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Oregon Music Garage opens

Oregon Music Garage owner John Lindhorst gets ready to open the doors at the new business on Saturday, Nov. 20. The Oregon Music Garage is just behind Ukulele Station America on IL Rt. 64. Ground was broken on the project in June 2020. The Oregon Music Garage will sell ukuleles and other stringed instruments, including acoustic guitars and banjos as well as other musical equipment. (Brad Jennings photos)



Show focuses on death of county man

State police still investigating 2018 death of 23-year-old

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle
News-Leader



ROCHELLE – The Nov. 10 episode of the Investigation Discovery channel's "Still a Mystery" TV show was hard to watch for Sandy Halsne and Keith Smith.

The episode covered the death of the Rochelle couple's son, 23-year-old Tyler Smith. Tyler, a graduate of Rochelle Township High School and Western Illinois University, was found dead on Sept. 15, 2018 in Cedar Fork Creek in Galesburg. He was a in the Army National Guard and was in the area at the time for drill training.

After the Galesburg Police Department initiated the investigation into Smith's death and ruled it accidental from drowning, the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation got in-volved in Sept. 2020 and launched an investigation into Tyler's case that is still ongoing.

The Nov. 10 show brought back "a lot of raw emotions" for Halsne and Smith. The producers of the show filmed at the couple's home for a day 10 months ago.

"I think I had to watch it a couple of times to take it all in," Halsne said. "Because we hadn't seen it. It was new to us like everybody else. We just didn't know how they were going to put it together. But it was hard. We watched it together, just Keith and I. We didn't want anybody else around. We just wanted to be together and watch it."

Halsne said she thought the show, which aired for a half hour, didn't have the time to cover what her family has been through in the past three years. She and Smith have been working over that time to find answers about what happened to their son.

Tyler's mother said last week that she speaks to the state police task force investigating her son's case "at least weekly."

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Mount Morris Christmas lighting ceremony opens on Dec. 4

MOUNT MORRIS – Berry View Orchard has graciously offered to furnish hot apple cider donuts as part of the Light the Village Square Christmas lighting ceremony on opening night Saturday, Dec. 4 starting at 5 p.m.

They will also be offering fresh donuts for sale in quantities to take home. The donuts will be in addition to pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs being

served along with hot apple cider refreshments all in exchange for cash donations that will support the local Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry as well as the Mt. Morris Senior Center.

Opening night events will include Santa Claus visiting with the kids and finding out what they want for Christmas, he will be in his sleigh and out of the wind. The Mt. Morris Library Foundation

will be providing books for the first 200 kids to visit Santa as well. Judging of the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest will take place with winners being awarded cash Prizes curtesy of the Mt. Morris branch of the Rockford Bell Credit Union.

Light sandwiches, hot apple cider and fresh hot apple cider donuts will be served in exchange for cash donations benefitting the

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry as the Mt. Morris Senior Center this year. We may have Carolers singing Christmas songs and the big event will be the lighting of tens of thousands of Christmas lights on the entire two city blocks of the downtown Campus.

So, mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 4 starting at 5 p.m. for some holiday fun you surely won't want to miss.

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LOCAL NEWS

Madrigal performance

The Byron High School Chamber and Treble Choir are inviting the public to their madrigal performance being held on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. The performance will be held in the Middle School Theater. No dinner is involved this year; the performance will be madrigal songs and a skit. Tickets can be purchased before the event by calling Mrs. Harn, vocal director, at 234-5491, or they are available at the door. The tickets are \$8 per person. All seats are general seating.



DEATH: He wanted to become a canine officer and DEA agent

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“They keep the lines of communication open,” Halsne said. “That’s huge for a family that doesn’t know what’s going on. We have tons of leads and they’re going through every one of them and looking into them. With what they were left with, I feel like they’ve done a really good job and they’ve been very good to us.”

Halsne said she and Smith’s biggest goal since the beginning is to find out what happened to their

son. They want to know why it happened and if others were involved, they want them to be held accountable with an arrest and conviction.

“We’re not going to give up,” Halsne said. “I’m in it for the long haul until the good Lord takes me, if it takes that long. We both are. I’m confident at some point the truth is going to come out.”

Before Sept. 2018, Tyler planned to go to the San Jose Police Academy in California. He had aspirations of being a canine

officer and DEA agent.

With his law enforcement goals, Halsne often wonders how Tyler would handle the situation she’s in. She thinks about how she and Keith would be going out to California to see him if he were still alive.

“He worked really hard to get where he was at and it’s frustrating,” Halsne said. “He was a hard worker. I always wonder why it happened to him. It’s not my place to say why. But there’s a purpose. Something good has to come from this. I

don’t know what. But you have to think that way to make it through the day.”

In late 2018, Halsne started a Facebook page called Justice For Tyler Smith dedicated to finding answers about her son. The page now has over 11,000 followers. She said it’s helped “turn the wheels” on getting more eyes on Tyler’s case.

Halsne said after the “Still a Mystery” show aired she had “tons” of people reach out to her and the Facebook page with messages of support.

“And I didn’t even

know the people that reached out,” Halsne said. “They said they’re sorry for our loss and that they’ll continue to follow his case and do what they can to help. It’s getting out there more. People are talking about it. And that’s what we need. We need the public eye on it. It just takes that one person to say, ‘Oh my gosh. I saw that happen. But I didn’t think an-anything of it.’”

The uncertainty surrounding Tyler’s death has complicated the grief process for his family, Halsne said. She doesn’t

believe they’ve had the chance to grieve yet and won’t be until they find answers.

“We never thought our son would be going off to drill and never coming home again,” Halsne said. “You see things like that on TV, just like we were last week. It can happen. And it happened to the wrong person. It’s frustrating, but we just keep pushing. We’ve hit so many road-blocks. But you just keep pushing to find out.”

“Because I know my son would do that for me.”

Senior Center announces activities

* Kathy Wragg has accepted the position of Director following Barb Burke’s retirement in February.

* We are pleased to announce Exercise will be back at the Senior Center starting in January 2022. We will be working with Ronna Wheeler, Certified Instructor from the YMCA, Dixon. On Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. we will have a meet and greet with Ronna. We are inviting all of our former and new exercisers to attend. Please call and let us know you will be joining us. 815-946-3818.

* Friday, Dec. 10 come play BINGO starting at 10 a.m. and enjoy a special festive treat afterwards.

* Our Golden Adventure Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 13 at The Maple Pancake House, 405 5th Ave, Sterling. Call the Center and sign up by Thursday, Dec. 9. If you need a ride, please let us know.

* Mexican Train will be played on Wednesday’s starting on Dec. 1 at noon.

* Senior Center will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 22 and will re-open on Monday, Jan. 3. Wishing a happy holiday season to all.



CARDINAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

A Christmas in the Valley Celebration

Sunday, December 5

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Stillman Valley

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides | Tree Decorating Contest | Bonfire
 Visit with Santa | Kids Activities | Food Trucks & Festive Treats
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 ↳ 5:00 p.m. in Village Lot

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4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Church hosting rummage and bake sale Dec. 4

OREGON—St. Bride’s Episcopal Church is having a Christmas bake sale and rummage sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The church is located at 1000 Rte. 64 West.

LOCAL NEWS

DAR expands Wreaths Across America to Daysville

The Daughters of the American Revolution's Rochelle Chapter has participated in the Wreaths Across America program in Rochelle including St. Patrick's, Lawnridge, and Trinity Cemeteries for several years, but has recently expanded its efforts to include Daysville Cemetery, near Oregon, where Revolutionary War soldier Daniel Day and many other veterans are buried. The chapter is asking for the public's help to continue those efforts, sponsor wreaths, and participate in its Wreaths Across America days at any of the above locations.

Rochelle Chapter members have recently been working to identify each veteran buried at Daysville Cemetery. About 200 Daysville veteran burial locations have been identified so far, which adds a significant number to the chapter's fundraising goal to place wreaths at each veteran's grave for the holiday season.

The mission of the Wreaths Across America program is to

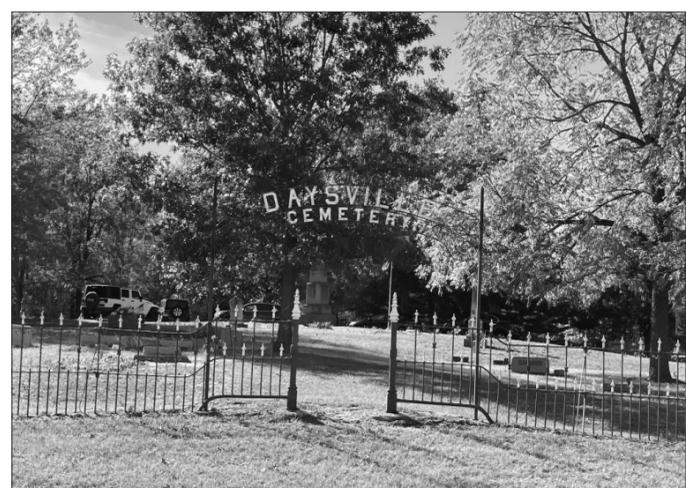
Remember, Honor, and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. When a volunteer places a wreath on a veteran's grave, the Wreaths Across America program encourages them to speak that veteran's name aloud, thank them for their service and sacrifice, and reflect on that person and their life.

The public is invited to visit Rochelle Chapter's Wreaths Across America page at <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/IL0136P> to select from the cemeteries Rochelle Chapter is sponsoring (Daysville, Lawnridge, St. Patrick's, or Trinity) and select how many wreaths to order. Wreaths are \$15 each, will be delivered by Wreaths Across America to the Rochelle DAR, and brought to the cemeteries on the scheduled Wreaths across America Days. Online entries are encouraged in honor of the purchaser's veteran family or

friends or in memory of those who have passed. Orders must be received by Nov. 30th to be included this year.

This year, Rochelle Chapter will hold ceremonies on two days. The Daysville Cemetery Wreaths Across America event will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18. The St. Patrick's Cemetery Wreaths Across America event will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19 with an abbreviated ceremony at Lawnridge Cemetery to follow. All ceremonies will include the placing of ceremonial wreaths to honor veterans of each of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Merchant Marines, and POW/MIAs. The Wreaths Across America ceremonies will be conducted regardless of weather conditions.

For information about the Daysville event or to volunteer, community members are encouraged to reach out to Chapter Regent Laurie Perry at laurieanperry@hotmail.com or by cell: 573-774-9483. Community



input about veterans buried at Daysville is welcome to help the chapter develop accurate records for use in later ceremonies and for genealogy research.

For information about the Rochelle events or to volunteer for Dec. 19 ceremonies, community members are encouraged to contact Lydia Roberts at vis.dar.rochelle@gmail.com or at 630-212-8057.

Advance notice to attend and participate in Wreaths Across America Day is not required; however, anyone wishing to place a wreath at a specific veteran's grave, wishing to participate by placing a ceremonial wreath or otherwise participate in the ceremonies themselves should make that known as soon as possible. Participation by youth, and adult groups is encouraged.



Environmental Club

Students at Stillman Valley High school have recently reestablished the Environmental Club and are off to a busy start. Their first initiative was to bring back the compost bins during lunch. Members were bothered by the amount of fruits and vegetables that are continuously being thrown into the garbage and wanted to do something about it. They created posters for the lunchroom and went into classrooms to discuss the benefits of composting. Members of the club take out the compost after school each day and place it in compost bins located outside behind the school. They are currently working on additional recycling and fundraising projects.

U-Cut-It Christmas trees are back this year

After a much too long two-year hiatus in response to Covid precautions, the moment we've been waiting for: U-Cut-It Christmas trees are again available at Sand Ridge, 2879 S. Daysville Rd. Years of traditions will be re-kindled. Families can again enjoy hunting together for their perfect tree. On the day after Thanksgiving, the Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County (PPSOC), a non-profit organization,

began sales at 10 a.m. Sales continue Dec. 4-5 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Fir (\$60), white pine (\$40), and spruce (\$40) are available. Tall trees for cathedral ceilings can also be found for an additional fee. Trees are sold by PPSOC as a service to the public and to pay for necessary maintenance on the natural areas in the preserve. Sand Ridge is a great place to visit even without the bonus of Christmas trees. With hills of waving

prairie grasses and forbs (wild flowers) and stands of evergreen, it provides a quiet beauty and sense of peace to those fortunate to stop there. The sound of the breezes in the trees and their invigorating scent provide moments transported to the north woods. Surrounded by towering white pines which block the sight of cornfields and houses, it is a place set apart—a peaceful sanctuary from the everyday.

Byron Bank collection location for Toys for Tots

BYRON – Byron Bank is proud to participate in the Toys for Tots program during the 2021 holiday season. "Byron Bank is excited to help Toys for Tots brighten the holidays for families in our communities," said Bank President, Brent Baker. "We take great pride in serving as a collection location and believe we all have the chance to positively impact local families." Toys for Tots is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and has distributed toys to less fortunate youth since 1947. The program has supported 272 mil-

lion children to date thanks to generous community engagement. "I would like to thank the community for their continued generosity through challenging times," said Heather Tinsman, Toys for Tots Coordinator. "Toys for Tots could not provide for our 750 children locally without community support and I look forward to another successful campaign of giving every child a Christmas." Drop-off new, unwrapped toys (don't forget teens and pre-teens) at any Byron Bank location from Nov. 29 through Dec. 11.

Church Christmas Bazaar will be on Dec. 4

OREGON – St. Mary Church is having its annual Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the St. Mary Parish Center in Oregon.

The church will be hosting a lunch, vendor fair, craft and bake sale, and a rummage sale.

Lunch will be available to purchase for \$10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This consists of a jumbo loaded baked potato bar, a cup of homemade chili or soup, a dessert of your choice and beverage.

There will be several raffles available this year. Raffle items include a handmade Christmas quilt made and donated by Fran Kaminski, a convertible picnic

table made and donated by Mark Kramer, an original framed photo taken and donated by Donna Bauer and a 50/50 raffle. There will be many basket raffles as well. These tickets go for \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the Bazaar or ahead of time at the Parish office.

We have several vendors attending the Bazaar this year including representatives from Norwex, Paparazzi, Color Street, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, and Avon. We will also have several craft booths, including The Crafty Lady, Dezyn by Mary, and This N That by Joyce. The whole community is welcome.

Oregon man arrested for aggravated sexual assault

Michael L Pearce, age 63, of Oregon was arrested Nov. 16 by Oregon Police for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault.

In September of 2021 the Oregon Police began an investigation, in which Pearce was identified as the suspect. Investigators obtained a warrant for Pearce with a bond of \$250,000. Pearce was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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

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



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Daniel E. Stocking

STILLMAN VALLEY – Daniel E. Stocking, age 51, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born July 15, 1970 in Rockford the son of Ronald and Joyce (Barth) Stocking.



Dan graduated from Oregon High School in 1988. He then obtained his Associates Degree from Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, Ill., and his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Illinois University. Dan worked for approximately 20 years at Action Tool in Rockford as a Quality Control Manager. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Paynes Point where he served as Treasurer. He was active on the committee of the Chana Play Day where they raise funds for food pantries and scholarships. He loved to snowmobile and was active in the Nebeshone Snowmobile Club in Stillman Valley. Everyone was a friend to Dan and he usually knew their name. Dan was always willing to help people.

He was predeceased by his grandparents and 2 uncles Richard Barth and Glenn Stocking.

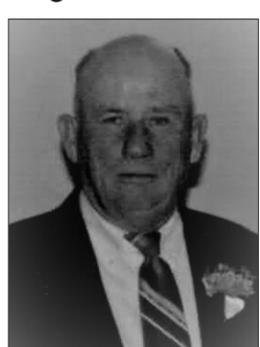
He is survived by his

parents Ron and Joyce Stocking of Oregon, 2 brothers; Tim (Karen) Stocking of South Elgin, IL and Mark Stocking of Oregon, his sweetie for 15 years Heidi Julia and her daughters Samantha Julia (Spencer Lentz) and Abigail Julia all of Stillman Valley, twin nephew and niece Mathew and Sarah.

Funeral service was 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Paynes Point with the Rev. Andrew Kayes officiating. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley. Burial at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Dan's name for the Chana Play Day.

Emery L. Hayes

STILLMAN VALLEY – Emery L. Hayes, age 88, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 at his home in Stillman Valley. He was born Dec. 31, 1932 near Kings, Illinois the son of Earl and Amy (Lathrop) Hayes.



Emery attended Kings Schools and graduated from Stillman Valley High School. He married Jeannine Tegner on March 23, 1968 at Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park. She preceded him in death on April 17, 2021. He was a lifelong farmer in the White Rock area prior to his retirement when he then moved to Stillman Valley. Emery served his country in the US Army during the Korean War and was a life member of the Rochelle VFW Post 3878, the Stillman Valley American Legion, and the Rochelle Wild-

life Conservation Club. He previously served as an Elder at the Kings Presbyterian Church. He was a hard worker all his life. He enjoyed having coffee with the guys at the local restaurants and also taking road trips with his wife Jeannine. He was predeceased by his parents, wife Jeannine, sister LaVonne Huebner and her husband Earl, and brother-in-law Pablo Chavez. He is survived by his daughter Diane (Brian)

Mills of Oregon, brother Lowell (Jeanne) Hayes of Kings, sister Adelaide Chavez of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Many Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley, with the Rev. Janet Wold pastor of the All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please wear a mask to attend the service. Burial will be in the White Rock Cemetery near Kings. A memorial fund is established in Emery's name and may be directed to the family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Pauline Vivian Stengel

MOUNT MORRIS – Pauline Vivian Stengel, age 101, passed away on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 in Oregon Living & Rehab center, Oregon. Pauline was born on March 13, 1920 in rural Polo; the daughter of Clarence and Edith Amanda (Carpenter) Hammer. She graduated from Polo High School. Pauline married Myron Stengel on April 29, 1944 in Polo. Pauline worked at Kable News Company and she worked the family farm.

Pauline was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris. She loved to pray, work outdoors, and read; she was a kind person who loved to talk with others, but most of all she was a quiet person.

Pauline is survived by daughter: Nancy (Marvin) Edler, rural Pearl City; Son Larry (Avolene) Stengel, rural Mt. Morris; daughter in law: Carol Stengel; grandchildren: Lance, Josh, and Heather; 1

step-grandson: Howie; and 7 great grandchildren; sister in law: Gerri Hammer.

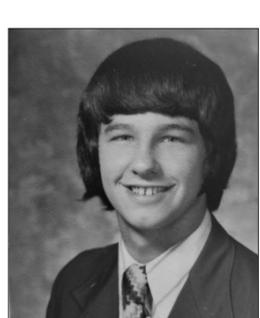
Pauline is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Myron; son: Robert; brothers: Glenn and Russell; half-sisters: Valdene and Grace; and sister in law: Beverly.

Funeral services will be held in West Grove Cemetery.

Memorials to the Rockford Rescue Mission and/or Mt. Morris Public Library.

Richard James Toops

Richard James Toops (Rick) passed away unexpectedly at home in Rockford I on Oct. 19, 2021 at the age of 63. Rick was born on Nov. 18, 1957 to James and Marguerite (Maas) Toops.



Rick was a 1975 graduate of Byron High School where he participated in many athletics. He also attended Augustana College. Rick worked in the construction industry in the Chicago and Los Angeles area for many years. He eventually moved back to the Rockford area and started working in industrial industries. He retired from Delta power hydraulic company in Rockford in 2019. Survived by his wife Sharon K Chamelrain and stepchildren. Children Nathan and Melissa Toops of the Romeoville Chicago area. Brothers James Toops of Huntsville, Ala., and Ronald Toops of Byron. Sister Beverly (Paul) Fermanich of Rockford. Nephews Eric and Chris Toops, Nicholas Toops, Dennis (Dawn) Fermanich, Douglas (Lisa) Fermanich, Daniel (Traci) Fermanich, David (Shannon) Fermanich Nieces Monica (Tyler)

Hyndman, Kayla (Erik) Braun and Diane (John) Thibodeau and many aunts and uncles and cousins.

Predeceased by his parents James and Marguerite (Maas) Toops. Paternal grandparents Clarence H and Cecilia L (Kottenstette) Toops and Maternal grandparents Ike and Ada (DeVries) Maas.

Visitation will be on Dec. 1st at 2 p.m. at Ebenezer Reformed Church, with funeral services following at 2:45 p.m. with Pastor Josiah Youngquist officiating. A private burial will be at Ebenezer Reformed Cemetery. The family requests Memorial tributes to be directed to the Richard Toops funeral fund to assist with expenses.

Harlan Ray Diehl

Harlan Ray Diehl, 88, of Freeport, passed away Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford. He was born March 31, 1933 in Freeport to Merle and Edith (DeWall) Diehl.



On Feb. 21, 1952 he married Lola Mae Duitsman at Prairie Dell Church in Shannon. Lola Mae passed away Aug. 26, 2011. Harlan was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Forreston. He enjoyed going to the Freeport Raceway with his brother Mervin, dirt track and NASCAR racing, attending live music shows and traveling,

especially to Branson, Mo. He is survived by his daughter Debra (John) Gitz of Freeport; son Terry (Karen) Diehl of Forreston; two sisters Bernita Runte of Freeport, and Violet Frederick of Freeport; four grandchildren Scott (Christine) Gitz, Tim (Kari) Gitz, Tony Diehl,

and Todd (Jami) Diehl; six great-grandchildren Violet Diehl, Lily Diehl, Jalayna Diehl, Hannah Gitz, Jazlyn Diehl, and Phoenix Diehl; and special friend Glenda Carter of Machesney Park.

Preceding Harlan in death are his parents, wife, and brother Mervin.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Monday, No. 22, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Forreston with Pastor Sung-Eun Kim officiating. A visitation was held from noon until the time of service. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established in Harlan's memory.

Report policy

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

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

RRC sets upcoming programs

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

Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Oregon Jr. High Band will perform from 10:30-11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 20, A "Timeless" Christmas Sing-A-Long, featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. Registration requested to accommodate seating. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

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

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.

December 2021/January 2022 Yoga for all Ages
Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts.

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

Wednesday, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class dates: Dec. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22; Jan. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31.

Participant Information
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LOCAL NEWS

First Fridays Open Mic is back on Dec. 3

OREGON – First Fridays Open Mic returns to Northside BarbaQ's theater on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

The show will, as always, feature a wide range of singers and musicians, each performing in 15-minute sets. Their styles vary, but the emphasis is on acoustic music.

The theater is located

in the back of the restaurant at 117 North 4th St. in Oregon. Admission to the show is free.

While enjoying the music, you can also order from the Northside's menu of barbecued beef, pork, and chicken dinners and sandwiches.

Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.

Right, Lowell Harp, shown here with grandson TJ Shower on bass, appears frequently at First Fridays open mics. He performs a mix of traditional country, traditional folk, and popular songs.



Ogle County has multiple drop-off locations for old holiday lights

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

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so

those frustrating, nonfunctional holiday light strands can be recycled.

Starting Nov. 15, drop-off boxes were available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD

office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 21, 2022.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights, and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or

cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for the processor.

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

So as we prepare to untangle,

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

Byron Church will continue with free drive-through meals for winter

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

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

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

All meals will include sides (veggies, salad, and/or fruit and dessert). Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a meal, please call the church office at 815-234-8777 by noon on the preceding Monday. The church is located at 701 West Second St., just south of Mary Morgan Elementary School.

To pick up a meal, please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto Colfax/Tower. Even if you have an evening where you just need a break from cooking, all are invited to take advantage of this ministry of our church.

Mt. Morris Police kick off 2021 Toys for Kids campaign

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 provides Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in the

Mt. Morris Fire Protection District.

Last year more than 100 children had a happier holiday because of this program.

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.

Holiday craft/vendor fair is Dec. 5 in Stillman Valley

STILLMAN VALLEY – The 6th Annual Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair will be on Dec. 5 from 2-7 p.m. at the Meridian Jr High School, 207 W. Main St., in Stillman Valley.

We have over 30 Crafters and Vendors – all cash and carry items. We also

have a scholastic book fair, a place to find fantastic Christmas gifts.

Stop in and visit with Anna, Elsa and Spiderman from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Hot chocolate and coffee provided by the Stillman Valley Fire Department. Lots of raffles and

opportunities to purchase gift cards to donate to the Holiday Hope Chest.

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junction with the Cardinal Community Christmas going on in downtown Stillman from 4-7 p.m.

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Bench honors Dotzel

The Stillman Valley Lions Club honored John Dotzel's work as a Lions member of 51 years with a monogrammed bench from memorial monies contributed to the Lions club. John passed away July of 2020 but his work as a Lions Club member was truly remarkable. He performed many duties as a Lion which benefited the people of Stillman Valley and the surrounding areas. Pictured are the current members of the Lions Club along with the Lioness of Stillman Valley. Carol Dotzel continues her husband's work as a Lioness and helps fill the shoes of a great Lion member.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Weds., Dec. 1

Holiday Nail Art at the Oregon Public Library, 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, Nov. 29.

Thurs., Dec. 2

Growing Culinary Herbs for Adults, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Byron Public Library. Want

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

Fri., Dec. 3

Game Day will meet at the Serenity Shed 131 N 3rd St. in Oregon, IL from 9-11 a.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Dec. 2 to register. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

The New Beginnings Al-

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

Sat., Dec. 4

St. Bride's Episcopal Church is having a Christmas bake sale and rummage sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The church is located at 1000 Rte. 64 West.

Sun., Dec. 5

The 6th Annual Holiday

Craft/Vendor Fair will be at the Meridian Jr High School, 207 W. Main St., in Stillman Valley. It runs in conjunction with the Cardinal Community Christmas going on in downtown Stillman from 4-7 p.m. Stop in and visit with Anna, Elsa and Spiderman from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 14, 1799, President George Washington dies. Two days earlier, he rode out into freezing sleet to survey business affairs on his estate. He returned home late for dinner and refused to change out of his wet clothes. The next day he developed a severe respiratory infection and died the following day.

* On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins near New Madrid, Missouri, when an earthquake estimated at 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The quake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

* On Dec. 18, 1865, following its ratification by three-quarters of the states, the 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude . . . shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

* On Dec. 13, 1916, a powerful avalanche kills hundreds of Austrian soldiers in a barracks near Italy's Mount Marmolada. Over several days, avalanches killed an estimated 10,000 Austrian and Italian soldiers.

* On Dec. 17, 1961, a fire at a circus in Brazil kills more than 300 people and severely burns 500 more. The fire may have been caused by sparks from a train passing nearby. There were 2,500 people in attendance, and many were trampled.

* On Dec. 15, 1988, singer James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," begins serving a six-year prison sentence in South Carolina. Already on probation, Brown's reckless spree on Sept. 24 resulted in numerous criminal charges, including assault and battery with intent to kill.

* On Dec. 19, 1998, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Later, after being acquitted, Clinton said he was "sorry."

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No matter what, I am still thankful

Thanksgiving really snuck up on me this year. Before I knew it, I was searching for the electric knife to prepare it for the annual turkey carving.

It was the usual plan for Thanksgiving this year – that means my wife's family comes down from Wisconsin on Thursday, and then we have friends over the next morning for "Friendsgiving." Friday is bloody Mary's, mimosas and frittatas.

There is also my wife's trivia game, which has become an annual tradition. Although this is her busy season for work, she spends hours at the computer putting together a game with multiple categories like place, event, person. It is always a hit – especially after a few adult beverages.

Thanksgiving is a time we all traditionally give thanks, of course, and there is so much to be thankful for. Family always comes to mind first for me. My beautiful wife gives me joy daily. I am so happy to have her in my life. My daughter Julie and my son Nick are a constant source of love

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



and pride. Two college graduates now in careers and out in the world – one in Minnesota and one in Arizona.

Let's face it – that is great for me. I can visit my daughter in Minnesota in the summer, and my son in Arizona in the winter. And yes, I plan on living long enough to become a real burden on them.

I am also very thankful for our friends. I have spent my adult life moving from state to state. That has meant incredible experiences I wouldn't have had otherwise. But it has also meant not making a lot of long-lasting friendships.

But here we have

many wonderful, close friends. We laugh together, ride motorcycles together and even take trips together. And the funny thing is, two of the couples we are very close with live within a mile of us. Crazy.

I am sure most of you reading this have close friends, and you know how important they are. Keep those friendships alive – they are worth the effort.

I am thankful that people are not dying from COVID-19 in such large numbers anymore, but we are still losing some. A friend of mine died from it last month. It was a shock to us, and it is still hard to process. But I am glad to see more and more people taking this virus seriously and getting vaccinated against it.

I want us all to be around for a long time to enjoy this holiday with our families.

I am thankful that I have made it through another year without eating any raisins or lima beans. I am also happy to say that I also haven't eaten liver in about five

decades. So, there's that to be thankful for.

I am thankful for another year of creating and playing music. Music has been an incredibly important part of my life for most of my life. Without it, I feel like colors wouldn't be as vibrant and my life would be like an old black and white movie . . . and not a good one. It wouldn't be "Citizen Kane."

I am thankful that I am an American. We have had a very rough few years, and things are nowhere near normal now. But we are all still here, hanging on and hopeful for the future. I think if we can get back to putting our differences aside and working for a greater good, we will be fine. Let's try to do that, OK?

I am simply thankful for another trip around the sun. Another day with family, friends, a career I continue to love, a house I adore, a town that really feels like home. I am extremely fortunate. Even the bad stuff really isn't that bad.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Accountability: It's important to name names

The No. 1 reason innocent people go to prison is because of government misconduct.

That's not just my opinion. It's the view of the National Registry of Exonerations, which catalogs wrongful conviction cases and their underlying causes. The group concluded recently that in 54 percent of cases in which someone was wrongly convicted, it was through willful wrongdoing by police officers or prosecutors.

When I covered Moline City Hall in the 1990s, I met a kind man named Darrel Parker, who was working for the city parks department. He had been wrongly convicted of murder in Nebraska. It took the state of Nebraska more than 60 years to acknowledge its mistake and fully exonerate him.

But how was he convicted? Police and prosecutors hid evidence pointing to someone else having committed the crime and a professional interrogator coerced a false confession from Parker.

At the time he was wrongly convicted, Parker was a farm kid in his mid 20s who had just

graduated from Iowa State University. And when I interviewed him decades later, I was a farm kid in my mid-20s who had just graduated from Iowa State.

I realized that neither my college degrees, my upbringing nor my professional status could protect me – or anyone else -- from police misconduct.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar used to say, "The best disinfectant against corruption is sunshine."

It's incumbent on journalists, citizens and others to hold those in power – including police officers – accountable. And it's never enough to point vaguely at a department or agency and say, "There is a problem over there."

The nature of democracy is to hold individuals, not institutions, accountable.

After all, agencies don't go to prison. But individuals do. Bureaucracies don't have their name on the ballot, but candidates do. And an organization can't be shamed into compliance, but its people sometimes can.

That's why it's important to name names. When 118 people

were tortured in its custody, the Chicago Police Department didn't suffer. But Commander Jon Burge did. He was sentenced to four and one-half years in prison and lost his pension. By holding that one man to account an example was set for an entire department.

When I was a Statehouse bureau chief for a chain of Illinois newspapers, a man named Gary Gauger dropped by my office. He was wrongly convicted of murdering his parents in rural McHenry County. He served two years on Illinois' death row before his conviction was thrown out. His conviction stemmed from false testimony on the part of police officers who investigated the case.

His tale of wrongful conviction left me speechless. And his is hardly an isolated case. There were 13 innocent men freed from Illinois' death row. Of those 13, 10 were tortured by Burge or those under his command.

During the 33 years I've been a reporter I've uncovered police officers engaged in sexual assaults, theft, physical abuse and wrongful use

of deadly force.

How did I find out about these acts of misconduct? Almost always I was tipped off by good officers outraged by what was happening in their department. A good cop has no use for a bad one. And our society has many good officers.

But sometimes police corruption takes a different form. I'm talking about sins of omission rather than commission. When a police officer looks away when someone commits a crime because they are powerful or connected, that is corrupt too.

Everyone is entitled to equal justice under the law.

Our society imbues those who wear a gun and a badge with enormous power. They can take someone's property, take a person's freedom or take someone's life.

With that much power comes responsibility. And with responsibility comes accountability.

If we don't hold them accountable, who will?

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We lower societal norms with vulgar signs

Dear Editor,

During the start of the COVID pandemic, I was uncomfortable viewing the "Pritzker S****" signs. My discomfort was not brought on by the political comment brought on by mitigation practices to curb an often misunderstood virus, but because in my household "S****" is entry level profanity.

I put aside my discomfort with the thought, "Everyone is entitled to their own opinion" and I looked the other way. Recently as I followed a school bus on my commute to work, I read illuminated and emblazoned on a local barn, "F*** Joe Biden." In my world this level of profanity is

not for public viewing.

As a wife of a former elementary school teacher, to ensure no "slipups in school" and to maintain our family values profanity is not common practice in our home. A "slip-up" does not go unnoticed. My question is, by ignoring the entry-level profanity of the "Pritzker S****" signs was a door opened for the use more extreme vulgar profanity that some school children see every school day? Every time I drive by this barn, I pray that word would magically go away. But it has not.

This fall I had an opportunity to drive through Ogle County and found that the barn profanity on my

commute is not the only display of vulgar profanity. I was astounded to see patriotic flags with the F-word used to emphasis patriotism. In my world that is not patriotism.

All citizens have the right to exercise their first amendment right to free speech, but does it have to be coupled with vulgar profanity within eyesight of children? I hope not, because like all use of profanity, once the shock value wears off – what is the result? Lower societal norms for ourselves and the children of Ogle County.

Sincerely,
Theresa Fritz, Stillman Valley

LOCAL NEWS

Miracle on 2nd Street

Come to downtown Byron on Friday, Dec. 3 for Miracle on 2nd Street.

This free event provided for the entire family, which runs from 6-8:30 p.m., is presented by Byron Bank.

Visit Santa, Frosty, Christmas Minion, Olaf and enjoy a live Nativity Scene. You can also go for a hayride and do some shopping.

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Byron Police report

Oct. 27
Byron Police arrested Cecil Revels, 32 of Forreston, for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Driving While License is Revoked. Revels was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Peggy Hardesty, 60 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Failure to Secure a Child Under 8 years in a Child Restraint System.

Byron Police arrested Heather Heathcott, 30 of Mt. Morris, on multiple warrants. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Byron Police arrested Matthew Clark, 34 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License. Clark was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Clark was also issued a citation for Unauthorized Use of Parking Places Reserved for Persons with Disabilities.

Oct. 30
Brian McCarey, 55 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding 53 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Desiderio Gueli, 41 of Mt. Prospect, was issued a citation for Speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Byron Police investigated an accident with injury that occurred in the 600 block of E. Blackhawk. Involved were Judy Parsons, 77 of Rockford, and Anthony McDowell, 57 of Sterling. Parsons was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Nov. 2
Tracy Coyne, 49 of Byron, was issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License.

Nov. 3
Ernest Munyon, 30 of Mt. Morris, was arrested on 2 Ogle County warrants. Munyon was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 5
Byron Police arrested Robert Lawlor, 48 of Byron for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Lawlor was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Lawlor was also issued citations for Reckless Driving, Speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph Zone, and Driving Under the Influence When BAC is Greater than .08.

Nov. 8
Alejandro Galindo, 25 of Dekalb, was issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License and Speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Nov. 9
Joshua Hartzell, 20 of Belvidere, was issued a citation for Speeding 57 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Angelque Salazar, 25 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Nov. 10
Sharahem Austin, 24 of Sterling, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Nov. 15
Bradley Martin, 18 of Belvidere, was issued citations for Speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph Zone and No Proof of Insurance.

Nov. 16
Corey Craycroft, 25 of Leaf River, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Craycroft was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Craycroft was also issued citations for Possession of Adult Use Cannabis Within a Motor Vehicle and Transportation of Open Alcoholic Liquor in a Motor Vehicle.

Nov. 18
Eric Cline, 33 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Kimberle Graham, 41 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Nov. 19
Frenshaun Thompson, 23 of Homewood, was issued citations for Operating a Vehicle When Registration is Revoked, Cancelled, or Suspended and No Proof of Insurance.

Parker Eccles, 20 of Byron, was issued citations for Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Open Cannabis in a Vehicle.

Nov. 20
Wesley Kerevan, 31 of Waukesha, Wis., was issued a citation for Speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

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— The Mt. Morris Goodfellows are accepting monetary donations for those in need this holiday season.

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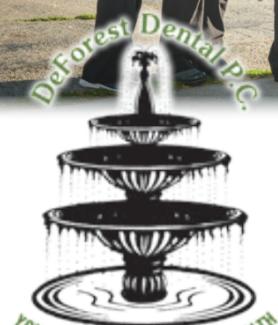


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Byron plays for the championship



Comeback win seals trip to final game at Huskies Stadium for the Tigers

The Byron High School football team found itself in an unfamiliar place on Nov. 20 – losing a game at halftime. Byron was down 14-0 to IC Catholic Prep, and after both teams failed to score in the third quarter, it was down to the fourth quarter. And as they had all year, the Tigers came through, scoring 15 points to win 15-14. The win led Byron to the Class 3A Championship Game against Tolono Unity on Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. in DeKalb. The outcome of the game was not known at press time. Max Connell scored on a 5-yard pass from Braden Smith late in the game against IC Catholic Prep. And then, with 5 seconds on the clock, Chandler Binkley scored on a 3-yard run. Needing two points to win, Binkley provided those points, running for the extra two. Overall, Binkley rushed for 83 yards, while Ethan Palzkill added 81.

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3006 E. Holcomb Road, Stillman Valley
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407 W. 4th Street, Byron
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114 E. Brown Street, Franklin Grove
\$105,000 Call Rebecca

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Oregon bowlers now 3-1

The Oregon Hawks defeated Erie-Prophetstown on Nov. 18 at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris, 3011-2331. The Hawks were led by Sophomore Codey Dunbar with a 561 series (227,169,165). He was followed by Brady Davis and Styler Klapp with 519's, Roberto Hernandez and Bryan Immel with 499's and Gavvin Surmo with a 414 series. E-P was led by Michael Miner with a 537 series. The win raised their season record to 2-1.

The JV Boys won by forfeit and were led by Immanuel Arellano with a 428 series. On Nov. 23, the Oregon Boys bowling

team raised its season record to 3-1 with a 3336-1751 win over Harvard at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris.

The Hawks used a balanced scoring attack enroute to establishing an early season high series of 3336. Oregon was led by Senior Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 637 series (165,239,233). All five of the remaining bowlers were in the 500's led by Junior Brandon Rowe with a 589 series, followed by Jackson Werren 535, Styler Klapp 532, Gavvin Surmo 522 and Bryan Immel 521.

The JV ran its record to 4-0 and was led by Sophomore Brady Davis with a 469 series.

Scores

Girls Varsity Basketball
Nov. 18
Stillman Valley 40, Forreston 8

Nov. 20
Stillman Valley 28, Stockton 33
Stillman Valley 44, Winnebago 80

Nov. 22
Stillman Valley 37, Eastland 32

Nov. 23
Polo 58, Oregon 40

Stillman Valley 48, Rochelle 30
(Final game of the Forreston Thanksgiving Tournament)

Birthday

Greenfield to celebrate 80 years

ROCHELLE – John Greenfield will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Dec. 8, 2021.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1941, the only son to Elmer and Alice Kilmer Greenfield. He was married to the late Nancy Thomas Greenfield for 53 years. Together they had one daughter, Tonja.

A card shower will be held in celebration of his birthday. Cards may be sent to 1516 S. White Rock Road, Rochelle, IL 61068.



Forreston Library News

Read for a Lifetime

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

Christmas in the Country & Book Sale

Dec. 3-4
Stop by the library on Friday evening, December 3rd between 6:00 and 7:30 pm for Christmas Crafts and Tales for children. Then on Saturday, December 4th, from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm, come enjoy donut holes and a visit with Santa.

Our library book sale, featuring many 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 2. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Leaf River Township Road District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Leaf River Township Road District for 2021 will be held on December 20, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at 12 Main Street, Leaf River, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Janet Cunningham, Clerk, 12 Main Street, Leaf River, via email at LRtownship@gmail.com.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$62,969.18.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$68,336.57. This represents an 8.523% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase/decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$104,604.58.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$112,757.02. This represents a 7.79% increase over the previous year.

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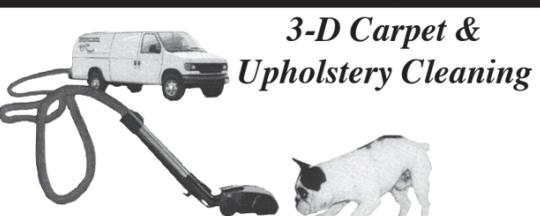
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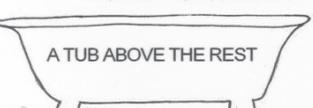
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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Book Club for Adults
Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Michael Pollan's latest work, *This Is Your Mind On Plants*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Tween Scene: Holiday Movie Trivia
Do you love the holidays? Do you love movies? Then, this December's Tween Scene is made for you! Come test your holiday movie knowledge with a fun night of trivia, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.! The winner will receive a very

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 melaniew@pololibrary.org

Polo's 3rd Annual Christmas Festival - Saturday, Dec. 4
Children's Stories and Grab & Go Craft - Join Ms. Melanie at the Library from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for story readings on each half hour and grab & go craft bags while supplies last!
Hygge in a Bag - Swing by the Library from 4-8pm 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 5-8 p.m. for a winter horse-drawn wagon ride! This activity will be fun for the whole family. Enjoy

jolly gift card! Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.
Holiday Jeopardy for Teens
Tis the season for some festive holiday fun. Join Kelly in the library after school on Friday, Dec. 10 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, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. for some hot cocoa, conversation, and of course, holiday crafting. Email Joanna

some treats and hot cocoa, provided by the Polo Woman's Garden Club & Polo Evening Women's Club, and visit with friends and neighbors while you wait. Local Barbershop Quartet, Spontaneous Combustion, will be providing music from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion during the wagon rides!
For a full list of events, visit [Facebook.com/PoloChristmasFestival](https://www.facebook.com/PoloChristmasFestival)

Coffee with a Cop - Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m., Polo Public Library
Come over to Polo Public Library for community conversations with a representative of the Polo Police Department. Coffee will be provided, masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.

Last Minute Makes - Watch anytime starting Saturday, December 18th at 10:30am on Facebook.com/PoloLibrary
Craft along with Ms. Melanie on Facebook.com/PoloLibrary or YouTube (by searching Polo Public Library) as she shares some Last Minute Makes, just in time for Christmas! Come by the Library starting Saturday, Dec. 11th to pick up a bag of supplies to make the crafts!

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.

at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register. Adults only. One kit per person.
Holiday Storytime: The Night Before Christmas
Join us in your jammies on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read the classic *The Night Before Christmas*, play games, and create a craft sure to make your season merry 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" -

Mount Morris Library News

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

Closed 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!

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 next book will be *Blackberry Winter* by Sarah Jio. Copies are available at the library. The December book

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

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

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 Dec. 9 starting at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Plescia's book, *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker* is his first published novel. Come and hear about his writing and publishing journey!

Display Case Showings
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!)

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.

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Bertolet Library News

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Paws for Reading: January 19th
Paws for Reading will be "Paws"ed in December as Ryan will be celebrating the holidays with her fur-mily in December. So our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m. Register your independent reader for a 15 minute time slot by calling 815-738-2742 today.

Story Hour:
Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required. *There will not be Story Hour on December 23rd or 30th.*

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. Our December craft, Snowman Candle, will be available on Wednesday, December 1st!

Create-a-Card:
Finish up those Christmas cards while enjoying the company of friends. We look forward to seeing you on December 18th!

New Releases:
Adult Books
Mercy by David Baldacci
The Christmas Dress by Courtney Cole
The Devil's Sea by Dirk Cussler
The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
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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.

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Monday, Dec. 6, 2-3 p.m.
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Holiday Gnomes for Adults
Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC
114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-3267
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

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

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

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

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

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

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

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

WINNEBAGO

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

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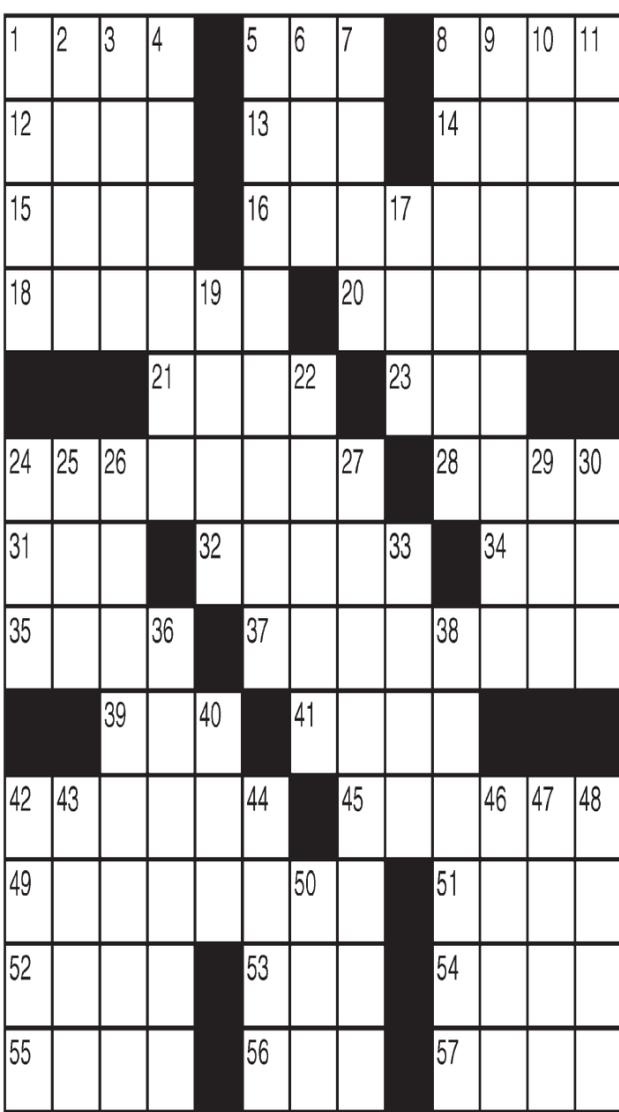
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Creche trio
- 5 The whole enchilada
- 8 Outlet letters
- 12 Teensy bit
- 13 Irish actor Stephen
- 14 Vivacity, in music
- 15 At the summit of
- 16 Her bed was too soft
- 18 Jungle trek
- 20 Make happy
- 21 Swindles
- 23 Workout site
- 24 Spaghetti topper
- 28 Whirled
- 31 Hosp. area



- 32 Small stream sch.
- 9 Slapstick mis-
- 36 Puzzle
- 34 "As I see it," to a texter
- 54 Country's McEntire
- 10 "Buenos —!" to C, in some scores
- 38 It's equivalent
- 35 Lavish affection (on)
- 55 Actress Ward
- 11 Apple center
- 40 Sphere
- 37 Lunar light
- 56 Shriill bark
- 17 H.S. math
- 42 Iowa city
- 39 Family card game
- 57 "Hey!"
- 19 Eldest Stark child on
- 43 Ranch visitor
- 41 Greek letters
- 1 "Serpico" author Peter
- 22 Sailing vessel
- 44 Slithery
- 42 Regard highly
- 2 "— girl!"
- 24 Central
- 47 Corn castoffs
- 45 Morals
- 3 Blunder
- 25 Green prefix
- 48 Smack a baseball
- 49 Legume used in Asian cuisine
- 4 Influence
- 26 Fall-related
- 50 "— was saying ..."
- 51 Acknowledge
- 5 How lovers may stroll
- 29 Actress Thurman
- 52 Wax-coated cheese
- 6 Meadow
- 7 Genie's home
- 30 — de plume
- 53 Baton Rouge
- 8 Monasteries
- 33 Make a scarf

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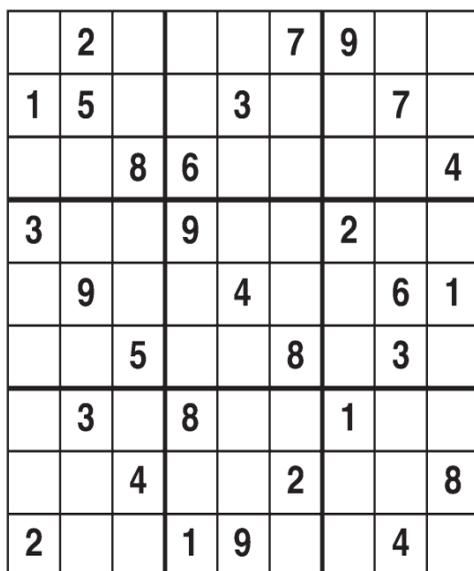
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: SPACE JUST BELOW THE ROOF

- Athlete
- Atlas
- Atrium
- Attended
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- Atoll
- Atrophy
- Attenuate
- Atlantic
- Atom
- Attach
- Attire
- Atlantis
- Atonement
- Attend

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

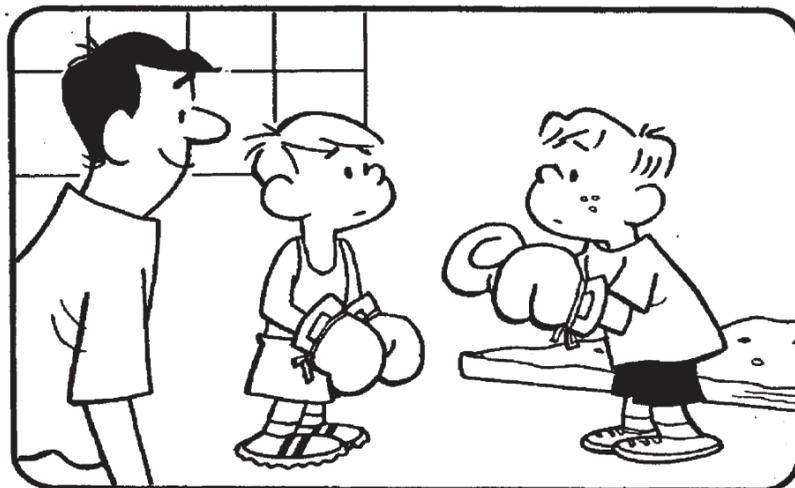
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

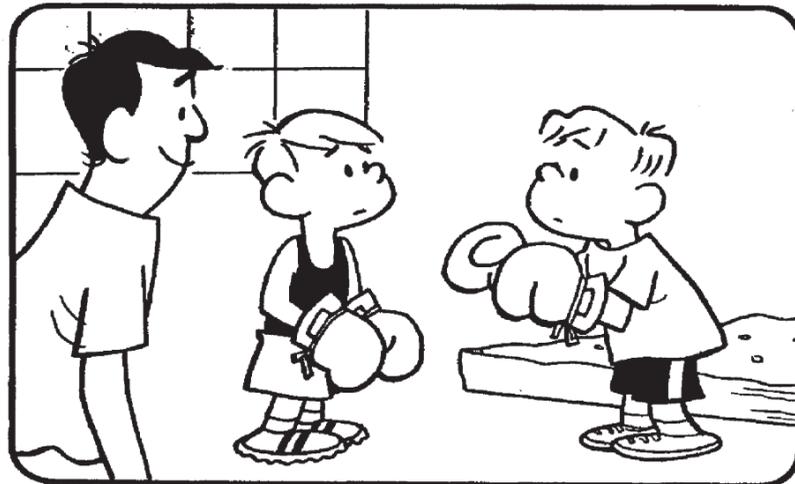
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

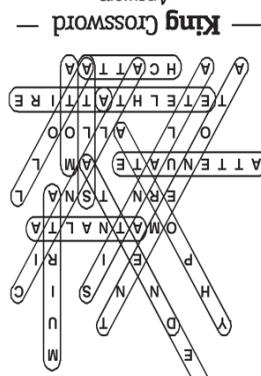


Differences: 1. Shirt is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Freckles are missing. 4. Mat is thicker. 5. Stripe is added. 6. Nose is smaller.

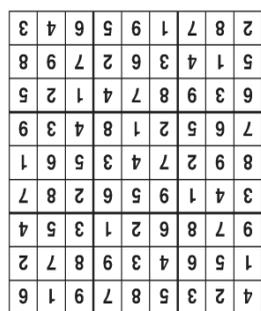


Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers



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Answer

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

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, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Meridian CUSD #223
School District/Joint Agreement Name
207 W Main St Stillman Valley IL
Address
8156452230
Telephone
M-F 7:30-4:00
Office Hours

Also by **January 15**, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending **June 30, 2021**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website @ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

	1000	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	9,753,227	1,598,204	2,439,744	497,213	535,038	2,312	51,650	737,206	108,249
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	6,422,441	313,000	0	688,020	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	1,112,960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		17,288,628	1,911,204	2,439,744	1,185,233	535,038	2,312	51,650	737,206	108,249
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		14,764,739	1,522,322	1,845,069	801,177	530,984	0	0	334,246	34,900
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		8,927,537	126,683	485,370	1,207,597	137,545	129,179	656,235	152,342	299,706
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		11,451,426	515,565	1,080,045	1,591,653	141,599	131,491	707,885	555,302	373,055

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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Meridian CUSD #223
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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over		
SHANNON K KALTENBACH Abigail Wellwood, Melissa Zifer	YVONNE ANAYA DANIELLE BOND CARTER M DUFFER BRITTANY L FRISBIE ALICIA KOPPLIN MICHELLE LASSARD CHRISTINA MAURER ANNA MCQUALITY EMILY E PETERSON AMANDA D POLISKA JANELLE TANAGLIA	Caterina Gagnone Jacqueline Aja Jacque Buchanan Katie Clark Abigale Diedericks Kristin Focosi Jacqui Goodman Ben Groselak Todd Hall Laura Henderson Kim Hiort Malinda Hurt Erica Zjohnson Nichole King Michael Kusek Sarah McFritridge Jessica McLaughlin Tracey Munns Jordan Pedigo Alison Salo Ashley Stahl Adrew Tolender	Alana Bergeson Linda Christenson Debbie Close Elizabeth Faxon Anne Giddings Jill Graer Jennifer Hall Stephanie Haugh Lisa Hilliard Monika Huhn Tara Jepsen Courtnty Jones Danile Kunow Daniel Lundine Trica McKendry Jamilie Malin Roni Olson Ryan Read Catherine Simonini Devin Stanbard Kelli Zigzaker	Heather Alderks, Laurie Barlett Kathy Benesh Dana Brooks Shawn Byers Angela Collins Ryan Dassing Teresa Eden Kelly Gale Janet Hall Kim Hofmeister Michelle Jazefowicz Beh Kleinschmidt Mike Lalor Kristina Lundine Michelle Masseri Ryan McDewitt Amy Melzger Angel Palmer Christina Papke Kristina Porter Michelle Rogers Doug Schiltz Steve Stender Eric Swenson Jennifer Thompkins Scott Wilhite Tom Za,brpvcz	Deana Simpson Rebecca Barton Malinda Bonnell Patti Burke Julianna Cain Ellen Cook Joi Dundas Julie Foss Ann Green Allison Hickerson Tina Isaacs Mary Kimery Joanna Kluever Edward Liegl Kathy Mandzen Jemie McCarty Erin McMaslar Cathy Murphy Jennifer Pansegrau William Polasky Scott Rempfer Lauren Schabacker Monesia Smith Aimee Stewart Dab Thibodeau John Vos Jaime Williams Megan Zamora	PJ Caposey Jill Davis, Joseph Mullikin Leslie Showers, Jeff Voltz Jay Williams

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over		
ELIZABETH ALCOCK MARGARITA ALVAREZ KRISTEN ARAND PAYTON BANFE JANICE L BATHJE ELVIRA A BERTSCHE ALEX BOZZI CYNTHIA L BROWN ASHLEY L CAMLING CAROL L CONDERMAN NANCY CULLEN CARRIE L DAWDY REBECCA S DESHAZO NICHOLAS DIPPNER JAMES DURAND TIFFANY FABISH RICHARD Q FRITZ CHARLOTTE GARREN PAIGE GLENDENNING LINDSEY GROBE CYNTHIA E GUNDERSON LINDA HAGEMANN HEATHER HARROLLE KIMBERLY HENDERSON PAMELA J HILTON ELIZABETH HONG KRISTEN E KERNER CARLY KOENIG CHRISTAL KUNCE	PAMELA ALLISON JOHAN ANDERS DALE BANFE SANDRA BARNES HEATHER BENNET SARAH BOUTON PHILLIP J BRATTA SHERI BYERS JENNIFER L CHRIS KRISTINE A CC CONNIE L DAVIDSON ANGELA DAY-BEN RONALD DESHAF KIM DOUGHERTY FEROL M EMPEN DANNA M FLYNN ELBA GALLEGOS MELANIE GIPBC SUE M GREBENI CHRISTOPHER GU MARGARET HV MELANE HALSTED AMBER HAUSER KARLI HENRY GRANT HOLSINGER KATHLEEN JOY ALICIA KNIGHT JOY A KOHLER CAMRYN LAUER	DEBORAH A LAWSON EVA T A LESTER TAMMY MAIDEN BRITANY MCCARTY ANGELA B MEYER LYNN M MOORE TRACY L NASON PATRICIA OESTERHELD SHARON PANNARALE STEPHANIE REED LUKE ROBERT CYNTHIA ROSER BRENNAN SHOWERS ASHLEY SIMMONS KAYLA SIMPSON KELLI SPRAY AMANDA SWEAT KARI SWOPE KIMBERLY A TOMLITZ CHELSEA WATSON TAMMY J WEIR KACEY WELLS ADAM R WENBERG WILLIAM R WESSSEL LORI S WETZEL ABBEY WHEELER CLAIRE S WINTER	HEATHER R LEE DENISE LINCLAU STACEY MANNIX JODY MERNACK KELLY MEYERS JOSEPH M MOREAU JACOB NOBLE ELIZABETH OGREN TAMMY M PIERSON BREANNA REZA DANA L ROHR JOHN H RUSSELL LUCYBETH SIERRA LYNETTE M SIMMONS DIANA SPICKLER JUSTIN K STEWART DEBORAH J SWEEENEY RENEE J SZYMANSKI SARA WAEFFLER KELSEY WEEMS JEAN E WELKER	NICK BELMONTE-NAMBO JOHN B FINLEY PATRICIA L MCCRACKEN ELAINE M NICHOLSON LISA A REBER MICHELLE WHITE LISA A REBER MICHELLE WHITE	Kenny Lamiar Mary Ortgiesen Kayla McKinney

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Person, Firm, or Corporation
ADLAI E STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL 2,880.00 ; ADVANCED DISPOSAL 26,190.15 ; ADVANCED PARTS & SERVICES, INC 9,493.47 ; AED PROFESSIONALS 3,627.22 ; AIRGAS USA, LLC 5,824.67 ; AKITABOX, INC 3,300.00 ; ALARM DETECTION SYSTEMS, INC 30,957.56 ; ALL PARTITIONS AND PARTS, LLC 3,594.00 ; ALPHA BAKING COMPANY, INC 3,092.16 ; BAPCC, LLC 189,807.01 ; BARNES & NOBLE 3,897.65 ; BEHMER FAMILY SEED SERVICES, LLC 4,950.80 ; BENNING GROUP, LLC 13,300.00 ; BLAKE OIL COMPANY 88,554.30 ; BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILL 172,660.02 ; BMO HARRIS 6,586.41 ; BMO HARRIS 6,746.10 ; BMO HARRIS 16,318.69 ; BMO HARRIS 17,418.14 ; BMO HARRIS 19,422.74 ; BMO HARRIS 37,407.67 ; BMO HARRIS 38,324.42 ; BMO-HARRIS 2,901.05 ; BMO-HARRIS 7,084.44 ; BMO-HARRIS 15,381.29 ; BOBCAT OF ROCKFORD 31,552.11 ; BOON IT SOLUTIONS INC 16,667.00 ; BSN SPORTS 12,456.11 ; CAPOSEY, PHILLIP J. 7,090.75 ; CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS 11,871.84 ; CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES, INC 6,659.75 ; CLEANSKY ENERGY 90,892.33 ; CLIC - COLLECTIVE LIABILITY INS COOPERATIVE 219,133.00 ; COGNIA 4,900.00 ; COMMONWEALTH EDISON CO. 47,940.50 ; COMMONWEALTH EDISON CO. 89,799.43 ; CONSERV FS INC 6,373.97 ; CONTRACT PAPER GROUP, INC 5,850.00 ; CRISIS GO 2,500.00 ; CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES, INC. 44,026.28 ; D & C CONCRETE, INC. 8,350.00 ; DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS-RISK 92,870.11 ; DEMCO 6,084.30 ; DISCOVERY EDUCATION 4,566.38 ; DIXON PAINT COMPANY 3,759.37 ; DLA LTD. ARCHITECTS 34,900.34 ; DOORWAY TO COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC 5,900.00 ; DUPAGE DIVISION OF IASA 2,775.00 ; EBSCO PUBLISHING 2,606.00 ; EDUCATION SOLUTIONS NORTHWEST 12,707.50 ; EFLXGROUP 25,491.51 ; EKON-O-PAC LLC 2 803.50 ; ENERCO CORPORATION 4,020.00 ; FES-FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES 2,606.26 ; FIRM SYSTEMS 3,435.00 ; FIRST STUDENT, INC 2,748.96 ; FISCHERS, INC 2,519.64 ; FOLDING PARTITION SERVICES, INC 3,563.00 ; FRANKLIN COVEY 53,274.93 ; FRONTIER 10,439.53 ; FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES 7,428.48 ; GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT 3,475.90 ; GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC 101,526.31 ; GREENHOUSE MEGASTORE 2,873.00 ; GUARDIAN INNOVATIONS 3,526.30 ; HARMS LANDSCAPE 16,840.00 ; HELM SERVICE 67,818.44 ; HODGES LOIZI EISENHAMMER ROI 35,894.85 ; HOME DEPOT PRO 147,222.57 ;	HUB-REMSEN 8,120.09 ; HUDD 2,760.00 ; HUMANEX VENTURES 31,250.00 ; IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENG., INC. 9,105.00 ; IFIBER 29,920.00 ; ILL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND 5,855.10 ; ILL. ASSN. OF SCHOOL BOARD 5,874.00 ; ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE 479,523.26 ; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT 27,259.77 ; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT 315,597.99 ; ILLINOIS SCHOLASTIC COOPERATIVE 1,090,295.59 ; INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION 3,850.00 ; INTRADO EDUCATION DIVISION 3,300.00 ; ISCORP-INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CORP. 8,640.00 ; JOHNSON TRACTOR 2,832.80 ; JOHNSTONE SUPPLY 4,074.21 ; JOSTENS 3,697.25 ; KAMI 4,125.00 ; KING BLACKTOP & CONCRETE 2,680.00 ; KMK MEDIA GROUP 6,910.00 ; KS STATEBANK 13,996.51 ; LEARNING A-Z 4,852.60 ; LEARNPLATFORM 14,788.56 ; LEE SERVICES 3,250.00 ; LITERACY RESOURCES, INC 3,846.92 ; LOBBYGUARD SOLUTIONS, LLC 2,500.00 ; M. SPINELLO 7,301.75 ; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC 31,301.05 ; MATH LEARNING CENTER 7,116.57 ; MECHANICAL, INC 77,248.41 ; MENARDS CHERRY VALLEY 13,440.65 ; MERIDIAN CUSD 223 REVOLVING FUND 20,546.50 ; MERIDIAN PRINT PROMO FULFILL 18,557.53 ; MIDWEST EDUCATIONAL FURNISHINGS, INC 68,749.76 ; MIDWEST ENVIR. CONSULTING SERV. 2,500.00 ; MNJ TECHNOLOGIES DIRECT, INC. 78,148.56 ; MR. GOODWATER 2,588.46 ; MULLER-PINEHURST 24,410.33 ; NICHOLSON HARDWARE 5,336.01 ; NICOR GAS 4,796.17 ; NORTHERN ILLINOIS HEALTH PLAN 40,456.22 ; OGLE COUNTY COLLECTOR 6,041.09 ; OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL CO-OP 1,117,216.63 ; OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 75,000.00 ; OMNI GROUP 120,795.00 ; ON-SITE STORAGE SOLUTIONS 8,504.00 ; PEPSI ROCKFORD 8,853.69 ; PERMA-BOUND 7,130.47 ; PLS 3RD LEARNING EDUCATORS EVEVATED 12,390.00 ; PRAIRIECAT 8,965.00 ; PRIVATIZER TECHNOLOGIES 4,638.00 ; RANDEE'S MUSIC CENTER 5,780.00 ; RAYNER & RINN SCOTT, INC 5,412.00 ; RAYNOR DOOR AUTHORITY OF RKFD. 3,130.00 ; REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47 5,670.00 ; RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC. 66,228.76 ; RIDDELL 11,575.87 ; ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE 4,800.00 ; ROCKFORD INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT 2,650.40 ; ROCKFORD ORTHOPEDICS ASSOCIATES 5,531.00 ;	ROGERS READY-MIX & MATERIALS 7,768.06 ; SALEM PRESS 3,040.50 ; SATCHEL 17,300.00 ; SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC 13,722.32 ; SCHOLASTIC INC. 16,852.98 ; SCHOOL DATEBOOKS, INC 5,039.34 ; SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION 3,157.44 ; SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC 2,648.79 ; SCOTT'S RV, TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR 2,843.85 ; SCREENCASTIFY 2,700.00 ; SKYWARD, INC 2,724.75 ; SKYWARD, INC. 46,136.00 ; SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO. 23 3,180.15 ; SPECIALTY FLOORS, INC. 11,862.50 ; SR PRODUCTS 4,968.14 ; STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 5,353.88 ; STILLMAN BANCORP N.A. 1,557,921.71 ; STILLMAN VALLEY EDUCATION ASSO 81,785.29 ; STILLMAN VALLEY H.S. ACTIVITY ACCOUNT 14,127.24 ; SUTTMAN, LOUISE 3,415.06 ; SYNOPSIS INC 447,353.31 ; SYSCO BARABOO 5,404.10 ; T-MOBILE 26,863.33 ; TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE SEC 184,387.10 ; TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM 722,610.90 ; THE BANK OF NEW YORK 1,390,000.00 ; THE COLLEGE BOARD AP 15,886.00 ; THE LIBRARY STORE, INC. 5,029.33 ; TOOLS4EVER 19,554.00 ; TRAFERA 253,413.00 ; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 4,598.45 ; VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES LLC 77,158.12 ; VERIZON WIRELESS 16,435.66 ; VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY 10,565.30 ; WREX TELEVISION LLC 3,000.00 ; XELLO 2,618.00 ; YELLOW FOLDER 10,800.00 ; ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK 455,068.76 ; ZOKA MEDIA/DARIUSZ WARZOCZA 2,550.00 ; ZORO 7,496.14 ;

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6734 N German Church Rd Byron, IL 61010
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 For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info, and terms & conditions, etc. visit www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com
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 For Information Contact:
 Lenny Bryson – Auctioneer
 11749 West Judson Road
 Polo, IL 61064
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 Owner, Henry Ebert Revocable Trust
 Trustee, Henry Ebert III
 Co-Trustee, Randy Tate
 Trust Attorney, Adam Fleming
 WilliamsMcCarthy LLP

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 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

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
 And for other relief, that the action was filed on or about July 29, 2021 that Summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is still pending. The record titleholder of the real estate is The Heirs at Law or Legatees of Michael P. Byczynski, deceased.
 An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 Mortgagor – Michael P. Byczynski and Prudence A. Byczynski
 Mortgagee – Northwest Bank of Rockford
 Date of Mortgage – January 5, 2012
 Date of Recording – January 23 212
 County of Recording – Ogle
 Recording Document –201201200530
 NOW THEREFORE, unless you 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, the said Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, 106 S. 5th Street Suite 300 Oregon, Illinois 61061 on or before December 31, 2021 which is at least 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.
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 OGLE COUNTY
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 BANK OF)
 ROCKFORD,)
 Plaintiff,)Case
 VS.)No.
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 OF MICHAEL)
 P. BYCZYNSKI,)
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 Defendants.)
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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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LOCAL NEWS



Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for October. Pictured from left to right are: Sadie Stoll (9th Grade), Rosalie Hegberg (10th Grade), Ava Krall (11th Grade), and Riley Jarrett (12th Grade). Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.

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Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

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

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. 3. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Registration Deadline Dec. 16. Fee \$75/\$90NR

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