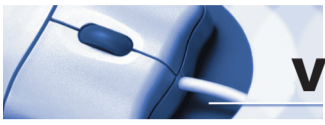


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## County COVID cases still up

### High rates of virus seen in schools; outbreaks are being monitored

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – Ogle County Health Department Public Administrator Kyle Auman provided an update to the Ogle County Board at its Sept. 21 meeting on the county's COVID-19 progress.

"Hopefully this will be one of the last times I come bearing bad news," Auman said. "It's not as bad as it's been in the past, but we're still averaging about 20 cases per day. We're seeing a plateau in cases in the rest of the state. In Region 1, we're still seeing that high risk transmission."

Ogle County's current positivity rate is 6.94 percent with a case rate per 100,000 of 302.11.

The current regional ICU bed utilization is 16 percent, which Auman said is down 17 percent from about two weeks ago.

The OCHD is currently monitoring outbreaks and has issued two outbreaks this week. In September, the county has seen two additional COVID-19 deaths, one person in their 70s and one in their 80s.

Auman said the OCHD continues to administer vaccinations at both of its offices and is still partnering with Rochelle Community Hospital and KSB Hospital in Dixon along with county pharmacies.

Ogle County residents are currently 47.39 percent vaccinated. The OCHD is still getting all three versions of the vaccine



Ogle County Health Department Public Administrator Kyle Auman addresses the County Board at a meeting in Rochelle on Sept. 21. (Jeff Helfrich photo)

and is partnering with hospitals, pharmacies and others that offer them to make sure they have access to doses.

In the past week, the OCHD

has been able to order additional Johnson & Johnson vaccines and expects to receive that shipment this week, Auman said.

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## Autumn on Parade is back

### Annual festival back and bigger than ever for 50th anniversary

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

**OREGON** – It is crunch time for Marseyne Snow and the other volunteers who put together Autumn on Parade in Oregon.

The 50th anniversary of the event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19, but it is back this year and bigger and better than ever.

"It feels good," Snow, president of the volunteer group that stages AOP, said of its return. "Everybody's excited to have something to do again. It's obviously really great for the community with all of the visitors it brings to town that weekend."

The festival will be held in downtown Oregon Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3.

As usual, AOP will feature the Farmer's Market and Craft Fair as its centerpiece. There will be about 180 vendors this year.

The Harvest Time Parade, which kicks off at 1 p.m. Sunday, is also a big draw. This year it will include a number of marching bands, floats, the Jesse White Tumblers and the South Shore Drill Team.

"Some really neat stuff," Snow said of the parade line-up.

There is the Focus House Car Show



Marseyne Snow, president of the volunteer group that organizes Autumn on Parade, said there will be new attractions this year. (Brad Jennings photo)

which will be held at Oregon Park East – free shuttles to the car show from the festival site will be provided – and a 5K and Fun Run.

There are also some all new attractions this year at AOP. There will be a Fun Zone for kids that features inflatables, a magician and a petting zoo.

"And it's all free," Snow said.

And for the adults, for the first time AOP will feature a beer garden with live music on Saturday.

"People have been asking for a beer

garden for a long time," Snow said.

She added that the beer garden probably won't become an annual feature of the festival, but they wanted to do something "really special" for the 50th anniversary.

The live music will be provided by Blue Steel and Burn 'n Bush. Snow said Martin & Company are sponsoring the beer garden and bands.

The food selection will also be expanded this year. Snow said along with the non-profit organizations which have food available at AOP, there will also be businesses offering food. Those include Hector's Cocina, Northside BBQ and Thai Jasmine Rice and Noodles. Snow said the food will be set up in the parking lot of the old jail as well as the south side of Jefferson street. The goal is to not clog up the area and slow foot traffic as in past years.

"Before it would get so crowded," Snow said. "So, it's really opened up."

Snow said volunteers for the event are always welcome and encouraged people to give her a call at 815-341-5559 if interested. She said there is a free T-shirt in it.

A week before the festival, Snow was still working hard with the others in the group of about 10 regular volunteers to make sure AOP is ready to go.

"It's kind of stressful right now, because there's a lot of stuff that has to come together," she said.

AOP runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing is set for Oct. 15

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District is offering new and fun events for those who enjoy food and beverages with the help of Cork & Tap and The Village Bakery.

The first cooperative event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Register today through the Oregon Park

District for the Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing. Donuts and beer make an oddly perfect pairing. Enjoy an evening out with friends and sample four different delicious donuts, baked fresh at The Village Bakery, paired with four different fall ciders on the menu at Cork & Tap. Your taste buds will enjoy

these complementing flavors, it's a great social event, and you can also enjoy the educational component and learn more about the ciders you are tasting.

If the Fall pairing doesn't work into your schedule, mark your calendar for the Cookies & Cocktails Holiday Pairing on Friday, Dec. 10, 6:30-8 p.m. There is

limited space available for the pairings so be sure to register early through the Park District at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or by calling 815-732-3101.

If the pairing is full, be sure to add your name to the waiting list and additional pairing dates can be added if needed.

## Polo Senior Center sets upcoming activities, classes

**Donuts or rolls:** Friday Oct. 1, Friday Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 29

**Popcorn:** will be popped every Wednesday starting on Oct. 6

**Brain workout class** – Wednesday Oct. 6th from 12:30-2 p.m. Karla Belzer from the University of Illinois will be our facilitator. Class will meet every month. Sub sandwiches will be served for a donation. This class is for everyone regardless of age. Call to make your reservation by Friday Oct. 1. 815-946-3818

**Rules of the Road:** Refresher Course \*\* Wednesday Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. The dreaded moment when you get a notice telling you this year you have to take a written driving test. Don't worry the State will be at the Senior Center with a refresher course. The instructor will go over all the questions and discuss the reason why and tell you the best answer. This class is very beneficial. Class is for everyone Sr. members as well as

non-members. Call today to make your reservation. 815-946-3818

**GoldenAdventures**—All are welcome to join us. We will always meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. We will be dining at different restaurants, going to the movies or any other type of activity that the group would like to do. Our first outing has been changed to "Garden View Family Restaurant (Formerly the Masons)", due to "Dads" closing. Please call the Senior Center for your reservation by Monday Oct. 11. Individuals are responsible for paying their own meal

**Pass Potluck** – Friday Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. -It's a HALLOWEEN PARTY come and join in the Fun, Games and Activities and of course food! For our main course we will be serving catered Fried Chicken and adding many more goodies! Come dressed up or not! Please sign up by Friday the 15th of October.

**Craft Class:** Wednesday Sept. 29 at 10:30 a.m. – Gnomes made out of tomato cages. Senior Center will NOT supply materials needed for this class. The class will free. Supplies Needed: Tomato Cage, Branches of Greens from an old Christmas tree, Nylons for the nose, Fiber, and accessories.

Wednesday Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. Join the Polo Senior Center & The Serenity Shed for a "Fall Leaf Painting." Class size is limited to 10 we have room for 5 people to join us. The cost is \$40 per person and includes All Supplies. Payment is due day of class. All proceeds will be donated back to the Serenity House for their support. Call today to make your reservation.

**Game Day** on Friday Oct. 15 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A \$4 donation is collected for Pizza. We play Phase 10, Hand & Foot and Euchre. All are welcome.

**Games:** Every Thursday after-

noon starting at noon. We play Mexican Train and Euchre 815-946-3818

**Exercise Class:** Every Tuesday & Thursday. Our classes are awesome. Class A starts at 9-10 a.m. this class is for the energetic most of the class is done with music at a fast pace. If you want to stay in shape this is the class for you. Class starts at 9:00am. Class B is less active and concentrates on arthritis moves, balance, and other strengthening moves to keep us strong. Class B starts at 11 a.m. For all questions contact Cheryl at 815-946-3818.

**New place of walk** – Walk The Parking Lot: School has started; we will be walking now at Faith United Parking Lot. Everyone is welcome to join us, as we walk every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at the Church at 8:30 a.m. How many laps you do is up to you. You do not have to be member to join in.



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## Byron corn maze opens on Oct. 3

**BYRON**—Cornerstone Family Church of Byron is again opening their Corn Maze located at the corner of Tower and Lynn Road just one mile north of Byron.

Come experience five acres of a great corn maze in a convenient location. This maze supports a great cause as all of the money goes right to local teenagers as they earn money for Mission's Trips and Camps.

The Underground Youth Group of Cornerstone Family are stationed throughout the maze as those traveling through attempt to find clues in the Maze. The Corn Maze is open Saturdays in October starting Oct. 2 with the last Saturday being Oct. 23 from 4-9 p.m. and Sundays

starting Oct. 3 with the last Sunday being Oct. 24 from 4-8 p.m. There will be no Corn Maze on Oct. 30 and 31.

Wanting to bring a group through? Are you having a birthday party? The Corn Maze offers great opportunities for your groups as it is an outdoor activity and provides plenty of space for social distancing. Please contact the church at 815-234-8737 to schedule a group.

Cost for the event is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and children. Kids 4 and under are free. A family maximum of \$20. Pre-packaged concessions are also available so come on out and grab a snack and challenge your ability to find the clues hidden within the Corn Maze.

## COVID: Flu shots available

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The OCHD is still not currently issuing or authorized to administer booster vaccines.

"That question comes up frequently," Auman said. "We're asked that every single day. There's been a lot of talk in the media about the 65 and over population and the general population as well. And the 5-11-year-old population. We're still waiting on approval for those populations to receive the booster or their first round of vaccination. As soon as we receive that authorization from the state and our federal partners, we'll make sure we administer those and

come up with a plan to

go out into schools and administer those directly."

Auman also talked about flu season and said the OCHD has received its first shipment of the flu vaccine and plans to target those in schools and the senior citizen population.

The flu vaccine and COVID-19 can now be administered together to avoid a second trip, Auman said.

The OCHD Public Administrator said his department is still seeing spread in county schools.

"We're still seeing high rates of COVID-19 in schools and working with our local school partners to address those situations," Auman said.

The meeting was held at Focus House in Rochelle.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Doris Snapp



Earl Barnhart; her mother, Viola (Bonner) Barnhart; and her brother Richard Barnhart (Kathleen).

Her memorial service was at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Atwater United Methodist Church, 2550 Linden St., Atwater, Calif. A final memorial service will be held in northwestern Illinois in the summer of 2022.

Doris was born and grew up in Pine Creek Township near Mt. Morris in northern Illinois. She was the third-oldest of seven children. In a family with colorful nicknames, her nickname of "Snooky" or "Snooks" was bestowed upon her by her family after the mischievous radio character Baby Snooks and doll of the time.

Doris walked along Pine Creek on the way to a one-room schoolhouse, sledged down the frozen mill race in the winter with her sisters and brothers and helped to raise vegetables. She moved with family to "town" in Mt. Morris, where she attended Mt. Morris High School and graduated in 1956. Doris married Robert Grant Snapp on Aug. 30, 1957, at the Church of the Brethren

in Mt. Morris, and they raised three daughters.

Doris exemplified the pioneer professional woman of the 1970s: going back to school in her 30s, first at Highland Community College in Freeport, Ill. and then at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. In 1974 she earned a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory science/medical technology/technologist from NIU.

In 1974, Doris, Bob and the girls moved to Effingham, where Doris worked at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital as a medical technologist and in 1981, the family moved to Merced, Calif. where she also worked as a medical technologist at what was then Mercy Hospital. In 1988, Doris and Bob moved to nearby Atwater, Calif., and Doris continued to work as a medical technologist and also earned a California real estate license. During this time, Doris and Bob sponsored a young Japanese exchange student, Kio Shimizu, who became part of their extended family as she visited them more than 20 times – in later visits bringing her sister and then her husband and two sons. Doris and Bob attended Kio's wedding in Japan.

We remember Doris for her love of learning – she was an avid reader and book club member – and her love of people. She treasured the friends that she made throughout her life. Doris enjoyed taking

writing classes and sharing her writings with family. She was an active church member and very involved in her community, including as a Girl Scout leader who took her troop on overnight canoe and bike trips.

Doris also enjoyed traveling and the outdoors. She traveled with her daughter Annette to Mexico and later visited Annette several times in England. Her travels with family – including to and from family reunions – spawned a whole genre of family stories that were told and retold.

Doris and her daughter Annette relentlessly searched for the birth family of her late mother, Viola Bonner, and used DNA searches to find the family just a few years ago through her newly discovered first cousin, Janet McDonald. Doris met her mother's sister, Hildreth (Bruschwein) Grimes, and was elated by Aunt Hildreth's warm welcome. She felt very lucky to be accepted as part of the Bruschwein/Wiens family and to expand her family circle and repertoire of family stories.

Donations in honor of Doris' memory can be made to Atwater United Methodist Church, 2550 Linden St., Atwater, Calif. 95301 or to the Northern Illinois University Foundation, P.O. Box 746, DeKalb, Ill. 60115. In the memo field of checks to the church or to the foundation, please note: Doris Snapp Memorial.

### Kenneth Lindsay



Kenneth (Ken, Ken-ny) Lindsay was freed from this earthly plane and his demons on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021. He is now at peace. Kenneth was born on Nov. 27, 1970 in Rockford, to Richard C. and Carol A. Lindsay. He was a member of Byron High School class of 1988. Afterwards he attended the apprenticeship school at Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 23 in Rockford. He was a journeyman pipefitter and welder until his death.

Kenneth was greeted upon his arrival in Heaven by his father, Richard, his aunts Barb Lindsay and Jeannette Lindsay along with his paternal grandparents Lyle and Verna Lindsay of Grand Forks, N.D. and his maternal grandparents Albert and Mary Teeters of Tuscola, Ill.

He is survived by his

mother, Carol (Bubba) Humphries of Glen Allen, Va.; his sister Norreen Lindsay of Omaha, Neb.; stepsister Tracy Humphries of Lynchburg, Va.; uncles John D. Lindsay (Deb) of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Greg Lindsay (Sara) of Rockford; daughter Stephanie Gilbert and granddaughter Kaylee of Rockton. In addition, because of Ken's beautiful smile and outgoing personality he leaves many friends to grieve his loss.


A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date by the family.

### Coat drive returns for 2021

**POLO** – The GFWC IL Polo Women's Club is partnering with Crossroads Community Church in Polo for our second annual community coat drive.

Please donate new or clean "like new" condition coats, gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves. All sizes requested. Drop

off donations at 103 E. Oregon St. The distribution date will be Saturday, Nov. 6th at Crossroads Community Church campus in Polo. More details to follow. Thank you for your participation and generosity at this time of economic hardship for many members of our community.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Gary K. Black

**OREGON** – Gary K. Black, age 74, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born March 12, 1947 in Oregon, the son of Pete and Lillian (Merritt) Black.



He was predeceased by his parents, brother Karl Black and nephew Terry Jacobs.

He is survived by his wife Pamela Black of Oregon, children; Robert Black of Rockford, David Black of Joliet, Stacie Black of Oregon, Brian Black of Oregon, and David Leonard of Crest Hills, Ill., sisters Carolyn Jacobs of Mt. Morris, and Judy Burger of Mt. Morris, 11 grandchildren; Hannah, Chloe, Milena,

Danielle, Emilia, Brandon, Devin, Madyson, Kennedy, Connor, and Haylee.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL 61061 with the Rev. Wade Buzzard officiating. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Thursday evening at the funeral home. Masks were required according to State of Illinois mandates for indoor settings and gatherings. Burial at the Grand Detour Cemetery in Grand Detour. A memorial fund is established for the Regap of Illinois gray hound dog rescue or the Disable Veterans of America. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Gary

### Lamont Gaston

**OREGON** – Lamont Charles Gaston of Oregon passed away from Picks disease the 17th of September, 2021 at the age of 76 years. Dearly missed by his family and friends, he is remembered as larger than life and remains forever in our hearts.



Lamont was born in Rockford on March 30, 1945 to Archie and Irene (Law) Gaston. He grew up in both Oregon and Mount Morris, and graduated Mt. Morris High School in 1963. A talented athlete and avid sports fan, Lamont lettered in football, basketball, and track during high school. Years later, he refereed boys' and girls' high school sports. Lamont attended both Highland and Carthage College.

Lamont was born in Rockford on March 30, 1945 to Archie and Irene (Law) Gaston. He grew up in both Oregon and Mount Morris, and graduated Mt. Morris High School in 1963. A talented athlete and avid sports fan, Lamont lettered in football, basketball, and track during high school. Years later, he refereed boys' and girls' high school sports. Lamont attended both Highland and Carthage College.

Heenlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1964. While proudly serving his country, Lamont was wounded in Vietnam and returned home to work as a photo engraver at Kable Printing Company, raise a family, and fulfill his dream of owning a family campground. He built Lake LaDonna Family Campground in 1969 and opened it in 1974. Lamont owned and operated "the Lake" for over 30 years, and only sold it after he could no longer continue running it. Lamont dedicated his life to providing

a place where families could spend quality time together, camping, swimming, and creating lifelong memories. He built one of the first Vietnam War Memorials and dedicated his park to the men and women who served their country during the Vietnam War. Lamont also provided leadership to many organizations including union president at Kable Printing Company, as an Ogle County board member, and as the president of Vietnow. Often working with Heads of State in Washington D.C., Lamont advocated for veteran issues like POW/MIA's, V.A. rights and homelessness, hunger and suicides in the veteran community. He was officially recognized by the Order of Saint John's Knights of Malta and ceremoniously knighted in Washington DC for his acts guidance, leadership, generosity, and support in veteran affairs.

Among of his favorite pastimes, Lamont loved Chicago Bears' games, family vacations, telling

stories, laughing with friends, or just taking a nap.

Lamont married Donna Toney of Mt. Morris, 1968 - 1975 and had two children, Stephen and Jennifer. He married Elizabeth George of Mt. Morris, Illinois 1978 - 1991 and had two children, Chad and Lindsey. His marriage to Veronica Wolbers of Davenport, Iowa took place in 1999 and gave him two step-children, Josh Wolbers and Adam Wolbers.

Lamont was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Law Gaston and father Archie Gaston.

He is survived by his wife, Veronica Gaston, his two sons: Stephen (Erin) Gaston, Chad (Tracy) Gaston; his two daughters: Jennifer (Bryan) Morrison, and Lindsey Gaston; his two step sons: Josh Wolbers and Adam (Meghan) Wolbers; his four grandchildren: Zachary, Gia, Jack, and Cole; his three step grandchildren: Grace, Neil, and Evelyn; two sisters: Diana Williams, and Camille (Rob) Thomsett; two nephews; Michael and Ben and niece, Amelia.

A celebration of Lamont's life will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Visit [www.ungnerhorner.com](http://www.ungnerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### David Lynn Vietmeier

**FORRESTON** – David Lynn Vietmeier, 78, of Forreston, passed away, Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at FHN Memorial Hospital, with family by his side. David was born on Aug. 4, 1943, in Freeport, the son of Lorence and Mildred (DeVries) Vietmeier.



He graduated from Forreston High School. David married his High School sweetheart, Shirley Kilker, on Aug. 18, 1962. David had a lifelong love of farming, he also worked at the Forreston Ready Mix for many years. He was known for his outgoing personality and his strong faith in his savior, Jesus Christ.

He attended North Grove Evangelical Church in Forreston for many years. His life can best be described by Proverbs 20:7, which says, "The just man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him."

Surviving is wife, Shirley Vietmeier of Forreston; three daughters, Stephanie (Ken) Schubert of Dakota, Jodi (Neal) Langill of Forreston, and Jacki (Kurt) Kaiser of Forreston; three brothers, Robert (Barbara) Vietmeier of Mt. Carroll, Gerald (Gwen) Vietmeier of Rockford, and Dennis

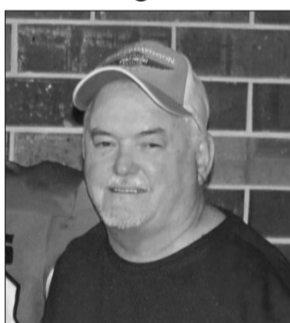
(Barbara) Vietmeier of Pinegree, Ill. David was blessed with eight grandchildren, (Jenna, Kyle, Lindy, Cassidy, Emily, Grace, Aaliyah, and Ella) and six great-grandchildren (Landon, William, Lincoln, Lilah, Miles, and another great-granddaughter due in December 2021).

David was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were at noon Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at North Grove Evangelical Church, Forreston. Pastor Tim Hotchkiss officiated. Visitation was 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Church. A memorial has been established in David's memory. Please sign his guestbook and share a remembrance in his memory.

### Ronald Ray McMillan

**BYRON** – Ronald Ray McMillan, 73, Byron, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford. Born on May 23, 1948, in Cynthiana, Kentucky, the son of Mary Frances and Charles McMillan Jr.



Ron attended school through the eighth grade while helping on the family farm and completed his high school education through the Job Corps, where he worked in many projects, including restoration of the Hensley Settlement in the Appalachian Mountains. The Job Corps brought him to Belvidere, IL in 1967 where he worked at Chrysler. He also worked at MGD Graphics, where he met his long time companion, Penny Gentzel. He did body work and painted vehicles and motorcycles at Strandquist and Kegel's.

Ron's many years as an over-the-road truck driver took him on adventures across the United States, with routes to New York City, California, Louisiana, and many places in between. During the last several years, when his health no longer allowed him to drive his semi, he spent his time doing body work, painting vehicles, and enjoying time with friends and family. He was passionate about his Fords and Harleys.

Ron truly lived life during his 73 years and enjoyed the experience of whatever he did. He spent time boating on the Mississippi River and on

Geneva Lake when he owned his boat and took more than one trip on his motorcycle to Sturgis. Ron was a good cook and loved food. Ron and Penny often took road trips in search of good restaurants all around the area and became well-known at a few of their regular stops. Ron's most cherished moments were spent being Grandpa and he loved to tell people all about the grandkids. He proudly cheered on the Stillman Valley and Byron football teams when the Alberts boys played. The grandchildren held a special place in his heart, and he was well-loved by them in return. Time spent with the family was important and always ended with a hug and an "I love you" from Ron.

Ron never met a stranger. His genuine interest in people and his love of sharing a story created friendships wherever he went. He spent many hours on the phone talking to his daughters, brother, other family, and friends near and far when he wasn't able to visit in person. Those he has left behind will miss his stories even though they have been told many

times. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Predeceased by his parents; infant son, Ronnie Jr.; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Diane McMillan; and many close friends.

Ron is survived by his daughters, Heather McMillan, San Diego, Calif.; Tamie (Mark) Ball, Ridgecrest, Calif.; grandson, Skylor (Christina) McGee, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Sherrie McMillan, Ky.; sister Vickie Brisbon, Ky.; numerous nieces and nephews, including Caitlyn, Sarah, Jason (Sarah), Christopher and others; several great-nieces and nephews; companion of 38 years, Penny Gentzel, Byron, and her family, whom he loved as if they were his own – children: Brad (Beth Clark) Alberts, Stillman Valley, Brent (Jen) Alberts, Byron, Beth (Jeff) Palmer, Rockford; grandchildren: Logan (Maddie Bayliss) Alberts, Rockford, Sydney and Skylar Alberts Stillman Valley, Zak and Alexa Alberts, Byron, Rowan (John) Reese, Rockford, and Reese Palmer, Milwaukee, WI; great-grandchild: Harrison Logan; several close friends.

Cremation rites accorded. No services at this time based on Ron's wishes. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. To leave condolences or share a memory, visit Christensen Funeral Home at [www.rockford-funerals.com](http://www.rockford-funerals.com).

### George D. Jones

**OREGON** – George D. "Charlie" Jones, 85, lifelong Oregon resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 in Swedish-American Hospital, Rockford. Born June 21, 1936 in Oregon, the son of George and Hazel (Matthews) Jones.



Married to Patricia Mon July 4, 1958 in Byron. Charlie attended Oregon schools and was a US Army veteran. He was employed 37 years at E.D. Etnyre in Oregon, retiring in 2006. Charlie loved fishing, hunting and gardening.

Survived by his wife, Pat Jones of Oregon; son,

dren, Jena Thunberg and Kyle Thunberg; great grandchild, Rylee Farrey; step-great grandchildren: Ethan & Allison Kessler, Jaxon Slomian and Christian White; and sister, Shirley Mon.

Predeceased by his parents and sister, Bonnie Pearson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Luke Schier of The Open Bible Church, Polo presided. Burial in Grand Detour Cemetery.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron seniors gathering for potluck lunch

**BYRON** – The Byron area seniors welcome friends to their noon “Potluck” gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 12 held at the Jarrett Center in Byron.

Note the date change. The planned program will be The Rock River Line Dancers.

Join the fellowship and fun. Questions? Call Kim 815-645-8475 or Norma 815-732-6698



## Breakfast with mayor

Mt. Morris Village President Phil Labash joined members of the community at the Mt. Morris Senior Center’s weekly biscuits and gravy breakfast. On the first Wednesday of each month Labash will be at the center to eat breakfast, answer questions, and get to know community members. The first session contained lively conversation and was very informative for all who attended. People were surprised that things that were discussed at breakfast were updated the same day. People of all ages are more than welcome to join this breakfast. The next one is on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 8 a.m. They will be serving biscuits and gravy (\$2 for a half order, \$3.50 for a full order), pancakes (\$1 each), and coffee/tea/milk/water (50 cents each). The senior center is located at 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris. All are welcome.

## Magic Lantern Show Oct. 3


**DAVIS JUNCTION** – There will be a Magic Lantern Show at the Davis Junction Museum on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m.


The Museum is located at 202 Pacific in Davis Junction.

This is a show modeled after those in the early 1900’s with slides, sound and stories. Doors open at 1 p.m.


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# LOCAL NEWS

## Stock+Field rebranding to R.P. Home & Harvest

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. — R.P. Lumber Co., Inc., has announced the rebranding of all 22 Stock+Field locations it acquired through the bankruptcy process this past spring to their new name, R.P. Home & Harvest.

Starting Sept. 7, the complete interior, exterior, and online rebranding started. After decades of operations, the stores — known as Big R until acquired in 2018 and renamed Stock + Field — entered bankruptcy and liquidation under previous ownership in early 2021.

R.P. Lumber Co., Inc. stepped in this past spring and, knowing the importance of the products and jobs these stores provide the communities they serve, worked hard with their great employees and vendors to keep these stores operating after a complete liquidation under prior ownership. With a new management team in place and the stores open and stabilized, the transition to this permanent brand is the start of the new beginning for these exciting stores and the customers they proudly serve. By rehiring and committing to the employees at these locations, rebuilding the culture that helped the company thrive in years past, and investing in the products and brands the customers

crave, R.P. Home & Harvest has turned the page and will begin growing again.

Founded in Watseka, Ill., in 1964 as Big R Stores, R.P. Home & Harvest will continue to serve its customer base by providing quality products essential to rural lifestyles at affordable prices. Since the new ownership team reopened the stores, they have been vocal about partnering with their customers and the communities they serve to make the improvements that will anchor its stores in these towns for many years to come. Many of the new products and operational changes within the stores were specifically driven by their recent "It's Your Store" campaign where input was sought from customers across the 22 locations.

Based in Edwardsville, IL, R.P. Lumber Co., Inc. is a family-owned retailer that operates 74 full-service hardware and building material stores throughout Illinois, Missouri, Wyoming, and Iowa. The company was founded in 1977 by Chairman and CEO Robert L. Plummer in Staunton, IL.

As the new ownership group has stated in the past, their prime motivation for reopening these stores was to save jobs and invest in rural America.

## Oregon Police report

**Aug. 25**

At 4:15 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nicholas Kasten, 39, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for no valid driver's license. Kasten was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**August 31, 2021:**

At 10:55 a.m., Oregon Police issued Christine M. McCaslin, 61, Oregon, a city citation for violating the inoperable motor vehicle ordinance. Joshua A. MCCaslin, 39, Oregon, was also issued a city citation for violating the inoperable motor vehicle ordinance. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. Etnyre Avenue.

At 6:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amber Coffey, 35, Byron, a citation for speeding, 43 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Sept. 1**

At 2:52 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a citizen complaint call at Casey's General Store located at 901 W Washington Street resulting in the arrest of Katie J. Ruetten, 34, Dixon, for two outstanding warrants, one out of Lee County for failure to appear, and one out of Whiteside County for failure to appear on a possession of methamphetamine charge. Ruetten was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Sept. 3**

At 7:29 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Mitchell J. Manka, 20, Mt. Morris, for no valid driver's license. Manka was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 500 block of W. Washington Street.

At 8:20 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of IL Route 64 and Daysville Road involving a 2005 GMC driven by Daniel S. Rauch, 52, Rockford, and a 2015 Ford driven by Cecilia M. Zimmerman, 77, Oregon. Rauch was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Sept. 4**

At 1:04 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jacob B. Cunningham, 24, Mt. Morris, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Cunningham was also issued citations for disobeying a stop sign and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%. Cunningham was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of Madison Street.

At 8:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Logan T. Green, 16, Byron, a citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

**Sept. 5**

At 2:03 p.m., Oregon Police issued Justin D. Street, 21, Dixon, a citation for possessing an improper container of cannabis as a driver. This violation occurred in the 200 block of Jones Terrace.

3 parking tickets and 6 verbal warning issued during the week of 08/30/2021 through

09/05/2021.

**Sept. 6**

At 2:26 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street resulting in the arrest of Christopher A. Watts, 32, Oregon, for domestic battery. Watts was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Sept. 7**

At 6:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Janelle J. Tanaglia, 25, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Sept. 8**

At 12:31 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Randi M. Suter, 33, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Suter was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 4:29 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a theft call at Oregon Super Value located in the 200 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, resulting in the arrest of Diane L. Harrod, 53, Byron, for retail theft. Harrod was transported to the Ogle County jail.

**Sept. 9**

At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Oregon High School parking lot located at 210 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street involving a 2012 Jeep driven by Shyanne A. Hanson, 27, Mt. Morris, and a 2005 Ford driven by Mya J. Hernandez, 17, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 8:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kimberly M. Schweizer, 39, Oregon, a citation for possessing an improper container of cannabis as a driver. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

**Sept. 10**

At 8:51 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a hit and run traffic crash that occurred in the 1300 block of Koontz Place where an unknown vehicle struck a parked 2018 Volkswagen belonging to Kaitlyn N. Deraitus, 28, Oregon. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

**Sept. 11**

At 4:10 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a theft call at Sam's Tobacco Shop located in the 200 block of W. Washington Street, resulting in the arrest of Hayli M. Stier, age 30, Oregon, for theft less than \$500. Stier was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Raheem J.D. Martin, 28, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Sept. 12**

At 12:50 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Timothy W. Tate, 41, Dixon, for possessing an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Tate was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 2500 block of South IL Route 2.

2 parking tickets and

13 verbal warning issued during the week of 09/06/2021 through 09/12/2021.

**Sept. 13**

At 9:01 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 500 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2002 Buick driven by Rita I. Francis-Mecum, 44, of Walnut, IL, and a 2004 Ford driven by Mark A. Vice, Sr., 59, Oregon. Francis-Mecum was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 10:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Diamond Alize CJ Wade, 19, Rockford, for improper container of cannabis as a driver. Wade was transported to the Ogle County jail. A female passenger, 16, Rockford, was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a passenger. These violations occurred in the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

**Sept. 14**

At 10:44 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nimrod D. Hilliard, age 35, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Hilliard was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Sept. 15**

At 2:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued Keegan S. Diehl, 17, Oregon, a citation for passing a school bus while loading and unloading. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

At 6:08 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of S. 4<sup>th</sup> and Madison Streets involving a 2017 Cadillac driven by Diane L. Magne, 72, Dixon, and a 2012 Chevrolet driven by Katelyn R. Bowers, age 16, Oregon. Magne was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Sept. 16**

At 7:37 p.m., Oregon Police issued James R. Henderson, 21, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of E. Washington Street.

At 9:21 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jerime J. Kuhlemier, 40, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for aggravated battery and a sentencing order for domestic battery. Kuhlemier was charged with reckless driving, felony driving while license revoked, and felony aggravated fleeing to elude. Kuhlemier was also issued citations for speeding, 110 mph in a 55 mph zone, operating a motorcycle with an expired registration, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Kuhlemier was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. River Road.

**Sept. 17**

At 10:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Breann R. Daugherty, 32, Oregon, for possessing an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Daugherty was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 700 block of E. Washington Street.

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 907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Library hosting hospice program

**FORRESTON** – The FHN Hospice Team provides physical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life support to patients and their families.

The staff and caregivers focus not on dying but on living well and with dignity during the patient's remaining time

with family and friends. Learn more about the services FHN Hospice offers and about their wonderful team of caregivers at an informational meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 1-3 p.m. at Forreton Public Library.

FHN Hospice has a team of registered nurses,

certified nursing assistants, social workers, a chaplain and volunteers to assist you and your loved one with Advance Directives as well as guiding you through this time. Please call Forreton Public Library at 815-938-2624 for more information.

## Talk on history of Coke is Oct. 6 in Polo

**POLO** – The Polo Historical Society invites the public to the Polo History Museum, 113 N. Franklin St., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6th for an informative and education talk on America's favorite beverage, Coca-Cola.

Would you like to know how a formula concocted by a pharmacy for baby colic; baseball; and World War II were

instrumental in the creation and expansion of the most readily recognized and successful corporation in the world?

Along-time employee of the Coca-Cola Company, Dick Volker, will present a program regarding the history of the company and his own experiences.

If you have any questions, please call Paula Faivre at 815-632-7707.

## Oregon church hosting white elephant sale

**OREGON** – The Oregon United Methodist Women will hold their annual White Elephant Sale during Autumn on Parade weekend, Oct. 1 thru Oct. 3.

The sale is held inside the accessible Family

Life Center of the OUM Church. Wearing masks inside the building is required. Items for sale include children's toys, holiday decor, household items, small furniture, tools, books, jewelry plus much, much more.

Hours and days are Friday, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 3, Bag day from 9 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at the corner of Rt. 2 and Jefferson.

## Mt. Morris Senior Center sets activities

### Bridge

Would you like to learn how to play bridge? The Mt. Morris Senior Center Bridge Club would love to have some new players! Simply come to the Senior Center (9 East Front Street) on Wednesday at 1 p.m. We play for fun and we have a good time!

### Book Club

The Mt. Morris Senior Center Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. We will be discussing the book "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Afterwards we will be watching the movie and eating pizza together. It is only \$5 for lunch. We hope you can join us! No need to RSVP.

### Lunch Bunch

The Mt. Morris Senior Center Lunch Bunch really enjoys going to local eateries together two Fridays each month. On October 8<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Smoked on Third in Sterling, and on Oct. 22 we will be going to the Village Bakery in Oregon. We leave the Senior Center (9 East Front

Street) at 11 a.m. to carpool over for lunch. You can also meet us at the restaurant, but please let us know you are coming either way, so that we can save a seat for you. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.

### Meet the Bride and Groom

Melissa, the Director of the Mt. Morris Senior Center, is marrying a wonderful man named Eric, and we are celebrating their union on Saturday, Oct. 9. All are welcome to join the celebration from 2-4 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. It is an open house, so stop by anytime to see the bride in her dress and wish the couple well.

### Witches Tea

You are invited to join us for our annual Witches Tea! The tea will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, and it will include tea, a lovely dinner, entertainment, prizes, and fun. Please call 815-734-6335 or stop by the senior center to purchase a ticket. Remember, all are welcome!

## Ogle County Republicans to meet Sept. 28

**OREGON** – The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in the County Board room.

Chris Roper candidate for Illinois Governor will be attending the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., Sept. 27

Chess enthusiasts, come to the Byron Public Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Brush up on your chess skills. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Boards and pieces provided by the Byron Public Library District. Space is limited, so register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Courthouse in the County Board room. Chris Roper candidate for Illinois Governor will be attending the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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. 2

Byron Farmers' Market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. For information karen\_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

### Tues., Sept. 28

The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogle County

### Weds., Sept. 29

Learn about the services FHN Hospice offers and about their wonderful team of caregivers at an informational meeting from 1-3 p.m. at Forreton Public Library.

The Oregon United Methodist Women will hold their annual White Elephant Sale today through Sunday. The sale is held inside the accessible Family Life Center of the OUM Church. Wearing masks inside the building is required. Hours today are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Fri., Oct. 1

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Oct. 12, 1492, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he has reached East Asia. Columbus, and most others, underestimated the world's size, calculating that East Asia must lie about where North America sits on the globe.

\* On Oct. 17, 1906, Wilhelm Voigt, a German shoemaker wearing a stolen captain's uniform, impersonates an army officer and leads an entire squad of soldiers to help him steal 4,000 marks from the mayor's office cash box, exploiting their blind obedience to authority. The Kaiser thought the story was funny; the German army did not.

\* On Oct. 16, 1946, at Nuremberg, Germany, 10 high-ranking Nazi officials are executed by hanging for their crimes during World War II after they were found guilty by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

\* On Oct. 13, 1957, the science-fiction thriller "The Amazing Colossal Man" premieres in theaters. The film revolved around an Army officer who began to grow uncontrollably after he strayed too close to an atomic blast in the Nevada desert.

\* On Oct. 14, 1968, the U.S. Defense Department announces that the Army and Marines will be sending about 24,000 men back to Vietnam for involuntary second tours because of the length of the war. The decision badly hurt troop morale and the combat readiness of U.S. forces around the world.

\* On Oct. 11, 1975, "Saturday Night Live," a comedy sketch show, makes its debut on NBC, with George Carlin as its host, and Billy Preston and Janis Ian as musical guests. Since its inception, SNL has featured a different guest host and musical act each week.

\* On Oct. 15, 1991, after a bitter confirmation hearing, the U.S. Senate votes 52 to 48 to confirm Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. President George Bush had nominated the 43-year-old Thomas, an African American judge known for his conservative beliefs.

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## Another summer comes to an end

As a guy who dreams of endless summers, the trees in my yard are always there to remind me that my never-ending summer is just a dream.

There is one tree in particular with leaves that turn yellow and fall fairly early each year – well, early for me.

And now I see others are starting to follow that tree's lead. The trees across the street are starting a slow turn as well.

My wonderful, warm, favorite season of summer is coming to an end. Well, according to the calendar it is officially over. But I tend to ignore the calendar for as long as I can.

In the history of summers, and I have more than a few under my belt, this certainly ranks up there as the shortest I can remember. It feels like I was chipping ice off of my back patio two days ago.

Did you have a busy summer? Did you take advantage of the glorious weather? I know that I did. I took a few long motorcycle trips, which

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I have documented here. The last one was actually just over a week ago when I went to visit my daughter in Duluth, Minn. OK, that was only a little over 800 miles, but it counts.

There is still nothing quite like riding in the open air on a beautiful day, enjoying nature and dodging soccer moms in mini vans who are apparently trying to kill me. Get off the phone, Karen.

This was a pretty dry summer, too. That might not be good for farmers, but as a rider and frequent lawn mower I had no

problem with less rain. I haven't mowed my large yard in weeks now, and although I am sure I have at least one more mow on the horizon this year, I can always hope that I am done for 2021.

Also, after being rained out multiple times last year, it looks like the band I am in will make it through the summer of 2021 with a total of zero rain outs. That is a very uncommon win in the Midwest, but I'll take it.

Unfortunately, the anger in the country does not seem to have subsided over this wonderful summer. Social media is still a seething cesspool of hate, anger and blame shifting.

And even out in the wild people seem on the edge of losing it. I saw a large truck – and I mean it was jacked up so high it could drive over small buildings – with "F\*@\$ Biden" painted in large letters on the tailgate. Except it was the real word, not code.

My first thought was, "Why do that to your

truck?" Then I wondered what parents with children who see this truck driving around think. Dude, it is summer. Beautiful, beautiful summer. What are you doing? Enjoy life already!

Summer is no time for any of us to deal with knuckleheads like this. We have fun and smiles to focus on, am I right?

I know that I enjoyed our lovely summer, and I am already making plans for next year, including a late spring trip to Arizona to see my father. Yes, on my motorcycle.

In the meantime, I am starting to brace myself for a lot of gutter cleaning, as the trees in our yard start dropping leaves at an accelerated pace. And after that comes the snow, the ice and the cold.

And me, just waiting until the next summer so I can get out and enjoy the beautiful days we get here in our region.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*

## These are not laws, they are mandates

Dear Editor,

In your (column of Sept. 6) you lamented that we have rules for a reason and people should just follow them. This is my response:

In a functioning Democracy, we are not governed by mandates but by laws enacted through a well-defined process that we all know if we watched "Schoolhouse Rock" as children. In a crisis, we have a mechanism for making quick decisions by way of Emergency Powers. Because those Emergency Powers are so easy to invoke, they are limited in scope and time.

Mandates with no end in sight are not Democratic. They do not help us to combat the pandemic because they are made in a vacuum and not debated or rigorously examined as they would be if subject to the legislative process. Most importantly, they are not transparent to the public.

If people really believed they were killing others by not wearing a mask, would they continue to resist? I guess there might be a few but not many. People don't wear masks because they are selfish jerks, but because they see that the people making these mandates don't do so. They aren't wearing them because they can clearly see that your cloth American flag mask is not going to be incredibly

effective. They aren't wearing them because they know that they aren't sick and rightly believe that people who are at increased risk should be accepting personal responsibility for their own health and take sensible precautions.

If people really thought they needed a vaccine for a virus that carries a greater than 99 percent recovery rate, they would get it. Instead, people have done the risk-benefit calculations for themselves and many have determined it is not in their best interests. It is puzzling how people who are vaccinated are so fearful of the un-vaccinated. Maybe it isn't so puzzling now that we are finding out a third booster might be required and an ever-increasing number of people who are vaccinated are getting sick.

Yes, employers can require the vaccine and schools can ban you from attending without the vaccine, except that there are actual laws that make this illegal. (Healthcare Right of Conscience Act). I believe this and other laws were passed for some very good reasons and now, all of a sudden, we find ourselves facing a series of mandates that violate the law. It's weird that it now seems OK to ban people based on arbitrary rules without much basis in science.

When our leaders take shortcuts from democracy we end up with some unintended consequences. Among them is lack of transparency and the resulting lack of trust that the government is doing its job properly. That is the real reason for the vaccine hesitancy and unwillingness to wear masks. People do not trust their government.

Americans have seen politicians and bureaucrats make rules and then not follow them. In March/April 2021 when Texas and other states ended their mask mandates, there were gloomy predictions about the death toll that never came to pass. We see so-called "super spreader" events that don't result in massive outbreaks. We see the country of Israel with draconian mask and vaccine requirements having more and more cases, but at the same time the country of Sweden, which has never given in to the mask hysteria, is enjoying a relatively low rate of infections.

But you say, "Follow the rules."

You mentioned that if our society of rules breaks down then society breaks down. That is not accurate. If the rule of law breaks down, that's when society breaks down. These mandates are not laws.

**Jim Mays, Stillman Valley**

## Change in this country starts or stops with you

I can hardly believe it is already September.

This week I have seen combines driving down the road and the dust from the bean fields in the air. The high school football field lights are on, and the nights are cool. So I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone to slow down and take their time.

As the fall season ramps up, there will be more farm equipment on the roads and more kids driving to and from school. Last month, I gave you a little tease about being mad, but I had no idea what this previous month would bring us.

The idea that I had for this month's column pales in comparison to what we have seen over the last month. Whether the failure is of the state

### Guest Opinion

By Brian VanVickle



legislature, the federal executive branch or our governor, we should all be upset and we should all be mad. And we should want change.

I cannot believe that the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 is upon us. I still remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when the first plane hit the tower, when the second plane hit the

tower and when they both came down.

I still remember the feeling on Sept. 12, which, in part, is the reason why I sit at the desk that I do today. Sept. 11 shifted the trajectory of our country and our community, but have we forgotten why that shift occurred?

There seems to be a competition between the states of California, Illinois and Minnesota to again shift our trajectory. If these societal changes occur it will forever affect us and not in a positive way.

I challenge each one of you to remember what you felt on Sept. 11 as well as what you felt on Sept. 12 and to make sure that you continue to remember that sense of American pride.

As I am speaking at

community events, the overwhelming discussion is the failures of the last month in Afghanistan, energy, crime and gerrymandered legislative maps. Our voices must be heard to effect change, not only here in the state of Illinois, but also in Washington D.C.

You do this by voting with your heart. While this topic isn't what I teased you with last month, I believe it is very relevant especially in light of the events of the last 30 days. You should be mad. It's your government, the people's house. Remember the United States constitution begins in bold letters and provides so simply, "We the People." Change starts or stops with you.

*Brian VanVickle is the Sheriff of Ogle County.*



# LOCAL NEWS



## Canine costume contest Oct. 18

**OREGON** – Calling all dog lovers – this is a HOWL'ween event you won't want to miss. Enter your dog in the Oregon Park District HOWL'ween Canine Costume Contest on Monday, Oct. 18. All are invited to come and watch and see the parading pooches in their costumes. To participate you don't have to have a Wiggly Field Membership, but all non-members are asked to show proof of Rabies Vaccination. There is a very small fee to participate, and registration is required by Oct. 11 to ensure each pup gets a small HOWL'ween treat. Also, keep in mind that all

costumes must be family friendly. The parade of pooches begins at 5:30 p.m. Judging will follow with awards to the winning canines. Categories for judging include Best Purchased Costume, Best Homemade Costume and Best Group Costume (multiple dogs or pet/owner coordinating costumes). This event is co-sponsored with Pines Meadow Vet Clinic with some donations from other local pet friendly business. To register visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101. For more information contact [debbie@oregonpark.org](mailto:debbie@oregonpark.org) or call the Park District.

## Cates appointed to scientific commission

Dr. Jeffrey Cates was again among a group of selected experts to employ a Delphi process where researched is reviewed and rated. The upcoming project will update information in the *Chiropractic management of the low back pain in adults: a clinical practice guideline*, a 2016 guideline that was co-authored by Dr. Cates. The Scientific Commission of the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP) advises the CCGPP on issues related to searching, identifying, interpreting and compiling the scientific evidence related to chiropractic care and to collaborate on the development, publication, dissemination and utilization of guidelines and care pathways. Dr. Cates has worked with the CCGPP for several decades and has published works that include several guidelines and medical journal articles on quality assurance and standards of care in healthcare. He is co-author of the CCGPP low-back chapter and lead author of the chapter on thoracic disorders of the profession's best practice guideline text. Dr. Cates' published works are included in the medical literature. He maintains a private practice of chiropractic orthopedics in Oregon.

## Oregon Rotary Club offering college scholarship

**OREGON** – The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited to offer its 37<sup>th</sup> annual College Scholarship opportunity which is open to all college students meeting the criteria below. Please keep in mind that the financial need or status of candidate will not be a factor. Application résumés will be accepted via email from now until the end of October. \* Applicants must be residents of the Oregon Community Unit School District. \* Applicants must have completed at least one year at a college or university or one semester at a trade school. \* Applicant must submit an email including the following:  
- name and contact information of student  
- name of school  
- major area of study  
- class standing (sophomore, junior, senior)  
- cumulative grade point average  
- extracurricular activities while in college  
- other information the student feels relevant  
Applications can be emailed to the Scholarship Chairperson, Hollie Guist, Jr. at [hguistjr@gmail.com](mailto:hguistjr@gmail.com).

## Oregon Class of 1962 plans reunion

**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.



## Polo Lions donation

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, the Polo Lions Club made a donation of \$350 to Polo Softball. Pictured is Mark Bocker presenting the check to Larry Loomis.



## Author speaks to Oregon Lions

Author and wellness coach Elizabeth Priller spoke to the Oregon Lions at their meeting at the VFW in Oregon on Aug. 26. She has established a business called Locus, located in downtown Oregon, that provides an experience-based wellness space for professionals and entrepreneurs who wish to work in an atmosphere that cultivates a productive work day. Pictured from left are: Priller and Oregon Lions President Dave Stenger.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Byron Kiwanis holding pork chop sandwich lunch on Oct. 9

**BYRON** – Stop by the Byron St. Mary Church parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for the Kiwanis Pork Chop Sandwich Lunch.

Enter at 220 N. 2nd St. The cost is \$8 and includes grilled Eichman's pork sandwich, chips, cookie, and bottle of water. This is a drive-through event, so press the "easy button" and treat your family with a pork chop sandwich lunch to go.

All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Kiwanis is a mosaic of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to uplift our communities and serve children around the world. The Byron Club was founded in 1988 and Service is at the heart of every member, united in our commitment and compassion for others.

A Family of Servant Leaders: Byron Kiwanis sponsors "K-KIDS" at Mary Morgan Elementary, "Builders Club" at Byron Middle School and "Key Club" at Byron High School. We collaborate with other area service organizations and businesses ... because together we reach more people and have a greater impact on our community. Some of the programs we support include; Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa, benefitting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Pegasus Riders, Village of Progress, Neuroscience Research Foundation.



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**Saturday**  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Sunday**  
12 - 5 p.m.

Sundays are \$1 Admission for both residents and non-residents

## Fall and Winter Pool Schedule

### Water Aerobics

- Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat Water Aerobics 8-9 am
- Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Sat Deep Water Aerobics 9:15-10:15 am
- Tuesday and Thursday Twinges 10:30-11:30 am
- Tuesday night Water Aerobics 6:30-7:30 pm

### Swim Lessons

- Swim Lessons Tuesday and Thursday 2 - 7 p.m.

### Open Swims

- Sunday 12:30 - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Lap Swims offered Daily.

A full Swim schedule can be found at [www.oregonparkdistrict.com](http://www.oregonparkdistrict.com)





**VOTING PHASE IS COMPLETED. LOOK FOR "WINNERS" SECTION NEXT MONTH!**

## Farmers Market

*Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 8 am to noon, Sunshine Park, Il Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. Annie O'Sullivan, Davis Junction, makes and sells Crocheted hats, ear muffs, baby dresses, blankets, sweaters and photography postcards. We had more than 30 vendors last week. Come check it out! Oct. 2 will be the last outdoor market of the year. Thank you to all vendors and customers who have visited the market this summer and made the market very successful. Hope to see you at the second Saturday Markets hosted by the Byron Museum of History in October, November and December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*



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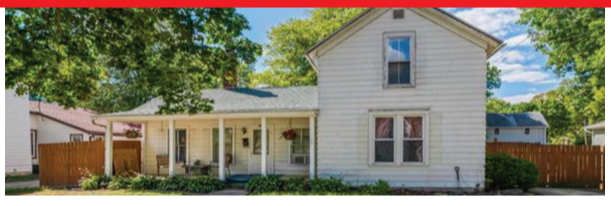
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**602 Webster Street Oregon \$145,000 Call Rebecca**  
Charming Home with Amazing outdoor space! From the moment that you walk in, you will fall in love with this charming 3-bedroom, 2 bathroom home. Everything in this home has been well maintained, the main floor has large eat in kitchen with beautiful bay window area. Living room with gleaming hardwood floors and wood burning fireplace. On the main you will also find 2 bedrooms and a bright and clean full bathroom. Upstairs feature a large bedroom and an additional room that could easily serve as a 4th bedroom. Finished lower level with full bathroom, laundry, rec room and bonus room that could serve as a craft room or office. The outdoor space is lovely with over sized deck boasting built in storage, mature trees and 2 car garage. Roof in 2019, Furnace in 2015, Appliances Stay. Call for your showing today!



**601 N Main Avenue Milledgeville \$144,900 Call Carrie**  
Welcome Home to this spacious 2 story home conveniently located blocks from schools & parks on a corner lot! Enjoy the welcoming kitchen with center island, eating area with cathedral wood ceiling & wall of windows & ample built ins, hardwood flooring & appliances that stay! Dining room leading to the living room with gas log fireplace and window with stained glass insert. Great room with built in bookcase and ample space for entertaining family & friends. Upstairs are 3bedrooms, full bath, den & landing perfect for computer space or play room, master bedroom with dressing room, and ample closets. Attic storage, detached 3 car garage w/opener & so much more! Being sold as-is.



**208 N 6th Street Oregon \$89,000 Call Rebecca**  
BETTER MOVE QUICK! To snag this affordable 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home on the north end of Oregon. Main floor features master bedroom, bonus room, formal dining room and living room. Kitchen is large with eat in area. 3 season porch off of the back of the house. Upstairs you will find 2 bedrooms. Fully fenced back yard with cedar fence and a detached 1 car garage. All within walking distance to downtown and schools. Call for your showing today!

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**802 Locust Street Sterling \$139,900 Call JD**  
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**120 Hillside Drive Polo \$15,500 Call Jenny**  
Two adjacent residential lots located in Salter Heights subdivision just outside of town. Nice private location at the end of the street. Lots are improved with all utilities. Level lots and partially wooded.



**204 Sunset Lane Mt Morris \$104,900 Call Stephanie**  
Lovely Cape Cod home on a large lot with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. You will love the original woodwork and built-ins, main floor master, spacious living room with wood burning fireplace, formal dining and large fenced in backyard! New updates to the home include new siding and roof to home and garage in 2021, all new paint throughout, newly refinished hardwood flooring and new carpet. All appliances stay!

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**8314 N Pheasant Trail Stillman Valley \$364,900 Call Rebecca**  
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**1697 N River Road Oregon \$295,000 Call Carla**  
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# SPORTS

## Anniversary



## Hoffman's celebrate 60 years

Jerry and Phyllis Hoffman are celebrating 60 years!

Jerry and Phyl met 65 years ago this September at a back-to-school picnic at their small high school in Leaf River, when Jerry was a junior and Phyl was a freshman. They became high-school sweethearts and were married on Sept. 2, 1961, in Mt. Morris, just before Jerry's senior year in college.

After his graduation they spent 5 years in Madison while Jerry was working on his PhD. at the University of Wisconsin. They moved to Louisville in 1967 when Jerry accepted a faculty position at the University of

Louisville School of Medicine from which he is retired. Phyl continues her lifetime profession of loving mother, and grandmother.

Their family includes: Mike of Pekin, Ind.; Kristi Brown (Greg) of Fern Creek, Ky., and her children Stephen and Jessica Vaughn; and Andy (Amanda) Hoffman of Owensboro, Ky., Andy's son Jordan Murphy and Andy and Amanda's twins Max and Mia.

The anniversary was celebrated with a family dinner. If you would like to send a congratulatory card their address is 18630 Chadwick Glen Circle, Louisville, KY 40245

## Byron sneaks past Genoa-Kingston

The Byron High School football team scored only once in the first quarter, but it was enough to outlast Genoa-Kingston 7-3 on Sept. 17.

Jared Claunch scored near the end of the first quarter on a 2-yard run. He had 82 yards for the game. Chandler Binkley

also had 82 yards on the ground.

The game came down to the Byron defense, which held Genoa-Kingston to a single field goal in the third quarter. Binkley led the Tigers with four solo tackles and five assists. Claunch also had four solo tackles and two assists.

## Scores

### Varsity Volleyball

Sept. 16  
Stillman Valley beat Dixon 25-20, 14-25, 25-20  
Oregon beat West Carroll 20-25, 26-24, 25-19  
Ava Wight 15 digs, 7 kills, 3 aces.  
Jenae Bothe 9 kills, 2 blocks  
Cass Alyward 10 digs, 4 aces  
Sophia Stender 19 digs

Sept. 11  
Stillman Valley 0, Fulton 2  
Stillman Valley 0, Belvidere 2  
Stillman Valley 0, Forreston 2  
Stillman Valley 2, Ottawa 1  
Stillman Valley 0, Genoa-Kingston

Sept. 21  
Oregon lost to Rockford Lutheran 25-21, 16-25, 12-25  
Jenae Bothe 9 kills, 5 digs, 1 block, 1 ace; Ava Wight 7 kills, 20 digs; Aubrey Point 11 digs, 1 ace, 16 assists

### Varsity soccer

Sept. 16  
Stillman Valley 0, Mendota 9  
Oregon 2, Rockford Christian 5  
Miley Smith, 15 saves; Isaac Nelson, 1 goal; Liam Dickson-Harriett 1 assist; Joey Gelandar 1 goal

Sept. 18  
Oregon 2, Indian Creek 1  
Joey Gelandar 1 goal, 1 assist

Sept. 20  
Stillman Valley 8, South Beloit 0

Sept. 22  
Oregon 9, Pecatonica 2  
Joey Gelandar 5 goals; Isaac Nelson 2 goals; Kyle Brechon q goal, 1 assist; Cruz Hernandez 1 goal; Liam Dickson 2 assists

### Boys Golf

Sept. 18  
Oregon beats Stillman Valley

Sept. 16  
Oregon 208, Rockfalls 215  
Medalist Riley Anderson; runner-up Isaac Kaltenbrun  
Polo 251, LeWin 205

Sept. 15  
Stillman Valley 157, North Boone 178

### Girls Golf

Oregon 192, Rock Falls 175  
Medalist Megan Firorini; runner-up Ava Hackman

Sept. 16  
Polo 250, LeWin 107

Sept. 15  
Stillman Valley 173, North Boone 214  
Medalist Grace Haas

Sept. 20  
Polo 241, Hinkley 203

### Varsity Football

Stillman Valley 20, Dixon 14

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Aug. 2 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 3 - Lee Dusing, Las Vegas, Nev., \$25  
Aug. 4 - Gisela Clayton, Compton, \$25  
Aug. 5 - Frank and Jessica Mitchell, Rockford, \$25  
Aug. 6 - Karen Tracy, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 7 - Ann O'Donnell, Rockford, \$25  
Aug. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50  
Aug. 9 - Noah Ackland, Pembroke, Mass., \$25  
Aug. 10 - Bob Vanstone, Philadelphia, Penn., \$25  
Aug. 11 - Brittney Zick, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 12 - Tom Misciasci, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 13 - Rochelle Foods, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 14 - Rochelle Foods, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 15 - Rotary, Rochelle, \$50  
Aug. 16 - Tom Ackert, Dixon, \$25

Aug. 17 - Justin and Renee Miller, Lindenwood, \$25  
Aug. 18 - Quinn Rice, Northbrook, \$25  
Aug. 19 - Crystal Schafer (Jeff Perry), \$25  
Aug. 20 - Melody Noon, Oregon, \$25  
Aug. 21 - Nick Gilbert, Aurora, \$25  
Aug. 22 - Laura Evangelista, Rochelle, \$50  
Aug. 23 - Sophie Meyers, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 24 - Lauri Hays, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 25 - George Meusel, Amboy, \$25  
Aug. 26 - David C. Tess, Barrington, \$25  
Aug. 27 - Cally Gustafson, Topeka, KS, \$25  
Aug. 28 - Nancy Bingham, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 29 - Blake Wetzel, Lindenwood, \$50  
Aug. 30 - Sandy Sullivan, Rochelle, \$25  
Aug. 31 - Tom McDermott, Rochelle, \$25  
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

## Dean's List

### Wartburg College

**WAVERLY, Iowa** – Tucker Mumford of Polo was named to the Wartburg College Winter/May Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 494 students for Winter/May Term.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during

the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Winter Term, which runs from January through April, and one course during the one-month May Term.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for

community engagement, enrolls 1,564 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

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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!

### Twin Disasters: The Chicago and Peshtigo Fires – Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program  
A live virtual panel discussion on the 150th Anniversary of the ‘Great Fires’. Go to our Facebook page or Website for the link to register. Registration is required to receive the link to join the discussion.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Autumn on Parade will be here soon and so will the Friends of the Library Book Sale! Donate those gently used books to the Friends of the Library on Donation Day, Thursday, September 30 from 8 am to 2 pm on the lawn of the Library. The Book Sale will take place on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 from 8 am to 3 pm both days.

### Meet the Director - Saturday, October 2nd during the book sale

Stop by the gallery on Saturday, October 2nd, to meet the new Oregon Public Library District Director, Stephanie Nissen. The Library will be closed, but the Eagle’s Nest Art Gallery will be open from 9 am-3 pm. Be sure to check out the Friends of the Library Book Sale on your way in!

### Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. At ADM Studios, their mission is to inspire Americans to practice balance, wholeness, wellness – as individuals, as communities, as a nation. {Oneness.} 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.

### Local Author – The Library’s Very Own Richard Pulfer! Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Did you know that our very own Adult Services Librarian, Richard Pulfer, is a published author? Richard is the co-writer and co-creator of the webcomic Blue Yonder, and also the winner of the international comic book pitching contest Zeroes2Heroes. His writings have also appeared in Broken Frontier, the Rockford Register Star and Screen Rant. In addition, he has published short stories in Futurescapes, Call of the Wyld and Insurgency: A Fae Rebellion. And he works right here at the Oregon Public Library. Come and hear about Richard’s journey and the in’s and out’s of professional writing. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Blackhawk Wars – Friday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.

David G Clarke, the Windy City Road Warrior, will take an overview of the “Indian problem,” from first interaction with the French voyageurs, attempts at assimilation and coexistence, and finally treaties and government promises broken. We look at the Trail of Tears, the final war dance in 1835 Chicago, and the emergence of Native American casinos in the epic clash of cultures. It all happened in a land named for an indigenous nation of people, the Illinois. This program is provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Magic or Science? – Monday, Oct. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Did you know there are really fun concoctions simply by using ingredients and items from around the house? Join us at the Library, Monday, October 11 at 1:30 pm (no school) to discover and experiment! This is suitable for 3rd grade & up. Registration (limited space) and masks are required. Call (815) 732-2724 to register before the

October 6 deadline. It will be outside, weather permitting and it could get a little messy, so be prepared.

### Try It Tuesdays – Tuesday, Oct. 12 (while supplies last)

DIY Bug Soap for Halloween  
The kids won’t forget to wash their hands when there’s special soap on the sink — or slip these homemade toiletries into the guest bathroom for a sudsy surprise. Pick up your FREE kit to make your own custom bug soap bar. Each kit will contain soap molds, bug(fake) and soap mixture. Have fun and be creative. Kits come with everything needed. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders.

### Local Author John Plescia – Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

John Plescia, lives a rural life with his wife and 4 kids. “I’m not a published author but enjoy writing and the outdoors. This is my first fiction novel.” His book, The North Woods Adventures of John Baker, released on Aug. 25, 2021. Is a story about an aging trapper in the North Woods of Maine who needs help on his trapline. Registration required: (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### 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

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss World War Z by Max Brooks. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. Books on Tap meets Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King.

**OPLD Dial-A-Story** Need a quick story... call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children’s stories are changed out monthly, but you can hear it over and over again by calling! The current story is The Dinky Donkey by Craig Smith.

### 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

### New Releases

Putting It Together by James Lapine (Non-Fiction 792.6 LAP)  
Sweet Tooth: The Return by Jeff Lemire (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 LEM)  
Forget The Alamo: The Rise And Fall Of An American Myth by Bryan Burrough (Non-Fiction 976.403 BUR)  
Never Say You Can’t Survive by Charlie Jane Anders (Non-Fiction 808.02 AND)  
The Sisters Of Auschwitz by Roxanne Van Iperen (Non-Fiction 940.53 IPE)  
Bookshop By The Sea by Denise Hunter (Large Print Fiction)  
A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins (Fiction)  
Halloween Party Murder by Leslie Meier (Mystery)  
A Time To Swill by Sherry Harris (Paperback Mystery)

## Julia Hull Library News

### Super Stolie Guacamole!

Join Super Stolie on the library lawn as we celebrate the sights and sounds, foods, traditions and dances of our neighboring country to the South! Stolie gives instruction, sings and reads in both English and Spanish, highlighting key words that you can then integrate into your child’s daily routine, as well as activities to try at home! We’ll sing, wiggle, dance, and laugh our way through this live, interactive 45-minute program. Saturday, October 2 at 10 a.m. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

### Adult Book Club: Fox & I

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Catherine Raven’s memoir, Fox & I: An Uncommon Friendship. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for a link to the program. Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### Tween Scene: Pumpkin Spice Latte Craft

Fall is finally here! And we all know what that means! Pumpkin Spice EVERYTHING! Whether you love or hate the flavor, this month’s project is going to be to die for! Tweens will be making and taking their own Pumpkin Spice Latte inspired craft. Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at the library. Ages 10-12. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

### Chicago’s Sweet Candy History

Did you know? For most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation’s candy. From Brach’s caramels, Snickers and Milky Way bars, to Wrigley’s gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth and Butterfinger, Tootsie Rolls and Frango Mints. Learn the history of these tasty treats and explore what made Chicago such an ideal location for candymakers. Find out why immigrants played a critical role in confectionery history, discover how Baby Ruth and Milk Duds got their names, and take a fun “candy quiz.” Join Leslie Goddard, PhD for this deliciously fun and interactive Zoom program on Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register.

### Young Critics Book Club

It’s almost Halloween! Join us at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m., for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about a most fitting story for the season: Monster and Boy, by Hannah Barnaby. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Ages 7-9.

### Teen Crafternoon: Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Just like Jack the Pumpkin King, we’re taking a Christmas tradition and twisting it to spooky perfection this Halloween. Join Kelly at the library on Friday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. to make some gruesome haunted houses out of gingerbread and candy. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Halloween Science: Ghastly Goo!

Calling all little mad scientists! Join Miss Kelly in the library for some hair-raising Halloween fun. We’re whipping up all kinds of ghastly goo: from spooky slime to frightening foam! Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Consumer Reports Digital Access

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**FHN Hospice meeting**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1-3 p.m.  
 The FHN Hospice Team provides physical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life support to patients and their families. They are also able to help with Advance Directives. Join us for an informational meeting and presentation on how FHN Hospice can honor your loved one and assist you all through their final journey. Please call the library to register or for more information.

**Library Card Sign-up Month**  
 September is National Library Card

Sign-up Month! A library card not only gives you access to books, dvds, and magazines here in Forreton, but also allows you to check out materials from area libraries and request items from anywhere in the country! Resident cards are free to anyone who lives or owns property within the village limits and nonresident cards are \$45.00 per year. Stop in today and sign up for yours!

**Book Club**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.  
 Our September selection is "Wonder" by Patricia Palacio. Stop in the library to

pick up a copy and join us for the snacks and discussion!

**New Titles**  
 New adult fiction includes: "Whiplash" by Janet Dailey, "Dead by Dawn" by Paul Doiron, "The Forest of Vanishing Stars" by Kristin Harmel, "Lightning Strike" by William Kent Krueger, and "The Madness of Crowds" by Louise Penny.

**Library Hours**  
 The library is open the following hours: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm,

2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

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

## Byron Library News

**Did You Know...** that there's more to the Byron Library's "Library of Things" than just WiFi hot spots? Check out one of our Roku streaming devices and try Netflix, Hulu or Disney+, take high quality digital videos with our GoPro video camera, or check out one of the many STEM kits offered in the children's department. A full list of equipment available in the "Library of Things" can be found at <https://www.byron-library.org/library-of-things/>.

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

**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/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107.

**Chess Enthusiasts**  
 Monday, Sept. 27 at BPLD 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Brush up on your chess skills! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Boards and pieces provided by the Byron Public Library District. Space is limited, so register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

**Braided Jump Ropes**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 28 at BPLD 6-7 p.m.  
 Join Beth as she creates braided t-shirt jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child! The jump ropes will be donated to underprivileged youth around the world. Space is limited, so please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

**Friday Trivia**  
 Friday, Oct. 11:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History  
 From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

**Chess Enthusiasts**  
 Monday, Oct. 11 at BPLD 6-7:30 p.m.



*Our Charcuterie Boards 101 class Tuesday night was a delicious success! Patrons learned how to make a tasty charcuterie board and got to sample the example made in class.*

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**Ladies Night Out**  
 Thursday, Oct. 14 @ the BPLD Meeting Room 5-6 p.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
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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](http://www.mtmorris-il.org)

**Book sale through Oct. 8**  
 Our annual book sale will start on Sept. 25. All sales will be by donation. Nothing will be priced. We would like to thank the high school for sending students to help with the heavy lifting in preparation for the sale.

**Masks are required**  
 Due to the upsurge in cases, 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!

**Library Surveys**  
 We are asking for your input concerning the library hours and services. Surveys are available at the library and the Village Hall. It is just 5 questions long, and you can make any comments or suggestions. We want your help in order to serve the community more effectively.

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

**Storytime**  
 We will be having story time on Wednesdays at 11:15 in September. Donna Wells will be our guest reader, and we will have a fun craft to do also. All preschool children are welcome.

**9/11 Retrospective – 20 Years Later**  
 On Sunday, Oct. 17th at 2 p.m., Steve Erickson will be sharing information from his research into the events of Sept. 11, 2001. There will be time for remembrance and discussion. Join us for

an interesting afternoon. Registration is requested.  
 The September book will be Code Girls by Liza Mundy. Contact the library to get a copy. Will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Sept. 27. No registration required.



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## Bertolet Library News

**Leader Dog for the Blind:**  
 Join us Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m., when Bertolet Memorial Library hosts a Leader Dog for the Blind Program. Meet special guest Sherry Berkowitz and future Leader Dog puppies she is bringing with her. Sherry will talk about her experience as a puppy raiser and explain what is involved in training Leader Dog candidates to assist the blind and visually impaired. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

**Masks:**  
 Masks are required for all patrons over age 2. We will be happy to provide curbside service as needed.

**Story Hour:**  
 Story Hour with Miss Jana is back in session! We will be meeting each Thursday at 10 a.m. Register today at 815-738-2742.

**Craft Kits for Adults:**  
 Bertolet Memorial Library is now offering take home craft kits for adults and/or families. The kits provide the materials and instructions needed to make a craft. It's a great opportunity to be creative and de-stress at the same time. Our first kit, available now at the library, includes everything you need to make a wish bracelet. A new kit will be available the first Wednesday of each month.

**Create-a-Card:**  
 Create-a-Card is back! Join Jessie on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Make a special card for that special someone or occasion. Weddings, birthdays, holidays... The only limit is your imagination!

**Plastic Recycling:**  
 \*Update: Animal/pet food bags, silage/hay bags are no longer accepted in this program. Also no vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths or pool toys/covers.\* We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels.

**New Releases:**  
 Adult Books  
 An Impossible Promise by Jude Deveraux  
 Juvenile Books  
 Accused: My Story of Injustice by Adama Bah (NF)  
 On Wings Of Wonder by Doug Cosper  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Library News

### Polo Library Hours

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

### Saturday, October 9, 1 p.m. - "Mammals & More" with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund - Polo Library Pavilion

Join Ms. Melanie and the Flying Fox Conservation Fund for a fun and educational program about animals! The Flying Fox Conservation Fund will have some of their furry friends with them as well! Call 815-946-2713 or email [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org) for more information

### Storytime Saturday Virtual - Facebook & YouTube, Oct. 2 and 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Visit [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.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. 23 and 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](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org)

### Tails & Tales Fall Reading Program - Sept. 13-Oct. 30, ages 3-18

Watch [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or email [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org) for more information and to register

### Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. live on Zoom - Twin Disasters

Join us for an informative discussion about the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire and the Peshtigo Fire. Western Springs' Deputy Fire Chief is moderating a discussion between a historian at the Peshtigo Fire Museum, and a curator from the Chicago History Museum. Both fires will be discussed because, while the Great Chicago Fire is better known, the Peshtigo Fire happened on the same day and is considered the deadliest wildfire in recorded history. Over 1,500 people lost their lives and 1.2 million acres of land were destroyed.

This program is in partnership with the Westchester Public Library.

To register, email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) or call 815-946-2713.

### Thursday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. - DIY Craft Night, String Art at the Polo Library Pavilion

Open to anyone ages 12 and up (any-

one under the age of 16 must have an adult attending to help them with their project) - Outdoor event (weather permitting) - If moved indoors, masks will be required

Join us and make your own string art to hang on your wall. The Library will provide nails, basic templates and multiple colors of string. Participants will bring a hammer, a board the size they want their project to be (paint or stain the board before you come if you don't want bare wood in your finished project), an easy printed shape to use as a template if you have something specific you want to make. Call 815-946-2713 or email [carlap@pololibrary.org](mailto:carlap@pololibrary.org) for more information and to register

### Wednesday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop, Library Pavilion

Join us for a community conversation with a member of the Polo Police department. Coffee will be provided. If moved indoors, masks are required for anyone over the age of two

### 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.

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

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](https://www.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.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277  
Pastor Janet Wold. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Sunday worship schedule has changed to one gathering at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website following our in-person service. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am from September through May. Adult Sunday School will be held at 10:00 am. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. Wednesday afternoon Bible study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Book club and quilts meet in-person monthly. Please visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the office for details.

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511  
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### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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#### FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

(815) 661-6315  
Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>  
We are no longer meeting at First Presbyterian Church. When we meet in person, it is at Oregon United Methodist Church. We are currently meeting only via Zoom during the pandemic. There is no in person worship currently. There is no pastor currently serving Freedom Lutheran

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683  
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#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • [riverstonecc.com](http://riverstonecc.com)  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[polo@crossroadsccn.com](mailto:polo@crossroadsccn.com)  
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Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsccn.com](http://www.crossroadsccn.com)

### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

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

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

### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

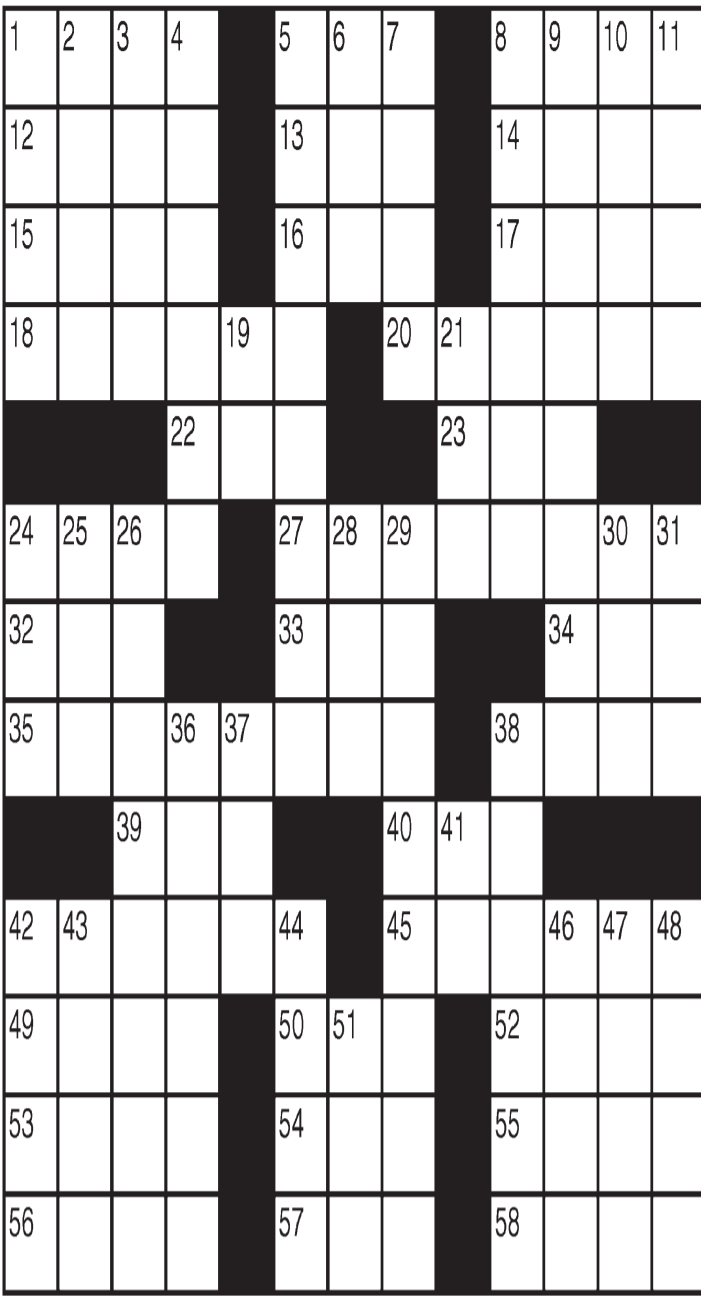
## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE

## ROOT VEGETABLES

### ACROSS

- 1 "Arrivederci —"
- 5 Jazzy style
- 8 Wild guess
- 12 Slender
- 13 Piercing tool
- 14 Brownish purple
- 15 In — veritas
- 16 Corp. boss
- 17 Desertlike
- 18 Nowheresville
- 20 Saint Patrick's Day event
- 22 Hide-hair insert
- 23 Nine-digit ID
- 24 Engrossed
- 27 Promptly
- 32 Wedding words



- 33 Expert
- 55 Kismet
- chair
- 37 Candle count
- 34 Granada gold
- 56 Sparkling
- 8 Meager
- 38 Refuses to pay
- 35 "Wonder Woman"
- Italian wine
- 9 Puccini opera
- 41 Symbol of strength
- 57 German conjunction
- 10 Battery fluid
- 11 Eliot's "Adam —"
- 42 Juanita's home
- 38 Remain
- 58 Lean-to
- 19 Rejection
- 21 Bat wood
- 43 Swinging joints?
- 39 Beer barrel
- 24 Predetermine
- 25 Oklahoma city
- 44 Drive- — window
- 40 Stolen
- 1 Answer an invite
- 26 Bikini pattern
- 28 Sgt., for one
- 46 Wife of Jacob
- 42 Alpine home
- 2 Hodgepodge
- 29 Tied down
- 47 Diminutive
- 45 Casts out
- 3 Behave
- 30 Mouths (Lat.)
- 48 Burpee buy
- 49 Opera set in Egypt
- 4 Quantity
- 31 Playpen item
- 51 Novelist Rand
- 50 Guffaw syllable
- 5 Scenic route, often
- 36 Trattoria deserts
- 52 Lavish party
- 6 Have bills
- 7 Fall into a
- 53 Espy
- 8 Reuben bread

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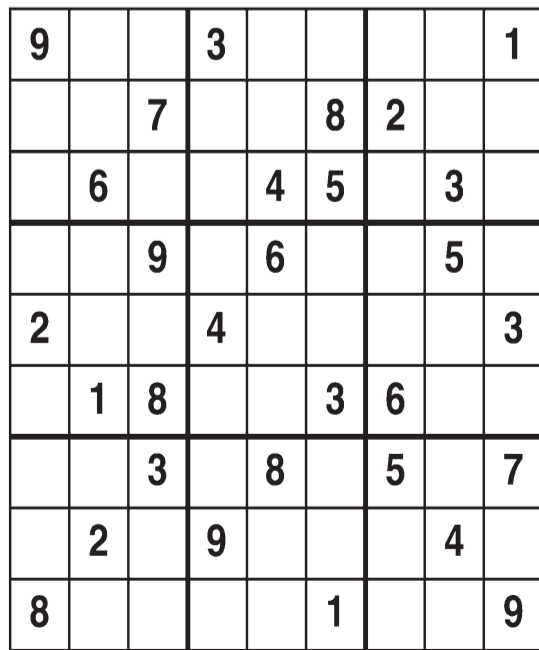
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: BUGS BUNNY'S FAVORITE FOOD

- Beets
- Leek
- Radish
- Turnip
- Garlic
- Onion
- Rutabaga
- Yams
- Ginger
- Parsnip
- Shallot
- Yucca root
- Kohlrabi
- Potato
- Sugar beet

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

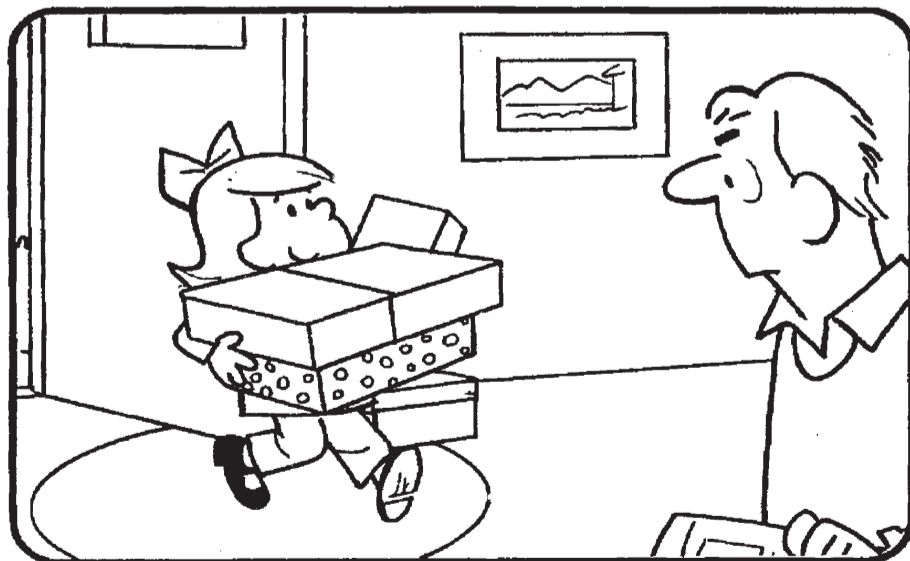
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

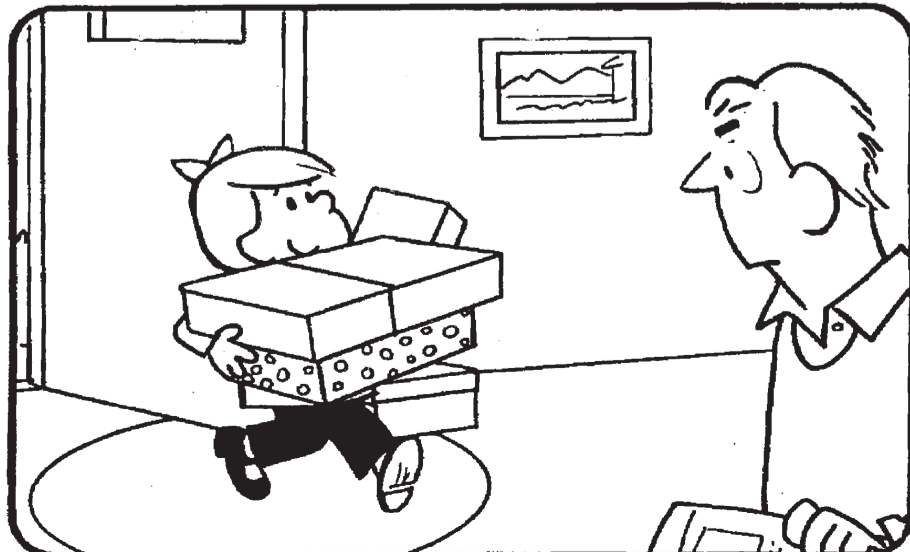
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

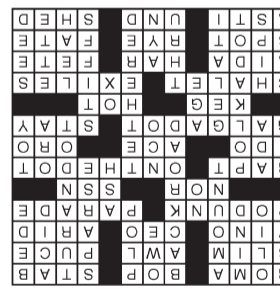
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

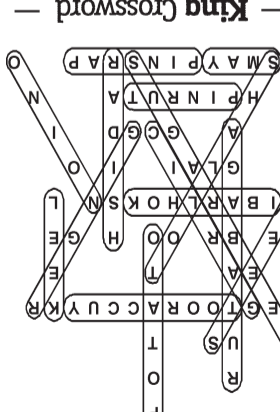


Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Nose is different. 3. Button is added. 4. Hair is changed. 5. Frame is smaller. 6. Pants are different.

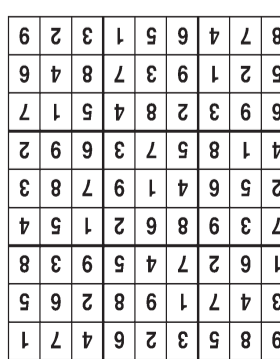


Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers



ROOT VEGETABLES



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

# MARKETPLACE



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**BUY!**  
 Sell! Sell!  
 Sell!

**AUCTION**  
**SAT., OCT. 2**  
 9:30 AM  
**MT. CARROLL FARM BUREAU**  
 811 S. CLAY ST., MT. CARROLL  
 Located just N. of Jct. 64/78  
 MAYTAG WASHER & GAS DRYER; AMANA 25CU.FT. UP-RIGHT FREEZER; DINING TABLE/2 LEAVES & 8 CHAIRS; LIVING ROOM FURNITURE; CURIO CABINETS; (2) TWIN BEDS; DRESSERS; 7PC. DOLLHOUSE STYLE BEDROOM SET; HOWARD MILLER GRANDFATHER CLOCK; CRAFTSMAN 26IN. ELEC. START SELF-PROPELLED SNOW BLOWER; QU. LAWN DEC.; FOUNTAINS; LLADRO INCLUDING CLOWNS; FUR COATS; QU. XMAS. DEC.; ROMAN NATIVITY SET; COMPOUND BOW MACHINE; **STILL SORTING, MANY MORE ITEMS**  
**TERMS: CASH OR CHECK**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE**  
**October 22, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Ogle County Sheriff's Department**  
 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061



(commonly known as 206 N. McKendrie, Mt. Morris, IL 61054)

On October 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Administration Building, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. v The Heirs at Law of Devises of Ronald K. Kaefner (deceased), et al., Case No. 2021 CH 14, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 3, in Block 10 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois, formerly described as Lot 3, in Block 9 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. **DESCRIPTION:** (from appraisal) 1½ story home, 1484 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 BA, laundry room, breakfast nook, partial unfinished basement, 1 car detached garage, shared driveway.  
**INSPECTION:** Contact Brad Kolb at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 815.622.3361, to determine if property is available for inspection.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be **CERTIFIED CHECK** payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2020 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. SALE IS "AS IS"** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.  
**ATTORNEYS: WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C.**  
 202 E. 5th Street, P.O. Box 400, Sterling, Illinois 61081

**LAND AUCTION**  
 177.033 Surveyed Acres  
 (Offered in two parcels)  
**Prime Lee County Farm Land**  
**Saturday November 20th, 2021**  
 10:00 AM

To settle the Estate of Donna Gittleson, we will offer the following tracts of Class "A" farmland at public Auction totaling 177.033 Acres. The sale will be held off site. **Land Location:** , North of the corner of McGirr & Rt#251 5 miles South of Rochelle IL 61068 / For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150. / **Auction Location:** This auction will be held on off site at the Flight Deck at the Rochelle Airport, 1207 E Gurler Rd. Rochelle IL. Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs off Rt #251 at the airport curve. Property Description: These 2 parcels will be offered separately, and will not be offered as a combination. There are no building or home improvements included in this auction. These both are highly productive Class "A" Farms. All announcements made day of the auction take precedence over any and all prior statements and or advertising. For further information, Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 or E-Mail Questions to bearrows@rochelle.net **Parcel 1 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 112.417 Surveyed acres. The property extends 1610 ft North of the intersection of 251 & McGirr road. Tillable Acres: 105.76 Acres. **Parcel 2 Description:** This parcel is also bare farmland containing 64.616 Surveyed acres. This property begins 1937.24 ft North of the intersection of 251 & McGirr road. Tillable Acres: 63.63 Acres. Pl# 135.7

**TERMS:** A minimum deposit of 10% of the purchase price in the form of cash, certified check, bank draft or personal check shall be made by the successful Bidder(s) on the day of a Auction, at such time, the successful Bidder(s) shall enter into purchase contract. The balance of the purchase price is due at closing March 1, 2022, in which the Buyer(s) shall pay the balance of the purchase price in full. A copy of the purchase contract will be available for inspection prior to the auction, and at the closing desk on the day of the auction as well.  
**POSSESSION:** Buyer(s) to receive full possession upon closing for the 2021 crop year. **TAXES:** Seller(s) pays all 2021 Taxes due in 2022, in the form of credit at closing based upon the latest available information. 2022 taxes and beyond are the responsibility of the buyer(s) No further pro-rations will be made after closing. **SURVEY & DEED:** Seller(s) will provide certified survey, commitment letter of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price and stamped deed to Buyer(s) at time of closing. NOTE: All announcements given on the day of sale shall take precedence over any, and/or all previous advertising or descriptions.

**Owners:**  
**Donna Gittleson Estate**  
 Kim Munson & Karen Maliszewski  
 Attorney for the Seller's: Charles P. Cole - Rochelle IL. - 815-562-5150  
**Auctioneer:**  
 Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co.  
 John Bearrows – Rochelle IL – 815-739-9150

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**101**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

Annual Treasurer's Report for Monroe Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021

Revenue Summary:	
Property Tax	\$ 84,626.34
Replacement Tax	\$ 3,745.30
Interest	\$ 418.18
Misc. Income	\$ 2,246.32
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 91,036.14</b>
Expenditures:	
Compensation under \$10,000	
Brian Baxter, Scott Bearrows, Larry Henert, William Hunt, Lincoln Lichty, Thomas Lichty, Joan Morphey & Lynn Warner	
Compensation over \$10,000	
Larry Baxter	
Illinois Dept of Revenue	\$ 2,909.82
IRS	\$ 12,599.50
TOIRMA	\$ 4,554.00
Vendors under \$2,500 each	\$ 6,183.84
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 79,840.48</b>
Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe Township	
Beginning Balance 4/1/2020	\$ 243,469.77
Revenue	\$ 91,036.14
Expenditures	\$ 79,840.48
Ending Balance 3/31/2021	\$ 254,665.43

**CHANA 64 AUCTIONS**  
 Sun., October 3 at 10:30am  
 620 S. Stone Hill Rd., Chana, IL  
**SPORTSMAN AUCTION**  
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"The Roland "Chub" Knudsen Estate" @  
**Public Auction**  
 Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.  
 419 US Rt. 30, Harmon, IL  
**Auctioneers Note:** Roland "Chub" and his wife Dorothy "Dot" were lifelong farmers; this auction will include a complete household FULL of general household, antiques, collectibles, firearms & more. "Chub" has a very nice line up of well cared for Tractors, Machinery & Vehicles, plus hay racks full of tools and related. Make plans now to join us for this quality auction.  
**Tractors:** Ford TW-10, like new rear radial tires; Ford 3000 utility with loader; IH 865 w/Year Round Cab; Allis Chalmers D-19, NF (featured in Woods calendar); IH DX 24 E riding mower, 3cy diesel with 1027 hrs.  
**Vehicles:** 1997 Ford Lariat F-150 w/40K miles; 1962 Willys Jeep (one owner) w/41K miles, snow plow, rear PTO; 1997 Chevy Blazer w/105K miles; 1989 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight w/70K miles.  
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Annual Treasurer's Report for Monroe Township Road District for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021

Revenue Summary:	
Property Tax	\$ 140,136.60
Replacement Tax	\$ 7,168.83
Interest	\$ 680.93
Misc	\$ 981.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 148,967.36</b>
Expenditures:	
Compensation under \$10,000	
John Brake, Kerri Hall, Verlen Morphey Sr. Jeffrey Payne and Michael Powell	
Blake Oil Company	\$ 5,300.07
Bonnell Industries	\$ 18,039.71
Can-Duit Electric	\$ 2,555.00
Carl Bruder	\$ 3,285.00
Crossroads Repair	\$ 2,728.00
Ferrellgas LP	\$ 4,800.00
Hoover Horticulture	\$ 3,600.00
Marlin & Company	\$ 3,309.90
McVeigh's Truck Center, Inc	\$ 6,616.66
Ogle County Hwy. Department	\$ 11,801.97
Powell Excavating Inc	\$ 6,440.00
TOIRMA	\$ 6,830.00
Vendors under \$2,500	\$ 17,570.47
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 92,876.78</b>
Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe Township Road District	
Beginning Balance 4/1/2020	\$ 413,959.71
Revenue	\$ 148,967.36
Expenditures	\$ 92,876.78
Ending Balance 3/31/2021	\$ 470,050.29

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

# MARKETPLACE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 7, 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: Under Pressure Therapeutic Massage, 101 Soth 4th, Suite 108, Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: September 7, 2021  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
 No. 0908 (Sept. 13, 20, 27)

on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date 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.  
 By: Ronald L. Smith, Independent Executor Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825) Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Independent Executor 215 East First Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 447 Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4949 (815) 288-3068 (FAX) gehlbach@egbclaw.com No. 0910 (Sept. 13, 20, 27)

3. A request from the Byron Zoning Dept. to amend or change text within the zoning codes, Title 17. Proposed changes are:  
 17.08.730 Allows for short term rental property  
 17.24.030 Allows short term rentals as a "Special Uses" in Zoning Districts, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, C-1, C-2, and C-4.  
 17.48.180 Allows the Code to amend the fees charges for certain zoning applications without amending the ordinance.  
 Those requesting additional information may contact the City of Byron Building and Zoning Department at 815-234-4202. The public hearing shall be held on the 14th day of October, A.D., 2021 at 6:00 p.m. CITY OF BYRON, A Municipal Corporation John Rickard, Mayor No. 0922 (Sept. 27)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 IN THE )  
 MATTER )  
 OF THE )2021  
 ESTATE )P68  
 OF )  
 DOLORES )  
 I. MILLER )  
 a/k/a )  
 DOLORES )  
 B. MILLER, )  
 Deceased. )

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 20th Day of September, 2021  
 The City of Byron's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing Meeting to consider the following issues:  
 1. A request from Ken & Kathy Mrozek to consider a Special Use Permit to convert a retail space into an Airbnb rental unit at 126 W. Second St., PIN #05-32-152-004, in the city of Byron, Ogle County Illinois. The property is currently zoned "C-2 Commercial Retail". The applicant is requesting a "Special Use Permit" to convert a portion of the rear lower retail space into an Airbnb rental.  
 2. A request from Family Video Movie Club, Inc. to consider a variance for reducing the front building setback adjacent to Colfax Street from the required 33 feet to 22' feet to accommodate an addition. Property is located at 611 W. Blackhawk, pin# 05-31-276-006, in the City of Byron, Ogle County Illinois. Property is zoned D-4 Highway front business District.

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### 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### 113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

### 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION**  
 NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY REQUEST OF:  
 Christina W. Hendrickson  
 TO CHANGE HER NAME  
 Case Number 2021-MR-51  
 There will be a court date on my request to change my name from Christina Winn Hendrickson to Christina Winn Ewald. Court date: November 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304.  
 Christina W. Hendrickson.  
 No. 0913 (Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2021)

### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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### 203 HELP WANTED

**Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted**  
 \$500 Sign on bonus  
 Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year- round driver to haul grain.  
 815-938-3644  
 Please leave message.

### BELLA'S CAFÉ Help Wanted

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### 301 ANTIQUES

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### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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### 203 HELP WANTED

**INDOOR STORAGE**  
 Boat & Camper  
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 PIA#42

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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

### 309 PETS AND SUPPLIES

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### 405 HOUSES FOR SALE

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### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Dolores I. Miller a/k/a Dolores B. Miller, late of 414 South Wesley A venue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054. Letters of Office were issued to Ronald L. Smith, 602 Ogle Avenue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both,

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**Benefits**

**First day medical and dental coverage, paid vacation accrues at 3 weeks 1st year!**

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# MARKETPLACE

203  
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# Welcome to the 50th Autumn on Parade

After last year's event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event, slated for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3, marks the 50th anniversary of this community festival in scenic Oregon, Illinois. Hence the festival theme this year is "Rockin' 50 Years."

Here's a short rundown on what the 2021 festival offers. Be sure to review the schedule of events for times.

The heart of Autumn on Parade

is its Farmer's Market and Craft Fair, located on the Ogle County Courthouse Square in downtown Oregon.

Craft booths surround the historic Ogle County Courthouse and surrounding streets and offer handmade, homemade and homegrown items as well as many other kinds of unique items.

On Saturday, antique tractors and classic cars will be on display at Oregon Park East, just across the

Rock River.

Owners of Olivers, Farmalls, and Deeres are more than willing to share the history of their tractors. Focus House is again coordinating this year's car show with the Hub City. Lunch will also be available on site.

Visitors can also tour the Chana School on Saturday, also located at Park East. This unique two-room school, built in 1883, is celebrating its 138th birthday this year!

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On Saturday and Sunday, the Fun Zone, located around the Coliseum will include a petting zoo and inflatables. A magician will also join the group on Saturday. And this is all free to kids!

New this year, on Saturday only, will be a beer garden featuring Burn N' Bush and Blue Steel bands. This will be located on Jefferson Street between 3rd and 4th streets.

Hungry? Don't forget to stop by the Food Court, which includes a variety of choices from booths run by local not-for-profit organizations.

Sunday morning starts with a 5K race and a one mile fun run.

At 1 p.m., on Sunday the Harvest Time Parade makes its way through the downtown and past the courthouse square. The Jesse White Tumblers and South Shore Drill Team are just two of the crowd favorites scheduled to return this year.

And don't forget to buy your official AOP 60/40 raffle ticket and maybe win some cash.



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# A community event 50 years in the making

Imagine for a moment the task of encapsulating the essence of 50 years of a much loved and highly anticipated community festival. An event whose seeds have taken root in the hearts of countless volunteers who have donated time, expertise, and often their own dollars to create an experience that brings families and friends together year after year after year. Then add the tens of thousands of annually attending participants, who share the typical busyness of life, yet dedicate this weekend to a regathering. A reconnection to simple fun, good food, and heartfelt reminiscences.

To begin the process, we open and delve into box after box after box of archives, revealing log books, dusty trinkets and memorabilia, crinkled newspaper clippings, creased and fading images of times gone by. Much of the information is familiar to some, and depending on your age and relationship to Oregon and this festival of ours, you may have had a hand in it somewhere along the way ...

Byron Hutchins moved to Oregon in 1969. He served as an advisor with the University of Illinois Extension Service helping to create several committees for the betterment of small communities. One of these committees was for a festival. He was joined by other local leaders-Ray Appler, James Barnes, Ron Fafnis, Anne Jones and Cecelia Zimmerman. A contest was held to name the event, and Kathryn Gelandor won a \$25 Savings Bond gifted by the Oregon Woman's Club with her entry of "Autumn on Parade."

Seven booths lined up on Third Street on a rainy day in 1970 which has grown into an average of 180 booths surrounding courthouse square. Determination, some dreaming and creative input-perhaps sprinkled with a few lofty ideas-has led to many additions and changes along the way. We've seen pig scrambles, canoe rallies, a fishing derby, Civil War Encampments, Quilt Shows, Big Wheel Races, the Duck Dash, many years of the Antique Tractor Shows and Auto Classics, as well as our ever-fabulous parade. We shine a light on our local history like Chana School and the Depot Restoration, and use our phenomenal parks and their services to support the needs of an event this size. Local civic and not for profit organizations form the backbone of the Food Court, and then put their hard-earned profits right back into our community. City and Emergency services work closely to keep us safe, creating a seamless transition from managing a population of 3800 to an instant 75,000 passing through the community throughout the festival weekend.

We can share historical data, and oh so many photos from our hold it in your hands albums to our tuck it in your shirt pocket flash drives. But the essence of Autumn on Parade? That's the spirit of the people. The people who work tirelessly all year round to create this one of a kind experience and who are then joined by the people who attend, filling this event with life and our community with the spirit of kinship and kindness.



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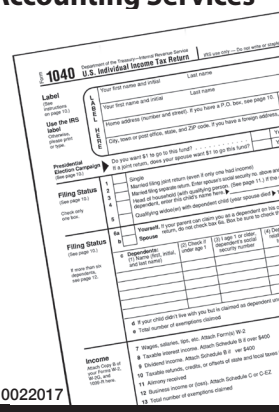


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# Kicking off with 5K, Fun Run

The 16th annual Autumn on Parade 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run is back.

Schedule:

Early Packet Pickup: Saturday, Oct. 2 from 2-5 p.m. at Etnyre Gym

Fun Run – Sunday, October 3 at 8 a.m.

5k Run – Sunday, Oct. 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration options:

Online: Autumn on Parade 5K/1 Mile Fun Run (runsignup.com) \*Due by Oct. 2

Race Day: Sunday, October 3rd @ 7:00AM-8:00AM - Blackhawk Center lobby

Early Packet Pickup: Saturday, Oct. 2 from 2-5 p.m. at Etnyre Gym

\*No late registrations will be taken after 8 a.m. on race day so please arrive early to accommodate long lines and parking. Premium long sleeve T-shirts are on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is recommended.

This year, all participants will receive an Autumn on Parade 1-Mile Fun Run participant ribbon. To be guaranteed

a shirt, registration must have been completed no later than Sept. 17. As for the 5K, all the same amenities that race goers have come to love will be available again such as music, premium long-sleeve tech shirts, post-race food, awards to first, second and third in 16 age groups, overall awards, USATF-certified course, and timing by Tri-3 Sports Timing.

Back again this year is the 5K Team Challenge, so grab your co-workers, friends or family and sign up. Teams can be a minimum of four and a maximum of 15 per team. The top four race times for each team are added together and the fastest team wins a first-place plaque.

We are excited to announce that we will again partner with the Oregon High School cross country team. Without the generous help of the cross country team, coaches and the parents, race day would not be possible. Your support and commitment helps give back to the community in such a big way!



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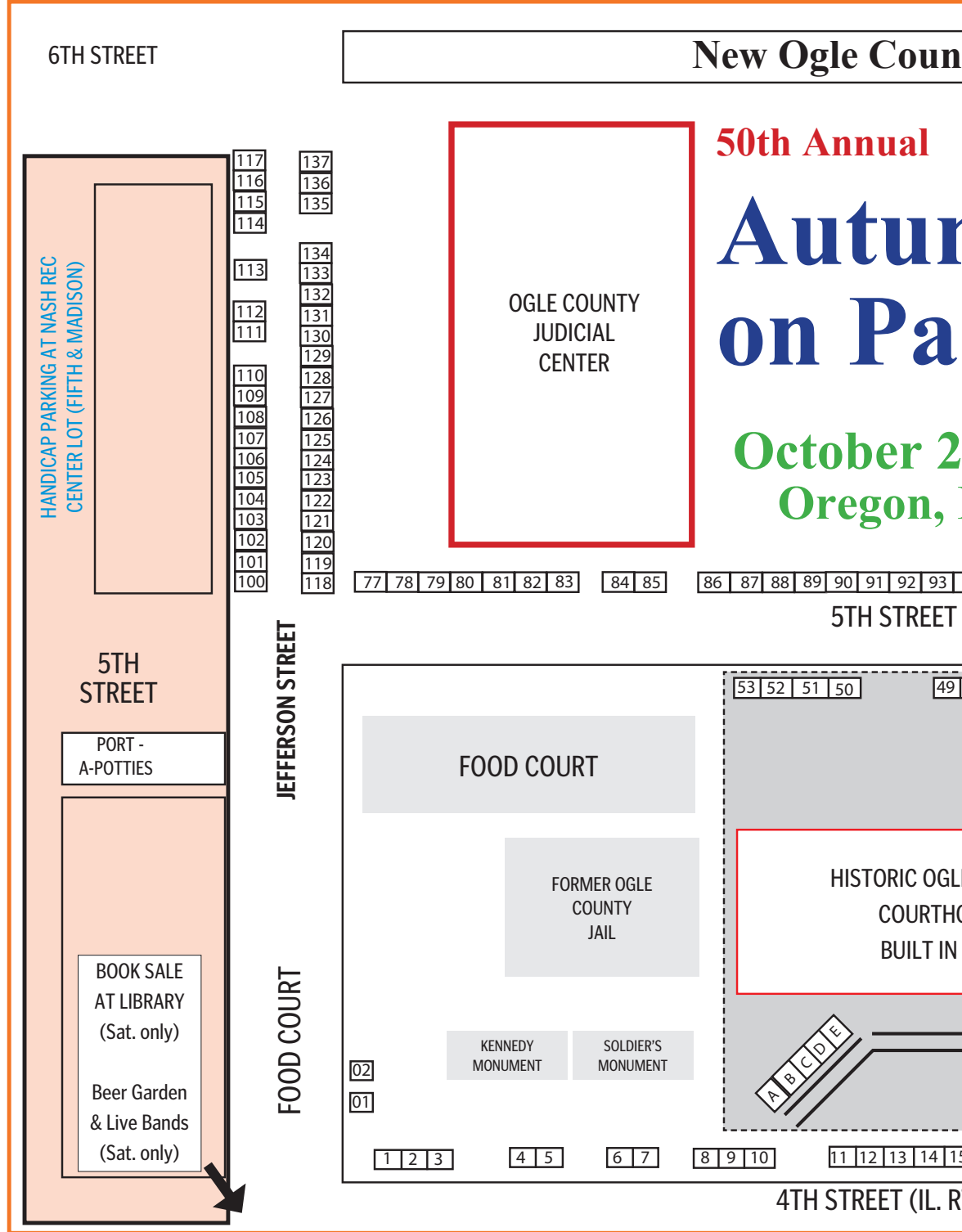
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- 3 SPRINGBORN MARCY .... Upcycled sweaters made into mittens, gloves, hats
- 4 AMERICAN GLASS CRAFT ..... Blown glass
- 5 ALBRECHT RENE ..... Wreaths, wood crafts and signs
- 6 SLAVIN ALEXANDRA ..... Hand painted nesting dolls, eggs, sculptures
- 7 DIP 'N GOOD DIPS ..... Gourmet dip seasoning mixes & dip cooler bowls
- 8 - 9 SWARTE & LEWIS GERI/VALERIE LEWIS..Tiki torches, bowl cozies, scarfs
- 10 COUNTRY GEMS ..... Hand-crafted jewelry
- 11 BELLOWS CHASITY ..... Home goods, placemats, sewing
- 12 POWER NICKI ..... Muscle rubs, face cream, scrubs
- 13 BORNEMAN & DILBECK..Cookies, snacks, scarves, crafts, dried arrangements
- 14 - 15 BADERTSCHER SHERRI ..... Primitive candles, birdhouses, stitcheries
- 16 - 17 DAVIS, SR TIM ..... Wood puzzles, toys, doll furniture, puzzles, games
- 19 MIZ BEE HAVEN ..... Local Honey
- 20 PEWTER DRAGONFLY ..... Handmade bath & body, CBD Bath & Body
- 21 CHANA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ..... Baked goods, small crafts
- 24 HERRMANN JOANNE ..... Crochet afghans & sweaters, embroidered towels
- 25 VONDERGATHEN CRYSTAL ..... Farmhouse décor
- 26 - 27 SANDERS WILMA ..... Doll clothes, dish towels, wood items for yard
- 28 - 29 WESSELS LYNNETTE ..... Indoor/Outdoor wood décor
- 30 MANN DONNA ..... Baked goods, t-shirts & hair bows
- 31 SOFTOUCH WOODWORKS ..... PO Box banks, wood boxes & barrettes
- 32 - 33 RZ'S DIPS N D'LITES ..... Dips, cheesecake mixes, crocks
- 34 DUNN MERVIN ..... Cinnamon roasted nuts
- 35 - 36 GUSTAFSON DENNIS ..... Personalized custom frames, magnets
- 38 FRANSON CHARLES & LORI ZESCHKE ..... Laser crafts, ornaments, jewelry
- 39 SWEET MAGNOLIA CANDLES ..... Soy wax candles & wax melts
- 41 LOGAN MICHELLE .. Sublimation resin tumblers, key chains, pillows, cups
- 42 - 43 BALICE SILVIA ..... Pet clothing, bedding, kids pillows & blankets
- 44 TRIPLE T CREATIONS .... Handmade clothing featuring original pieces of art
- 45 EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ..Bittersweet, baby blankets, baked items
- 46 GRILL & GARDEN ..... Metal yard art, laser cut weather vanes & shovels
- 51 BARNES MEREDITH ..... Crochet kids items
- 52 BLASK LORI ..... Painted barn quilts
- 53 SEEBACH SCOTT & JERRY ..... Pumpkins, squash, gourds
- 77 CASTENSON LORI HP ..... Signs, home & garden décor
- 78 MORBID ORCHID CO ..... Artistically framed butterfly, insect taxidermy
- 79 JARECKI ROSE/BILL ..... Culinary and bath/beauty lavender
- 80 IMMEL JENNIFER ..... Fabric coiled baskets - rag rugs
- 81 CANDLE KILN ..Soaps, wood wick candles, bath bombs, cosmetics, & more
- 82 CLARK MAURELLE .... 15" door hangers, hats, screen print apparel, home décor
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- 84 BIG LITTLE BRITTLE ..... Artisan Nut Brittles
- 85 ONAK FRANCES. Infant/toddler clothing & acces., stuffed animals, pillows,
- 86 McDONNELL BILL & PAT ..... Windchimes, Christmas & Halloween
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- 89 - 90 EARTH, WIND & METAL... Steel Kinetic Wind Spinners & garden décor
- 91 - 92 REEMERS MELISSA ..... Handmade wood projects, painted signs
- 93 - 94 HUELS MARY ..... Handmade wreaths, wooden items-pumpkins
- 95 - 96 LARSON'S COUNTRY MARKET...Pies, cinnamon rolls, cookies, candies
- 100 JACKSON & BYRO MARY LOU/JANE ..... Wooden seasonal
- 101 - 102 BEARMOON SOAP ..... Handcrafted soaps, lip balms, butters, scrubs
- 103 - 104 FRANSEN JILL ..... Clothing printed, handmade vests
- 105 BOEKER & GOSCIEJEW CAROL ANN/ANNA ..... Paintings
- 106 CLO & CO ..... Wood & canvas signs, accessories
- 107 FOX VALLEY GARLIC ..... Fresh garlic, garlic herb compound butter
- 108 SEW BLESSED IL ..... Scruchies, headbands, embroidered sweatshirts
- 110 BASKETS BY JUDY ..... Hand-woven baskets, home & seasonal décor
- 111 SHEPARD CARL...Hand blown glass, Hemitite polished gemstones, tie dye art
- 112 PERROT MARK ..... Wood signs
- 114 - 115 BREIT JAMIE ..... Wood signs
- 116 - 117 HEILMAN LISA & ALLEN ..... Folk art, wooden snowman, Santas

- 118, 119 - 120 CAUSE FOR PAWS RESCUE ..... Dog treats, collars & jewelry, All dog related
- 121 JUSHKA MICHELLE ..... Charms, necklaces, earrings & rings, ceramics & pottery
- 122 HEAD ANNA ..... Photography done by Anna Head
- 123 - 124 ALL THINGS NEW & USED FURNITURE..... Refinished furniture, home décor, antiques
- 125 VIETMEIER SHIRLEY ..... Dog collar bandanas, hair clips, stenciled signs
- 126 GREENFIELD TONJA ..... Caramel apples wedges, hot apple cider, pop, water
- 127 MASSEY DEB ..... Crocheted baby/lap blankets, wood signs & décor
- 129 BELL PETER ..... Wood, live edge shelves
- 133 MURRAY LAWRENCE ..... Wire wrapped trees
- 134 BALCOM CONNIE ..... Baked potato bags, bowl buddies, sewing
- 137 EGYED MEGAN ..... Hand printed graphic tees & accessories
- 300-301 BELLOWS LLOYD ..... Blacksmith hooks, trivets, key fobs
- 302 THE LITTLE FLOWER ..... Silk arrangements

- 303 ST MARY CDA .....
- 304 MARRUFU KELLY .....
- 305 - 306 PEBBLE CRAFT .....
- 307 KALISZ JESSICA .....
- 311 McBRIDE DANICA .....
- 312 IMUNDO KIM .....
- 313 NICHOLSON CINDY .....
- 314 PRUE CRYSTAL & MICH .....
- 316 BOYER MELISSA .....
- 317 BUSHMAN ALICIA .....
- 318 WEISER CAROL .....
- 320 THE ROCKFORD BRAND .....
- 321 AOP RAFFLE .....



- 303 ST MARY CDA .....Halloween snacks & treats
- 304 MARRUFU KELLY ..... Handmade polymer clay and brass jewelry
- 305 - 306 PEBBLE CRAFT .....Pebblestone animals & planters
- 307 KALISZ JESSICA .....Knit blankets, wooden items
- 311 McBRIDE DANICA ..... String art, home décor
- 312 IMUNDO KIM ..... Crochet toys & blankets, resin items, magnets inplastic canvas & felt
- 313 NICHOLSON CINDY ..... Walking sticks, handcrafted wood items, funny coffee mugs
- 314 PRUE CRYSTAL & MICHELLE .... Mittens, blankets, bibs, scarfs, hot pads, bowl pods, pillows, etc
- 316 BOYER MELISSA ..... Handmade jewelry plus pins, patches, & rings
- 317 BUSHMAN ALICIA .....Floral design, painted wood crafts, canvas art, jewelry
- 318 WEISER CAROL ..... Jewelry
- 320 THE ROCKFORD BRAND ..... Custom wood furniture, game boards
- 321 AOP RAFFLE .....AOP Raffle Tickets

- 322 MIDWEST MIXES & GOURMET .....GARLIC Dips, bbq rubs, olive oil dips
- 323 GOALDSTICK MINDY .....Egg art, kitchen towels, sweat shirts, aprons
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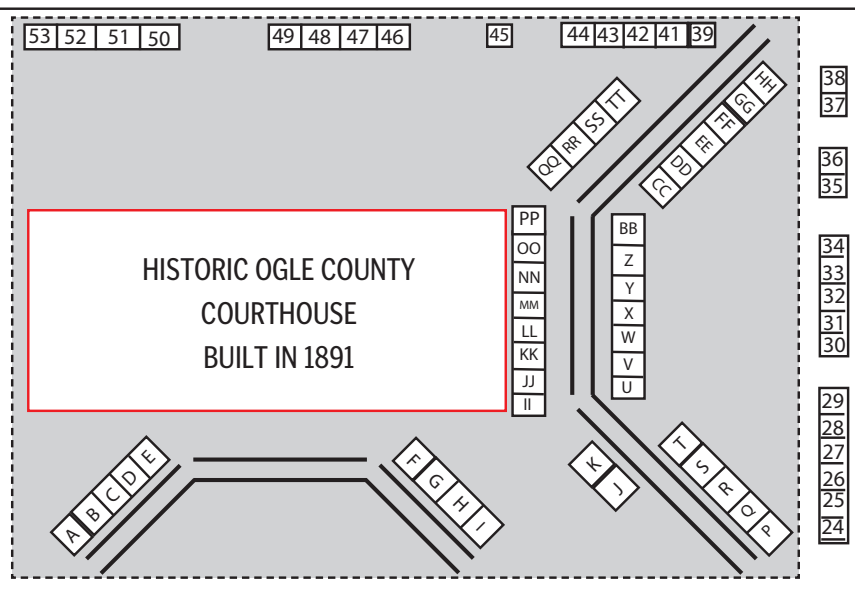
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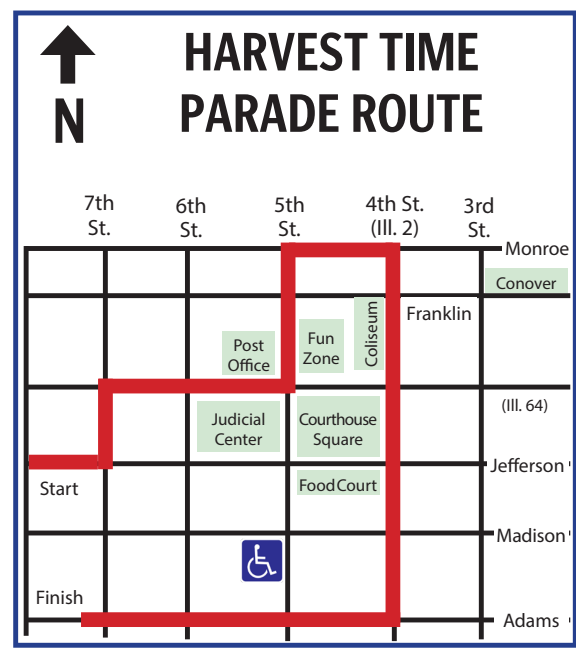
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- V FERGUSON ROSEANN ..... Produce, broom corn, pumpkins, herbs
- W BRINK DIANE.....18" doll clothes, Painted hooks & bricks, plants
- X - Y MUELLER-KESSEN TAMMY ..... Light blocks, Knit scarves, hats
- Z HOLM MADE..... Upcycled jewelry made into chime/garden arts
- BB FLEETWOOD MICHAEL.....Magical wands, ornaments
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- GG - HH DEEN BARBARA ..... Cookies, candy, bread, pies, snacks
- II ONE LITTLE BIRD CREATIONS ...Upcycled birdfeeders, yard ornaments
- KK COUNTRY GLASS WOODWORK..... Wood boxes w/ stained glass lids
- NN CHMIELEWSKI BARBARA ..... Stained glass, fused glass, yard pieces
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## Chana School, Historical Society open

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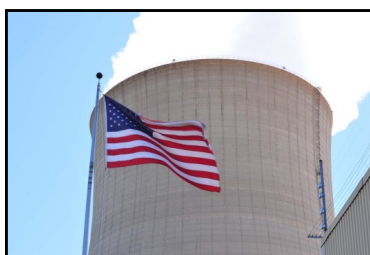
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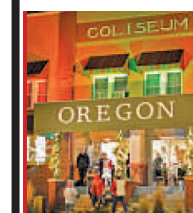
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## What fully vaccinated seniors should know about safe travel

The efforts of researchers and public health officials in developing safe and successful COVID-19 vaccines was nothing short of historic. Vaccines typically take years to develop, but a combination of factors enabled researchers to make COVID-19 vaccines available to vulnerable populations by December 2020, or roughly nine months after the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic.

Researchers had already conducted years' worth of vaccine research on human coronaviruses, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes were first identified in the mid-1960s. That research proved invaluable as pharmaceutical companies raced to produce COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, a less linear approach to testing and vetting vaccines than was traditionally applied in past outbreaks enabled the vaccine to be rolled out more quickly, potentially saving millions of lives.

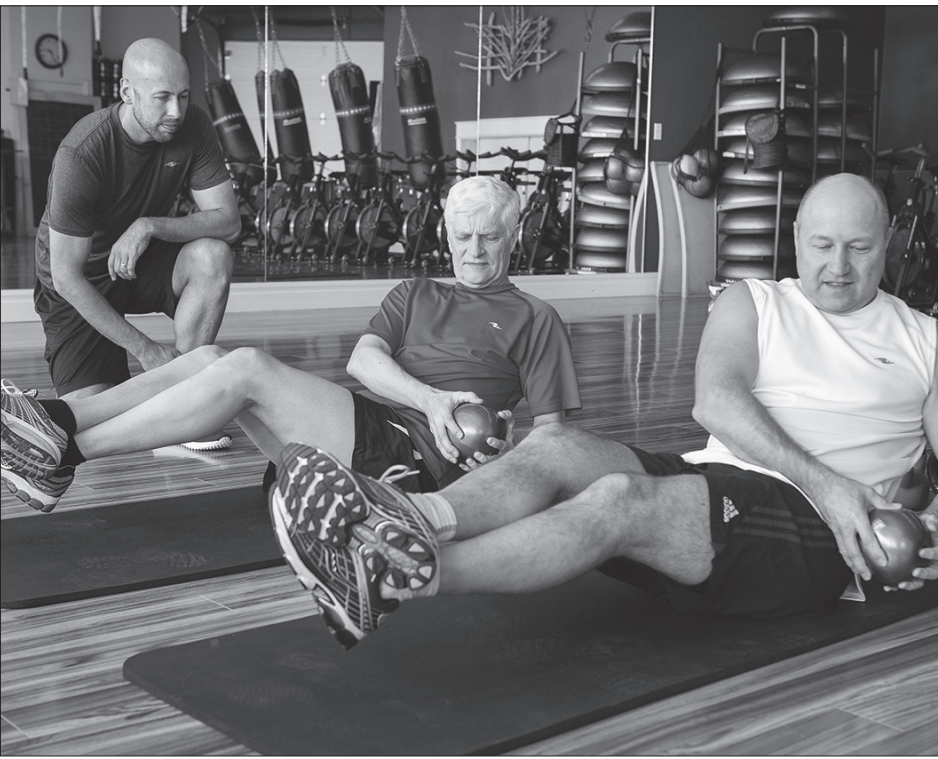
Men and women over the age of 65 were among the first groups to be given the COVID-19 vaccine. Many people within that group are retired and had looked forward to traveling, only to have those plans interrupted by the pandemic. Now that they're fully vaccinated, seniors are setting their sights on travel once again. Though the COVID-19 vaccines have made vulnerable groups like seniors less likely to suffer severe illness from the virus, there's still a few things adults over 65 should know when making travel plans.

#### The virus

Data from the CDC indicated that more than 87 million people in the United States had been fully or partially vaccinated as of April 20, 2021. Among those, just 7,157 had become infected with COVID-19, and only 331 of those required hospitalization. That's an encouraging figure that illustrates just how effective the vaccines are at preventing infection and serious illness. Recognizing that efficacy may help calm any concerns fully vaccinated seniors have about traveling.

#### Restrictions

Though a significant portion of the eligible populations in the United States and Canada had been fully or partially vaccinated by mid-spring, overseas travel restrictions may still be in place. Some countries, such as India, continued to confront devastating waves of the virus and may not be allowing overseas visitors anytime soon. In addition, in mid-spring the European Union was still devising a strategy to allow fully vaccinated foreign tourists to visit the continent. Proposals suggested such travel could be allowed by late June, but it's important that seniors learn of any potential restrictions before booking trips.



## Here are some Innovative fitness programs for seniors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## VACCINATED: Know the rules

### Attractions

When planning a trip, seniors may want to look for areas with plenty of outdoor attractions. The CDC continues to recommend that people, even those who are fully vaccinated, gather outdoors, where the virus is less likely to be transmitted. When traveling, seniors may be spending time around people who have not yet been vaccinated, and despite the efficacy of the vaccines, that might make some travelers nervous. So

choosing locales with plenty of outdoor attractions can be a great way to quell any travel-related concerns seniors may have.

The remarkable achievements of researchers involved in developing COVID-19 vaccines has helped seniors return to something resembling normal life. Seniors with their eyes on travel can safely book trips after doing some research about their destination and giving careful consideration to their comfort levels.

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# This is a great time to give energy to volunteering

Charitable organizations rely on the efforts of volunteers to meet their missions every day. People of all ages can volunteer, and a great number of volunteers are seniors.

A 2016 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that nearly one-quarter of American volunteers are age 65 and

over. That was never more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many nonprofit organizations were suddenly forced to confront a volunteer shortage due to the adoption of social distancing guidelines that were designed to keep vulnerable populations, such as seniors, as safe

as possible. One study from Fidelity Charitable found that two out of three volunteers decreased or stopped contributing time during the pandemic.

The rollout of various COVID-19 vaccines has allowed vaccinated individuals to return to a certain degree of pre-pandemic normalcy.

However, the threat posed by strains of the virus like the Delta variant has made some seniors apprehensive about returning to volunteering. Though each individual should consider various factors before returning to volunteering during the pandemic, the following are some options seniors can consider as they aim to safely pitch in once again.

- Look for contactless opportunities. Interactions with the people they help and work alongside is what drives many volunteers to lend a helping hand. That's especially so for seniors whose children have grown up and moved out. In person interactions may be too risky during the pandemic, but seniors can still volunteer via contactless opportunities. For example,

in lieu of delivering meals by hand, seniors who work with organizations such as Meals on Wheels can deliver prepackaged meals outside recipients' residences.

- Pitch in with fundraising. A report from Giving USA released in 2021 revealed that Americans gave more to charity in 2020 than in 2019. That increase came in spite of an economic downturn that saw millions of people lose their jobs or take pay cuts as companies scrambled to deal with lost revenue related to the pandemic. Though giving might have increased in 2020, many nonprofit organizations, including local community theaters, likely suffered due to cancellations and audience restrictions. As a

result, many local nonprofit organizations are in need of financial support. Seniors who want to pitch in but stay safe can volunteer to help local organizations raise funds. Seniors can participate in fundraising efforts from the comforts of their own homes.

- Offer professional expertise. Many seniors retired after spending decades mastering their crafts, and that experience can be an invaluable resource to local nonprofit organizations. Seniors can offer professional advice and mentor youths remotely via apps like Zoom without putting their physical health at risk.

Seniors concerned for their safety can still lend a hand by volunteering with their favorite nonprofit organizations.

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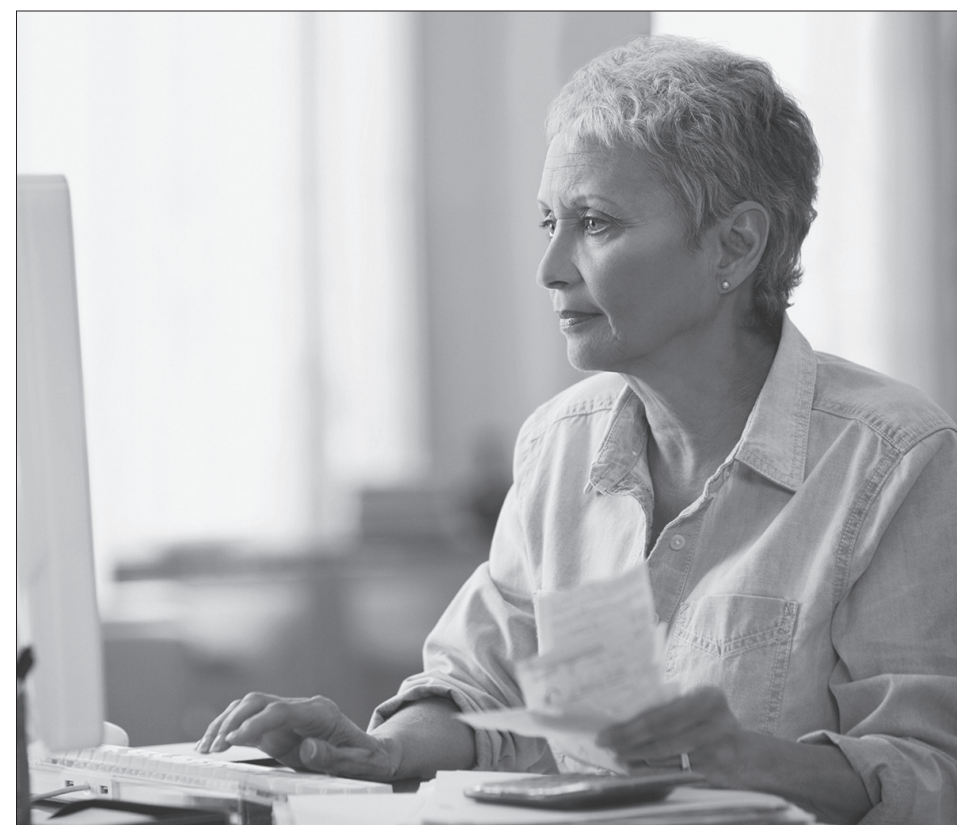
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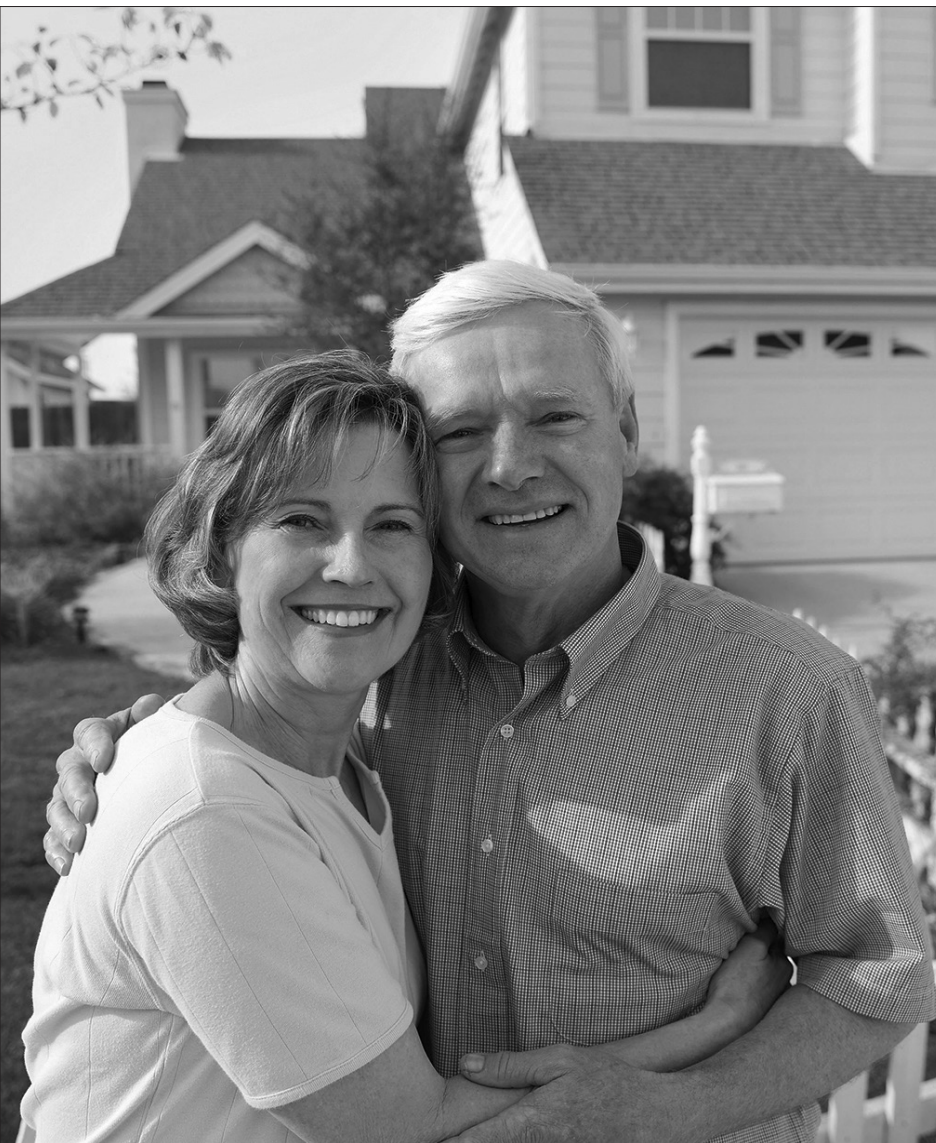
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## Home security tips for seniors

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics offers that, between 2003 and 2013, the ratio of property crime to violent crime was higher for the elderly and persons between the ages of 50 and 64 than it was for younger persons between the ages of 25 and 49.

Home security is

important for people of all ages, but especially so for seniors and aging individuals living alone. By following certain safety tips and developing a home security plan, seniors can feel safer at home.

- Lock windows and doors. It may seem like common sense, but failure to repeatedly lock windows and doors can, and often does, give burglars easy entry into the home.

- Think about a smart

doorbell. Technology now enables doorbells to provide a video feed to a person's smartphone or tablet over WiFi. This allows residents to see who is at the door and speak to this person without having to open the door. Some products like Ring® will even register motion activity and record short videos from outside of the house.

- Don't share or leave keys. Avoid leaving keys under a mat or in a flower pot. Others may be

watching your actions and gain access to your home while you are away.

- Ask for ID. When service people or other individuals come to the door, verify their credentials by asking to see some identification.

- Get a home security system. The best protection against burglars is a home security alarm, states HomeSecurityResource.org. Such an alarm often

deters burglars from breaking in.

- Install a lockable mailbox. Locked mailboxes restrict access to sensitive information, such as bank account numbers, sent in the mail. Make sure retirement checks or other payments are deposited directly into bank accounts instead of having them sent by check.

- Use home automation. Home automation, or a

“smart home,” can be utilized to turn on lights, set the thermostat, lock doors, and much more.

- Adopt a dog. Dogs can be an asset to seniors. Dogs provide companionship and can bark or alert seniors if someone is around or inside of the home.

Home security is a serious business for seniors who are vulnerable to criminals.



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# What seniors should know about herbal medicines

A lifelong commitment to healthy living can improve life expectancy and quality of life while reducing a person's risk for various conditions and diseases, including cancer and heart disease.

Healthy lifestyle choices like eating a nutritious diet and exercising regularly can greatly reduce a person's risk for various ailments, but

such choices don't eliminate that risk entirely. As a result, even health-conscious men and women may need to rely on medication to stay healthy. That's especially true for seniors since age is a risk factor for various conditions.

A 2014 analysis that appeared in the Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics examined nearly

1,300 published articles that focused on the use of herbal supplements by elderly patients. Though only 16 of those articles met the researchers' criteria, the analysis concluded that herbal supplement usage is common among elderly patients, as was a lack of dialogue about such supplements between medical professionals and

seniors. A concerted effort to initiate such dialogue on the part of both patients and health care providers can help shed light on herbal medicines so people taking them, including seniors, can learn more about what they're putting into their bodies.

What are herbal medicines?

The National Health Service of the United Kingdom, a widely respected and publicly funded health care system, describes herbal medicines as those with active ingredients made from plant parts like leaves, roots or flowers. Because herbal medicines are made from plant parts, many people

assume they're safe to take without consulting a physician. However, the NHS urges people to treat herbal medicines with the same care and respect as they would more conventional medicines. Herbal medicines can affect the body in various ways. A frank discussion with a physician can shed light on the potential side effects of herbal medicines and whether or not they're safe.

Why should seniors be concerned about herbal medicines?

The NHS notes that seniors taking other medications may experience problems if they begin taking herbal medicines as well. The National Center

for Complementary and Integrative Health, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, notes that more well-designed studies are necessary to fully evaluate interactions between herbal medicines and prescription drugs. However, the NCCIH notes that some evidence points to some harmful effects of mixing the two. For example, the NCCIH reports that prolonged exposure to concentrated garlic extracts may reduce the efficacy of some drugs. The potential for these types of interactions should be enough to compel seniors to think twice before taking herbal medicines without first consulting their physicians.

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# How to build friendships in your golden years

Making friends as a child or even as a parent to school-aged children is relatively easy. Classrooms and school functions facilitate the building of friendships. Even as one gets older and enters the workforce, it's not uncommon for people to become friends with their coworkers.

As people near retirement age, their situations may have changed considerably. Children have moved out, careers are coming to an end and friendships may be hard to maintain due to people relocating or traveling. Older adults may aspire to make new friends, but they may not know

how.

According to Irene S Levine, Ph.D., The Friendship Doctor and contributor to Psychology Today, it is not unique for seniors to want to make new friends. Age can be a barrier because there are stereotypes that pigeonhole people of certain ages. But Levine notes that state of mind and physical ability is not directly tied to chronological age. Making friends is possible at any age. These guidelines can help along the way.

- Explore online connections. A 2016 study published in the Journal of Gerontology found seniors (even those in their 80s)

who stay connected with friends and family using social media report feeling less lonely and better overall. Connected seniors also demonstrated higher executive reasoning skills. There are plenty of ways to meet new people online by joining social media groups that cater to your interests. In person meetings in particular cities or regions of the country also can make for great ways to make new friends. Exercise caution when meeting people in person after contacting them online. Bring another person along, whether it's a spouse or an adult child, to ensure that you are safe.

- Volunteer your time.

One way to meet new people is to get involved with causes or activities you love. This serves the double benefit of getting you outside and active and puts you in touch with people who share your passions and interests.

- Attend alumni events. If you have an interest

getting in touch with someone from your past and reconnecting, make the time to attend school reunions and other alumni activities. It can be fun to reconnect with friends from high school or college.

- Join a gym. The local gym isn't just a great place to get physically fit. Group

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