





# LOCAL NEWS

## KSB Center For Wound Healing receives Patient Satisfaction Award

**DIXON**—Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) is pleased to announce KSB Center for Wound Healing is a recipient of Restorix Health's Patient Satisfaction Award.

Recipients of this award meet or exceed national patient satisfaction benchmarks over a set period of time.

"This achievement reaffirms our commitment to the patient experience and the quality of care the KSB Center for Wound Healing provides its patients every day," Dr. Kyle Swanson, Co-Medical Director of the Center. "It is an even greater accomplishment during a daunting global pandemic."

Restorix Health launched its Center Recognition Award for Patient Satisfaction program to recognize those centers that have met or achieved a patient satisfaction score of 96 percent or higher.

The KSB Center for Wound

Healing is dedicated to optimizing outcomes and preventing lower limb loss in those patients with non-healing wounds.

The approach to wound care is aggressive and comprehensive, coordinating traditional and advanced therapies and techniques that are proven to reduce healing time and improve healing rates.

The center is staffed with a multidisciplinary team of providers along with nurses and technicians with advanced training in wound care and hyperbaric medicine. Integrating a team of wound care professionals optimizes patient care, while offering the most advanced healing options.

The KSB Center for Wound Healing is located at 403 E. First Street in Dixon and is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call 815-285-5814.



## Fundraiser set for family of Creston man killed in motorcycle accident

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE**—A GoFundMe fundraiser has been established for the family of a Creston man killed in a motorcycle accident on Aug. 28.

Andrew J. Smith, 32, leaves behind two daughters, Karlee, 12 and Sadie, 5 and his fiancé Christina.

"Andrew was loved by many and was known as an all-around good guy who loved his family, sports, fitness competitions and his motorcycle," the GoFundMe said. "Andrew was very close to his family, they told me he was the glue that brought them all together for cookouts and gatherings."

The GoFundMe was established by Smith's employer, Pemberton Plumbing Heating & Cooling. The goal of the fundraiser is \$20,000, with the hopes of raising money to cover Smith's funeral expenses and money to help his fiancé finish her courses in the radiology program at Kishwaukee College so she can give her girls the best life possible now that their father is gone, the GoFundMe page said.

"If you can, please donate to give Christina, Karlee and Sadie some help and hope," the GoFundMe said. "An-

drew worked for our family business for the past three years as a plumbing and HVAC technician. All of our customers would comment on how much they liked Andrew and how polite and efficient he was in his work. We will miss him very much, he was a great person and a great worker."

The GoFundMe can be found at <https://bit.ly/3yAqCfe>.

Smith was in a one-vehicle accident in the 3,000 block of North Mulford Road. A passerby driving through the area observed a motorcycle on its side in the east ditch and then called 911 to report the accident.

Ogle County Sheriff deputies, Monroe Center Fire Department/Ambulance, Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department/Ambulance, Stillman Valley Ambulance and Life Flight helicopter were all dispatched to the scene. After an on-scene investigation it was learned that a gray 2017 Victory motorcycle driven by Smith was southbound on North Mulford Road when the motorcycle drove into the northbound lane and then left the roadway in the east ditch while approaching a curve. Smith was ejected from the motorcycle in the east ditch.

He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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"I look forward to SB 2408's swift passage in the Senate, and signing it into law as soon as possible, because our planet and the people of Illinois ought not wait any longer."

The votes come more than a year after the closure was announced. Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27, 2020 that it intended to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021. Community leaders immediately jumped into action to save the station, which provides about 700 jobs as well as millions in local tax revenues.

Paul Dempsey, Communications Manager of the Byron station, said that the station's 2017 tax bill was more than \$38 million. The taxes went to a variety of taxing bodies, including the Byron School District,

Ogle County and the Byron Museum and Library District.

There are also the charitable donations giving by the station, which Dempsey said amount to about \$250,000. Donations have gone to Rock River Center in Oregon, Pinecrest Community in Mount Morris, Hub City Senior Center and many others.

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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## Vintage Chicks & Feed hosting flea market

**LEAF RIVER** – Vicki Miller announces that Vintage Chicks & Feed will be hosting The Chick Thing Outdoor Flea Market with 25-plus vendors. This Annual event highlights many local small businesses as well as local entrepreneurs selling a unique variety of products and vintage items.

This outdoor market event will take place at Vintage Chicks & Feed, 700 IL Rt. 72 E. Leaf River from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Vendors will include vintage décor, farm primitives, barn wood, repurposed items, architectural salvage, painted furniture, rustic furniture. Local businesses selling

raised beef, honey, sheep milk products, candles, soap, herbal remedies & CBD, photography, baked goods and boutique trailer. Grandpa's Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck and Custer's Last Stand Food Wagon will be on-site for the day. Vintage Chicks & Feed will celebrate 7

years in business this September. The local business started out as a complete feed store adding artful displays of vintage décor & unique treasures, selling Muck Boots & Dixie Belle Paint. Follow her on FB & IG for photos and more detailed info about this event and Vintage Shop Hop Oct. 1 and 2. [www.facebook.com/vintagechicksandfeed](http://www.facebook.com/vintagechicksandfeed)



### HOPE donation

The w@sh dolls are passionate about community support and chose to contribute to HOPE by donating all funds generated by their summer Pop Up Braid Bars, nicknamed "w@sh + c(hair)ity," hosted by the River's Edge Farmer's Market. HOPE of Ogle Co in Rochelle provides a 24/7 hotline and emergency shelter as well as safety planning, outreach services, court advocacy, counseling, and education in relation to domestic abuse. Visit [hopedv.org](http://hopedv.org) for more info. Located in downtown Oregon, w@sh is an inclusive, sustainable salon offering a unique experience in a trendy, relaxing atmosphere. Find out more about w@sh by visiting [wash815.com](http://wash815.com)

### Forest Preserve District hosts hikes

**BYRON** – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be offering free guided hikes at their preserves this fall. All hikes will begin at 5 p.m. and last for approximately an hour. Come out and explore the trails at some of the less visited preserves during the beautiful fall season.

Advance registration is required by calling 815 234-8535, Ext. 200. Sept. 15 – Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve, 7993 North River Road, Byron Sept. 22 – Nardi Equine Prairie Preserve, 6651 North River Road, Byron Sept. 29 – Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve, 12749 Weldon Road,

Rockford Oct. 6 – Barrick Oaks Homestead Preserve, 3494 Oak Grove Road, Byron Oct. 13 – Ripplinger/Gouker Prairie Preserve, 1700 Townline Road, Oregon Oct. 20 – Bald Hill Prairie Preserve, 5502 North Silver Creek Road, Mt. Morris

### Habitat fundraiser will be held in Rochelle

**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.

### Museum hosting indoor market

**BYRON** – The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturdays in October, November, and December 2021. Visit the indoor market on Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11 for unique gifts and tasty treats. Museum and Indoor Market admission is always free.

Many of the vendors are at the Sunshine Park Farmer's Market during the summer, providing homegrown produce, handmade gifts, baked goods, and all-natural body care. Get your autumn produce, and an early start on your holiday shopping with help from local artisans. Byron museum's theater space is now available to rent for your private parties and public events. Face masks are required for everyone visiting the museum. Learn more and "like" on Facebook.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House – which is a listed site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Permanent museum exhibits include; Agriculture Then and Now, Underground Railroad, Local Veterans, Byron Business, Outhouses, Trains, and A.G. Spalding. Open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at 110 North Union Street, Byron IL 61010. [www.byronmuseum.org](http://www.byronmuseum.org)

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### Local Pheasants Forever chapter holding annual banquet on Sept. 18

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Ogle County Pheasants Forever Chapter (PF) banquet committee has announced that the PF annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for Sept. 18. The banquet will be held at the Mt. Morris Moose. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for raffles and silent auction, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The live auction will begin after dinner featuring a wide array of wild-

life art, hunts, and items of interest to wildlife enthusiasts. Tickets that were purchased last year are valid for the rescheduled banquet and have been mailed out. Annual membership renewals can be purchased along with the banquet ticket. Any guest who desires to purchase a dinner ticket please contact Michelle at 815-979-8234 (please leave a message and your call will be returned)

### Bread of Life has Sept. 14 distribution set

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Bread of Life is a food pantry serving the residents of Ogle County and the Meridian School District – we provide groceries for our neighbors in need. We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates are Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872


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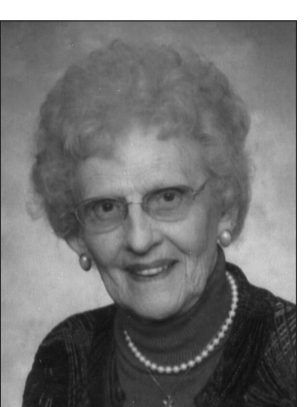


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## Obituaries

### Edith M. Whitney

**OREGON** – Edith M. Whitney, 100, passed away on Sept. 1, 2021 in her home at Oak Park Place, Baraboo, Wis. Edith was born at home on the farm Dec. 24, 1920 in Oregon. She was the sixth child of Anna and Percy Fruin.



Edith was raised and spent most of her life in Ogle County before moving to Baraboo. She attended school in the Oregon area and graduated from Blackburn College in 1941, attending college on a basketball scholarship (long before Title IX!) Following graduation, she married Richard H. Whitney in 1941 and began farming with her husband near the Lighthouse United Methodist Church as well as beginning her career as a teacher. She taught in a country school filled with 24 students in grades 1 – 8 for 3 years. She and Richard then moved to Dixon to continue farming and later to Paynes Point where they operated the Paynes Point Feed Store. In 1966 they built a new home on Chana Road just north of Route 64. At this time Edith returned to teaching at the Chana and Oregon Elementary Schools, retiring in 1988. In 1978 they built a new home in Oregon; Edith lived in this home until 2006 when she

in death by her husband, Richard in 1988; and 7 siblings: Ella (Fruin) Coxhead, Frances (Fruin) Bryer, Geerd Fruin, William Fruin, Harold Fruin, Florence Fruin and John Fruin.

A Special Thank You to Ray Martens for his love and caring for Edith. They were so good for each other over the last 10 years. They enjoyed the many activities offered at Oak Park Place as well as several trips and family visits. Deep gratitude to Dr. Krszjanieh and his partners at SSM Health St. Clare Hospital for many years of superb medical care. And thank you to the loving staff at Oak Park Place, especially Edith's buddy Samantha.

Edith is survived by her very special friend and companion, Ray Martens; 2 sons, Larry (Maureen) Whitney of Baraboo, Wis., and Jerry (Ruth) Whitney of Stillman Valley; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 2 sisters, Pauline (Fruin) Leiferman of Apple Valley, Calif., and Maxine (Fruin) Dearborn of West Hills, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews, as well as many great friends. Edith was preceded

by her husband, Richard in 1988; and 7 siblings: Ella (Fruin) Coxhead, Frances (Fruin) Bryer, Geerd Fruin, William Fruin, Harold Fruin, Florence Fruin and John Fruin. A Private Family Service will be held at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon with interment at Lighthouse Cemetery. Reverend Andrew Kayes of Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Paynes Point will conduct the services. A memorial fund has been established benefitting the Lighthouse Cemetery Association and Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Paynes Point. Condolences and memorial donations may be sent to Edith Whitney Family c/o Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, PO Box 68, Oregon, IL 61061.

### Gene W. Beauchem

**OREGON** – Gene W. Beauchem, 80, lifelong Oregon resident, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 in KSB Hospital, Dixon. Born June 9, 1941 in Oquawka, Ill. the son of Eugene and Margaret (Stubbs) Beauchem. He was a 1959 graduate of Oregon High School.



Married to Dorothy Parsons March 18, 1962 in Oquawka. Gene was employed at E.D. Etnyre in Oregon 1962-1979, at Pratts in Dixon and then operated his own welding shop. For the past 4 years, he volunteered driving veterans to their medical appointments. Gene enjoyed reading, watching western movies, and learning about World War II and airplanes. He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Milled-

geville where he was a Deacon and taught Men's Bible Study. Survived by his wife Dorothy Beauchem of Oregon; sons, Jeff (Barb) Beauchem of Stillman Valley, Wes (Gina) Beauchem of Chana and Craig Beauchem of Dixon; daughters, Annette (David) Jones of Whitewater, Wis., Angela (Paul) Beauchem-Right of Toronto, Ontario, Kathy (Marty) Corbin

of Oregon and Marcia Beauchem of Oregon; special nephew, Brad (Cathy) Talbott of Monmouth; 15 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; brother, John Beauchem of Palisades, Minn.; sister, Doris Lutrell of Stillman Valley; and many other family members.

Preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon with Pastor Gregg Farmer of Community Baptist Church, Milledgeville officiating. Burial in Daysville Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the family.

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

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### Patricia A. Mott

**OREGON** – Patricia A. Mott, 72, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. She was a resident of Oregon for the past 39 years coming from Lombard. Born March 17, 1949 in Chicago, the daughter of Harold D. and Mary Lois (Schumacher) Murray.



Married to Elwood C. Mott Dec. 18, 1965 in Chicago. While in Lombard, Pat was head librarian at Green Valley Elementary School and a Cub Scout Den Mother in the 1970's. She was always doing arts and crafts and ran the Farmers' Market at Oregon's Autumn on Parade for 15 years. She was also a member of a line dance group and instructed line dance. Pat

was an avid Jeff Gordon fan, loved animals and loved her time with her grandchildren. She also spent her healthier years gardening.

Predeceased by her parents; infant daughter, Theresa Ann; sister Julia; and brother-in-law, Glendell.

Survived by her husband, Elwood "Woody" Mott of Oregon; sons, Elwood (Katheryn)

Mott, Jr. of Oregon and Joseph D. (Timina) Mott of Cherry Valley; grandchildren, Ashley Hammil, Joshua D. Mott, Jeremy M. Mott and Michael Elwood Mott; great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Lee, Declan and Callie (on the way); and many nieces and nephews, including Marna Michalik. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon, preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor David Rogula officiated. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, rural Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Pat's name may be made to Autumn on Parade.

### Donna M. Oltmanns

**BYRON** – Donna M. Oltmanns, age 85, died peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 at the Generations at Neighbor's Rehabilitation Center in Byron. She was born Aug. 5, 1936 in Eldora, Iowa the daughter of Clifton and Helen (Bridges) Adams.



She attended Morris Kennedy School in Rockford. Donna previously worked at Kable Printing in Mt. Morris and Greenlee Brother's in Rockford. She married Donald G. Oltmanns on Jan. 8, 1955 in Rockford. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Donna was prede-

ceased by her parents, her husband Donald, son Steven Oltmanns, and sister Patricia Moyer. She is survived by her daughters Terry (Gary) Banjac of Chandler, Ariz., and Sandy (Jeff) Bain of Byron, grandchildren; Amy (Chad) McDonald, Scott (Mol-

ly) Banjac, Alyse (Jason) Thibodeau, Heather (Eric) James, Kelsey (Jordan) Kellerman, Brianne (Brad) Drake, and great grandchildren; Trey and Kyra McDonald, Harper and Levi Thibodeau, Hadley and Asher James, Hallie and Avery Kellerman, and Bentley Drake.

Graveside Service for Donna was 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at the Byron Cemetery with the Chaplin Willie Little officiating. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Donna.

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## RRC set 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](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

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

**Illinois Owls Program at RRC**  
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.

The Oregon Tri-County Office is located inside the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St. Appointments are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

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.

The Rochelle Tri County Office is located at 306 N 6th Street. Appointments are available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 815-562-6938 for an appointment in Rochelle.

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

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.

Lunch Menu Includes:  
Old Fashioned Chicken Noodle Soup, Italian Tomato Tortellini Soup, Crisp Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Fresh Baked Dessert, and Drinks.  
Registration Information:  
Reservations are required by Sept. 17, so we can plan.  
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**2021 heating assistance LIHEAP**

#### Support groups

Colder weather is just around the corner and we all will be experiencing higher utility bills as we need to turn on the heat in our homes. There are two programs that help those with low income pay for their heating utility bills. The LIHEAP program continues to accept applications for assistance with paying heating bills. Tri County Opportunities Council is

#### Cancer support group

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

#### 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 caregiving, 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 10-11:30 a.m. at RRC.



# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon Lions welcome new members

Oregon Lion Dr. Tom Champley inducted two new members into the Oregon Lions Club during the Lions' Meeting on Aug. 26 at the VFW. Oregon Lion Vice President Joe Kryszak sponsored Tonya Jenkins and Joanna Cermak sponsored Lori Peterson. Pictured from left are: Lion Joe Kryszak, Tonya Jenkins, Lori Peterson, Joanna Cermak and Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger.

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## County electronic recycling event set for Sept. 24

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting the monthly residential electronics recycling event on Friday Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecounty.org](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty.org).

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming

equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

## LR Lions hosting brat drive through

**LEAF RIVER** – Saturday, Sept. 18, the Leaf River Lions will again be having a brat or all beef hot dog drive through at the old fire station next to the Bertolet Memorial building.

Cost of a one brat or an all beef hot dog meal is \$5 and to add another sandwich is \$2 more. The meal consists of the brat or all beef hot dog, chips, soda or water, condiments, and a cookie. Serving begins at 11 a.m. and runs to 1 p.m. The brats and

hot dogs are both five to the pound size.

Come and enjoy a delicious sandwich and support your local Lions Club Profit from this meal will go toward Lions Projects.

The Lions thank everyone that came and supported our Pork Chop Sandwich drive through on Aug. 28. Also, a big thank you to the Ogle County Pork Producers for supplying the chops and cooking them.

## Ogle County Sheriff

### Aug. 28

At approximately 2:18 a.m. Ogle County Deputies responded to the report of a one vehicle motorcycle accident with injuries located in the 3000 block of N. Mulford Rd. A passerby driving through the area observed a motorcycle on its side in the east ditch and then called 911 to report the accident. Monroe Center Fire Department/Ambulance, Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department/Ambulance, Stillman Valley Ambulance, and Life Flight helicopter were all dispatched to the scene. After an on-scene investigation it was learned that a gray 2017 Victory motorcycle, driven by 32 year old Andrew J. Smith of Creston, was southbound in the 3000 block of N. Mulford Rd. While southbound on Mulford Rd. the motorcycle drove in to the northbound lane and then left the roadway in the east ditch while approaching a curve. Smith was ejected from the motorcycle in the east ditch. Smith was pronounced deceased at the scene. Ogle County Coroner was called to the scene and took possession of the body. Maggio's towing was contacted and removed the motorcycle from the scene. This accident remains under investigation.

### Aug. 27

At approximately 10:36 p.m., deputies along with Byron and Stillman Valley Fire Departments responded to a one vehicle rollover accident in the area of 7600 E. Hales Corner. Investigation by deputies revealed that a Toyota 4Runner driven by 17 year old male was traveling east on Hales Corner. The driver left the roadway and overcorrected before overturning in the south ditch. The driver was examined and released on scene for suspected minor injuries. The driver was cited for improper lane usage and the vehicle was removed by Nielsen's Towing.

### Aug. 26

At 3:41 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on W. Blackhawk Dr. at S. Union St. in Byron for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Jake Wyatt, 23 of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Wyatt was also issued citations for no registration light, improper lane usage, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Wyatt was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

### Aug. 25

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Dorian Bizzle, 19 of Mount Pleasant Wisconsin for driving while license suspended. Bizzle was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Bizzle was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Correctional Center.

### Aug. 24

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 17 year old male juvenile from Rockford, Il. for driving with no license. The juvenile was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding 101 MPH. The juvenile was issued an I bond and released to his parents. He will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Sam's Drive In in Byron for illegal window tint. After a brief investigation, Shykierah Taylor, 23 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Taylor was also cited for illegal window tint and expired registration. Taylor was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Wilson St. and Pine St. in Stillman Valley. After a brief investigation, Kaylie Barber, 32, of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for Driving while License Revoked. Barber was also cited for no insurance. Barber was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

### Aug. 22

At 5:15 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of S. Daysville Rd. for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Veronica Tabares, 35 of Sterling, IL was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Tabares was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no front license plate, and improper use of registration. Tabares was released on a \$2500 I-Bond.

### Aug. 21

At approximately 7:27 p.m. Deputies and the Byron Fire Department responded to a single vehicle accident in the 10000 block of North Illinois Rt 2. An preliminary investigation determined a southbound vehicle driven by Sandra Koutlemanis, 51 of Des Plaines, traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The vehicle then overcorrected and entered the east ditch where it traveled down a small embankment before coming to a rest. Koutlemanis was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron Fire/EMS for treatment of minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

At 12:24 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies and Lynn-Scott-Rock EMS were dispatched to N. Walnut St. at W. 2nd St. in Lindenwood for vehicle pulled over on the side of the road, and the male driver, later identifier as Gary Brenton, 33 of Woodstock, experiencing a medical emergency. Brenton was checked by EMS and signed a refusal. After an investigation, Brenton was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating compounds (drugs/alcohol), possession of controlled substance 15-100 grams (heroin) possession with intent to deliver 15-100 grams (heroin). Brenton was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Brenton was transported to the Ogle County Jail until his appearance before a judge.

### Aug. 18

At 5:32 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office along with the Rochelle and Flag Center Fire Departments responded to a two vehicle crash with injuries at Flag Road and Beebe Drive. Investigation by Deputies revealed that a Chevrolet SUV driven by Katie Harper, 33 of Rochelle had stopped on Flag Road behind another vehicle which was turning left onto Beebe Drive. At that time a Toyota Camry driven by a 16 year old female failed to see the stopped vehicles and as a result ran into the rear of the Chevrolet. The 16 year old was transported by Rochelle Fire Dept. Ambulance to Rochelle Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The 16 year old was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed.

### Aug. 16

At approximately 3:18 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the south exit ramp of I-39 and IL Rte. 72. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Leton Dye, 31 of Chicago for driving while license suspended. Dye was additionally issued a citation for speeding. Dye was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

### Aug. 14

At approximately 1:26 a.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Blackhawk and Walnut in Byron. After further investigation Deputies arrested Stephen Mullane, 33 of Poplar Grove, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Stephen was also cited for Improper Lane Usage and Unlawful Transportation of Alcohol. Stephen was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle motorcycle accident in the 4,800 block of E. Illinois Rte. 72. After an investigation it was determined that a 2008 Triumph motorcycle being driven by Jason M. Gibbs, 45 of Lake Villa, IL., was westbound on Rte. 72 when he failed to negotiate the curve at that location and exited the roadway into the north side ditch. No other vehicles were involved and Gibbs was transported to Swedish American Hospital in Rockford for injuries sustained. At the time of this release the medical condition of Gibbs is not known.

### Aug. 13

At approximately 4 p.m., Deputies with the assistance of the Illinois State Police and Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire/EMS responded to I-39 at IL Route 64 for the report of a single vehicle crash with injuries. After conducting an investigation, it was learned Larry Monette, 73 of Arkansas, was traveling south on I-39 exiting onto IL Route 64 when Monette presumably fell asleep. Monette traveled off of the exit ramp and came to rest after colliding with several pine trees. Monette was assisted from the vehicle by a passing motorist as his car became fully engulfed. Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire and EMS responded to the scene where they tended to the fire as Monette was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital where he was treated for suspected injuries.

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**HOPE of Ogle County** **562-8890 or 732-7796**  
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**University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County**  
**421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061** **732-2191**

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### Senior Citizens Services

**Hub City Senior Center** **562-5050**  
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**Polo Senior Center** **946-3818**  
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**Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co.** **255-9181**  
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### Wellness Services

**Ogle County Health Dept**  
**907 Pines Rd, Oregon** **562-6976**  
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**Serenity Hospice and Home** **732-2499**



# LOCAL NEWS

## Build-A-Barn Spooktacular is Oct. 16-17 at Fairgrounds

Build-A-Barn presents the 2nd annual edition of Spooktacular, Oct. 16 and 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 with Chaplain Jay LaRette, 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. The site is progressing well. With many truckloads of fill, leveling, and ground preparation, the construction of our barn is getting closer.

Come on out and support the Build-A-Barn efforts and have a weekend of fun.

Contact Lynne Radville, shadowboxerarabians@gmail.com, text 815-238-7892

or Linda Schreiber, taffysbucky@gmail.com, 815-757-9846.

## Rotary hosts Fall Fun on River

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

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

While we are not able to gather together, and know it is

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

The entire amount of your donation is 100 percent Tax deductible. Send your donation to:

Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 493 Oregon, IL 61061

## Polo Police report

Aug. 23

TIME: 4:16 p.m.

REPORT: Alexia S. Vinson Ishman, 22, Rock Falls, was cited for Speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Ishman was released on an I-Bond

Aug. 25

TIME: 9:35 a.m.

REPORT: Kimberly Ann Marie Barnhart, 23, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Barnhart was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Aug. 26

TIME: 3:10 p.m.

REPORT: Emily M. Petraski, 22, Dixon, was cited for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Petraski was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 27

TIME: 6:34 p.m.

REPORT: Brennan Shippert, 33, Polo, was issued a City Citation for Unlawful Use of a

Cell Phone.

Citizen Complaints/Assist	17
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	2
Ordinance Violations	1
Disturbance/Domestic	7
Fire/Medical Assist	4
Lock Out	7
Traffic Stops	40
County Assists	2

Sept. 3

TIME: 4:34 p.m.

REPORT: Matthew Noel, 45, Dubuque, IA, was cited for speeding 55 MPH in a 35 MPH speed zone. Noel was released on an I-Bond.

Sept. 6

TIME: 4:05 p.m.

REPORT: Aleksei J. Stranberg, 19, Oregon, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Stranberg was released on an I-Bond.

## Mount Morris Police report

Aug. 17

Michael J. Koczka, 32, Mt. Morris was arrested for Domestic Battery. Koczka was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., Sept. 13

Chess Enthusiasts meet at the Byron Public Library from 6-7:30 p.m. Brush up on your chess skills. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Boards and pieces provided. Register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

### Tues., Sept. 14

Bread of Life food pantry, which serves the residents of Ogle County and the Meridian School District, has a distribution at Valley Covenant

Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S. Maple in Stillman Valley. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

### Weds., Sept. 15

The Byron Forest Preserve District will be offering free guided hikes at their preserves this fall, the first being today at 5 p.m. at Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve, 7993 North River Road, Byron. Hikes last for approximately an hour. Advance registration is required by calling 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

### Fri., Sept. 17

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. 18

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.

The Leaf River Lions will again be having a brat or all beef hot dog drive through at the old fire station next to the Bertolet Memorial building. Cost of a one brat or an all beef hot dog meal is \$5. Serving is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Sept. 27, 1854, two ships collide off the coast of Newfoundland, killing 322 people. The wooden-hull Arctic slammed into the iron-hull steamer Vesta and was severely damaged. In trying to beach the ship, the Arctic's captain ran over several lifeboats, causing more people to drown.

\* On Oct. 1, 1908, in Detroit, the first production Model T Ford is completed. Its 22 horsepower, four-cylinder engine could reach speeds up to 40 mph and run on gasoline or hemp-based fuel.

\* On Sept. 28, 1928, a lab accident led Sir Alexander Fleming, a young bacteriologist, to one of the great discoveries of modern medicine. Having left a plate of staphylococcus bacteria uncovered, Fleming noticed that a mold that had fallen on the culture had killed many of the bacteria. He identified the mold as penicillium notatum, similar to the kind found on bread.

\* On Oct. 2, 1948, the first American road race since World War II takes place in Watkins Glen in New York. The New York Central railroad agreed to suspend train service so the drivers could safely cross the tracks.

\* On Sept. 29, 1969, the U.S. Army drops murder charges against eight Green Berets accused of killing a Vietnamese national, citing reasons of national security after the CIA refused to release highly classified information.

\* On Oct. 3, 1981, a hunger strike by Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison in Belfast in Northern Ireland is called off after seven months and 10 deaths. Afterward, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher agreed to several of the protesters' demands, including the right to wear civilian clothing.

\* On Sept. 30, 1999, large doses of radiation are released at Japan's Tokaimura nuclear plant in an accident caused by a serious error made by workers at the plant. Instead of pouring 5 pounds of powdered uranium into nitric acid, workers poured 35 pounds.

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## This happens with no leadership

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



for decades.

If that money spigot runs dry, make no mistake that it will hurt. It will hurt a lot.

I am writing this a week before the station is scheduled to run out of fuel and close its doors. I don't plan on going back to change this column if an energy bill is passed, or if something else pops up that will prolong the life of the station.

I want to talk about being here, in this moment, and not having any idea what is going to happen. I can't imagine how the people who work at the station feel. Their livelihoods are on the line. Will they have a job in a week? What about that

house payment? Will their kids be staying in area schools?

All good questions that would concern anyone. And I have no idea what the answers are for them. They don't either ... right now, in this moment.

Neither do the politicians in Springfield, and in my opinion, that shows a clear failure of leadership. They have had more than a year to pass a new energy bill that addresses this and they have failed to do so. Failed. They are a failure.

Democrats? Failures. Republicans? Failures. Gov. JB Pritzker? A failure. Sure, Pritzker has all along said he supports the stations and wants a good bill, but he obviously has zero power over those in his own party in the state House. The buck stops with him, and this will be his loss.

And Republicans don't get off the hook either. Yes, they are in the minority, but when all I ever see out of Springfield is partisan bickering, how can we ever expect anything to get done? Work across

the aisle for the good of the people. Give and take. Compromise. When you don't do that, you fail.

There is still a chance this bill can be completed and signed. That might happen Thursday, when I put the paper together. It could happen Friday, when the paper prints. It could happen when it is being stacked in area retail locations.

Or it might not happen at all, despite all of those saying they feel "positive" about the bill being passed.

Well, I wish I had confidence that those in Springfield were working hard to get it done. But excuse me while I turn a skeptical eye toward a group of elected men and women who have failed to get this done for more than a year.

They have failed us with the process thus far, even if they pull out a bill at the 11th hour they have failed. It is hard to have faith in people who do their jobs so poorly.

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

## The Taliban and the Art of War

### Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



delivered the coup de grace [the final blow] to an enemy previously made vulnerable." The goal isn't to crush the adversary in combat but instead to weaken its morale so that it collapses with little or no resistance.

Sun Tzu described in detail how to do it, with battlefield tactics that confuse and unnerve the other side, infiltration behind enemy lines, bribery, rumors, propaganda, and terrorism. An opponent that's riddled with corruption and self-interested leadership is highly vulnerable to these methods, as we've seen again and again in Afghanistan, Iraq, Viet Nam, all the way back to the fall of the American-backed government in China seventy years ago. In each case, large, well-equipped armies melted away against smaller and less sophisticated forces.

But this scenario is much older than that. Jack Weatherford, in his book, "Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World" explains how the Mongol leader

forged the largest empire in history 900 years ago, using strategies that mirror those of Sun Tzu. The story follows the pattern we've witnessed in today's Afghanistan: Poorly led government soldiers give up without a fight against small and lightly armed Mongol forces. Towns and cities fall like dominoes. Terrorized refugees flood into the cities that remain under government control. Soldiers and citizens descend into a cycle of defeatism, panic, and, finally, collapse.

America met with that same chain of demoralization and defeat in China 70 years ago, when Mao Tse-tung, a student of Sun Tzu's teachings, used them against our corrupt and poorly led ally, the Chinese Nationalist government. The U.S. spent billions of dollars in military and financial aid to prop up the Nationalists during and after World War II, according to Griffith. Their forces were superior to Mao's Communists in every way except for leadership and morale — and time.

By simply surviving, they wore down the government's resources and confidence. "Real estate, as such," says Griffith, "was never an important factor with the Reds, who were experts at running away... The morale of the enemy is the target of high priority, its reduction an essential preliminary to the armed clash." The Nationalists finally

collapsed, after almost 20 years of conflict and massive American support, in 1949.

Echoes of these events are hard to miss in our recent defeat at the hands of the Taliban. They say that history doesn't repeat itself, but our experiences in China, Viet Nam, Iraq, and Afghanistan bring to mind Groundhog Day, the movie in which Bill Murray repeats the same day over and over, trying and failing to get things right. In each case we supported a weak and corrupt government against insurgents who knew how to defeat it from within.

Sun Tzu's timeless insights about the limitations of military might, the overriding importance of strategy and morale, and the costs of long wars can help us to find a better way. No one doubts America's ability to defeat an opponent like the Taliban in battle, but, as we've seen, military superiority can't ensure victory. Remembering Sun Tzu's warnings, we might in the future develop better strategies, or simply refrain from commitments that we're unable or unwilling, in the end, to keep.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*

## Polo HS golf team sends out its thanks for fundraiser

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Polo Community High School golf team, I would like to thank all the hole sponsors and teams that participated in our fundraiser play day. Without you the day would not have been as successful as it was. We had 23 hole sponsors and 18 teams.

Again, thank you so much for the generosity shown to our team.

Sincerely,  
Donald F. Reece, Polo Community High School head golf coach



# LOCAL NEWS



## Local artist teaching class Sept. 29

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District has partnered with Chloe Gale, local artist, to offer painting classes.

Join Gale for a fun evening at Cork & Tap creating a canvas to display in your home.

Gale, an Oregon native, with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College is known for her beautiful oil paintings. With Gale's painting experience and talent you can learn to paint on canvas on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Choose between the 5:30 p.m. workshop time or the 7:30 p.m. time when you register through the Park District.

Registering online at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) is convenient or simply call Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101 to register over the phone. Workshop fee is \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is Sept. 20.



## Democrats holding fundraiser

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

The tickets are \$50 for an individual and \$80 for a couple. Each ticket gives the person/couple a chance at raffles being held, with the grand prize of \$1,000 being drawn that day along with other cash prizes. Dinner is included with the ticket price. Raffle tickets are also available for non-attendees at \$50 each; you need not be present to win.

The event begins at 1 p.m. and a turkey dinner luncheon with all the fixings will start at 2 p.m. Guest speakers invited

include U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, Lieutenant Gov. Julianna Stratton and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza. Other local candidates may also be there to speak. The speakers will begin at about 3 p.m. and the raffles will be drawn after the speakers conclude.

Funds raised will go to Democratic candidates running for local, state and national office in 2022. The Taft Campus is at 1414 N River Road in Oregon, inside Lowden State Park. For tickets or for more information, contact Fundraising Chair Steve Jones at 779-537-4006 or via email at [sub\\_insignia@yahoo.com](mailto:sub_insignia@yahoo.com). The



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Serenity Hospice donation

Recently 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County made a donation to Serenity Hospice and Home. 100 Women Who Care is a local organization dedicated to supporting Ogle County non-profits. Serenity Hospice serves nine counties in Northern Illinois including patients in their home, nursing facilities or their hospice home located in Oregon. Serenity offers not only hospice care but palliative services and bereavement resources and groups. Pictured from left are: Nancy Tracy, nurse and marketing for Serenity; Linda Alderks, nurse at Serenity; Marla VanVickle, Director of Nursing for Serenity; Lynn Knodle, CEO for Serenity; Debby Katzman, 100 Women Who Care; and Arlene Sangmeister, 100 Women Who Care. For information about 100 Women Who Care, visit their Facebook page. For more information about Serenity Hospice, visit their website at [www.serenityhospiceandhome.org](http://www.serenityhospiceandhome.org).

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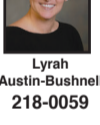
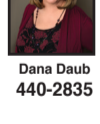
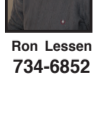
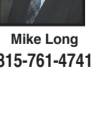

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**\$103,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105716

**MULTI-FAMILY!** 6 unit building in convenient location. 4 units rented/rentable. 2 units are cleared for rehab. Upper west unit completely remodeled. 1017 BENTON Street, Rockford

**MICHELLE ROMANO-HUBER**  
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**NEW LISTING!**



**\$89,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105715

**CUTE RANCH!** 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on corner lot w/2.5 car garage. Fenced yard. Large living room. Nice size eat-in kitchen w/big windows overlooking covered deck & back yard. Flat roof is new. New C/A. Sold as is. 4846 ARLINGTON Street, Loves Park

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**NEW LISTING!**



**\$165,500** dickersonnieman.com/202105709

**THIS IS THE ONE!** 2 bed, 1 bath 2 story w/FF laundry. Family room w/wood FP & built-ins. Kitchen w/several cabinets & built-ins. Enclosed porch for more storage & living space. Deck on front of home. 2 car detached garage + garden/tool shed. Zoned ag. 12509 FARM SCHOOL Road, Durand

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**NEW LISTING!**



**\$119,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105708

**CHARMING RANCH!** 2 bed, 2 bath ranch. Hardwood & laminate flooring. Screened in front porch. Basement recently finished w/spacious rec room & bonus room. Wooden deck off back sliding doors. Fenced back yard w/cement patio. 2.5 car garage. 1606 REMINGTON, Rockford

**JOSEPH EUREK**  
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**NEW LISTING!**



**\$79,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105677

**SPACIOUS 2 STORY!** 4 bed, 2 bath home with a ton of potential. 9 ft. ceilings. Kitchen offers oak cabinets, large eating area and pantry. Deck, fenced yard and tandem 4 car garage. Bring your ideas! 1231 DEWEY, Beloit

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**NEW LISTING!**



**\$310,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105668

**UPDATED 2-STORY!** Over 2,900 SF of living space w/4 beds and 3.5 baths. Finished LL w/RR, wet bar, 2 bonus rms, full bath. All 4 beds on UL. Master suite w/WIC. ML features living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, & family room. MUST SEE! 1647 OAKFOREST Drive, Rockford

**MALACHI BRICK**  
815-980-1433

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$169,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105665

**UPDATED RIVER PROPERTY!** Cozy 2 bed, 1 bath property boasts just over 60' of River Frontage. Updated kitchen w/quartz & SS appliances. Living room w/views of The Rock River. Master w/WIC. 260 SF composite deck. Huge backyard w/river views. 9840 QUEEN OAKS Drive, Machesney Park

**NOAH MEYER**  
815-978-8961

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$245,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105660

**GREAT 2 STORY!** 4 bed, 2.5 bath home with all the work done. Brand new kitchen w/white cabinets, quartz, SS appliances. New paint & flooring throughout house. Bathrooms updated. Main bed w/WIC & whirlpool tub. FF Laundry. WB Fireplace. 904 CERASUS Drive, Rockford

**LORA GILBERT**  
815-381-1173

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$89,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105651

**RIVERFRONT A-FRAME CABIN!** 3 bed, 1 bath home sits on nearly an acre of river frontage. Custom built using massive barn timbers, planks & fireplace bricks from barns/factories in the 60's. Property is bound by Rock River, Goose Creek & 30' high railroad trestle. 7877 Harbor Lights Lane, Rockford

**BRADLEY SHIELDS**  
815-543-7653

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$105,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105635

**COZY RANCH!** 2 beds, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors. Woodburning fireplace in family room. Spacious living room. All kitchen appliances stay. Nice deck w/fenced yard. 2.5 car garage. New windows (Oct 2021) & roof (September 15) being installed. 1008 LUTHER Avenue, Rockford

**LORA GILBERT**  
815-381-1173

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$180,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105626

**GORGEOUS 2-STORY!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath home centrally located in Byron. Wrap around front porch. Completely updated. Kitchen features painted cabinets, gas stove & newer light fixtures. New flooring, light fixtures & paint throughout. 315 W 2ND Street, Byron

**BRITTANY SCHULTZ**  
815-914-0486

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$264,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105624

**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** 4 bed, 2.5 bath lovingly maintained 2 story. Great location near I-90 & shopping. Large kitchen w/ island & eating area. Formal Dining. Office & laundry on FF. UL features 4 beds & loft area or living/reading space. 2 car garage. 2508 WINFIELD Lane, Belvidere

**JANE EUREK**  
815-988-7596

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$274,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105610

**ONE OF A KIND CONDO!** Vaulted ceilings & skylights. Windows galore. Wood & carpet floors. Large updated kitchen. Formal dining. Large living room. Family room. Master bed is XL w/WIC. 2nd bed will take a King size bed. 3 full baths. RR 1500 SF. FF laundry. 201 NELSON Parkway, Cherry Valley

**MICHAEL FADDEN**  
815-988-4640

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$180,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105600

**SPACIOUS 2-STORY!** 3 bed, 2.5 bath home w/over 2700 SF of living space. Grand living room w/30' ceilings, stone FP. Wide open eat-in kitchen. 4 season sun room. Main floor master w/oversized bath. Loft easily convertible to 4th bed. Huge full basement. 4401 RYDER Court, Loves Park

**ZACH THOMPSON**  
815-558-6432

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$100,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105580

**ALL BRICK CAPE COD!** INCOME PRODUCING! Main floor has hardwood floors, sun room, eat-in kitchen, living, dining & 2 beds. UL is a 2nd full bath, 3rd bed & office/4th bed. Basement has some walk up for finished area. Detached 2 car garage. 2230 13TH Avenue, Rockford

**ADAM GUARINO**  
815-381-1150

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$89,900** dickersonnieman.com/202105576

**MOVE IN READY!** 4 bed, 1 bath ranch home in great Machesney Park neighborhood. New flooring throughout the home. Updated cabinets & countertops. The bath has beautiful tile work. Split bedroom floorplan. Attached garage. Fenced in yard. 25 LIBERTY Boulevard, Machesney Park

**BENJAMIN KULLBERG**  
815-289-1174

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$110,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105574

**RANCH STYLE CONDO!** 1 bed, 1 bath features large living area & nice kitchen. Master has WIC. Patio overlooks garden area. Amenities abound! Clubhouse w/meeting room, gym, yoga studio, plus so much more! Great community w/walking path. 7640 SILVER MAPLE Trail, Cherry Valley

**ADAM GUARINO**  
815-381-1150

**NEW PRICE!**



**\$81,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105276

**ALL BRICK HOME!** 3 bed, 2 bath w/over 2,000 SF of finished living space & 2 car detached garage! Living room w/great natural light. Dining room walks out to 3 season porch. ML also features 2 beds & full bath. UL has giant bed/living space. Finished LL. 1525 S 4TH Street, Rockford

**SEAN HOSSEINI**  
815-200-8490

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$345,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105558

**BEAUTIFUL BI-LEVEL!** 3 bed, 3 bath home w/whirlpool tubs & wood burning fireplace in spacious living room. Kitchen has lots of counter space with Dining Room area and slider to huge deck. LL finished with family room, bath & kitchenette. All on 5 acres. 7749 N ROCKTON Avenue, Rockford

**LORA GILBERT**  
815-381-1173

**NEW LISTING!**



**\$550,000** dickersonnieman.com/202105520

**AMAZING 10.74 ACRE!** Property with 3 bed, 3 full, 2 half bath home. 80x40 HTD insulated outbuilding with 30x15 office area. Main home has country kitchen w/granite island. Spacious DR, LR w/FP. FF Laundry. UL Master w/en-suite & WIC + 2 addt. beds. 12268 W SABIN CHURCH Road, Pearl City

**RAY YOUNG**  
815-218-4016

**NEW CONSTRUCTION!** Close to I-90, shopping, dining & schools. Great Room concept w/split bed layout. GR w/gas FP open to cooks kitchen. Formal DR. Foyer w/closet. Master w/full ensuite + WIC. 2 addt. beds, hall bath & FF laundry. 12615 NEW YORK Street, Loves Park

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**BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY!** Historic 5 bed, 2 bath, freshly painted, restored and updated home. All natural wood floors have been sanded and sealed and trim has been cleaned. Formal living room & dining rooms. Cozy family room. Sun room on ML & UL. 401 S 3RD Street, Oregon

**SHARON BOWERS**  
815-757-7462

**IMMACULATE CONDO!** 2 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Style Condo in the Heart of Byron. Overlooks schools, private land & baseball diamonds. Beautifully maintained. New carpet, central air, garbage disposal, fresh paint & 3 year old roof. 1167 W 2ND Street, Byron

**TIFFANY CRAVATTA**  
815-988-4388

**1.5 STORY!** 2 bed, 1 bath in the heart of Byron. Huge great room addt. Fruit trees, berries & perennials. The barn style garage is extra deep with wood burning stove and a full loft area with ample storage. Previously used for woodworking. 820 W 2ND Street, Byron

**TIFFANY CRAVATTA**  
815-988-4388

**ENJOY ISLAND LIVING!** 1440 SF, 1.5 story island home is not your typical cabin retreat. Home offers 3 beds, 1.5 baths & great room w/cathedral ceilings, wood burning fireplace & knotty pine. 2 beds & full bath on ML. Master & 1/2 bath on UL. 7084 N RIVER Road, Byron

**TIFFANY CRAVATTA**  
815-988-4388

**HOT PROPERTY!** This hidden gem is right in town for convenience with a view of the river. 4 bed, 4.5 bath custom ranch w/full exposure. Over 5000 SF of luxury living space. Gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry & more. 240 S WEST Street, Byron

**JOHN DOWD/ DIANNE DOWD**  
815-381-6881/ 815-381-6882

**BUILDABLE WOODED LOT!** Still time to build your dream home on this large lot with lots of trees in the Oregon School District. Well & Septic required. No Restrictions on size of home. County Taxes. S RED OAK Lane, Chana

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**BYRON SUB!** Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$66,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer. Impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. 000 HARVEST Drive, Byron

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## Farmers Market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon, Sunshine Park, 11 Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. Diane Pearce, Rockford, makes and sells Jams and Pickles, cloth dish towels, Rugs, pillows and table runners. We had more than 30 vendors last week. Come check it out!



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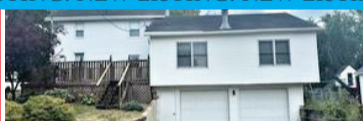
**710 Creekside Drive, Unit 305A, Mount Prospect \$324,000**  
Call Lori

A rare find. 1865 square foot Bayhill model condo overlooking the golf course. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit has a large eat in kitchen, dining area, laundry room, 3 walk in closets and 3 sets of sliding doors to the large balcony. In floor heat. Off of the balcony there is an additional storage unit. Security building with 1 designated indoor parking place and a storage closet in the basement. The site is meticulously maintained and includes putting green, a large club house and a swimming pool.



**313 S. 4th Street, Oregon \$179,900**  
Call JD

Modern farmhouse living! This beautifully renovated 3 bed/2 bath home just off of downtown Oregon boasts a modern open concept, tall ceilings, fenced in hard and oversized garage that is sure to impress your guests. Features include, but are not limited to, stainless steel appliances, concrete countertops, hardwood floors throughout, main floor laundry, detached 2.5 car garage, double vanity bathroom with walk-in shower, dry bar in basement and much more. Swing by today to check it out and make this home yours.



**409 N. Barber Avenue, Polo \$149,000**  
Call Rebecca

ROOM, ROOM and more ROOM! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in Polo. Main floor is spacious with two living rooms, family room with vaulted ceiling, eat in kitchen, main floor laundry and main floor master suite. Kitchen has brand new appliances including a Bosch dishwasher! Upstairs you will find two additional bedrooms and a full bathroom. Walk out basement to the oversized 2 car garage with plenty of space for storage. French doors off of the family room to the large composite deck where you can enjoy those warm fall days! Call for your showing today!



**30610 Woodside Drive, Rock Falls \$129,900**  
Call JD

BRAND NEW down to the studs. 4 bed/2 bath ranch home featuring a large master suite with walk in shower, brand new open concept kitchen, main floor laundry, and more. Complimented by a fully fenced in back yard and two car detached garage offering plenty of additional storage space. Make this home yours today, & move in without a worry in the world.



**227 W. Provost Street, Amboy \$289,000**  
Call Jenny

The floor plan on this beautiful, newly built, custom home is fantastic! The kitchen is absolutely gorgeous, with a modern feel and an abundance of cabinets and quartz counter space. Living room has vaulted ceilings featuring a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. The main floor laundry has cabinets and counters for folding. This ranch offers so much for the price: 3 large bedrooms and 2.5 baths, 1800 sq. ft., over-sized heated garage with bonus room, massive deck, concrete driveway, and a front porch that is so inviting. Main floor master suite has master bath with a soaker tub, separate shower and a vanity with double sinks. There is a shared bathroom between the other bedrooms and a half bath off of the main living space.

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**864 Fairgrounds Circle, Oregon \$279,000**  
Call Rebecca

WELCOME HOME! Bursting with curb appeal, this 4 bedroom/2.5 bathroom home is sure to please. With over 2,200 square feet of finished space, the main floor is open featuring a breakfast nook off of the kitchen, wood-burning fireplace in the inviting family room, a formal living room and a formal dining room. The kitchen boasts stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops and doors to your deck. There is also a main floor laundry room off of the oversized three car, insulated garage. Upstairs you will find four bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The master suite has a large walk-in closet and oversized master bathroom with soaker tub. The lower level is ready to be finished to offer more square footage for your family! Perfectly situated on a large corner .55 acre lot near Fairgrounds park and walking paths. Call today to make this home yours!

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**101 W. Washington Street, Oregon \$154,900**  
Call Carla

Loads of opportunity - 2 family with commercial zoning, located in Oregon, TIFF District, awesome river views of Oregon's dam, tons of tourism with 5 State Parks and river recreation. One bedroom apartment with garage and 1 two bedroom apartment with spacious living areas, laundry in units, off street parking, newer mechanicals, live in one and rent the other one. Separate utilities, all appliances stay. Great investment opportunity in scenic down town Oregon!

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**705 E. Third Street, Sterling \$82,900**  
Call JD

There is endless potential for this commercial property located conveniently in downtown Sterling with consistent street traffic for maximum exposure. Featuring off-street parking, as well additional space to be developed as necessary, this office/retail space can be used in a variety of ways. There is a total of 5 individual offices, 1 bathroom with laundry hook ups, and open reception/lobby area.

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**120 N. Union Street, Byron \$400,000**  
Call Jamie

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! 4,000 sq ft building currently home to a successful bar/restaurant with a fantastic reputation & following. Real estate only is being offered for sale for you to use as the home to the next new eatery in Byron! Bring your ideas to this thriving small town just southwest of Rockford whose downtown has a large draw of patrons from all over Northern Illinois. This property has many recent updates including: flooring, windows, gaming parlor area & garage doors that are retractable in both the front & back of the building. Helping to make this restaurant space very COVID friendly! Large kitchen, walk in coolers and basement with plenty of room for storage. Ample parking in the city parking lot adjacent to the property. Contents inside may be purchased separately. Owner may be willing to finance a qualified buyer. Agent owned.

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**124 E. Mason Street, Polo \$325,000**  
Call Lori

This is your opportunity to own a long standing and successful business. The Pinecreeper Cafe is a staple in the community and region with a strong reputation for a quality dining experience. Since 2002, the owners have continued to expand and maintain a beautiful facility. The dining room and kitchen were a new construction addition in 2005. Most recently the outdoor terrace adds a new dimension with outdoor fire pit for dining & drinking experience. Second floor has 2 apartments. The larger, luxury apartment, completely remodeled in 2011 includes a fireplace. Owners have been diligent in maintaining the building including a new roof within the past few years. Come make some money, and make new friends in this charming community.

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**16 S. Wesley Avenue, Mt Morris \$149,999**  
Call Mark

Investment Opportunity! Income producing timeless beauty sits on the corner lot of the town square central business district in a lovely park setting. Existing leasing tenants with rental contracts in place with owner lease back. Ogle county historic building with 3 stories of approx. 17,500 sq. ft. of office space. Building has a common inside corridor with multi-tenant areas, separate utilities for renters, central air, private and public restrooms, pre-wired PC network, basement with additional storage and provides 50+ off street parking options.

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**416 W. Washington Street, Oregon \$395,000**  
Call Rebecca

THE CHILE PEPPER CAFE is being offered for sale! Here is your chance to own a piece of property in booming downtown Oregon with a well established bar and grill. Locals love the Chile Pepper along with other regulars that travel from afar. Known for the great atmosphere and delicious food, this business is being sold completely turn key! The sale includes the real estate along with all equipment. There is seating inside for nearly 70 guests comprised of pub tables and a bar space. The building is ADA accessible, has ample storage and a large kitchen. Added ambiance with the large window with views of the beautiful and historic courthouse and downtown Oregon. High traffic count along Route 64/North Avenue. If you have always dreamed of owning a bar, do not miss your chance to call this successful bar and grill yours!



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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## Byron slams Winnebago

**BYRON** – Byron scored 21 unanswered points to start its game on Friday, Sept. 3 and cruised to a 41-13 win over Winnebago. Jared Claunch had touchdown runs of 20 yards and 1 yard and Chandler Binkley added another 15-yard TD run in the first quarter. Binkley added another touchdown in the second quarter, which also had a 1-yard TD run from Ethan Palzkill. Palzkill also had a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown as well.

## Dominquez leads Oregon to win

Daniel Dominquez had 203 yards rushing and two touchdowns as Oregon High School beat Rockford Christian 45-20 on Sept. 3. Isaac Reber added 98 yards, including the opening score of the game – a 10-yard run. Oregon notched a total of 384 yards – 372 on the ground.

## Cox graduates from University of Dubuque

**DUBUQUE, Iowa** – The University of Dubuque celebrated its 169th commencement with three in-person commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 1, 2021, in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center. Nearly 400 students were eligible to participate in the in-person ceremonies. The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary held a virtual commencement ceremony Saturday, May 1, 2021. Thirty-nine students received degrees and five students earned certificates. Rev. Eric Hoey, pastor of Presbyterian Church of Henderson, Kentucky, delivered the commencement address titled, "Navigating the Ups and Downs of Ministry." Chana – Dana Cox, Master of Divinity About University of Dubuque University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. Founded in 1852, UD is home to over 2,200 students.

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## Scores

### Varsity Soccer

Sept. 2  
Stillman Valley 2, Rockford Lutheran 2

Sept. 7  
Oregon 0, Winnebago 3  
Miley Smith had 12 saves  
Stillman Valley 2, Rockford Christian 5

### Volleyball

Sept. 2  
Rochelle beats Stillman Valley, 25-17, 23-25, 18-25

Oregon Varsity Volleyball Invitational  
Sept. 4  
Freeport Aquin beat Oregon 25-25, 25-12  
Eastland beat Stillman Valley, 25-13, 25-15

Sept. 8  
Varsity  
Sterling beat Oregon 19-25, 20-25  
Jenae Bothe had 9 kills, 2 blocks; Sophie Stender had 10 digs; Ava Wright had 11 digs  
JV  
Sterling beat Oregon 14-25, 25-27  
Fresh/Soph  
Oregon beat Sterling 11-25, 25-11, 15-12

### Cross Country

Sept. 2  
Stillman Valley 35, Genoa-Kings-ton 46

### Varsity Football

Sept. 3  
Stillman Valley 48, Rock Falls 0

### Boys Golf

Aug. 31  
Stillman Valley 173, Byron 167

Sept. 7  
Byron 165, Oregon 205  
Best Oregon score: Isaac Kaltelbrun 45  
Polo 277, Fulton 168  
Stillman Valley 160, Genoa-Kings-ton 211

Sept. 8  
Oregon 215, Rockford Christian 181  
Medalist Christian Cembonowicz  
Stillman Valley 180, Sterling 190

### Girls Golf

Aug. 31  
Stillman Valley 206, Byron 194

Sept. 7  
Oregon 196, Byron 214  
Medalist Ava Hackman 43  
Polo 236, Fulton 0  
Stillman Valley 208, Genoa-Kings-ton 212

Sept. 8  
Oregon 190, Rockford Christian 217  
Medalist Emily Kneller  
Runner up Ava Hackman, Lena Trampel  
Stillman Valley 207, Sterling 231

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Library News

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

### Curbside Delivery

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

### StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

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

### Chess Enthusiasts

Monday, Sept. 13 at BPLD 6-7:30 p.m.  
Brush up on your chess skills! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

## 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 - September 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
Visit [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or search "Polo Public Library" on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New videos air at 10:30am on these weeks.

In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion - Sept. 11 and 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Melanie \*LIVE\* at 10:30 a.m. these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!  
Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing [melanie@pololibrary.org](mailto:melanie@pololibrary.org)

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

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

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

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

Boards and pieces provided by the Byron Public Library District. Space is limited, so register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Charcuterie Boards 101

Tuesday, Sept. 14 at BPLD, 6-7 p.m.  
Join Kelly as she demos how to make a delicious charcuterie board! Learn what pairs well together and the history behind this trendy meal. Please register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the BPLD Board Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Join Penny as she discusses September's book *Those Girls* by Chevy Stevens. Book and audiobooks of *Those Girls* are available for pickup at the Library. No registration is required.

### Friday Trivia

Friday, Sept. 17  
10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History  
From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### 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](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month

Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you with your research.

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

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

### Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

by Manager, Education and Community Volunteers, Joe Landmichl from the Rockford Office of the Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

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

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

This program is in partnership with the Westchester Public Library.

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## Julia Hull Library News

### Pajama Storytime

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

### Short & Sweets

Join Joanna on Zoom, Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of John Updike's short story, "Hub Fans Bid Kid Adieu" BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing [Joanna@jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:Joanna@jkluever@mail.meridian223.org). Adults.

### Autumn Science: Apple Chemistry

It's Fall y'all! We're embracing the season with a cool crisp science experiment. Kids will join Miss Kelly in the library, Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m., for this hands-on chemistry activity featuring everyone's favorite fall snack: apples! Ages 4-9. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611. \*Masks required.

### Young Critics Book Club

Meet your friends at the library on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the legendary, Blackbeard: *The Pirate King*, by J. Patrick Lewis. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program and reserve your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. \*Masks required.

### 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. \*Masks required.

### 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. 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](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register, reserve your kit, and receive your program link. Adults only.

### Super Stolie Guacamole!

Join Super Stolie on the library lawn 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.

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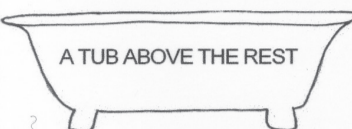
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

### September is library card sign-up month

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

### Oregon Public Library

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

### Preschool story time (18 months – 6 years)

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

### Library book club

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Books on Tap meets Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Last House Guest* by Megan Miranda. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *World War Z* by Max Brooks.

### Oregon Public Library Storywalk®

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

### Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story... call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly, but you can hear it over and over again by calling! The current story is *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan Higgins.

### Yoga on Mondays suspended

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

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

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## Forreston 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 Forreston, 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!

### Display Cases

Several vintage photos from past Sauerkraut Days celebrations have been added to our display case. Stop in and 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 Forreston Grade School class photos from the 1940's. If you have a collection you'd like to share with the community, please contact Julie at the library.

### Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### Library Updates

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

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

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### Maker Monday – Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

### Zero waste mindset – Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

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

will share her favorite resources with us. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

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

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

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

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

### PCs for people

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organization. PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use these links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at [info@pcsforpeople.org](mailto:info@pcsforpeople.org). Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

### New releases for children/youth

That's Not My Donkey by Fiona Watt  
Negative Cat by Sophie Blackall  
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Kid by Drew Daywalt  
Paletero Man by Lucky Diaz  
The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld  
Poultrygeist by Eric Geron  
Mr. Walker Steps Out by Lisa Graff  
Frankie Gets a Doggie by Amy Huntington  
Ship in a Bottle by Andrew Prahin  
The Mysterious Sea Bunny by Peter Raymundo  
Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds  
This Very Tree by Sean Rubin  
The Bench by Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex  
Dessert Island by Ben Shu  
Cow Says Meow by Kristi Call  
Rocket Has a Sleepover by Tad Hills  
Ducks Run Amok! By J.E. Morris  
Once Upon a Camel by Kathi Appelt  
Willodeen by Katherine Applegate  
The Magical Imperfect by Chris Baron  
A Total Waste of Space! by Jeffrey Brown  
Cooper's Story by W. Bruce Cameron  
The Thirteenth Cat by Mary Downing Hahn  
Bravelands: Shadows on the Mountain by Erin Hunter  
Kyle's Little Sister by BonHyung Jeong  
Einstein: The Fantastic Journey of a Mouse Through Space and Time by Torben Kuhlmann  
Pea, Bee, & Jay Lift Off by Brian Smith  
The Okay Witch and the Hungry Shadow by Emma Steinkellner  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Bertolet Library News

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

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

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

**Leader Dog for the Blind:**  
Join us Saturday, Octo-

ber 2nd, 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.

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

**New Releases:**  
Adult Books  
The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell  
High Stakes by Iris Johansen  
Forgotten In Death by J.D. Robb

## 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**  
Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and

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

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

**Storytime**  
We will be having story time on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. starting Sept. 1. Donna Wells will be our guest reader. All preschool children are welcome.

**Adult Book Club**  
The September book will be Code Girls by Liza Mundy. Contact the library to get a copy. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Sept. 27. 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.

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

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BYRON

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

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

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

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

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

## CHANA

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

## DAVIS JUNCTION

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

## FORRESTON

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

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

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

## LEAF RIVER

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

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

## LINDENWOOD

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

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

## KINGS

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

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815-734-4853  
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102 N. Maple Ave.  
Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

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

## MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

**MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler  
**Worship Services:** Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM  
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We are no longer meeting at First Presbyterian Church. When we meet in person, it is at Oregon United Methodist Church. We are currently meeting only via Zoom during the pandemic. There is no in person worship currently. There is no pastor currently serving Freedom Lutheran

**LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST**  
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Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL. Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [stpaulnalc.org](http://stpaulnalc.org)  
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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](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
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## WINNEBAGO

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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva  
**Sunday mornings:** Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.  
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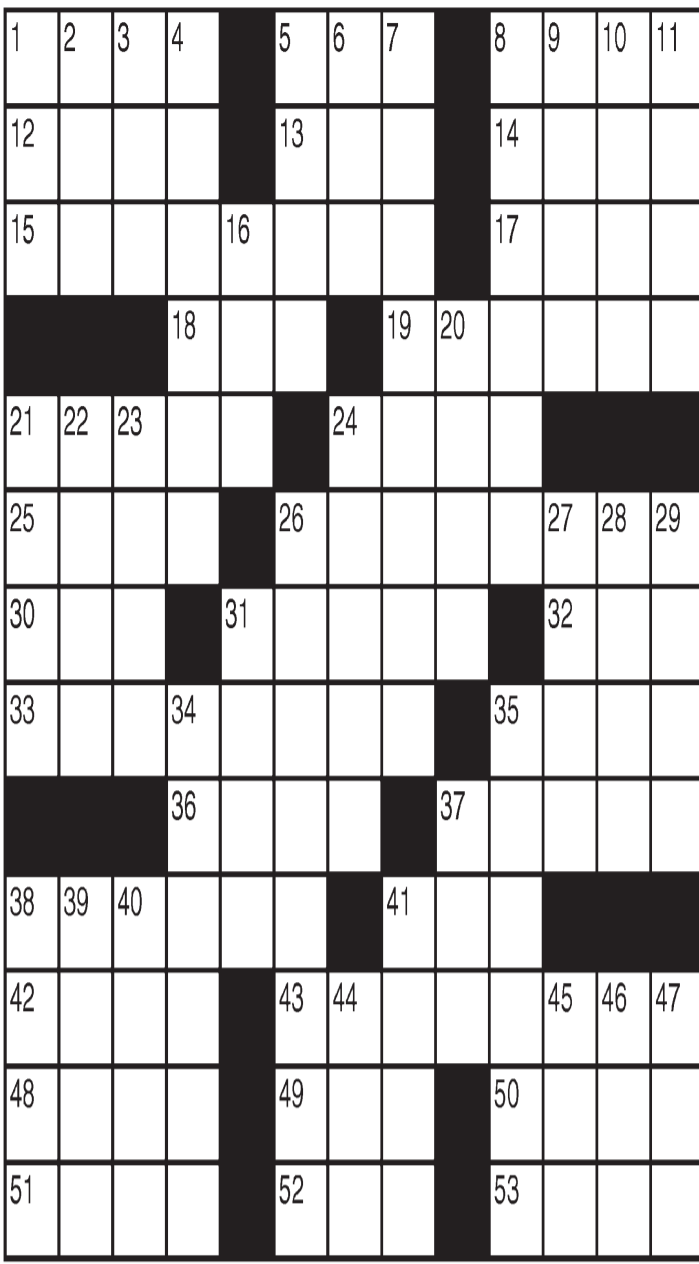


# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## WORDS

### MAGIC MAZE ● CONTAINING A DRINK



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

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

- |           |           |           |          |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Armchair  | Decider   | Lollipop  | Tantrum  |
| Brother   | Forsake   | Platte    | Virginia |
| Coffecake | Hopscotch | Stalemate | Waterloo |
| Colander  | Keypunch  | Steaming  |          |

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 30 Old shop tune           | 34 Aloha State           |
| Oldsmobile                 | 49 Last (Abbr.)          |
| 31 Move to one side        | 50 Jeopardize            |
| 32 - roll (winning)        | 51 Pieces for one        |
| 33 Theme park attraction   | 52 Evening hrs.          |
| 35 Landed                  | 53 Hose woe              |
| 36 Mater lead-in           |                          |
| 37 Test score              |                          |
| 38 Spider's creation       |                          |
| 41 Spill catcher           |                          |
| 42 Location                |                          |
| 43 Cozy spot on the slopes |                          |
| 48 Sandwich                |                          |
|                            | 8 Relishes               |
|                            | 9 Eye part               |
|                            | 10 Cattle calls?         |
|                            | 11 In a lazy way         |
|                            | 16 Hearty quaff          |
|                            | 20 Joyful tune           |
|                            | 21 Lowly worker          |
|                            | 22 Stead                 |
|                            | 23 Press agent?          |
|                            | 24 "The March King"      |
|                            | 26 "OK" gesture          |
|                            | 27 Spanish greeting      |
|                            | 28 Oklahoma city         |
|                            | 29 See socially          |
|                            | 31 Only                  |
|                            | 35 Garden shelters       |
|                            | 37 Baseball's Hodges     |
|                            | 38 Scoundrels            |
|                            | 39 Sandwich treat        |
|                            | 40 Phone inventor        |
|                            | 41 Morsels               |
|                            | 44 Carrier to Amsterdam  |
|                            | 45 Cacophony             |
|                            | 46 Fed. property manager |
|                            | 47 Heart chart (Abbr.)   |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

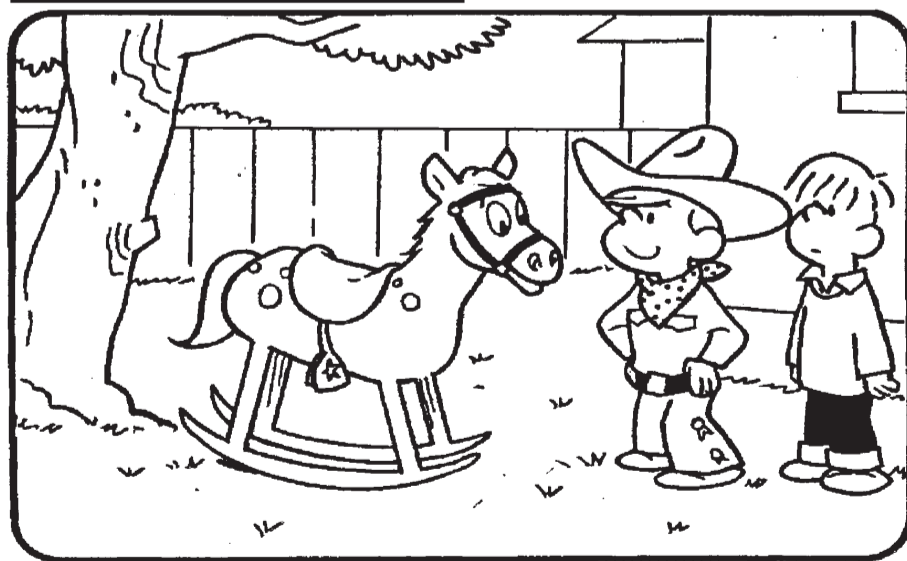
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

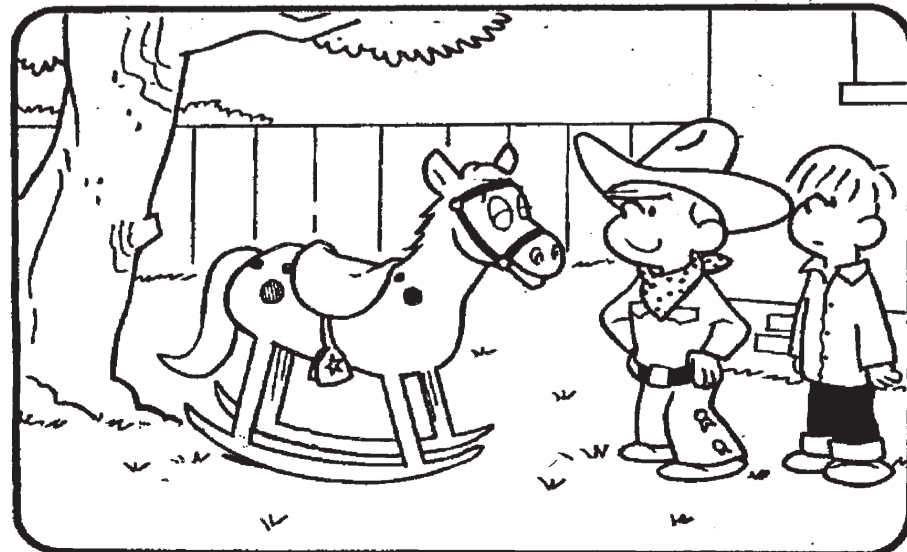
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

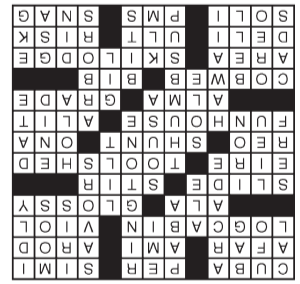
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



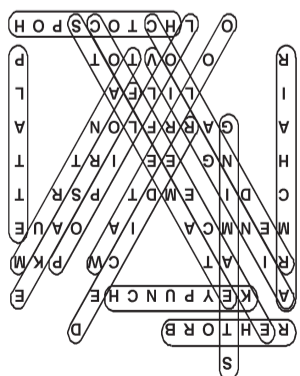
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spots are different. 2. Eyes are closed. 3. Sweater is missing. 4. Tail is longer. 5. House is missing. 6. Bricks are added.



King Crossword  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 23 mins.



WORDS CONTAINING A DRINK

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



# Classified **FREE!** Marketplace

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- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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*Your Local Newspaper:*

## A Great Learning Tool for Young Readers!

103  
AUCTIONS

### ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

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Roberts Train Collection Auction

BIDDING OPENS: SAT., SEPT. 11th @ 8 A.M.

Hack's Auction Antique Center

410 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL

Featuring a Large Collection (Hundreds) Vintage Lionel & American Flyer Trains! O, O27 & Standard Gauge Train Sets; Locomotives & Engines; Rolling Stock; Layout Accessories Incl. Buildings, Signs, Landscape; Many NIB; Much, Much More!

### REAL ESTATE AUCTION

WED., SEPT. 22nd - 5 P.M.

405 Division St., Pecatonica, IL

2-Story, 3-BR Home w/ 2-Car Over-Sized Garage on Corner Fenced Lot. Original Woodwork. Pecatonica Schools. Please Call for Details or Private Showing.

Hack's Auction & Realty Service

Greg & Swan Hachmeister, Auctioneers

Pecatonica, IL 815-239-1436

www.hacksauction.com | I.A.F.L. #44000128



### Upcoming Auctions:

"Highland Community College Bodyshop Equipment"

Saturday, September 25, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.  
Freeport, IL (parking in Lot "C")

Auctioneers Note: We are honored to have been chosen to sell at Public Auction the equipment, tools and supplies of the Highland College Autobody Program. A vast selection of many new tools, products, supplies, paint booth, frame machine & much more.

"The Roland "Chub" Knudsen Estate"

Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.  
419 US Rt. 30, Harmon, IL

Auctioneers Note: This is a lifetime accumulation of general household, farm equipment, tools & related. Make plans now to join us for this quality auction.

For details on these and other upcoming auction events

Log onto:

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www.auctionbug.biz

Troy Rudy, Auctioneer/Real Estate Broker

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815.297.4846



Not sure  
why business  
is slow?



is not just  
a saying  
in business.

**Advertise today  
and let your  
business be in sight  
and in the minds of  
your customers.**

Going once....

Going twice....

**SOLD!**

Thinking of buying or  
selling antiques, cars,  
personal property,  
homes or land?

Contact one of these  
local, qualified  
auctioneers.



## AUCTIONEER DIRECTORY

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**Garage Sale**  
LEAF RIVER  
10502 N Mulberry Rd.  
Thursday September 16th, Friday  
September 17th, 8am-4pm &  
Saturday September 18th,  
8am-Noon.  
Furniture, Rugs, Books, Quilts,  
Kubota Lawnmower, Grill, etc.

**Garage Sale**  
BYRON 8581 Sunset Dr.,  
Multi-Family Garage Sale  
Thursday September 16th, 5-7 pm.  
Friday September 17th, 8am-5 pm  
& Saturday September 18th,  
9am-4pm.  
Baby Items, Household, Furniture,  
Holiday Décor & More! PIA#34

**Garage Sale**  
MOUNT MORRIS  
109 W Main St.  
9am-4pm Daily  
September 16th, September 17th,  
September 23rd, & September 24th.  
No Clothes. Furniture, Linens,  
Collectibles & Miscellaneous.  
PIA#26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

IN RE )  
THE )Case  
ESTATE )No.  
OF )2021  
MARILYN )P 40  
BORDEN )  
DECEASED )

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

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

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

203  
HELP WANTED

**SITE or CARETAKER PERSON**  
Part time for  
Parkside Apartments  
in Mt. Morris  
Duties include:  
painting, apartment prep, clean, main-  
tenance repairs, minor plumbing &  
electrical, lawn work, now removal and  
light office duties.  
Send resume/letter of interest  
with experience to:  
swilson@apmwi.net  
Equal Opportunity Employers

**Buy, Sell, Trade or Rent  
through the  
Marketplace**

203  
HELP WANTED

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

101  
LEGAL NOTICE

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
(Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	FIDUCIARY	DISCREETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
Revenues (*Line 240)	119,186	172,486	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures (*Line 270)	141,576	108,970	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures (*Line 301)	(22,390)	63,516	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In (*Line 302)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out (*Line 303)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Proceeds (*Line 304)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (*Line 305)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance (*Line 306)	(22,390)	63,516	0	0	0	0	0	0
Previous Year Fund Balance (*Line 307)	484,458	633,066	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (*Line 308)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Year Ending Fund Balance (*Line 310)	462,108	696,582	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR</b>				
	0	0	0	0				
	(*Line 405)	(*Line 413)	(*Line 417)	(*Line 423)				

Subscribed and sworn to this 7th day of September 2021

*John Thompson*  
John Thompson - Treasurer

I, Paula Diehl, Clerk of Mount Morris Township, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

*Paula Diehl*  
Paula Diehl - Clerk

\*NOTE: Refers to the line numbers in the Comptrollers Annual Financial Report (AFR).

**We're Hiring**

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

**HELP WANTED EMPLOYMENT**

**Byron School District**  
**Openings:**  
**2nd Shift**  
**Custodial positions**  
**Special Education**  
**Paraprofessionals**  
**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

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2021

**TOWNSHIP -- REVENUE SUMMARY:**  
Property Taxes - \$115,462; Replacement Tax - \$13,072; Interest - \$3,139; Miscellaneous - \$5,187.  
TOTAL REVENUES: \$136,860.

**TOWNSHIP -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**  
Douglas Farley - \$22,287; Oakwood Cemetery - \$3,900; Plain View Cemetery - \$3,050; Silver Creek Cemetery - \$3,050; TOIRMA - \$2,503; Union Savings Bank - \$43,844; Union Savings Bank (Federal Taxes) - \$11,880; Village of Mt. Morris - \$2,803.  
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$11,424.  
TOTAL VENDORS: \$104,741.

**TOWNSHIP -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY:**  
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Gene Ashton; John Finfrock; Clarence Lumsden; John G. Thompson; Paula Diehl; David Nelson. Range: \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: Joel Lawrence.  
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$38,365.

**ROAD DISTRICT -- REVENUE SUMMARY**  
Property Taxes - \$126,854; Replacement Tax - \$26,545; Interest Income - \$1,263; Miscellaneous - \$150.  
TOTAL REVENUES: \$154,812

**ROAD DISTRICT -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY**  
Carroll Service Company - \$6,849; Civil Constructors Inc. - \$12,317; Galva Iron & Metal - \$3,620; Helm Truck & Equipment - \$4,822; Martin & Company - \$4,896; Ogle County Highway Dept - \$7,227; R.E. Wolber Sons & Excavating - \$10,883; Sicalco Ltd. - \$4,390; TOIRMA - \$5,572; Union Savings Bank (Federal Taxes) - \$6,496; Village of Mt. Morris - \$2,681.  
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$8,667.  
TOTAL VENDORS: \$78,420.

**ROAD DISTRICT -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY**  
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Andrew Floto; Jonathon Pearson.  
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$29,020.

**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."

**HELP WANTED EMPLOYMENT**

Byron CUSD #226 has an opening for a  
**Transportation Assistant**  
in the  
Transportation Department  
Please apply online at  
www.byron226.org  
Under the 'About Us' tab  
in the  
Employment Opportunities  
section  
Please call Barb Rundle at  
815-234-5491 x 400 for  
Additional information



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

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 A venue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054. Letters of Office were issued to Ronald L. Smith, 602 Ogle Avenue, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates i n d e p e n d e n t administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

### 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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### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

Furman Lawn Care and Tree Service. Mowing, Hedge Trimming, Painting, Interior and Exterior. Gutter Cleaning, Storm Damage Clean up, Spring and Fall and Much More. In Business Since 1999. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please Leave Message Will Return Call ASAP. Fully Insured. (TFN)

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/ Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

### 203 HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

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

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

### 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

ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or

### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**VILLAGE GREEN APARTMENTS**  
502-506 Barbara St.  
Mount Morris, IL  
Immediate openings for 1 bedroom apartment homes. Must be 62 years of age or older; disabled regardless of age. Included in rent; water, sewer and trash. All units have washer-dryer, stove, refrigerator & a/c units. Family pet welcome with a deposit.  
Interested parties, please contact:  
**815-234-2620**  
Contact us today to receive an application for your new home.  
Professionally Managed by CMS Management Company  
An Equal Opportunity Provider.

email dickharms@hotmail.com

### 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: East Kyte Rd. Saturday September 18th, 8am-4pm. Multi Garage Sales. Up To 7 Sales! (09-15-21)

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

TWO Husqvarna Push Mowers. Kohler Motor 5HP, \$80 Each, 815-275-6551. (09-12-21)

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

### 405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising

for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

**H.O.P.E.**  
For Free Help or Information Call **815-562-8890** 24 Hours  
All Calls Are Confidential.  
Support, Advocacy, Referral Services, Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.  
**HOPE of Ogle County**  
P.O. Box 131 Rochelle, IL 61068  
Public Service Announcement

### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**OREGON/ MT. MORRIS**  
Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR APTS. Water, sewer, garbage inc. w/most units. HOUSES some w/garages, all in like new condition. Starting at \$295/mo. 815-734-4348 or 815-590-2302

### 409 LOTS AND ACREAGE

**LAND FOR SALE**  
South Edge of Oregon  
33.7 - Acres South of Railroad and West of Rt. 2.  
33 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial \$9,500 Per Acre  
45.4 Acres South of Pines Road Between the Railroads 19.4 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial.  
Daniel J. Boehle, Managing Broker  
510 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL • 815-732-6050 815-751-0037  
-Boehlesmmgt@aol.com

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION**  
NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT  
• Refrigerators • Freezers • Washers/Dryers • Stoves  
We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.  
6331 11th Street, Rockford  
**815-874-2257**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

BINA Notice  
The President and Board of Park Commissioners of the Byron Park District, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Park District Conference Room, 500 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois 61010. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation refunding park bonds in an amount not to exceed \$480,000 to finance (a) the refunding of certain outstanding obligations of the District which were issued to finance (i) the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, and (ii) debt service on the District's outstanding General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, and (b) certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.  
By: /s/ Judd Griffith  
Title: Secretary  
No. 0907 (Sept. 13)

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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)

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## Why should you see a financial advisor?

The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from 6 feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

**Taking emotions out of investing.** During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As

a result, they sell investments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery – and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning. But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

**Maintaining perspective.** When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement. By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated significantly. And if you've

got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

**Understanding the history of investing.** The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause – a worldwide pandemic – is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000. However, market drops of 20 percent or more – generally referred to as bear markets – are not at

all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

## Ready for retirement?

What security Month. But what does retirement security mean to you? And how can you work toward achieving it?

Here are some suggestions:

**Build your resources.** While you're working, save in tax-advantaged accounts such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. In your 401(k), contribute at least enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Remember, especially early in your career, time is often your biggest asset. Be sure to save early, since the longer you wait, the more you'll need to save to help reach your goals.

Look for ways to boost retirement income. When transitioning to retirement, you can take steps to align your income with your needs. For example, consider Social Security. You can start collecting it as early as 62, but your

monthly payments will be much larger if you can wait until your "full" retirement age, typically between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.) So, if you have sufficient income from a pension or your 401(k) and other retirement accounts, and you and your spouse are in good health with a family history of longevity, you may consider delaying taking Social Security. You also might want to explore other income-producing vehicles, such as certain annuities that are designed to provide a lifetime income stream.

Prepare for unexpected costs. During your retirement, you can anticipate some costs, such as housing and transportation, but other expenses are more irregular and can't always be predicted, such as those connected with health care. Even with Medicare, you could easily spend a few thousand dollars a year on medical expenses, so you may want to budget

for these costs as part of your emergency savings, and possibly purchase supplemental insurance. You may also want to consider the possibility of needing some type of long-term care, which is not typically covered by Medicare and can be quite expensive. The average annual cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's about \$55,000 per year for a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To address these costs, you may want to consider some form of protection, such as long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component.

Do your estate planning. It's hard to feel totally secure in retirement if you're unsure of what might happen if you have an unexpected health event, become incapacitated or die earlier than expected. That's why you'll want to create a comprehensive estate plan.



## Get in the habit of saving more money each month

Saving is a vital component of financial planning. However, more than half of Americans are saving too little and do not have an accurate grasp of their spending habits.

A recent survey from Intuit Mint Life found that, in 2019, 59 percent of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck and 65 percent didn't know how much they were spending on a monthly basis. The situation is similar in Canada, where the annual BDO Canada Affordability Index indicates 53 percent of Canadians are living paycheck to paycheck and 25 percent say their debt load is overwhelming.

While there's no magic formula to save money, and the amount of money one should save each month depends on how he or she wants to live now and in the future, a handful of strategies can help people save more money each year.

• **Follow the 50/30/20 rule.** The popular 50/30/20 rule advocates for allocating 50 percent of your budget to essentials like rent, food and housing, 30 percent for discretionary spending and 20 percent for savings. Many people cannot save 20 percent of their income. In such instances, people can make a concerted effort to save 10 percent of their take-home pay.

• **Build an emergency fund.** The credit reporting agency Experian recommends consumers keep between three and six months' worth of expenses in an emergency fund. The fund should cover expenses on the absolute necessities paid each month, like utilities rent/mortgage and groceries.

• **Set goals.** Savings goals can help a person stay on track and provide motivation to put money away. Establish separate savings accounts for each goal to reduce the temptation to spend. For example, if the goal is to save more for vacations, then a person can open an account where funds are used exclusively for vacations.

• **Automate with your employer's help.** Certain employers allow workers to direct deposit a paycheck into more than one bank account. It's easy to request the payroll manager put 10 percent or 20 percent of a paycheck into a savings account while the remainder is deposited into a checking account. Automated deposits can help individuals get accustomed to living on less.

Saving money isn't always easy, but with goals and certain strategies in mind, it's possible for individuals to grow their savings and secure their financial futures.

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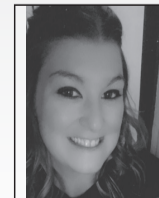
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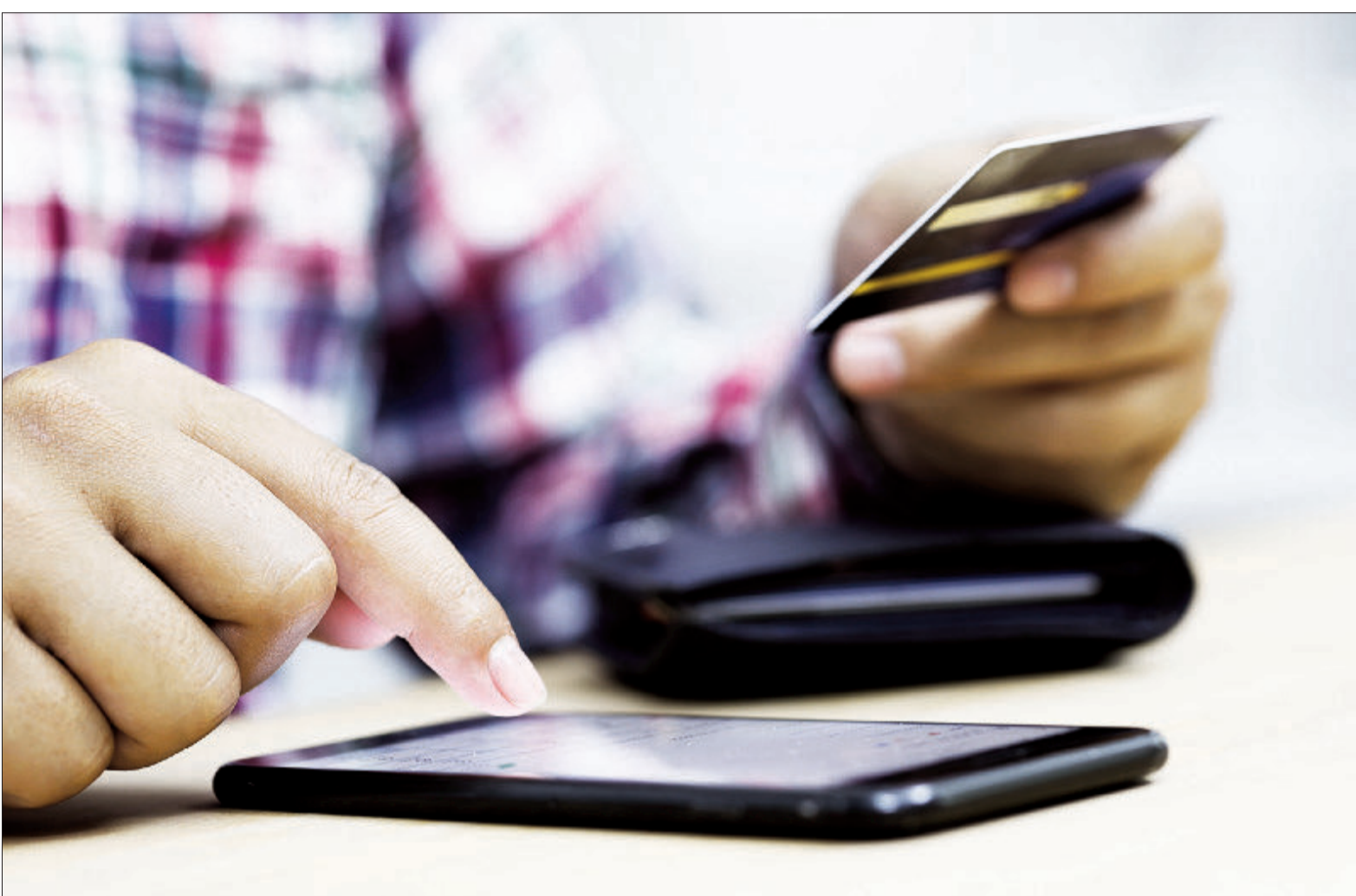
## Behaviors that can hurt your credit score

Credit plays a vital role in helping people realize their personal and financial goals. A good credit score can help people qualify for favorable home loan terms, ultimately paving the way for them to move into their dream homes. Strong credit histories also can help consumers earn perks, and young people who learn to use credit wisely can avoid potentially costly interest charges that tend to hamper many young adults' financial freedom.

Many consumers struggle with managing credit. According to FICO®, a data analytics company that developed the FICO score that many lenders use to determine consumer credit risk, more than 10 percent of consumers in the United States have credit scores lower than 550. Any score below 550 is considered very poor.

No two consumers are the same, but many struggling to establish good credit histories may engage in certain behaviors that can hurt their credit scores.

- **Taking out too many lines of credit:** Consumers without much experience managing their finances, such as college students and young adults, often find credit offers hard to resist. Retailers may offer significant discounts at checkout counters to shoppers willing to sign up for store credit cards. Inexperienced consumers may not recognize that such cards often feature inflated interest rates, especially when compared to more consum-



- er-friendly cards. Avoid opening too many credit accounts, as doing so can adversely affect your credit score and make it easy to lose track of spending.

- **Letting interest charges pile up:** Paying interest on consumer debt like credit cards will not help consumers improve their credit scores, so pay balances off immediately. That's easier to do if you only have one or two lines of credit that you monitor regularly.

- **Using credit for daily pur-**

chases: Credit is not cash in your pocket and it isn't money withdrawn directly from a checking or savings account, which is the case when using a debit card. So it's easy for consumers to lose track of their daily spending if they're doing that spending with a credit card. Balances can quickly pile up and, if they can't be paid off in full when the bill comes due, interest charges will begin to accumulate. This trap can be avoided if consumers

commit to using credit only in emergency situations or when purchasing big-ticket items that they know they can pay off when the credit card bill is due.

- **Failing to monitor credit score:** It's now easier than ever for consumers to track their credit scores. In fact, many credit card companies provide free monthly updates to card holders, who won't have to lift a finger to see if their scores have improved or worsened over the last 30 days. Con-

sumers should take advantage of this relatively recent perk so they can see just how their use of credit is affecting their overall scores. They can then use that knowledge to improve their scores going forward.

Certain behaviors can negatively affect consumers' credit scores. By learning about such behaviors and taking steps to avoid them, consumers can take a big step toward realizing their short- and long-term financial goals.

## Potential passive income streams

Jobs may be how many people earn their money, but there are other ways to generate income that may not require the level of effort of a nine-to-five gig.

Passive income streams can be a great way to earn substantial amounts of money. Passive income can be earned through investing in stocks, money market funds, real estate, livestock, or savings bonds. Lending money also can provide passive income. Though such income streams are described as "passive," they require an investment of time and/or money to get started.

Passive income streams enable the average person to make some extra money without taking on a full-time job. Unlike active income, where the more you work the more you earn, passive income often generates a flat level of return over time without the same level of commitment.

Passive revenue

streams are continually evolving. Modern passive investments are varied, and can include the following ideas.

### Home-rental service

Popular sites like Vacation Rental By Owner (Vrbo®) and Airbnb put interested parties in touch with potential landlords. Vacation property owners or people who do not spend a lot of time at a primary residence may find this is a lucrative way to earn some extra money. Properties located in popular tourist areas may garner considerable income.

### Digital products

Digital items, such as expert advice guides, books, informational articles, digital photography, digital artwork, and more can be sold online. The product only needs to be created once, and then it can be sold infinite more times to generate an ongoing revenue stream.

### Peer-to-peer lending

According to the financial wellness site MyMoneyWizard.com, peer-to-peer lending (P2P) is the practice of lending money to borrowers who may not qualify for traditional loans. P2P is a growing market that removes large financial institutions from the lending process. Lenders serve as the "bank," and the consumer pays interest on the principal. The loans can be handled through an intermediary like The Lending Club, which is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Real estate investment trusts

Real estate investment trusts, or REITs, offer the benefits of being a landlord without the hassle of dealing with fixing broken pipes or handling rowdy tenants. REITs are like stocks in real estate market. You purchase a share in a company that



owns, manages or invests in various real estate properties. The higher the dividend rates the higher

the risk, so investors must weigh REIT considerations carefully.

Passive income

streams are another way to earn extra money and can be lucrative for those who take time to invest.

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