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Different kind of garage



The Oregon Music Garage will have a soft opening on Nov. 20. There will be a variety of musical instruments for sale at the business, along with a performance space and lessons. (Brad Jennings photos)

Oregon Music Garage set to open later this month

By Brad Jennings Editor

OREGON – John Lindhorst is not shy when it comes to the building that will house his new business. "The coolest thing is, this has kind of been my ultimate dream building," he said. "It started out cool and ended up 'Oh my God.'" OMG indeed. In fact, the business is the Oregon Music

Garage, which is just behind the little building on IL Rt. 64 in Oregon Lindhorst is famous for owning – Ukulele Station America. But while one is a cute space of just a little more than 200 square feet, the new building is 2,800 square feet of precisely build space and perfectly selected fixtures. The cement floors alone are something to behold, giving off the feeling of movement and waves.



"I never believed it would be this nice," he said. And the public will get a chance to see it for themselves at a soft opening set for Nov. 20. See **GARAGE, Page 2A**

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Serenity Hospice and Home earns honor

Named 2021 Hospice Honor Elite recipient

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home announces that Serenity has been named a 2021 Hospice Honors Elite recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst. This prestigious annual review recognizes agencies that continuously provide the highest level of quality care as measured from the caregiver's point of view. "Hospice Honors Elite recipients are industry leaders in providing quality care and constantly seeking ways to improve," said Ronda Howard, Vice President Revenue Cycle and CAHPS at HEALTHCAREfirst. "We are

honored to be aligned with such high performing agencies like Serenity Hospice and Home and we congratulate them on their success." Award criteria were based on Hospice CAHPS survey results for an evaluation period of October 2019 through September 2020. Award recipients were identified by evaluating performance on a set of 24 quality indicator measures. Serenity scored above the National Performance Score on all 24 of the evaluated questions. "I am very proud of the staff



As a thank you to Serenity staff for their hard work, Hector's Cocina from Oregon brought their popular food truck to the parking lot of Serenity Home recently.

at Serenity," said Lynn Knodle, CEO. "This evaluation period included much of the COVID pandemic period and to achieve this level of patient satisfaction is amazing."

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LOCAL NEWS



The interior of the Oregon Music Garage. Below, John Lindhorst points out specific features in the building. (Brad Jennings photos)



GARAGE: Opens Nov. 20

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But it has been a long haul to get to this point. Lindhorst said they broke ground on the property on June 1.

"When I say broke ground, they not only literally broke ground, they broke the utility pole, cut the power," he said with a laugh.

That allowed him to put all the power underground and also have new sewer and water lines installed to the new building, the Ukulele Station building and his home, which is also on the property.

The framing for the building started going up on July 28. The work was done by Rural Renovators out of Franklin Grove.

"Everything in this building is engineered materials," Lindhorst said. "Everything is made to be perfect."

That meant the initial budget of \$250,000 was eventually increased to \$500,000. But the finished product is more than he could have hoped for, Lindhorst said.

But it is still just an empty shell waiting to be filled with instruments. And that will be the soul of the building, with Lindhorst taking his ukulele business and expanding it to include more instruments.

High end ukuleles will still be sold out

of the Ukulele Station America building, but lower priced ukuleles will join acoustic guitars, mandolins, banjos, dulcimers, autoharps, some world percussion and accessories at the Oregon Music Garage.

There will even be electric guitars and amplifiers for sale in an area called the Guitar Garage. Guitars from Gretsch, Fender and Washburn will be for sale along with amplifiers from Fishman and possibly Fender as well.

There will be space for lessons, and repairs and instrument set-up can be done on site as well.

"This will be the heart, right here," Lindhorst said of the building.

He also plans to finally jump into Internet sales.

"I need to do that, but I need to find someone who wants to head that up," he said.

There will also be a performance space for shows as well as regular open mic night events.

With the long project finally coming to an end, Lindhorst said he has some mixed emotions.

"Half depressed, half thrilled – it depends on the hour," he chuckled.

To start, the Oregon Music Garage and Ukulele Station America will be open Wednesday thought Saturday, 1-5 p.m.



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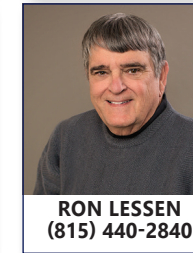
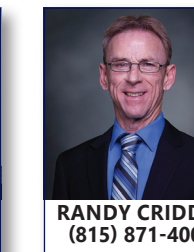
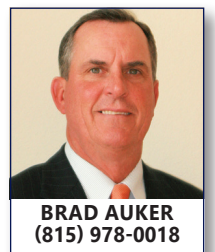
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LOCAL NEWS

Highland Elementary says goodbye to Babcock

At the end of October, after 23 years of work in the Meridian School District, Highland Elementary custodian Dave Babcock retired for the second and final time.

After an already successful career working as a foreman for Rockford Blacktop, Babcock came to the school district with the idea that he'd work for a few years before he retired again. Twenty-three years later, he gets to sleep in again, as he would say.

Not only was Babcock the head custodian at Highland but has been

in the lunchroom supervising and engaging with kids.

"I love Mr. Babcock. He is one of my best friends," said a young 1st Grade student.

His presence in the cafeteria has been one of the constants throughout a tumultuous past couple of years.

"There are not always many male figures in elementary school buildings and Highland has been incredibly lucky to have Mr. Babcock as a positive male role model for our students," said

Joe Mullikin, Principal at Highland Elementary.

He will not only be missed by the students but also by the staff.

"Whether it was 5 a.m. or late after school, Dave was always here checking in on us," said Julie Foss, a long-time Highland teacher. "He loves the students like his own grandkids and will be missed more than he knows."

Throughout his time at Highland, he built lifelong relationships with staff and students.

"Dave's passion for

loving each student that walked the halls of our school was apparent," said Allison Hickerson, Highland Kindergarten teacher. "He greeted everyone with a smile and that smile stayed whether he was helping a child, sweeping the floors, or cleaning up after an accident."

Babcock was sent off doing two of the things he loved most in his job: spending time with kids at lunch and giving high fives. He was surprised with an ovation and a walk down the hall on his last day.



Oregon Chamber has busy November

The Oregon Chamber of Commerce announces a number of events in November.

* Wednesday, Nov. 10 between 5-7 p.m., Business After Hours Featuring Pearl and Sons. Tour their shop, watch live demos of furniture making, free drinks and snacks. (Must be 18+) Pearl and Sons works with you and your budget to create custom furniture and decor perfect for your home or office! They are a family run business located at 105 S Daysville Rd. Please RSVP by calling 815-732-2100 or email chamber.director@oregonil.com * Lunch and Learn Tuesday, Nov. 16 at noon at Oregon Park District Nash, located at 304 S 5th St., Oregon. All are welcome and it is free to attend. Optional \$8 lunch catered by Hector's Cocina. This month's topic: Who is Elizabeth Priller and what is Locus Co-Working and Wellness Space? Let's learn together. Locus is a new feature in our community. Listen and learn about Elizabeth's mission, and the value she is bringing to our community. There will be time for questions and book signing opportunities. RSVP please by calling 815-732-2100 or email chamber.director@oregonil.com.

* Join the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. for the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at A.M. Floral, located at 120 N 4th St. in Oregon.

* Join the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. for the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Kneez in the Breeze, 215 Washington St., Oregon. They are a new motorcycle apparel shop with a variety of consignment items available.

* Join the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. for the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Shepherd Premier Senior Living of Oregon. They are located at 8 Terrace View Blvd. in Oregon. There will be free appetizers, a dessert table, wine, beer and soft drinks. Come and see the newly remodeled space. When a loved one comes home to live in a Shepherd Premier Senior Living residence, they join a family of no more than 10 to 16 residents. Rather than a sense of guilt, the family knows that mom and/or dad are in a place where they'll continue to enjoy life. The atmosphere is engaging, supportive, safe and secure. The story doesn't end here. A new chapter begins.

Mount Morris Senior Center sets events, activities

Harvest Supper

All are welcome to participate in our annual Harvest Supper! We will be serving the meal Drive Thru on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Senior Center (9 East Front Street). The meal will include pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, a roll, and dessert for only \$12 each. You will be able to pick up your meal between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. To reserve your meal for the Harvest Supper simply give us a call at 815-734-6335. All are welcome!

Birthday Lunch

Join us for a birthday lunch at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 17. We will play Free Bingo at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy a lunch of gyros at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$8 and it includes cake and ice cream for dessert. Please call 815-734-6335 so we are sure to have enough food.

Trivia and Tacos

You are welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior Center for Trivia and Tacos on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. We are looking for people of all ages to come and compete for a prize. There will be tacos for \$2 each along with some delicious baked goods for a donation. Teams of 6 will compete in 5 rounds of trivia. Bring your own beverages and join us for an evening of fun! Space is limited, but to sign up just give us a call at 815-734-6335, send us an email at mmsrcenter@gmail.com or stop by 9 East Front Street!

Potluck

We will be hosting a potluck on Friday, Nov. 19 at noon. The Senior Center will provide the main dish, but all are welcome to bring a side or dessert or \$5.

Hike at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will host one last hike of the year at LOMC just outside of Oregon on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Simply meet at the office at LOMC and we will hike from there. Come enjoy the fall colors (or the snow) with us!

RRC has upcoming activities, programs

November Lunches & Free Bingo

Lifescape congregate dining is available before bingo on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Free bingo will immediately follow.

Nov. 9 Lunch Menu Includes:

Sausage Gravy with Biscuit, Hash brown Potatoes, 2 Sausage Patties, Orange Juice.

* Registration is required by Monday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

* Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

* Cost: \$3.00 suggested donation to Lifescape

Nov. 23 Lunch Menu Includes:

Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, and Diced Pears.

* Registration is required by Monday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

* Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

* Cost: \$3 suggested donation to Lifescape

Veteran's Day Holiday Schedule

Rock River Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11, in recognition of Veteran's Day. No activities or transportation will be scheduled on that day. Please plan accordingly.

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

This class provides the basics functions of Microsoft 2016 Word. Learn tasks such as opening existing files, creating new files, formatting, saving and printing. Handouts will be provided. Experience using a mouse is preferred.

Advance registration is requested, as space is limited.

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

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

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

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

Cancer support group "Facing the Challenge"

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Carol Marie Kuczek

BYRON—Carol Marie Kuczek, 61, of Byron, died Oct. 26, 2021 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. She was born Feb. 12, 1960 in Mankato, Minn., the daughter of James Floyd and Shirley Louise (Nelson) Mans. She graduated from Nicollet Public School in Nicollet, Minn., in 1978, received a health unit coordinator certificate from Mankato Area Vocational Technical Institute in 1979 and graduated with an associate degree in nursing from Rochester Community College in Rochester, Minn., in 1983. Carol married Gregory John Kuczek on Oct. 14, 1989 at Church of St. Paul in Nicollet. Carol worked in nursing 34 years primarily in critical care at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wis., UW Health Hospital in Madison, Wis., Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Calif., Rockford Memorial and Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.



She is a member of Crossroads Community Church Winnebago Campus and the AACN American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She enjoyed being a co-leader for the Girl Scouts, family camping trips to Wisconsin State Parks and visiting family in Minnesota. Carol is survived by her husband Greg Kuczek of Byron; daughters Laura (Stephen) Tenney of Overland Park, Kan., and Sarah Kuczek of Duluth, Ga.; mother Shirley (Jerry) Mathiowetz of Morgan, Minn.; brothers Lyle (Pattie) Mans of North Mankato, Minn., and Jon (Beth) Mans of Traverse, Minn.; step-brother Greg (Lisa) Mathiowetz of

Cody, Wyo., and several nephews and nieces. Carol is predeceased by her father, James Mans. A visitation was held from 5-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 at Crossroads Community Church Winnebago Campus, 600 Highland Drive, Winnebago. A funeral ceremony was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 at Crossroads Community Church Winnebago Campus with Pastor Richard Sparling officiating with a visitation held from 10 a.m. until time of service. Cremation Rites to be Accorded. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established for Crossroads Community Church Winnebago Campus and Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061. Click this link to view additional details about Carol's Services, including any available live streams: <https://my.gather.app/remember/carol-kuczek>

Sandra Lee Haynes

BYRON—Sandra Lee Haynes, age 82, of Byron became whole again on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 at 12:10 a.m. The youngest child of Kenneth and Lena (Champion) Burns. She married Glenn Ingram, and they had five children. She then married James Haynes and together they raised their eight kids. She worked at Ma's Café for a few years but mainly was a stay-at-home housewife. Sandra was a social butterfly who loved being around people. She enjoyed bowling, working in her yard, and embroidery. She was an animal lover and even had a squirrel that would come to her door for food. She had a passion for cooking and making sure everyone who came through her door was well fed. But, her main focus in life was



her family. She is survived by her children, Sandy (Terry) Gobin of Byron, David (Kathy) Ingram of Byron, Penny Hammer of Pecatonica, Joe (Tina) Haynes of Rural Retreat, Va., Matt Haynes of Whitewater, Wis., and Brad (Jeanine) Ingram of Byron; sister, Judy (Bob) Shuga of Rockford, 30 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, many niec-

es and nephews, and dad's car gang. She is preceded in death by her daughters, Glenda Meyers and Joyce Streff, husband, James, grandchildren, Jason and Deana, her parents, 1 brother, and 4 sisters. The family would like to give many thanks to Walnut Acres in Freeport for their great care of mom. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial is at Byron Cemetery. Memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Ione L. Wells

MOUNT MORRIS—Ione L. Wells, 63, of Mt. Morris and formerly of Rushville, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris. Born Dec. 5, 1957 in Beardstown, Ill., the daughter of William W. and Lena Ellouise (McDaniel) Wells. Ione grew up on the family farm in Rushville and was a 1975 graduate of Rushville High School. She also attended the Oregon Bible College and was a member of Ripley Church of God

and Oregon Church of God. Ione was employed in childcare in Springfield and as an office employee of the Illinois Dept. of Transportation. She enjoyed horses and reading. She is survived by her brother, Aaron Wells of Mt. Morris. Predeceased by her parents. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 in Oregon Church of God preceded by a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Services were also be

held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 in Ripley Church of God with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Michael Hoffman and Pastor Nathan Massie of Oregon Church of God officiated at both services. Burial (Saturday) in Rushville Cemetery. Memorials in Ione's name may be made to Oregon Church of God or Ripley Church of God. The family was assisted by Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon and Worthington Funeral Home, Rushville.

Mary Ellen McOwen

MOUNT MORRIS—Mary Ellen McOwen, age 93, formerly of White Lake, Mich., died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris. She was born July 28, 1928 in Lodi, Ohio, the daughter of Homer and Alvena (Miller) Kohli. She graduated in 1946 from Chatham High School in Chatham, Ohio. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Geology and English from Bowling Green State University in 1950. Mary Ellen married Doyle McOwen on July 14, 1951 in Chatham, Ohio. She taught high school English at Flint Northern High School for 25 years, where she was chairman of the English department. Mary Ellen was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She was predeceased by her parents and hus-



band Doyle. She is survived by her 3 daughters: Pamela Steele (Terry Schuster) of Oregon, Patrice Steele (Gordon) of West Bloomfield, Mich., Cynthia Poole (Kevin Seiler) of Littleton, Colo. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. As a high school English teacher, Mary Ellen published a recommended list of classic literature for high school students. The Book Mark has a copyright date of 1977. She followed that publication with a 190-page

book researching her father's genealogy, entitled Kohli Kinship, copyright 1988. In addition, Mary Ellen was blessed to be the owner of extensive correspondence between her great-grandmother and great-grandfather during the American Civil War. After much research, she penned Seven Months a Soldier, based on the letters in her possession, copyright 2014. Mary Ellen was a quilter and enjoyed participating in the Quilters Guild in Flint, Mich. She was active in the Flint Institute of Arts, and sang in the choir at Trinity Methodist Church. Her family will celebrate her full and active life together in a memorial service in Flint Michigan where private burial will also take place. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Mary Ellen McOwen.

Crop marketing seminar Nov. 17

The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and White-side County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of Nov. 17th, at the Days Inn, in Rock Falls.

"Managing Crop Price Risks and Input Volatility" is a two hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next. It starts at 7 p.m.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with

various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two hour program producers will examine the following topics:

- * Supply Demand and Crop Price Outlook
- * Managing Crop Input Volatility
- * Implementing Strategies
- * Consider Your Cash Flow Needs

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Also, how crop insurance will come into play in managing your cash flow needs.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net

Community Hymn Sing set for Nov. 14

STILLMAN VALLEY—A community Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, 103 S. Maple St., Stillman Valley. A soup and dessert supper will follow, with donations supporting youth ministries of the church. For more information call 815-65-2492.

Report policy

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VFW again delivering Christmas baskets

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

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

Any family or individual who is in need must call the VFW Monday or Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at 815-732-6851. Please do not call on Fridays as our phone and people are busy

with other work. The Post is closed Tuesday and Thursday. We will start taking calls Nov. 8. In order to order food we will stop taking orders Dec. 3. Each individual or family must call for themselves. Even if you have called in the past you need to call this year to update your information and make sure you are on the list. We will only ask for address, phone number and number living in your household. Baskets may be a little different due to shortages in food supplies.

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

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

LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Elementary Theater to perform 'The Music Man KIDS'

OREGON – Oregon Elementary Theatre will dance the Shipoopi and revel in the excitement of the Wells Fargo Wagon coming to town and when students from Oregon perform Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS," it was announced recently by Drew Cohen, president of Music Theatre International (MTI).

The show featuring 23 students in grades 3-6, premieres on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS" tells the story of a charismatic con man Harold Hill, who galvanizes a stodgy, entertainment-starved Iowa town at the turn of the 20th century. Intending to flee River City's citizens with a false scheme to organize a boy's band, Hill's plans hit a sour note when he falls for Marian, the town librarian.

With a book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson, Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS" is based on Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," which won eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, Author, Composer and Lyricist. Inspired by a story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey, the musical was made into a 1962 film starring Robert Preston as Harold Hill and Shirley Jones as Marian Paroo. The film

has since been selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress.

"Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS" is a beautiful story about how music can transform a person and a community. In a similar manner, these students have worked together to present their unique interpretation of this show.

Throughout the rehearsal process each student will have contributed something and learned something, leaving this team and each individual in it changed for the better," Cohen said.

Oregon Elementary School Theatre will present the Broadway Junior production Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS" on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Oregon High School Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and up and \$3 for under 12. Tickets will be sold at the door and cash and credit card will be accepted. For more information, please email tina@oregonpark.org.

Meredith Willson's "The Music Man KIDS" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New

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Music Theatre International (MTI) is one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting theatres from around the world the rights to perform the greatest selection of musicals from Broadway and beyond. Founded by composer Frank Loesser and orchestrator Don Walker in 1952, MTI is a driving force in advancing musical theatre as a vibrant and engaging art form. MTI works directly with the composers, lyricists, and book writers of these musicals to provide official scripts, musical materials, and dynamic theatrical resources to over 70,000 professional, community and school theaters in the U.S. and in over 60 countries worldwide. MTI is particularly dedicated to educational theatre and has created special collections to meet the needs of various types of performers and audiences. MTI's Broadway Junior shows are 30 and 60-minute musicals for elementary and middle school-aged performers, while MTI's School Editions are musicals annotated for performance by high school students.

Contact Tina Ketter, tina@oregonpark.org for more information.

Annual tree decorating contest open in Stillman Valley

STILLMAN VALLEY – Local schools, churches, businesses, and community organizations are invited to sign up to participate in Stillman Valley's tenth annual Tree Decorating Contest.

The contest will be held in conjunction with Stillman Valley's Cardinal Community Christmas event planned for Sunday, Dec. 5, from 4-7 p.m. There is no fee to enter the contest and trees will be provided. The trees will be on display outside at the corner of Main and Maple streets in downtown Stillman Valley during the holiday season for all to enjoy. Cash prizes will be awarded in four categories

based on Creativity/Originality, Best Use of Theme, Overall Appearance, and People's Choice.

Space is limited to the first 25 groups on a first-come, first-serve basis, so reserve your tree today and be a part of this exciting community tradition. Applications are available at Stillman Bank in Stillman Valley or by emailing marketing@stillmanbank.com and must be returned by Thursday, Nov. 11.

Groups will be able to decorate from Nov. 26 – Dec. 3 and winners will be announced at Cardinal Community Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 5.

For more information, please contact Stillman Bank at 815-645-2266.

Electronic recycling event is Nov. 19

The final residential electronics recycling event of the year will take place on Friday Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. Permits may be obtained by calling 815-732-4020 or via email at solidwaste@oglecounty.org.

Provide your name, address, and phone number in your email, limit one permit per household. Permits come with a full list of accepted items and other event information and instructions.

Items accepted at the electronic recycling event include all residen-

tial computers, computer hardware and cables, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, DVD/VCR's, cable and satellite receivers, cell phones, tablets, laptops, video gaming equipment, all televisions and computer monitors, radios, digital clocks, stereo equipment (no wooden speakers), shredders (no tubs), landline phone systems, car radios, GPS units, fish finders, calculators, adding machines, ipods, MP3 players, back-up power supply units, rechargeable batteries, holiday lights and extension cords, CFL bulbs, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for \$5 per unit.

There will be a food drive conducted in as-

sociation with the electronics recycling event. All items collected will be distributed to local food pantries in Ogle County. Items accepted include all canned and boxed in-date food items as well as home cleaning supplies and items such as toothpaste, soap, and other basic essentials. Be sure all items are sealed and not expired.

If you have additional questions about this residential electronics recycling event, the food drive, or other questions about recycling call the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, visit www.oglecounty.org, or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

Medicare program is Nov. 17 in Byron

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

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter

will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service.

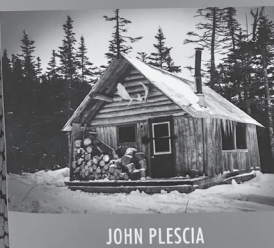
The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at www.united-churchofbyron.org Illinois covid-19 guidelines will be followed for this program.

Local author holding book signing event in Dixon

John Plescia, a family physician at KSB and a first-time author, will be doing a book signing and discussion at Books On First, 202 W. 1st St., Dixon, from 3-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12.

"The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker" is a short fiction set in Northern Maine recently self-published through Outskirts Press. An aging trapper needs help on his trapline. The rural community is apprehensive when he chooses a quiet stranger from Kentucky who has been to prison. This book is an unforgettable tale of second chances, family bonds, healthy eating, human compassion, and respect for nature. Join the adventure and the discussion.

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LOCAL NEWS

Salute to Veterans

Mary Morgan to honor veterans with assembly

Mary Morgan Elementary School is celebrating Veteran's Day with an all-school assembly on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. all are welcome to attend.

Students and staff are planning a special program to honor all our local veterans. We cordially invite our veterans and community members to attend. During the event, we will recognize all veterans in attendance. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will sing a song, the high school band will perform, and we will have a special guest speaker.

The entire program should last about 45 minutes. Please use the main circle drive entrance to the high school.

The high school will have their assembly directly following the Mary Morgan assembly. Veterans are more than welcome to stay for the high school assembly. Refreshments will be served for all Veterans after the high school assembly.

Byron High School hosting event for local veterans

BYRON – Byron High School is celebrating Veteran's Day with an all-school assembly on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 10:15 a.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Students, staff are planning a special program to honor all of our local veterans. We cordially invite our veterans and community members to attend. During the event, we will recognize all veterans in attendance, the Byron High School band and choir will perform.

In addition, there will be a flag folding ceremony with an explanation of the 13 folds of the American Flag and a special guest speaker.

The entire program should last about 50 minutes. Please use the main circle drive entrance to the high school.

Refreshments for the veterans served in the Commons after the program

Lions Club serving meal to benefit veteran's center

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions Club will be serving Brat and Hot Dog meals drive through on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the old Fire Station on Second Street in Leaf River from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Funds from this event will go to the Veteran's Drop Off Center in Rockford. The Center provides meals, clothing, and other miscellaneous items for homeless veterans. The Veterans Center provides noon meals Monday thru Friday for the homeless Veterans. They also have a donated supply of clothing and other miscellaneous items for the Veterans. They have assisted in finding housing and furniture to get them started.

The Leaf River Lions Club has helped support the center for the last four years providing occasional meals and clothing. Help us support this worthwhile service by attending our drive thru luncheon. Again, this year it will be a free will donation for the meal.



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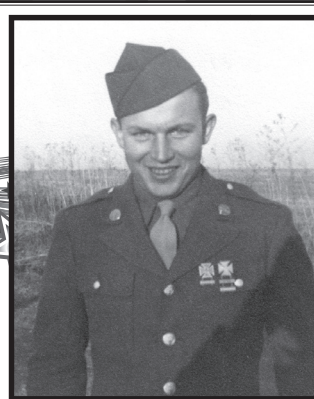
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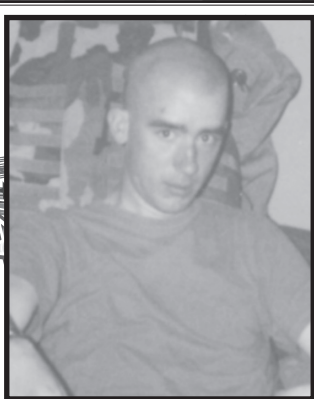
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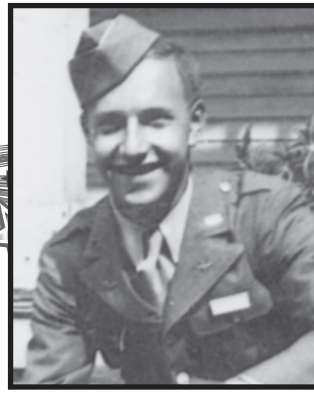
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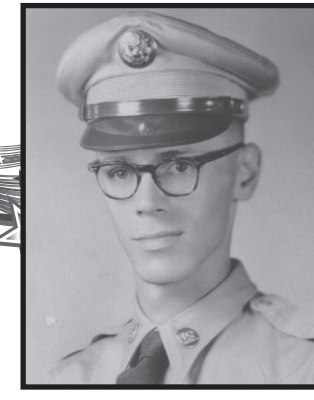
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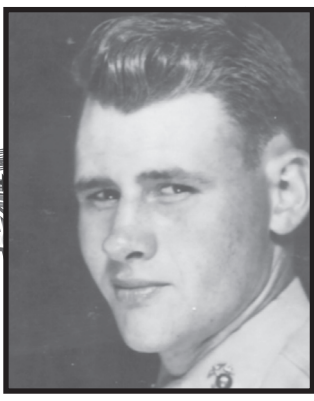
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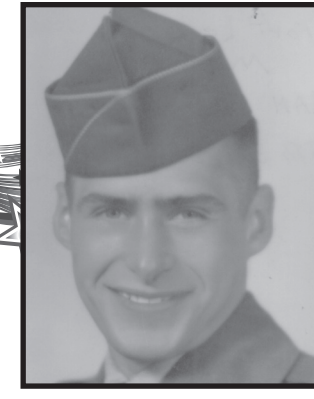
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LOCAL NEWS

Forreston school hosting assembly for local veterans

FORRESTON – FJSHS would like to extend an invitation to anyone who has served or is currently serving our great country to attend our annual Veterans Day Assembly Thursday, Nov. 11 from 7-7:40 a.m. in the high school gym.

We have planned an assembly to honor you for your willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We have encouraged our students to invite any of their loved ones (parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors and even close friends) who have or are currently serving to attend this event with them. We will also be entertained by Mr. Cunningham and the Redbird Regiment as they perform a short concert in your honor. We will also have a gift for you at the end of the assembly that we would like to hand out. We hope you are able to attend and allow us to honor you.

We are also working on a slide presentation and would like your help. If you or your child could send us a picture of their loved one in uniform, past or present, we would like to honor them and include them in our slide presentation. This can and is preferred to be done digitally by taking a picture of the picture and then emailing it. Please email the picture to Joel Tuten at jtuten@fvdistrict221.org. We will need all pictures sent to us by Monday, Nov. 8. We do not want to leave anyone out so your help is appreciated. Even if they are unable to attend, we would still like to honor them.

Serenity Hospice hosting 8-week grief class

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce they will be starting an 8-week class entitled, “Understanding Your Grief.”

This class will run each Wednesday evening from Nov. 10-Dec. 29. The group will meet at Serenity Hospice and Home located at 1659 S. IL Rt. 2 in Oregon from 4:30-6 p.m. In an effort to protect participants, masks must be worn.

The structure of the group will fol-

low the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hospice’s Bereavement Coordinator.

“I am very excited to offer a class like this one,” Warren said. “Our

grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end.”

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt. Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class – 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren. Class sizes are limited so call today.

Meal boxes set for Thanksgiving

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

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

Each meal will include a 12-15 pound turkey and side dishes: stuffing, turkey gravy, whole kernel corn, green beans,

dry black beans, white rice, mixed fruit in juice, cranberry sauce, hot cocoa, cake mix and frosting.

Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4573 and leave a message with phone number and we will return your call. The pantry is open for normal distribution on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. No proof of residency or income is required to receive food on normal pantry days.

Holiday food drive set

BYRON – The City of Byron invites you to help families in our community by participating in the Holiday Food Drive.

Reusable shopping bags are available for pick-up at Byron City Hall, 232 W. Second St. Please fill the bags with non-perishable food items and paper products and return to City Hall by Dec. 1. Call City Hall at 815-234-2762 for information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Weds., Nov. 10

Coffee with a Cop at the Polo Library, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a community conversation with a member of the Polo Police department. Coffee will be provided. This is an indoor event, masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.

Thurs., Nov. 11

Byron High School and Mary Morgan Elementary School are celebrating Veteran’s Day with an all-school assembly at 10:15 a.m. All

are welcome to attend. The entire program should last about 45 minutes. Please use the main circle drive entrance to the high school.

Fri., Nov. 12

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

Sat., Nov. 13

Annual Harvest Supper at the Mount Morris Senior Center 5-7 p.m., drive through. The meal will include pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, a roll, and dessert for only \$12 each. To reserve your meal for the Harvest Supper simply give us a call at 815-734-6335.

The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the indoor market for unique gifts and tasty treats. Museum and Indoor

Market admission is always free.

Sun., Nov. 14

A community Hymn Sing will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, 103 S. Maple St., Stillman Valley. A soup and dessert supper will follow, with donations supporting youth ministries of the church.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Nov. 25, 1783, nearly three months after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolution, the remaining British soldiers withdraw from New York City, the last British military position in its former colonies.

* On Nov. 26, 1862, Oxford mathematician Charles Dodgson sends a handwritten manuscript, "Alice's Adventures Under Ground," to 10-year-old Alice Liddell. Dodgson made up the story on a picnic, and Alice insisted he write it down. He published it under his nom de plume Lewis Carroll in 1865.

* On Nov. 22, 1900, the first car produced under the Mercedes name is taken for its inaugural drive in Cannstatt, Germany. The car was specially built for Emil Jellinek, a fan of fast, flashy cars, who bought 36 of them. In exchange, the car was named after his 11-year-old daughter, Mercedes.

* On Nov. 26, 1931, the first cloverleaf interchange to be built in the U.S., at the junction of U.S. Rt. 1 and NJ Rt. 35 in Woodbridge, New Jersey, is featured on the cover of the Engineering News-Record. A piece on the under-construction Hoover Dam was relegated to the journal's back pages.

* On Nov. 23, 1959, Robert Stroud, the famous "Birdman of Alcatraz," is released from solitary confinement for the first time since 1916. For 15 years, Stroud lived with canaries that were brought to him by visitors.

* On Nov. 24, 1960, Philadelphia Warrior's center Wilt Chamberlain snags 55 rebounds in a game against the Boston Celtics and sets an NBA record for the most rebounds in a single game. Chamberlin broke more than 70 NBA records in his 14-year career.

* On Nov. 28, 1979, a New Zealander sightseeing plane traveling over Antarctica crashes, killing all 257 people on board. The pilot had descended to 1,500 feet just as the plane reached Mount Erebus, a 12,444-foot volcano.

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Kinzinger on right side of history

It came as no surprise to me, and probably no one else, when U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger announced he would not see re-election next year.

First elected in 2010, Kinzinger was known as a conservative member of Congress, a protégé of former U.S. Sen. John McCain and his future seemed bright.

That was until former President Donald Trump came along.

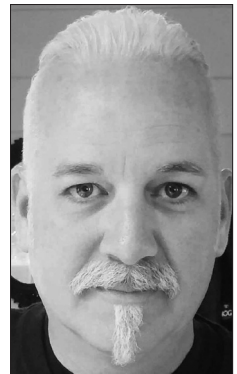
Kinzinger, who voted for Trump and the Trump's agenda, earned the ire of many Republicans when he openly questioned the attempt to block the legitimate election of current President Joe Biden, and the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Kinzinger rightly called that event a coup attempt.

Like many – I would say most – Americans, Kinzinger said he felt a "profound sadness" as the violent and anti-Democratic events took place on Jan. 6.

As I said at the time, I believe that Kinzinger reacted in a way someone who loves this country

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By Brad Jennings



would react. In a column on Feb. 1, I wrote: "Kinzinger passed the test that mattered when it came to the events of Jan. 6 and the aftermath. He chose country over party. He chose to do what he felt was the right thing. He did not apologize for it, and he did not ask for forgiveness. He did what he felt was his Constitutional duty."

I said even then that he put his own political future at risk by doing so, and that became ever more apparent, especially when he joined the commission looking into the horrific events of Jan. 6. Kinzinger wants

to get to the truth while many don't want the truth known.

So, at just 43 years old, Kinzinger has decided to not run again. That decision was made even easier for him when the Illinois Legislature recently changed his district and put him in with another Republican incumbent, Darin LaHood.

Here is a portion of what Kinzinger said in his announcement:

"America is facing an incredibly perilous time. I have always been optimistic, looking to our history to show how we would overcome any obstacle. In bad moments, someone has always stepped up to lead. Government for, of, and by the people always prevails. Right now, that government is the problem. And few have risen to do anything about it, because in this day to prevail or survive you must belong to a tribe.

"I've witnessed how division is so heavily rooted in this country. There's little to no desire

to bridge our differences, and unity is no longer a word we use. It has also become increasingly obvious that in order to break the narrative, I cannot focus on both a re-election to Congress and a broader fight nationwide.

"As a country, we need to remember who we really are, what we've achieved in our darker days and why we've always fought for a brighter future. I know I'm not alone—there are many Americans desperately searching for a better way. They want solutions, not more problems. They want action, not extremism. They want light, not darkness. And the sooner we do it, the better it will be for the land that we love. Now is the time to put Country First."

Strong words, and words that I believe put Kinzinger on the right side of history.

He said that this is the beginning of his political future, and as Kinzinger has shown himself to be a man of his word, I will take him at that.

Abortion and the Trolley Dilemma

It may seem that we're deeply divided about abortion when we listen to the loudest and most passionate voices on each side. In fact, most of us are in general agreement about this highly emotional topic. Two respected research organizations have recently brought that common understanding to light.

In a survey completed this year by the Pew Research Center, a majority of respondents supported Roe v. Wade, the court case that established a woman's right to an abortion, by a 58% to 32% margin. They also agreed, 59% to 39%, that abortion should be legal "in all or most cases." But only a minority, at 25%, believed that abortion should always be legal, while an even smaller group, 13%, said it should always be illegal.

Polling by Gallup, inc., also released this year, is consistent with Pew's findings. It reveals, however, that the prevailing belief that abortion should be legal applies only to the first 3 months of a woman's pregnancy. Large majorities say abortion should be illegal afterwards. Even here, there are exceptions. Three fourths would al-

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By Lowell Harp



low it during those final months if the woman's life is in danger, and just over half would permit it when the pregnancy results from rape or incest.

So most of us don't take a hard pro-choice or pro-life position. We don't think that abortion is always equivalent to murder, and we believe that we must consider the mother's well-being as well as the child's when deciding to continue or end a pregnancy. But we also feel that in some situations it's morally wrong and should be outlawed.

This murky moral landscape of ifs and buts is much like the one that philosophers and researchers call the trolley dilemma. John Cloud, in a 2011 times.com article, sums it

up this way:

"Imagine you are a train-yard operator who sees an out-of-control boxcar running down a track that five workers are repairing. The workers won't have time to get out of the way unless you flip a switch to change the car to another track. But another worker is on the second track. You have just seconds to make a decision: let the five workers die – or kill the one. What do you do?"

Ninety percent of participants, from years of surveys, have said that they would sacrifice the one worker to save the other five, according to Cloud. But things get complicated when the researchers vary the conditions. Imagine that this time, you're on a bridge above the tracks, and the only way to save the five workers is to push a fat man, who, unlike you, is heavy enough to stop the trolley, off the bridge into its path.

Most people would refuse to push the fat man off the bridge. Likewise, when a close relative such as a mother or brother is involved, most people are unwilling to pull the lever and sacrifice their loved

one. The reason lies in the emotions that accompany these situations, even though the consequences are the same.

The logical decision in each case would be to sacrifice one person for the sake of the greater good. But, given human nature, our choices can never come only from a strict calculation of benefits and costs, nor from a rigid moral code. This is especially true when it comes to abortion.

The question, as far as the public is concerned, isn't about whether it should be legal, but when. It's one thing to have an opinion about that if we're talking about people we don't know, but all bets are off when loved ones are involved. Most of us make these choices in the treacherous terrain between pro-life and pro-choice, and hope we're right.

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'We the People' must do the work here

Dear Editor,

A letter in the Oct. 28th Life read "Democracy turned upside down, then and now." We do not live in a democracy. We live in a Republic. Here are two quotes out of the Tactical Civics™ book Mission to America: James Madison - "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been in their death"; John Adams wrote "Democracy never lasts long, it soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There has never been a democracy yet that did not commit suicide".

America is a Constitutional Republic – Article IV Section 4. A 'nation' is a population under a central government. Our many governments are devised to decentralize control.

Now the contention of the de-

mocracy article is the electoral college creates an inequality. More important than railing against the electoral College is understanding it. Our republic has a federal government with a Congress of two houses. Originally, the House of Representatives elected by the people, the Senate was selected by state legislatures. Each house in Congress has complementary powers. We undid ourselves with the 17th Amendment, making Senators popularly elected and thereby diminishing that complement and reducing response to the needs of State government.

The real crime is Congress itself. After 140 years of knowing and understanding congressional districts were meant to be small, in 1929 Congress voted itself a limit of 435 house members. That act unbalances the Republic. Small districts keep government close to the people. In 1789 Congress adopted 12, not 10,

Amendments to the Constitution. Article the First in the original Bill of Rights (ratified by 11 states) set an upper limit of 50,000 people per district. Imagine Ogle County having its own representative! Someone you know and trust. No more big cities brow beating the heartland.

Today's districts have over 750,000 people that concentrates power to the city. Today Montana has three electoral college votes, one representative and two senators. It should have 24 electoral College votes. Yes, the numbers increase for all states, but the disparity in power is evened out.

To strengthen and regain our republican form of government, the constitution only requires enforcement. From the books and information found on Tactical Civics™ website, not government, not politicians, not the military, but We the People must do that work.

John Dickson, Oregon

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Determine what is most important, work in that direction

I sat this month and wondered again how I could best use the platform of having space in the Ogle County Life to address our community. Then, almost serendipitously, I was made privy of a conversation taking place among teachers about data and why it is such a big deal in schools. Almost 10 minutes later, I was asked by a friend what schools are "good" in a different county they were moving to. The combination of those two questions and the quest to define both why data is vital and how a school or district places itself in the "good" category prompted this writing.

The question: Is there a single industry that is not data dependent and data driven?

I ask this question a lot when data points are challenged in the school setting. I think it is very hard to find any industry (outside of politics) that

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is not fueled almost exclusively by data – and often to an extent far greater than education.

Businesses must make money to stay open. Hospitals must keep people well to continue to exist. Schools must . . . wait – that is the issue.

The problem with education is that it is unclear what we must do. 'True north or 'good' is much harder to define for schools than in many industries and thus education has an enormous amount of data, but the

struggle is to define (both internally and externally) what actually matters.

To explain and provide context, consider this question – as a parent or community member, what data matters to you for your student?

I can ask that of 10 families and receive 10 dramatically different answers – and I have. Below are some of the answers I have received over the years and the measurement used to evaluate that desired goal:

* I just need my kid to graduate (Graduation rate)

* For me, it's all about SAT scores. The higher the scores, the more doors open for my daughter (SAT scores)

* I want my kid to leave with as many college credits as possible (SAT scores)

* The school has done its job if the state says my son has met all

the standards a student should meet (School Report card data)

* I simply want my kid to be a good kid, so no discipline issues and lots of community service is what I am interested in (Discipline data and community service data)

* My kids have already graduated, I just need the school to do well so my property value goes up (EAV data)

* My student struggles academically and on tests, so I just want to make sure that he is growing at the same level as his peers each year. I am not really concerned with what the state says is the standard. (Student growth data)

As a result, schools track and focus on each of these data points. Depending on your perception and belief system different districts within our county may rise to the top of your desirability list. As schools, the result is that we are often

focused on many things. While that inherently is not bad, when combined with the complexity of education and the lack of resources the schools in our county possess (many suburban districts expend twice as much money per student than Ogle County schools) the result is being okay at many things and not elite at anything.

The call to action for all parties is simple, but not easy. School districts need to unequivocally determine what is most important to them and work tirelessly in that direction. That means effort, energy, and resources should go to that end. As a community it means that, as de facto shareholders, you need to understand the priorities of the school and to provide both support and accountability to that end.

As a result, Meridian has committed to three absolute non-negotiable

academic goals, based on local priorities and research. The first is that we want ALL third graders reading on grade level by the end of the year. The second is that we want ALL fifth graders performing on grade level in math by the end of the year. Lastly, we want all 9th graders on track to graduate at the end of their 9th grade year. These focus points allow us to track progress, divert resources, and prioritize efforts toward our goals. We are NOT close to being perfect, but I believe that our system will ultimately drive results.

Data matters. But data measuring too many goals without clear direction is frustrating and serves to dull efforts instead of intensifying focus and resolve.

Dr. PJ Caposey is Superintendent of Meridian 223.

We must all decide a price we are willing to pay for freedom

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an office policy made by my employer, Bonvallet Dental in Byron, where I have happily worked for 29 years. All employees were told they must have the COVID vaccine by September 19 and have a copy of their vaccine card present at the office before they could return to work.

Gov. Pritzker's mandate allows a reasonable accommodation clause for those who do not want the vaccine. You are allowed to have a professional weekly swab test. I chose this option to take that weekly step. However, my employer refused to accept that reasonable accommodation.

I requested a meeting with my employers to try and understand their fears and reasoning's. They refused to meet with me or have any dialogue about my concerns.

I had a professional COVID test with a negative result. I presented my religious and moral right of conscience exemption papers consistent with the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act (Act 745ILCS 70/). My employer claimed the right to deny this (Act) and fired me. There goes my freedom of choice.

These are a few of the concerns I would have shared if I had been allowed: The COVID 19 vaccine cannot be compared to childhood vaccinations (MMR, Chickenpox, HEP B, and others.) Once you are inoculated it is highly unlikely you will get or give these diseases to others.

According to the Governments own findings, with vaccination, you can still get and pass on COVID 19. Without being vaccinated your survival rate is approximately 98% on average. If that were my odds of winning the Lottery, I'd play every day.

COVID 19 vaccine does not guarantee protection from the variants. That's where boosters come in. The more vaccines/boosters you receive, the greater the possibility of a "super bug" in the future. Like antibiotics, too many, and you build up resistance to their effectiveness.

Where is the "My Body My Choice" movement now? Where is my right to choose regarding vaccination to my body? Where is my right to choose to be tested as a reasonable accommodation option?

According to the www.Safehome.org2021 there are approximately 780,000 registered sex offenders in the United States. They do not have to show a card as a registered sex offender to attend a stadium sporting/concert event, board a plane or a ship. They have rights protected by HIPAA Act.

Just this year, hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants from over 100 countries have entered our Southern border. They are not vetted, tested for COVID (or other contagious diseases), or given the COVID 19 vaccine. Am I the only one asking why?

My issue is not just about getting or not getting the vaccine anymore. It is about the slippery slope of losing freedom of speech and freedom of choice if you don't agree with the government agenda, and in my case, my employer. That, my friends, is Socialism.

Hard decisions come at a cost. We ALL must decide the price we are willing to pay to keep our freedoms. In my case, it cost me my job. The slippery slope is very scary.

Chris Donnelly, Rockford

Thank you Chamber, Oregon residents for recent honor at Autumn on Parade

Dear Editor,

To the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and residents of the Oregon community: I want to thank you for the honor you gave me this last Autumn on Parade. As many of you have heard me say many times, Oregon is a great place to live and raise you family. We have a lot of new folks in town in the last 50 years. A bit of history for them – I was not from Oregon. I met a gal here I thought was cute, a little freckle faces gal. A year and a half later she took me for better or worse. Best thing that ever happened to me. We lived in other cities, but she always wanted to return to Oregon. We finally did make it back to Oregon, purchased a business and we ran it for over 30 years. We always thought it an honor to be involved in something to the betterment of our community.

We raised our family here and (were) very proud of this area. When talk of the fall festival started, we were very glad to jump in. We did serve on the committee for 20 years.

Again, that you Oregon for adopting me and making this the greatest place to live and to raise your family.

James Barnes, Oregon

Parole for inmates serving life sentences could become reality

"Ma'am I've got some good news for you. Your grandson is being released from prison."

I made that phone call about 20 years ago after covering a session of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board and seeing the board members vote to parole a long-serving inmate.

The elated grandmother dropped the phone receiver and screamed, "Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus!" I could hear her feet thumping and relatives hollering with joy. Cheers roared across the phone line.

And then there was silence. The grandmother came back on the phone and whispered, "Which one of my grandsons is getting out?"

Illinois abolished its parole system in 1978. In the decades since, most of the people sentenced under the old parole system have been released. Fewer than 50 of the 38,000 inmates in the state's prison system are eligible for parole.

But there is a movement afoot in the legislature to bring parole back so inmates serving life sentences can have some hope of release.

During the last 33 years, I've learned a lot about parole and the pain that remains decades after a loved one is killed.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, in 1988, I covered a shooting at a daycare center. A gunman entered, shot and killed one teacher, and wounded another in front of 30 screaming kids.

For years, my wife pestered me to return to Galveston County and follow-up on the story. She wanted to know how the trauma affected the kids and what the ramifications of the crime were for everyone involved.

So, four years ago, I returned and wrote that story.

The killer, Clyde "Buddy" Spence, became eligible for parole after serving seven years of his 30-year sentence. For more than 20 years, brothers and sisters of the woman who was murdered wrote the Texas Parole Board asking that Spence not be released.

"It's horrible," said one of the sisters, Kim Barksdale. "I can't think of a better word. It's just horrible. It's very emotional."

Every year we've done it. . . . We wrote the letters and got petitions and got the newspaper to do an article on him. It was very emotional, stressful.

"You almost want to just give up and say, 'Fine just let him out.' That way you don't have to relive everything. You can't just walk in and say, 'Hey will you sign the petition?' Everybody wants to know

why. 'What is it?' And then they say, 'Oh, I'm so sorry I didn't realize it was your sister.' Everybody remembers."

And there is the rub. Proponents of bringing back parole in Illinois see it as a compassionate move to give hope to inmates who have changed for the better.

But the families of those killed often see it as dooming them to relive the crime at hearing after hearing for years to come.

When I visited Spence, the killer, in prison, he shared that it was difficult to be denied parole year after year. Even though he participated in multiple programs to improve himself he was resigned to being denied parole a final time before his 30-year sentence was complete. For him, the parole system fostered nothing but false hope.

But there are people in our prison system who don't belong there. Some are wrongly convicted. Others were wrongly sentenced.

And some folks have turned their lives around and become much better people than when they entered prison.

A perplexing phenomenon I've observed is that murder victim's families often equate the value of their loved one's life to the severity of the punishment their killer receives. All life is precious.

And sadly, no matter how much punishment is meted out, the grief remains.

I've heard victim's families talk about a need for "closure" and express hope that seeing a criminal punished would give them just that.

Perhaps closure is like a period at the end of a sentence or the "amen" at the end of a prayer.

It's a signal to move on to something new.

But here is the thing. I've never met a person who found closure from watching someone else suffer. But I did encounter a woman who found peace decades after her husband was murdered.

After getting off the phone with the grandma celebrating her grandson's release, I called a nursing home to talk to the widow of the man who he killed.

The widow came to the phone, and I explained that her husband's killer was going free.

There was a long pause and she said, "It's time to forgive and move on."

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LOCAL NEWS

Veterans Day

Remembering our veterans

The men and women who defend the liberties and freedoms of the countries they represent hold a special place in people's hearts and an eternal spot in their countries' histories.

Any opportunity is a good time to commemorate the bravery and selfless deeds of military personnel, but certain prominent holidays in November make this an especially important time to thank veterans for their service.

November 11 is Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. It's also known as Armistice Day in other parts of the world.

These holidays honor all military veterans who have provided service to their countries, and that each falls on November 11 is no coincidence, as the day commemorates the anniversary of the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

Many places around the world pause and remember fallen veterans on November 11, but a good majority of Veterans Day and Remembrance Day commemorative events focus on past and current veterans who are still alive.

There are many ways to honor the military at home and abroad in time for the November festivities.

The following are just a handful of ways to show appreciation for military men and women.

• When dining out, ask your server if you

can pay the tab for a soldier or veteran you see in the restaurant.

• Attend a military parade with your family and explain the significance of the day to children in attendance.

• Draft letters and send care packages to soldiers currently in service far away from home.

• Ask your company if Veterans Day or Remembrance Day can be an observed holiday at your place of business each year to pay homage to servicemen and women.

• Visit a military memorial in a city near you. Your town also may have its own memorial.

• Petition town officials to erect a memorial if your town does not already have one. Such memorials can be a source of inspiration for your community.

• Support a military family in your town who may be missing a loved one stationed elsewhere. Make meals, mow the lawn, help

with grocery shopping, or simply provide emotional support.

• Volunteer time at a veterans' hospital. You may be able to read with veterans or engage in other activities.

• Get involved with a military support charity that can provide much-needed funds to struggling families or disabled veterans.

• Have children speak with veterans in your family, including grandparents, uncles and aunts or even their own parents. It can help them gain perspective on the important roles the military plays.

• Ask a veteran to give a commencement speech at a school or to be the guest of honor at a special function.

• Drive disabled veterans to doctors' appointments or to run any errands.

• Support a local VFW organization.

• Create a scrapbook for a veteran in your life.

• Cheer for or thank military personnel each



time you see them. • Visit the veterans' portion of a nearby cemetery and place poppies or other flowers on the graves.

• Always keep the military on your mind and never forget those who have served and didn't return home.

Armistice Day, Remembrance Day and Veterans Day are great ways to honor past and current military for their service and sacrifice.

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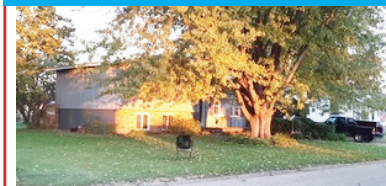
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Welcome home to this meticulously maintained brick home in Lindenwood! This 1538 sq foot ranch home is located on a large double lot at the edge of Lindenwood. This home features a formal dining area, first floor laundry, solid mahogany doors, new flooring in the dining room, and new carpet in the living room. Recent updates include newer windows, well pressure tank, water softener, sump pump, and dishwasher. The partially finished basement is perfect for an additional family room or could also serve as a rec room. Walking out the back door you will notice the nearly 1/2 acre spacious yard with a new concrete patio where you can enjoy the beautiful sunsets this location has to offer. This property includes a nice storage shed with a new roof and electricity.



11331 Hoover Road Rock Falls
\$239,900 Call JD

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903 S. 5th Street, Oregon
NOW \$109,900 Call Carla

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314 Grant Avenue, Dixon
NOW \$55,000 Call Jenny

Super cute and clean 2+ bedroom with central air. This sweet home has natural woodwork, hardwood floors, fresh paint, and spacious rooms. Kitchen has ample cabinets. 2nd floor bathroom has new vanity and flooring. 2+ car garage, large fenced yard, and a relaxing back porch. This cutie won't last long. Call today!

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SPORTS

Byron blows out Catalyst-Maria 58-0 in playoff game

BYRON – The Byron football team didn't let up as the playoffs began on Oct. 29. In a now-familiar scenario, the Tigers jumped out to a 30-point first quarter lead

and never looked back, beating Chicago Catalyst-Maria 58-0. Jacob Lenz started the scoring with a safety early in the game. That was followed

quickly by a 30-yard touchdown run by Andrew Claunch. Also in the first quarter, Braden Smith had a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The Tigers spread the ball around, with Kye Aken, Joey Trank, Ethan Palzkill, Chandler Binkley, Drew Harper and Everett Wichman all scoring on the ground.



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LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

Byron Library News



Byron Public Library's teen Murder Mystery was a spooktacular success! The poor captain didn't survive the tropical cruise but everyone else did! Due to popular demand, the next murder mystery is already being planned for next spring or early summer.

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

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

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

Polo Library News

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

Storytime Saturday
In Person, Polo Library - Nov. 13 and 27 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

Yoga at the Library - Monday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.
Join us for Yoga at the Library with Rachael from Clementine Studio in Dixon. This will be an indoor yoga class. Participation is limited to 6 to ensure adequate spacing and masks will be required. Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop, Polo Library
Join us for a community conversation with a member of the Polo Police department. Coffee will be provided. This is an indoor event, masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.

Genealogy Help - First Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month
Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you with your research.
Polo Library is now FamilySearch Affiliate Library!

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?
Polo Library has three book clubs that are open to new participants. If you are interested in joining a book club or knowing what we're reading, call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org.

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12
The book subscription box contains one book to read and some goodies to enjoy. You pick the genre, we supply the book! Email library@pololibrary.org and ask for a Book Subscription Box form and fill it out. Box pickup and drop off is the first Saturday of each month.

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

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

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

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

Holiday Gift Wrapping Tips Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6-7 p.m.
Join Heather and Beth as they share simple and beautiful ways to dress up your holiday gifts. Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

Growing Culinary Herbs for Adults Thursday, Dec. 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
Want to spice up your home cooked dishes? Learn how to grow herbs indoors all year round. Happy Leaf's horticulturalist BJ Miller will be presenting. Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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

Forreston football



Matthew Beltran stretches for a first down in Forreston's 22-14 first round playoff win over Galena on Oct. 29. (Angie Janicke photo)

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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Program Coordinator Needed
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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

Library Closed 11/11
 The library will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. We thank all of you who have served our country.

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

Curbside Service is available!
 We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out

to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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

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

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

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

Explore More Illinois
 Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state.

Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our resource page.

Rock River Center – No representative on 11/11
 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.

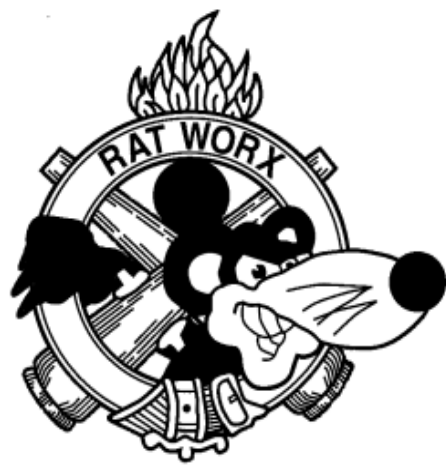
Adult Programming
 We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library.

Additional Services Offered
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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Paws for Reading:

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Bertolet Book of the Month Club:

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

the next time you are in the library!

Story Hour:

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

Craft Kits for Adults:

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

Create-a-Card:

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

Masks:

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

Plastic Recycling:

*Update: Please deliver all plastics in a clear

garbage bag or deposit loose donations into our bins lined with clear plastic. Thank you. We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Adult Books
April In Spain by John Banville
Down the Hatch by M.C. Beaton
Better Off Dead by Lee Child
Labyrinth of Lies by Irene Hannon
Picture Books
Berenstain Bears and the Ducklings by Mike Berenstain
We All Play by Julie Flett
Juvenile Books
Linked by Gordon Korman
DVDs
Spirit Untamed (Kids)
Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard
Snake Eyes

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.

Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-7 p.m., Tuesday,

Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Library Updates

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

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-2380
Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: saintbrides.org • 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) 732-2367
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

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@crossroadscc.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .
Visit our website: www.crossroadscc.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](https://www.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, IL 615-645-2526 | 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-Sieva
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; Church/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitches For more information call the social office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

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ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

211 Hwy. 38 E.
Rochelle, IL 61068
Ph: 815-732-2156
Fax: 815-562-2161

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

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

Puzzle Library

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

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited due to COVID regulations.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 6 years)

Join us on Thursdays where we will meet in person at 11 am for stories, crafts, and fun! Registration and masks are required.

Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *The Anthropocene* Reviewed by John Green. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 17 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Books on Tap meets Thursday, November 18 at 6 pm to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes.

Finally Write That Book with NaNoWriMo at the Oregon Public Library

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

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

Book Review by Mia

Guajardo

Murder in Old Bombay by Nev March
Based on a true story, and set against the vibrant backdrop of colonial India, this debut mystery novel follows the adventures of Captain Jim who was hired by the Parsee family to examine the circumstances around the terrible incident when two women fell from the busy university's clock tower in broad daylight.

"I'd recommend this book to others because it is a very well written novel and gives you exposure to different cultures. The plot twists are very well executed and made me cry. Overall great book. 5 stars!"

Book Review by Taylor Weems

The War Below by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

This companion novel to Skrypuch's *Making Bombs for Hitler* follows a boy, Luka, who after escaping a Nazi labor camp, joins the underground Ukrainian resistance in the fight against Hitler.

"It gives you a really good taste of historical fiction from the Holocaust era and what it was like to be away from your family. When you read this book you feel all the emotions the characters do. 4 stars"

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, November 9th (while supplies last)

Anti-stress kits! It's the start of the holiday season, keep your stress levels down and let this kit help.

Each kit will contain items to manage in assisting to keep your stress levels down throughout the holiday season. When your stress kicks in, reach in this bag for something to relax with, whether it is a candle, coloring book, cup of tea, chocolate and more. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders Only.

Ink With A Friend-Monday, Nov. 15 – 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline Nov. 10

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) Holiday cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. We need a minimum of three (3) participants. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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

Registration deadline Nov. 11

Let's try some more concoctions by using ingredients and items from

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

Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception

Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Virtual Event with the Author, Robert J Mueller

It was a day that Americans would never forget and would live in infamy forever more - December 7, 1941. That morning Japanese warplanes appeared over the Hawaiian Islands to launch a surprise aerial bombardment of American air and naval installations that damaged or destroyed all eight battleships and numerous support craft propelling the United States into the Second World War. A timeline describes the consequences to each major ship highlighting the stories of sailors and airmen who attempted to save American naval assets in the Pacific Ocean to fight another day. Using individual stories of the men who responded to the attack, Pearl Harbor A Day of Infamy presents the tactics and the consequences of the most treacherous assault ever launched upon American soil. The text includes GPS coordinates of all the important monuments and museums. - A full color Fields of War guide to Second World War battlefields. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is ...What Will the Weather Be Like Today by Paul Rogers.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story... call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Hear it over and over again by calling. Children's stories are changed out monthly. The current story is *Rocket Writes a Story* by Tad Hills.

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

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wanabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you

in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. It's very simple to start. Register by coming in or calling. Pick up a folder at the Library for recording your books. Then just start recording at home in your folder the titles of the books you read to your pre-kindergarten child. Children can listen to or read stories on e-book readers, tablet computers, or other devices as well as the old-fashioned way. You can even repeat books. Computer games do not count. Call the Library 815-732-2724 for more information.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of

books is the best of all." - Jacqueline Kennedy

- New Releases**
Welcome to the Pine Away Motel and Cabins by Katarina Bivald (LP)
Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury (LP)
One Perfect Summer by Brenda Novak (LP)
On Ocean Boulevard by Mary Alice Monroe (LP)
Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts by Kate Raccuglia (LP)
Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner (LP)
God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen by Rhys Bowen (MYS)
Death at Greenway by Lori Rader-Day (MYS)
An Untidy Death by Simon Brett (MYS)
Ink and Shadows by Ellery Adams (MYS)
Twisted Tea Christmas by Laura Childs (MYS)
The Dark Remains by William McIlvanney & Ian Rankin (MYS)
Farewell Blues by Maggie Robinson (MYS)

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline 800-452-7990
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority
200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services 962-5585
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801
The Serenity Shed Grief Services 732-2499

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
Polo Senior Center 946-3818
Rock River Center 732-3252
Oregon, IL 800-541-5479

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline 636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center 732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Medical Transportation 677-6515

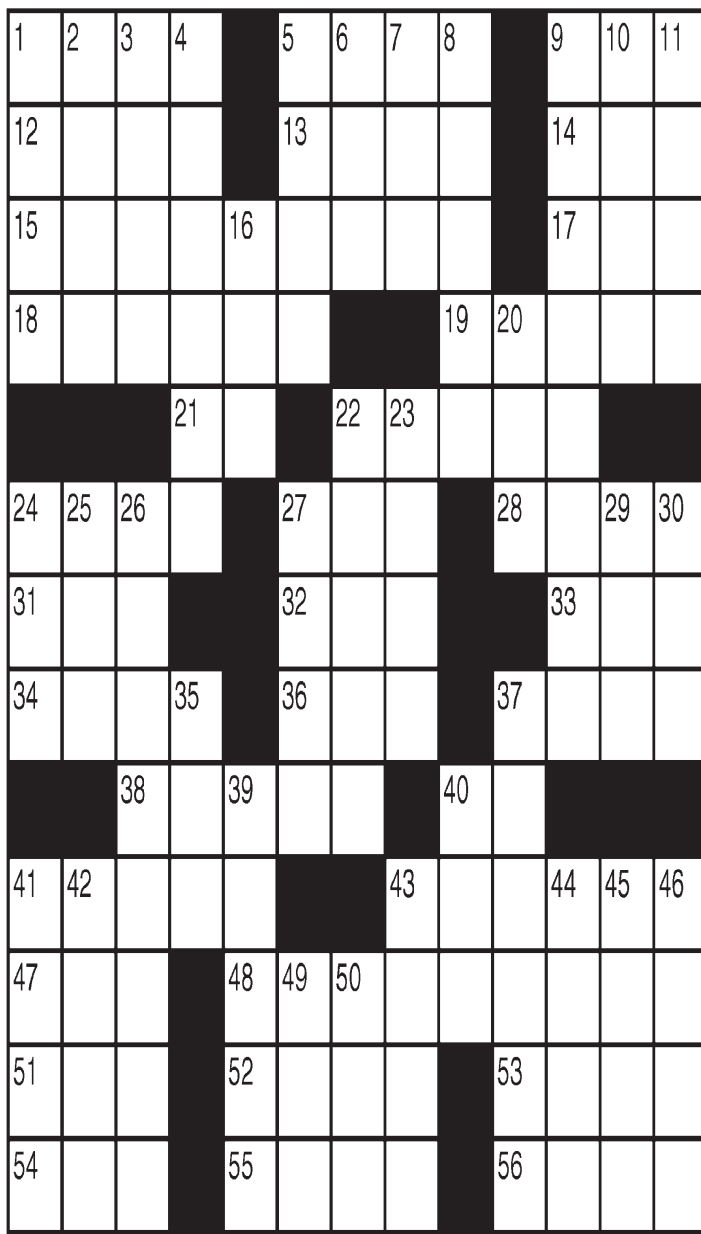
Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Greets the villain
 - 5 Bummer
 - 9 Wd. from Roget
 - 12 Incite
 - 13 Writer Rice
 - 14 Scot's refusal
 - 15 Time of youthful innocence
 - 17 World Cup cheer
 - 18 Jacket part
 - 19 Cut wood
 - 21 Hectic hosp. area
 - 22 Sun block?
 - 24 Satirist Mort
 - 27 "Exodus" hero
 - 28 Infatuated
 - 31 Acapulco gold
 - 32 Impose
 - 33 "Delicious!"
 - 34 Lugosi of film
 - 36 Observe
 - 37 Nick and Nora's pet
 - 38 Cove
 - 40 Room cooler, for short
 - 41 Pal
 - 43 Geronimo, for one
 - 47 Mound stat
 - 48 1987 Woody Allen movie
 - 51 Hobbyist's abbr.



- 52 Apple product
 - 53 Pet-food brand
 - 54 Snake's warning
 - 55 Mediocre grades
 - 56 Part of A.D.
- DOWN**
- 1 Smooch
 - 2 Spoken
 - 3 Leer at
 - 4 Sargasso wriggler
 - 5 Florida county
 - 6 Genetic letters
 - 7 Whatever
 - 8 Bas-relief medium
 - 9 Winter "no school" times
 - 10 Harvard rival
 - 11 Grant basis, at times
 - 16 TiVo, for example
 - 20 Calendar abbr.
 - 22 Vinegar bottle
 - 23 Low-calorie
 - 24 Weep
 - 25 "Right you —!"
 - 26 Work breaks
 - 27 Church section
 - 29 Belly
 - 30 "I — Rock"
 - 35 Moreover
 - 37 National park in Maine
 - 39 Ira Gershwin's contribution
 - 40 GI's address
 - 41 Hotel furniture
 - 42 "Topaz" author
 - 43 Helps
 - 44 "Misery" star James
 - 45 Church song
 - 46 Old U.S. gas brand
 - 49 Gorilla
 - 50 Fawn's mom

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MAGIC MAZE

PHONY WORDS

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 H E C E A X A C E V I T R E I
 P N L J N R H E G F P D B N T
 E N O H P O L L A Y H X V O E
 T R P H O M H L P K O I G H N
 E D O B P A Y P H O N E Z P O
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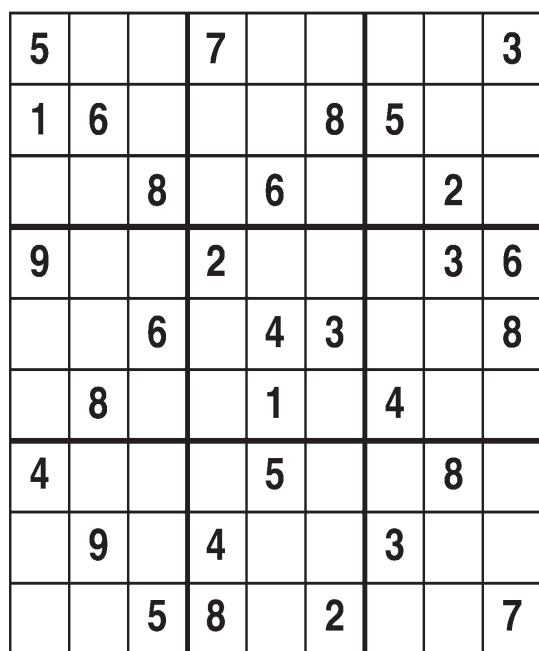
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: CLAMSHELL-STYLE PHONE

- Allophone
- Car phone
- Cellphone
- Diphone
- Geophone
- Megaphone
- Microphone
- Pay phone
- Phone tag
- Phoneme
- Phonetic
- Saxophone
- Siphoned
- Smartphone
- Telephone

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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.

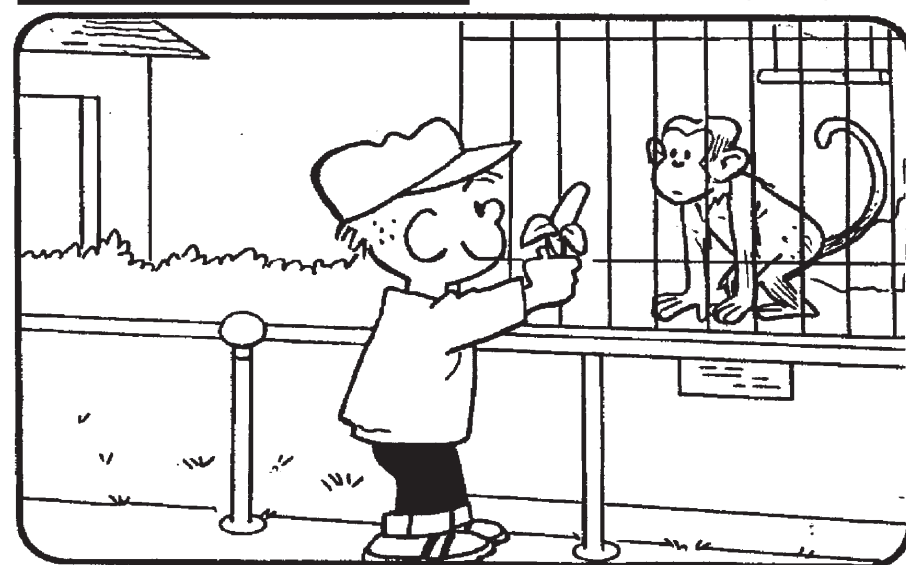
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

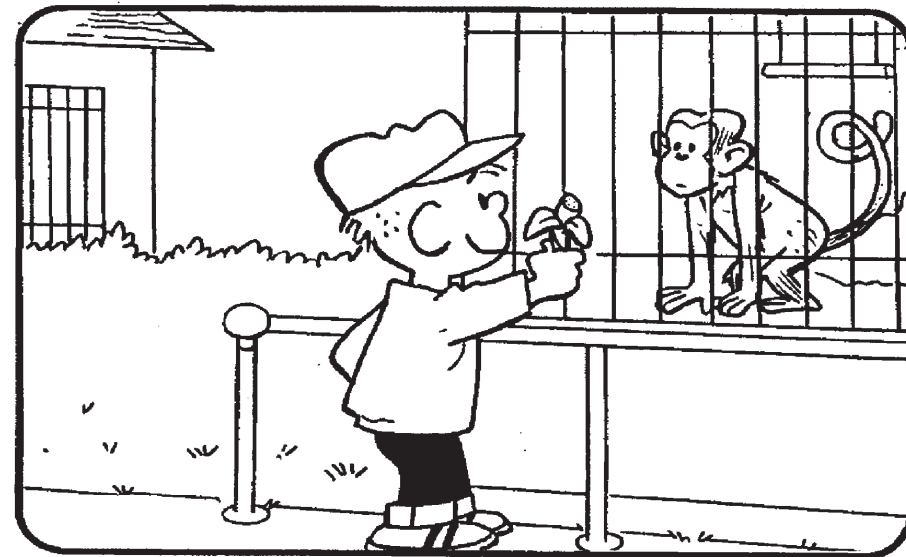
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

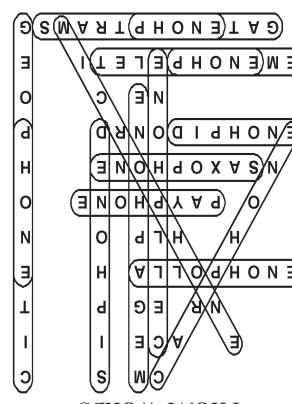


Differences: 1. Banana is smaller. 2. Tail is longer. 3. Fence is shorter. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Arm is showing. 6. Bars are added.



Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword



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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Sell your household items for free.
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- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY
IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)NO.
ESTATE OF)2021
RICHARD)
J.)P-74
JOHNSTON)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the
death of RICHARD
J. JOHNSTON, of
Oregon, Illinois. Letters
of Office were issued
on October 14, 2021,
to SCOTT W. JACOBS,
whose address is 134
Natalie Dr., Raleigh,
NC 27603, and whose
attorneys are Fearer,
Nye & Chadwick, 420
4th Avenue, PO Box
117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Claims against the
Estate may be filed
in the office of the
Circuit Clerk of the
Court at Ogle County
Courthouse, Oregon,
IL 61061, or with the
representative, or both,
no later than April 27,
2022, and any claim not
filed within that period
is barred. Copies of
a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed
or delivered to the
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after it has been
filed.
FEARER, NYE &
CHADWICK, Attorneys
for SCOTT W.
JACOBS, Executor of
the Estate of RICHARD
J. JOHNSTON,
deceased
No. 1025 (Oct. 25, Nov.
1, 8)

19, 2021 to Diane
L. Brown, P.O. Box
142, Milledgeville, IL
61051 whose attorney
is Edward J. Mitchell,
110 N. Broad Street,
Lanark, IL 61046.
Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Court at the Ogle
County Courthouse,
106 S. 5th St., Suite
#300, Oregon, IL
61061. or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from
the date of issuance
of letters and any
claim not filed within
that period is barred.
Copies of a claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the representative and
to the attorney within 10
days after it has been
filed.

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF OGLE -
IN PROBATE
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 77
OF)
EVERETT)
K. BROWN)
Deceased)
NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION -
CLAIMS
Notice is given of the
death of EVERETT
K. BROWN of Polo.
Letters of office were
issued on October

DATED: October 19,
2021 /s/ Diane L. Brown
(Representative)
BY: /s/ Edward J.
Mitchell
(Attorney)
No. 1102 (Nov. 1)

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

305 GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale
OREGON 400 Mix St.
1847 Historic PINE HILL INN Has Been
Sold. All Furnishings For Sale Including
6-Guest Bedroom Sets, Décor, Art, Serving
Sets, (from Weddings & Other Venues) View
Photos & Listing: Estate Sale.net Possessions
Sale Dates: Friday November 12th, Satur-
day November 13th, & Sunday November
14th, 9:00am-4:00pm. PIA#74

Garage Sale
LEAF RIVER
8882 N Mt Morris Rd.
Thursday November 11th,
Friday November 12th, &
Saturday November 13th,
8am-5pm.
Big Garage Sale! All Items Listed
on Craig's List. All Priced to Move.

103 AUCTIONS

CLIP & SAVE
IRENE AUCTION COMPANY
LIVE AUCTION
415 W. SECOND ST., BYRON, IL 61010
NOVEMBER 14TH AT 10 AM
ITEMS: Antiques, collectibles, furniture, crafts & misc.
SEE AUCTIONZIP.COM FOR COMPLETE LISTING & PICTURES.
Owner: S. Borden
IRENE AUCTION COMPANY
Kenneth Freeman, Owner
815-289-7904
AUCTIONEER LICENSE NUMBER: 441.002085

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FARMLAND & BUILDING SITE AUCTION
Wednesday, December 1st, 2021
at 10:30 A.M.
Sale to be held at: **Prairieview Golf Course (Pavilion)**
6734 N German Church Rd
Byron, IL 61010
265 Acres +/- FOUR PARCELS:
Sections 23 & 27 of Byron West Township in
Ogle Co., IL NEW SURVEY AVAILABLE DAY
OF AUCTION! OPEN TENANCY 2022!
For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info,
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For Information Contact:
Lenny Bryson - Auctioneer
11749 West Judson Road
Polo, IL 61064
Ph) 815-946-4120
Owner, Henry Ebert Revocable Trust
Trustee, Henry Ebert III
Co-Trustee, Randy Tate
Trust Attorney, Adam Fleming
WilliamsMcCarthy LLP

Stephenson County, IL FARMLAND AUCTION
Thursday, November 18th, 2021
at 6:30 P.M
Sale to be held at: **Shannon Fire Station**
14 S Hickory St, Shannon, IL 61078
ONE PARCEL- OPEN TENANCY
156.35 +/- Acres of Farmland Only
Section 28 in Florence Township,
Stephenson County, IL.
Selling as platted acres
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For Information Contact:
Lenny Bryson - Auctioneer
11749 West Judson Road
Polo, IL 61064
Ph) 815-946-4120
Owner, Lois L. Swalve Farm Trust
Dennis Swalve, Cynthia Ditzler, Janet Miller,
Trustees
Attorney, David Shockey
Ph) 815-235-2507

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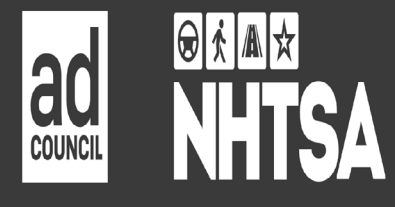
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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
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301 ANTIQUES
 ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
 BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT
 ROCHELLE: UPSCALE 2 - B E D R O O M Plus Loft on North 12th St. Super Clean. 1 1/2-Car Garage. No Pets/Smoking. 815-739-3619. Available Immediately. (11-10-21)

511 STORAGE UNITS
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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
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113 FINANCIAL
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203 HELP WANTED
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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
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203 HELP WANTED
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 Part-time hours will include 2-4 evenings/week and 1-2 Saturdays/month. High School graduation or equivalent. Minimum 2-years qualified work experience. EOE.
 Applications are available to download through the library's website at www.juliahull.org/job-opportunities. Send your letter of interest, resume and completed application to Joanna Kluever, Library Director, at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org, or by mail at 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Kids' Fall Seed Mo-saic

What to do on a school holiday? Join Miss Kelly at the library on Friday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m., where we'll use seeds and beans to make art inspired by natural autumn motifs. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about *Fortunately, The Milk*, by Neil Gaiman: Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9.

Short & Sweets

Join us on Zoom, Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Akutagawa Ryunosuke's short story, "Autumn Mountain." BYO dessert! Copies of

the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

Teen Crafternoon: Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls

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

Tween Reads

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

Thanksgiving Hours

The library will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain

closed Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving, and Friday, Nov. 26 for Black Friday. The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Kids' Holiday Festival

'Tis the season for our annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-noon! Take a family photo in our Gingerbread photo booth, play a game for a prize, and complete a special keepsake craft. Then, the whole family will work together in decorating a life-size gingerbread person in our first-ever Gingerbread Wars Challenge! The Gingerbread with the most votes wins an actual Gingerbread Village Kit. Before you go, grab a Take & Make Holiday Kit to continue the festivities at home. Recommended ages: 2-10. One day only. MUST PRE-REGISTER by Monday, Novem-

ber 29. Space limited. Register early to ensure your family's spot: 815-645-8611.

Book Club for Adults

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

Tween Scene: Holiday Movie Trivia

Do you love the holidays? Do you love movies? Then, this December's Tween Scene is made for you! Come test your holiday movie knowledge with a fun



Tweens (ages 10-12) had a blast this November at Julia Hull Library's Tween Scene: Bob Ross Paint Night, with Zoey! (Stillman Valley)

night of trivia, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.! The winner will receive a

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3. Deadline is Wednesday, November 10th at 3 pm.
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5. Winners will be mailed certificates for their turkey.
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