith, BOE President, First elected: 2011 Jill Huber, BOE Vice President, First elected: 2015 Tim DeVries, BOE Secretary, First elected: 2013 Dr. Tim Flynn, First elected: 2011 Marsha Welden, First elected: 2013 Kristine Youman, First elected: 2013 Matt Rhodes, First elected: 2017

Toys for Kids underway

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Police and Fire Departments announce that it is once again time to start off the 2021 "Toys for Kids" campaign. This program, with your help, provides Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children in the Mt. Morris Fire Protection District. Last year more than 100 children had a happier holiday because of this program. Help put a smile on a child's face at Christmas. Cash donations and checks payable to Mt. Morris Fireman's Association will gladly be accepted at the Mt. Morris Police Department or Village Hall, located at 105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris, IL 61054. Names, ages, and addresses of needy children, within the Mt. Morris Fire District, can be left by calling 815-734-4106.

2021 Ogle County Fair called success at meeting

The Ogle County Fair Association held its annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Ogle County Farm Bureau auditorium with 4-H and Adult Volunteers, Fair Association members, and Board members present. The Annual Meeting is held each year to review the past year's Fair and elect new Directors. Tom Simpson, President of the Ogle County Fair Association called the 2021 Ogle County Fair a very successful Fair. "The weather was great and the attendance at the 2021 Fair was excellent," he said in his address. Simpson credited fantastic volunteer labor provided by Fair Association members and directors, 4-H club and FFA members, and contributions from individuals and businesses all help make our Ogle County Fair a success.

"All volunteers should be very proud of what you do at the Ogle County Fair Grounds to make it look and function as a top-notch fair," he said. Ogle County Fair Association recognized Lisa Schultz to receive the 2021 "Volunteer of the Year" award. This award is given in recognition of exceptional volunteer work throughout the year at the Fairgrounds. Directors re-elected for a three-year term on the board were Brad Larson, and Rosanne Hurst of Mt Morris, and Chris Carter. Other continuing board members are Simpson, President of Davis Junction; Brenda Holm, Carol Magnuson, Rita Dauphin, Lyle Hopkins, Daryl Cave, Nathan Magnuson and Dave Engelbrecht. Other Fair Officials include Dennis Alderks of Chana,



Simpson, left, and Schultz. Fair Superintendent; Jon Sheely of Oregon, Assistant Superintendent; and Dr. Tryne Pfeiffer DVM of Rochelle, Ogle County Fair Veterinarian.

Thankfulness!

Are you a thankful person? Do you have any reasons to be thankful? In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 the Bible gives us the command to Give Thanks. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus" ... Stop and consider the many blessings that you have been given; Life, health, hope, food, etc. **God deserves your thankfulness;** he is your creator. The world and your life did not happen by chance. Did you stop and remember to thank God for life and breath today? Without God's existence you would not be alive. As we consider our blessings and we honestly ponder where they come from, we realize that God deserves our thankfulness and our praise. Ps. 106.1 "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." The most wonderful gift that we have been given is the gift of hope. God in His mercy has given us the answers for life's problems. These answers not only give man hope in this life but also for the life after death. This hope is provided through Jesus Christ by His death on the cross. His death frees us from the weight of guilt and gives us power to live a life free from sin, which prepares us for the judgement day. This is a free gift, but it requires a repentant heart that is committed to following Christ. What a blessing to have hope that goes beyond this earthly life. True thankfulness comes from a heart that understands it's unworthiness and its debt to the giver. God desires that our thankfulness moves us to a life of service to Him. **Revelations 4:11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."** Through this season of thanksgiving consider what you have been given... Give God the glory!

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

William 'Bill' White

William "Bill" White was born to Donald and Betty White in Polo, June 5, 1956. He passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in his home Nov. 10, 2021.



Bill enjoyed a childhood growing up on the family farm in rural Polo. He loved hunting and fishing and being outdoors, all interests he enjoyed the entirety of his life. He graduated from Polo Community High School in 1974 and began work at Mid America Plastics in Forreston. He was employed as a foreman there until his retirement in August of this year. In 1977 Bill married the love of his life, Charlene Buffington. They enjoyed 44 years of adventure and marriage. They raised their children Shaunna and Chauncy in a home full of love less than a mile from where Bill had been raised. Bill was a genuine person, a true, dependable friend and will be remembered as such. He was loyal and hardworking and valued honesty and integrity. He had a quiet nature but did possess a certain playful "quirkiness" and was as full of "Bill-isms" as he was wisdom. He was an avid outdoorsman and there was little he enjoyed more than being outdoors and sharing the outdoors with those he loved.

Bill is survived by his wife, Charlene, his daughter Shaunna (Mike) Zettle, his son Chauncy White, three granddaughters,

Eleanor Zettle, Sophia Clarke and Faelyn Zettle, his sister Sandy (Greg) Cross and his sister Donna (Gary) Yeager, many beloved nieces and nephews and loved ones. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Betty White, his in-laws Bob and Janet Buffington, and his nephew Eugene Frey.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Sung Eun Kim officiated. Burial was at West Branch Lutheran Cemetery, Haldane. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreston. There was also be a visitation on Tuesday at 9 a.m. until the time of service at First United Methodist Church. A memorial has been established in Bill's memory. Please sign his guestbook and share a remembrance at www.burketubbs.com.

Peggy Dyal



STILLMAN VALLEY – Peggy June Ward Dyal went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Nov. 11, 2021. She was born on Sept. 21, 1937 in Clay County, Ark., to Thomas Aubra and Elsielean (Kittrell) Ward, but raised by her maternal grandparents, George and Ivery Kittrell.

Peggy graduated in 1955 from Corning High School in Corning, Ark., where she was in FFA and played on the Softball Team and Varsity Basketball Team. She married her true love, Joseph Harold Dyal on Oct. 1, 1955 in Success, Ark. Peggy worked at Atwood and J. L. Clark in their early years of marriage and later at the Stillman National Bank, where she retired after 37+ years. Peggy attended the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley where she formally served as church treasurer and in

sisters-in-laws, Elaine Dyal, Stillman Valley, and Shirrell Dyal, Lebanon, Mo.

Peggy loved her Lord and her family. Her favorite activities were cleaning, cooking, camping, fishing, gardening, snow skiing and water skiing. Peggy was pre-deceased by her husband, Joe, parents, grandparents, brothers-in-laws Tom and Gene and great grandson, Aaron Dyal.

A funeral service was held 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley with the Pastor Lance Mennen officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial in the Stillman Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to be established at a later date.

Irene E. Peterson

POLO – Our mother, Irene E. Peterson, of Polo, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. Mother was born on March 3, 1923 in Polo, the daughter of Grant and Bessie (Wolfe) Riggs. Per mother's request there will be no service and her burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.



Mom married our father, Kenneth Smith, Sr., March 1, 1941, and spent many years in Breeds (Canton), Ill. On Jan. 22, 1955, she married Russell Peterson and they spent 50 happy years together; she died on July 10, 2005. "Nan (Irene), grandma loved her husband Russell and her family dearly. She enjoyed family outings, especially Sunday afternoon dinners, and preparing delicious home cooked meals. She greeted everyone with a warm smile and a heartfelt embrace. When you spent time with Nan, you always felt welcomed, special and loved. Nan will always be remembered for her generosity and her devotion and love for her family and friends," Grandson Michael Smith.

Mother was a member of the Open Bible Church and enjoyed many friends at the church.

Mother is survived by her son, Kenneth "Sonnie" and Laurel Smith

great grandson Spencer of Polo.

Mom is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Jackie Smith, Tom (Arlene) Riggs of Ariz., Mary Lou Schwebke and Jeff Riggs of Fla., John Peterson, David (Kerrie) Peterson, Bobbi Jo (Tom) Remmer, Billie Jo (Dennis) Quaco, and Phillip (Kris) Peterson.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Peterson, her parents, sister, Margaret (Harry) Lambert, brother, Grant (Neva) Riggs, infant son, Grant, granddaughter, Trudi Bowen, and great granddaughter, Makenna Webster.

A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo, with Pastor Luke Schier, officiating. Burial of cremated remains followed the graveside service. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be directed to Open Bible Church in Polo or Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

James A. Porter



OREGON – James A. Porter, 38, lifelong Oregon resident, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. Born Dec. 1, 1982 in Rockford the son of Tim and Beverly (Lloyd) Porter.

James was a 2001 graduate of Oregon High School and was employed for many years with Wagner Construction. He was a member of Oregon Church of God. James was a "Country Kid" who enjoyed tractors, farming, demo-derbies, and hunting and fishing. He especially loved spending time with his nephews and family.

Lloyd of Springfield; and special companion, Candie Howlett of Oregon.

Predeceased by his paternal grandfather, James A. Porter.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 in Oregon Church of God with Pastor Michael Hoffman officiating. Private burial in Daysville Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the church. Memorials in James' name may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Oregon Church of God. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home assisted the family.

RRC has upcoming 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 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.

modate seating. Call the Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Support groups

Cancer support group
"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.

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

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

In recognition of Thanksgiving, Rock River Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26. No activities or transportation will be scheduled on these days. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

2021 Annual Holiday Brunch

Our Rock River Center traditional holiday brunch will be served on Friday, Dec. 17, from 9:30-11 a.m.

Our menu this year will include: Biscuits and sausage gravy, vegetable egg casserole, sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, fruit salad, an assortment of sweets, orange juice, milk and coffee. Cost: \$8 per person / Children under 6 Free.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, Dec. 9.

Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win our holiday gift basket. Celebrate Christmas with us by wearing your favorite Christmas sweater.

Christmas program at RRC

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Oregon High School Madrigals will be performing at Rock River Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Registration is requested to accom-

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Police report

Oct. 30
 TIME: 8:55 p.m.
 REPORT: Jaimie L. Guevara, 38, Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License Revoked. Guevara was released on an I-Bond.

Nov. 1
 TIME: 4:54 p.m.
 REPORT: Ashlee Bruce, 30, Dixon, was arrested for an Outstanding Whiteside County Warrant. Bruce was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 2
 TIME: 3:58 p.m.
 REPORT: Verlin Yeager, 60, Freeport, was arrested for Driving While License Revoked. Yeager was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 9:31 p.m.
 REPORT: Jeremy Fox, 42, Wyanet, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Fox was issued an Notice to Appear.

Nov. 3
 TIME: 8:30 p.m.
 REPORT: Ryan T. Dyson 31, Polo, was arrested for Resisting A Peace Officer, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol and Obstructing Identification. Dyson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 8:30 p.m.
 REPORT: Yancy L. Webster, 56, Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting A Peace Officer, Transportation of Alcohol, Obstructing Identification, and Violation of the Conceal Carry Act. Webster was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 4
 TIME: 4:51 p.m.
 REPORT: Michael T. Bower, 20, Dixon, was cited for speeding 42 MPH in a 30 MPH speed zone. Bower was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of 10/25/2021 thru 11/7/2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	17
Juvenile	3
Animal Complaints	7
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	8
Lock Out	3
911 Hang Up	3
Traffic Stops	33
County Assists	1

Nov. 8
 TIME: 4:12 p.m.
 REPORT: Tracey G. Sullivan, 53, Saint Charles, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Sullivan was released on an I-Bond.

Nov. 12
 TIME: 3:04 p.m.
 REPORT: Kenneth L. Jones, 68, Polo, was cited for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration and a written warning for No Proof of Insurance. Jones was released on an I-Bond.

Send all items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.
 Thanksgiving week deadline is 3 p.m. Tuesday.



From left, Tyler Lee, Kendall Boatman, Morgan Richardson and Kade Boatman.

Livestock team among nation's best

The Boone/Ogle County 4-H Livestock Judging Team represented Illinois by placing 9th in the nation among county teams from across the U.S. The contest was held in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City MO. Team members included Kendall Boatman, Ogle County; Kade Boatman, Ogle County; Morgan Richardson, Boone County; and Tyler Lee, Boone County. The American Royal 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is one of the premier events regarding education and competition for youth involved in livestock evaluation programs. The Boone County team was 5th in beef, 6th in swine, 8th in oral reasons, 10th in sheep/goats, and 9th high team overall. Individual honors went to Kendall Boatman for placing 5th in beef cattle, 9th in swine, and 16th in oral reasons and overall individual. Morgan Richardson placed 17th in swine, 26th in beef cattle, 28th in oral reasons, and 22nd high individual overall. Tyler Lee ranked 16h in beef cattle, 25h in sheep/goats, and 27th overall. Kade Boatman placed 27th in oral reasons, 38th in beef cattle, and 41st overall. The team was coached by Kathy Richardson of Boone County. Thank you to the Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois State 4-H program for their team sponsorship.

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LOCAL NEWS

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Oct. 22

At approximately 6:15 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 1500 block of E. Townline Road. After an investigation it was determined that a 3 axle dump truck being driven by Jeffery Pitzer, 57 of Franklin Grove, was westbound on Townline Road when he swerved to avoid a deer crossing the roadway. The dump truck entered the north ditch and struck the ditch embankment. The truck went up and over the embankment and came to a stop approximately 200 feet off of the roadway. Pitzer was transported to Swedish American hospital to be treated for injuries. No citations were issued.

Oct. 21

At approximately 11:37 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 4000 block of E. IL Rte 72 in reference to a disturbance.

After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Cory Ballinger, 48 of Decatur, for Disorderly Conduct. Ballinger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 20

At 12:27 hours, Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Hemstock Rd. and Illinois Rte. 251. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Raymond Kasper, 56 of Rockford for driving while license revoked. Kasper was released on a notice to appear with a court date of 11/26/21 at 0900 hours.

At approximately 11:06 p.m., Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 7,000 Block of N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Christopher Camacho, 22 of Creston under arrest for Driving While License Suspended.

Camacho was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Camacho was released on an I-Bond at the scene and was given a future court date.

Oct. 19

At approximately 6:12 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 block of N IL Rte 2. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Adelmo A. Garcia-Colindres, 33 of Hoffman Estates, for No Driver's License. Garcia-Colindres was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Garcia-Colindres was also cited for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Splash Guards.

Oct. 18

Deputies were advised of a vehicle traveling north on I39 from mile marker 58

that had been seen pointing a gun at passing motorists. At 3:38 p.m., Deputies located the vehicle and after a short investigation arrested Joshua Logan, 40 of Maple Grove MN for unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver and unlawful possession of cannabis improper container. An unloaded cased firearm was also located in the vehicle. Logan was transported to the Ogle Co. Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted by Illinois State Police and the Illinois Dept. of Conservation Police. The investigation is pending.

At approximately 8:17 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop near Penn Corner Road and Anterior Road for an equipment violation. After investigation, Frank Malston, 27 of Mount Morris, was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Malston was also cited for an inoperable registration light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Malston was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 17

At approximately 4:06 p.m., Deputies responded to a motorcycle accident in the 10700 block of North Illinois Rt 2. An investigation revealed a northbound motorcycle being driven by Michael Daun, 60 of Island Lake, failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and entered the east ditch. Daun sustained apparent minor injuries in the accident and was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 12:27 a.m., Deputies responded to a driving complaint in the 3,000 block of East IL Rte. 64. A short time later Deputies were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop while in the 2,000 block of E. Brick Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Paul Harrison, 49 of Chana under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Harrison was additionally issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. Harrison was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:37 p.m. Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 17,000 block of E. IL Rte. 64. After investigation, Deputies placed, Takyra Young, 31 of Rockford under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Young was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Young was released on an I-Bond and given a ride to Rochelle. The passenger, Fatimah Edmond, 24 of Rockford, was additionally arrested for a FTA Ogle County Warrant for Driving While License Suspended. Edmond was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 2 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock EMS responded to the 4500 block of N. IL Rte. 251 for a two vehicle accident. After a short investigation, it was determined that Stephanie Neff, 36 of Holcomb, was traveling northbound on N. IL Rte. 251. when she struck

a pickup truck traveling northbound in front of her near the rear driver's side truck bed. The truck was driven by Austin Nutt, 19 of Dixon and was accompanied by two juveniles. Nutt and the two juveniles were treated on scene by Lynn Scott Rock EMS and released. Neff was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. Neff was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Following too Close. Neff received an I Bond with a return court date later next month.

Oct. 16

At approximately 3:48 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the Circle K gas station parking lot in Byron. After further investigation Dontay Caviness, 36 of Rockford was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis 30-100 grams, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. A passenger in the vehicle, Rachel Jones, 33 of Rockford was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. Jones was released on an Individual Bond. Caviness was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 15

At approximately 6:54 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7000 block of North Stillman Rd. After further investigation Dylan Evans, 22 of Rockford was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis 30-100 grams, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. Evans was also cited for Speeding and Loud Exhaust. A passenger in the vehicle, Nicholas Maxey, 22 of Loves Park was placed under arrest for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Maxey was also cited for Illegal transportation of Alcohol. Evans and Maxey were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 13

At approximately 6:21 p.m., Deputies responded to the area of Broad Street and Green Street in Grand Detour for a check welfare of an intoxicated subject. After investigation, Deputies placed James Abbott, 28 of Grand Detour, under arrest for Aggravated Battery to Peace Officer. Abbott was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond awaiting a court appearance.

Oct. 12

At about 12:19 p.m., Deputies stopped a 2005 Chevy Cobalt on I39 at mile marker 101 northbound for an equipment violation. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Omar Spearman, 34 of Iowa City IA for driving while his license was suspended. Omar was released on a \$2500 I-bond and will appear in court on 11-12-21 at 0900 hours.

At approximately 7:03 p.m. Deputies responded to a violation of order of protection in the 300 block of W. Balsam Street in Forreston. After investigation,

Deputies placed, Darrell Starr Jr., 38 of Forreston under arrest for Violation of an Order of Protection. Starr was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

Oct. 10

At approximately 9:05 p.m. Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Mulford Road and Lind Road after the vehicle was called in as a driving complaint. After investigation, Deputies placed Derek Jarvis, 35 of Rochelle under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jarvis was additionally issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. Jarvis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:53 p.m., Deputies came upon a single vehicle accident with no injuries at the intersection of IL Rte. 251 and IL Rte. 72. After a short investigation, Deputies placed Paul Chareun, 64 of Crest Hill, IL under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Chareun was additionally issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Chareun was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Wayne Master, 47 of New Lenox, IL for driving while license suspended. Master was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Rte. 64 after being stopped for speeding. Master was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

Oct. 8

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Deputies were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Stillman Valley Road and Hales Corner Road. After conducting an investigation, it was learned that a white Ford F550 driven by Brian Johnson of Byron proceeded eastbound through the aforementioned intersection without giving the right of way to a silver Honda Accord traveling northbound driven by Dylan Boyd of Stillman Valley. Johnson was cited for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Boyd was transported to Swedish American Hospital for suspected minor injuries.

Oct. 7

At approximately 5:21 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 6000 block of N. IL RTE 2. After further investigation, Arturo M. Garcia, 25 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Garcia was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Registration. Garcia was released on an I-Bond.

At approximately 6:34 p.m. Deputies were dispatched to a driving complaint at Main St. and 6th St. in Leaf River. As a result, Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 100 block of Main St. After further investigation a juvenile female of Leaf River, was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. The juvenile was released to a guardian with a date to appear in court.

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LOCAL NEWS



First row from left: Cannon Gann, Carol Naylor King, Merla Willstead Brooks, Noralee Imfeld Gray, Judy Bowman Armstrong, Mary Long Williams, Linda Andrews Davis and Ted Stahler. Second row from left: Barb Acker Kammer, Pat Maxey Simester, Dale Hartle, Linda Temple Fossler, Judy Miller Lowry, Dace Treknais Kulan, Elenor White, Larry Clothier, Steve Hardy and Jim Schmidt. Third row from left: John May, Richard Stauffer, Juanita Sweet Hartle, Mike Chriss, Ralph Deyo and Tom Johnson.

Polo High School Class of 1961 holds 60th reunion

POLO – The PCHS Class of 1961 celebrated its 60th reunion on the Maxson Riverboat in Oregon on Oct. 16. Twenty-five members of the class attended. Following the boat ride, the group

toured the newly renovated high school. Superintendent Kelly Mandrell did a wonderful job of guiding the group through the entire school, explaining and pointing out all the improvements.

The group was impressed by all that has been done, especially the beautiful new windows.

In 1957, the Class of 1961 was the first freshman class to start in the new

school. There were also 61 students in the class.

The classmates then went to the Palmyra Eatery & Pub in Dixon for dinner. It was a wonderful day.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fire Chief Mike Knoup talks to Oregon Lions

OREGON – Fire Chief Mike Knoup took time out of his busy schedule to talk to Oregon Lions at their General Meeting on Oct. 28.

The Oregon Fire Protection District is comprised of over 120 square miles of incorporated and unincorporated areas of Ogle County and serves a population of approximately 9,600 residents. Currently the Oregon Fire District has 25 paid employees who respond to fire, rescue and emergency services within the district. The average number of calls in one year is around 1200, with three quarters of these being requests for emergency medical services.

In his talk to Oregon Lions, Knoup told how he has provided training for his staff to improve their skills as well as offering extra services to Fire District residents to safeguard their health and safety.

In his efforts to improve the health and wellness of his employees, he initiated an incentive for physical fitness and which is monitored at the Fire Station. Fighting fires and

providing emergency services can be physically demanding, and he considers it important that his staff remain in good physical condition.

In an effort to retain staff, a new, more competitive pay scale and employee benefits is now in place.

Three quarters of the calls made to the Fire Protection Districts are requests for emergency medical services. Knoup has made it a priority to provide training to help maintain and improve the EMT skills.

Recently EMT's have been trained to provide RSI – a life-saving technique whereby a tube can be inserted into the patients' airway to provide the oxygen needed to save their life.

The Oregon Fire Protection District is divided in two by the Rock River and those of us who live in this area have an awareness of the importance of having Fire Protection employees who are trained in water rescue. Recently members of Oregon's Fire Department completed a swift water/flood boat opera-

tions course that was filled with practical knowledge. It makes our water rescue teams better able to serve our community and save lives.

In his talk to Oregon Lions, Knoup failed to mention that he himself, after over 480 hours of training, received a certification as a Chief Fire Officer from the State of Illinois. Also, this summer, two members of his staff, Anthony Marchetti and Shane Mowry, graduated from Mercy Health's Paramedic Program. Congratulations to all.

Knoup explained how he has taken steps to safeguard the health and wellness of the community by raising an awareness of the steps they can take to protect themselves from fires.

The importance of good, reliable and up to date smoke detectors was a subject of discussion at the meeting. A free check of existing smoke detectors is available as well as the installation of a new free smoke detector by Fire Department employees.

The Fire Department contin-



From left to right: Oregon Lion Dr. Carri Anderson, Oregon Fire Chief Mike Knoup and Oregon Lion Joe Kryszak.

ues to connect with the community in many ways Information talks to service groups such as the Oregon Lions, visits to classrooms to educate children about fire prevention, providing space for Covid Vaccine Clinics, and offering community CPR training. Oregon Lions are especially grateful for all the cooperation Knoup has given

in allowing Oregon Lions the use of their electronic outdoor letter board to advertise Oregon Lions Sandwich Sales.

Oregon Lions want to thank Fire Chief Mike Knoup for his dedication and service to the community. His determined efforts have made the District a safer place for those of us who live and work here.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 22

Adult Book Club at the Mount Morris Library. The November book is *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore. This group meets in-person at the library at 3:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 23

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will host one last hike of the year at LOMC just outside of Oregon at 10:30 a.m. Simply meet at the office at LOMC and we will hike from there. Come enjoy the fall colors with us.

Fri., Nov. 26

The 10th Higley Light Extravaganza will kick off at 5 p.m. at 309 W. Front St. in Mount Morris. The display will include synchronized lights and music as well as singing trees and a pixel tree flashing colors. Don't forget to bring a letter to drop off to Santa in the North Pole Express mailbox.

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.

Sat., Nov. 27

Annual Candlelight Walk in Oregon, 3-8 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides, shopping, art show at Conover Square. Food and fun for the entire family.

Storytime Saturday, in person at the Polo Library, 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!

Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2. Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 11, 1872, already appearing as a well-known figure of the Wild West in popular dime novels, Buffalo Bill Cody makes his first stage appearance in a Chicago-based production of "The Scouts of the Prairie."

* On Dec. 12, 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, disproving detractors who said the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less.

* On Dec. 6, 1917, a devastating blast occurs when the Mont Blanc, a French munitions ship, explodes after colliding with another vessel in Halifax harbor in Nova Scotia. The Mont Blanc was packed with 2,300 tons of picric acid, 200 tons of TNT and 35 tons of high-octane gasoline.

* On Dec. 7, 1941, a swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes descends on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in a ferocious early morning assault. The surprise attack devastated the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States into World War II.

* On Dec. 9, 1950, Harry Gold, who confessed to serving as a courier of top-secret information on the atomic bomb, is sentenced to 30 years in prison. Gold implicated his brother-in-law and sister, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were later executed for espionage.

* On Dec. 10, 1967, soul legend Otis Redding dies in a plane crash in Wisconsin. "(Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay" would be released in its "unfinished" form several weeks later. The whistled verse was a placeholder for additional lyrics that Redding had yet to write.

* On Dec. 8, 1982, "Sophie's Choice," starring Meryl Streep as a Holocaust survivor, opens in theaters. The "choice" refers to a terrible decision Streep's character is forced to make about which of her two children will live or die while in a concentration camp.

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A swarm of scorpions? I'm out

The desert is a place of great beauty, and great danger.

Flash floods, extreme heat, rattlesnakes, side winders – you must be on guard all the time you are out there.

As someone who grew up in a desert area, I got used to most of the dangers. The rattlesnakes were certainly a concern, but I learned early to keep an eye and ear out for them. Flash floods are incredibly deadly, but if you know where to camp – not in washes – and you keep an eye on the sky you should be fine.

And don't get me started about tarantulas. I love those things, even though I am not a spider fan. I have seen them in them in the wild, and the last thing they want is to be anywhere near people.

No, there was only one thing that really scared me. Thankfully, I only saw a few in the wild, but I was always cautious.

I am talking about scorpions. Just writing that word gives me the chills.

Let's face it – scorpions are incredibly scary

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



looking. Pinchers up and ready. That huge stinger on the tail poised to make your day very bad very quickly.

So, when I read last week about a swarm of scorpions in Egypt coming out of their nests due to extreme weather, I was reminded of my fear of these arachnids.

According to the news item I read from the BBC, at least 450 people were injured by scorpions who sought shelter in homes. It was so bad that three people died.

Of the more than 1,700 species of scorpions, all sting and have venom.

Yes, all of them. Thankfully, only 25 species have a venom capable of killing humans.

Only 25 – as if one isn't bad enough.

Growing up in a desert area, we spent plenty of time outside. The first time I saw a scorpion in the wild I was about 7. My dad had taken us to watch the jets take off and land at the Marine Corps Air Station in town. As a kid, I was goofing around lifting rocks and pieces of wood when a scorpion appeared.

I still remember it well, even though it was decades ago. My dad sprang into action, knocking me out of the way and killing the scorpion with his shoe. I can tell you, seeing him freaked out freaked me out worse.

After that, I was always on guard. We camped all the time in the desert, and I kept my shoes with me in my sleeping bag at night. Don't want a surprise when you slip your shoes on in the morning.

I also tried to always sleep off the ground. That meant we usually slept in

the bed of a truck, or at least on a cot.

I avoided seeing another scorpion until I was about 32, believe it or not. I was in the Air Force Reserve and had a drill weekend at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix. We went to dinner at the house of someone I worked with – a beautiful place out in virgin desert. She warned us that they had seen come scorpions in the house and I almost bolted for the door.

I didn't, but on a tour of the house we had to capture not one, not two, but three scorpions.

Three!
I made it through dinner, but suggested they sell the house and burn all their belongings.

While I miss my desert home from time to time, I do not miss the possibility of being stung by a scorpion. Snow can be a pain, but I never have to worry about being stalked and stung by snow.

Oh, and I won't be traveling to Egypt anytime soon.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Volunteers vital to success of park programs

Volunteerism is defined as a practice of offering services in a charitable organization or social agency without accepting pay. The Oregon Park District, along with many agencies, organizations, and service clubs within our community rely heavily on the use of volunteers to successfully meet community needs and support organizational goals. Volunteers also allow agencies, organizations, and clubs to control expenses and provide valuable experiences to the individuals they serve.

The estimated value of 1 volunteer hour is currently \$28.54, as reported by Independent Sector. The Oregon Park District estimates over

Guest Opinion

By Erin Folk



2,000 volunteer hours are used each year for youth athletics, special events and general program needs. This equates to more than \$57,080 in volunteer value. The programs and events served through volunteerism would not be possible without these volunteers

and in turn would not be offered to the public at a reasonable rate.

Volunteer opportunities are abundant with the Oregon Park District. This includes coaching youth athletics, holiday events, and program assistance. Volunteers are vital to the success of these programs and the district. Some individuals are able to give many hours each year and others may only join the volunteer ranks for a few hours or to help with a specific need. Regardless, the contribution from each volunteer is valued and appreciated.

There are many benefits to volunteering for the Oregon Park District including: 1) Giving

back to the community, 2) meeting new people, 3) developing new skills to broaden your experience, 4) feeling a sense of achievement and purpose, and most importantly 5) to have fun.

Individuals or families interested in volunteering can begin by completing a volunteer application at www.oregonpark.org. All recurring volunteers and volunteers who are left unsupervised are required to complete a criminal background check to ensure the safety of all park district visitors. For more information contact Oregon Park District at (815) 732-3101.

Erin Folk is executive director of the Oregon Park District.

Thank you for support of the Tootsie Roll drive

Dear Editor,

The 52nd annual Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) drive in Oregon and Mt. Morris was held Sept. 10 and 11. This year \$5,763 was raised by the members of Oregon Council #1092 with help from their families and friends.

We also had support from area

businesses that helped with the purchase of candy. Casey's, Sullivans and SuperValu let us stand in front of their stores. The funds that were raised help to support the Knights of Columbus programs in Illinois, such as Special Olympics and a number of homes for the intellectually disabled. Local organizations who will receive over \$1,500 apiece were:

Village of Progress, Oregon School district special education program, and Stouffer Terrace. Over the past 30 years over \$150,000 has been raised locally.

I want to thank to people in Oregon and Mt Morris for their generous support again this year.

Dave Starke, Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman

Had to pay high price to support local football team

Dear Editor,

Let Me start by saying I have been attending Byron High School football ever since my son played (early 1990s). I have no relatives on the teams. I go to games to support the team, to support our youth. I know of many others who do the same.

That is why it saddened me when I found out, by word of mouth, on 11/8/2021 that I would not be able to attend the upcoming Saturday 11/15/2021 game unless I purchased a ticket online in advance. No reason was given. The previous Saturday's game (11/6/2021) was not an issue (admission was sold at the gate).

I went to the Byron High School web page and then to the IHSA website. After much searching on the IHSA website, I found and went to the IHSA ticket sales site; GOFAN digital ticketing. After reading the five-page dissertation on how this digital ticketing was to work, I found one sentence on "Restricted tickets" giving a potential reason for digital tickets only. Reading further in this five-page how to, one finds an exemption (section 8-no phone-A & B) allowing a fan to attend paying with cash at the gate; if the school chooses to do this.

So, I called Byron High School to ask if they were going to allow cash at the gate. I was transferred to the Athletic Department. Since no one answered, I left a clear message with my call back number in the midmorning on 11/10/2021. I never received a call back.

You may ask what's the big deal? Coming from an engineering background and further trained as a Root Cause Investigator, I have to ask why?

Reading further into the GOFAN five-page dissertation, one can find several indications as to why. It appears that it is all about the dollars (including a \$1.00 convenience fee and 5 percent of the ticket value) and little to do with the IHSA mission statement nor their 13 beliefs. As many fans have expressed on multiple occasions "holy IHSA!"

So, to support the young men (and in some cases young women) who play the sport I went to the game to see if I could get in. Byron HS did provide for a cash option (which included the 19% markup in price!)

As I suspected there were many fans irate with the IHSA! Evidently the IHSA does not trust its member schools "to maintain financial report continuity" or to keep the "financial reporting process" for large events involving cash!

Bill Pirnat, Byron

LOCAL NEWS



Light Extravaganza lights up Mt. Morris starting Nov. 26

MOUNT MORRIS – The 10th Higley Light Extravaganza will kick off on Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. at 309 W. Front St. in Mount Morris. The display will include synchronized lights and music as well as singing trees and a pixel tree flashing colors. Don't forget to bring a letter to drop off to Santa in the North Pole Express mailbox. This is the third year that Miles Hallock has helped Edwin Higley help with the lights on the roof of the house.

Mt. Morris Goodfellows accepting holiday donations

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Goodfellows are accepting monetary donations for those in need this holiday season. Donations are greatly appreciated. Jerry Griffin and Charlie Beard, Goodfellows co-chairmen, say that the Goodfellows will once again be able to provide assistance this Christmas thanks to the financial support of the community. Each holiday season, for nearly 70 years, the Goodfellows have provided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in Mt. Morris. Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses. Participating Mt. Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Savings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Cimino's Pizza, The Idle Hour, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Home Town Diner, Campus Café and Mullarkey's Bar & Grill. If you have any questions regarding Goodfellows, please call Jerry Griffin at 815-440-4440. The Mt. Morris Goodfellows appreciate your support.



Honor Society volunteers at foodbank

The Stillman Valley High School National Honor Society recently volunteered at the Northern Illinois Foodbank. They were able to help pack 6,300 pounds of food providing 5,248 meals to people in Northern Illinois.

Holiday home decorating contest set for Polo

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 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.

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LOCAL NEWS



School honors veterans

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Stillman recognizes two-sport athletes

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“I’m very proud and supportive of both my dual sport athletes (as I am of all my players),” said SVHS soccer coach, Brian Frank, who coaches both students.

“It is difficult to play sports and to do well in school. It is even more difficult to do it playing two sports at the same time. In a day where so many students have decided to skip playing sports in high school, it is truly admirable for those who have decided to keep playing. It is even more so for the few who are so committed, they not only want one sport, but two at the same time. The amount of time, energy, and internal drive it takes to compete is truly remarkable. We are very fortunate to have these two young men participating in



our programs.”

Last year as the schedule changed for Covid, Reynolds ran cross country in the fall and soccer in the spring and found he was successful in both. SVHS Athletic Director, Heather Alderks, wanted to be able to do everything the athletic department could for scheduling, to allow him to do both sports if that is what he wanted.

“Holland is an amazing student athlete,” said cross country coach Krissy Porter. “His ability to excel on and off the field in two

sports at the same time while keeping his academics as a priority, is someone everyone wants to have on their team. He is able to show up and go all out at any sporting event that takes place. Holland is an athlete who will go above and beyond what he needs to do to strive for excellence.”

SVHS football team was looking to replace last year’s 2021 graduate kicker, Omar Gallardo who was also a dual athlete (All Conference Football Kicker and All Conference Soccer player)

and reached out to Avendano.

“Jony has done an unbelievable job,” Mike Lalor said. “The role he stepped into is not an easy one, it is often pressure filled and stressful. Jony worked very hard to become good at kicking. Kicking for soccer and kicking for football is vastly different and not everyone can do it. He has been an incredibly valuable addition to our team.”

Many smaller schools need to share players to be successful but as many students are going to travel

teams, Alderks said, “It is a rarity to find student-athletes who successfully compete in two varsity sports in the same season. Jony and Holland have found success this fall season in both sports they have competed in. Not only is it a balance to manage time, but to also manage academics, Jony and Holland have been successful at both. This also creates a needed balance among the coaching staff as they share athletes, therefore many thanks to our coaches for working with these young men this fall season.”

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Support *Small* BUSINESSES This Saturday!



Shopping locally more crucial than ever

The importance of shopping locally has been emphasized with increasing urgency in recent years. Events like Small Business Saturday and Plaid Friday have brought some much-needed attention to the importance of shopping local, which is even more crucial now as so many small businesses try to survive the pandemic.

A poll from the trade group the National Federation of Independent Business reported that about half of all the businesses in the survey reported a 25 percent drop in sales since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, and roughly one in five businesses have seen sales decline by more than 50 percent. If the economic climate does not radically improve, 20 percent of small businesses won't survive.

According to NBC News, small businesses employ 60 million people in the United States, almost half of the nation's private-sector employees. In addition, small businesses generate tax revenues that help communities by funding schools,

maintaining parks and contributing to public safety programs. However, based on research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, even before COVID-19 spread across the world, only 20 percent of healthy small businesses had sufficient cash reserves to continue to operate if they experienced a revenue loss for two months. Some have been shuttered for much longer.

Individuals looking for everything from clothing to home improvement services to office supplies can look to small businesses to fill those needs.

- Look for small businesses for any and all of your shopping needs. Chances are items sold by big box retailers also are sold by small businesses. When the options are the same or similar, purchase from a small business instead of its big box competitor.

- Readily provide recommendations of small businesses with which you have done business. Too often people are quick to complain about places that have failed them,

but those same people don't think to say kind words about companies that went above and beyond. Share great experiences on social media or through word of mouth.

- Talk to small businesses owners first if you have an issue. It's tempting to go directly to social media to complain about something, but such complaints can have a dire impact. Always take issues to the manager or business owner first to see if a resolution can be reached. A manager may not be aware of an issue at all. Give small businesses a chance to make it right before taking things public.

- If you own a small business, rely on other small businesses to fulfill your needs. Order supplies from fellow small business owners, seek the help of local financial advisors and tax professionals and use local suppliers and delivery personnel.

Small businesses have experienced unprecedented setbacks due to COVID-19. By supporting small businesses, communities can help them regain stable footing.



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Supporting small businesses ensures more money stays in the communities those businesses serve. The U.S. Small Business Administration says \$48 out of every \$100 spent at a small business stays in the community. On the flip side, when a person spends \$100 at a big-box store or a national chain, only \$14 remains in the community. Local businesses are more likely to utilize other local businesses, such as banks, service providers and even farms. Small businesses also pay employees, many of whom are local and shop local, thereby keeping even more dollars in their communities.

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Unique reasons to shop at small businesses

The numbers don't lie. Locally owned businesses may be classified as "small," but they have a big impact on the national economy.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics report, small businesses created 10.5 million net new jobs between 2000 and 2019, accounting for 65.1 percent of net new jobs created since 2000 in the United States. The Government of Canada reports that the number of small businesses in Canada in 2020 was far greater than the number of medium and large businesses, accounting for 97.9 percent of all the businesses in the country.

Supporting locally owned businesses is a great way to support a neighbor, but that's not the only attraction. Here are several reasons to shop small.

The feel-good factor

Doing for others certainly has an impact on the person on the receiving end, but also benefits the do-gooders. A November 2020 survey by Union Bank found that 72 percent of Americans said supporting small businesses was more important than getting the best deals. That may be due to the feeling of helping out a fellow neighbor.

Create job opportunities

Shopping at small businesses keeps those establishments afloat, and it also keeps their employees afloat. Small businesses are the largest employers in the United States. That's also true in Canada, where 68.8 percent of the total labor force works for a small business. A person may never know when he or she – or a relative – will need a job. Keeping small businesses viable provides a strong job market for locals.

Keep more money in the community
The Small Business Administration says \$48 out of every \$100 spent at a small business stays in the community. Spend the same \$100 at a national retailer and only \$14 stays.

Enjoy a more local flavor
National retailers and other businesses follow a global business model that may not allow for much customization, but small businesses can provide products or services that relate directly to the needs of the communities they serve. These same small businesses also may be more inclined to work with local vendors and start-ups than national companies that have global supply chains.

These are just a few of the many reasons to seek out small businesses when in need of products or services.

Get out there and make the most of Small Business Saturday to benefit the community

Gifts and gatherings take center stage come the holiday season. The holiday season begins on Thanksgiving and continues until New Year's Day. During that time, families gather to exchange gifts, break bread, celebrate their faith, and toast the year to come.

The good times and gatherings that are such a big part of the holiday season were absent from many celebrations in 2020. Though the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, the successful rollout of various vaccines should make the coming holiday season feel more normal. That means gift exchanges and gatherings are back in play. Savvy celebrants recognize the benefits of shopping early, and Small Business Saturday is a great chance to get back in the holiday swing of things while supporting the local businesses that make communities so unique.

• Plan ahead. Small Business Saturday takes place each year on the

Saturday after Thanksgiving in the United States. Since its inception in 2010, Small Business Saturday has grown in popularity. American Express estimates that 110 million people participated in Small Business Saturday in 2019, which underscores how shoppers can benefit from planning ahead.

• Reserve a table at your favorite restaurant. A great meal with friends and family can be an ideal way to cap off a day of shopping, and it's a great way to support a local restaurant.

• Check your social media feeds. Many small businesses have recognized the value of communicating directly with consumers through their social media feeds. Throughout the day, shoppers can keep an eye on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn about special sales or events. In addition, shoppers can share their shopping experiences via their own feeds. Many small businesses rely on word-of-mouth from existing

customers, so this can be another way to show your support for the establishments that call your community home.

Small Business Saturday is a great way to begin the holiday shopping season on the right foot.

Be sure to 'Shop Small' this year

Since its founding in 2010 by American Express, Small Business Saturday has emerged as a major event for holiday shoppers who want to support their community.

In fact, a survey showed that customers spent a whopping \$14.3 billion with small, independent businesses on the day in 2014, a strong indication of how the day is growing into a major American shopping tradition.

If the trend continues, this year's Small Business Saturday will be even bigger. With proclamations of support from governments in all 50 states, the day is expected to be a success for locally owned businesses across the nation.

Why Shop Local

The reason so many people are shopping on Small Business Saturday is simple: it works.

Numerous studies have shown the benefits of spending with locally owned businesses instead of their chain-store competitors. Local shops typically in-

vest far more into their community by using local vendors, employing local people and keeping their profits close to home instead of shipping them to an out-of-town headquarters.

It also results in tax revenue that supports the services and infrastructure in your own town. If you shop locally in your own community instead of traveling elsewhere to spend your money, you'll know any sales taxes collected will be spent on improving your local area – often helping to fund things like roads, sidewalks, police officers and firefighters.

Pure Enjoyment

Another reason to shop on Small Business Saturday is for the fun of it. Small, locally owned shops often have unique Christmas gifts with a local flavor. And if you're unhappy with the lack of service at many of the big, national chain stores, you may be pleasantly surprised at the personal attention you get by shopping with small businesses.



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving Day.

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

Library Book Clubs
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Usual Santas: A Collection of Soho Christmas Crime Capers. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab. Books on Tap will meet in December (date & time to be determined) to discuss The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine.

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 10 am - 3 pm, 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 forevermore - 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

Forreston Library News

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.

Christmas in the Country
Dec. 3rd and 4th

Stop by the library on Friday, December 3rd between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Christmas Crafts and Tales for children. Then on Saturday, December 4th, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, come enjoy donut holes and a visit with Santa. Our library book sale, featuring many

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.

Holiday Nail Art-Wednesday, Dec. 1 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 is required, (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline, November 29th.

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. Registration deadline is November 29th.

Design a One of a Kind Gift – Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m., 3rd grade & up

Can't think of what to get for that special someone? Make it! Call 815-732-2724 to register by December 7th. There are limited supplies, so choose a mug or jar (which is supplied) when you register, bring a design to the program and transfer that to your mug or jar. Surprise!

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. Registration deadline December 3rd.

Holiday Movie Trivia Night, Cork N Tap – Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! There will be holiday cheer, prizes, and drinks! Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

new and like-new children's books as well as other books and dvds, will also be held during these times.

Angel Tree
We will once again have a Lions Club Angel Tree with names of local children in need of Christmas gifts. Please stop in after Thanksgiving to pick a name and help brighten a child's Christmas.

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.

Byron makes yards count

The Byron High School football team only had 10 net yards passing during its quarterfinal playoff game on Nov. 12, but it made sure to make them count.

With four seconds left in the game. Byron quarterback Braden Smith tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Chandler Binkley, giving the Tigers a 28-24 win over Reed-Custer.

The win moves Byron to 12-0 overall on the season.

It was a hard-fought game, with Reed Custer gaining 221 of its 341 yards on offense in the air. Byron stuck to its powerful ground game, with 262 of its 272 yards being runs.

Binkley led Byron with 140 yards rushing. Ethan Palzkill added 64 and Andrew Claunch 58.

Defensively, Claunch had 11 solo tackles and one assist. Binkley added six solo tackles as did Palzkill.

Oregon's varsity bowlers fall to Mendota

The Oregon Boys Bowling team fell to 1-1 on the season with a 3043-2840 loss to Mendota tonight at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris, on Nov. 16.

The Hawks were led by Junior Styler Klapp with a 576 Series (188,198,190). The JV won moved to 2-0 on the season with a 1961-1368 score and were led by Riley Kiesling with a 413 series.

Bertolet Library News

Holiday Closures: Bertolet Memorial Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 8 a.m. on Saturday the 27th.

Paws for Reading:
Ryan will be back just in time to listen to your favorite holiday story. Bring your favorite from home or choose one from the library. Ryan looks forward to listening to you! Our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, Dec. 15 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:
Book of the Month Club will return in January!

Story Hour:
There will not be Story Hour on Nov. 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Miss Jana will be back on Dec. 2 at 10 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:
Finish up those Christmas cards while enjoying the company of friends. 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 ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Releases:
Adult Books
A Virgin River Christmas by Robyn Carr
The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan
Picture Books
Goodnight ABCs by Erin Guendelsberger
Juvenile Books
The Birthday Cookbook by Mary Bleckwehl (NF)
DVDs
Peter Rabbit 2 (kids)
Stillwater

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• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:
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LOCAL NEWS

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 - November 27 and Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am 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 melanie@pololibrary.org

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 Family-Search 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.

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

Rock River Center Senior Information Services at Polo Public Library
Fourth Wednesday of each month - 10 a.m.-noon
Call 815-732-3252 or 800-541-5479 to make an appointment

Online Resources
New books and audiobooks are being added! Download Axis360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at pololibrary.org

Wi-Fi Access
Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside of the library building, even outside of library hours. You can access the Wi-Fi by joining the Polo Public Library Guest Access network, you do not need a password.

Questions?
If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing library@pololibrary.org

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!

Program Cancellation
The Passport Fair originally scheduled for Dec. 4, 2021 in partnership with the Oregon Public Library has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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 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

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.

Library Closed Thanksgiving Day
The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving. We will be open our regular hours on Friday the 26th.

Closed 2nd and 4th 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

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

Adult Book Club
The November book is *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore. This group meets in-person at the library on Monday, Nov. 22 at 3:30 p.m. The next book will be *Blackberry Winter* by Sarah

Julia Hull Library News

Thanksgiving Hours

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

Kids' Holiday Festival

Nothing screams "holiday" like our annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 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, November 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, December 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, December 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, December 10 at 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 p.m. for some hot cocoa, conversation, and of course, 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, December 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

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/>

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 horticultural-

ist BJ Miller will be presenting. Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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 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 or call 815-234-5107.
Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs!

Jio. Copies are available at the library. The December book club will meet Dec. 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Book Signing with Dr. John Plescia

Dr. Plescia will be talking about his book and signing copies here at the library on December 9th starting at 5:30. Dr. Plescia's book, *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker* is his first published novel. Come and hear about his writing and publishing journey!

Display Case Showings

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 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.



This month, Young Critics Book Club met with Miss Zoey to discuss *Fortunately, The Milk*, by Neil Gaiman, then each create their own time-traveling hot air balloon (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley).

season merry and bright. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Short & Sweets

Join Joanna on Zoom for an engaging discussion of Raymond Carver's short story, "Put Yourself In My Shoes"—Wednesday, December 15 at 10 a.m. BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at ijkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

Winter Reading Challenge

Hey, Adults! Winter is almost here. You have nature's permission to grab a book,

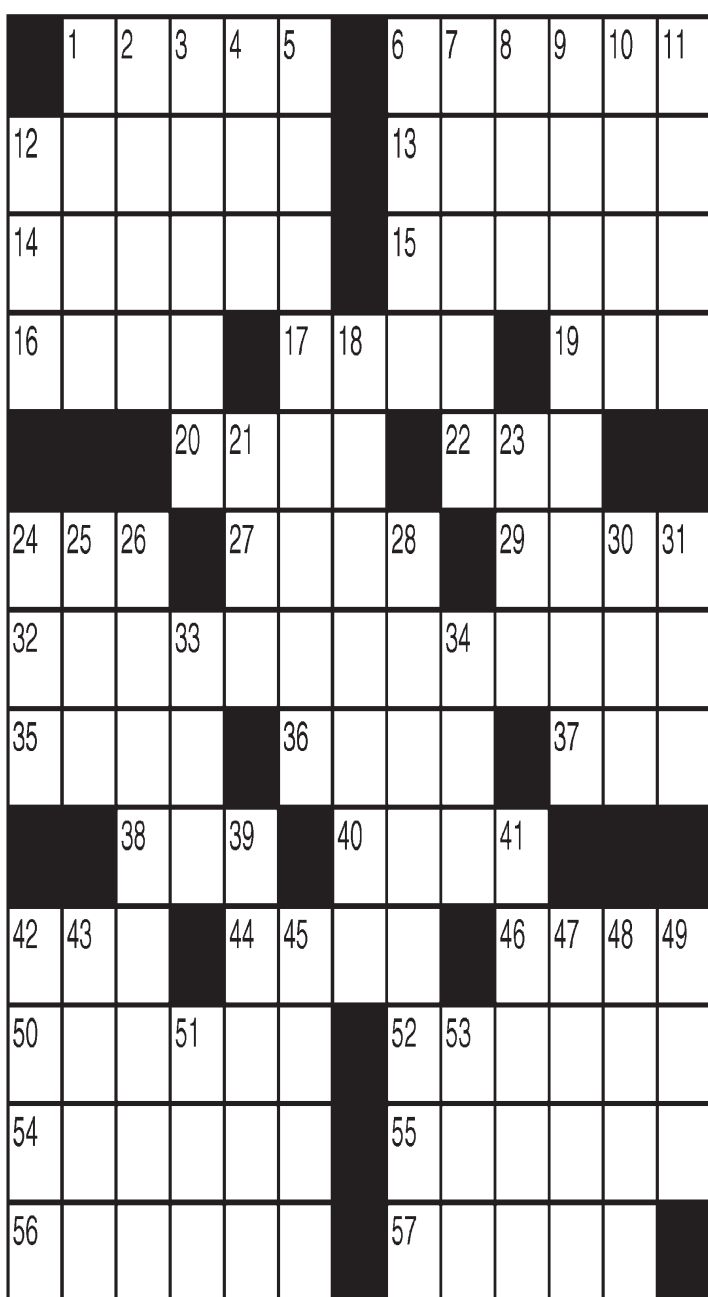
burrow in, and make cozy. Why not be rewarded for it? Use the Beanstack app to register and track your progress. For each book you read, and each activity you log, you'll earn a badge (and a chance to win actual prizes!) Drawings held weekly. Earn your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge by February 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to LINO'S PIZZA in Rockford. BONUS: Earn 5 Review/Activity Badges in addition to your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge, and you'll be entered twice! Pre-register now! Program runs January 2 through February 28.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Paid (up)
 - 6 Tennis star Graf
 - 12 False
 - 13 Sounded content
 - 14 Warm, as leftovers
 - 15 Not certain
 - 16 Cruise stop
 - 17 Farm unit
 - 19 Garden of Food Network
 - 20 Austen novel
 - 22 Perched
 - 24 Recede
 - 27 Force
 - 29 Pleasing
 - 32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired



- DOWN**
- 1 Grieg's "— Death"
 - 2 Actress Patricia
 - 3 Private pupil
 - 4 Sch. URL ender
 - 5 "Feel-good" brain chemical
 - 6 Incite
 - 7 Jukebox picks
 - 8 Hosp. areas
 - 9 Fulfillment
 - 10 Office plant
 - 11 Notion
 - 12 Greek consonant
 - 18 Bach's "Coffee —"
 - 21 1501, in Roman numerals
 - 23 Moreover
 - 24 Newt
 - 25 Large snake
 - 26 Ornamental garden trees
 - 28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album
 - 30 Bill's partner
 - 31 Work unit
 - 33 Spanish aunt
 - 34 Sprite
 - 39 Potpourri output
 - 41 Swift
 - 42 Met melody
 - 43 Sticky substances
 - 45 Praiseful pieces
 - 47 Curved lines
 - 48 Presidential power
 - 49 TV spots
 - 51 Dead heat
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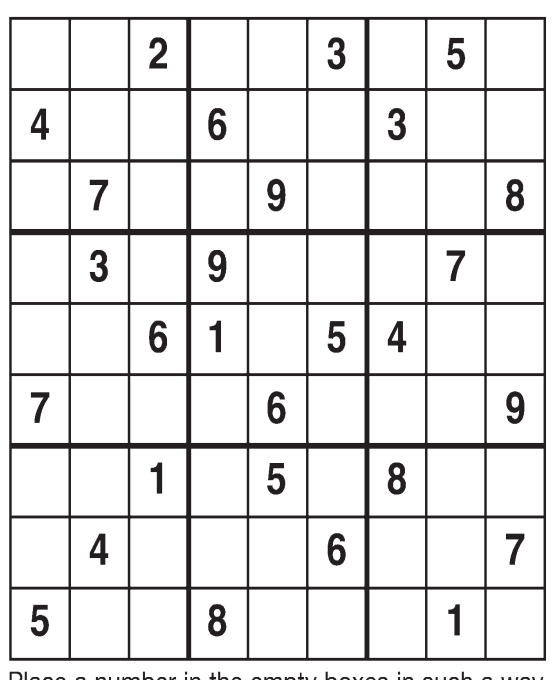
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| Beer | Oil | Sardines | Tuna |
| Coffee | Paint | Soda pop | Water |
| Corn | Peas | Tennis balls | |

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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.

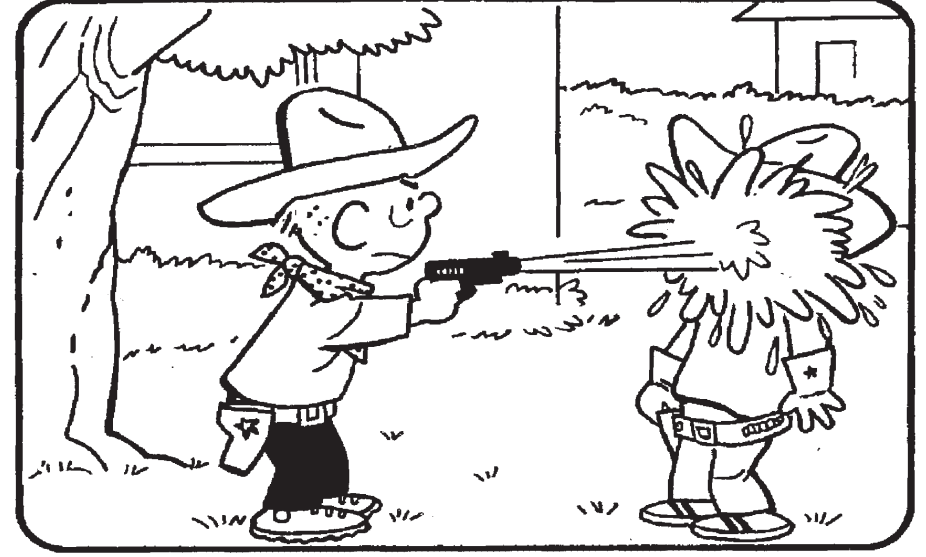
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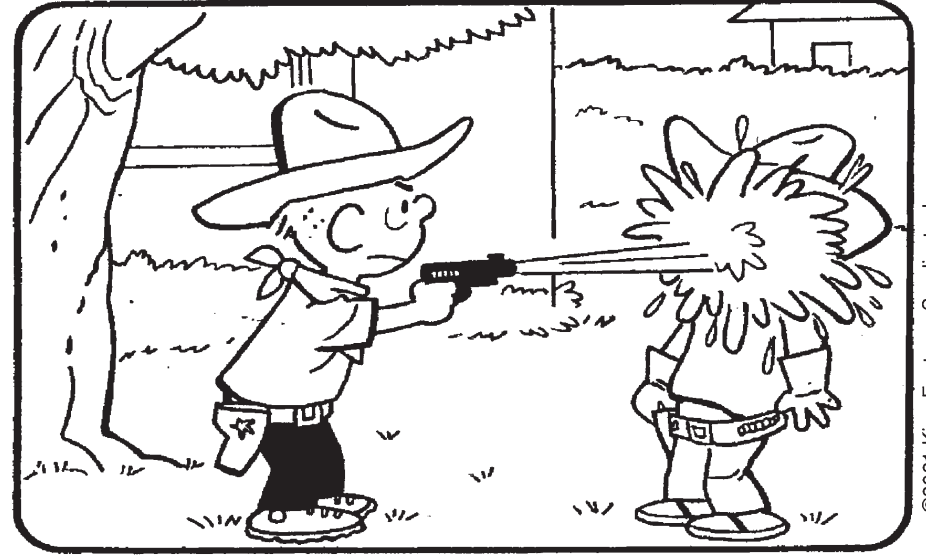
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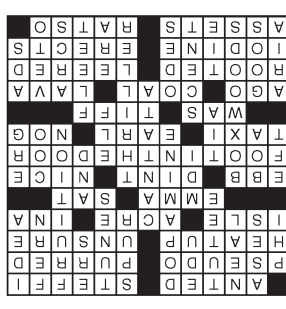
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

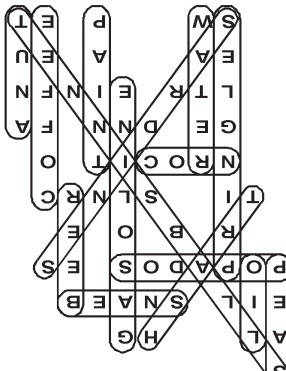


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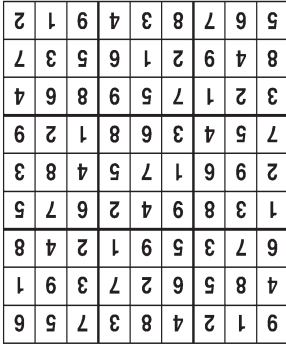


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ORDINANCE # 21-3

THE COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 15th day of November, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the amounts herein set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed, are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois to defray all necessary expenses of said Forest Preserve District, as specified in Section 2 for the year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2: The amounts budgeted and appropriated for each object or purpose are as follows:

I. CORPORATE FUND			
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$	454,225
ESTIMATED REVENUE			
Property taxes	405,000		
Gift Shop Income	1,000		
Concessions	1,000		
Interest	20,700		
Bar Service	10,000		
Education Programs Fees	125,000		
Property Rental/Lease	83,400		
Blaze Sponsors	-		
Other Income	18,000		
Total Estimated Revenue		664,100	
Total Estimated Funds Available		1,118,325	
Administrative			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	95,500		
Wages - Part Time	18,000		
Wages - Seasonal	16,000		
Health Insurance	23,000		
Total Personnel		152,500	
Supplies			
Janitorial Supplies	1,000		
Office	3,000		
Motor Fuel & Lubrication	800		
Hardware and Small Tools	150		
Safety Supplies	750		
Gift Shop	400		
Concession	750		
Bar Service Supplies	4,000		
Volunteer Supplies	1,000		
Total Supplies		11,850	
Contractual Services			
Public Notices	2,300		
Legal	10,000		
Other Professional	9,000		
Communications	21,000		
Postage	1,750		
Training & Travel	5,000		
Printing	500		
Advertising	20,000		
Natural Gas	5,000		
Electrical	14,000		
Building Repair & Maint.	8,500		
Equipment Repair & Maint.	2,500		
Dues & Memberships	5,000		
Uniforms	1,500		
Computer Support & Repairs	17,000		
Total Contractual Services		123,050	
Miscellaneous		12,500	
Total Administrative			299,900
Board of Commissioners			
Personnel			
Supplemental Compensation		6,500	
Contractual Services			
Training and Travel	2,000		
Dues and Membership	5,000		
Miscellaneous	10,000		
Total Contractual Services		17,000	
Total Board of Commissioners			23,500
Heritage Farm			
Contractual Services			
Total Contractual Services			
Total Heritage Farm			
Education			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	57,100		
Wages - Part Time	82,000		
Wages - Seasonal	24,000		
Health Insurance	12,100		
Total Personnel		175,200	
Supplies			
Office	500		
Printing	1,000		
Building & Construction	750		
Grain, Feed, & Game	750		
Nature Preschool	3,000		
Adventure Club	1,500		
Earthkeepers	2,000		
Children's Concert	425		
Birthday Parties	-		
Field Trips	450		
Halloween on the Prairie	2,000		
Summer Concerts	1,500		
Summer Camp	20,000		
Outdoor Adventure	3,500		
Total Supplies		37,375	
Contractual Services			
Professional Services	750		
Postage	100		
Training and Travel	1,750		
Equipment Repair & Maint.	3,750		
Natural Gas	200		
Electric	500		
Dues and Membership	950		
Uniforms	1,200		
Heritage Farm Operating	400		
Advertising	200		
Computer Repair & Support	7,000		
Museum Displays	5,000		
Total Contractual Services		21,800	
Total Education			234,375
Restoration/Land Management			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	37,200		
Wages - Full Time Hourly	-		
Wages - Seasonal	8,000		
Health Insurance	8,500		
Total Personnel		53,700	

Supplies			
Janitorial Splies	750		
Office	750		
Motor Fuel and Lubrication	7,000		
Building and Construction	1,000		
Hardware and Small Tools	1,000		
Equipment Parts	3,000		
Grain, Feed and Game	-		
Safety	1,000		
Total Supplies			14,500
Contractual			
Other Professional Services	5,000		
Postage	-		
Training and Travel	1,000		
Advertising	-		
Natural Gas	5,000		
Electrical	9,000		
Building Repair and Maintenance	5,000		
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	1,000		
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	2,500		
Dues and Memberships	500		
Uniforms	500		
Computer Support	5,000		
Total Contractual		34,500	
Total Restoration/Land Management			102,700
Total Corporate Expenditures			
			660,475
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY			
			\$ 457,850
II. PRAIRIEVIEW GOLF COURSE			
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY			
			\$ 255,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE			
Golf interest income		500	
Pro Shop		90,000	
Green fees		315,000	
Playday green fees		100,000	
Assoc. golf fees		1,000	
Rental fees (carts, clubs)		7,500	
Golf lessons		8,000	
Concessions		220,000	
Playday concessions		80,000	
Cart rental		210,000	
Driving range		15,000	
Bay Rental - PrairieFire		475,000	
Club Rental - PrairieFire		12,000	
Concessions - PrairieFire		550,000	
Merchandise - PrairieFire		8,000	
League Fees - PrairieFire		5,000	
Other Income		25,500	
Total Estimated Revenue			2,122,500
Total Estimated Funds Available			2,377,500
Golf Clubhouse Expenses			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	165,000		
Seasonal - PV concessions	45,000		
Seasonal - PV cart attendant	35,000		
Seasonal - PV shop cashier	11,000		
Health Insurance	34,000		
Total Personnel			290,000
Supplies			
Janitorial Supplies	2,500		
Office	1,500		
Motor Fuel & Lubrication	-		
Building & Small Tools	500		
Hardware and Small Tools	250		
Equipment parts	500		
Golf supplies	2,000		
Safety Supplies	500		
Gift Shop	75,000		
Concession supplies	136,000		
Concession equipment/small wares	3,500		
Tournament expenses	5,000		
Driving range	3,000		
Total Supplies			230,250
Contractual Services			
Other Professional	6,000		
Communications	9,000		
Postage	500		
Training & Travel	2,500		
Printing	500		
Advertising	14,000		
Natural Gas	5,000		
Electrical	18,000		
Building Repair & Maint.	12,000		
Equipment Repair & Maint.	12,000		
Lease / Equipment Rental	39,000		
Dues & Memberships	3,500		
Taxes & license fees	2,500		
Computer Support & Repairs	10,000		
Uniforms	2,500		
Miscellaneous/other	17,500		
Total Contractual Services			154,500
Total Clubhouse Expenses			
			674,750
Golf Administrative Expenses			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	81,600		
Health Insurance	16,750		
Total Golf Administration			98,350
Board of Comm.			
Supplemental Compensation	8,000		
Total Board Expenses			8,000
Golf Maintenance Expenses			
Personnel			
Wages - Salary	141,500		
Wages - Part Time	-		
Wages - seasonal	65,000		
Health Insurance	28,000		
Total Personnel			234,500
Supplies			
Chemicals	38,000		
Janitorial	800		
Office	750		
Motor fuel & lubricant	15,000		
Grass & landscaping	5,500		
Golf supplies	5,500		
Safety supplies	500		
Top dressing / bunker sand	9,000		
Total Supplies			75,050
Contractual Services			
Public notices	-		
Other Professional	800		
Postage	-		
Training & Travel	2,000		
Natural Gas	2,000		
Electrical	14,000		
Building Repair & Maint.	5,500		
Equipment Repair & Maint.	30,000		
Equipment Rental	1,500		
Dues & Memberships	1,200		
Computer Support & Repairs	5,000		
Uniforms	2,000		
Total Contractual Services			64,000
Total Golf Maintenance Expenses			
			373,550

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PrairieFire Expenses		
Personnel		
Wages - Salary	187,000	
Wages - Part-Time	-	
Wages - Seasonal	130,000	
Health Insurance	<u>33,000</u>	
Total Personnel		350,000
Supplies		
Janitorial Supplies	4,000	
Office	2,500	
Building & Small Tools	4,000	
Hardware and Small Tools	1,500	
Equipment parts	1,500	
Golf supplies	25,000	
Safety Supplies	500	
Gift Shop	5,000	
Concession supplies	240,000	
Concession equipment/small wares	7,500	
TopTracer Fees	<u>23,000</u>	
Total Supplies		314,500
Contractual Services		
Other Professional	10,000	
Communications	7,000	
Training & Travel	3,500	
Printing	1,500	
Advertising	35,000	
Natural Gas	10,000	
Electrical	16,000	
Building Repair & Maint.	10,000	
Equipment Repair & Maint.	6,000	
Dues & Memberships	1,000	
Taxes & license fees	3,000	
Computer Support & Repairs	8,000	
Uniforms	3,000	
Miscellaneous/other	<u>26,000</u>	
Total Contractual Services		140,000
Total Clubhouse Expenses		804,500
Total Golf Course Expenditures		<u>1,959,150</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 418,350</u>

III. INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ -
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Interest Income	-	
Transfers from Prairie View	-	
Total Estimated Revenue		-
CONTRACTED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - Employer cost		-
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ -</u>

IV. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 99,815
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	125,000	
Interest	<u>200</u>	
Total Estimated Revenue		125,200
Total Estimated Funds Available		225,015
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - Employer Share		<u>125,000</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 100,015</u>

V. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 142,900
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Taxes	135,000	
Insurance Claims	5,000	
Interest	<u>200</u>	
Total Estimated Revenue		140,200
Total Estimated Funds Available		283,100

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Personnel		
Wages - Salary	69,000	
Health Insurance	<u>13,850</u>	
Total Personnel		82,850
Contractual Services		
Camera Phones	7,860	
Drug Tests	2,000	
Insurance Premium	32,000	
Miscellaneous, Safety Supplies	<u>7,500</u>	
Total Liability Insurance Expenditures		<u>49,360</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 150,890</u>

VI. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 76,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	10,000	
Interest	<u>100</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		10,100
Total Estimated Funds Available		86,100
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - Unemployment Insurance		<u>10,000</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 76,100</u>

VII. WORKER'S COMPENSATION FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 47,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	35,000	
Interest	<u>100</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		35,100
Total Estimated Funds Available		82,100
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - Worker's Compensation Insurance		<u>35,000</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 47,100</u>

VIII. SOCIAL SECURITY FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		40,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	125,000	
Interest	<u>150</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		125,150
Total Estimated Funds Available		165,150
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - FICA and Medicare		<u>125,000</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 40,150</u>

IX. AUDIT		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 12,400
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	16,000	
Interest	<u>50</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		16,050
Total Estimated Funds Available		28,450
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Contractual Services - Audit		<u>16,000</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 12,450</u>

X. DEBT SERVICE FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 465,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Property Tax	2,338,500	
Interest	<u>250</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		2,338,750
Total Estimated Funds Available		2,803,750
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Other Professional Services		825
G.O. Bond principal		2,225,000
G.O. Bond interest		<u>112,800</u>
Total Debt Service Expenditures		2,338,625
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 465,125</u>

XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 15,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Bond Proceeds	1,830,000	
BAB Refund	10,000	
Other Income	25,000	
Interest	1,000	
Transfers	-	
Total Estimated Revenue		1,866,000
Total Estimated Available Funds		1,881,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Capital Projects		
Administrative Capital	271,500	
Restoration	115,000	
Golf / Maintenance	<u>908,750</u>	
Total Capital Projects		1,295,250

Capital Construction Department		
Personnel		
Wages - Salary	356,000	
Wages - Full Time Hourly	-	
Wages - Part-time	-	
Wages - Seasonal	35,000	
Health Insurance	<u>78,000</u>	
Total Personnel		469,000
Supplies		
Motor Fuel and Lubrication	22,000	
Building and Construction	5,000	
Equipment Parts	15,000	
Safety	<u>4,000</u>	
Total Supplies		46,000
Contractual		
Natural Gas	2,000	
Electric	5,000	
Building Repair	2,000	
Vehicle Repair	5,000	
Equipment Repair & Rent	11,000	
Uniforms	1,500	
Computer Repair & Support	5,000	
Training and Travel	2,000	
Total Contractual		<u>33,500</u>
Total Capital Construction Department		548,500
Total Capital Projects Expenditures		<u>1,843,750</u>
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>\$ 37,250</u>

XII. LAND ACQUISITION FUND		
BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY		\$ 11,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE		
Bond Proceeds	20,000	
Land/Property Rental	14,250	
Interest	<u>100</u>	
Total Estimated Revenue		34,350
Total Estimated Available Funds		45,350
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		
Legal	5,000	
Other Professional Service	2,000	
Restoration/Maintenance Complex	<u>4,000</u>	
Total Land Acquisition Expenditures		11,000
ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY		<u>34,350</u>

SUMMARY OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2020		
Corporate Fund		\$ 660,475
PrairieView Golf Course		1,959,150
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund		125,000
Liability Insurance Fund		132,210
Unemployment Insurance Fund		10,000
Worker's Compensation Fund		35,000
Social Security Fund		125,000
Audit Fund		16,000
Debt Service Fund		2,338,625
Capital Projects Fund		1,843,750
Land Acquisition		<u>11,000</u>
Total Appropriations All Funds		<u>\$ 7,256,210</u>

SECTION 3: That all sums of money not needed for immediate specific purposes may be invested in interest bearing obligations of the United States or savings certificates of deposit of any State or National Bank, provided that they are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as prescribed by law. Within 10 working days after adoption hereof, this ordinance shall be published once in the Ogle County Life, the same being a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the district. Following publication hereof, the Secretary of the Board is directed to file a certified copy hereof with the Ogle County Clerk no later than 30 days following adoption hereof.

SECTION 5: That all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewithin be

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and the same are hereby repealed.

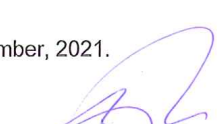
ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2021, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois.


AYES: Aaron Vincer
Dave Breen
Chris Remhof

NAYS: -NONE-

ABSENT: Kris Baker
Steve Peterson

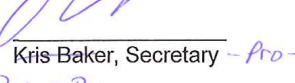
APPROVED this 15th day of November, 2021.


Aaron Vincer, President
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Kris Baker, Secretary - Pro-Tem
Byron Forest Preserve District
Dave Breen

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Published in the Ogle County Life by order of the Board of Commissioners on November 22nd, 2021.


Kris Baker, Secretary - Pro-Tem
Dave Breen

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Pine View Tree Service, 253 S. Summer Hill Rd., Polo, IL 61064. Dated: October 29, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1107 (Nov. 8, 15, 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Puffin Penguin, 7 E. Center St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054. Dated: November 9, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1113 (Nov. 22, 29, 22)

Dec. 6)
PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY
NORTHWEST)
BANK OF)
ROCKFORD,)
Plaintiff,)Case
VS.)No.
THE)2021
UNKNOWN)CH
HEIRS AT)25
LAW OR)
LEGATEES)
OF MICHAEL)
P. BYCZYNSKI,)
THE)

UNKNOWN)
HEIRS AT)
LAW OR)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
CLAIMANTS)
AGAINST THE)
ESTATE OF)
MICHAEL P.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
CLAIMANTS)
AGAINST THE)
ESTATE OF)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
UNKNOWN)
OTHERS,)
NON)
RECORD)
CLAIMANTS)
AND)

UNKNOWN)
TENANTS,)
TIMOTHY)
MILLER)
AS THE)
SPECIAL)
REPRE)
SENTATIVE)
OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
MICHAEL P.)
BYCZYNSKI)
AND)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
Defendants.)
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
THE REQUISITE
Affidavit for Publication
having been filed,
notice is hereby given
to The Unknown Heirs
at Law or Legatees of
Michael P. Byczynski,
The Unknown Heirs
at Law or Legatees of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Claimants against the
Estate of Michael P.
Byczynski, Claimants
against the Estate of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Unknown Others, Non
record Claimants and
Unknown Tenants,
Defendants in the
above-entitled suit,
that the said suit has
been commenced in
the Circuit Court of the
15th Judicial Circuit,
Ogle County, Illinois,
against you praying
for a foreclosure of a
mortgage upon the
following property:
Lot Three (3)
of Plat of Subdivision
of the Replat of Lots
8 through 12 and Trei
Court in Howard F.
Trei's Re-Subdivision
of part of Blocks 27 and
29 of Illinois Central
Railroad Company's
Second Addition to the
Town, now Village of
Forreston, recorded
in Book B of Plats,
page 74 as document
No.1994-6088; situated
in the Township of
Forreston, the County
of Ogle and State of
Illinois.
Commonly known
as: 103 Phil Parkway
Forreston, Illinois 61030
P.I.N. Number: 02-
28-326-016

Kimberly A. Stahl
Clerk of the Circuit
Court
Ogle County, Illinois
Plaintiff's Attorney
Timothy F. Horning
MEYER & HORNING,
P.C.
3400 N. Rockton
Avenue
Rockford, IL 61103
815/636-9300
No. 1115 (Nov. 22, 29,
Dec. 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Equivalent Exchange, 215 Washington St. - Suite A, Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: November 16, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1119 (Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE
AN ORDINANCE
CONCERNING
THE AMENDMENT
OF TITLE 3 -
WASTEWATER,
CHAPTER 2,
WASTEWATER
SERVICE CHARGES,
SECTION: 3-2-1 OF
THE DISTRICT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDINANCE
TO DEFINE
WASTEWATER
SERVICE CHARGES
IN THE LOST LAKE
UTILITY DISTRICT
OF OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 06-
21
NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED by
the Board of Trustees
of the Lost Lake Utility
District of Ogle County,
Illinois as follows:

of the house or existing
driveway encroaching
on an adjacent lot and/
or a lot that has a septic
field and any part of a
septic system located
on it. (this does not
include fences, sheds,
any temporary building,
or detached buildings
except for the primary
garage)
2. This Ordinance shall
be in full force from and
after its passage and
approval as provided
by law. To be passed by
the Board of Trustees
of the Lost Lake Utility
District of Ogle County,
Illinois and approved
by the by the Chairman
of said District the 18th
day of January, 2022.
No. 1120 (Nov. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE
AN ORDINANCE
CONCERNING THE
AMENDMENT OF
TITLE 2, CHAPTER
V - WATER RATES
- GENERAL,
SECTION: 2-6-1 OF
THE DISTRICT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDINANCE TO
DEFINE WATER
SERVICE CHARGES
IN THE LOST LAKE
UTILITY DISTRICT
OF OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO.
05-21
NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED by
the Board of Trustees
of the Lost Lake Utility
District of Ogle County,
Illinois as follows:

3. That TITLE 2,
CHAPTER V, WATER
RATES - GENERAL:
SECTION 2-6-1 WATER
SERVICE CHARGES
be amended by striking
paragraphs (A) and (E)
and inserting in their
place the following:
(A) Basic User Charge
per month: \$40.00
(E) A Water Availability
Charge of \$12.10 per
month shall be required
of the owner of each
undeveloped property:
a residential user
whose home/residence
extends beyond one lot
shall not pay a water
availability on a lot
that has any portion

(E) A Sewer Availability
Charge of \$12.10 per
month shall be required
of the owner of each
undeveloped property:
a residential user
whose home/residence
extends beyond one lot
shall not pay a sewer
availability charge on a
lot that has any portion
of the house or existing
driveway encroaching
on an adjacent lot and/
or a lot that has a septic
field and any part of a
septic system located
on it. (this does not
include fences, sheds,
or any temporary

FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, There has been prepared in final form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Leaf River Fire Protection District of Ogle County, Illinois for Corporate, Ambulance and Insurance purposes for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022, which has been available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to its final action there on and;

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AS TO SUCH A Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on October 12, 2021 at 6P.M. and a public inspection of said meeting was published in the Ogle County Life regularly published within the said district, and all legal requirements have been set and compiled with;

Section 1: That the following budget containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by the district during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022 from all sources, of all expenditures contemplated during such fiscal year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget of said District for said fiscal year, and shall be in full force and effect from this date:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Available Check book balance as of	
October 21, 2021	\$293,066.06
2. Estimated collection on levy for	
fiscal year ending April 30, 2022	132,400.
3. Interest Income	\$3,000
4. Ambulance Fees	10,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$438,466.06

AMBULANCE

Legal, Audit, Court	\$ 1,000.00
Meeting & conferences	150.00
Printing & Publishing	250.00
Station Supplies	1,500.00
Station Equipment	1,500.00
Trustee's Reimbursements	1,000.00
Amb. Training Reimbursements	3,000.00
Misc. Expenses	500.00
Fuel	2,000.00
New Ambulance Fund	1,000.00
New Equipment	5,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,500.00
Education	2,500.00
Building Maintenance	5,000.00
Telephone	3,000.00
Utilities	3,000.00
Outside Services	250.00
Contingency	2,494.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$36,644.00

GENERAL FIRE

Legal, Audit, Court	\$ 1,000.00
Meeting & conferences	150.00
Printing & Publishing	250.00
Station Supplies	1,500.00
Station Equipment	1,500.00
Trustee's Reimbursements	1,000.00
Fireman Reimbursements	3,000.00
Misc. Expenses	500.00
Fuel	2,500.00
New Truck Fund	5,000.00
New Equipment	7,000.00
New gear	8,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	20,000.00
Education	1,500.00
Building Maintenance	5,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00
Utilities	3,000.00
Contingency	11,856.00
TOTAL GENERAL FIRE	\$73,756.00
INSURANCE	+ 22,000.00
Subtotal this page	= \$95,756.00
Ambulance total	\$36,644.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED CORP. EXP.	\$132,400.00

LEAF RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ATTEST:

PRESIDENT-Colleen Tryggestad

SECRETARY-DAWN PLOCK

TREASURER-SANDRA SIMMS

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2021. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: Ogle County Educational Cooperative

	Educational	Oper. & Maint.	Transp.
Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021			
Local Sources	6,774,664	90,809	38,351
Flow-Through Sources	0	0	0
State Sources	747,173	0	0
Federal Sources	509,554	3,580	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues	8,031,391	94,389	38,351
Total Direct Disb./Expenditures	8,129,809	87,672	11,048
Other Financing Sources & (Uses)	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2020	785,238	375,537	26,135
Other Changes in Fund Balances			
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2021	686,820	382,254	53,438

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FY21 OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE SEJA/801

Gross Payments for Certified Personnel
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
B. Denton, J. Eden, L. Gillespie, S. Holmquest, J. Howard, J. Kiesling, B. Krensk, M. Messer, C. Novak, E. Overby, L. Patterson, T. Siebrasse, A. Sprayberry, K. Stern, W. Stevens, C. Vogeler, S. Wolf
Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
B. Drozd, M. Gardner, J. McFalls, S. Powell
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
R. Becker, A. Blumeyer, T. Bowerman, K. Burnett, M. Carr, A. Chapman, M. Dettman, M. DeVieger, L. Edwards, C. Emmert, P. Escatel, C. Jennings, L. Keilman, T. Koch, B. Krantz, A. Lamb, J. Marney, F. McNamee, K. Miller, M. Robinson, B. Santopalo, J. Shelton, L. Smith, T. Thomas, C. Tornabene, S. White, B. Wyatt
Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999
A. Brass, S. Buss, N. Connell, M. Hamilton, J. Juric, L. Kalnins, J. Kitzmiller, T. Luxton, V. Manning, D. Omiotek, J. Preston-Mondello, C. Roberts, K. Russell, C. Southwick, C. Stern, J. Tartaglia, A. Waddle, K. Williams
Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
T. Camplain, A. Henkel, M. Zilm

Gross Payments for Non-Certified Personnel
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
A. Abrahamson, E. Batson, J. Beach, S. Bowers, J. Brauns, M. Brauns, J. Brazee, T. Brooks, N. Bunger, M. Byerley, A. Cardot, M. Collins, H. Donaldson, J. Duke, J. Eden, L. Eden, S. Eichstaedt, S. Estock, E. Fleming, D. Fuller, A. Gerry, M. Gonzalez, R. Gruber, M. Hammonds, N. Haugse, S. Holmquest, J. Howard, L. Ingersoll, M. Irving, K. Janssen, M. Jones, E. Karper, G. Keaty, M. Kiddler, J. Kiesling, J. King, A. Kitzmiller, A. Kitzmiller, B. Krensk, S. Martin, N. McGuire, C. McLain, E. Medine, M. Messer, M. Moiss, F. Mon, C. Murray, N. Olesinski, K. Pepper, L. Rios, J. Stevens, T. Slade, B. Snapp, S. Snapp, A. Sprayberry, A. Stasiwicz, K. Stern, W. Stecken, V. Tsusaki, S. Valdez, A. Watson, K. Weinert, C. Wells, J. Whetsel, K. Wilkinson, S. Wolf, M. Wolter
Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
C. Esterday, D. Joslin, B. Kloster, R. McCormick, E. Overby
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
C. Arnquist, P. Land, T. Moser
Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
L. Davids, S. McNamee, K. Speltz

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.
Alexander Graham Bell 70,523, Allendale Assoc. 195,863, Amazon Capital Svcs 9,288, American Century Invest 5,900, Anderson Plumbing 4,192, Benning Group 11,500, Blue Cross Blue Shield 919,715, BlueLink 11,880, BMO Harris Mastercard 33,606, Braun Thyssen Krupp Elevator, 2,553, Brenau University 32,400, Camelot 275,201, Can-Duit Electric LLC, 2,610, CDH Educ Center, 15,959, Constellation 14,676, Dekalb CUSD#428, 10,389, Delta Dental of Illinois 29,079, DORS - Work Study Checking 5,312, Easter Seals Metropolitan 331,615, Eastern Illinois University 5,163, Embrace Education 28,230, e-Rate Online LLC 4,014, Eswood Consolidated 5,008, Frontier 9,961, Hillmann Pediatric 76,337, Hodges Loizzi Eishenhammer 13,656, Human Edge 6,294, IL Municipal Retirement, 177,897, Illinois Counties Risk Management 45,664, Illinois Dept of Employment Security 14,796, Illinois Educational Association 17,627, Imprest Fund Account 5,374, Information Controls Inc 2,893, IXL Learning, 2,950, Johnson Controls 2,542, Little Friends Inc 39,156, Marco Technologies LLC 17,704, Midland National Life 5,040, MNJ Technologies 7,924, N2Y LLC 5,848, NCS Pearson 3,258, Nicor Gas 3,549, Northern Partners Coop 6,425, Northwestern IL Assoc 84,903, Oregon Community Unit 73,910, PowerSchool Group LLC 17,623, Presence Learning Inc 171,029, Rochelle Elementary District 231 13,712, Soliant 107,743, Special Education Services 36,830, Special Education Svcs 6,392, Stephanie Kaskavage 67,143, Sysco Food Services 6,732, TASC 8,559, TCSES 27,546, Teacher's Health Insurance 78,847, Teacher's Retirement System 349,622, The Home Depot Pro, 13,499, Thresholds 23,154, Thrivent Financial 4,800, Trafera LLC 36,590, University of Tennessee HSC 22,784, Vanguard Group 4,538, Verizon Wireless 4,507, Vision Service Plan of Illinois 6,866, Walter Lawson Children 47,830, Western Michigan Univ, 35,348

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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming activities

Letters to Santa

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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, November 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 Nov. 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, December 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.

Cookies & Cocktails Holiday Pairing

Cork & Tap is pairing holiday cookies with signature cocktails. Sample four delicious cookies from the Village Bakery paired with four selected hand-crafted cocktails. Choose between Dec. 10 or 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. Limited spots still available for both pairings. Fee is \$24/Resident or \$29/Non-Resident.

Holiday Pickleball Tournament

Come and play in our Holiday Pickleball Tournament on Tuesday Dec. 28th 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 6th 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. 16th. Fee \$75/\$90NR

Locals graduate from Iowa State University

AMES, Iowa – Iowa State University recognized 4,798 spring graduates on May 7 and 8.

Iowa State awarded 4,176 undergraduate degrees, 609 graduate degrees and 143 veterinary medicine degrees. Students had the opportunity to attend in-person ceremonies and celebrations at Hilton Coliseum and Jack Trice Stadium, which were livestreamed for those who preferred a virtual option.

Following are graduates from your area:

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