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County covid positivity rate down

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON—At its September meeting, Kyle Auman told the Ogle County Board he hoped that was the last time he came to a meeting with bad news about covid-19.

Well, at the board's regular meeting on Oct. 19, Auman—the Ogle County Health Department health administrator—brought better news. He said the county's positivity rate was 4.18 percent, down from 6.94 percent in September.

"(This is) the first time in a while that we've been below 5 percent," he said.

He said the number of cases in the county are coming down as well.

"These are some of the lowest numbers we've had in quite some time," he said. "So that's encouraging news."

Currently, 49.5 percent of Ogle County residents are vacci-

nated, which is up about 2 percent from last month.

In a separate interview, Auman said that in the region, only Boone and Lee counties have higher vaccination rates. As to why fewer than half of the county's population has gotten the vaccine, Auman said it seems to be down to how people view the vaccine.

"Personal belief about the vaccination seems to play (the) biggest role in lower vaccination uptake," he said.

Auman told the board that as of now, only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for a third, or booster, shot. They are for the following people:

- * People ages 65 and over who could have a health condition that means they need a booster.
- * People 18 and older who live in a permanent care setting.
- * People 18 and older with an underlying medical condition.
- * People 18 and older who live or work in a high-risk setting.



Ogle County Health Department Public Health Administrator Kyle Auman addresses the County Board Tuesday, Oct. 19. (Brad Jennings photo)

Auman told the board that the Moderna vaccine could be approved for a booster this week, along with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is the only one that will be mix and match,

meaning if people got a Johnson & Johnson vaccine initially, they could use the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine as a booster.

He also told the board vaccine approval for kids ages 5-11 should come early next month.



Fall has arrived

The Blackhawk Statue in Oregon is surrounded by the colors of fall, as cooler temperatures hit the region. Low temperatures this week will dip into the 30s, with highs not leaving the 60s. (Brad Jennings photo)

National nurse shortage hits RCH

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle
News-Leader

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital CEO Gregg Olson said that he's seen the effects of a nationwide shortage of registered nurses locally.

As of last week, RCH had five open RN positions that its human resources department is in the process of filling. Not all of them are related to staff leaving and some of the openings are a result of sustained growth the hospital has experienced in patient care areas.

Olson stressed that no single department at RCH is more important than another, but outlined reasons for the importance of RNs on staff.

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LOCAL NEWS



Polo Lions

On Friday, Oct. 1 at the Polo Marcos homecoming game, Polo Lions Club members enjoyed the weather as they took donations and passed out candy. Pictured are volunteers Irene Short and Greg Cross.

Fall Fest returns in modified form

MOUNT MORRIS—Fall Fest at Mt. Morris Disciples United Methodist Church is a long-standing tradition. It began in the early 1930's at the first Methodist Church building on the corner of McKendrie and Front Streets. The "Women's Society" held a day long bazaar with all kinds of handmade items and a complete turkey dinner with turkeys provided by Baker Turkey Farm. Records show that in 1945, 459 people were served for 75 cents a meal. Presently we average about 240. The mid 70's brought the merger of the Christian and Methodist churches and the move to the current Maple Street address. The event was now led by United Methodist Women. The turkey dinner changed to a noon family

style luncheon featuring turkey casserole and included a day-long bazaar, a coffee shop, attic treasures and a bake sale. Through the 90's, the luncheon and bazaar were held on Veteran's Day or the Wednesday closest to it. In the early 2000's the luncheon was changed to an October evening meal. The bazaar portion was discontinued and, by 2008, a Silent Auction was added and the bake sale became Cookies by the Pound. The event has remained the same since 2008, but is now led by a Fall Fest Committee. The family style dinner, where seconds are encouraged, is still prepared by church women (with some help from the men), using the now famous original turkey casserole recipe developed by "Grandma"

Bertha Baker more than 60 years ago. Due to the pandemic, Fall Fest was cancelled last year. It is back again this year in modified form. Dinners and boxes of homemade cookies will be available on a pre-order drive-through basis on Oct. 29. For more details or to place an order, contact the church office (734-4853) weekdays between 8 a.m. and noon. Order forms are also available at Mt. Morris Public Library and Mt. Morris Senior Center. Orders can conveniently be placed and paid for online at <https://disciplesumc.thegivingsystem.com/fallfest> or by phone by texting Casserole to 1-833-643-0620. We appreciate all those who support us with their donations, time and attendance.

NURSE: Using agency to fill the staff ranks

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"They work at the top of their license," Olson said. "They are the caregivers in many cases. They're supplemented by nurse's aides or medical assistants, but they do have somewhat of a leadership role when it comes to managing the patient. We desperately need those people in the positions that are there. They have that ability to react to what they're seeing with our medical staff to provide a plan of care and carry that out. They're very important to the operation of this hospital and in any hospital."

During the earlier, more serious stages of the pandemic, RCH didn't say many staff members in general leaving. Since then, staff members such as nurses have seen attractive new employment opportunities. He said registered nurse is one of the hardest positions to fill right now.

There are companies that are hiring registered nurses away from RCH to work at home. "They're getting some pretty high wages to do that," Olson said. "Not only do they not have to physically come to work, they can stay home and watch their kids and do their job at the same time. It's very attractive. Plus make more money. We've seen that. We've seen insurance companies do that. We have lost some folks to that sort of arrangement."

RCH has also lost "some" registered nurses that have gone into a "travelers type of circuit" where they work for a company that assigns them to different parts of the country for 13-week stints where they're "paid very

handsomely," Olson said. RCH has had to bring in some agency registered nurses to help supplement its current staffing levels, Olson said. He said he hopes that's short-term because it's "very expensive."

"We have seen some activity that we hadn't seen before," Olson said. "Does it concern us? Yes. And it should. We're certainly holding our own. We have the staffing. Our goal is to provide the best possible care we can for our patients and the community and keep our staff safe. We're going to do that."

Olson said he couldn't say enough positives about his staff as a whole about its work throughout COVID-19 and said the focus remains on the patients RCH sees. As far as registered nurses, there are some positions RCH is initiating where it will be doing things a "a little bit differently" and adding a nurse in a role it hasn't had before.

Olson said measures are being taken industry-wide to combat the registered nurse shortage and have been for a while. The issue was also seen a few years ago, he said. New programs were introduced and colleges, universities and technical schools did things like expanding class sizes.

"There were more options," Olson said. "Virtual education where you can sit behind a computer at your house. You have to do hands-on of course, but a lot of times you can do a lot of the education piece virtually. There's more opportunity for people to get into the nursing field. And I think that's a result of having more access points to different programs."

Church hosts annual dinner

BYRON — UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having its annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6, and this year will be done as a drive through only. Curbside pickup times are 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and may only be purchased in advance by calling or visiting the church office at 815-234-8777. Tickets are also available through a link on our website at: <http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org>, or our church's Facebook page. Deadline to get your tickets is Oct. 31. Tickets are limited so get yours early. The church is located at 701 West Second Street in Byron. For the dinner pickup, please enter via the Second Street entrance and exit onto Colfax/Tower. The dinner will feature turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw and dessert.



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LOCAL NEWS

Crop marketing seminar will be Nov. 17

The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside 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

Demmer visits Rotary

On Oct. 6, The Oregon Rotary Club was pleased to host Illinois State Rep. Tom Demmer. He spoke to our club about current issues including the recently passed Energy bill and the remapping of districts. Pictured from left: Julie Mann, Demmer and Erin Folk.



Recycling event, food drive Oct. 29

OREGON – The second opportunity for residential electronics recycling and food donations will be taking place Friday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A free permit is required to attend and permits can be obtained by calling 815-732-4020 or via email at solidwaste@ogleocounty.org. Please provide your name, address, and phone number in your email. Permits will be available up until noon on Oct. 27. Please limit one permit per household, permits are valid for any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, all computers, computer hardware and cables, back-up power supply units, laptops, tablets, cell phones, DVD/VCR's, cable and satellite receivers, printers, FAX machines, scanners, copiers, stereo equipment, landline phone systems, video gaming equipment, digital clocks,

radios, boom boxes, cameras, shredders, holiday lights, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer cartridges, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens are accepted for a charge of \$5 per unit.

If you can bring in a giant television, please consider also bringing in some non-perishable food items as well. All food collected will be distributed to local food pantries here in Ogle County. Be sure the food items are sealed and not expired. Other items accepted include personal care items, laundry supplies, and home cleaning supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about this residential electronics recycling event please call the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, visit the Ogle County website or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. Thank you for recycling and thank you for your generosity in the food drive.

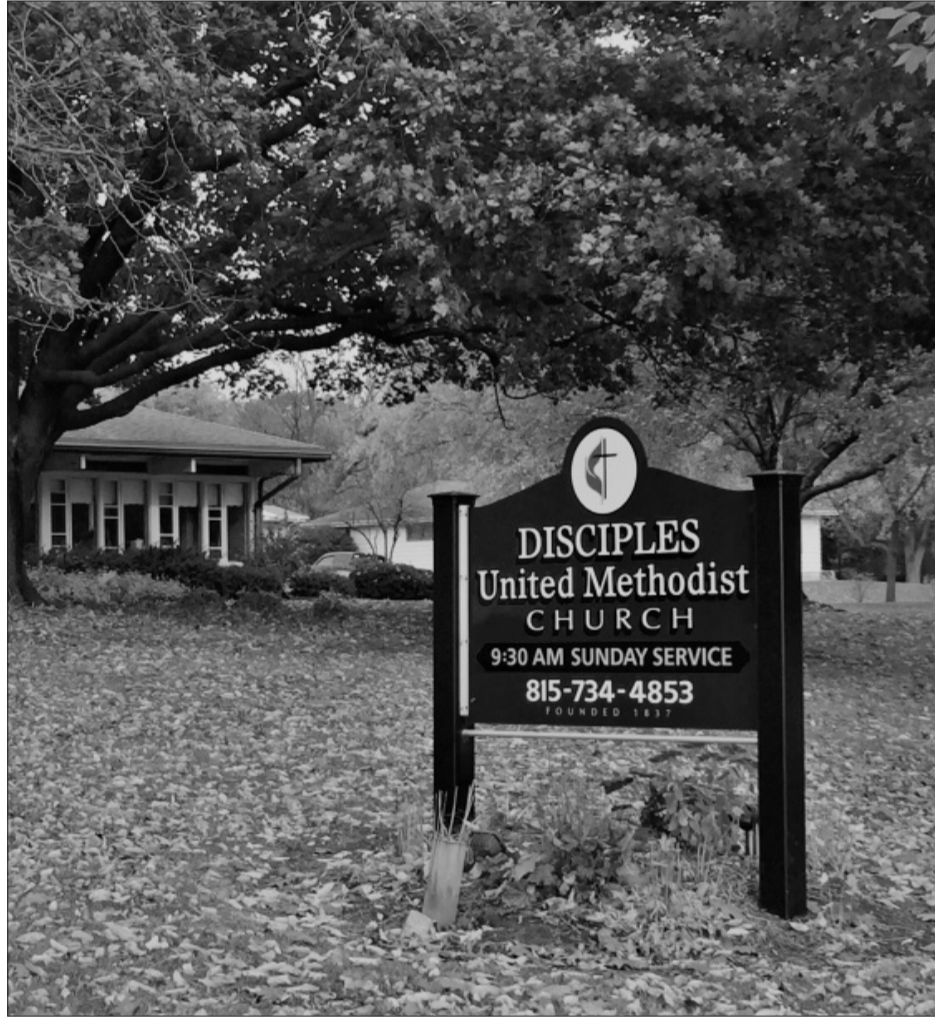
Fall Fest dinner is Oct. 29

MOUNT MORRIS – Disciples United Methodist is addressing COVID safety concerns by offering its famous Fall Fest Turkey Casserole Dinner as a take-out, drive-through only event on Friday, Oct. 29 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Each dinner will include a generous serving of Disciples' famous turkey casserole, along with coleslaw, cranberry sauce, a Hawaiian roll, and a choice of apple, pecan, pumpkin, or rhubarb pie for a cost of \$11. Turkey casseroles for 4 people (\$20) and ready to bake or freeze, will also be available. Cookies will be in 3-pound boxes (\$16) and will include homemade chocolate chip bars, Kit Kat bars, lemon bars, pumpkin bars, snickerdoodles, and white chip dream cookies.

All purchases must be made in advance by using one of the options:

* Go to <https://disciplesumc2017.homesteadcloud.com/> and complete the on-line ordering process.



Maple and Hitt streets).
 * Pick up and order form from the Mt Morris Library, the Mt Morris Senior Center, or the “News Box” off the Disciples parking lot and place it with your payment in Disciples' secure drop box located on the north side building off the church parking lot (Corner of

at 815-734-4853 during office hours (9 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F). Only orders with payments will be processed.

* Go to the Disciples UMC Facebook page to download a form or link to the on-line ordering system.

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Annual fair meeting Nov. 13

OREGON – The Annual Meeting of the Ogle County Fair Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 in the Farm Bureau Auditorium on Pines Road in Oregon.

All Fair members are invited to attend. Membership to the association

is accomplished through contribution or volunteering of time for improvement of the fair.

This year the board is providing desserts and beverages. The meeting will include review of the year and election of board directors.

I want to say thank you to all of my many friends and family who remembered me on my 80th birthday. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

May God bless you
 Ronald Bocker

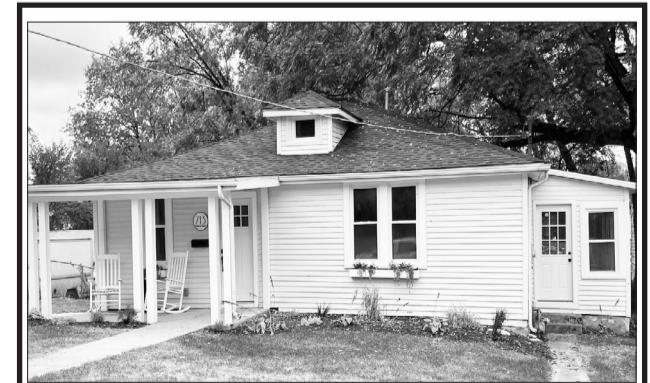


Mt Morris Disciples UMC's Famous Turkey Casserole Dinner is now **TAKE-OUT ONLY** **October 29th 4:30-7pm**
 Dinners include the casserole, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, a roll, & choice of pie. 8x8 casseroles and 3 pound boxes of cookies are also available.
Orders must be paid in advance:
 Order online by going to <https://disciplesumc.thegivingsystem.com/fallfest>
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Joann E. Bachman

OREGON – Joann E. Bachman, 87, longtime Oregon resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 in her home. Born April 6, 1934 in DeSoto, Wis., the daughter of Basil and Caroline (Kolf) Worman. Married to John Bachman April 25, 1955 in Byron; he died Jan. 5, 2010. Joann was a 1952 graduate of Byron High School. She was employed as a cook at various local restaurants and for 17 years at Stronghold in Oregon, retiring in 2005. Joann was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon and Oregon VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed counted cross stitch and latch hooking.



Survived by her son, Joseph (Denyse) Bachman of Denver, Colo.; daughters, Judy Gilbert of Centralia, Ill., Janet (William) Dodson of Bedford, Texas and Jeanine (William) Waite of Buford, Ga.; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren, with one more on the way.

Also predeceased by her parents. Christian Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon with Rev. Joseph Naill as celebrant. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Oregon. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon with an 8 p.m. Rosary Service. Memorials in Joann's name may be made to Rock River Center, Oregon. The family wishes to extend its grateful thanks for the special attention and care given to Joann by Kate Lehrke and her family and by Serenity Hospice.

Marlene L. Pease

Marlene L. Pease, 85, of DeKalb, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb. Marlene was employed in retail for many years. She was a huge sports booster of her four sons. She is survived by her children, grandchildren,

great-grandchildren, one brother, 2 sisters, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Pease and her brother. The Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at East Jor-

dan United Methodist Church, 22027 Polo Road, Sterling. Interment of cremated remains will follow service at East Jordan Cemetery, in Sterling. For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

Wladyslaw Malyszek

Wladyslaw "Wally" Malyszek, 74, passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. Wally was born on Jan. 5, 1947 to Wincent and Wladyslawa (Bzowy) Malyszek in Walbrzych, Poland. On April 30, 1993, he married Grace Josefina in Wheaton. He drove truck for a company in Chicago that delivered the glass for the construction of the Sears Tower aka Willis Tower. Later he became a roofer for many years and then after 9/11 he went back to driving truck until his retirement in 2011. During retirement, Wally enjoyed working on cars especially for other people at no charge. The joy was in the challenge of fixing the problem even to the det-



riment of losing sleep to figure it out. He became an armchair weatherman; he was always watching the Weather Channel. Wally loved animals and many friends and acquaintances soon realized that those unwanted dogs and cats could have a home with him. Wally is survived by his wife, Grace of Chana; daughter, Isabel Malyszek of Virginia; two grandchildren: Jeffrey

Malyszek of Bloomington, and Veronica Malyszek of Virginia; and sister-in-law, Dorota (Bartlomiej) Bardzinski of Mt. Morris. In addition to his parents, Wally is preceded in death by his son, Edward Malyszek; two brothers: Zygmunt and Edward Malyszek and two sisters: Zofia Kanak and Celina Staron. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle with Father Kramer officiating. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Wally's family to help with the funeral expenses. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Senior Center sets activities

Podiatry Presentation
Join the Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB for a presentation by Podiatrist Dr. Swanson. This presentation will take place at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Monday, Oct. 25th at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome! Please call 815-734-6335 if you have any questions.

Trunk or Treat
The Mt. Morris Senior Center and Trinity Lutheran Church are working together to provide an opportunity for the community to come together and have some fun! On Saturday, Oct. 30th these two organizations will host a Trunk or Treat event at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to decorate your trunk and bring some candy to hand out, you are welcome to join this event. If you have children and would like some fun for Saturday night bring them over to Mt. Morris to join in the fun. If you have any questions just call Melissa at the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 815-734-6335.

Breakfast with the Mayor
On Wednesday, Nov. 3rd the Mt. Morris Senior Center will host breakfast with the Mayor! Mt. Morris Village Board President Phil Labash will be here to eat breakfast, talk to local citizens, and answer questions from 8-10 a.m. All are welcome to join us for this fun monthly breakfast in November and the first Wednesday of each month!

Day of the Dead
The Mt. Morris Senior Center would like to remember your loved ones who have passed away on the Day of the Dead, Nov. 2nd. We will have an ofrenda (altar) set up where you can put

photos of your loved ones starting on Monday, Nov. 1st. We will then have a potluck on Nov. 2nd at noon where you can bring the favorite dish of your loved one. We will make plates for our loved ones and celebrate their lives together. Everyone is welcome to join us. Call 815-734-6335 with any questions you may have.

Quad Cities Trip
Join the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Tuesday, Nov. 9th for a trip to the Quad Cities. We will carpool down to Rock Island where we will visit the Quad Cities Botanic Center. Then we will head to lunch at River House Bar and Grill in Moline before we visit the John Deere Pavilion right across the street. We will go to Lagomarcino's Confectionary before heading home along the Mississippi River to see the fall colors. The cost of this trip is \$15 for members of the Senior Center and \$20 for non-members. If you would like to join this awesome trip simply call the Senior Center at 815-734-6335, email mmsrcenter@gmail.com or stop by 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris.

Trivia and Tacos
You are welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior Center for Trivia and Tacos on Thursday, Nov. 18th 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!

Trunk or Treat

All Saints Lutheran
BYRON – The members of All Saints Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Drive, invite the children of the Byron community to don their Halloween costumes and attend our Annual Trunk or Treat. This event will be held Oct. 30 from 4-6 p.m., rain or shine, in the South

wing (Sunday School Wing) of the church. Socially distanced tables will be decorated in the spirit of the season and candy will be plentiful. In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, face masks will be required while in the building. Precautions will be taken while passing out candy.

United Church of Byron

BYRON – There will be a socially distance Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot of United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., on Oct. 30 for the whole family starting at 3 p.m. and concluding at 5 p.m. In accordance with Local, State

and Federal guidelines masks will be required and social distancing must be observed. Necessary precautions will be taken when distributing candy. Our theme this year is "Under the Sea." If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 815-234-8777.

Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – A community Truck and Treat will be hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris on Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4 p.m. to dusk in the parking lot on the corner of West Center Street and South Seminary Avenue, Mt. Morris. The event will feature a fire truck, police car, snow plow and heavy equipment from the village Streets and Sewer

and Water Departments. Trick or treaters are invited to see and touch the vehicles. Representatives from the departments will be on hand to answer questions and explain how the equipment is used to provide services to village residents. Candy, treats, and games will be provided.

RRC has upcoming events, classes

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions.

Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. Enrollment Required – \$5 per class. Registration and payment can be made in the Rock River Center office.

November 2021 Yoga Classes – New Time!
Jennifer Pierce is our Qualified Yoga Instructor. Let her guide you through breathing exercises, meditation and poses designed to encourage relaxation and reduce stress. Incorporating Yoga into your routine can also help enhance your health, increase strength, balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety. Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class dates: November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 29. **Participant Information**
This is a free program. Registration is requested by Nov. 1 so we can be prepared. Call Rock River

and wear loose-fitting clothing. **Diabetes Support Group discusses 'Meal Tips for the Holidays'**
Rock River Center is pleased Debbie Clark will be returning for our Nov. 3, 2021 Diabetes Support Group meeting. The meeting is scheduled from 11 a.m.-noon at Rock River Center. Debbie will discuss meal tips for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She will share cooking tips & tricks, and provide copies of her recipes. Advance registration is requested so we can be prepared. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Email all items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Oct. 7
At 4:46 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Flagg Rd. at Lowden Rd. for the report of a two-vehicle crash with no injuries. After an investigation, it was determined that Austin Pearson, 20 of Oregon was driving eastbound on Flagg Rd. in a Nissan passenger car, stopping with traffic at the stop sign for the intersection of Lowden Rd. Antonio Stokes, 31 of Dixon was also traveling eastbound on Flagg Rd. in a Lincoln SUV, and failed to reduce speed to prevent an accident, striking the rear bumper of Pearson's Nissan. During the investigation, it was determined that Stokes was driving on a revoked driver's license. Stokes was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Stokes was also cited for failure to reduce speed to prevent an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Oct. 6
At approximately 9:02 p.m. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Main Street in Leaf River. After investigation, Deputies placed, Anthony Apodaca, a40 of Leaf River under arrest for Battery, Violation of an Order of Protection, and a valid Ogle County Warrant for Failure to Appear (Violation of an Order of Protection). Apodaca was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 4
The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Leticia Bondurant, 31 of Montgomery, for driving while license suspended. Bondurant was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Rochelle after being stopped for speeding. Bondurant was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Oct. 3
At approximately 9:07 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Washington St and Seventh St in Oregon. After further investigation Timothy Smith, 54 of Oregon, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Smith was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Use of Registration. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 140 a.m. Deputies responded to a one vehicle crash with no injuries in the 1100 block of E. Mud Creek Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Jorge Carreno, 34 of Byron under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Carreno was additionally issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to

Avoid an Accident and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Carreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:40 p.m., Deputies assisted a motorist broken down on the southbound exit ramp of I-39 at IL Route 38. While on scene it was discovered the driver Fernando Macias-Ramirez, 33 of Kansas City Missouri, did not possess a valid driver's license. Macias-Ramirez was placed under arrest where he received citations for No Valid License and No Valid Registration. Macias-Ramirez was issued a \$2,500.00 I-bond and provided a return court date

Oct. 2
At approximately 7:50 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of north IL Route 251 for a speeding violation of 73 mph in a 55 mph zone. After a brief investigation, Ethan Greiner, 9 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving on a Suspended License. Greiner was also cited for speeding. Greiner was released at the scene on an I-bond and given court date to appear in court.

At about 4:15 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Franklin Street and Third Street in Oregon IL. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Jerome Huenefeld 21 of Oregon for unlawful possession of cannabis/driver and cited him for no turn signal when required. Jerome was released on an I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Oct. 1
At 1:06 a.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Lynn Scott Rock Fire Dept. were dispatched to a single vehicle crash on Rte 72 near Moulton Road. Investigation by Deputies revealed that a east bound Kia SUV operated by Jessica Harper- Wlodarczyk, 39 of Davis Junction had struck a concrete barrier on the overpass. Harper was transported by LSR ambulance to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment of what appeared to be minor injuries. Harper was arrested for DUI and improper lane usage and released on a I-bond.

Sept. 30
At approximately 8:35 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4500 block of south Lowell Park Road for a speeding violation of 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. After a brief investigation, Osvaldo Chavez, 23 of Sterling, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license. Chavez was also cited for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Chavez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Sept. 29
Approximately 9:19 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to intersection of German Church Road at Limerick Road for the report of a vehicle in the ditch. Deputies were advised prior to their arrival, that the vehicle was traveling through a bean field before becoming stuck in the ditch. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Thera N. Anspach, 38 of Byron, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Driver. Anspach was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Anspach was also cited for Open Container of Alcohol. Deputies also arrested passenger Charles R. Gallagher, 43 of Oregon, for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Passenger. Gallagher was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Gallagher was also cited for Open Container of Alcohol.

At approximately 4 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of IL Route 38 and Main Street in Creston. After conducting an investigation, it was discovered Chase Schott (age 20 of Monroe Center) was traveling eastbound into Creston when he didn't realize a motorcycle traveling in front of him was turning south onto Main Street. Schott then applied the brakes causing his vehicle to skid to the right shoulder before over-correcting and crossing both lanes of traffic where he struck an oncoming car driven by Daniel Calderon (age 19 of Rochelle). Calderon was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for injuries. Schott was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and improper lane usage. Schott was released from the scene and provided a future court appearance.

Sept. 29
At approximately 9:19 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on IL Route 64 & Skare Road for a speeding violation of 71 mph in a 55 mph zone. After further investigation Deputies arrested Roman Martinez, 27 from Rochelle, for Driving While License Suspended. Roman was also issued a citation for Speeding. Roman was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

Sept. 28
At approximately 11:04 a.m. Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation Deputies placed Ryan Percy, 26 of Byron under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine), Possession of a Controlled Substance (MDMA), Possession of a Controlled Substance (LSD), Possession

of a Controlled Substance (psilocybin mushrooms), and Improper Cannabis Container Driver. Percy was additionally issued a citation for Improper Plate Attachment. Percy was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance.

At approximately 10:50 p.m. Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident with no injuries at the intersection of Kennedy Hill Road and Woodburn Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Jonathan Mcclanahan, 34 of Winnebago under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Mcclanahan was additionally issued citations for failure to obey a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Mcclanahan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Sept. 27
At 1:11 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies and Byron Fire/EMS were dispatched to a two-vehicle crash in the 6900 block of N. IL Rt. 2. After an investigation, it was determined a Chevrolet Sonic, driven by Donald L. Cleven, 90 of Madison, Wis., was driving southbound on IL Rt. 2, attempting to merge from two lanes down to one lane. As Cleven was merging, he struck the front driver's side bumper of a Peterbilt tractor, driven by Jose Rodriguez Arreguin age 59 of Rockford, that was in the lane Cleven was attempting to merge into. Cleven struck the front bumper of the Peterbilt with the rear passenger side of his vehicle. After striking the Peterbilt, the Chevrolet lost control and entered into the west ditch. Cleven and his passenger were checked by Byron EMS. Cleven was transported to Swedish American Hospital for precaution but did not appear to have any injuries. Cleven's passenger was checked by EMS and released. The driver of the Peterbilt tractor was not injured. The crash remains under investigation.

Sept. 26
At approximately noon, I was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident in the 1000 block of IL Route 64. After conducting an investigation, it was learned Paul Branning (age 53 of Oregon) was traveling eastbound in the 1000 block of IL Route 64 on a Harley Davidson Motorcycle when a black Ford F250 driven by Jeffrey Boyden (age 48 of Oregon) pulled out of a private drive striking Branning. Branning was transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries sustained as a result of the crash. Boyden was issued citations for Failure to Yield at a Private Drive, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and Expired Registration.

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UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having their annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 6th and this year will be done as a drive thru only. Curbside pickup times are 4pm-5pm, 5pm-6pm, or 6pm-7pm.

Tickets are \$12 and may only be purchased in advance by calling or visiting the church office at 815-234-8777. Tickets are also available thru a link on our website at: <http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org> or our church's Facebook page. Deadline to get your tickets is October 31. Tickets are limited so get yours early. The church is located at 701 West Second Street in Byron. For the dinner pickup, please enter via the Second Street entrance and exit onto Colfax/Tower. The dinner will feature turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw, and dessert.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

Oct. 5
At 5:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Patricia K. Dusenbury-Crumley, 58, Polo, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amanda N. Newby, 30, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 1200 block of W. Washington Street.

Oct. 7
At 8:38 p.m., I was dispatched to a disturbance in the 300 block of S. 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Nikolas J. Barnhart, 24, Oregon, for assault. Barnhart was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Oct. 8
At 11:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mijo Boras, 82, of Des Plaines, IL, a

citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 1000 W. Washington Street.

Oct. 9
At 7:01 a.m., Oregon Police issued Michael A. Abell, 29, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of River Road.

At 1:01 p.m., Oregon Police issued James D. Weems, 41, Polo, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 200 block of S. 4th Street.

At 9:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joshua M. Deuth, 30, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 48mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street.

At 11:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Ababele J. Mialano, 20, of Milwaukee, WI, for no valid

driver's license. Mialano was also issued citations for speeding, 40mph in a 30mph zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Mialano was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

3 parking ticket and 5 verbal warnings issued during the week of 10/04/2021 through 10/10/2021.

Oct. 13
At 8:15 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James L. Jaskiewicz, 51, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic offense. Jaskiewicz was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Oct. 14
At 8:23 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a 3-car traffic crash in the parking

lot of Casey's General Store located at 901 W. Washington Street involving a 2011 Toyota driven by Theodore H. Gann, 80, Oregon, a parked 2005 Mac Lander Trailer belonging to Robert P. Trenholm, 63, Oregon, and a parked 2016 Freightliner tractor belonging to Great Lakes Coca Cola out of St. Charles. No citations were issued.

Oct. 15
At 7:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Tony B. Tieman, 62, Oregon, for disorderly conduct that had occurred earlier in the day in the 100 block of N. 4th Street. Tieman was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:18 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Christopher N. McCause, 44, Freeport, for driving while license suspended and improper container as a driver. McCause was

transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of N. 4th Street.

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Family and friends celebrated Mom's 90 years of life on 10/24/21. Her family includes 3 daughters, 5 sons, 3 spouses, 21 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and ever-expanding with another baby due in February 2022. We wish you the happiest birthday Mom, with many more to come. Much love from all of us.

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LOCAL NEWS

Trick or Treat hours

Leaf River

LEAF RIVER – Halloween hours are set for Leaf River on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m., and the afternoon will begin with the Leaf River Lion's sponsored Costume Contest at 3:30 p.m., which will be held at the Bertolet Memorial Building. There will be several

different classes for the judging as follows: 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5 years and Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades; Middle School, High School and Adult. This year the Lions will again offer a "Trunk N' Treat" event. Cars will park along the west side

of Bertolet Park, on both sides of the street, with their trunks open. Those in costume will proceed along the rows of cars and receive their treats in that manner. The Village has agreed to block off Blaine St. for this to happen. Trunk N' Treat will begin at 4 p.m.

Polo

Polo will have trick or treat hours on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. Turn on your porch lights for the children.

Remember the Halloween safety rules: Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult. Never trick-or-treat alone. Be cautious of

strangers. Only visit houses where the porch lights are on. Never go inside a house. Wear costumes with reflective markings and bright colors. Costumes should never drag on the ground. Wait until you get home and have your parents check your candy before you eat it. Walk, do not run and have a safe Halloween.

Oregon

Trick or treat hours in Oregon will be on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m. Oregon Police offer these safety tips:

- * Only visit familiar, well-lit homes with porch lights on
- * Always walk on the sidewalk
- * Have a flashlight or reflective clothing
- * Never wear a mask that restricts your vision
- * Have an adult inspect all candy before chowing down
- * Call 911 for emergencies

Program provides books for first graders

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation (MMCLF) is pleased and thankful for the generous support of its members and the community who have continued to support the 9x9x9 program, which gifts all Oregon first grade students with nine books per year.

The program is beginning its third year. It was started by Dawn Merrill and continues to be coordinated by the Foundation.

The 9x9x9 program is totally funded by donations and with contributions received from the summer ice cream social. A donation of \$9 funds one

student for the year.

It is the Foundation's hope that by providing these young readers with new books to call their own, we will instill the love of reading early in their young lives.

It is the Foundation's hope to continue this program for many years with the support of the community. Donations can be made year round with checks made payable to the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation (MMCLF) with 9x9x9 noted in the memo portion of the check. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the library at 105 N. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Sibling workshop Nov. 6 in Oregon

A Sibling Workshop will be held on Nov. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Nash Recreation Center, 304 S 5th St., in Oregon.

A Sibling Workshop is intended for the siblings of children with disabilities to provide fun, education and peer support.

The theme is "Thankful for Friends." Siblings between the ages of 5-15 are welcome to come to enjoy games and crafts. Lunch will be provided.

Rose Slaght from Star-net Region I & III will be the leader for this fun day. Registration is required

by Nov. 3. To register, call Patti at 815-965-5069 or email: pmook@eastersealschicago.org

Family Support Services at Easterseals is funded in part by the 708 Mental Health Board of Ogle County and the United Way of Ogle County.

Oregon Class of 1962 planning reunion for 2022

OREGON – The Oregon High School Class of 1962 is planning its 60th class reunion and would like to have all classmates save June 11, 2022 for our get together. Pass the word to your classmates. More information coming soon.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Oct. 25

Join the Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB for a presentation by Podiatrist Dr. Swanson. This presentation will take place at the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome. Please call 815-734-6335 if you have any questions.

Weds., Oct. 27

Trivia Night at Cork N Tap in Oregon at 6:30 p.m. Grab some friends and head down to Cork N Tap for Halloween Themed Trivia. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and

bragging rights. Registration required, call (815-732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregon-publiclibrary.com>.

Fri., Oct. 29

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., Oct. 30

The members of All Saints

Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Drive, is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat from 4-6 p.m., rain or shine, in the South wing (Sunday School Wing) of the church.

There will be a socially distance Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot of United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., from 3-5 p.m.

The Mt. Morris Senior Center and Trinity Lutheran Church are hosting a Trunk or Treat event at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to decorate your trunk and bring some candy to hand out, you are welcome to join this event.

If you have any questions just call Melissa at the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 815-734-6335.

Sun., Oct. 31

A community Truck and Treat will be hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris from 4 p.m. to dusk in the parking lot on the corner of West Center Street and South Seminary Avenue, Mt. Morris.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@ogle-countylife.com.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville publishes "Moby-Dick." Initially the book about Captain Ahab and his quest to catch a giant white whale was a flop, but it would eventually become a staple of high-school reading lists across the U.S.

* On Nov. 12, 1892, William "Pudge" Heffelfinger becomes the first professional football player when Pittsburgh's Allegheny Athletic Association pays him \$500 to play as a ringer in a game. Before then, players had traded their services for expense money or trinkets, not cash.

* On Nov. 8, 1900, Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind" (1936), is born in Atlanta. Mitchell quit working as a journalist after an ankle injury limited her mobility, and she devoted herself to her novel about the South during and after the Civil War. The book sold 1 million copies in its first six months.

* On Nov. 9, 1938, in an event that would foreshadow the Holocaust, German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jewish people and their homes and businesses. "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," left some 100 Jews dead and 7,500 Jewish businesses damaged.

* On Nov. 10, 1969, "Sesame Street," a pioneering TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, makes its broadcast debut, on PBS.

* On Nov. 11, 1978, a stuntman on the Georgia set of "The Dukes of Hazzard" launches the show's iconic 1969 Dodge Charger, nicknamed the General Lee, off a 16-foot-high dirt ramp and over a police car. Several hundred Chargers were used during the show's six-year run due to damage from jumps and other stunts.

* On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. The simple V-shaped black-granite wall is inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank.

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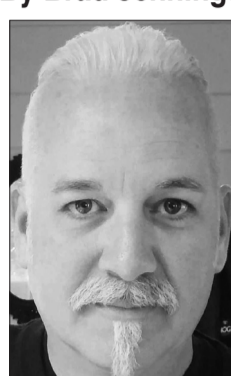
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Now that was one spicy party

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I love spicy food. When I am eating food that should have some kick, like Mexican food or hot wings, I want it spicy to the point that I almost can't eat it ... but I can't stop either.

I'm not sure where this taste for the spicy came from. Yes, I grew up on the border with Mexico and ate great Mexican food my entire life. But my parents were originally from the South, so spicy food was not on their menu growing up. And my mom, a great cook, did not make spicy food. Ever.

But my parents had friends who made spicy food. I remember Jim Wombaker, an educator like my parents, used to have us over and he made the hottest salsa I have ever tasted. It felt like a flame thrower to my teenage mouth.

His son, Joey, who was my age, ate the stuff with no problem. But I struggled.

Our palates change as we age, of course, and I started enjoying spicier food as I got older. A friend and I once ate nine of the hottest wings from Buffalo Wild Wings, which are called Blazin' wings. I finished mine, but he only

made it to six. My mouth was on fire for an hour, and I would not recommend this to anyone, seriously.

The Blazin' sauce is the hottest you can get at Buffalo Wild Wings. It is a ghost pepper sauce that measures at about 350,000 units on the Scoville scale.

What is the Scoville scale, you ask? It is basically the measurement of heat when it comes to chili peppers. The Carolina reaper is the hottest on the scale at 2,200,000 units.

You read that right.

About a year ago, a friend turned my wife and I onto a YouTube series called Hot Ones. Have you seen it? It is a guy who interviews celebrities while they eat chicken wings with progressively

hotter sauces. It is hilarious, as most people can't take the heat – literally.

The one with Will Farrell is great, but the episode with Gordon Ramsey is the best. His well-developed palate was no match for the hot wings. If you know anything about Gordon Ramsey, you know that he was cursing a blue streak much of the time. It was hilarious.

Well, my lovely wife decided that we should have a Hot Ones party with our friends, and as we have a great group that we hang out with, they were in.

A friend bought all of the sauces they use on the show, except the dreaded "Da Bomb," which we bought. We also cooked up a bunch of wings, and there was plenty of milk on hand to douse the fires in our mouths. Like the show, I asked questions while people ate progressively hotter wings. We had them labelled 1-10. Da Bomb was an eight, and most people got that far, including my wife, who has really developed a taste for spicy foods.

One other person, my buddy Eric, went for the Last Dab, which was the 2.2 million on the Scoville

scale. Eric tried to play it cool, but the 14 glasses of milk he poured down proved he was in some distress.

I started with a four and worked up to Da Bomb at eight. The thing about Da Bomb is that while it is "only" about 135,600 on the Scoville scale, it is not really a hot sauce – it is a pepper extract. Because of this, it tastes horrible. It is like eating charcoal ... that is red hot.

With my mouth aflame, I grabbed my last wing and put the hottest sauce on it – the 2.2 million ranked sauce. After Da Bomb, this was almost a breath of fresh air. I didn't take a single drink of anything during the challenge – to me, that only makes things worse.

I did eventually have a small glass of milk, which helped. I also pledged to not make this a regular thing. I am not that crazy.

All in all, we had a great time doing the Hot Ones challenge. I would not recommend it for the faint of heart, but if you want to have a fun night with friends, it is a spicy good time. Just have a lot of milk on hand. Trust me.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Democracy turned upside down, then and now

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



Abraham Lincoln, during a debate in 1854 with his frequent opponent, Stephen Douglas, pointed out a flaw in the Constitution. It would take a Civil War to partially uproot it. The rest lives on, lurking like a cancer in the Constitution of our time.

H.W. Brands, in his book, "The Zealot and the Emancipator," tells how Lincoln couched the problem in a simple example. The states of South Carolina and Maine each had six Congressional Representatives, based on their population, and two Senators. As a result, each also had eight votes in the Electoral College that elected the President.

"In the control of the government," said Lincoln, "the two states are equals precisely." The problem, he went on, was that Maine had more than twice as many white people as South Carolina. "Thus each white man in South Carolina is more than the double of any man in Maine."

This political imbalance between North and South was baked into the Constitution, which required that three out of every five slaves would be counted for representation, even though they couldn't vote. Historian Gary Wills, in his book, "Negro President," suggested that many of the critical events that drove the nation toward the Civil War wouldn't have happened in the absence of that inflated white southern

voting power.

Lincoln in his speech identified one of them, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, passed to appease those powerful southern politicians. He correctly predicted the violence that would follow, and its disastrous effect, asking, "Will not the first drop of blood so shed be the real knell of the Union?"

The South's outsized political power can also be seen in the Supreme Court of Lincoln's time, where a pro-slavery majority inflamed North-South antagonisms with the infamous Dred Scott decision. A pro-slavery President, James Buchanan, played a part in that ruling, and did little afterwards to stop the spiral into civil war.

Those events point to the dangers of unequal political representation. The three-fifths formula was repealed in 1865, but the voting system that had favored the South lives on in the Constitution of our time. Today the imbalance isn't between slave and free states, but instead

between states with large and small populations.

A registered voter in Wyoming, for example, is 82 times more powerful in the Senate than one in California – according to statistics from worldpopulationreview.com – because we still grant each state two Senators regardless of population. And our Electoral College likewise favors states with small populations over larger ones. Twice in this century so far, a President has been elected while failing to win the popular vote.

Defenders insist that these inequalities hold the country together and prevent a tyranny of the majority. There are many safeguards in the Constitution that unite the country and preserve the rights of minorities. Unequal representation isn't one of them.

Instead, it turns democracy upside down. When the minority prevails over the majority, the government is out of step with the people, who lose faith in the democratic process. Polarization and radicalism thrive.

We see this today in a national government that shares too many similarities with the one that existed before the Civil War, when a minority had its thumb on the scales, and all three branches failed to represent the broadest cross-section of the people.

Joseph J. Ellis, in his book, "The Quartet," reveals that key figures in the Constitutional Con-

vention, including George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and others, opposed giving each state an equal voice in the Senate, and pushed for representation based on population in both houses of Congress. Ellis tells us that they regarded the outcome as "a devastating defeat," because they knew it would weaken the government's ability to speak for the people as a whole.

Their fears have come to pass. The problem worsens as unprecedented disparities in population between small and large states continue to grow. The events before the Civil War, as different as they are from those of today, are a warning that we ignore at our peril.

The creators of the Constitution, recognizing that it wasn't perfect, wisely made room for amendments, so that we can correct its flaws and adapt it to changing conditions. The three-fifths formula was such a flaw, repealed by the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865. Today's voting inequality is another, unsuited to a nation dedicated to, in Lincoln's words, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

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When it comes to covid deaths, U.S. leads the world

Dear Editor,

Sweden is often cited as an example of a country that successfully avoided covid restrictions. It is true that Sweden allowed businesses, including restaurants and bars, and elementary and middle schools to stay open, and encouraged social distancing rather than wearing masks.

How successful have these policies been? Sweden's covid death toll, mainly among the elderly, climbed much higher than its Scan-

dinavian neighbors, 3 times greater than Denmark, 8 times greater than Finland, and 10 times greater than Norway. Tegnell, Sweden's principal epidemiologist, admitted they had underestimated the level of herd immunity that was necessary, and said, "Vaccination is the one way we can get out of this pandemic."

As of Oct. 10, Sweden ranked 39th among the nations of the world in per capita covid vaccinations. Having started later, Sweden's rank

was much lower than its Scandinavian neighbors and most of Western Europe.

The U.S. is ranked 71st in per capita vaccinations. This extremely low vaccination rate is probably due to political and religious resistance. Our per capita death rate is 16th, though our total number of covid deaths is by far the highest in the world. (Sources: Insider, Worldometer, & Statista)

Delmar Lohr, Forreston

LOCAL NEWS



Families enjoy 13 Nights of Halloween

OREGON – On Oct. 24 local children and their families enjoyed the Oregon Park District's StoryWalk Trail event at Park West.

The Oregon Public Library inserted The 13 Nights of Halloween pages that families read and some sang the story to the tune of 12 Days of Christmas. Books are changed frequently, but if you missed it, The 13 Nights of Halloween will be featured in the StoryWalk through October. Between some of the storybook pages participants were able to

play some carnival games and win candy and prizes. Children and their parents then enjoyed a hayride to find the perfect pumpkin. After the ride, participants enjoyed getting photos taken, receiving a yummy cookie and pumpkin decorating kit to take home and transform their pumpkin into a work of art.

Earlier in the day, The Village of Progress came out to Park West for their own visit to the StoryWalk and to pick out a pumpkin. The consumers loved the experience, but their

favorite was the hayride. The event was enjoyed by many families with lots of fun photos, which can be seen on the Oregon Park District Facebook page, capturing smiling faces, creative costumes, and family fun.

With the support of our sponsor, E.D. Etnyre, the Oregon Public Library, McDonalds, Subway, Jays, Casey's, the great weather, and the volunteers, the event was fun for all. We look forward to many more fun activities and events and wish everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.



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Top left: 1st Place Group Noelle, Karter and Kim Girton with hot dogs Moonshine, Squirt, Reese's. Above: 1st Place Handmade Shannon Meier with Charley (the bubble gum machine). Left: 1st Place Store Bought June Danekas and Eevee (the spider).

Winners named in Howl'oween Canine Costume Contest

OREGON – The Oregon Park District hosted the annual Howl'oween Canine Costume Contest on Oct. 18 at Wiggly Field Dog Park.

The event was co-sponsored by Pines Meadow Vet Clinic.

"This is an event the Park District holds annually because we can't resist adorable canines in their costumes," said Debbie Leffelman, Event Coordinator.

The contest is open to all dog lovers, not just the members at Wiggly Field Dog Park. The only requirement is a

well-behaved dog, a cute costume and up to date Rabies vaccination. Spectators are always welcome too.

This year eight families participated with 10 dogs entered in the contest. The adorable canines were judged in three categories with awards going to the 1st and 2nd place winners of each. The dogs did a great job showing off as they paraded around in their Halloween outfits.

The first-place winner in the Best Store-Bought category was June Danekas and her dog Eevee the spider.

The first-place Group Costume prize went to the Girton family and their 3 little "hot dogs" named Moonshine, Squirt and Reeses. The 1st place winner in the Best Homemade Costume category was Charley the bubblegum machine and owner Shannon Meier.

All owners and their four-legged friends had a good. All dogs received a Halloween treat bag and all humans received treats from the Park District and information from Granny Rose Animal Shelter.

We look forward to offering the contest again next year. If you are interested in participating in fun events at Wiggly Field Dog Park, be sure to get a membership and enjoy all the amenities and enclosed place for play.

The Park District also offers other Dog programming giving owners more opportunity for socializing their dog and training.

For more information on programming opportunities with your pet go to www.oregonpark.org.



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1299 Jacob Drive Rock Falls \$209,000 Call Jenny

This house will check all of the boxes for your perfect HOME: ranch, large corner lot at the edge of town, open floor plan, 2+ car garage with heated/cooled workshop, gas fireplace, master suite and finished basement. The master suite has a massive bedroom, bath and walk-in closet. Gorgeous oak cabinets abound in the kitchen with a large island. A 1/2 bath is conveniently located off of the garage/kitchen. There is an additional spacious main floor bedroom and bath as well as another 18 x 20 bedroom with walk-in closet and bath in the basement. There are plenty of closets and storage



707 S 5th Street Oregon \$225,000 Call Carla

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DRIVE TIME



What maintenance schedule does my car need?

Vehicle maintenance schedules vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a "severe" maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, mean-

ing certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

- **Urban driving:** Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say

lubricants found in motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including especially hot temperatures.

- **Short trips:** Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

- **Heavy loads:** Advanced Auto Parts says transporting or towing heavy loads can put more wear and tear on a vehicle. Loads can include cargo or passengers.

- **Dusty or salty environments:** Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog internal

engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and salt water also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.

- **Extreme temperature conditions:** People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle unless action is taken.

For those who frequently encounter these severe conditions, switching to a severe maintenance schedule with the guidance of an automotive service shop can help.

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Tire maintenance keeps drivers safe

Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that, in 2017, 738 fatalities occurred because of tire-related crashes. Many of those crashes were no doubt preventable, and that only highlights the importance of maintaining tires and monitoring their performance.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. The automotive group AAA notes it is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sounds. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that



can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

- **Tire pressure:** The NHTSA says only 19 percent of consumers properly check and inflate their tires. Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.

- **Rotation:** Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.
- **Balancing:** AAA says

balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

- **Alignment:** Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan.

DRIVE TIME



How to recognize potential brake problems

Maintaining a vehicle is more than just a way to protect one's financial investment. Vehicle maintenance can protect against accidents and make the road safer for drivers and their passengers as well as their fellow motorists.

Fully functioning brakes are an important component of automotive safety. In its 2015 Crash Stats report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that brake-related problems accounted for 22 percent of crashes where

vehicular failure was cited as the cause of the collision. Bad brakes are particularly notorious for rear-end collisions. Faulty, worn brake lines, antilock brake system malfunctions and worn brake pads and discs are some potential brake problems.

It is important that motorists learn to recognize the first symptoms of brake trouble so they can address issues before they put drivers, their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident or injury.

- Unusual noises: Screeching,

grinding, rubbing, and high-pitched sounds are common indicators that brake pads, rotors and other parts of the braking system need attention. Worn pads can cause damage to other vehicle parts, resulting in more expensive repairs if they're not addressed promptly.

- Pulling: If the car pulls to one side when applying the brakes, this may indicate brake pad linings are wearing down unevenly. A brake adjustment may be necessary. Pulling also may be indicative of an object or

debris caught in the brake fluid.

- Less responsive: If when pressing on the brake pedal the brakes just do not seem to be as effective as they once were, or it is necessary to press the pedal harder for the brakes to engage, there may be a brake fluid leak or an air leak. Check under the vehicle to see if any fluids are pooling.

- Pungent odors: Firestone Tire Company says a burning smell may be indicative of worn out brake pads and friction on the tires. Each of these issues

require immediate attention.

- Vibrations: Certain vibrations may indicate brake issues. Rotors can become warped from metal-on-metal rubbing, potentially leading to a failure of the vehicle to brake properly. Vibrations also may indicate tires are misaligned. These problems can be properly assessed by a trained mechanic.

Do not let potential brake problems go unchecked. Keeping brakes in good working order helps drivers stop more readily and avoid collisions.

Why clean air filters are important

Vehicle owners likely know to check fluid levels and get their cars' oil changed, but air filters may not be at the top of their maintenance checklists. Despite being a relatively inexpensive part, air filters often go overlooked.

Air filters have an important job in a vehicle, prolonging the life span of engines and helping cars run more smoothly and efficiently.

Purpose of vehicle air filters

Vehicle combustion engines operate with a mixture of fuel and air. Without oxygen, gasoline or diesel fuels cannot burn properly and power the engine. The air filter's job is to prevent dirt, dust and other debris from being sucked into an engine. Otherwise, grime can build up and impede engine performance or cause erosion of parts under the hood.

It is much more cost-effective to routinely change air filters than replace expensive engine parts. Rather than ignoring air filters until the last minute, drivers can take steps to keep filters clean and functioning at peak performance.

- Improve fuel efficiency. Clogged air filters reduce air flow to engines, resulting in an improper ratio of air to fuel. As a result, spark plugs can be negatively affected and the engine may idle roughly or misfire. These scenarios can greatly affect fuel efficiency as well as cause engine deposits from rich fuel. To save money and trips to the fuel pump, replace filters regularly. According to GearHeads,

for older cars, studies have indicated that by replacing a dirty air filter, one can improve gas mileage by as much as 14 percent.

- Reduce stress on the engine. Because of the air-to-fuel mix in engines, even a mixture that is slightly off balance can affect what is going on under the hood. That means the engine must work harder to get enough clean air into the chamber to complete the combustion cycle, says the Automotive Training Center.

- Enjoy more power. A filter that is saturated with dirt will restrict air flow. In such instances, drivers may notice a lack of power during acceleration. Replacing the filter can easily restore that pep.

- Reduce vehicle emissions. Environmental concerns are a priority for

many people. By keeping the engine working properly, with the advantage of clean, unobstructed air entering the chamber, a vehicle may produce lower emissions.

Replacing air filters is an easy fix that many drivers can do themselves, or ask their mechanics to do during oil changes or other repair shop visits.



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LOCAL NEWS

Park district has upcoming activities

Macrame Plant Hanger
Macrame is back! You too can join the macrame craze, learning to knot and hitch, to create a plant hanger. Instructor, Rachel Young, says “if you can learn to tie one knot, you can create so many fun different things!” All supplies are included for this workshop on Thursday, Nov. 4, at Cork & Tap. Class will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Workshop fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Oct. 28.

Nostalgic Ceramic Christmas Tree
Enjoy a creative and nostalgic ceramics class at Cin’s Treasures Art studio within Conover Square on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 4-7 p.m. Paint your own 14” ceramic Christmas tree with base & all the lights and electric. Bring dinner and drinks to class and enjoy the fun. Class fee is \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is October 25.

Canvases with Chloe
Paint a beautiful holiday canvas with local artist, Chloe Gale, on Nov. 10 at Cork & Tap. Add your masterpiece to your holiday décor. Choose between

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
Virtual - Facebook & YouTube, Nov. 6 and 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Visit Facebook.com/pololibrary or search “Polo Public Library” on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New videos air at 10:30am on these weeks.
In Person, Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion Oct. 30 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. When Storytime is moved indoors, masks are required for anyone over the age of 2. Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

Tails & Tales Fall Reading Program – Sept. 13-Oct. 30, ages 3-18
Watch Facebook.com/pololibrary or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information and to register

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. – Live Virtual Author Event, Chris Bohjalian
Live on Zoom, watch a conversation with author Chris Bohjalian (author of 22 books including *Midwives*, *The Light in the Ruins*, and his newest - *Hour of the Witch*). Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

Thursday, November 4th - 5pm - “The Wizard of Oz” - Movie Night at the Library
Join us for “The Wizard of Oz” at Polo Public Library! This is an all ages, indoor event. Masks will be required for anyone over the age of 2.

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

Nelson graduates from Elmhurst University

ELMHURST – Over two warm and sunny days, Elmhurst University graduates of the Class of 2021 took part in a series of on-campus, in-person Commencement ceremonies. A ceremony for graduate students was held on Friday, May 21, and three ceremonies were held on Saturday, May 22 for undergraduate students. The following local students earned degrees: Emma Nelson, of Forreston, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology. Elmhurst University is a leading four-

the 5:30 p.m. or the 7:30 p.m. class time. Class fee is \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Nov. 1.

Mexican Hot Chocolate & Sweet Tamales

Learn how to make strawberry sweet tamales along with Mexican Hot Chocolate from Michelle Carreno, Hector’s Cocina. The class will be at Hector’s on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy this hands-on class and leave with sweet tamales and Hot Chocolate to share with friends or family. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Nov 4.

OHS Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season! This coed basketball clinic are being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. 2-5 Grade, Monday 11/1 from 5-6:30 p.m., Fee \$10/\$13 NR-Deadline 10/26-Nash.

BHS uses strong ground game to beat Dixon

Led by a strong running game, the Byron Tigers beat Dixon 52-35 on Oct. 15.

Ethan Palzkill had 159 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Chandler Binkley had 106 yards and two TDS, while Andrew Claunch had 70 yards and a score.

Dixon fought hard, scoring 14 points in the second and third quarters. But the Tigers, who got out to a 14-0 lead, were just too strong.

Defensively, Claunch had four solo tackles and five assists.

Isiah Gooden added three solo tackles and four assists.

Dominquez leads Oregon past Rock Falls

The Oregon High School football team started strong on Oct. 15 and held on to beat Rock Falls 29-25.

Daniel Dominquez opened the scoring for the Hawks with an 18-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. He also scored on a 10-yard run in the fourth

quarter. For the game, Dominquez had 166 yards on 27 carries.

For the game, Oregon had 266 yards on the ground to 133 for Rock Falls.

Also scoring for Oregon were Isaac Reber on a 27-yard run, and Gabe Eckerd on a 3-yard run.

Scores

Varsity Football Oct. 15 Stillman Valley 21, Rockford Christian 20	Oregon beats North Boone 25-9, 25-14 Cass Alyward 7 digs, Jenae Bothe 4 kills, 1 ace, 2 blocks; Aubrey Point 3 aces, 4 digs, 4 assists Oct. 19
Varsity Volleyball Oct. 14 Byron 2, Stillman Valley 0	Stillman Valley 1, Winnebago 2

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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

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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

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!

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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

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Adult Book Club

The October book will be *the 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Copies are available at the library. This group

will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Oct. 25.

Display Case Showings

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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.

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200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994
www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
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609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL. Phone: (815) 732-2367
Website: stpaulnalc.org Website:
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

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Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM. .
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
Pastor Eric Tanjes, 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 Potts, Pastor to Students, Children
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am
Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VCCofSV
We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
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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!

Calling All Teens! Come Boss Us Around- Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

Earn volunteer time for school, share your unique ideas, plan and participate in events for your age, and gain an amazing extra-curricular for college applications. Develop your leadership, communication, and planning skills while making an impact on your community. Help us brand the library as a teen-friendly place. Donuts and drinks served. Come for as long as you can between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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.

Halloween at the Library – (youth) ages 3 and up

Come by the Library between Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Thursday, Oct. 28 and pick a papier-mâché pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch (plain, so you can decorate it at home or already decorated and ready to go)!

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, for grades 3rd and up, decorate the papier-mache pumpkins here by registering for one of the half hour sessions from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Limited spaces and masks are required.

Chris Bohjalian, author – Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Program

Author Chris Bohjalian, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 22 books adapted into three movies and a TV series, will speak in this live virtual event about his newest release “The Hour of the Witch”. This is a collaboration with other libraries. We are able to send three questions from our library, please email any questions to cbergoply@gmail.com and register for the event on our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration required.

Trivia Night at Cork N Tap – Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Grab some friends and head down to Cork N Tap for Halloween Themed Trivia. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Registration required, call (815-732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> to save your teams spot.

Halloween Eve, Saturday, Oct. 30 from 3-5 p.m., (ages 12 and under only)

Visit our front yard “Halloween patch” and pick out your surprised filled papier -mache pumpkin while supplies last! In case of inclement weather come to the elevator entrance to receive a pumpkin.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 6 years)

Story Time has begun. 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

Books on Tap meets Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* by Stephen King. 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, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Finally Write That Book with NaNoWriMo at the Oregon Public Library

Is writing a novel still on your bucket list? Visit the Oregon Public Library this November for National Novel Writing Month. Abbreviated as NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month is a month-long, international event in which aspiring writers across the globe attempt to write 50,000 words in just one month!

Oregon Public Library will be facilitating a month-long National Novel Writing Month event. Throughout the month, writers will meet on both Zoom and at the library for camaraderie, prompts and advice as they work to whittle down their 50,000-word goal. Weekly progress will be posted on social media as well as physically in the Oregon library to show how far the writers have come day-by day, week-by-week!

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

Free Public Education Program – Tuesday, Nov. 2, 3-4 p.m.

University of Illinois Extension, Tri-County Opportunities Council, Rock River Senior Center and HOPE of Ogle County will be at the Oregon Public Library sharing their community information. From helping families, business and communities solve problems to assisting with food assistance, income management, scholarships, and assisting multiple generations. Join us to learn more about each of these community advocates. Registration request, 815-732-2724. Door prizes!

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.

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 ...The 13 Nights of Halloween by Guy Vasilovich .

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 *Poultrygeist* by Eric Geron.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. It is recommended that patrons seeking Passport Services call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items you will need for the appointment.

SAVE the DATE: Passport Fair Saturday, December 4, 11 am -4 pm at Byron Public Library...more info to come.

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

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

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. Come in to the Library to pick-up your folder 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

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New Releases

True Raiders: The Untold Story Of The 1909 Expedition To Find The Legendary Ark Of The

Covenant by Brad Ricca (Non-Fiction 933.422 RIC)

The Southern Book Club’s Guide To Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix (Fiction)

Daughter Of The Morning Star by Craig Johnson (Mystery)

Chaos Vector by Megan E. O’Keefe (Science Fiction)

The All-Consuming World by Cassandra Khaw (Science Fiction)

Alaska Reunion by Jennifer Snow (Paperback Romance)

BRZRKR by Keanu Reeves (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 REE)

Woke, Inc by Vivek Ramaswamy (Non-Fiction 322.3 RAM)

American Marxism by Mark R. Levin (Non-Fiction 320.973 LEV)

Chasing The Boogeyman by Richard Chizmar (Fiction)

Light From Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki (Science Fiction)

Chapter And Curse by Elizabeth Penny (Paperback Mystery)

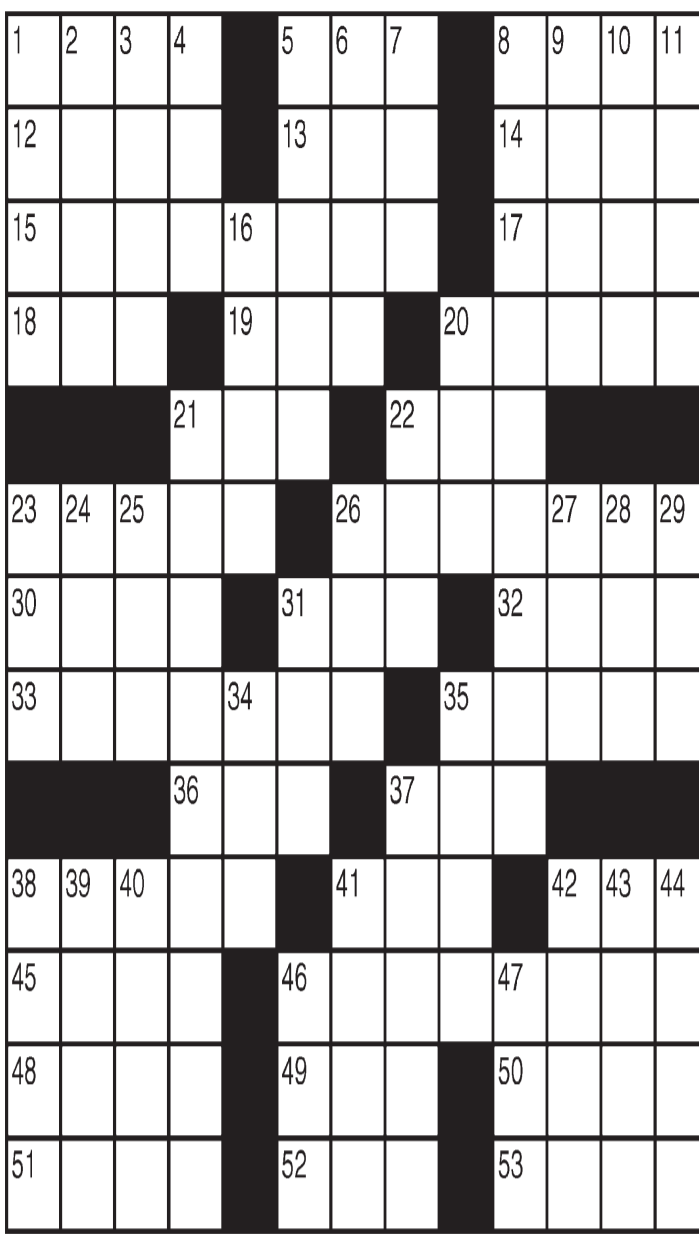
Her Renegade Cowboy by Lora Leigh (Paperback Romance)

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tibetan monk
- 5 Triumphed
- 8 Used car sites
- 12 Trojan War hero
- 13 Lincoln nickname
- 14 Taj Mahal city
- 15 TV fare for a night owl
- 17 Gusto
- 18 Gallery display
- 19 "The Raven" writer
- 20 "No way!"
- 21 Sign before Virgo
- 22 "Now, where — !?"



- 23 Vivaldi's output
- 26 Reveal
- 30 Dating from
- 31 Embrace
- 32 Salty septet
- 33 "Citizen Kane" sled
- 35 Train tracks
- 36 Observe
- 37 "Ray Donovan" actor Voight
- 38 Dish
- 41 Pirate's drink
- 42 Expert
- 45 San —, Italy
- 46 Single payments

- 48 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 49 "Uh-huh"
- 50 Perched on
- 51 Like slasher films
- 52 Mag. staff
- 53 Shetland, for one

DOWN

- 1 In — land
- 2 Slightly open
- 3 Damon of Hollywood
- 4 Chopper
- 5 "Yippee!"
- 6 Bassoon's kin
- 7 Just out

- 8 Revolving server
- 9 Curved molding
- 10 Serving aid
- 11 Auction
- 16 Detail, briefly
- 20 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 21 Biography
- 22 Peruke
- 23 Scratch
- 24 Mil. morale booster
- 25 "Mayday!"
- 26 Lemon
- 27 Wahine's gift
- 28 Guy's date
- 29 Curvy letter

- 31 Coloration
- 34 Spell-off
- 35 Cavort
- 37 Checker moves
- 38 Bluenose
- 39 Toy block name
- 40 Cupid's specialty
- 41 Regretted
- 42 Car
- 43 "Let's go!"
- 44 Glimpse
- 46 Caustic solution
- 47 Potential syrup

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MAGIC MAZE

DIET KILLERS

V U R O L J G D A X V S P N K
 I S F C A X V S Q O L D J H Y
 E C E A X V T R C O O K I E S
 P N L K S E I N W O R B N J E
 H F D B A Y X V F T R O P O A
 M K I G S H S T U N H G U O D
 E D **C H E E S E C A K E** B Z N

X P I Z Z A K K I S L L O R U
 W B U T F R Q A L R O A N L S
 J & M A E R C E C I F T I G F
 D J C A S N I F F U M O Y X W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: CINNAMON —

- Brownies
- Cakes
- Cheesecake
- Cookies
- Doughnut
- Fast food
- Fries
- Gelato
- Honey
- Ice cream
- Milk shakes
- Muffins
- PB&J
- Pizza
- Sundaes

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

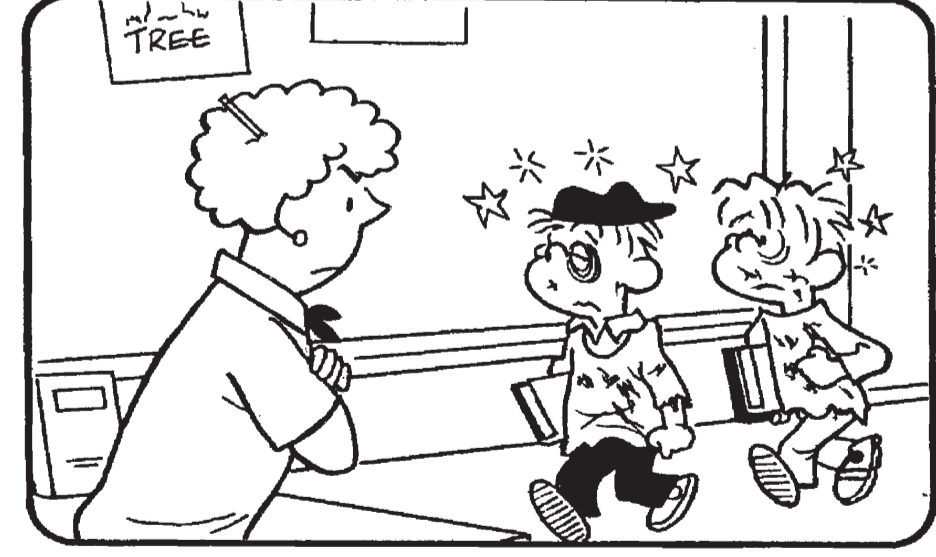
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

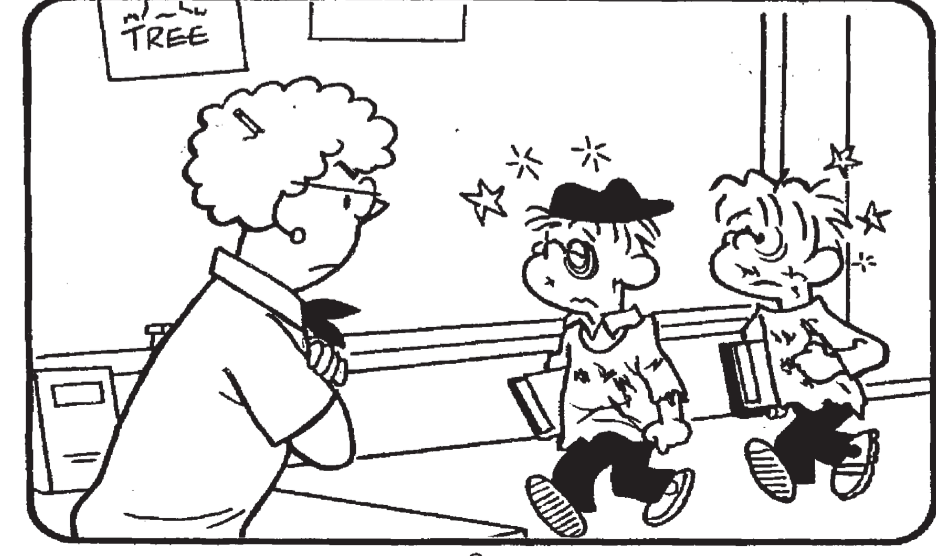
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



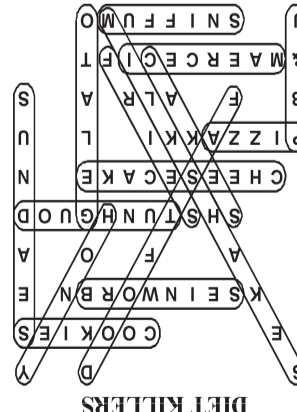
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Star is missing. 2. Pencil is shorter. 3. Eraser is added. 4. Glasses are added. 5. Bow is larger. 6. Pants are different.



Solution time: 23 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



DIET KILLERS

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

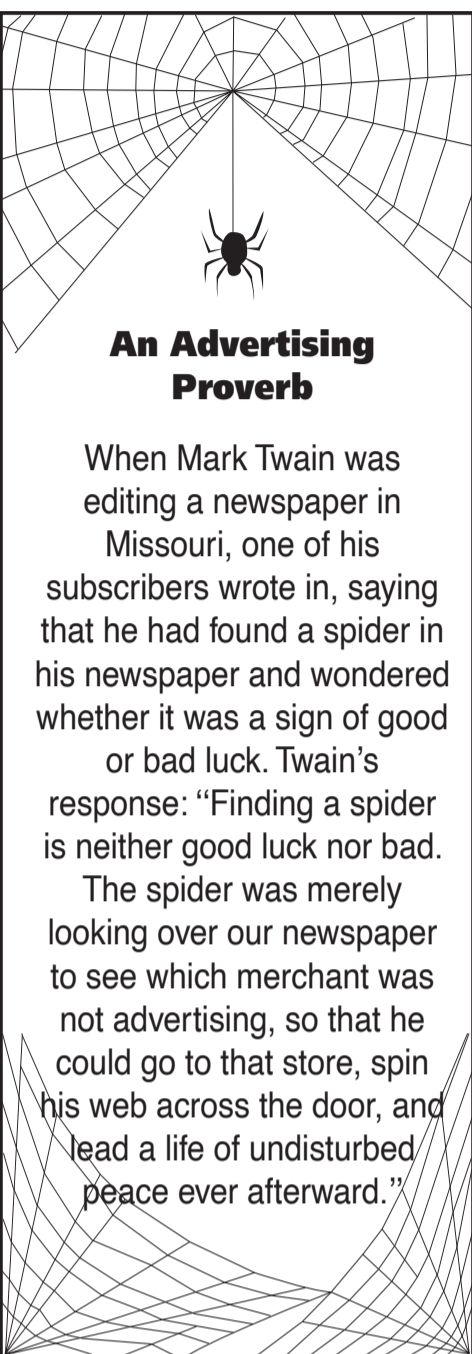
— Weekly SUDOKU —

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OF THE)NO.
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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)

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
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Managing Broker - Ken Duncan
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Wednesday, December 1st, 2021
at 10:30 A.M.
Sale to be held at: **Prairieview Golf Course (Pavilion)**
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Byron, IL 61010
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Polo, IL 61064
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Owner, Henry Ebert Revocable Trust
Trustee, Henry Ebert III
Co-Trustee, Randy Tate
Trust Attorney, Adam Fleming
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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
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For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info, and terms & conditions, etc. visit www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com
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Public Notice is hereby given that on October 1, 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: Sweet Mods, 104 Emily St., Mount Morris, IL 61054.

Dated: October 1, 2021 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1015 (Oct. 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 17, 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: 1st Time 2nd Time Around, 201 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061.

Dated: September 17, 2021 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1016 (Oct. 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

RFP Notice
The Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois is requesting proposals from exhibit design firms to design a new displays in the Lucius Read house located at 110 N. Union St. Byron, Illinois. Bids will be received as a lump sum proposal for the supply and installation of an exhibit focusing on Byron's Underground Railroad activity over the winter of 2021/2022.

Proposal submission deadline is Thursday, November 18, 2021 3:00 o'clock P.M. Project Start and End Dates: December 1 to March 28, 2022. Interested vendors may schedule an inspection of the building's interior during museum hours Wed-Sat between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Digital Proposals should be e-mailed in PDF format, to director@byronmuseum.org physical proposals can be mailed to Byron Museum District PO Box 186 Byron, Illinois, or dropped off at the Byron Museum District offices located at 110 North Union Street Byron, Illinois 61010. The successful bidder must comply with the Illinois Statutes requiring the payment of prevailing wages by all contractors and sub-contractors working on public works.

501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

The RFP is on file and may be examined in the offices of the Byron Museum during regular business hours or request a PDF by emailing director@byronmuseum.org. The owner will evaluate bids based on cost, experience and past performance of the vendor. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in bidding, whenever such actions are in the interest of the museum district and preference may be given to local vendors.

Any proposals received after the time specified shall be deemed non-responsive and be subject to immediate disqualification. No proposals may be withdrawn or modified after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least thirty days.
No. 1023 (Oct. 25)

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Applicants must not have been convicted of a domestic battery, felony, or any crime of moral turpitude.

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Applications can be obtained at the Police Department 105 W. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris, Illinois, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. November 19, 2021

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Please do not leave plastic bag donations unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. This month's craft will be a yarn pumpkin. Stop in to pick up your kit today!

New Releases:

Adult Books
 The Judge's List by John Grisham
Picture Books
 Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog by Sara Swan Miller
 Ducks Run Amok by J.E. Morris
 Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp
 Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle (board book)
Juvenile Books
 Let's Draw With Chalk by Kasia Dudziuk (NF)

Byron Library News

Did You Know...that

you can print photos from your phone at the Byron Library with our Kodak photo kiosk? Just connect your phone to the kiosk using one of three provided cords, then follow the steps on the screen to make prints, photo collages, calendars, and more! You can also print photos from a USB drive, SSD card, microSD card, or scanning an existing photo.

Try-It! Illinois

Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White and the Illinois State Library are pleased to announce a database trial, Try-It! Illinois, available Oct. 1st- Nov. 30th, 2020. Try-It! Illinois offers staff and library users an excellent opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. There is no charge for

accessing these databases, but you will need to click on the link on right-hand side to ask for the password (passwords cannot be shared publicly). Check it out today at <http://www.finditillinois.org/tryit/>

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

A new StoryWalk® is up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «The Golden Acorn» by Katy Hudson. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Read to a Dog

Mondays, Sept. 27 – Oct. 25 at BPLD 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meet Audi! Audi is a Weimaraner, a trained therapy dog, and a great listener! The patient, nonjudgmental attention of a dog helps readers gain confidence and improve reading skills. Come to the library early to select a book to read to Audi (or bring one from home). For youth in 1st-5th grade. Register for one 15 minute time slot per week; each week requires a separate registration. Youth should pick a book that they are able to read independently. Audi's owner will be there to oversee her dog but does not provide reading assistance.

Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signuporcall 815-234-5107.

Forreton Library News

Snow Removal Bids

The library is currently seeking bids for snow removal from our sidewalks, ramp, and front steps/porch for this winter. Following an overnight snowfall, snow will need to be removed by 8 a.m. and some daytime removal may also be necessary. Please submit your written proposal to the library in person or by email to forretonpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Bids must be received by Monday, November 1st. For more information, contact Julie at 815-938-2624.

Spooktacular Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Be sure to stop by the library during Downtown Trick or Treating for a special treat! We can't wait to see your costumes!

New Materials

New Large Print Fiction includes: "Bury the Hatchet" and "The Shotgun Wedding" by William W. Johnstone, "The Friendship List" by Susan Mallery, and "The Nature of Fragile Things" by Susan Meissner.

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 forretonlibrary.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forretonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

A Song & A Story
Join Miss Kelly Wednesdays at 10:00 AM on Facebook Live for stories, songs and a craft! Accompanying craft kits available monthly, while supplies last. As for one when you stop in, or place an order using our online form: <https://www.juliahull.org/order-request>

Tween Reads: *The Graveyard Book*
Join Zoey at the library on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m., for a discussion and activity all about Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

Adult Book Club
Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Richard Roeper's funny and moving first novel, *How Not To Die Alone*. 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, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Tween Scene: Bob Ross Paint Night
Hey, Friends! Join Zoey at the library on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. to paint some happy little scenes in the style of beloved artist, Bob Ross. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611. Ages 10-12.

Modern Mini Barn Quilt
This November, we're creating a mixed media mini barn quilt. But, don't worry: you don't need a barn to enjoy this stylish work of art for your home. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program. Adults only. Monday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

Kids' Fall Seed Mosaic
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.

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-



This October, crafters met with Joanna (Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley) on Zoom to learn how to faux-knit a cute and cozy pumpkin!

645-8611.

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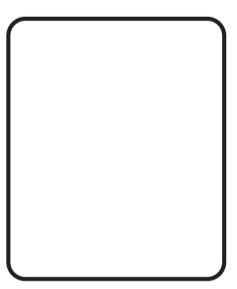
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Remember Your Veteran

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Monday, November 8th, 2021.

We Salute Those Who Have Served Our Country
(Members of Armed Forces Past or Present)



A Tribute to
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US Army/WW II
Form His Wife
Mary Smith

Cost: \$10.00
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Veterans Day November 11
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