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Gov. signs bill to save plant

Byron nuke station now being refueled instead of shut down

By Brad Jennings
Editor

BYRON – The familiar sight of steam rising from the Byron Generating Station continues, although it is down to rising from one tower as the station refuels. With Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signing a new energy bill that was favorable to nuclear plants into law on Sept. 15, the Byron Station will continue to operate. It's owner, Exelon Generation, had threatened to close the station on Sept. 13 without the new bill.

"I was both excited and relieved to watch the Illinois Senate provide a con-

currence vote in favor of SB2408," said Erin Folk, executive director of the Oregon park District and part of FAIRCUM (Fair Assessment Information Resource Committee). "Local taxing bodies, state legislators, community members and so many others have spent the past year working together for a common goal and our efforts paid off. Nuclear energy not only creates the opportunity for clean energy, but it saves jobs, stabilizes the local economy and allows taxing bodies to continue to provide the services our residents have come to rely on." The same day the Il-



On Sept. 15, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signed the new energy bill into law. The Byron Generating Station is now refueling instead of shutting down. (Brad Jennings photo)

linois Senate passed the bill, Exelon released a statement saying the Byron and Dresden stations would be refueled and not shut down. Dresden was scheduled to be closed later this year.

"We commend the

governor, the General Assembly, our partners at IBEW Local 15 and the coalition of labor leaders and members who worked so hard to pass this roadmap for building our economy and addressing the cli-

mate crisis by investing in clean energy in a way that ensures that jobs and environmental benefits are shared equitably," said Christopher Crane, president and CEO of Exelon.

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Outside time

Oregon Park District Children's Center has been enjoying the warm weather in their outdoor classroom. Temperatures look to be nice and warm, with some cooler nights, for the next couple of weeks.



Serenity Shed celebrates 6 years

OREGON – The Serenity Shed recently celebrated their 6th anniversary.

The Shed opened in downtown Oregon as a bereavement center and volunteer workshop where anyone could come to create. The items created are then sold at their retail center to help support Serenity Hospice.

The Shed has played a significant role in countless lives through the years including children and teens.

"When experiencing a death, people often tend to focus their attention on the adults grieving and try to distract kids from what they are feeling," said Cathy Warren, bereavement coordinator and manager of The Shed.

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LOCAL NEWS

Serenity offers free course

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

This class will run each Wednesday from Sept. 22-Nov. 10. The group will meet at The Serenity Hospice Home located at 1658 S. IL Rt. 2 just south of Oregon. The time will be in the evening and will be determined by the group at the first class.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator.

The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hos-

pice’s Bereavement Coordinator.

“I am very excited to offer a class like this one,” Warren said. “Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end.”

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt.

Please be aware that in an effort to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus and to be in compliance with the current government recommendations, we will practice social distancing and protect each other by wearing facemasks.

Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class – 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren. Class sizes are limited so call today!

Have fun hitting Back Roads Market on Sept. 25

The Back Roads Market will be Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Spend your early Fall day traveling the countryside amidst corn fields and scenery making four stops along the way featuring a variety of great things.

Drive down the lane to Hough’s Maple Lane Farm’s 3788 N. Mt. Morris Rd., Mt. Morris. Satisfy your maple cravings choosing from candies, syrup, maple cinnamon rolls, local honey, vanilla popcorn, treats for your dog, plus mums and a variety of hostas and plants and a few “old Finds.”

Next make your way to Berry View Orchard 7504

W. Midtown Rd. There you’ll find a variety of juicy apples, Aronia berries, slushies, a farm store stocked with meats from Nelson Farms, giftware, treats, jams, and not to mention the best cider donuts! Food concessions at this location by Jens Artisan Breads.

Round the corner to some Funky Junk and more at 6410 W. Grove Rd. There you’ll find vendors with vintage goods, refurbished furniture, clothes, retro items, primitives, and funky junk jack o lanterns. While you’re here, grab some yummy baked goods from Bobbi’s Country Catering. Food concessions at this

location will be provided by Sunset Golf Club Mount Morris.

Continue down the road to Vintage Chicks and Feeds 700 Route 72 East Leaf River. This quaint shop is celebrating its 7th Anniversary. Browse through the store filled with vintage wares, lotions, soaps, local honey, antiques, barn goods, etc. and so much more!

Each market is clean, organized and full of fun.

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Church holding White Elephant sale

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

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

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

The ever popular Apple Fitters will be available Saturday only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. under the outside portico. The church is located at the corner of Rt. 2 and Jefferson, just south of the Food Court. Proceeds from this sale fund OUMW’s annual donations to local agencies.

PLANT: Grassroots efforts helped

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“The new policy offers a better future for the employees who have run these plants at world-class levels, the plant communities that we are privileged to serve and all Illinoisans eager to build a clean-energy economy that works for everyone.”

Todd Tucker, executive director of the Byron Forest Preserve District, said that not only are the nuclear plants needed to reach clean energy goals, but they are economic engines for the local economy.

“It’s paramount for our agency,” he said. “It’s paramount for our taxpayers, our schools.”

As one of the local officials dedicated to keeping the plant open, Tucker said the grassroots effort to keep the Byron plant open certainly helped.

“You can’t lay back and act like it’s going to happen anyway and not do anything,” he said.

The new bill was signed more than a year after Exelon announced the

two plants would close. The Byron plant provides about 700 jobs as well as millions in local tax revenues.

The Byron CUSD #226 paid for the economic impact study, and it showed that about 74 percent of the district’s revenue comes from the Byron Station.

The study showed that the Byron Station’s direct contribution to the regional economy (GDP) is estimated to be more than \$288 million. That is 1.6 percent of the total GDP of the region. For the Ogle County, Byron Station’s total contribution to the economy is estimated to be \$338 million; 17 percent of the county’s total GDP.



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The girls from Pines Meadow Vet Clinic enjoyed a fun evening out and each of them took home an adorable snowman decoration they made themselves! Want to schedule a group event at The Shed to have some fun and support Serenity Hospice? Call us 815-732-2499.

SHED: Expanded resources

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“But children and teens need to face their grief head-on just like adults. They need support, encouragement and resources to help them deal with their emotions.”

Serenity has expanded their children’s resources to include day camps. The next day camp will be held at the Nash Recreation Center on Oct. 16. If you know someone between the ages of 6-16 who could benefit from such an experience, call Cathy at 815-732-2499 for more information or to register. You may also register through the Oregon Park District online or by phone.

The Shed has also become a distributor for Dixie Belle chalk paint products and they offer a variety of art and crafting classes throughout the year. They have also teamed up with BerryView Orchards in Mt. Morris who sell their handmade items in their gift shop. You are welcome to stop by The Shed anytime M-F from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. They are always looking for new volunteers and their grief groups and activities are open to anyone, whether or not they were a hospice family. For more information, visit their Facebook page or call 815-732-2499.

LOCAL NEWS



Cleaning up

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following organizations for their great work during the Community Clean Up Day which took place on Sept. 12. City of Oregon, Oregon Lions Club, Oregon United Methodist Church, Oregon Together, St Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon Hawks Wrestling Team and Coaches, Merlins Greenhouse and Flowers, and Woods Equipment. Special thanks to Kris and Jimmy Martinaitis, and Steve Rypkema. Thanks to their collaboration and community spirit our teams totaling 45 volunteers were able to assist 5 homeowners who signed up requesting assistance with home and lawn projects. We are looking forward to doing this again next year. Before then if you are needing assistance please don't hesitate to reach out. There are several organizations who are here to help!

Thank you for continuing to take care of each other and make our community a great place to call home. If you need help or have any questions regarding the community clean up day please direct them to Liz Vos Executive Director Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce 815-732-2100 (always available.) Or email chamber.director@oregonil.com.



Habitat for Humanity meal is set for Sept. 24

ROCHELLE—There will be a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity and The Kitchen Table on Friday, Sept. 24 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at 7034 S. Klondike Road in Rochelle. The "Dinner for a Purpose" will be \$40 per person and include your choice of a cowboy porch chop or halibut,

salad, roasted vegetables, baked potato and dinner roll. Reservations are required, so please call Vanessa at 815-440-6598. A table of six is \$220; a table of four \$140. There will be local amateur waiters, table trivia and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be live music from 7-9 p.m.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the love and concern shown our family during the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather Gene Beauchem. Thank you for the food, flowers, prayers, and condolences during the time of our loss.

The Beauchem Family

Be thoughtful when burning waste

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) responds to several citizen complaints each Fall regarding the open burning of landscape waste and other materials. These complaints range from the illegal open burning of waste and trash to nuisance conditions produced by smoldering leaves, grass clippings, and other landscape waste.

In Illinois, most waste materials are prohibited from being openly burned. Materials which are commonly unlawfully burned include furniture, mattresses, carpet, textiles, construction and demolition debris, plastic materials, and garbage. The open burning of most waste in Illinois is in violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and can be punishable through substantial fines and/or a Class A misdemeanor.

The OCSWMD discourages the open burning of landscape waste in Ogle County and encourages residents to either bag up and have the landscape waste hauled away to be composted, or use the lawnmower to mulch up fallen leaves, as opposed to open burning. If you live in or near a municipality there may be more restrictive ordinances in place regarding the open burning of landscape waste. Check your local ordinances prior to any open burning of landscape waste.

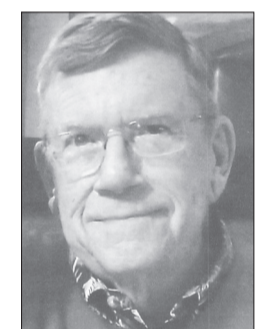
Be a good neighbor this Fall and eliminate the nuisance smoke conditions and other problems associated with open burning. Contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, go to www.oglecounty.org, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about landscape waste disposal options, or for information regarding the reuse, recycling, or proper disposal of waste materials.

Rotary raising funds for kids

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. 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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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Audrey Anne Blobaum

Audrey Anne Blobaum, 87, of Wellington, Fla., formerly of Byron, passed away on July 24, 2021. She was born to parents Ralph Thompson and Elsie Marie Thompson, on Aug. 20, 1933, in Compton, Ill. She graduated from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, in 1951. She went on to study Home Economics and Education at Northern Illinois University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and a Master of Science degree in 1970.



everything, supporter of the arts, wine connoisseur, baby snuggler, prayer partner, loving friend, #1 supporter, gracious hostess, tireless servant of her Lord and Savior and Adult Literacy Mentor.

She proudly served her community as: Church Council Member (All Saint Lutheran Church in Byron, IL and Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross, West Palm Beach, Fla.), Head Deacon, Mission Servant to Haiti and Costa Rica (Florida Bahama Synod), Charter member of All Saint's Lutheran Church, Byron; officer and leader locally and at the State level for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (Illinois and Florida), coordinator of Wellington Seniors Quilting Group. She was also a cooperating teacher for students from Northern Illinois University, in their Home Ec. Education program.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dana Blobaum, parents Ralph and Elsie Thompson, in-laws Arthur and Blanche Blobaum, brother Donald Thompson, sister Barbara Weekly, and great grandson Shannon Davis.

She is survived by

her children. They are sons Steven Oleson (Joanie), Howard Oleson, Barry Oleson (Cindy), Christopher Oleson (Kelly), daughters Anne Holzapfel (Ralph), and Allison Roberts (William Armstrong), stepdaughters Janell Tempel (Richard), Debbie Barron (Jack), Diana Skillman (John), and Crystal Stivers and sons of a different mothers David Clarke and Brian Ross. She also is survived by 24 grandchildren: Melissa, Stephanie, Lanee, Justine, Lauren, Barry II, Jerry, Brandy, Laura, James, Khrysta, Kayleigh, Karl, Kurtis, Kevin, Katherine, Gwendolyn, Maddox, Dustin, Tobias, Daniel, Jennifer, Morgan and Alexis and their families.

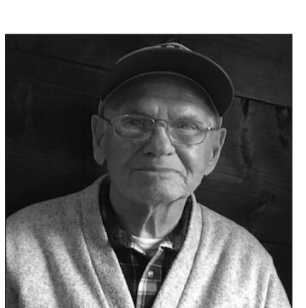
The family has entrusted Tillman Funeral Home and Crematory, West Palm Beach, FL (tillmanfuneralhome.com) with the arrangements.

A Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, and from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral at All Saints Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Drive, Byron. The Funeral will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. Interment will be at Byron Cemetery. A reception will follow at Jarrett Center at Byron Forest Preserve. Pr. Janet Wold will officiate the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. Those donations will be shared between those things Audrey treasured most: church, education, and the community service organizations she was involved in.

Willis B. Cline

OREGON – Willis B. "Willie" Cline, 93, lifelong Oregon resident, passed away Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Born May 4, 1928 in Oregon, the son of Thomas and Ruth (Cox) Cline.



Koepfen, Derick (Amy) Robinson and Ashley Robinson; four step-great grandchildren, Noah, Emily, Lily and Milo; and several very special nephews and nieces.

Will graduated from Oregon High School in 1946. His wife of 38 years Donna A. (Reinders) Cline predeceased him on June 9, 2019 and his first wife Rosemary (Moore) Cline predeceased him on Aug. 6, 1974. Willis was a U.S. Army veteran who served our country during the Korean War. He retired from the USPS in Oregon, employed for over 36 years. He was a member of Oregon VFW Post #8739 and the Mt. Morris American Legion Post #143 for 62 years. Will was the last of the (7) CLINE BROTHERS to depart this world. Will never met a stranger – he really enjoyed visiting with people while on his daily walks in downtown

Oregon and later with the staff and friends at Pinecrest. Will was a "good man" by always doing "what was right." Whether it was taking care of his wives when their health declined or opening up his house for in-laws and later his step-son and two grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents; wives, Donna A. and Rosemary; brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard (Lois), Carl (Eva), Wilbur, Earl (Arlene), Nelson (Donna B.) and Richard.

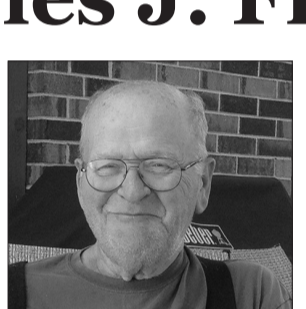
He is survived by his step-son, David Koepfen of Oregon; step-daughter, Doreen (David) Robinson of DeKalb; four step-grandchildren, Garett Koepfen, Seth

His family would like to thank the caregivers at Pinecrest Manor for the wonderful care that they provided. We would also like to thank Serenity Hospice for their compassion. A final thank you to Dr. John Plescia for many years of care and support for both Will and Donna.

In accordance with Will's wishes, a private graveside service will be held at Grand Detour Cemetery with Rev. Rodney Caldwell, Pinecrest Manor Chaplain, officiating. No visitation. In lieu of flowers and/or donations to the family, please make a donation in his memory to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon or the charity of your choosing. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home assisted the family.

Charles J. Fisher

Charles J. (Chuck) Fisher, 85, passed away Aug. 31, 2021 at Eastern Maine Medical Center with his wife by his side. He was born on March 6, 1936 to Marshall and Norma (Schieldt) and grew up in Janesville, Wis.



maintained a large garden and enjoyed woodworking. He built everything from furniture to sail boats over the years. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends.

Chuck attended Parker High School in Janesville, Wis., then graduated from Ripon College with a Chemistry degree. Chuck met his future wife Marlene Melnick at Ripon. He served in the U.S. Army in the early 1960s. He and Marlene had 2 children Mark Fisher and Martha (Fisher) Votava. Marlene passed away in 1997. Chuck married Dawn Nelson in 1999.

and supermarket chains. He was an active member and officer of ASQC (now ASQ AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR QUALITY).

He served on Ogle County Board of Health for several years. He was a member of Byron Revitalization Committee and volunteered his woodworking expertise at Byron Forest Preserve. He also went back to school to become a Master Gardener. He always

He is survived by his wife Dawn of 22 years, son Mark Fisher and wife Janet (Highland Park), daughter Martha and Scott Votova (Rockford), stepchildren Garrett Nelson and wife Nicole (Ellsworth, Maine) and Kellie Durham (Mesa, Ariz.), and Grandchildren Nicolas and Jacob Votava and Hannah Fisher

He is predeceased by his father Marshall Fisher, mother Norma Fisher and brother Thomas Fisher.

Charles will be interred in a private ceremony in Edgerton, Wis.

Chuck worked in Quality Control at several major food distributors

Lily Marie Stutsman

MOUNT MORRIS – Lily Marie Stutsman, 94, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at Pinecrest Community in Mt. Morris. She was born on Nov. 22, 1926 to Henry Block and Bessie (Weber) Block.



chain, Bible study, and church work day!

She graduated from Western Illinois University and later married Merle Stutsman on June 25, 1950. They had two children, Kent Stutsman and Rhonda (Kevin) Mikolajewski. She was a devoted grandmother to Alex and Morgan Mikolajewski & loving great grandmother to great grand dogs, Oliver

and Barkley! Lily was a dietician and worked at Proctor Community Hospital in Peoria. She was a devoted member of the Church of the Brethren, mainly in Peoria but later transferring to Dixon. She was a generous volunteer for every prayer

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merle Stutsman, son, Kent Stutsman, brothers Willis and Leland Block, and sisters Rosemary Rose and Margaret Nell.

Always caring for others, Lily would not want to be even remotely related to any potential spreader event! Therefore, a Celebration of Life service is being delayed to a date that is yet to be determined.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris.

Dennis G. Reber

Dennis G. Reber of Houston, Texas passed away Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021 after a long illness. He was born May 31, 1958, the son of Gene Reber and Connie Reber-Willis.



wife, Suzanne; daughter, Emily Reber; his sons, Dennis Reber and Peter Reber; brother, Doug (Penny) Reber and sister, Terri (Bob) Ashford.

Dennis graduated from Byron High School in 1976 and Drake University in 1981. He enjoyed a 40-year career in Pharmacy Practice with CVS Health. He also enjoyed biking, traveling,

reading history and lake living. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Oct. 3rd at the Byron Forest Preserve (Jarrett Center) from noon- 4 p.m. Donations in Dennis's name can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Mary Laurie Briggs

GERMAN VALLEY – Mary Laurie (Wright) Briggs, 67, of German Valley, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at her home with her husband Steve by her side. She was born September 24, 1953 in Dixon, the daughter of Robert Lewis and Edith Lucille (Volz) Wright.



Wis., Stephanie (Josh) Feldman of Apopka, Fla.; grandchildren, Michael and Hailey Hicks; brother, Keith (Alice) Wright; sisters, Carol (Roland) Voelker, Millie Potter; several nephews, nieces and cousins.

District #221. She was a member of the German Valley United Methodist Church. She was a Girl Scouts leader, Kids Summer Reading Program coordinator and a St. Jude Bike-A-Thon coordinator. She enjoyed reading, horse racing, horse riding, traveling and county fairs.

Mary is survived by her husband of 45 years, Steve Briggs of German Valley; daughters, Laurie (Joe) Hicks of Trempealeau,

Mary is predeceased by her brother, Robert Wright Jr.; sister, Janet McDowell.

There will be no public funeral service. Cremation rites accorded. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or your local animal shelter.

Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to www.genandtfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries

John Robert Hoffman

John Robert Hoffman died peacefully on Sept. 4, 2021 in Denver, Colo. John was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Ruth Hoffman, (Stillman Valley) and one brother Daniel Hoffman (Stillman Valley).



John was born in Rockford on Sept. 3, 1955. He attended Byron High School in Byron. He graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1985 where he received a full-ride academic scholarship to study mathematics and computer programming. He worked for many years as a computer programmer at Zenith Cutter in Rockford, Illinois and Newell Rubbermaid in Freeport, Illinois. He also spent 4 years in the US army working in intelligence operations and he was stationed in El Paso, Texas. After being honorably discharged from his full-time Army duties, John spent many years in the Army Reserves. John also received his Master's degree in Education from Rockford College.

John recently retired in Denver, Colorado where he was spending time with his loving family and enjoying his retirement. He leaves behind two daughters, Ellena C. Hoffman (Chad Rickman) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Heather E. Hoffman (Russ Duncan) of Denver, Colo. He also leaves behind an older brother, Paul Hoffman (Jan Champion), of Cranberry Township, Pa., a niece Kate Hoffman (Justin King) of Cranberry Township, Pa., and a nephew Brett Hoffman, of Middletown, Del.

He had many friends and family. He was known for his faithfulness to his family, sharp intellect, witty and dry sense of humor, intelligent conversations, and a love for laughter and adventure. His family and friends are

filled with many happy memories. He was very loved. He was a terrific father and a good friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service honoring John's life will be held at Colorado Community Church in Aurora, Colorado on Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m. MST. The service will be available online for anyone who would like to view John's memorial service remotely. If you would like to attend John's service remotely, please contact (303)901-6163. A private service will be held for close family members on Sept. 22. On Sept. 24, he will be buried with military honors at Ft. Logan in Denver, Colorado.

Condolences and memorial donations may be sent to John Hoffman Family c/o Kramer Family Funeral Home, 7205 Gilpin Way #130, Denver, CO 80229. In lieu of flowers, please donate in John's name to The Veterans Affairs, located in Denver, Colorado where John spent time as a volunteer or to In Touch Ministries (InTouch.org).

Leroy 'Lee' Johnson

ROCKFORD – Leroy "Lee" Johnson, age 85, of Rockford, formerly of Stillman Valley, passed away on Sept. 10, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. He was born on Dec. 4, 1935 the son of Monroe and Ida (Larson) Johnson.



Lee graduated from Monroe Center High School. He married Margaret "Anne" Swim on December 28, 1957 in Dixon; she preceded him in death. He worked for many years for Greenlee Textron before he retired in 1997. He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley. In his spare time; Lee enjoyed gardening, woodworking, baking, and bread making.

He was a car enthusiast for all of his life. He loved the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota and was a contributor to the Byron Civic Theatre. But, most of all Lee

loved being a father and grandfather who always made time to make fun and special memories with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Kevin (Ellen) Johnson of Rockford, Kathy (David) Cook of Loves Park, Jeff (Becky) Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Julie (Brad) Johns of Gainesville, Ga.; siblings, Vernon Johnson, John Johnson, Tom (Kathy) Johnson, Joyce (Floyd) Stephens, Carol Strang, Shirley (Jim) Erboe, Doris (Gary) Noble, and Patty Dodd; grandchildren, Don Johnson, Mike (Kel-

ly Young) Johnson Nathan (Jacqueline Cook, Kaj Johnson Aaron Johnson, Drew (Leah) Johnson, and Sarah (Chaston) Asbury; great grandchildren, Isaac, Oliver Anna, Miles, and baby Asbury; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents wife, siblings, Gene Bill, Bob, Beatrice, and Susan, and grandsons Ross and Nicholas Cook.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 at the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley. Visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. We kindly recommend that masks be worn while inside during the service. Burial will be at Stillman Valley Cemetery.

Memorials are established for St. Jude's. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Donna J. Taft

OREGON – Donna J. Taft, 94, lifelong Oregon resident, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 in Prairie Crossing Living & Rehabilitation Center, Shabbona. Born Dec. 29, 1926 in Oregon, the daughter of Edward and Bernice (Moats) Fulton. Married to Bradley Taft March 24, 1946 in Keokuk, Iowa; he died March 3, 2009. Donna was a graduate of Oregon High School. She worked

as a volunteer teacher's aid in reading at Oregon elementary schools and for Meals on Wheels. Donna was a seamstress who also crocheted and loved to bake.

Survived by her daughters, Nancy Nunemaker of Mt. Carroll, Linda Bridges of Louisville, Ky., and Patti Taft of Chicago; grandchildren: Bradley Taft, Emily Nunemaker Bressler, Jason Nunemaker and Donada Bridges;

great grandchildren: Candace, Wilson and T.J.; brother, Earl Fulton of Alabama; and sister, Dorothy Colson of Illinois.

Also predeceased by her parents and sister, Rose.

No services are scheduled. Memorial donations in Donna's name may be made to Rock River Senior Center, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family.

Betty D. Jones

ROCKFORD – Betty D. Jones, age 95, formerly of Mt. Morris, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 in Rockford. Betty was born on Nov. 29, 1925 in Mt. Morris Township, the daughter of Lee & Dollie (Marks) Avey.



She was born and raised in Mt. Morris, and she graduated from Mt. Morris High School. Betty married Francis Jones on April 8, 1943 in Cuero, Texas and he preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1995. Betty was a member of the Methodist Church.

Jones-Barnhart, Rockford; grandchildren: Angela (Jeff) Oldenburg, Rockford, Christine (Marty) Sanders, Colorado Springs, Colo., Michael (Erika) Barnhart, Rockford; great-grandchildren:

Tyler and Zachary Oldenburg, Jakob, Reid, Caden, and Brynlie Sanders.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Francis, daughter: Sheila Miller, and sisters: Charlotte Hardesty, Harriett (Hattie) Rouse, Bethel Andrew, and Janis Bearman.

Funeral services will be held in Silver Creek Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Due to a Covid-19 the family is having a private family service, but would like everyone to know they wished the services would be open to the public.

Robert Kretsinger

LEAF RIVER – Robert Kenneth Kretsinger, age 91, of Leaf River, passed away on Sept. 11, 2021 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Robert "Bob Kret" and his twin brother Richard were born on June 11, 1930 to Kenneth and Jessie (Nichols) Kretsinger in Leaf River.



After retiring he worked as a crossing guard for the Leaf River Grade School. He was a member of the Leaf River American Legion and the V.F.W. Robert enjoyed fishing in Canada with friends and horse racing.

After Robert graduated from Leaf River High School in 1948, he began working at Kable Printing in Mt. Morris. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1950 until 1953 where he served as a Buck Sergeant in the Korean War. During his time of service, he earned the United Nations Korean Service Medal and a Purple Heart.

After leaving the service, he returned to Kable Printing as a supervisor until re-

retirement in 1990. After retiring he worked as a crossing guard for the Leaf River Grade School. He was a member of the Leaf River American Legion and the V.F.W. Robert enjoyed fishing in Canada with friends and horse racing.

He is survived by his twin brother, Richard (Connie) Kretsinger and brother Kenneth (Jeannie) Kretsinger; several nieces and nephews, and many great and great-great nieces and nephews. He

is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Jessie, his brothers and sisters, Millard (Alice) Merritt, Wayne (Diana) Donald, Kathleen (Robert) Zellers, and Kay (Melvin) McGill, and nieces Peggy Kretsinger and Marina Spitzer and his beloved dogs Sport, Sergeant, and Doc.

Visitation was held for Robert from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Masks were required when inside the funeral home during the visitation. A military graveside service was held at noon at Silver Creek Cemetery in Mt. Morris.

Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

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

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LOCAL NEWS



Farmers Market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 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. Rich's Creative Wood Designs, Belvedere, makes Hand Crafted Wood Creations out of a variety of different woods.

Spooktacular returns on Oct. 16

Build-A-Barn presents the 2nd annual Spooktacular, Oct. 16-17 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., Oregon.

Vendors are encouraged to bring what you have to sell.

Spooktacular will be presenting a day of learning beginning with an equine clinic and demonstration on Saturday at 10 a.m. On Sunday, we will start at 9 a.m. with Cowboy Church, followed by

a fun horse show.

The flea market, craft fair, and tack sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. There will be fun things to do for all ages.

All proceeds will go towards building an exhibition horse barn at the fairgrounds. Contact Lynne Radville, shadowboxer@arabians@gmail.com, text 815-238-7892 or Linda Schreiber, taffysbucky@gmail.com, 815-757-9846.

Mt.Morris church hosting vaccine event

MOUNT MORRIS – There will be free COVID-19 vaccinations for people ages 12 and up at Disciples United Methodist Church, 102 Maple Ave., in Mount Morris on Oct. 1 and Oct. 22 from 1-5 p.m.

This vaccine clinic is in partnership with the IL Dept. of Public Health.

The Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine, authorized and recommended for everyone age 12 and up, will be given in 2 doses, 3 weeks apart. (First dose

Oct 1, second dose Oct 22).

For more information about the vaccine, please call the coronavirus hotline at 1-833-621-1284. For questions about the clinic, please call the church at 815-734-4853.



Jason C. Popp, M.D.

**Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital**

Education & Experience:

I have been in practice in Rochelle since the fall of 2001. I received my undergraduate education at Northern Illinois University and my medical school education through the University of Illinois.

Areas of Specialty:

I am a board certified Family Physician who focuses upon care of the whole family, children and adults.

Services Offered:

Family medicine offers services focusing upon preventative health care, but also manages disease processes. On top of this, many minor surgical procedures can be done within the office. Certified Medical Examiner for DOT Physicals.

Accepting New Patients:

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Who's Who in Health



Christine M. Gorman, M.D.

**Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital**

Education/Experience:

Practicing in Rochelle since 1992. Completed undergraduate education at University of Illinois and medical school at Rush University, Chicago.

Specialty:

Family Medicine with interest in women's health and children.

Services Offered:

Care for the entire family starting at birth. Disease diagnosis and management, wellness care, preventative medicine, minor surgeries, pap smears.



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Kendall Vogeler, MD

**Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital**

Education/Experience:

Medical school: University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford 2015; Residency: University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford rural training track at KSB Hospital 2019

Board Certification:

2019

Services Offered:

Full scope family medicine with special interest in preventative screenings, women's health and pediatrics.

Personal or Family Info:

Enjoy being close to family and in a small community.

Accepting New Patients:

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Stephanie D. Crawford, DNP, APRN

**Family Healthcare Clinic
at Rochelle Community Hospital**

Education & Experience:

Bachelor of Science of Nursing, 1998, St. Anthony College of Nursing; Master of Business Administration, 2005, Cardinal Stritch University; Master of Science in Nursing, 2010, Northern Illinois University; Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2019, Grand Canyon University.

Certifications:

Adult Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2011; Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse, 2016

Services offered:

Provides services for patients age 16 and older in primary care and advanced illness management.

Accepting New Patients:

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Susan Mueller, APRN

**Convenient Care Clinic
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Education/Experience:

St. Anthony College of Nursing, Bachelor's 1994; NIU Masters of Science in Nursing, Specialty: Family Nurse Practitioner 2009

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Lucinda K. Zoeller, APRN

**On-the-Go Healthcare Clinic at the Petro
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Education & Experience:

MSN from University of Illinois, 1997
Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
A Nurse Practitioner at RCH Since 2003
Certified Medical Examiner-DOT Physicals

Services Offered:

Physicals: DOT, Bus and Pre-employment
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Accepting New Patients:

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Angela S. Massutti, APRN

**Family Healthcare Clinic - and -
On-the-Go Healthcare Clinic at the Petro
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Education & Experience:

Methodist College of Nursing-Peoria, Bachelor's Degree 2007
University of Illinois-Chicago, Masters of Science in Nursing 2016
Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Since 2016
Certified Medical Examiner-DOT Physicals 2021

Services Offered:

Sees scheduled patients at Family Healthcare Clinic and occupational health patients at On-the-Go Healthcare Clinic.

Personal Info:

Joined RCH as a Family Nurse Practitioner this past May.

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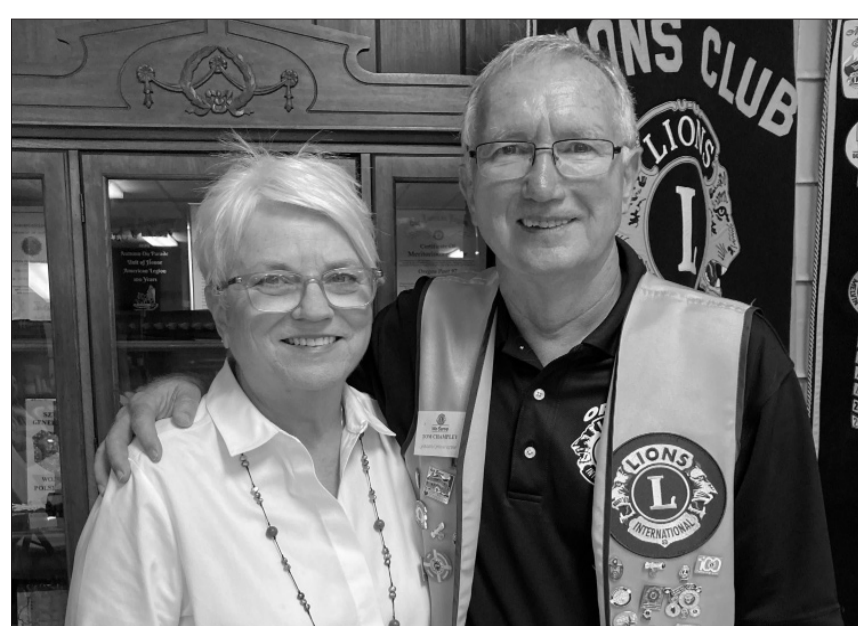
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LOCAL NEWS



Polo Pool work continues

On Thursday, Sept. 2, the laying of the cement blocks for the new Polo Pool concession stand started, and on Sept. 9 all four walls were finished. Thank you to Steve Grobe, Mark Geesey and Logan Linker for your hard work and volunteering your time to this project.




Oregon Lions receive awards

Two long-time Oregon residents, and another who has lived in our community a short time, were congratulated on recently receiving awards at the Oregon Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Aug. 19. Oregon Lions Dr. Tom and Janet Champley received the Citizens of the Year Award and Mary Coulter, who caters for the Oregon Lions, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Oregon Lions want to thank them both for generously giving their time and talents to make Oregon a great place to live. Top are Janet and Tom Champley. Bottom, Mary Coulter.



Who's Who in Health





David DeForest, DDS
DeForest Dental P.C.

Education/Experience:
Doctor of Dental surgery from the University of Illinois at Chicago.


Specialty:
Dr. DeForest provides all dental services including a preventative, cosmetic and removable dentistry. With the new addition of Orthodontics: Clear aligners with Invisalign; Dr. DeForest's patients can experience the new smile they always wished they were born with.

Services Offered:
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Personal Info:
Dr. DeForest has enjoyed providing the highest standard of dental care to the Oregon Community for the past 30 years and will continue to do so with his amazing staff by his side. In his free time he enjoys training for his 6th Ironman Triathlon, rebuilding his antique car and traveling with his wife and 4 children.

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Education/Experience:
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Personal Info:
Oregon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year 2014 and is a past President of the Oregon Lions Club. Originally from Polo, Carri lives in Oregon with her husband Seth and daughter Evelyn. She enjoys spending time with family, the outdoors and running.

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Dr. Seth Anderson, DC
Alpine Chiropractic and Natural Medicine, PC



Education/Experience:
2010 graduate of Palmer Chiropractic College, Davenport, IA. Twelve years clinical experience with wide variety of acute/chronic back, neck and joint pain cases.

Specialty: Back pain, neck pain, joint pain, headaches, pinched nerves.

Services Offered:
Short-term Care for Neck and Back Pain. Accepts MD Referrals. Affordable / Insurance Accepted. Myofascial Release Muscle Therapy.

Personal Info:
Past President of Oregon Lions Club. Oregon Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business of the Year. A native of the area, originally from Sterling, Seth enjoys running, cooking, reading and spending time with friends and family

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Farm Safety

Some safety tips while working on the farm

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States. In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also



take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- Know farm equipment. Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local

farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.

- Conduct routine safety checks. Look around

buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

- Practice cleanliness. Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- Be mindful of your clothing and hair. Many accidents involve a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

- Use rollover protection structures. ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.

- Avoid extra passengers. It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin,

but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

- Exercise caution when handling chemicals. Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

- Wear protective gear. Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

- Employ lock out/tag out control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.

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Facts on farm safety

- Estimates indicate that there were roughly 2.1 million full-time workers employed in production agriculture in 2017 and between 1.4 and 2.1 million hired crop workers employed annually on crop farms in the U.S.

- An estimated 893,000 young people under 20 years of age resided on farms in 2014. More than half of those young people performed farm work, and an additional 266,000 youth were hired to work on farms in 2014.

- Each day, roughly 100 agricultural workers suffer injuries that cause them to miss time at work.

- In 2014, 12,000 youth were injured on farms.

- In 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries.

LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center has upcoming 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.

Illinois Owls Program

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.

Get Experience in Mindfulness (GEM) at RRC

Get Experience in Mindfulness is an Awareness and Acceptance Stress Manage-

ment Program. This is a FREE program at the Rock River Center. The series consists of 5 sessions, scheduled as follows:

Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 1-2 p.m.

Emphasis is placed on stress management taught through practical and interactive mindfulness-based activities to facilitate experiential learning. The program is a research-based and theory-driven program that meets National Health Education Standards.

There are five lesson topics: Intentions and Goal Setting; Awareness and Attention; Self-care: Stress Reduction and Relaxation; Communication and Relationships; and; Gratitude and Acceptance.

Among other things, participants will learn what mindfulness is and how to integrate it into daily life, alignment and form for over 25 strength and flexibility poses adapted from yoga poses, and relaxation techniques.

If you plan on attending, please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252.

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 ac-

cept 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 St. 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 Rock River Center.

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 Rock River Center. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.

Diabetic support group

Sheryl Locke, 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Sept. 20

Share Your Story at the Byron Public Library, 1-2 p.m. 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.

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Fri., Sept. 24

There will be a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity and The Kitchen Table on Friday, Sept. 24 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at 7034 S. Klondike Road in Rochelle. Reservations are required, so please call Vanessa at 815-440-6598.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting the monthly residential electronics recycling event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

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. 25

Byron Farmers' Market

is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. For information karen_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 6, 1847, "Jane Eyre," the book about the struggles of an orphan girl who grows up to become a governess, is published. Author Charlotte Bronte wrote of her experiences at being sent to a boarding school at the age of 5.

* On Oct. 8, 1869, future auto inventor and mechanic Frank Duryea is born. In 1893, his Duryea Motor Wagon made its first successful trip, 600 yards down his street in Springfield, Massachusetts, before the transmission blew.

* On Oct. 9, 1936, harnessing the power of the Colorado River, the Hoover Dam begins sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266 miles to Los Angeles. The dam was built for the collection, preservation and distribution of that most precious of all Western commodities, water.

* On Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" with its launch of Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite. The 22-inch sphere weighed 184 pounds. In January 1958, Sputnik burned up in the atmosphere when its orbit deteriorated.

* On Oct. 7, 1960, the television drama "Route 66" first airs on CBS. It followed two young men as they drove across the country in a Corvette. "Route 66" was shot on location all over the U.S. instead of in a studio.

* On Oct. 10, 1973, Spiro Agnew becomes the first U.S. vice president to resign in disgrace. He pleaded no contest to a charge of income-tax evasion in exchange for dropping charges of political corruption, which included accepting bribes even while vice president.

* On Oct. 5, 1986, after his plane crashes in Nicaragua, ex-Marine Eugene Hasenfus confesses to shipping military supplies into Nicaragua for use by the Contras, an anti-Sandinista force created and funded by the U.S. and run by the Central Intelligence Agency. The resulting Iran-Contra scandal would rock the Reagan administration.

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Remembering the best teen job ever

My wife and I love to stream a good drama every now and then. It is great to get mindlessly lost in a show.

We have recently been watching a show where the main character drives a 1960s Ford Mustang. I am not positive on the exact year, but it might be a 1967, my favorite.

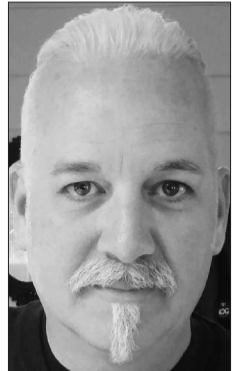
Seeing that car brought me back to high school, when I had a 1969 Mustang. Man, I loved that car. As I was flooded of memories of that green car that had no power steering (that was optional then) and was actually pretty hard to drive, I thought about how many great times I had in that car. Cruising with friends, taking a girlfriend to the drive-in movie and just cranking up the music on the way to school.

But one memory stuck out more than the others. My last couple of years of high school I had the greatest job I have probably ever had. Now, that is different from my career, which I love. But this job was the best. I was a pizza delivery driver for a local pizza joint that all the kids loved and everyone wanted to work at.

It was called Lujano's,

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



and I started there when I was 16. It was owned by a guy named Gary, and his last name wasn't Lujano. When I found out his last name, it was clear why he didn't name the place after himself. I won't repeat it here because it is, er, not really fit for a family newspaper. But if you are an adult and very curious, drop me a note and I will tell you.

Pretty much everyone who worked there was a teenager. I think the manager was 21. Needless to say, we had a great time. I had no problem taking as many hours as they would give me. I had to pay for my own insurance and gas, so I needed the job.

But this job was not only fun, it was a way of

life. When we weren't working, we would hang out there. I ate there even on my days off. The pizza was incredibly good. I even made the dough and sauce myself many times.

Gary was in his 30s and was a super fun guy. One unique physical feature about him was he had huge thumbs. And I mean sideshow size thumbs. We would tell the new employees to give Gary a thumb's up, just to watch him nail them in the face with a glob of cold dough.

We had some great and probably dangerous pranks we pulled on new hires. When you walked in the back door after a delivery, there was a long counter on the right. That is where you tossed your carkeys. Between deliveries you would fold boxes, roll dough or answer calls.

Well, we would take the keys from the counter when the newbie wasn't looking and put them in the oven. After a few minutes, we get the keys out and toss them on the counter.

Next up, simply tell the new guy that he had a delivery and watch him grab his keys and scream in pain. Good times.

Another one was waiting for the new person to

go to the bathroom. The employee bathroom was outside the back door. The exhaust fan on top of the oven blew out into that bathroom — right over the toilet, in fact. So, when the new person hit the bathroom, we would grab a handful of flour, go to the oven and toss the flour into the exhaust fan.

You heard an almost immediate scream, followed by the newbie coming back into the kitchen covered in flour. What's not to love about that?

It was hot working there — the kitchen where we worked had no air conditioning and it was 115 degrees in the summer, but we didn't care. Lujano's was our home away from home.

I left when I went into the military. Sadly, a couple of years later Gary died in a vehicle accident, leaving behind a wife and two young children. A long-time employee took the business over and ran it into the ground less than five years later.

Sad, but I still have great memories of that Mustang and some great and rowdy times working at the best job ever.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Oregon Board can still make right decision

Dear Editor,
(Disclaimer, I am a MMHS graduate from 1976.)

An open letter to the Oregon Board of Education Members,

To start, thank you all for your service. Public service is difficult and vital! Thank you for your sacrifices.

I am told the Oregon Board of Education has already voted on the future of the DL Rahn Junior High as of August 16, 2021. That said, no decision is ever final till it's too late to change, and it is not yet too late to change this decision, should reason enough be discovered to change course.

Based on my experience as a former elected official, I would caution the Oregon School Board not to make an educational decision in a vacuum or bubble. It appears, though, that is exactly what has happened. Consider the following:

If the School Board invests a few million dollars today inside the Oregon city limits to accommodate the District's Junior High students, now being educated in Mt. Morris, and thus abandoning DL Rahn, it will:

- * Cause little to no increase in the EAV's of the properties in Oregon.
- * Cause severe decrease in the

EAV's of properties in Mt. Morris, undoubtedly by more than the combined Oregon property owners will increase, if they increase at all, which is unlikely.

The result of this scenario is a net loss in total EAV for the property owners "throughout" the school district. This makes it a bad civic investment. In addition, every other taxing unit funded by Mt. Morris and Oregon residents will incur problems because the School Board is effectively lowering the total EAV.

A further result of these two effects will be to shift the tax burden for the Oregon School District to those with a higher percentage of the District's total EAV, which means Oregon residents will pay higher taxes and Mt. Morris residents will pay less. I doubt this was intended by the School Board, and perhaps not even considered.

Thus, there are no winners in the decision to move the Junior High students to Oregon. Oregon residents will pay more tax, and Mt. Morris residents will lose EAV. Everyone loses.

On the other hand, if the School Board should choose to invest a few million dollars today into the

city limits of Mt. Morris at the DL Rahn School, leaving the education sharing division between Oregon and Mt. Morris in place, it will:

- * Cause no change to the EAV's of properties in Oregon.
- * Cause slight to modest increases in the EAV's of properties in Mt. Morris by keeping the last remaining vestiges of an educational system within its city limits.

The result of this scenario is a net gain in the total EAV for the School District. This makes it a good civic investment!

A further result of this strategy will also be to shift the tax burden for the Oregon School District to those with a higher percentage of the District's total EAV, which means Oregon residents would pay less tax than in the currently-adopted strategy, and Mt. Morris residents would pay more.

Everyone wins in this scenario. This is why the decision on where to invest Junior High dollars is best for all if that investment occurs in Mt. Morris at the current DL Rahn Junior High.

Thank you and sincerely,
Jeff Condit, MMHS Graduate of 1976, Moline

Was wood from our fallen tree yours to take?

Dear Editor,

When the recent high winds came through Mt. Morris a very large section of our walnut tree came down at 101 E Center St. We were aware it had fallen, but did not have the large chain saw to cut it up right away. Imagine our surprise when we received a phone call telling us they

saw a man trespassing on our property and cutting it up and taking it for himself.

People drive past our property every day, it does not belong to the city and it is not a park; nor much to the rumor mill it is not being given to the fire department, Pinecrest or up for sale. It is ours to

maintain and enjoy.

We are all trying to teach our children and others about respecting others and their property. Being honest in all that you do sets an example for all and allows us to continue the fine community of Mt. Morris. Gee, wouldn't it just be wonderful if the person would return our

wood — or at least call and thank us for it. It is never too late to be honest and have integrity. We will not make your name public; but maybe you will by going to the local police and explain why you were trespassing. So, was it yours to take?

Ellen and Bob DeWolfe, Mount Morris

What are Republican Party values in Ogle County?

Dear Editor,

Per an article in the Sept. 6 Ogle County Life, Ogle County Republicans, per Committee chair Stacy Flanagan, believe that Rep. Adam Kinzinger has become "more radical" and acts "against the core values" of Ogle County Republicans. Apparently, they think he "aligns himself with Democrats." First, I do agree that Kinzinger doesn't listen to us, his constituents. But the idea that he aligns himself with me, a Democrat, is laughable. The only thing we are aligned on is his

stance on his oath to support and defend the Constitution. On that, he gained my respect. But, if you Google his voting record, over 90 percent of the time he has voted with Republicans, including voting "No" on the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

I am fearful of who the Ogle County Republicans will support to replace Kinzinger — what exactly are their core values these days? The current party platform still appears to be simply whole-hearted support for Donald Trump. This would be

the core values as represented by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy: a scarcity of facts, stoking fear and attempting to rewrite the January 6th insurrection, something most of us witnessed as it happened. Is this really what most Ogle County Republicans believe in?

I hope not and would welcome hearing from those in our community who still believe in compromise, respect and the oath that is taken by all elected officials.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Pottinger, Oregon

LOCAL NEWS



Front row from left are: Katee Bismark, Justin Myers, Bryce Miller, Kaden Lingbeck, Heath Schubert and Dausyn Heslop. Back row from left are: Logan Miller, Cole DeWall, Andy Baumann, Dylan Lewis, Dylan Greenfeild, Alex Williams, Ryan Morris and Daemyn Heslop.

Forreton FFA visits Farm Progress Show

On Sept. 1, 14 Forreton FFA members traveled to Decatur for the 2021 Farm Progress Show.

Members met with colleges, researched various careers, learned about new technology and data collection that is changing the face of agriculture.

“Visiting the Farm Progress Show was not only very amusing but also informative,” said Ryan Morris, a senior. “Throughout my short time there, I learned plenty of interesting concepts and details ranging from the innovation in technology inside and outside the cab of a tractor to the prestigious history of brands such as John Deere, Case, Fendt, and so on. Overall, the experience was as entertaining as it was educational.”

“I learned about Case IH new ag tech that shows you what each tractor is doing how long it takes for each job,” said freshman Heath Schubert.

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Class of 1971 reunion

The Stillman Valley High School class of 1971 gathered for a reunion on Sept. 11. The reunion was held in Monroe Center at the 00 Saloon, where over 30 classmates were in attendance. The attendees were pleased to have their class advisor, Mr Bill Bruch, join them for the evening meal and festivities, including a trivia quiz and the sharing of stories and tall tales. A memory wall was displayed with photos of classmates who have departed. The classmates agreed to meet again in two years.

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BHS Homecoming Court nominees



Here are the Byron High School Homecoming Court nominees for 2021. Freshmen Nominees (top left): Back Row: Brayden Knoll, Dylan Springer, Hunter Haas, Nolan Brass, Davis Baker. Front Row: Delaney Henert, Olivia Cunningham, Neve Schilling, Claire Henkel, Madilyn Rhea. Sophomore Nominees (bottom left): Back Row: Kye Aken, Nick Drake, Noah Hall, Ashon Henkel, Kyle Jones. Front Row: Reily Smallwood, Brooke Allen, Rosalie Hegberg, Madison Groharing, Abigail Baker, Reese Little, Paityn Kann. Junior Nominees (top right): Back Row: Charlie Mershon, Braden Smith, Jacob Kann, Nathan Bell, Michael Rock. Front Row: Kennedy Henert, Kennedy Strohecker, Ella Flegger, Emmalyn Rehberg, Alaina Haas, Grace Voiles (not pictured). Senior Nominees (Bottom right): Back Row: Andrew Claunch, Ethan Palzkill, Nicholas Brass, Joshua Bianchi, Daniel Salazar, Chandler Binkley. Front Row: Sheyenne Wallery, Kate Schilling, Addyson Myers, Isabelle McKinley, Rebekah Starwalt, Alana Julian, Elle Baker, Sadie Stickler.

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6044 E. Bradley Road, Byron \$294,900 Call Carla
 Welcome home! You can't help but fall in love with this exceptional home with a great location! This custom built 2 story home offers an awesome open floor plan with its centrally located grand staircase that creates an impressive entry! Living room with fireplace, sliders from kitchen and dining area to enormous covered back patio overlooking an incredible 1.3 acre private parklike backyard with your own creek frontage! 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, master suite with huge walk in closet and large master bath, 2nd floor laundry, loads of attic storage with its 2nd level walk in door! Fully finished lower level with 2nd kitchenette area, 4th bath and huge recreation room. Central vacuum in both levels! Don't forget about the oversized 3-car heated garage. It's the ultimate mancave! Location, location, location in the highly rated Meridian school district!! Call today to schedule your private viewing!

930 E. Old Wagon Road, Oregon \$279,000 Call Rebecca
 WOODED RESPIRE in the BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT! If you are looking for your own private, wooded escape, look no further. This home is situated down a private lane on nearly 5 acres Zoned AG. Custom built with 2x10 construction and insulated with R25-R30 in the walls and R40 in the ceiling, this property is incredibly energy efficient as well. Open concept living space lined with windows, beautiful hardwood floors and panoramic views of your treed acreage. Kitchen has an eat in area, island with seating and there is also room for a formal dining space. Main floor also has a woodstove and that can heat the entire house! Upstairs you will find 3 bedrooms with hardwood floors and a full bathroom. In the walk out, lower level there is as mother in law quarters with kitchen, living, bedroom and full bathroom. The exterior of this home features a wrap around deck and steel roof that was installed in 2016. Detached 1.5 + car garage with a home office space and wood stove to heat this building. There is a chicken coop and woodshed as well. The home is also equipped with a diesel generator so no need to worry about losing power! Don't miss the opportunity to call this property your HOME!

1121 Mongan Drive, Oregon \$199,000 Call Rebecca
 4 BEDROOM HOME! Spacious 4 bedroom home located just outside of town in a rural, subdivision setting on nearly half acre lot. Main floor features hardwoods living room, formal dining room, eat in kitchen and family room that could also serve as a home office. Kitchen has space for a large table to offer plenty of seating, over-sized window with views of your backyard and appliances are included. Half bath on the main floor has space to become a full bath or possibly main floor laundry room. Upstairs you will find 4 bedrooms and a full bathroom. Bedrooms are spacious with hardwood floors and good sized closets. Many updates have been done in the last 5 years: roof, hot water heater and windows to name a few. Attached 2-car garage that is insulated, heated and has room for a workshop. Zoned heating for each floor. High speed internet available. There is so much to love about this home, call for your showing today!

Back on Market with Open House Saturday, Sept. 25 11-1
411 Mix Street, Oregon \$155,000 Call Lori
 COME SEE WHAT'S NEW!! You will be impressed with new flooring throughout the house, the interior is newly painted and looking good. You will love the updates to this one. 4 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms including a master bedroom suite with a full bath. The walk out basement has a large family room with all new carpet. Plenty of storage areas at the lower level outside. Deck, hot tub and firepit are great ways to enjoy the scenic wooded back yard. All of this plus a guest cottage with an additional full bathroom!

2201 12th Avenue, Sterling \$159,900 Call JD
 Maintenance free 3 bedroom ranch property on the north side of town! Fully renovated kitchen & two brand new bathrooms with walk-in showers. Enjoy the privacy of your own master bed/bath, get cozy by the fireplace, or enjoy your walk out patio any time of the year. With a two car attached garage, there is nothing not to love. Make this home yours, today.

8831 N. Sunnyside Drive, Byron \$284,900 Call Jamie
 Begin a lifetime of new traditions in this spacious, traditional home located in the quiet, country neighborhood, Deerfield Estates located in the sought-after Byron School District. This property is walking distance from the bike/walking path and multiple parks. The large kitchen boasts tons of Merillat Cabinetry, granite countertops and ceramic tile flooring. Host your social gatherings in the fully finished lower level consisting of a wet bar, powder room and plenty of space for an additional family room or even a game room. Storage is not an issue in this home! Lower level includes an ample sized storage room. New Furnace in 2019. All appliances stay. Don't miss out on an opportunity to fill this home with your future family memories! Call me for a private showing!

2211 S. 7th Avenue, Sterling \$252,000 call Carrie
 Newly constructed 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch with 2 car heated garage w/opener & painted floor. The interior is newly painted and looking good. You will love the updates to this one. 4 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms including a master bedroom suite with a full bath. The walk out basement has a large family room with all new carpet. Plenty of storage areas at the lower level outside. Deck, hot tub and firepit are great ways to enjoy the scenic wooded back yard. All of this plus a guest cottage with an additional full bathroom!

204 Martin Avenue, Oregon NOW \$220,000 Call Rebecca
 CAREFREE LIVING AWAITS! Less than 4 year old 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom condo for sale located just east of downtown Oregon. Beautiful, dark hardwood floors throughout the open concept living space. Kitchen features stainless appliances, ample counter space, pantry and eat up counter. There is also a dining space off of the kitchen area leading into the living room with slider to the deck. Laundry is also located on the main floor. Master suite has a large walk in closet and en suite bathroom with his/hers vanity. Finished lower level with large family room, half bath and bonus room that could be an office or bedroom. Upper and lower level feature zone heating/cooling for each floor. This is a true smart home with Ring Doorbell, two Nest thermostats and light switches that are controlled by Alexa. Association takes care of the mowing and snow removal. Call today for your showing of this stunning unit!

409 N. Barber Avenue, Polo NOW \$139,000 Call Rebecca
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SPORTS

Scores

Volleyball
 Sept. 9
 Oregon beat Harvard 25-9, 25-10
 Ava Wight had 7 digs, 5 kills and an ace; Aubrey Point had 3 aces, 9 assists and 6 digs; Jenae Bothe had 7 kills and 2 blocks.

Stillman Valley falls to Sterling 2-0

Sept. 8
 Stillman Valley beat Polo 27-25, 25-12

Sept. 14
 Oregon fell to Winnebago, 20-25, 25-23, 23-25
 Sophie Stender had 25 digs; Ava Wight had 14 digs and 10 kills; Aubrey Point had 16 assists and 10 digs

Varsity Soccer
 Sept. 9
 Oregon 3, Stillman Valley 1
 Joey Gelande had 2 goals and 1 assist; Liam Dickson had 1 goal and one assist; Isaac Nelson had 1 assist; and Miley Smith had 8 saves in goal

Sept. 13
 Oregon 5, South Beloit 0
 Joey Gelande 3 goals, 2 assists; Liam Dixon 1 goal; Manuel Tabernerero 1 goal; Isaac Nelson 1 assist; Jacob Uegliando 1 assist; Kodi Miller, 1 assist

Sept. 14
 Stillman Valley, 0, Earlville Jr./

Sr. High School 9

Boys Golf
 Sept. 9
 Stillman Valley 172, Winnebago 188

Sept. 13
 Oregon 187, Polo 258
 Medalists, Ryan Fox and Brady Davis

Sept. 14
 Stillman Valley 169, Dixon 174

Sept. 15
 Polo 260, East Dubuque 186

Girls Golf
 Sept. 9
 Stillman Valley 199, Winnebago 202

Sept. 11
 Stillman Valley finishes second at SVHS Girls Invite
 Grace Haas 2nd overall; Amelia Dunseth 3rd overall

Sept. 13
 Oregon 199, Galena 207, Polo 237
 Medalist Ava Hackman
 Stillman Valley 188, Pearl City 221
 Medalist Grace Haas

Sept. 14
 Stillman Valley 186, Dixon 257
 Medalist Grace Haas

Stillman Valley downs Oregon

STILLMAN VALLEY – Jory Spain had four rushing touchdowns as Stillman Valley beat Oregon in football 36-7 on Sept. 10.

Spain had two 1-yard runs, a 2-yard run and a 3-yard run for scores. He finished with 85 yards on 20 carries. Stillman Valley was led on the ground by Gage

Henderson, who had 143 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown, a 26-yard romp in the third quarter.

For Oregon, Daniel Dominquez had the lone score, a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter.

He notched 103 yards on 19 carries for the game.



Seniors to be honored

Join us as we honor our 2021 Oregon High School's Senior Cross Country athletes. We will recognize our seniors and their parents on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at about 5:15 p.m. between the high school and junior high school meets at Park West. Please help us celebrate all of our seniors' hard work and achievements! Pictured in the front row are: Natalia Pascual-Mateos, Faith Marquardt and Taylor Rufer. Back row: Nick Meives-Wylie, Simona Carriero, Ashley Diehl and Isaac Brooks.



Golfers raise funds for Village of Progress

Enthusiastic golfers and generous supporters helped raise more than \$23,000 for the Village of Progress Foundation and Larry Young & Friends Charities.

Generous sponsors, gracious donors along with fun participants and volunteers were the key to a successful day. Those who attend the Village are truly fortunate to have such supportive friends. Team Cacciatore won and generously donated winnings back to The Village of Progress.

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Bidding wars occurred on Cub/Brewer tickets. Thanks to Dan Bellino for donating the baseball tickets and Mike Mullarkey the winning bidder. Jim Kaufman at Super Valu made our pick-your-prize and beer wagon raffles a huge success by hand selecting wonderful beers and wines.



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Oregon Library News

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Library Book Clubs

Books on Tap meets Thursday, September 23 at 6 pm to discuss *The Last House* by Megan Miranda. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *World War Z* by Max Brooks. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

Where Is Away? Exhibit at the Library- Now through the 23rd

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.

Zero Waste Mindset – Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program

Forrester Library News

Library Card Sign-up Month

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

Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Our September selection is "Wonder" by Patricia Palacio. Stop in the library to pick up a copy and join us for the snacks and discussion!

Display Cases

Several vintage photos from past Sauerkraut Days celebrations have been added to our display case. Stop in and

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.

New Releases

- Defending Jacob (DVD Rated R)
- Mortal Kombat (DVD Rated R)
- Sublet (DVD Rated PG-13)
- The SpongeBob Movie – Sponge On The Run (DVD Rated PG)
- ACinderella Story – Starstruck (DVD Rated PG)
- It Was Always You (DVD Rated G)
- Curious George-5 Movie Collection (DVD Rated G)
- How To Survive America by D. L. Hughley (Non-Fiction 305.8 HUG)
- Here, Right Matters-An American Story by Alexander S. Vindman (Non-Fiction 355.0092 VIN)
- All The Frequent Troubles Of Our Days by Rebecca Donner (Non-Fiction 943.144 DON)
- The Authoritarian Moment by Ben Shapiro (Non-Fiction 320.53 SHA)
- I Alone Can Fix It: Donald J. Trump's Catastrophic Final Year by Carol Leoning & Philip Rucker (Non-Fiction 973.933 LEO)
- This Is Your Mind On Plants by Michael Pollan (Non-Fiction 581.6 POL)
- How I Saved The World by Jess Waters (Non-Fiction 070.92 WAT)

see if you can identify any of the former Sauerkraut queen contestants and past community members! Our smaller case features a back to school theme, including items and pictures from Summer Hill School and Forrester Grade School class photos from the 1940's.

Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. Curbside pickup is still available.

Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our plans and activities and also check out our website at forresterlibrary.org.

Engagement



Lenzi, Pattat to wed next year

Mr. and Mrs. George Lenzi, of Wheaton, announce the engagement of their daughter Francesca Maria Lenzi to Zackary Micheal Pattat of Byron. He is the son of Peggy and Damon McClung of Byron, and Brian and Shelly Pattat of McChesney Park. Francesca is a 2014 graduate of Wheaton North and a 2018 graduate of North Central College in Naperville. She has a BA degree in Sociology. She is employed at ADS. Zackary is a 2013 graduate of Byron High School and a 2017 graduate of North Central in Naperville, with a degree in Kinesiology. He is employed as a supervisor at Dayton Freight in Rockford. An Aug. 27, 2022 wedding is being planned in Barrington.



Get your scarecrow

The Stillman Valley High School National Honor Society will be hosting a build your own scarecrow fundraiser at Hidden Timber Gardens during their Fall Fest on Sept. 25 and 26. The hours on Saturday are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors can create their own unique scarecrow to add to their fall decor or they can have NHS members build one for them. Proceeds from this event will help fund NHS community service initiatives throughout the year.



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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

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 7-9.

Tween Reads
Join Zoey at the library on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Lauren Tarshis' I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

Grab & Go Fall Book Sale
Join us for our annual Fall Book Sale: Grab & Go Style! Books for children, teens and adults will be pre-packed by library staff with a surprise assortment! Each bag will include a selection of gently used books, labeled by genre. Bags will be sold (as is) for \$5 each. Cash and exact change only. Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Until supplies last. 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 at the library lawn as we celebrate the sights and sounds, foods, traditions and dances of our neighboring country to the South! Stolie gives instruction, sings and reads in both English and Spanish, highlighting key words that you can then integrate into your child's daily routine, as well as activities to try at home! We'll sing, wiggle, dance, and laugh our way through this live, interactive 45-minute program. Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

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

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

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

Polo Library News

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

Storytime Saturday
Virtual - Facebook & YouTube - Sept. 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. 25 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and

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

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

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

or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Read to a Dog
Mondays, Sept. 27 - Oct. 25 @ BPLD 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meet Audi! Audi is a Weimaraner, trained therapy dog, and a great listener. The patient, nonjudgmental attention of a dog helps readers gain confidence and improve reading skills. Come to the library early to select a book to read to Audi (or bring one from home). For youth in 1st-5th grade. Register for one 15 minute time slot per week; each week requires a separate registration. Youth should pick a book that they are able to read independently. Audi's owner will be there to oversee her dog but does not provide reading assistance. Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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

Braided Jump Ropes
Tuesday, Sept. 28 at BPLD 6-7 p.m.
Join Beth as she creates braided t-shirt jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child! The jump ropes will be donated to underprivileged youth around the world. Space is limited, so please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup 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!

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

Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 p.m. - "Mammals & More" with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund - Polo Library Pavilion
Join Ms. Melanie and the Flying Fox Conservation Fund for a fun and educational program about animals! The Flying Fox Conservation Fund will have some of their furry friends with them as well! Call 815-946-2713 or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information

Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m. - DIY Craft Night String Art at the Polo Library Pavilion
Open to anyone age 12 and up (anyone under the age of 16 must have an adult attending to help them with their project) - Outdoor event (weather permitting) - If moved indoors, masks will be required

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

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

Craft Kits for Adults: Bertolet Memorial Li-

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

Leader Dog for the Blind:

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

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!

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

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

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

9/11 Retrospective – 20 Years Later
On Sunday, Oct. 17th at 2 p.m., Steve Erickson will be sharing information from his research into

the events of September 11, 2001. There will be time for remembrance and discussion. Join us for an interesting afternoon. Registration is requested, but not required.

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, Sept. 27th. No registration required.

Display Case Showings
We have a new display for the month of September. The art work of Sharon Wallace and Carrie Lay is brightening up our library. 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
The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary.

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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: saintbride.church@gmail.com •
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC
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Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

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

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

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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.

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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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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
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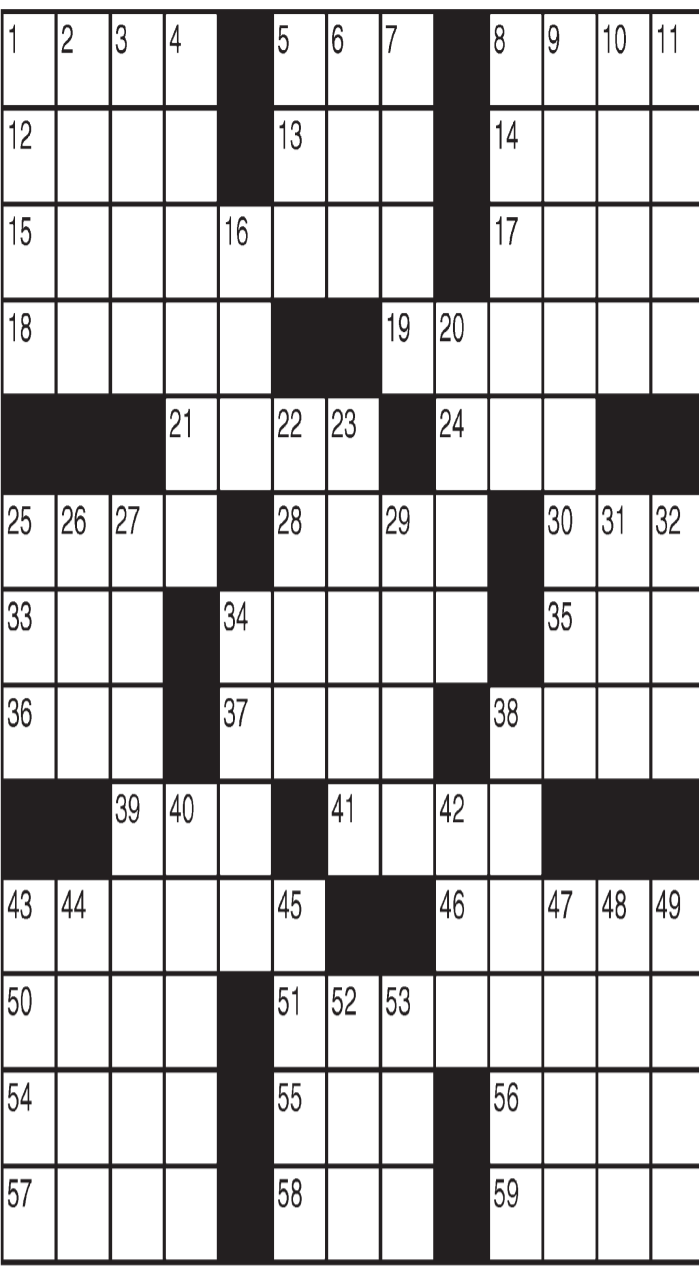
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● WELL-MADE WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 – Valley, Calif.
- 5 Indent key
- 8 Booty
- 12 Portent
- 13 Hot temper
- 14 Corduroy ridge
- 15 Arm of the Arctic Ocean
- 17 Desire
- 18 Sub detector
- 19 Sunflower State
- 21 Study all night
- 24 Pvt.'s superior
- 25 Salamander
- 28 Canal feature
- 30 Acapulco gold
- 33 "The Greatest"
- 34 Continental cash
- 35 "Awesome!"
- 36 Sweetie
- 37 Apple computer
- 38 Memory unit
- 39 A billion years
- 41 Crazy
- 43 Treat badly
- 46 Available
- 50 Contented sounds
- 51 Left the band
- 54 "– Rhythm"
- 55 Actress Mendes
- 56 Now, on a



- memo
- homer
- 32 Poetic tribute
- 57 Cuts off
- 9 Veteran's tale
- 34 Drei minus zwei
- 58 Gym unit
- 10 Pond growth
- 38 Dwarf tree
- 59 Egyptian deity
- 11 Pop music's Bee –
- 40 Expels
- DOWN**
- 16 Goof up
- 42 Camp bed
- 1 Scatters
- 20 Requests
- 43 Postal delivery
- 2 Texter's "As I see it"
- 23 Aesopian ending
- 44 "Othello" villain
- 3 Chow –
- 25 "Unh-unh"
- 45 Ornamental jug
- 4 Unbroken
- 26 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 47 Pitch
- 5 "– the sea-son ..."
- 27 Port authority?
- 48 Jai –
- 6 Exist
- 29 Designer Chanel
- 49 Band in Boston?
- 7 Toucan's feature
- 31 Squealer
- 52 Prior night
- 53 Snooze

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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: CONTAINER FOR HOLDING INK

- Cromwell
- Orwell
- Swell
- Wellhead
- Dwell
- Powell
- Unwell
- Wellington
- Farewell
- Roswell
- Well-done
- Wellpoint
- Maxwell
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- Wellborn

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

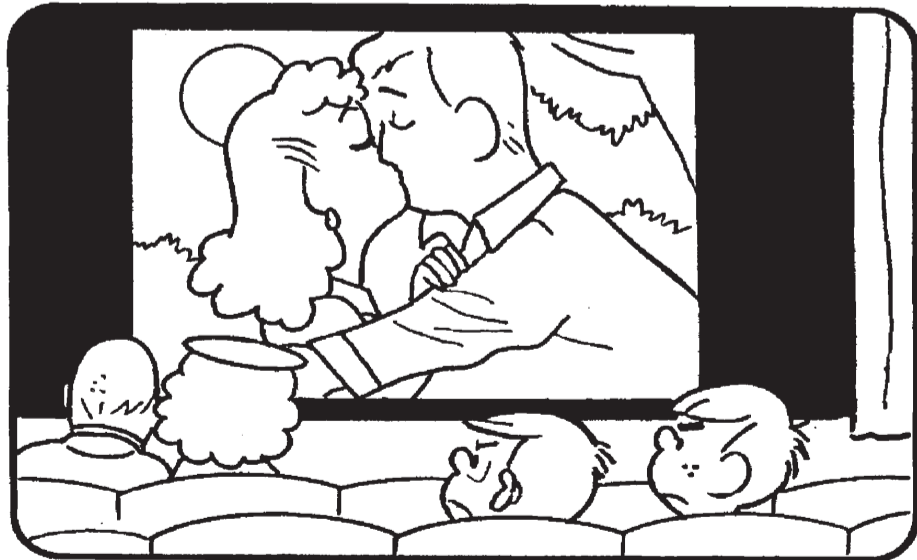
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

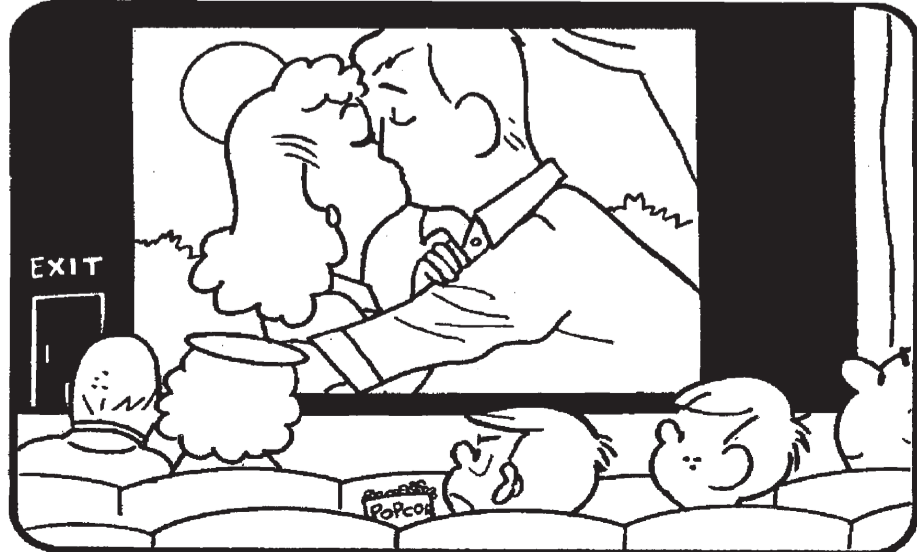
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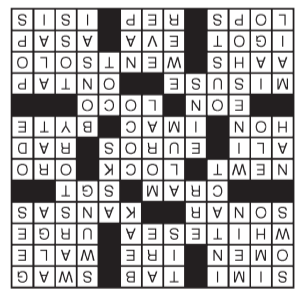
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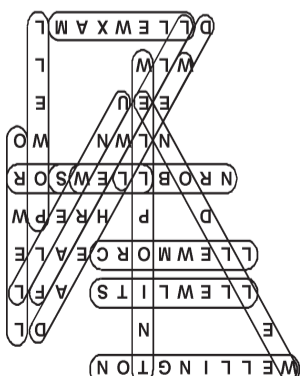
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Popcorn is added. 2. Leaves are missing. 3. Exit is added. 4. Button is added. 5. Expression is changed. 6. Man is added.



Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers



WELL-MADE WORDS

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words - one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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PUBLIC NOTICE
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of JNo. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 7, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Under Pressure Therapeutic Massage, 101 Soth 4th, Suite 108, Oregon, IL 61061.
Dated: September 7, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0908 (Sept. 13, 20, 27)

whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
By: Ronald L. Smith, Independent Executor
Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825)
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Independent Executor
215 East First Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 447
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-4949
(815) 288-3068 (FAX)
gehlabach@egbclaw.com
No. 0910 (Sept. 13, 20, 27)

on my request to change my name from Christina Winn Hendrickson to Christina Winn Ewald.
Court date: November 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304.
Christina W. Hendrickson. No. 0913 (Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2021)

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203 HELP WANTED

BELLA'S CAFÉ Help Wanted
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Cooks, Dishwashers, Servers.
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Call 815-766-0599.
PIA#44

121 LOST AND FOUND
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301 ANTIQUES
WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting...
Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS
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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES
ROCHELLE: 1101 Sunset Terrace - Thursday September 23rd, Friday September 24th and Saturday 25th, 8:00am - 5pm. Dining Table 4 Chairs with 2 Captain Chairs, Antique Rocking Chair, Antique Dresser with Marble Top, China Cabinet and More! (09-22-21)

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE) MATTER) OF THE) ESTATE) OF) DOLORES) I. MILLER) a/k/a) DOLORES) B. MILLER,) Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Dolores I. Miller a/k/a Dolores B. Miller, late of 414 South Wesley Avenue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054. Letters of Office were issued to Ronald L. Smith, 602 Ogle Avenue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, as Independent Executor,

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
REQUEST OF:
Christina W. Hendrickson
TO CHANGE HER NAME
Case Number
2021-MR-51
There will be a court date

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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203 HELP WANTED

301 ANTIQUES

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

203 HELP WANTED

405 HOUSES FOR SALE



Garage Sale
BYRON 503 N. Walnut St.
Friday, September 24th & Saturday, September 25th, 10am-2pm. PIA#47

Garage Sale
OREGON 717 Franklin St.
Friday, September 24th & Saturday, September 25th, 9am-4pm.
Multi Family Sale. Furniture, Antiques, Collectibles, Household Items, Linens, New Terrarium With Live Plants, and Much More.
Everything Must Go.
PIA#37

Garage Sale
STILLMAN VALLEY 211 & 213 1st St. Thursday, September 23th, Friday, September 24th, and Saturday September 25th, 8am-4pm.
Huge Garage Sale. Lots of Hardware and Tools. Items for Men & Many Things for Women.
PIA#36

Garage Sale
OREGON 796 Indian Terrace. Moving Sale. Friday, September 24th from 9AM to 4PM & Saturday, September 25th from 9AM to 12PM.
Tools, Weight Set, Men's Golf Clubs, Golf Balls, Little Tykes Play things (Art Desk, Picnic Table, House, and Kitchen), Spring Horse, Books, Bikes, Burley Cart, Chipper/Shredder, Wheelbarrow, Wood Burner, End Tables, and More. PIA#43

Garage Sale
MOUNT MORRIS
234 S Lowell Park Rd.
Friday, September 24th & Saturday, September 25th, 8am-4pm.
Pack-n-Play, Strollers, Toys, Other Baby Items, Longaberger, Fireplace Mantel, Purses, Twin Bed Frame, Desk, Household Items and so Much More. PIA#40

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Freeport, IL (parking in Lot "C")
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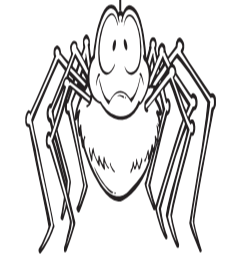
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- Special Education
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- Transportation
- Department Assistant
- Bus Drivers - Training Provided!
- Bus Monitors
- Assistant High School
- Girls Track Coach
- 2 hour per day
- High School
- Lunchroom Supervisor

Please call the school at 815-234-5491 x 307
For more information, or apply online at www.byron226.org under the About Us Tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

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."

Read and Recycle

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Extended Time

Extended Time is our before and after school program that is paired with the OCUSD calendar. Our staff engages students in both recreational and educational activities that encourage teamwork, self-confidence, and fun. The program is conveniently located at the Blackhawk Center. Children can walk to school in the morning and come straight over after school. The morning program includes the option of having your child walked to the elementary school early for their breakfast program. The daily afternoon schedule includes time for snack, homework, themed projects, as well as physical activity. Students in grades K-6th can attend. Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open! Registration can be completed over the phone 815-732-3101 or online. The registration deadline for October is on Saturday, Sept. 25. To offer parent's a flexible schedule, parents will select each day within the month that their child(s) will be attending. Parents may register for Before School, After School, or both. Payment is required at the time of registration.

State Park Hike

Fall is here and so is the Oregon Park District's guided park hikes! Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on hikes throughout local state parks. Each hike features a different state park with a trail that is often less traveled. Afflerbaugh will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The first hike of the season will feature Lowden Miller State Park. The group will meet at Lowden Miller Forest on Saturday, September 25 at 9:00 am. Registration is required and deadline to reserve a spot is September 22. The fee for this hike is just \$2 for Resident and \$3 for Non-Residents. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Tumbling

The Kids Spot Inc. tumbling program has proven effective. We utilize interactive tumbling instructors to provide your child the best experience possible. We offer a variety of class offerings from Tiny to Novice classes at 2-time frames of 4:45 pm and 6:00 pm for 3-year olds and up. We will have a 4-week session this October on Wednesday evenings beginning 10/6 through 10/27. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. Registration closes on Wednesday, Sept. 29 or until filled. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing at Cork & Tap

The Park District, Cork & Tap and The Village Bakery are pairing up to offer a Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing. Register with a group of friends for a fun night out at Cork & Tap on Friday, Oct. 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Register through the Park District online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling Nash at 815-732-3101. Pairing fee is \$24/Resident or \$29/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Oct. 8. Enjoy this opportunity to sample 4 different delicious donuts paired with 4 different fall ciders on the menu at Cork & Tap.

Tailgating or Party appetizers with a Mexican Flair

Michelle Carreno, Hector's Cocina, will teach you how to make a few tasty appetizers for your next tailgating party or any party you need an appetizer for. Participants will make Guacamole Creamy Cotija and Confetti Salsa Party Dip, Shrimp Tostada Bites and Fiesta Pinwheels. Class will be held at Cork & Tap on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is October 5.

Halloween StoryWalk Trail

This Halloween family fun special event is being held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, (early school dismissal) between the hours of 2:30-6:30 p.m. Although the event is FREE, for planning purposes, registration is required for each participating child ages 3-12 during one of the 30-minute time slots. The registration deadline is Oct. 6. Register now before all spots are filled! This fun event will be held at Oregon Park West starting on the StoryWalk Trail. Enjoy the book, *13 Nights of Halloween*, and participating in a few games between some of the pages. Then kids will enjoy the opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the Prairie Pumpkin Patch. Wear your costume and enjoy family fun, games, Halloween treats, photo ops and more.

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

Womens Volleyball League

Are you ready for some volleyball this fall? This league is played on Thursday nights and is open to all women who are at least 18 years old and out of High School. This is a great opportunity for all skill levels to exercise and have fun with friends and others from surrounding communities. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season and championship t-shirts will be awarded to the winners. Mandatory captains meeting will be held on 10/14 at 6pm at Nash Recreation Center. Season runs Oct. 21st- Jan. 13th, Fee per team \$225. Deadline for registration is Oct. 13th.

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