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Future of Byron nuke plant unclear as closure looms

By Brad Jennings
Editor

While a new energy legislation aimed at saving the Byron nuclear power station makes its way through the process in Springfield, Exelon said the plant is scheduled to run out of fuel and close on Sept. 13.

The Illinois Senate passed SB 18 in the early morning hours of Sept. 1, which includes language that would keep the Byron and Dresden stations open. The legislation now moves to the state House for consideration. If the House passes the legislation, the bill would head back to the Senate for a concurrence vote.

In the Senate, local State Sen. Brian Stewart voted against the bill.

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker has called for legislation that includes nearly \$700 in subsidies over five years for the nuclear plants.

"I am still hopeful," said Erin Folk, executive director of the Oregon park District and part of FAIRCOM (Fair Assessment Information Resource Committee). "All sides will never 100 percent agree with the terms, but I do feel the current language is a good compromise for all parties."

For its part, Exelon Generation is also still hopeful an agreement can be reached, a spokesman said.

"While we currently have no choice but to continue preparing for their premature retirement, we have established off-ramps that will allow us to reverse that decision if lawmakers pass legisla-

tion with enough time for us to safely refuel the plants," said Paul Adams, senior manager for corporate communications with Exelon. "To be clear, Byron will run out of fuel and will permanently shut down on Sept. 13 unless legislation is enacted. We have been clear that we cannot refuel Byron on Sept. 13 or Dresden in November absent policy changes"

Exelon announced on Aug. 27, 2020 that it intends to retire its Byron and Dresden stations this year. On July 28 this year, the company filed Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activity Reports (PSDARs) with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, detailing long-term site restoration plans for both stations after they shut down.

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Byron Veterans Memorial hosts first flag raising

BYRON – The Byron Veterans Memorial Renovation committee anticipates completion of the project at the Byron Township Cemetery, 405 E. 5th St., by the end of November.

There have been some increases in cost and delays due to the pandemic's impact on goods and services. But the committee is hopeful that moving forward, it will stay on schedule.

This entire project is possible due to a generous community and volunteers. Donations are still needed and appreciated. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Byron Foundation, Attn: Veterans Memorial,

PO Box 555, Byron, IL 61010. Credit card donations can be made online via the Facebook page: Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial Renovation. All Individuals, civic groups, and businesses who donated will be listed on the granite donor recognition display.

The donor display will read: "In recognition of a generous Byron area Community who donated time, talent, and financial gifts to celebrate and honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

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NUKE: Closing the plants would hurt air quality

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In Springfield, policymakers have been working on legislation that would preserve all four of the nuclear plants as part of a comprehensive plan to maintain and grow clean-energy jobs, keep energy bills affordable and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 for months. “A recent analysis found that achieving 100 percent clean energy without

the nuclear plants in northern Illinois would cost consumers \$80 billion more between 2022 and 2035,” Adams said. “Losing the nuclear plants also will reverse the progress Illinois has made in reducing carbon emissions. In fact, if Byron and Dresden close, air pollution will immediately increase by the equivalent of adding 4.4 million cars to the road as fossil plants ramp up production to replace their carbon-free

energy.”

At press time, it was unknown what action the House would take, but Adams made it clear Exelon would fight for the future of the stations until the end.

“We will never stop fighting to preserve our state’s nuclear plants, knowing that the minute they close our customers will experience dirtier air and higher energy costs,” he said.



FLAG : Dedication of memorial planned for week after Veterans Day

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“In Thanksgiving and prayer, we remember the stories of those who have served in war or peace... whether no longer with us, or who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.”

Current Memorial progress includes pouring over 2,500 square feet of concrete, installing nine flagpoles and a below-grade luminaire LED spotlight (donated by Depot Electric Supply in Savanna), establishing electrical infrastructure

for lighting and power (donated by Don Knight and DNR Electric in Dixon), and landscaping.

One goal for the memorial is to provide low maintenance in the future. After Neil Wills NW Concrete poured the cement pad and All American Flag Company installed the flagpoles, Byron Township provided black dirt so that Mike Jackson Landscaping could grade and spread grass seed. Volunteers added grass clippings to help retain moisture and arranged a network of timers, hoses,

and sprinklers. Byron Public Works team was responsive and helpful with water access. In the spring of 2021, the cemetery lawn care crew will be able to mow and weed eat around the memorial during their regular maintenance.

Many steps remain for the rebuild, including placing the 5,000 pound howitzer onto the concrete pad, building, powder coating, and installing bases for the battlefield crosses, repairing, and returning existing granite memorial benches to the

walkway, engraving and delivery of individual granite monuments for each military branch, receiving and sand blasting names, and delivery of the 4 foot x 8 foot jet back polished granite donor recognition monument.

The afternoon of Aug. 17th was an exciting celebration as we hosted the first flag raising. With many attending guests, seventeen area Veterans whose combined service is over 140yrs to our country, raised nine

flags accompanied by the Star-Spangled Banner, military anthems, and Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA.” In addition to the 25 foot American Flag, there are 20’ flagpoles for Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, POW/MIA, and Space Force.

The flag raising veterans included Exelon employees from E*MAC (Exelon Militaries Actively Connected), American Legion and Oregon VFW members, Central Region Submariners, and others

who heard about the event from friends or read about it on the memorial Facebook page. To see photos and videos, learn more about the project, or watch progress, visit the Facebook page: Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial Renovation.

The 2021 dedication ceremony will be planned the week after Veterans Day, with more details to come as the date approaches.

For questions, please contact Michelle: 815-985-5102 or malbert6@comcast.net.

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Grand Detour's annual Arts Festival set for Sept. 12

GRANDETTOUR—The 72nd Grand Detour Arts Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Many fine artists will be displaying their work throughout the grounds of the John Deere Historic Site. There will be a student art show under the pavilion, and great music and food for your enjoyment.

A raffle drawing for a selection of artwork by well-known local artists has been added again this year. A special thank you to Rosemary Coplin for donating pieces from her collection to benefit the Grand Detour Arts Festival. Judging the show is Glenn Bodish, Associate Professor of Art, and Gallery

Director at Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon. Judging the student art show is Susan Schumacher, who grew up in Dixon, and recently retired from teaching in the Rockford area. Thank you to all our sponsors and special thanks to KSB Hospital as the major

sponsor of the Arts Festival and Sauk Valley Bank for sponsoring the student show. Admission is free and the show will be held rain or shine. The address is 8334 S. Clinton St. just west of Rt. 2 in Grand Detour. More information is available at facebook.com/grandetourartsfestival.

Republicans remove support for Kinzinger

The precinct committee persons of the Ogle County Republican Central Committee voted unanimously on Aug. 31 to remove all support from Rep. Adam Kinzinger at the monthly meeting, stating the organization has no confidence in Kinzinger's representation of his constituents. Committee chairman Stacy Flanagan had previously spoken to Kinzinger by phone as a courtesy after his actions became more radical and against the core values of Ogle County Republican voters. She expressed sadness and disappointment in his response, saying, "He said he was 'not concerned' when I told him we would very likely vote to remove all support." The committee was dismayed by Kinzinger's last-minute effort to work against the closing of the nuclear plant, allowing too much time to pass before

doing anything to support the extension. "So, after the time had passed when something could be done about it (the nuclear plant), he decided to pander to people he knew he had let down," said Jamey Sulser, who made the motion to censure Kinzinger. Precinct committeeman Kevin Colbert, who recently walked his district meeting Republican voters, reported there was not a single positive comment about the job Kinzinger has done among those to whom he spoke. The Ogle County Republicans join other area counties in their conclusion that Kinzinger listens to big money interests rather than his constituents, aligns himself with the Democrats, is dismissive of grass roots concerns and is disconnected from the real needs of the local area he represents.

New sewing club meets at Farm Bureau

Ogle County 4-H is announces a new 4-H Sewing SPecial INTERest club taking place for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. The club will meet at the Ogle County 4-H Farm Bureau on the third Tuesday of every month. All skill levels are invited. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it. We will have a limited number of machines available to borrow. Come join the fun and learn more about sewing, create new projects, increase your sewing skills, and complete some amazing service projects.

The first meeting will take place on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Projects will be announced the month before so members can purchase their own supplies before we meet. The only cost to participate is our \$20 4-H Program Fee. All youth ages 5-18 years old on Sept. 1, 2021 are invited; however, we ask that a parent stay with our members younger than 8 years old. To register, please call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191. Questions about the class-

es? Contact instructor Bethany at 815-200-3904. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or want to get involved, visit the Ogle County 4-H website at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/, or call the Extension office at 815/732-2191. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, just let us know. 4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

Free breakfast for veterans set for Sept. 18

OREGON – The Veterans Assistance Commission Of Ogle County is inviting Ogle County veterans and one guest and current military members to a free breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Oregon VFW Post 8739. The post is located at 1310 W. Washington Street in Oregon. The breakfast will be held

from 9-11 a.m. You will be able to meet Luz Maria Gilkey to make an appointment for any Veteran benefits question that you may have. There will be several guest speakers at this event as well. Please come and join us as it is our mission to help any eligible Veterans of Ogle County to identify VA benefits available to

them. A Special Thank You to the Oregon VFW Post 8739 and its staff for hosting and assisting with this veterans breakfast event. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be an optional "free will" offering collection to help defray the costs.



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

David L. Cook

LEAF RIVER—David L. Cook, age 69, passed away at home on Aug. 30, 2021. He was born in Rochelle on June 8, 1952 the son of Frederick and Dorothy (Rowe) Cook. He graduated from Leaf River High School Class of 1970.

Music was David's life and he was a gifted guitar player and singer who played in many different bands starting in high school. When he wasn't playing with a band, he could be found helping them with lighting and soundboards. In his spare time, he liked to wind down by watching sports especially wrestling, football, and basketball.

He is survived by his daughter, Carrie Groom



of Leaf River; sisters, Suzanne Lewis of Leaf River, Rebecca (Hamilton) Bonvillian of Arlington, Texas, and Tracy Rodenberg of Lansing, Ill.; grand-sons, Jake Groom, Ethan Groom, and Sam Groom; nieces and nephews, Jami Hackman, Todd Lewis, Scott (Shanille) Untz, Nicole (Craig) McCollum, Tyler

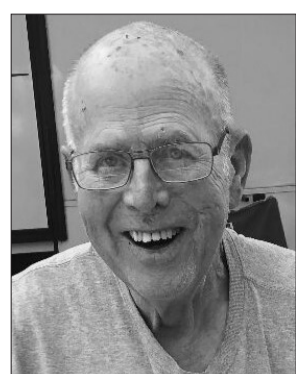
(Rashida) Rodenberg, and Sara Bonvillian; and many great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Byron with Father Rich Rodinski officiating. A celebration of David's life will be held on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 from 3-9 p.m. at the River Valley Complex in Leaf River. The public is welcome to join the family at either or both events. If you are a former band mate or musician friend of David's please feel free to bring your instruments to play in his honor. Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.Farrell-HollandGale.com

Richard Johnston

OREGON—Richard James Johnston, 87, of Oregon, passed away Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021 in Javon Bea Mercy Hospital in Rockford after a long illness and home hospice care since January of 2021. Dick, as he was known, was born July 2, 1934 in Center City, Minn., the son of Elmore and Ruby (Miller) Johnston. Married to Rogene "Jean" Rieken Sept. 11, 1954 in Ebenezer Reformed Church, Oregon.

A gifted athlete, Dick played football, basketball and ran track for Oregon High School and was part of many championships. Dick was also a boxer and Golden Gloves champion. His high school football coach told him in later years if there had been a decathlon in high school he would have been the national champion. For the majority of his career, Dick



worked over 50 years for E.D. Etnyre in Oregon and his fingerprint can be found on almost all Etnyre equipment. He was proud of the respect Roger Etnyre had for him.

Dick was led to the Lord when he was 29 and was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Oregon for many years. While in the hospital, he was able to be part of leading a dear friend to Christ as his savior just before his death. Dick loved fishing and hunting and from his home on the Rock River he would walk down to

the dock and throw in a line whenever the mood hit him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Rogene "Jean" Johnston and a son, Richard Scott Johnston.

Survived by his children: Pete (Mary Jo) Jacobs of Barrington, Scott (Sheila Perkins) Jacobs of Raleigh, N.C., Terri (Tom Lykkebak) Johnston of Winnebago, Jerry (Beth) Johnston of Byron and Thomas (Julie) Johnston of Chana; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home Oregon. A Private Family Funeral Service will be held with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dick's name may be made to Northern Illinois Hospice, Rockford or Rockford Rescue Mission.

Delores Marie Massey

OREGON—Delores Marie (Wiemken) Massey, age 82, of Oregon, passed away on Aug. 25th at Mercy Health in Rockford after a very brief illness.

Born Sept. 13, 1938 in Hopkins Township to Clara (Schwitters) and Carl Wiemken, Delores grew up on a farm and graduated from Polo High School. She raised four children while working at the Ogle County ASCS Office. She married Robert Massey on Leap Day, Feb. 29, 1992 and he survives.

Delores was predeceased by parents, Carl and Clara Wiemken and stepfather Nevin Brown, brother Marvin Wiemken and his wife Sandy (Miller) Wiemken, by her granddaughter Adrienne Prince and grandson Justus Bartelt.

She is survived by her children Wynell Eakle



(Bradley), Susan Ogan (Todd), Kendall Kyker (Jeannie Jo Bartelt Kyker), and John Kyker; step-children Dan Massey (Brenda) and Kristie Warfel (Bill); grandchildren Colin Prince, Conor Prince, Megan Osterdock, Caitlin Ogan, Shayann Strader, Simber Zuend, Kellen Kyker, Chad Kyker, LeAnne Ward, Destani Kyker, and Ember Kyker, plus Jordan Massey and Stephanie Reitzel, Ashley Huddleston, Sarah Warfel, Trevor Warfel, and Rachel Warfel as well as brother Paul (Beverly) Wiem-

ken and many wonderful great-grandchildren.

Delores loved gardening and crocheting, often making items to donate and gift to others. She was a long-time member and past officer of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Visitation will be held at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo, IL 61064 on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held for family only.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to any of the following charities in Delores' name:

Stouffer Terrace, 910 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061; Rock River Senior Center, 810 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL 61061

Shriner's Children's Hospital Corporate Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607

Priscilla Ludwig

Priscilla (Dorsey) Ludwig, 91, of Lanark, passed away, Tuesday Aug. 31, 2021, in her home surrounded by her loving family. Priscilla was born June 3, 1930, in Freeport, the daughter of Arthur and Elma Dorsey.

Priscilla graduated from Freeport High School in 1948. She then earned her registered Nursing Degree from Deaconess Hospital in 1951. She married LeRoy Ludwig of Forreston Sept. 30, 1951. Mr. Ludwig passed away May 1, 2003. Together they lived on their family farm in Lanark. Priscilla went from a city girl to a farmer's wife, and she loved it! Priscilla cherished the time she spent with her family, especially creating memories with her children and grandchildren. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Priscilla loved everyone but her greatest love was



Jesus. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. She lived her faith all these years. She was a very active member of Forreston Reformed Church.

Surviving is her three sons, James Ludwig of Lanark, Duane (Valerie) Ludwig of Shannon, and Thomas (Penny) Ludwig of Lanark; daughter, Lucinda (Larry) Tigges of Lanark; grandchildren, Karlee Ludwig, Adam (Katie) Ludwig, Lance (Carrie) Ludwig, and Dustin (Katie) Ludwig, Tara (Michael) Christians, Tyler (Kristen) Tigges, and Tate Tigges, and Whitney Holmes

and Andrew (Hannah) Ludwig. Also surviving are 12 great-grandchildren.

Priscilla was preceded in death by her parents, husband, granddaughter, Heidi Ludwig; daughter-in-law, Linda Ludwig; and three brothers, Larry, Howard, and Russell Dorsey.

Priscilla's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her home care givers and F.H.N. Hospice.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Forreston Reformed Church. Pastor Lyle Zumdahl officiated. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, also at Forreston Reformed Church. Burial in Lanark Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Priscilla's memory. Please sign Mrs. Ludwig's guestbook and share a remembrance at www.burketubbs.com

Karl Albert Gutfrucht

OREGON—Karl Albert Gutfrucht, age 33, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Sept. 27, 1987 in Park Ridge, Ill., the son of Alan and Mary (Kiczula) Gutfrucht.

He graduated from Oregon High School in 2006 and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2010. Throughout his career Karl worked as a Foreign Affairs Staff Associate for former United States Rep. Donald Manzullo, he taught English in Korea, worked as a personnel manager at Yellowstone National Park, and most recently for the University of New Mexico Student Housing. He married Bethany Cohnheim on Nov. 2, 2019 in Ribera, N.M.; together they were blessed with



their beautiful baby girl named Ona 4 months ago. Karl had a love for politics, he was an Eagle Scout, enjoyed geography, math, camping, hiking, traveling and spending time with his family and friends. Karl was preceded in death by his grandparents.

He is survived by his loving wife Bethany Gutfrucht of Albuquerque, N.M., and their daughter Ona, his parents Alan and Mary Gutfrucht of Oregon, 3 brothers; Derek

Gutfrucht of Albuquerque, N.M., Max Gutfrucht of Oregon, and Kurt (Michelle) Gutfrucht of Chicago, his nephew and niece Walter and Wren Gutfrucht, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street, Oregon, with the Pastor Jack Briggs of the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove officiating. Visitation for Karl was from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday evening at the funeral home. A mask is required for the funeral and visitation. A memorial fund is established in Karl's name for the benefit of his daughter and may be directed to the family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Karl.

Virginia Nelson

MOUNT MORRIS—Virginia Stouffer Nelson, 96, of Mt. Morris, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.

Virginia was born April 22, 1925 in her parent's home in Mt. Morris, the daughter of Boyd and Pearl (Butterbaugh) Stouffer. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1943. Virginia graduated from Coe College in 1946 with a degree in Chemistry and Zoology. In 1949 she earned her RN at Evanston Hospital School of Nursing, remaining in Evanston to teach Anatomy and Chemistry at Northwestern Hospital. In 1953 Virginia obtained her Public Health Certificate and began a new position at Freeport Memorial Hospital.

In 1955, Virginia had an eye appointment at Dr. Kortemeier's office in Freeport—her optician, Norm Nelson, was smitten and they married on July 15th, 1956. Norm and Virginia became part of the family business, Stouffer Poultry Farm



and Hatchery, in 1957. In 1972, Virginia returned to the nursing profession as a Rockford School Nurse, retiring in 1981.

Virginia was an avid quilter, belonging to several quilt groups and organizations. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, taking great pride in their many accomplishments. Her love for animals was great—thanks to Lori for giving her beloved cat Mocha a home and bringing her to visit mom. Virginia was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston.

Virginia is survived by son Jeffrey (Kathy) Nelson, Huntsville,

Ala.; daughter Kristin (David) Sible, Oregon; grandchildren Rachel (Dave) Fijalkiewicz, Lauren (Ryan) Gilbert, Christopher (Kelsey) Sible and Connor Sible. Great grandsons Samuel, Asher, Tyler and Lane.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Norman and her brother Sherwood.

Many thanks to all Pinecrest staff for your daily care and compassion. Nursing staff, these past few weeks especially, you've been amazing. You truly are a blessing in our lives. Serenity Hospice, there are no adequate words to express our gratitude.

Services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. in St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston with visitation preceding the service starting at 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery following services. Memorials may be directed to St. James Lutheran Church, Pinecrest Activity Dept. and Ogle Hospice/Serenity.

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LOCAL NEWS

RRC has events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Labor Day Holiday

Rock River Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no activities or transportation on this day. Have a safe and happy holiday.

September 2021 Yoga Classes

Jennifer Pierce is our Qualified Yoga Instructor. Let her guide you through breathing exercises, meditation and poses designed to encourage relaxation and reduce stress.

Incorporating Yoga into your routine can also help enhance your health, increase strength, balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Class dates: September 1, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29.

Participant Information

All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

Enrollment Required – \$5 per class
Payment at registration is required to reserve your spot in class.

Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to register.

Soup and Salad Lunch

On Friday, Sept. 24, Rock River Center will be holding a Soup & Salad Lunch. We will begin serving at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Menu Includes:

Old Fashioned Chicken Noodle Soup, Italian Tomato Tortellini Soup, Crisp Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Fresh Baked Dessert, and Drinks.

Registration Information:

Reservations are required by Sept. 17, so we can plan.

Reservations for indoor dining will be available.

Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to reserve your meal.

Cost: \$4 suggested donation

Illinois Owls Program at Rock River Center

Join Peggy Doty, Extension Educator, as we peer into the world of the Illinois Owls at an interesting program at 11 a.m. on Wed., Sept. 22.

Owls are not only at the top of their food chain; they are also at the top of their game. Owls have one of the most unique set of tools in their predator toolkit. From eyes that can penetrate the darkness to rotating toes and a feathered satellite dish to pick up the smallest of rodent feet hitting the ground. Owls are also Masters of illusion and silence.

Registration is requested by September 20th. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

2021 heating assistance LIHEAP

Colder weather is just around the corner and we all will be experiencing higher utility bills as we need to turn on the heat in our homes. There are two programs that help those with low income pay for their heating utility bills.

The LIHEAP program continues to accept applications for assistance with paying heating bills.

Tri County Opportunities Council is the agency that processes those applications and they will be available at two locations in Ogle County, Oregon and Rochelle, by appointment only.

The Oregon Tri-County Office is located inside the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th Street.

Appointments are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

The Rochelle Tri County Office is located at 306 N 6th Street.

Appointments are available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 815-562-6938 for an appointment in Rochelle.

Please have copies made of all of your documentation before your appointment.

You can call their Rock Falls office for more details at 800-323-5434.

In order to qualify, your household must meet the following income guidelines, no more than 200% of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$2,147; 2-person household is \$2,903; 3-person household is \$3,660, etc.

Support groups

Cancer support group

“Facing the Challenge” is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at RRC.

Caregiver support group

Kaylene Park, RN from Serenity Hospice & Home, leads the Caregiver Support Group. This group is not limited to those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at RRC. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.

Diabetic support group

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

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Jeffrey

Patricia Ann Jeffrey of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, following a long battle with cancer. She was 88 years old. Pat known as “Big Red” by family and friends was born in Galena, on May 22, 1933, the daughter of Emery and Harriet Wheeler.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Wesley “Wick” Jeffrey in 2019. They were married for 67 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and a role model for her children Scott Jeffrey, Ron Jeffrey, and Julie Tyler.



She left four grandchildren, Ryan (Melanie) Jeffrey, Kristen (Mike) Riffle, Greg (Mara) Tyler, and Susan (Steve) Hayward. 6 great grandchildren, Miles Jeffrey, Julian Tyler, Ryan Russell, Macie Riffle, Molly Riffle, and Warren Riffle.

She and her husband owned and operated Lake

Louise in Byron for many years. She and Wick also vacationed in and eventually moved to Ft. Myers Beach Fla., and spent many happy years on their boat in the Gulf of Mexico with family and friends.

Immediate funeral ceremonies are private. Arrangements for the final care of Mrs. Jeffrey have been entrusted to Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD - 410-822-3131. To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Mrs. Jeffrey’s memorial webpage at <http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/>

Mary Ruth Fischer

STILLMAN VALLEY – Mary Ruth Fischer, age 84, of Stillman Valley passed away on Sept. 1, 2021 in Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. She was born in Rockford on March 9, 1937 the daughter of Wayne and Mary Agnes (Jones) Erleben.

Mary graduated from Stillman Valley High School the class of 1956. She married John T. Fischer on June 3, 1956 in Stillman Valley. She worked for 32 years driving school busses for the Meridian School District and also worked for Rockford Products for



9 years. Mary was an avid reader who loved a good book. She also loved her dog, Lexie. But, one of the most important roles in her life was being a mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her children Debra (Tom) Batliner of Crystal Lake

and Gregory Fischer of Massachusetts; siblings, Richard Erleben of Rockford and Raelene Erleben of Stillman Valley; grandchildren, Brendan Batliner, Shannon Batliner, and Brian Batliner; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at 12:00 PM at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice & Home or the American Cancer Society. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHolland-Gale.com.



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LOCAL NEWS

Carson to speak at Forreston church

FORRESTON—Forreston Grove Church will host guest speaker D.A. Carson for its morning worship service on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Carson is distinguished emeritus professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He serves as theologian-at-large for The Gospel Coalition, which he co-founded. Carson is passionate

about international ministry and seeking the unity of the church worldwide. He has also written and edited approximately 60 books.

The worship service will begin at Forreston Grove at 10:30 a.m., with refreshments available at 9:30 a.m.

For more information on Forreston Grove, visit www.forrestongrovechurch.com or the church's facebook



page, or call 815-631-5450. The church is located at 7246 N. Freeport Rd., Forreston.

MM Senior Center hosting open house

MOUNT MORRIS—The Mt. Morris Senior Center is celebrating 45 years of service to seniors and the community.

Everyone is invited to an Anniversary Open House to celebrate with snacks, drinks and activities from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. The entire com-

munity is welcome to come to 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris to join the celebration.

The Mt. Morris Senior Center is looking forward to serving seniors and the community for the next 45 years and beyond. Remember, all are welcome.

Polo High School Alumni banquet is Sept. 10

POLO—The Polo Community High School Alumni Association Banquet will be held on Friday, Sept. 10.

The event will be held at Crossroads Community Church, 205 N. Jefferson Ave. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. There will be

a virtual performance by Margret Ebert. The cost is \$20 per person, and tickets must be purchased by Sunday, Sept. 6. Tickets are available at First State Bank Shannon/Polo, Davis Insurance, Paula Faivre, Donna Peugh, Mark Ebert, Lindsey Montross and Pam White.

Oregon Police report

Aug. 9

At 9:31 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Arabany G. Valle, 35, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Valle was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Valle was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Aug. 11

At 6:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Adonte X. Oneal-Jones, 18, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 50mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Eduardo M. Esquivel, 24, of Hanover, IL, for no valid driver's license and possession of an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Esquivel was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

Aug. 12

At 10:42 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1200 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2015 Ford driven by George Salmon, 53, Sterling, and a 2018 Ford driven by Nataliya K. Creegan, 31, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 4:45 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1500 block of W. Washington involving a 2003 Ford driven by Carson D. Smith, 28, Mt. Morris, and a 1998 Kenworth truck-tractor driven by Dirk R. Snetcher, 36, of Pearl City, IL. No citations were issued.

Aug. 15

At 3:26 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a three-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of S. 4th and Jefferson Streets involving a 2006 Buick driven by Jacob T. Duffy, 18, Dixon, a 2014 Buick driven by Daina Zbinden, age 77, Dixon, and a 2016 GMC driven by Torry C. Williams, 20, of Stillman Valley. Duffy was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 8:04 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Travis A. Mullen, 36, of Pingree Grove, IL, for failure to stop at a stop sign and driving under the influence of cannabis. Mullen was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of 10th and Madison Streets.

Aug. 17

At 6 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Allison R. Zoller, 29, Byron, for possession of an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Zoller was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

Aug. 18

At 5:11 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jesse H. Barnhart, 27, Oregon, for no valid driver's license. Barnhart was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Aug. 19

At 3 p.m., the Oregon SRO Officer issued one 16-year-old male juvenile of Oregon a city citation for possession of tobacco and alternative nicotine products as a minor. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School.

Aug. 21

At 4:18 p.m., Oregon Police issued Madison N. Straka-Rowe, 19, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

At 6:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Araceli Rocha-Amaro, 44, Rockford, a citation for driving while license suspended. Rocha-Amaro was issued an I-Bond and is scheduled to appear in court for this violation. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Illinois Street.

Aug. 22

At 1:08 a.m., Oregon Police issued Cole R. Havens, 35, of Elizabeth, IL, a citation for no valid driver's license. Havens was issued an I-Bond and is scheduled to appear in court for this

charge. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 7:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Luis A. Porcayo, 19, of Hanover Park, IL, a citation for speeding, 49mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:09 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Roger L. Jones, 37, Rock Falls, for obstructing justice, no driver's license, and Scott's law violation. Jones was transported to the Ogle County jail.

17 parking tickets and 12 verbal warnings issued during the week of 08/16/2021 through 08/22/2021.

Aug. 23

At 12:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Julie A. Robertson, 33, Dixon, a citation for no driver's license. Robertson was issued an I-Bond and is scheduled to appear in court for this violation. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 2nd Street.

At 9:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Colin A. King, 18, Davis Junction, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th and Webster Streets.

Aug. 24

At 11:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bryce A. Weems, 17, Oregon, a citation for no valid driver's license—after hours. Weems was also taken into limited custody for violating the curfew ordinance and was released into the custody of a guardian. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Aug. 25

At 9:13 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash involving a 2018 Ford driven by Jeffrey A. Needham, age 52, of Monroe Center, and a 2004 Jeep driven by Nathaniel L. Zellers, 33, Oregon. Needham was issued a citation for failure to yield—stop sign.

At 10:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bradley A. Goodwin, 38, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of W. Washington and S. 9th Streets.

Aug. 26

At 4:16 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael D. Ramsey, 30, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Ramsey was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ramsey was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:51 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kristopher M. Mockovak, 20, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Aug. 27

At 3:56 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a three-vehicle traffic crash involving a 1992 Camry driven by Ronald C. Rosecky, 71, of Sycamore; a 2015 Honda driven by Ronald D. Larson, 67, Mt. Morris; and a 2020 Subaru driven by Katrina G. Klages, 25, of Harvard. Rosecky was issued citations for defective or no brakes and operating a vehicle with an expired registration.

At 7:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Alli M. Miskell, 26, Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Miskell was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street.

At 10:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued Chelsea J. Henthorn, 28, South Beloit, a citation for speeding, 41mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of S. 4th Street.

Aug. 28

At 8:06 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Clifford D. Bennett, 54, of Davis Junction, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Bennett was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Bennett was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 700 block of E. Washington Street.

5 parking tickets and 14 verbal warnings issued during the week of 08/23/2021 through 08/29/2021.

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Report policy

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

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

LOCAL NEWS

Smith named to Hall of Fame

Vickie L. Smith has been inducted into the Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame.

She is one of 71 people received by the Foundation in 2021.

Smith has been a part of the 4-H Fair Committee on the Foods Committee for at least 15 years, and the superintendent of that committee for most of those years. She coordinates the Foods judging for Ogle County 4-H by assisting the judges, setting up the foods display, and keeps it organized during fair week. Smith also served as a 4-H Club leader for 18 years with the Forreston Friskies 4-H Club.

Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Longtime volunteers and former staff members were recently honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

All were recognized during a virtual ceremony Aug. 17. Four of the honorees are being named posthumously.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by either county University of Illinois Extension staff or by the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

"These volunteers are a model of 4-H values," says Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director. "All of our volunteers are valuable, but this award honors those that go above and beyond. These are volunteers that helped shape not only individuals, but generations of 4-H members. The Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization.

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 120,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in commu-



nities, schools, parks, and homes across Illinois. Volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles throughout the state.

"Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves," Barnard says. "More and more though, adults brand new to the 4-H experience are seeing the value of the life skills development program and volunteering for the first time. 4-H has volunteer opportunities that fit such a wide variety of time, skills, and talents."

To volunteer in your community, one may request information from the local Extension office.

Local Pheasants Forever Chapter holding banquet

MOUNT MORRIS – The Ogle County Pheasants Forever Chapter (PF) banquet committee has announced that the PF annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for Sept. 18.

The banquet will be held at the Mt. Morris Moose.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for raffles and silent auction, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The live auction will begin after dinner featuring a wide array of wildlife art, hunts,

and items of interest to wildlife enthusiasts.

Tickets that were purchased last year are valid for the rescheduled banquet and have been mailed out.

Annual membership renewals can be purchased along with the banquet ticket.

Any guest who desires to purchase a dinner ticket please contact Michelle at 815-979-8234 (please leave a message and your call will be returned)

Fundraiser to benefit children set

OREGON – The Oregon Rotary Club once again invites you to not attend Fall Fun on the River.

Each year the Club raises an average of \$4,000 for the purchase of coats and boots for children in the Oregon School District.

While we are not able to gather together, and know it is hard to think of Winter clothing today, we hope that you will not join us and support our school kids. A \$40 donation buys a coat and boots for a child.

The entire amount of your donation is 100 percent Tax deductible. Send your donation to: Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 493 Oregon, IL 61061

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 7

Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at The Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register. A mask is required. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

The Ogle County Democrats will hold their monthly meeting at the Oregon VFW Post 8739, 1310 W. Washington St., at 6:30 p.m. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with food and drinks from the VFW bar. Tickets

for our annual Fall Luncheon and Raffle will be available for purchase. The Ogle County Democrats meet every first Tuesday of the month.

Thurs., Sept. 9
Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 101 W 2nd St Byron. This group is open to all bereaved in the community. A mask is required.

Fri., Sept. 10
C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is open to

all bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Sept. 9th to register. A mask is required. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

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

Sat., Sept. 11
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 ti-nyurl.com/byronmarket.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

EDITOR'S NOTE: In last week's "Moments in Time" column (0830), there were 2 items dated Sept. 18. The "New Zealand voting rights" item should be Sept. 19; the "cesium-137" is correct.

* On Sept. 22, 1598, 26-year-old playwright Ben Jonson is indicted for manslaughter after a duel. He was very nearly hanged, but his ability to read and write saved him. He claimed "benefit of clergy," which allowed him to be sentenced by the lenient ecclesiastical courts. In his time, Jonson was as famous as Shakespeare.

* On Sept. 25, 1789, the first Congress of the United States proposes 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and sends them to the states for ratification. Ten were ratified and are known as the Bill of Rights.

* On Sept. 21, 1866, H.G. Wells, pioneer of science fiction, is born in Bromley, England. In 1895, he published his classic novel "The Time Machine" about a man who journeys to the future. The book was a success, as was "The War of the Worlds" (1898).

* On Sept. 20, 1881, Chester Arthur is inaugurated, becoming the third person to serve as president in that year. In March, President Rutherford Hayes turned over the reins of government to James Garfield, who was assassinated July 2 by a crazed gunman. Arthur, the vice president, was sworn in the next day.

* On Sept. 26, 1928, work begins at Chicago's new Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. In 1930, Galvin would introduce the Motorola radio, the first mass-produced car radio. (The name had two parts: "motor," evoking cars, and "ola" derived from "Victrola" record players.)

* On Sept. 24, 1968, CBS airs the first episode of the pioneer newsmagazine show "60 Minutes," which would become the longest-running prime-time show in American television history. The first episode featured coverage of the Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey presidential campaigns.

* On Sept. 23, 1992, Manon Rheaume becomes the first woman to play in men's North American pro sports leagues when she takes the ice for the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning in a preseason game.

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Like it or not, we are a society of rules

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We have rules for everything. We have rules for traffic. We have rules for going to school. Sports have rules. Board games have rules. Businesses have rules for employees.

Rules, rules, rules. We follow dozens of them every day. When I drive, I try hard to follow the rules. While I am not always perfect, I do try. Why? Because I don't want to kill myself or anyone else.

When I go into a business that says I need to wear shoes and a shirt for service, I wear shoes and a shirt. If I want the goods or services they provide, I have to follow their rules.

It is pretty simple, really.

When I joined the military, it was pretty much nothing but rules. Rules for how my uniform looked. Rules on hair length. Rules for how I interacted with fellow Airmen. Rules for how I viewed and disposed of classified information,

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



something I handled every day.

If I hadn't followed the rules, who knows what could have happened? I never found out because I followed them.

My point is that we must have rules and guidelines and etiquette for society to function. If we simply decided we have the personal freedom to do whatever we want, society would collapse. If you don't believe that, we are seeing a very small piece of it right now.

Our battles over using masks during a pandemic

or even getting a vaccine for a virus that can spread from person to person have shown us that we aren't as good at working together for a common good as we thought.

I am not saying you have to get a vaccine. If you don't want to, don't. If you don't want to wear a mask, don't.

But you also have to suffer the consequences of those decisions. That could mean not shopping at the store. Not going to school. Not taking that vacation flight that you had planned or that cruise.

It could also mean losing your job if your employer mandates that you must wear a mask or even get a vaccine. Private businesses have the right to do that, just as you have a right to not comply with recommendations aimed at preserving the public health.

Freedom is a great thing to have, that is clear to all Americans. But it does come with a cost. It is up to you to decide when that cost is too high.

For me, when my actions are harming others, I try to make a change. That is, to me, the right thing to do and the American thing to do. I love and respect and have served my country and I cherish the freedom we have. But when my personal freedom can have a direct negative effect on others, I draw the line.

Again, that's me. I am not telling anyone else how to live.

We have rules for a reason. We enforce rules for a reason. During a time of public health crisis, I personally believe we need to act in a way to protect all Americans.

Look, I don't want to wear a mask. But I also don't want people to get sick and die. I don't want businesses to shut their doors. If I can do something to help, I will and I do.

If our society of rules breaks down, our society breaks down.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Here are COVID facts, not opinions

Dear Editor,

You published a letter from Barrett Smith in the August 23, 2021 paper that I feel needs a response and some corrections. Barrett attempts to provide "facts," but most are actually opinions.

1. It is true that no one can determine the long-term effects of the COVID vaccine, as the disease has only been around for the last 18 months or so. We also don't know the long-term effects of COVID, for the same reason. We do know, per the CDC website and other legitimate sources, that symptoms of COVID can last for months and be very debilitating. But, we have decades of vaccine history and data from over a billion people who have received the vaccine since last December that provide evidence the COVID vaccines are safe.

2. As of 9:46 p.m. on 8/24/2021, 630,663 Americans have died from COVID [source: Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center], and Barrett is apparently more concerned about who can be sued?

3. The ingredients for the Pfizer vaccine are available on the fact sheet from the final EUA approval. I'm not a medical person, but I do take a few medications for medical conditions, and yes, I do take on good

faith that if they are FDA-approved I can trust them.

4. So, with a survivability rate of let's just say for fun the 99% Barrett quoted – with approximately 330,000,000 Americans [based on 2019 google search], if we don't vaccinate any-one, we could have 3,300,000 Americans dead, instead of the 630K we do have. And who cares if a few children, elderly or immune compromised die?

5. Agreed, there are legitimate treatments available – monoclonal antibodies (Regeneron, for example). However, HCQ and Ivermectin have both been deemed either ineffective or un-safe by clinical trials.

6. The belief that people can "control" their ability to fight off the virus ignores those who are immune-compromised from cancer, asthma or so many other diseases. In a perfect world, everyone would be healthy and be totally responsible in what they eat, drink and otherwise ingest. This isn't a perfect world.

7. And finally, let's talk about what the COVID vaccines do offer – check the CDC website. Pfizer is 95% effective in preventing infection and reduces the chance of severe illness for fully vaccinated people who do contract COVID. There is also data being gathered

which indicates that the transmission level of fully vaccinated people is lower than non-vaccinated if they do contract the virus – in other words, their risk of transmitting the virus to others is lower.

8. Imagine if Smallpox was around today and people wanted to make a "personal choice" as to whether they wanted the vaccine. How about Measles? We have seen times when a pocket of unvaxed individuals have resulted in hundreds of hospitalizations and complications from this highly contagious disease. When dealing with a highly contagious disease, each person should have a responsibility to others. At least that is how I grew up – with a community spirit that sometimes it's not just about me.

Unvaccinated people are a threat to children, immune-compromised and anyone who cannot be protected by the vaccine due to scientific or medical reasons – they allow the virus to continue to spread and mutate. I wish people would be more concerned about the 630K+ lives who have been lost. That we all aren't horrified by that shows the current state of our culture. Sad. Please – listen to the science – get vaccinated and save some lives.

Linda Pottinger, Oregon

Thanks for making annual barn sale another big success

Dear Editor,

Thank you! The hunt for something special and unusual to the everyday need became the mantra at the "Jack of all Trades... and Jill's too!" third annual barn sale at Maple Hill Farm. Our sale continues to get bigger every year due to the unbelievable donations from our communities.

This year our sale included merchandise from Neighbor's going-out-of-business and three estates. Every year The Soap Shoppe provides us with soap to sell and a friend gives us plenty of golf balls to sell by the dozen. This fundraiser sale for Serenity Hospice and Home is attended by people that

have a connection with the organization and or know that we get some pretty great things. It truly fills us with "joy" to see the support and hear peoples' stories. We continue to hold this sale because it has a meaningful and fulfilling purpose.

The "Jack of all Trades...and Jill's too!"

is a four-day sale for which we get outstanding PR from radio stations, newspapers, bulletins and business marquee. This year's success is reaching \$15,000. What more can we say but Thank you everyone!

With sincere gratitude,
Karen Virnoche and James Brown, Oregon

Reader was happier in his life before 'progress'

Dear Editor,

What Is progress? Per dictionary.com: Progress is a movement toward a goal or to a further or higher stage.

What is progressive? Again per dictionary.com: Progressive is favoring or advocating progress, change, improvement, or reform as opposed to wishing to maintain things as they are, especially in political matters.

One of the things that we fail to consider in our quest to be progressive, is unintended consequences.

At what cost do we "progress"? Technology has "progressed" at an astonishing pace. In the process humankind has introduced unknown numbers of chemical compounds into our world environment since WWII; over 85,000 that fall under

the definition of toxic, per our EPA.

While making our lives easier, we do not look at or consider the consequences and have no idea what "progress" is doing to humankind.

What has "progress" done or is it doing to our environment? Pollution? Pandemics? Our food chain?

What has "progress" done to our privacy? GPS? Internet?

What has "progress" done to our sense of security? We live in fear of each other!

What has "progress" done to our independence, our liberty, our freedom? We have lost all "common sense". We have become dependents on government, we have lost our sense of responsibility and accountability. We have become a

generation of victims. We have lost all sense of patriotism. We have lost sight of any "common" goals. We are losing freedom of speech (cancel culture). We have lost our faith in a higher power.

What has "progress" done to the simplicity of life? What has "progress" done to the stress in our lives? Long gone are the days of simplicity, ingenuity, independence, family, and community.

I was happier before "progress" came into my life! Don't get me wrong I like my indoor plumbing, my electricity, my mobile phone (sometimes), and having an automobile; but I could live without them and be at peace and less stressed!

Bill Pirnat, Byron

LOCAL NEWS



Artist in Residence paints fence at Mt. Morris Senior Center

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Senior Center is very grateful for the new mural that was painted on their fence by the Encore! Artist in Residence for 2021, Annie Timmer.

What started out as a brown fence with chipping paint has become a thing of beauty. Timmer and the seniors worked together to come up with a design. After the seniors painted the background of the fence Timmer took over. She used many different volunteers from Encore! and from the community to complete her vision of large flowers. Timmer even used pictures of flowers that she had taken herself to make the flowers look as realistic as possible.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the new fence at the Mt. Morris Senior Center make sure you stop by. The address is 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris, and all are welcome.

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New Oregon business

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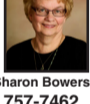




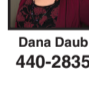
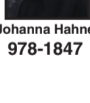
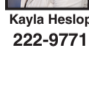



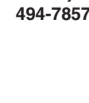

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217 N. Prairie Street, Creston
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This beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home is a gem! The kitchen features an ample amount of cabinet and counter space with an eat in area. The dishwasher is less than a year old and the refrigerator is approximately 5 years old. Next to the kitchen is the formal dining room which features bamboo hardwood flooring. The living room is spacious yet cozy and features a wood burning fireplace. The master bedroom boasts a large walk in closet which has space to add a master bathroom. Other interior features include first floor laundry, a newer furnace, and a newer central A/C. On the exterior of the home is an extra deep 33x35 foot 3 car garage with a workshop area in the back. The backyard consists of a 11x12 foot screened in gazebo with lights, electrical outlets, and privacy bushes. The roof on the garage is less than 5 years old and the flat roof on the house was new in 2020. This home will not last, call today for a showing!



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Byron beats Stillman 35-0

Byron dominated Stillman Valley on the field Aug. 27, winning 35-0. Chandler Binkley led Byron with 104 yards on the ground and three touchdowns. Isiah Gooden added a 14-yard TD catch, and Andrew Claunch had a 1-yard run. Byron had a total of 218 yards. Defensively, James Cone led Byron with four solo tackles and four assists.

Oregon drops game to Dixon

The Dixon football team beat Oregon 35-0 on Aug. 27. Dixon racked up a total of 421 total yards to Oregon's 74. Gabe Eckerd led Oregon with 29 yards on eight carries. Dixon scored once in the first, second and third quarters and twice in the fourth.

Scores

Girls varsity volleyball
 Aug. 26
 Dakota beat Oregon, 22-25, 25-19, 25-18
 Stillman Valley beat Sycamore High School 12-25, 26-24, 25-18
 Sept. 1
 Oregon beat Amboy 25-9, 25-11 – Jenae Bothe 5 kills, 1 ace; Sophie Stender 5 digs, 3 aces; Olivia Wynn-4 kills, 2 aces

Boys varsity golf
 Aug. 26
 Oregon 221, Dixon 177
 Aug. 30
 Stillman Valley 185, Eastland 183
 Aug. 31
 Oregon 197, Genoa-Kingston 182
 Sept. 1

Girls varsity golf
 Aug. 26
 Oregon 195, Dixon 279
 Medalist Katie Drew, runner-up Ava Hackman
 Aug. 30
 Stillman Valley 201, Eastland 289
 Aug. 31
 Oregon 180, Genoa-Kingston 202
 Medalists – Ava Hackman and Mia Trampel

Boys varsity soccer
 Aug. 27
 Stillman Valley 3, Marengo 6
 Aug. 28
 Stillman Valley 4, Hinckley-Big Rock 2
 Stillman Valley 0, Galesburg High School 7
 Aug. 31
 Stillman Valley 1, Byron 2

Sports parents:
 If you take a photo at a game you want to share, or have information about a sporting event, please send them to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.

Dean's List

Augustana College

ROCK ISLAND – Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2020-21 spring semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term. Allison Bandera of Oregon, majoring in Geology. Marissa Gorseger of Oregon, majoring in Biology. Justine Gorzny of Polo, majoring in Business Administration-Finance. Maja Johnson of Stillman Valley, majoring in Scandinavian. Brooklynn Schelling of Oregon, majoring in Communication Sciences & Disorders.

Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0. Byron – Alivia Bradford*, Nursing

Davis Junction – Maria Ilkow*, Elementary Education; Tamra Kubly, Pre-Nursing
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Carthage College

KENOSHA – More than 900 students have been named to the Carthage College dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester. The following area students made the list: Mallery Jenkins of Mount Morris

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University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Spring 2021 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

- Byron:
 Brianna Abrahams, Nursing Undergraduate
 Katelin Mumma, Business Undergraduate
 Madelyn Vavra, Health Sciences Undergraduate
- Davis Junction:
 Hannah Fleming, Letters & Science Undergrad
- Oregon:
 Alex Sitze, Letters & Science Undergrad

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

September is library card sign-up month

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Oregon Public Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions. Libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about your library's resources and programs, please visit Oregon Public Library website, Facebook page or call 815-732-2724.

Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day

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!

Preschool story time (18 months – 6 years)

Story Time begins Thursday, Sept. 9. 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, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Books on Tap meets Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Last House Guest by Megan Miranda

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. New story is now available... The Pumpkin Book by Gail Gibbons.

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 We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins.

Yoga on Mondays suspended

Due to the Where is Away? traveling exhibit in the gallery for the month of September, YOGA will not take place. Please check back or contact the library in regard to October YOGA. Please stop by and visit the exhibit.

Where is Away? Exhibit at the LIBRARY – Beginning Sept. 2 through the 23

Interactive Exhibit in the Art Gallery Learn everything you need to know about recycling and living green. Come upstairs to explore the interactive "Where is Away?" exhibit that has been loaned to us by SCARCE, an award-winning environmental education non-profit dedicated to creating sustainable communities.

The exhibit is a 3-dimensional, four-sided, free-standing exhibit that allows a person to explore how to responsibly dispose of common items found around the home. The items range from plastic bottles and bags to household chemicals, electronics and food scraps with best practice solutions that include composting, recycling at home, or taking them to a special collection center. Libraries by their very nature are "green" in that their resources are shared by the larger community. Please come and see what difference you can make with this traveling exhibit. Open during our normal business hours. Want to bring a group, no problem, call to schedule a time at (815) 732-2724.

Try it Tuesday – Tuesday, September 14th (while supplies last)

DIY back to school wipe board

Pick up your FREE kit to make your own custom back to school wipe board. Get your kids back on track and help them

to be organized the night before school. Kits come with everything needed. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Maker Monday – Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.

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

Hydro dipping – Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Appropriate for youth in 8th grade and up. This will be half hour sessions. Hydro dipping is a method of applying printed design to three dimensional surfaces. It can be used on metal, plastic, glass and various other materials that can withstand being submerged into water. This program uses spray paint, so masks will be required even though we will be outside. Participants can bring one item to be dipped, and should be listed at time of registration. Items can include ceramics, plastics, metals, shoes, frames, water flasks, etc. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

Zero waste mindset – Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program The average person in the United States sends 4.4 pounds of trash to the landfill every day! Speaker Monica Chavez provides tips on reducing waste while saving money and improving your health. Monica will help you re-energize your recycling practices, gain habits that are healthy & earth-friendly, & explore the idea of a zero waste lifestyle! Join us live for her virtual presentation, there will be a Q&A after the event, & Monica will share her favorite resources with us. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

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.

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.

New releases

Her Heart For A Compass by Sarah Ferguson (Duchess Of York) (Fiction)
Tin Camp Road by Ellen Airgood (Fiction)
Class Act by Stuart Woods (Fiction)
We Are The Brennans by Tracey Lange (Fiction)
The Husbands by Chandler Baker (Fiction)
Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy (Fiction)
Billy Summers by Stephen King (Fiction)
Blind Tiger by Sandra Brown (Fiction)
Emily's House by Amy Belding Brown (Fiction)
Damnation Spring by Ash Davidson (Fiction)
Dark Roads by Chevy Stevens (Fiction)
The Turnout by Megan Abbott (Fiction)
Breathe by Joyce Carol Oates (Fiction)
Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead (Large Print Fiction)
Northern Spy by Flynn Berry (Large Print Fiction)
Run-Book One by John Lewis (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 LEW)
Shards Of Earth by Adrian Tchaikovsky (Science Fiction)
The Noise by James Patterson (Fiction)
Bloodless by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child (Fiction)
Vortex by Catherine Coulter (Fiction)
Viral by Robin Cook (Fiction)

Julia Hull Library News

Tween Scene: Dystopian Games

Calling All Tweens! It's the year 2405 and the government has outlawed all books, libraries, music, art, and storytelling. But there are whispers of an uprising! Join the rebellion on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m., and attend your training to prepare for a future battle to bring back books, art and fun! You will be tested on your intelligence (literary trivia) and your physical prowess (games). But will you join the rebellion? Or will you turn dark and enlist as law enforcement? Be sure to wear your protective gear (i.e. masks required); the city tends to have pockets of toxic fumes these days... Ages 10-12. Registration required for this in-person program: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Minute To Win It

Think you can win it, with only a minute? You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! Come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Friday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. *Masks required.

Adult Book Club: We Begin At the End

Pick up a book, then join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of Chris Whitaker's fantastic new novel, *We Begin At the End*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Pajama Storytime

Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy! Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Autumn Science: Apple Chemistry

It's fall y'all! We're embracing the season with a cool crisp science experiment. Kids will join Miss Kelly in the library, Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m., for this hands-on chemistry

activity featuring everyone's favorite fall snack: apples! Ages 4-9. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611. *Masks required.

Young Critics Book Club

Meet your friends at the library on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the legendary, *Blackbeard: The Pirate King*, by J. Patrick Lewis. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program and reserve your copy of the reading. Ages 7-12. *Masks required.

Fall Split Wood Bead Wreath

Are you ready to refresh your Fall style? Join Joanna on Zoom, Monday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m., as we learn to make a wreath using real split wood beads, dried fruit & flowers, and other decorative touches. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register, reserve your kit, and receive your program link. Adults only.

Super Stolie Guacamole!

Join Super Stolie on the library lawn for a virtual adventure to México, celebrating 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, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. Call the library to register for this in-person program: 815-645-8611.

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LOCAL NEWS

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.byronlibrary.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 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

Two new StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading "Dandy" by Ame Dyckman, or read "Where is Green Sheep?" by Mem Fox while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. 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.

9/11 – The 20th Anniversary

Saturday, Sept. 11 at BPLD
10-11 a.m.

What were you doing when you heard about the September 11, 2001 attack? Walk with us as we take a virtual tour of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and commemorate the 20th anniversary of September 11th. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or going online to Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Charcuterie Boards 101

Tuesday, Sept. 14 at BPLD
6-7 p.m.

Join Kelly as she demos how to make a delicious charcuterie board! Learn what

pairs well together and the history behind this trendy meal. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Friday Trivia

Friday, Sept. 17

10:30 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 or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the BPLD Board Room
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Penny as she discusses September's book *Those Girls* by Chevy Chase. Book and audiobooks of *Those Girls* are available for pickup at the Library. No registration is required.

Share Your Story

Monday, Sept. 20

1-2 p.m. at BPLD Board Room

Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Braided Jump Ropes

Monday, 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 or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. – Coffee with a Cop, Polo Library Pavilion

Join us for community discussion with a member of the Polo Police Department. Coffee is provided.

Saturday, Sept. 11 – Tails & Tales Movie Night

Games & Activities at 6:30 p.m., Outdoor Movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

Join Ms. Melanie for games, activities and an outdoor showing of "The Secret Life of Pets"! This family friendly event will start at 6:30pm and have fun for all ages. Remember to bring your chairs and blankets to watch the movie once it gets dark! Questions? Email melaniew@pololibrary.org or call 815-946-2713

Storytime Saturday

Virtual - Facebook & YouTube - September 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Visit Facebook.com/pololibrary or search "Polo Public Library" on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New videos air at 10:30am on these weeks.

In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion - Sept. 11 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30 a.m. these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!

Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

Tails & Tales Fall Reading Program - September 13-October 30, Ages 3-18

Watch Facebook.com/pololibrary or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information and to register.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. – Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body PLUS a Free Line Dancing Lesson to Follow

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Followed by, 30 minutes of line dance lessons taught by Manager, Education and Community Volunteers, Joe Landmichl from the Rockford Office of the Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

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 or call 815-946-2713

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.

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Closed:
Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

September Is...
Library Card Sign-up Month! Are you new to Leaf River? Come get your library card! Have you lived here for years? Come get your library card! When you sign up for your new library card, you will get to choose a free book from a selection for you to keep. From kids books to audiobooks, DVDs to mysteries, all material is available for a 2 week checkout period. Come see what the library can do for you!

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

Story Hour:
Story Hour returns September 9th with Miss Jana. We will be meeting each Thursday at 10 a.m. Register today at 815-738-2742.

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:
We are pleased to be accepting clean, soft plastics for recycling. We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris, mulch, animal feed in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. These items are not acceptable in the recycling program. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Releases
Adult Books
Whiplash by Janet Dailey
A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins
19 Yellow Moon Road by Fern Michaels
Juvenile Books
Aly Raisman Gold Medal Gymnast by Matt Chandler (NF)
Olympic Games Upsets by Heather Rule (NF)

Mount Morris Library News

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

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!

Explore More Illinois
Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to

browse attractions. You can find the information on our resource page.

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 a.m. starting Sept. 1. Donna Wells will be our guest reader. All preschool children are welcome.

Adult Book Club
The September book will be *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy. Contact the library to get a copy. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, September 27th. No registration required.

Display Case Showings
We have a new display for the month of September. Come and check it out! (Our display case

schedule is full for 2021 but we're taking reservations for next year! If you have a collection you would like to display, let us know!)

Rock River Center
Starting in August, the Rock River Center will return to our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary.

Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant
We were the recipients of a Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant which allows wifi access 24 hours a day. Simply find MMPL Guest, agree to the Terms & Conditions on the login page and enjoy access for up to 8 hours! Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277
Pastor Janet Wald. 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 quilters 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 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursday

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: chanauwc@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
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GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
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Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
14080 Rt. 72 East, Davis Junction (Next to Fritz's Electrical) • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203
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
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Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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VISITORS WELCOME

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

LINDENWOOD

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

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

KINGS

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

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secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

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

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(815) 661-6315
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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
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860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

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

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

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

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

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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

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

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polo@crossroadsnc.com

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

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801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
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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 • [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, IL 615-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org
Chuck 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
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.

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MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
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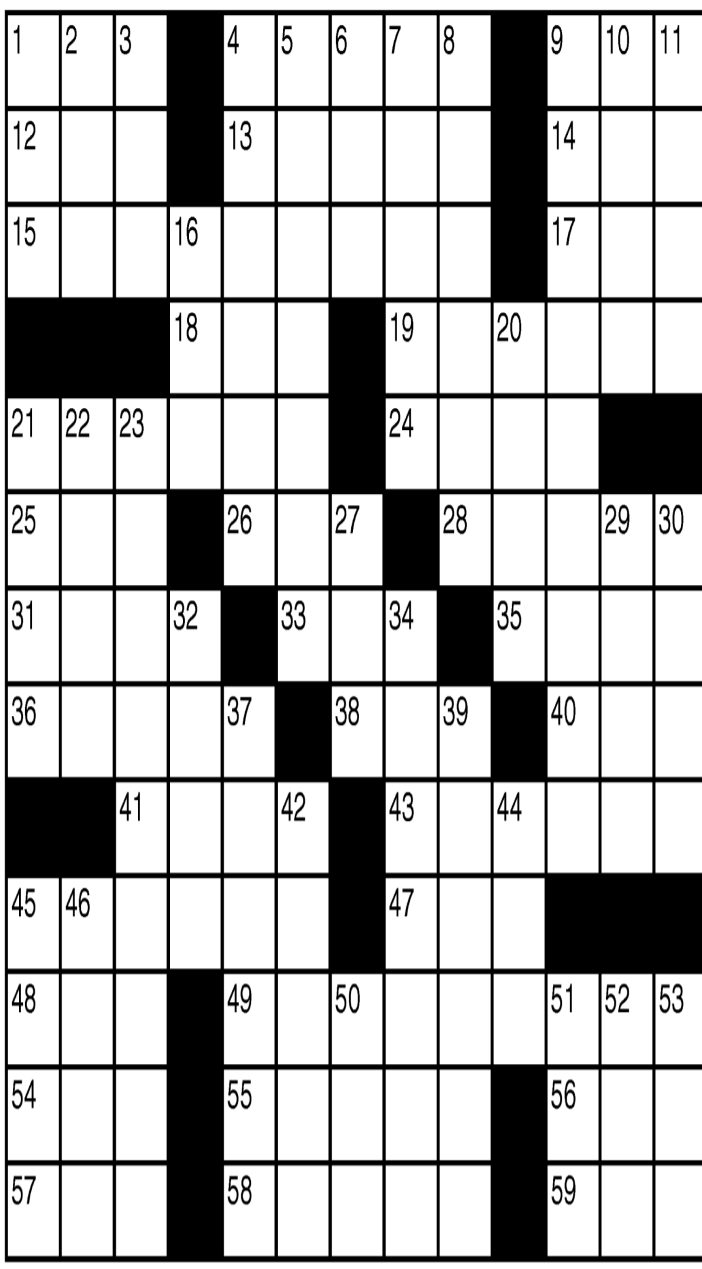
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● — CANAL

ACROSS

- 1 Pool stick
- 4 Gasoline dispensers
- 9 Attorney's field
- 12 "Right you —!"
- 13 Not moving
- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppings
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 — Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters



- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 35 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 36 Seized vehicles
- 38 Dict. info
- 40 Sundial numeral
- 41 Hgt.
- 43 Ancient pyramid builders
- 45 Bale
- 47 Mineral suffix
- 48 Days of yore
- 49 Sibelius work or vodka

- brand
- 54 Blackbird
- 55 Totally
- 56 Inventor Whitney
- 57 Goat's plaint
- 58 Lauder of cosmetics
- 59 Marry
- 7 Spectrum creator
- 8 Patronize, as a hotel
- 9 New York airport
- 10 Now, in a memo
- 11 Reasons
- 16 "— been had!"
- 20 Numbered rds.
- 21 Woodland grazer
- 22 Leer at
- 23 Summaries
- 27 Went first
- 29 Primary
- 30 Tackles moguls
- 32 Auctioneer's cry
- 34 Cecil B. —
- 37 Arm's-length portrait
- 39 Femme —
- 42 Ore layers
- 44 Longing
- 45 Smile broadly
- 46 Forearm bone
- 50 Rebel Turner
- 51 Morning moisture
- 52 — -de-France
- 53 Succor

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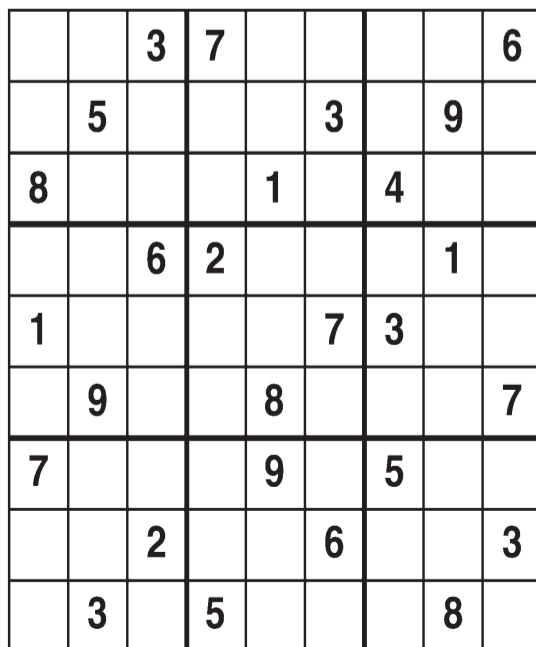
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Compliments of your Dentist**

- Albert
- Ear
- Kiel
- Suez
- Barge
- Erie
- Panama
- Volga-Don
- Champlain
- Gota
- Sault Ste. Marie
- Welland
- Corinth
- Grand
- Ship

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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.

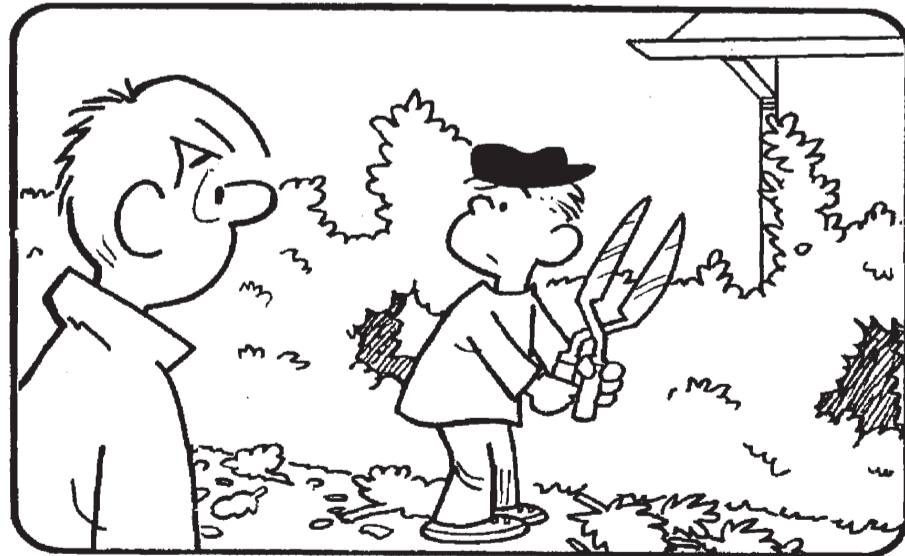
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

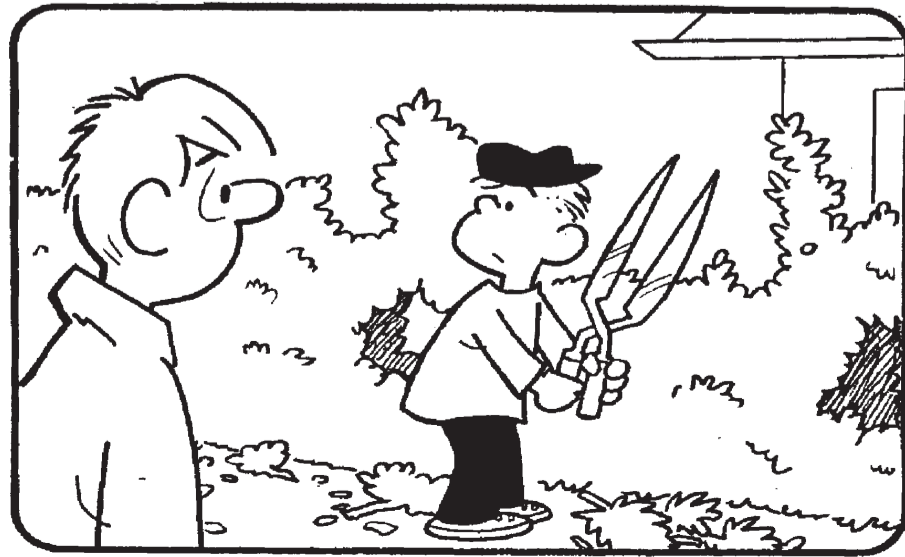
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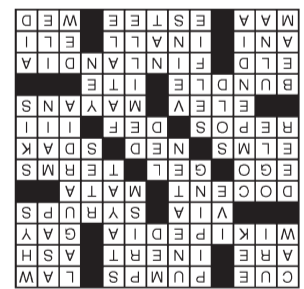
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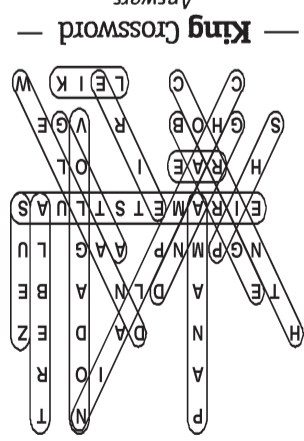
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



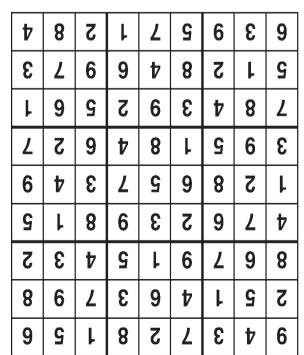
Differences: 1. Blades are longer. 2. Drainpipe is missing. 3. Pants are different. 4. Leaf is removed. 5. Window is added. 6. Collar is different.



Solution time: 22 mins.
 Answers



— CANAL



Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU

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MARKETPLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 12, 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: Copper and Cove Boutique, 9095 N. Small St., Leaf River, IL 61047.
Dated: August 12, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0834 (Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(IN RE)
THE)Case
ESTATE)No.
OF)2021
MARILYN)P 40
BORDEN)
DECEASED)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARILYN BORDEN, of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 9th of 2021, to STEPHEN G. BORDEN, whose address is 2355 White Birch Lane #111, Joliet, IL 60435 and whose attorney is Maria N. Berger of Berger Law Firm LLC, 418 W. Blackhawk Dr, Suite 102, Byron IL 61010. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this claim notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Clerk of the Court
No. 0839 (Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13)

PUBLIC NOTICE
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of)No.
SAM)21-P-55
WILLIAM)
SOTTOS,)
Deceased)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Sam William Sottos, of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Andrea Friedericks of Colfax, Illinois, whose attorneys' names and addresses are shown below.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S 5th St #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 6th day of March, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Andrea Friedericks, Executor
MARY C. LUDWIG
ARDC NO. 6286751
JOHNSON & TAYLOR
109 N. Mill St.
P.O. Box 497
Pontiac, IL 61764
Phone: 815-844-7151
Fax: 815-844-7539
MARY@JNTLAW.COM
No. 0903 (Sept. 6, 13, 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY REQUEST OF CARMEN LARA HERNANDEZ CASE NO 2021MR49
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Carmen Lara Hernandez to the new

name of Carmen Lara. The court date will be on October 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL. Ogle County in Courtroom #304.
Carmen Lara
No. 0837 (AUG. 30)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
STATE)
OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Flagg Township that a Public Hearing will be held September 30, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed April 19, 2021 of Caryl & Robert Rhoads, 4799 S. Center Rd., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single Family Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:
Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., Flagg Township, Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 24-09-400-004
Common Location: 4799 S. Center Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 19th day of April 2021
#001-21AM
NO. 0902 (SEPT. 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of a variance request filed by Nicole M. Bryant & Richard P Loveland, 210 Prairie Trail, Stillman Valley, IL. The said request is as follows:
1) Owner/applicant is requesting a variance of the fence setback of 18" - Ordinance No. 880. The minimum setback for privacy and chain link fences shall be eighteen (18) inches (18") from the adjoining property line, sidewalk, or street or alley way when no sidewalk is present. To "zero (0) inches" from the adjoining property line, sidewalk, or street or alley way when no sidewalk is present. Said property is legally described as:
ADDRESS 210 Prairie Trail
PARCEL NUMBER: 10-02-452-001
Dated this 1st day of September, 2021
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley No. 0904 (Sept. 6)

305 GARAGE SALES
"Junk in the Trunk" Sale
Individuals and Organizations Selling Antiques and Collectibles, Garage Sale Items, Art, Clothing, Arts and Crafts, etc.
From the Trunks of Their Cars.
Saturday, Sept. 11th
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Behind the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren.

305 GARAGE SALES
Garage Sale
BYRON
10904 N. Kennedy Rd.
Wednesday September 8th,
Thursday September 9th, &
Friday September 10th,
8am-4pm.
Tools, Clothes, Furniture. Too Much to Mention. PIA#23

Garage Sale FORRESTON
502 N Locust St.
Thursday September 9th Noon-6pm,
Friday September 10th 8am-6pm and
Saturday September 11th 8-?
HUGE GARAGE SALE! Area, Throw and Various Rugs, Quilts & Bedding, Women & Men's Clothing, Motorcycle Items, Leather Jackets, Children & Adult Books, DVD's & CD's, Chairs, Small Tables, Cedar Chest and Other Furniture, Beer Cans, Seasonal Items, Canning Jars & Freezer Containers and Much More Miscellaneous. 2-Sales at this Location. (FYI Forreston is Having Their Town Wide Sales Same Weekend Times Vary at Each Sale.) PIA#28

103 AUCTIONS
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
To settle the Estate of Donna Gittleson, We will offer at Public Auction the following described Residential Real Estate at Public Auction. This auction will be held on site at 1677 IL Rt. #251, Steward IL 60553. On Auction Day, watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs on Rt 251 South of Rochelle approx. 5 Miles. Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for a private viewing or visit our web site at www.bearrows.com for further information & pictures.

Saturday October 2nd, 2021
10AM (Auction Held On Site)
DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: This is a large single family 2-story home situated on a 5 acre tract, with quality throughout including hardwood floors, fireplace, updated furnace and so much more. It has 5 bedrooms, with a master bedroom on the first floor that has a walk in closet and master bath with a walk in soaking tub. There is a 3 season porch on the back, plus an open deck made of composite material. The heat is LP gas forced air, central air, as well as supplemental electric Heat. Additional Through wall A/C-Heat units in Master Bedroom & rear porch. It has a 2 car attached garage with openers as well as an additional 2 car detached garage with opener. For additional storage, there is a large pole barn that is approx. 60 x 100 ft with approx. 1/3 is concreted and has 2 large 14ft high doors. The building has 16ft eaves. Great for all your storage needs. REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$10,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before November 19th, 2021 at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide an appropriate executed deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

Donna Gittleson Estate - Owner
Auctioneer: John Bearrows - 815-739-9150
Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co. - Rochelle IL
Attorney for the Estate - Charles P Cole - 815-562-5150
Rochelle IL 61068

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ADVERTISE YOUR GARAGE SALE HERE

305 GARAGE SALES
Garage Sale
DIXON 7332 W Edgewood. Multi Family Garage Sale. Thursday September 9th 8am-4pm, Friday September 10th 8am-5pm & Saturday September 11th 8am-Noon. Boy's & Girl's Kids Clothes, Men's Teen's and Women's Small to Plus Size. Cleats and Sport Shoes Kid's to Adults. Household Items, Furniture, Garden, DVD's, Beautiful Cut Glassware, Animal Supplies and Saddles! PIA#31

Garage Sale
LEAF RIVER 3 Garage Sale.
5855 W. Hilldale Rd. & 10545 N Mulberry Rd. & 10502 N Mulberry Rd.
Thursday September 9th, Friday September 10th, 8am-4pm. & Saturday September 11th, 8am-Noon. PIA#30

An Advertising Proverb
When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

REAL ESTATE & HOUSEHOLD AUCTION
SAT. SEPT. 18 10 A.M.
(RAIN DATE: MON. SEPT. 20) REAL ESTATE: 1:00 P.M.
MARIAN JANSSEN, OWNER
Property Location: 602 N. Walnut, Forreston, IL; North edge of town on Rt. 26.
OLDER 2-STORY HOME W/ 3 Bedrooms: Fireplace, Recreation Rm., 3-Stall Garage w/ attached workshop . Outbuilding: 20' x 40' Pole Shed. Includes 2 extra lots/acreage.
Terms on Real Estate: Cash 10% down. Balance due in 30 days. Call Auctioneer for more information.
ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD- COLLECTIBLES: Carved Oak Chair; Cane bottom Chair; Sm Oak Curio Cupboard; 2 Pine Tables; Pine Wash Stand; Monmouth Cookie Jar; 1900's Baby Bed; Pine High Chair; 1920's Doll Wicker Stroller; Pitcher & Bowl Set; Phonograph Chest; 2 Pine Chest Drawers; Emerson TV; Love Seat; Recliner; Frigidaire Refrig/Freezer; Maytag Wash Machine; Hotpoint elec. Dryer; 1960's Kimball Piano w/ bench; Bookcases; 100+ 1940-50 Work Basket Books; Fancywork; Pots & Pans; Full sz. Bed w/ 2 chests; 2 Wicker Chairs. **SPECIAL ITEMS:** 100+ pcs. Of Local Advertising (Forreston, Baileyville, Shannon, etc): Calendars, Canes, Yardsticks, Thermometers, Cheese Boxes, Nail Aprons; 500+ Adver. Pens & Pencils; Old Advert. Boxes; 1900's Cardboard Farm Set; Daisy Tin Barn; Post Magazines; Children's Books; Wood Bowling Game; 2 Coaster Wagons; Lg. Toy Box. **TOOLS-LAWN & GARDEN:** 100,000 btu Heater; 35,000 btu Heater; Wagon full sm. Tools (sockets, wrenches, etc); 2 Bench Grinders; DeWalt Saw; Jonsrud Saw; Power Washer; Table Saw; Girls Bike; Sleds; Fishing Poles; Lawn & Garden Hand Tools; Old Traps; 1900's Garden Cultivators; Picnic Table; Porch Swing; Lawn Chief 20" Garden Tiller, 5 hp; 6 hp Push Mower; Troy Blit 24" - 5 1/2 hp Snow Blower; Nice Simplicity 20 hp Lawn Tractor w/ 38" deck, hydro, only 955 hrs; 5'-3 pt. Blade; 2 older Boats & Trailers; Plus much more odds & ends.
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Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
201 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL
Real Estate, Antique Tractors, Household & more.
Real Estate @ Noon: three bedroom two story home on large corner lot with oversized two car detached garage/shop.
Great investment opportunity.
Auctioneers Note: Roy & Dorthy were active members of the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club and collected a vast array of items over the years. Make plans to join us for this lifetime collection.
"Highland Community College Bodysshop Equipment"
Saturday, September 25, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
Freeport, IL (parking in Lot "C")
Auctioneers Note: This is a complete liquidation of all the equipment and supplies of the Highland College Bodysshop Program. Many new tools, product, supplies & more.
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Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
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113 FINANCIAL

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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203 HELP WANTED

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ASHTON - Bartenders and Waitresses Needed, Apply in Person at Ralphie and Lulu's. 812 Main Street in Ashton or call 815-453-2103. (TFN)

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301 ANTIQUES

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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 2-Family Sales at 1104 & 1112 Gehant Ct. Friday September 10th 8am-4pm & Saturday September 11th 8am-Noon. Antiques and Vintage Items Such as Relish Trays, etc. Many Kitchen Items and Bedding. Ladies & Men's Clothing. 13ft Cantilever Deck Umbrella, Lots of Women's Business Clothing Sizes 14 to 18W (Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, DKNY and Many More). Light Fixtures, Queen Size Bed Frame, Glider Rocker, and Many Items. (09-08-21)

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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FREE Sulfuric Acid (Oregon) call 815-980-8642. (09-08-21)

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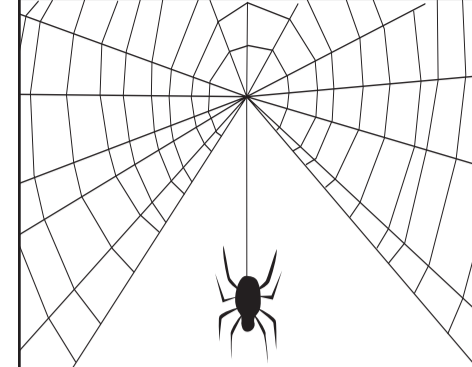
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203 HELP WANTED

St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle is looking for an Extended Care Director. Applicants need to be at least 23 years old, and have experience working with children ages three to fourteen. Good communication skills, general computer skills, good organizational skills and a team player attitude are a must. Applicants must be available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Contact Steve Hall (St. Paul principal) at 815-562-6323 or shall@stpaulrochelleil.org if interested.
References are required.

Oregon United Methodist Church seeks a **Part-time Office Manager.** Strong general office, computer, and social media skills needed. 20 hours per week, \$15-18 per hour. Send letter of interest and resume to oregonunitedmc@gmail.com. Equal Opportunity Employer

We're Hiring
The Village of Progress, Inc., is an Oregon-based nonprofit agency serving men and women with developmental disabilities. We're looking for a dedicated, experienced person to drive a bus route twice daily. Applicants must have an immaculate driving record and feel comfortable working with people with disabilities. Drug screening and background checks will be required. CDL not required. Direct inquiries to the Village of Progress, 815-732-2126. Ask for Brion.

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District sets events, activities

Plant a Beautiful Fall Porch Pot

Tyler with Hagemann Horticulture will walk you through the planting process. The fall colors in your pot will be beautiful and compliment your outdoor décor. The workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Choose between the 5:30-7 p.m. or the 7:30-9 p.m. workshop. Class fee is \$46/Resident or \$55/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is September 16.

Couples Homemade Apple Pie Class

An evening for two: the couple that likes to cook together, mothers and daughters, or grab a friend and learn to make delicious homemade apple pie from Lynn Kaufman of Lynnies' Kitchen. Choose between a two-crust pie or a crumble top. Make the pie in class and bake at home or freeze for later. Class will be held at Cork & Tap on Friday, September 24, 2021, from 6-7 p.m. Class fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Price is for 2 people making 1 pie. Registration deadline is September 17.

Canvases with Chloe

Paint a beautiful eucalyptus arrangement with local artist, Chloe Gale, on September 29 at Cork & Tap. Choose between the 5:30 p.m. or the 7:30 p.m. class time. Class fee is \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is September 20.

6th Grade Boys Basketball

This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Practices are scheduled to begin the week of September 27th. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please contact lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Registration Fee is \$75/ \$90NR. Deadline for registration is September 15th.

Pre K- 1st Grade Basketball

Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. These co-ed programs are held on Saturdays at Nash, with each team meeting for an hour. Each Saturday will start with practicing fundamental basketball skills, followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please email lesley@oregonpark.org. Season runs from 10/23 through 11/13. Registration Fee \$40/\$54 NR. Deadline for participation is September 30th.

Boys and Girls 2nd – 5th Grade Basketball

Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. Practices are held during the week at Nash Recreation Center or Oregon Elementary. Games are played on Saturday at Nash Recreation Center or Byron Park District. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org. Player assessments will be held to help the coaches draft their teams. Season runs 11/8 through 1/29. Fee \$60/\$72NR, deadline for registration is October 19th.

OHS Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season! These basketball clinics are being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. Two clinics will be offered: 6-8 Grade, Monday 9/27 from 6-8pm, Fee \$15/ \$18 NR- Deadline 9/21- Blackhawk Center
2-5 Grade, Monday 11/1 from 5-6:30pm, Fee \$10/ \$13 NR- Deadline 10/26- Nash

Ogle County Democrats to hold annual fundraiser

OREGON – The Ogle County Democrats are holding a fundraising luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Loreda Taft Campus of NIU in Oregon.

The tickets are \$50 for an individual and \$80 for a couple. Each ticket gives the person/couple a chance at raffles being held, with the grand prize of \$1,000 being drawn that day along with other cash prizes. Dinner

is included with the ticket price. Raffle tickets are also available for non-attendees at \$50 each; you need not be present to win.

The event begins at 1 p.m. and a turkey dinner luncheon with all the fixings will start at 2 p.m. Guest speakers invited include U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

The speakers will begin at about 3 p.m. and the raffles will be drawn after the speakers conclude.

Funds raised will go to Democratic candidates running for local, state and national office in 2022. The Taft Campus is at 1414 N River Road in Oregon. For tickets or for more information, contact Fundraising Chair Steve Jones at 779-537-4006 or via email at sub_insignia@yahoo.com.

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

Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive Sept. 10-11

The 52nd annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive in Oregon and Mt. Morris will be held September 10 and 11.

Last year there was no collec-

intersections in this area, but we raised \$2,060 with help of a few businesses and from Knight families and friends.

The funds that were raised help

programs in Illinois, such as Special Olympics. Local organizations who also split \$1,682 were: Village of Progress, Oregon School district special education program, and

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