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Society holds annual event

Davis Junction Museum and Historical Society holds picnic. **9A**

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Second tax bill due Sept. 10

Ogle County Collector Linda Beck reminds property owners that the second installment of their property tax bill is due Sept. 10.

Payment methods include cash or check (payable to Ogle County Collector). In-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office located in the "old" Courthouse at 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 114, Oregon or at any bank in Ogle County. Current restrictions will be wearing a mask in any county building and to keep six-foot distance from others.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. They strongly encourage the public to use their secure drop box located at the 5th Street address for taxpayers to deposit check payments at any time. Their mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061.

Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely. Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5 percent per month or part of a month after the due

date and must be remitted by mail or at the Collector's office.

Treasurer Beck's office is also offering the option of online credit card payments. You may get to this site by going directly to www.oglecounty.org/departments/treasurer. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

Chamber awards



Rebecca Hazzard RE/Max of Rock Valley was awarded Business of the Year by Chamber member Merlin Hagemann. For more photos, see Page 2A.

Oregon event honors local people, businesses

OREGON – The 2021 Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Awards were held at Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center on Aug. 19.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner is the night where the community celebrates a year's achievements, looks ahead to next year, and recognizes those in the community who have done so much to make the Oregon Area a

- better place.
- Winners were nominated by peers in the community.
 - * Business of the Year: Re/Max of Rock Valley
 - * Welcome to the Chamber: Simply Home
 - * Civic Leadership Award: Oregon United Methodist Church
 - * Citizens of the Year: Dr. Tom and Mrs. Jan Champley
 - * Volunteer of the Year: Mary Coulter

Thank you to our sponsors who support the chamber and would like to help recognize those in our community who go above and beyond to make our area a better place to live, work, and do business. E.D Etnyre and Company, Stillman Bank, Woods, Exelon, Re/Max of Rock Valley, City of Oregon, Martin and Company, Hazel's Cafe, Oregon Park District, Central Bank, and Oregon Rotary.



Above left, Hazzard (left to right) and Michelle Carreno, vice president of the Chamber Board, present the Volunteer of the Year award to Mary Coulter. Right photo, Dr. Tom Champley and Jan Champley, Citizens of the Year.

Masks required indoors

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that there will be a statewide indoor mask mandate for residents, regardless of vaccination status.

At a press conference on Aug. 26, Pritzker also announced a vaccination requirement for all health-care workers, including nursing home employees, all pre-k-12 teachers and staff, as well as higher education personnel and students.

The mask mandate goes into effect on Monday, Aug. 30.

"The quick spread of this disease in Illinois and across the country is holding us all back from the post-pandemic life we so desperately want to embrace, and it's harming the most vulnerable among us," Pritzker said. "We are running out of time as our hospitals run out of beds. Vaccination remains our strongest tool to protect ourselves and our loved ones, to restore post-pandemic life to our communities, and most crucially, to maintain our healthcare system's ability to care for anyone who walks through their doors in need of help – and Illinois is taking action to keep our communities safe."

The public health requirements come as regions with low vaccination rates continue to see a surge of COVID-19 hospitalizations, the governor's office said in a press release.

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LOCAL NEWS



Chamber awards

Above, Chris Weber, Diane Weber, owners of Simply Home, are given the Welcome to the Chamber Award by Jenni Winterland, a director on the Chamber Board. At right, Pastor Megan Smick of the Oregon United Methodist Church is awarded the Civic Leadership Award.



Nuke plants keep up with heat

Illinois' nuclear stations provided around-the-clock, carbon-free electricity to 11 million homes and businesses during hottest July on record, even as the closing of plants in Illinois looms.

As the world recorded its hottest month on record in July, Exelon Generation's Illinois nuclear plants, including Byron Generating Station in Ogle County, again operated at full power levels producing enough carbon-free electricity to keep air conditioners running and more than 11 million homes and businesses cool.

Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27, 2020 that it intends to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021. Byron will close in September 2021. That would mean not only the loss of about 700 jobs, but it will also mean the loss of millions of dollars in taxes locally.

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker has called for legislation that includes nearly \$700 in subsidies over five years for the nuclear plants, but no deal has been reached.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called July the hottest month since it began record keeping 142 years ago. Several hot weather alerts calling for maximum electricity generation in Illinois were issued by grid operators PJM and MISO during that

time, and Exelon's Illinois nuclear fleet answered the call, delivering 99 percent reliability in June and 99.9 percent in July.

Exelon's Illinois nuclear fleet regularly provides near-perfect reliability, one of many indicators that industry experts use to rate efficiency and performance. During the hottest months of 2019 and 2020, Illinois nuclear reactors also operated 98.9 percent and 99.2 percent of the time respectively.

During the hottest summer days and coldest winter nights, Exelon Generation's nuclear fleet has been critical to meeting peak electricity demand in Illinois. Having Illinois' nuclear fleet available during times of peak demand means the system does not need to rely as much on fossil plants when the temperature spikes, avoiding harmful air pollution that disproportionately affects communities of color and low-income communities.

Summer resiliency and reliability requires year-long planning, preparation, and maintenance. This spring, operators and maintenance personnel performed thousands of inspections, tests, and equipment repairs at each of the nuclear sites to ensure plant systems would remain available during some of the most critical times of the year.

MASKS: Outbreaks in schools reported

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In IDPH region 5, Southern Illinois, with the lowest vaccination rate in the state at 44 percent, only 3 percent of ICU beds are available as the region experiences the highest case rate in the state.

Since Aug. 1, local health departments across the state have reported

27 COVID-19 outbreaks at schools and currently hundreds of schools are being monitored for potential COVID-19 exposures.

While face coverings are not required outdoors, masks are strongly encouraged in crowded outdoor settings like festivals and concerts as well as for activities that require close contact with people who are not vaccinated.

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LOCAL NEWS

Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants available

The final round of Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants for 2021 available from the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department is coming up in September.

The grants are for businesses, schools, churches or non-profit groups wanting to establish or improve waste reduction and recycling programs and services.

The grants are up to \$2,000, and funds are limited, so they will be awarded on a competitive basis in amounts from \$100-\$2,000. Applicants must provide a minimum 20% match of the total project cost. The deadline for submittal of applications for this last round of grants is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The application for the grants is

simple and flexible. Businesses could use grant funds to help purchase waste reduction and recycling materials and equipment such as collection bins, carts, balers and storage containers. Equipment needed to switch from disposable packaging to reusable packaging for products and supplies could also be considered. Businesses are encouraged to consider projects to reduce food waste or implement food waste recycling programs.

Waste hauling companies could use grant funds to improve the quantity and quality of materials collected in their curbside recycling collection programs. This could be done through promotional efforts, instructional stickers for carts

and bins, direct mail, and other educational efforts.

Schools may seek funds to restart recycling programs for students and staff, or for special projects that will further a student's understanding of how to reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill. The requests may be for materials and equipment, such as recycling bins/carts, videos, books, worm (vermicomposting) bins, composters, or other waste reduction or recycling equipment.

Municipalities seeking to improve commercial, curbside, or multifamily recycling programs are encouraged to apply. Grant applications for equipment and materials needed to improve electronics recycling options in Ogle County

will also be considered.

These are just examples, and applicants are encouraged to find innovative ways to reduce waste and increase what is recycled. The grants may not be used to pay for ongoing expenses such as staffing, collection, and hauling costs. Priority will be given to new applicants.

All applications will be reviewed by the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and the Ogle County Board Solid Waste Committee.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, solid-waste@oglecounty.org, or visit www.oglecounty.org.

New shed for cans

Stillman Valley Lions Dan Janes, Marty Typer, Bruce Roe and Joseph Hazlip recently put together a shed so the Lions can store the cans they gather to earn money for grade school books. Please donate cans only - no garbage. The shed opens from the east side. The handles do not turn and are only decorative.



Free veteran breakfast Sept. 18

The Veterans Assistance Commission Of Ogle County is inviting Ogle County veterans and one guest and current military members to a free breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Oregon VFW Post 8739.

The post is located at 1310 W. Washington Street in Oregon.

The breakfast will be

held from 9-11 a.m. You will be able to meet Luz Maria Gilkey to make an appointment for any Veteran benefits question that you may have. There will be several guest speakers at this event as well.

Please come and join us as it is our mission to help any eligible Veterans of Ogle County

to identify VA benefits available to them. A Special Thank You to the Oregon VFW Post 8739 and its staff for hosting and assisting with this veterans breakfast event.

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be an optional "free will" offering collection to help defray the costs.

Church hosting community pork chop dinner

MONROE CENTER - MC Community Church will hold a pork chop dinner and live auction on Sept. 11.

The church is located at 17435 IL Hwy Rt. 72 in Monroe Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (shop raffles), with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Live auction with Todd Wills is at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased before Sept. 5. Contact Renee at 815-757-4232. Seating is limited.

The menu includes Double OO pork chop, au gratin potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, assorted desserts and beverages.

Proceeds go to support nine missions.

Ogle County Democrats to hold annual fundraiser Sept. 19

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.

State offering free shot clinic in Mt. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is offering a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic Monday, Aug. 30, from 2-5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 E. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available for people 18 years and older. The Pfizer vaccine will also be available. You must be 12 or older to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which will require a second shot. The staff will help you find a clinic for the second shot.

Attendees can pre-register and schedule

your appointment at <https://idph-mychart.pchosted.com/IDPH/signupandschedule/embeddedschedule?vt=24629&d-ept=9001410010746>. Or, scan the QR code at www.trinitymmil.net to access the online registration. A volunteer will also be available at the church during clinic hours to help people register immediately before receiving the vaccine. If registering onsite you may experience a wait time.

If you can't attend this event but would like a vaccine please find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov or calling the hotline: 1-833-621-1284.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Lenora B. Bakener

MOUNT MORRIS — Lenora B. Bakener, 99, of Mt. Morris, formerly of Polo died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021 at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.



Lenora was born Dec. 3, 1921, in her parents' farm home northeast of Morrison, the daughter of Olive Cassell Cassens and Ernest H. Cassens. She was educated in the Whiteside County Schools. She attended and graduated from The James School, a country one-room school for 8 grades, graduated from Morrison High School, 1939, and The Scovill Schools of Business in Sterling. Her first employment was a stenographer in Whiteside County Department of Public Welfare, Morrison. About 3 years later, she was the bookkeeper for the Blackhawk Co-op Hybrid Seed Corn Assn., Polo. Lenora married Everett R. Bakener on October 4, 1946 in the Polo United Methodist Church. They lived on and Everett operated the family farm northwest of

grandchildren Adam (Stephanie Armoska) Bakener, Orion, Jonathan (Angie) Bakener, Franklin Grove, Alicia (Stephen Stocklen) Bakener, Orion, Amy (Enrique) Van der Kloot Vazquez, Des Plaines, Michael Van der Kloot, Evanston; three great-grandchildren Vivian Bakener, Franklin Grove, Brandon Bakener, Orion, Garrett Bakener, Orion; sister Arvilla Siddens, Sterling, sister-in-law Jean Ditzler Cassens, Rockford, half-sister Nancy Cassens, Sterling; many Nieces and Nephews.

Lenora is preceded in death by husband Everett; infant granddaughter Julie Van der Kloot; Two Brothers; Three Sisters-in-law; Two Brothers-in-law; and a Nephew.

Visitation was Friday, Aug. 27, 2021 from 10-11 a.m. at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St. Polo. Services began at 11 a.m. with burial immediately following at the Brick Church Cemetery in rural Polo.

Howard Harold Flick

POLO — Howard Harold Flick, 94, of Polo, Illinois passed away on Aug. 18th, 2021 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Hospice Care. Howard was a Navy veteran, then draftsman, architect, estimator, and artist.



Howard was born in Chicago on Oct. 1st, 1926 to Helen Krapell Flick and Carl Flick. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served in the Pacific Theatre for 3 years on LST 916 as Fireman, First Class. His service took him to many places, including the Solomon Islands, the Philippines and Japan. He came home to complete his diploma at Lane Technical High School in Chicago. After graduation, he worked for several architectural firms in Chicago, then for General Doors and Montgomery Ward.

He married Wanda Kolach (1928-2002) on Aug. 28, 1948. They loved remodeling homes together and established Spring Acres Girls Camp in Mt. Morris, in 1966.

Howard finished his working career as a construction estimator with Sjostrom and Sons of Rockford, IL. He loved his job and enjoyed involvement with new construction projects and renovation of places such as the Courthouse in Freeport and the DeSoto Hotel in Galena.

His surviving relatives include daughters Deborah Brue (Allen), Rebecca Iverson (Jim) and Cynthia Hongsermeier (Bruce), 7 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren, and a niece, 3 nephews, and cousin in-law. Howard also leaves behind his beloved friend Vicenta

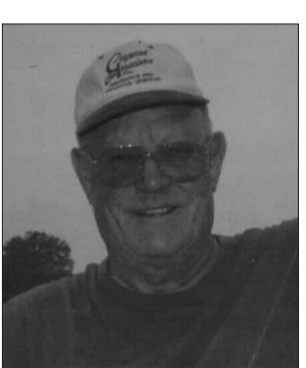
(Vicky) Pantuso of Polo, who was a 12-year companion and caregiver to him.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7th, visitation, service, internment and military salute will occur at an open-air tent near the gravesite in the Fairmount Cemetery- Catholic section, Polo. Please bring a folding chair if you will be staying for the memorial service and military salute. Visitation will start at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bruce McKanna of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris will conduct services beginning at 11:30 a.m. A Celebration of Life will follow in the banquet room of Dad's Bar and Grill and Pine-cricker Café on Mason Street in Polo.

Guests may wish to order flowers by Friday 9/3, from Country Floral of Polo, to insure early delivery to the cemetery tent on the morning of the service (815-946-3952). Guests are also welcome to bring lawn chairs for comfort.

Floyd N. Perkins

OREGON — Floyd N. Perkins, age 91, passed away at Generations at Neighbors in Byron on Aug. 21, 2021. He was born on Jan. 4, 1930 in Elmhurst, the son of Floyd and Alice (Hinds) Perkins.



He is a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Korean War. Floyd married Grace Behagan on July 25, 1964 in Elmhurst; she preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 2014. He worked as a contractor and builder until retirement. Floyd loved the being on the Mississippi River and spent many hours

missed by his sons, Bob Perkins of Leland, William (Nancy) Pearn of Batavia, and Timothy (Patty) Pearn of Naperville; and grandchildren, Bill, Tyler, Allison, Kelly, and Emily.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brothers, Melvin and Jack.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials are established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com.

out boating or fishing. He was a self-made man and incredibly organized. But, most of all he was a family man who enjoyed raising 3 rambunctious boys.

He is survived and

Raymond 'Ray' Edwin

Raymond "Ray" Patrick Edwin passed away peacefully on Aug. 19, 2021 due to complications from heart surgery. He was born in Rockford on Aug. 6, 1947. Ray graduated from Harlem High School in 1966 where he was an excellent athlete. He retired as the first million dollar sales representative for V.I.P. He was also very proud of his career with Loves Park Police Department. He met his soulmate, Julie Hagemann, in 1975 and they were inseparable for 46 years.



over 25 years. Jamaica became his home away from home and that is where he is best known as "Rambo," the legend.

Ray will be remembered as a kind, loving gentlemen who gave great hugs. He always had a joke or funny story to tell to captivate an audience. He stayed positive in times of doubt, taught us to love unconditionally and to be free as a bird because he always said, "we were given feet not roots for a reason."

Survivors include his wife, Julie. Son, James Edwin. Daughter, Michelle Morris (Ken Spoden). Granddaughters, Alyssa Morris (Devan Ferguson) and Bryanna Morris. Great-grandchildren, Ryder Ray and Journi Sue. Father and Mother-in-law, Tobe and Donna Hagemann. Sisters-in-law, Christy (Jim) Bachman and Shari (Randy) Martin and nieces and nephews. His beloved fur companions, Shelby and Cooper. He is predeceased by his parents Maurice "Bud" and Helen Edwin.

His "go for it" attitude will live on in our hearts forever. There will be a celebration of life for family and friends at a later date. Condolences can be given online or sent to Sundberg Funeral Home in Rockford.

Mable Stienmetz-Mann

Mable Jean Stienmetz-Mann died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 while at Ozark Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jeanine battled courageously against her fight with cancer.

She was born Aug. 29, 1961 in Oregon, the daughter of John W. Stienmetz and Lena M. Stienmetz.

Jeanine enjoyed gardening, raising and caring

for baby farm animals and being the first to spot the returning robins that came with the spring time season. In addition, Jeanie was a talented crafter and painter, crocheter of many blankets and other articles of comfort, and canning and cooking, all done for the love of her family and friends.

Survivors include her sisters: Mary Lundquist of Rochelle, and Barbara

Ann Frost of S. Beloi; brothers: Jack Stienmetz of Lakehills, Texas, and Ted Stienmetz, Oregon; nieces and nephews, and companion, Jeff Sartorius, Osage Beach, Mo.

Memorials may be directed to Lake Regional Health Systems, Home Health-Hospice, 54 Hospital Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Byron Police report

July 23
Byron Police arrested Dawn Stiff, 52 of Mt. Morris, on a warrant. Stiff was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Kaitlyn Collins, 22 of Polo, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Sign.

July 26
Byron Police arrested Kaitlynn Lawson, 22 of Byron, for Domestic Battery. Lawson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held without bond.

July 30
Phillip Campbell, 22 of Rockford, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Driving While License is Suspended.

Byron Police arrested Dennis Butt, 64 of Byron, for Driving Under the Influence and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Butt was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 31
Johnathan Reid, 29 of Rockford, was issued citations for No Proof of

Insurance and Driving While License is Suspended.

Aug. 1
Kelly Cryer, 56 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle (Non-Odor Proof Child Resistant Container).

Aug. 6
Brittany Vyas, 27 of Rock Falls, was arrested on a Rockford warrant. Vyas was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Aug. 15
Michael Sawyer, 33 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 56 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Tracy Reeder, 54 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Aug. 17
Byron Police arrested Brianna Moore, 26 of Rockford, on a Warren County warrant. Moore was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Moore was also issued citations for No Valid Driver's License and No Proof of Insurance.

Report policy

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

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Mount Morris Police report

Aug. 3
A Citation was issued to Alex M. Moutrey, 26, Mt. Morris for Traffic Sign Violation.

Debra L. Erickson, 41, Mt. Morris was arrested for Domestic Battery. Erickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

LOCAL NEWS

Polo Police report

Aug. 3
TIME: 5:19 p.m.
REPORT: Marcelo Castillo, 29, Mount Morris, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Castillo was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 11:33 p.m.
REPORT: Derek Benevento, 23, Sterling, was issued a City Ordinance Citation for Possession of Cannabis not more than 10 grams.

Aug. 5
TIME: 11:55 a.m.
REPORT: Alyssa M. Trotter, 28, Polo, was arrested for Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance. Trotter was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Aug. 6
TIME: 7:28 p.m.
REPORT: Calvin Locey, 35, Rock Falls, was cited for Unlawful Use of a Cell Phone. Locey was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 7
TIME: 9:10 a.m.
REPORT: Miguel Rodriguez, 38, Chilton, TX, was cited for Driving While License Suspended and Failure to Wear a Seat Belt. Rodriguez was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 9
TIME: 6:07 p.m.
REPORT: Rebecca L. Cantrell, 61, Dixon, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Cantrell was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 10
TIME: 3:16 p.m.
REPORT: Stephanie J. Drought, 38, Polo was issued a City Ordinance Citation for Unlawful Use of a Cell Phone.

TIME: 4:10 p.m.
REPORT: Kary a. Mowry, 49, Chana, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Mowry was released on a I-Bond.

Aug. 13
TIME: 3:40 p.m.
REPORT: Audrey Vinson, 61, Dixon, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Vinson was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 14
TIME: 7:25 p.m.
REPORT: Ian Kaufman, 18, Oregon, was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Kaufman was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 15
TIME: 2:03 P.M.
REPORT: Rachel R. Ware, 34, Oregon, was cited for Unlawful Use of a Cell Phone and a Warning Ticket for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of August 2, 2021 thru August 15, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	24
Juvenile	5
Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	9
Alarm/Open Door	4
Lock Out	2
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	50
County Assists	3

Aug. 17
TIME: 1:07 p.m.
REPORT: Jenea A. Bourgeois, 25, Polo, was cited Speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph speed zone and Driving While License Suspended. Bourgeois was released with a Notice to Appear.

Aug. 18
TIME: 8:05 p.m.
REPORT: Jerry L. Shepard, 36, Polo, was cited for Driving While License Revoked, out of permitted times. Shepard was released with a Notice to Appear.

Aug. 21
TIME: 4:40 p.m.
REPORT: Mackenzie Schleicher, 25, Rock Falls, was cited for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Schleicher was released on an I-Bond.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Aug. 13
At approximately 1:39 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 Mile Marker 111. After investigation, Deputies arrested Javier Torres, 40 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked. Torres was also issued a citation for Littering on a Highway. Torres was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

Aug. 11
At 6:44 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at 2nd and Walnut in Byron on a 2006 Ford Focus. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Lisa K McCoy, 61, of Stillman Valley for Driving While License Revoked and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Lorazepam). McCoy was transported to the Ogle County Corrections Center and will appear in court on 8-12-21.

At approximately 3:09 p.m., Deputies responded to the 1,000 block of N. Daysville Road in reference to a single motorcycle accident with injuries. Upon arrival, Deputies learned a 2007 Victory Motorcycle driven by Colton Shaw, 27 of Oregon was traveling northbound on Daysville Road when he lost control while negotiating a curve. Shaw then laid down his motorcycle on the paved roadway before sliding off of the east side of the roadway and coming to rest. Shaw was transported to Mercy Riverside Hospital for non-life threatening injuries by Oregon EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

Aug. 10
At 5:15 p.m. approximately, the Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies investigated a disturbance at the Meridian Junior High School in Stillman Valley. Rhonda Fager, 40, of rural Stillman Valley was arrested for criminal trespass to property after refusing to leave the building. She was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

Aug. 9
At approximately 9:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the intersection on Unity Road and Buffalo Road for the report of a possible single vehicle accident with unknown injuries. As Deputies arrived on scene, it was determined that a brown Ford Taurus was traveling eastbound on Buffalo Road, failed to yield at the intersection,

and crashed into the east ditch embankment of Unity Road. After the further investigation, the driver Aric J. Bender, 42 of Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Bender was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Bender was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol (Open Container), and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

At approximately 8:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Freeport Road at Harper Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Justin L. Krull, 33 of Freeport, for Driving On Expired License (more than one year). Krull was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Krull was also cited for Improper Use of Registration.

At approximately 8:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the 7000 block of N Kishwaukee Road. After further investigation Deputies arrested Christopher Howard, 32 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Christopher was taken to the Ogle County Jail in Lieu of bond.

Aug. 8
At 11:10 a.m. Deputies responded to a two-motorcycle crash in the 5000 block of Illinois Rte. 64. After a short investigation it was determined that a 2007 Harley Davidson operated by Michael Avolio, 53 of North Riverside, IL was traveling west on Illinois Rte. 64 behind a 2014 Harley Davidson operated by Dale Detman, 67 of Plainfield, Illinois, when Dale slowed for a vehicle in traffic. Michael struck Dale and lost control causing the Harley Davidson to slide on the left side. Michael Avolio and his passenger Cheryl Serpico, 62 of North Riverside, IL were transported to KSB Hospital for minor injuries by Oregon Fire.

Aug. 7
At 8:39 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 3000 block of S. IL Rt. 2 for a single vehicle crash with no injuries. After an investigation, it was determined Randall L. Clark, 51 of Dixon was traveling southbound, when he left the roadway, striking a rock wall on the west side of the road. The vehicle then traveled eastbound across the center line, and the northbound lane. The vehicle came to rest on

the east side of the roadway. Clark was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Clark was also cited for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to prevent an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Clark was transported to the Ogle County jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:26 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock and Rochelle EMS responded to the 2000 block of S. Lynnville Rd for a one vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation, it was determined that Michael Drendel, 22 of Lindenwood, was traveling northbound on S. Lynnville Rd. Drendel lost control of the vehicle, at which time he entered the east ditch, striking an embankment. Drendel's vehicle continued into a bean field at which time the vehicle was believed to roll over two times before coming to rest upright on all four tires. Drendel was transported to the Rochelle Community hospital for minor injuries by Lynn Scot Rock Ambulance. Front seat passenger, Nolan Turner, 22 of Rochelle, was transported to OSF Saint Anthony's by Rochelle Ambulance for suspected major injuries. Drendel was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage and Operate an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Drendel was given an I bond and left in the care of Rochelle Community Hospital personnel.

Aug. 6
At approximately 10:14 p.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock EMS personnel responded to the 14000 block of E. IL Rte 72, for a one vehicle accident with suspected minor injuries. After investigation, it was determined that Adam Moschel, 55 of Monroe Center, was traveling westbound on E. IL Rte 72. Moschel then entered the north ditch, at which time he struck a telephone pole. Moschel fled the scene but was located shortly by the Ogle County K9 Unit and transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for minor injuries from the accident. Moschel was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Open Container/Alcohol, Failure to Give Notice of an Accident, Operate an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lane Usage. Moschel received an I bond and was left in the care of Rochelle Community Hospital personnel.



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LOCAL NEWS

Farmers market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 8 am to noon, Sunshine Park, Il Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. Pam Rediger, Rockford, makes glass yard art and Flowers from recycled plates. We had more than 30 vendors last week. Come check it out!



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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Chamber organizing Community Cleanup Day

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce something brand new in partnership with several of our amazing local businesses and non-profit groups. It's that time of year when the seasons are changing and our yards and porches might need a little sprucing up. Let's all

do it together on the same day. Oregon's Community Cleanup Day will be Sept. 12 with a rain date on the 26. Join your friends and neighbors to mow, weed, maybe plant a few mums and make a fun day of it. If you're struggling right now to keep your yard mowed, toss rubbish, or afford

to spruce up the place: we understand and volunteers would like to help. See oregonil.com or call Liz Vos, executive director at 815-732-2100. Please reach out for help before Sept. 5. See all the details and sign up for assistance at oregonil.com/oregons-community-clean-up-day/

Thank you to volunteers: Oregon United Methodist Church, Oregon Together, Oregon CUSD 220, Lions Club of Oregon, IL, St Paul Lutheran Church NALC, City of Oregon, Illinois, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and The Other Side Boutique and Woods Equipment.

Muddy Boots & Whiskers will be at Art in the Park in Freeport Sept. 5

LEAF RIVER – Tara Hagemann announces that Muddy Boots & Whiskers will participate in this year's Art in the Park.

The Freeport Park District and The Freeport Art Museum present this annual event every Sunday before Labor Day. This year's event will take place from 10 a.m.-5p.m. on Sept. 5, at Krape Park located at 1799 South Park Blvd, Freeport. For more information about *Art in the Park*, please visit their website: www.artintheparkfreeport.com or their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/artintheparkfreeport Muddy Boots & Whiskers is a culmination of her love of her family's multi-generational small Hereford beef farm and photography. Her family farm provides many opportunities to photograph the things she loves, like farming, cattle and cats! So, after 17 years working in adver-

tising, she decided life's too short and she needed to do something she loves. If you would like to see her artwork in person, take home a unique piece of artwork or find the perfect gift item, she encourages you to head out to Art in the Park. She will have home décor such as wall portraits in canvas, metal and wood as well as boutique gift items such as notecards, magnets, coasters, insulated lunch bags and totes that feature her farm photography. Muddy Boots & Whiskers will have a presence at other area events throughout the fall season as well. Stay tuned on her website, www.muddybootsandwhiskers.com, Facebook page, www.facebook.com/muddybootsandwhiskers and Instagram www.instagram.com/muddybootsandwhiskers for up-to-date event information.



Randy Holland, left, and Larry Lamb are popular singers at First Fridays as a duo and as separate performers.

First Fridays back in Oregon Sept. 3

OREGON – First Fridays Open Mic returns to Northside BarbaQ's theater this Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. The show will, as always, feature a wide range of singers and musicians, each performing in 15 minute sets. Their styles vary, but the emphasis is on acoustic music. The theater is located in the back of the restaurant at 117 North 4th St. in Oregon. Admission to the show is free. While enjoying the music, you can also order from the Northside's menu of barbecued beef, pork, and chicken dinners and sandwiches. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 30

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is offering a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic from 2-5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 E. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available for people 18 years and older.

Tues., Aug. 31

Needles and Hooks at the Byron Public Li-

brary, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring your own craft project to work on with new and old friends! Space is limited, so please register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or by calling the library at 815-234-5107.

Weds., Sept. 1

The Mount Morris Public Library will be having story time on Wednesdays at 11:15 starting today. Donna Wells will

be our guest reader. All preschool children are welcome.

Fri., Sept. 3

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. 4

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

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VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Sept. 17, 1796, President George Washington prepares a final draft of his farewell address. Two days later, his words appeared in Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser, officially notifying the American public that he would voluntarily step down as the nation's first president. Rarely in the history of Western civilization has a national leader voluntarily relinquished his title.

* On Sept. 18, 1893, New Zealand becomes the world's first country to grant national voting rights to women. The United States granted women the right to vote in 1920, and Great Britain followed in 1928.

* On Sept. 16, 1932, in his cell near Bombay, Mohandas Gandhi begins a hunger strike in protest of the British government's decision to separate India's electoral system by caste. Gandhi worked all his life to spread his own brand of passive resistance.

* On Sept. 14, 1944, the U.S. 1st Marine Division lands on the tiny island of Peleliu in the Pacific as part of a larger operation to provide support for an invasion of the Philippines. The Marines suffered heavy losses, with 4,000 men killed in the first week alone.

* On Sept. 15, 1978, boxer Muhammad Ali defeats Leon Spinks at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans to win the world heavyweight boxing title for the third time in his career. Ali left the sport permanently in 1981.

* On Sept. 18, 1987, cesium-137 is removed from an abandoned cancer-therapy machine in Brazil. Junk yard workers, fascinated by the glowing blue stone inside and unaware of its dangers, gave pieces to friends, relatives and neighbors. Hundreds of people were eventually poisoned by radiation, and 40 contaminated homes had to be demolished.

* On Sept. 13, 1990, the drama series "Law & Order" premieres on NBC. It will go on to become one of the longest-running prime-time dramas in TV history and spawn several popular spinoffs.

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A rare moment in a world gone mad

I sat on my motorcycle on that very hot day watching bike after bike after bike pull out onto the road.

I was in Indianapolis, Ind., with friends for a charity ride recently. More than a thousand motorcycles and probably 2,000 people or so had shown up for the annual ride, which benefitted a local children's hospital. Over the years, the ride had raised millions for the hospital, which does not charge families for the care.

It had been a hot weekend – temperatures in the upper 90s with very high humidity – but that didn't stop people from coming out and supporting the event. We rode from Rockford, but there were bikers from all over the place.

We were at the back of the biggest group ride I had ever been on. By the time we got back from the ride, which took us past the hospital to rev engines and honk for the kids, the people who were at the front of the ride had already eaten their lunch and finished their first water.

The day before the big ride, we had a "poker run."

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



People started at a variety of Harley-Davidson dealerships in that area of Indiana (we started in Muncie) and all ended at the same place in Indianapolis. Every group had to make stops at businesses on the way back to the city to get a stamp. At the end of the ride, they drew cards for those stamps. Get a good hand, you win. I did not get a good hand.

The poker run cost \$50, which was the donation for the charity ride. A guy from the area who was alone tagged along with me and a friend. So did two motorcycles carrying people from Ohio who had no GPS. Our little band

spent the next few hours together riding, chatting and generally trying not to melt.

No arguments, no big statements, no negativity. It was quite nice.

The next day, as people gathered for the main event, it was a sea of bikes and black T-shirts. In that gathering, I am sure there were people of most religions, of political beliefs that swung from hard right to hard left and everything in between. There were people who looked like lawyers and people who looked like outlaw bikers.

It was a mixed bag of humanity.

But do you know what there wasn't? Any arguments or disagreements. People of all kinds shoulder to shoulder on a steaming hot day and there were plenty of smiles and lots of friendly conversation.

Remember when this used to be the norm? I do too. These days we are so entrenched in our beliefs that we can't even be around people who don't agree with us. Everything is black and white.

But you know what? It's not. You can support

Black Lives Matter and the police. You can support the police but demonstrate against the actions of violent officers.

You can be a churchgoer but be friends with an atheist. You can love or dislike a president and still be friends with those who feel the opposite.

Remember when this was the way things were? It wasn't really that many years ago. And we can get there again. We just need to shut our mouths more and open our ears. The vitriol needs to stop. The anger needs to be put in check. Let's be passionate about the things we agree on and use that as a starting point.

I sat in a large tent after the ride, sweating and drinking water after water. There were live auctions going on and people wandered around, talking. I didn't see a bad look or hear a raised voice – except for the rapid-fire cadence of the auctioneer.

It was nice. But also a little sad that it felt like a rare moment in a huge public storm that seems to have no end.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

We must commit to fixing democracy's flaws

Dear Editor,

Ever since the Jan. 6 attack on the capitol I have tried to understand just who the insurgents were and what was going through their minds. Of course, we all understand who lit the fire and fanned the flames, but what made these "foot soldiers" so willing to answer the call?

Right-wing extremist groups such as the Proud Boys, Three Percenters, and Q-Anon were involved, but most of the insurgents had little in common with them. The insurgents tended to be considerably older white men with an average age of 40. Most were employed middle and lower-middle class citizens, and a significant number were business men and white-collar workers. Hochschild (U/Calif. Sociologist) refers to them as "the elite of the left behind."

The insurgents came from nearly every state in the union, but few came from large metropolitan areas. 52% came from counties that Biden had won rather than from "Red" counties. A significant number came from

counties that had previously held a non-Hispanic white majority that had been lost.

Another telling statistic was the prevalence of financial difficulty among the insurgents: bankruptcy, back taxes, and outstanding debt.

Several authors indicated that the insurgents thought of themselves as victims – "We deserved better!" Armaly's study of "victimhood" suggests that their feelings may have come from their own narcissism rather than actual circumstances. None the less, they felt they had lost ground to immigrants, minorities and the wealthy. Trump's name calling and "Give 'em Hell Harry" style provided a voice for their hurt and anger. Though their response was largely emotional rather than policy directed, the government became their scapegoat.

Hochschild contends that the insurgents had lost faith in democracy itself. A true democracy attempts to give everyone an equal voice despite race, sex, religion, wealth,

or country of origin. The insurgents and their leaders seemed to give little support to those ideals. One of the hallmarks of a democracy is the peaceful transfer of power. Had the insurgents been successful, our democracy might well have become a dictatorship.

Rather than becoming victims of a lost democracy, we should commit ourselves to changing our democracy's flaws. Some of those flaws are: The increasing influence of "big money" through lobbying, campaign contributions, and the effects of "Citizens United," Gerrymandering which has allowed politically biased state legislatures to control congressional redistricting; and The ability of the Senate to control legislation (partially through the filibuster), despite the fact that it represents an ever-decreasing percentage of the population.

(Sources: Chauncey DeVega, Arlie Hochschild, Robert Pape, and Miles Armaly)

Delmar Lohr, Forrester

Problem on the southern border is going to spread

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring light to the crisis on the U.S. – Mexican Border by potentially informing you or our local residents. Firstly, the issues on the border are worse than the media portrays, with thousands and thousands of illegal immigrants, cartel members, rapists, and criminals entering

the United States weekly. Many citizens along the border have to live in fear of mobs of immigrants storming farms and homes. This problem could spread further than the border and affect states like California, Illinois and New York because they provide sanctuary for illegal immigrants.

I spoke with State

Sen. Dave Syverson who informed me that apart from the people sneaking into the United States, the government is silently transporting hundreds and thousands of immigrants to these sanctuary states and cities where the immigrants get more food, water and many other wants or needs for free while working American

citizens struggle to maintain those commodities. Allowing these things to keep happening on our borders is putting Americans at risk and using millions of taxpayer dollars to feed, clothe and shelter illegal immigrants.

Luke Hoffman, student, Lincoln High School (Homeschool)

Politicians lying to citizens clearly not a one-way street

Dear Editor,

The discussion around Covid-19 almost always seems to break down into two major categories. The first is the real threat, whether that be immigration, crime, terrorism or some other corporate news boogymen. The second is principled concern over regulations and infringement of civil rights. This usually revolves around mask mandates, social distancing recommendations or vaccine requirements. Both of them are completely disingenuous.

Proving that Covid-19 has killed – and will kill – more people than

crime or immigration (which doesn't "kill" people) takes 10 seconds of looking. There were about 20,000 homicides total, in 2020... a record high. Covid-19 already has an official death toll of about 650,000 people in 20 months... This estimate is also routinely established to be much lower than the expected, final total because almost all global outbreaks are more deadly than initially believed.

As for this sudden concern over regulations and bodily autonomy, I'm having a hard time not just openly ridiculing these statements, given

how often they seem to be coming from representatives and citizens who have rabidly supported the War on Drugs. Drug criminalization isn't just an abject failure; it isn't just worsening the problem; it's also immoral to tell someone what they can or can't do to their own body under threat of imprisonment. And the argument that drug-use "hurts the people around the user" almost sounds like facetious mockery given that it's both untrue about drugs and is true about deadly infections.

No amount of misleading or bad-faith arguments about how

Covid-19 has "only a 2.4% mortality rate" in the U.S. changes the truth that THC, alcohol and prescription opioids don't even kill 1% of total users. And yet, the idea that our local law enforcement need to continue to arrest people for using them while declining to enforce any regulations about something which actually can kill the people around you seems to be taken as a given.

I think that this makes it pretty clear that politicians lying to citizens isn't a one-way street.

Chris Rozakis, Stillman Valley

LOCAL NEWS



Society has annual dinner, sets program for September

On Sunday, Aug. 15th the Davis Junction Museum and Historical Society had its annual picnic.

Our members and Davis Junction Alumni school students and friends attended. It was a good time by all. Later in the day we picked the winners to our yearly raffles. John Miller of Rockford, Marilyn Belin of Genoa and Craig

Cuplin of Freeport were all \$100 gift certificate Eickmans Meat winners. The 50/50 raffle was \$152 won by Toni Fasler of Mt. Morris. We would like to thank all the participants and look forward to seeing you next year.

The next program at the Museum will be on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 1-4 p.m. on the History of Sypes Corner, now known

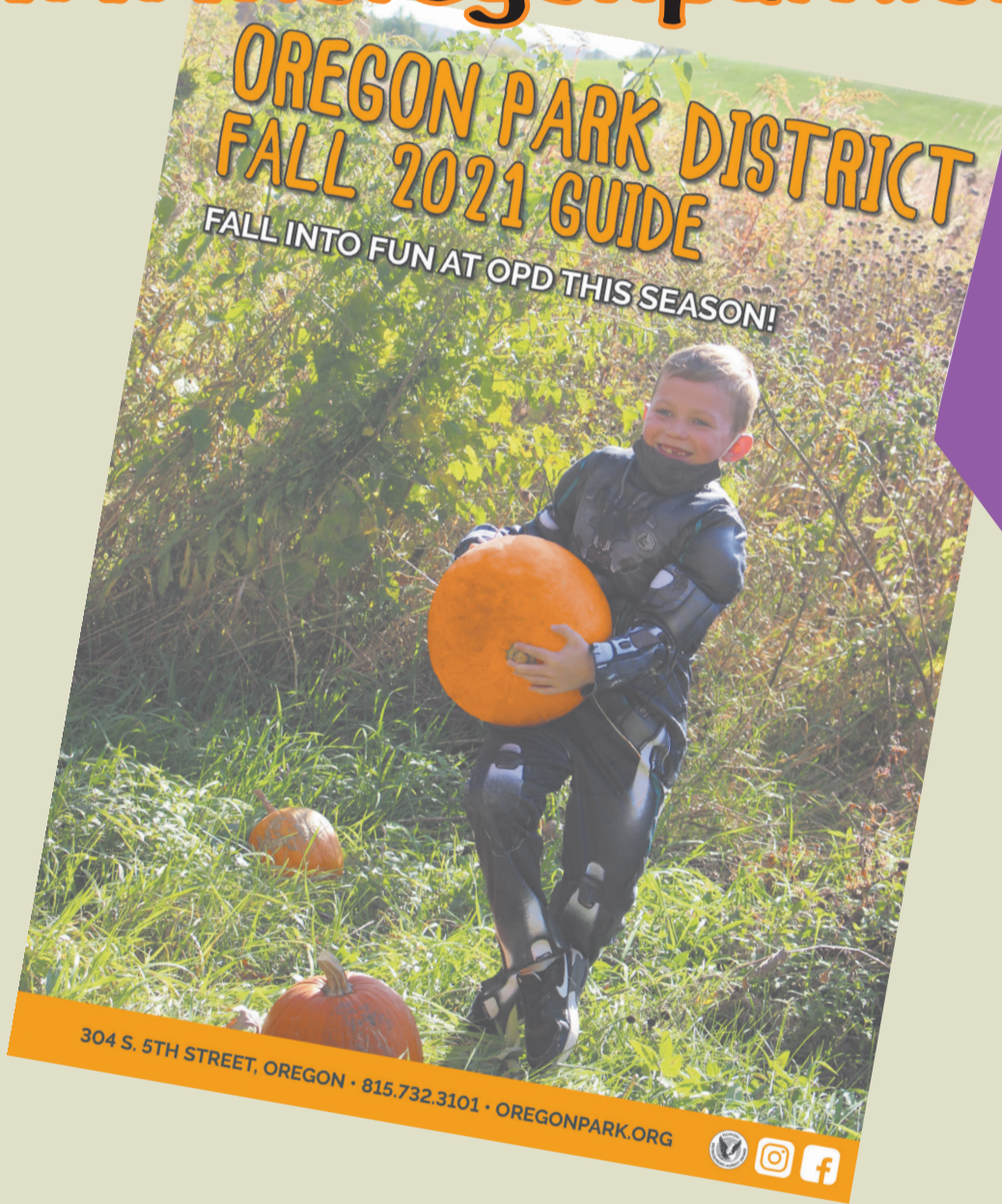
as Grubsteakers or (The Spot) at the corner of Hwy. 64 and 251. Dawn Hayenga Somers has quite the history and story to relay. Her roughly one hour presentation will begin about 1:30 p.m.

If you are still interested in an engraved brick for the walk in the front of the Museum we will be sending our order in mid-September. Please contact Kim

Smeja at 815-994-0803.

The Museum is usually open on Tuesdays 10 a.m.-noon except the third Wednesday. Come on by and see our displays or discover names for your research. Look for free vegetables or books on our postal wagon in front of the Museum. Our monthly meeting is the third Wednesday every month at 6 p.m.

Look for the Fall Guide on Sept. 3 at www.oregonpark.org!



REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 FOR MEMBERS AND WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 TO THE PUBLIC!

Nash Recreation center will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 6



Working at the library

Members of Forreton High School's Servant Leadership Program, under the direction of Mrs. Frederick, recently spent Saturday morning improving the landscape at Forreton Public Library. Pictured from left are: Madysen Schoonhoven, Mya Taylor, Jacob Fiorello, Quinten Frederick, Johnathen Kobler and Emalee VanDeWarker.

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3676 Sage Drive, Rockford \$239,900
Call Taylor
Newly updated and ready for YOU! Walking into this 1796 sq foot ranch home you will notice the beautiful high quality engineered hardwood flooring which was recently installed. The living room boasts extra tall 10 foot ceilings and a combo gas/wood burning fireplace to make for an open yet cozy feel. Connected to the living room is the formal dining room which is perfect for gatherings both large and small. Once in the kitchen, you will notice the new tile floor, custom cabinets, cabinet space galore, a built-in double oven, granite countertops, an eat in kitchen area, and a garbage disposal. The convenient first floor laundry room features a large utility sink. The spacious master bedroom features a tray ceiling with exceptional lighting. In the master bathroom, you will notice the new tile floors, jacuzzi, walk in master closet, and more. On the outside of the home is fresh landscaping, a built in whole yard sprinkler system keeping the grass green through the dry summer months, and a patio. The patio is in great shape and features a natural gas hookup for your grill. Other updates include a 3 year old roof, a brand new dishwasher, new trim, and a new water softener that stays with this home.



211 N. 3rd Street, Oregon \$125,000
Call Lori
Room for everyone and your home office as well! 5 total bedrooms with 2 on the first floor. Formal dining room. Living room with brick fireplace to warm your toes. Great fenced backyard with a deck. Sliding door from formal dining room to backyard deck. Close to the Rock River in Oregon and convenient location for shopping. Has a little pond in the back yard but not being used at this time. New forced air furnace installed in August. New circuit breaker box and updates to electric completed in August. This house will fit all of your needs!



1900 1st Ave., Sterling \$255,000
Call JD
Fantastic investment opportunity! Great cash flow... 2 story building features 8, 2 bedroom units, all with exterior access. Each unit includes a fridge, stove, and wall A/C unit. Roof new in 2014. Plenty of parking is available with a private lot shared & sold with 1902 1st Avenue.



2920 E. Appleridge Lane, Byron \$265,000
Call Carla
New Listing in Byron! This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers 1700+ Sq ft of main floor living! Upon the skylighted entry you'll love the huge living room with its back wall of windows and vaulted ceiling plus gas fireplace! Large kitchen with loads of cabinetry and counter space. Formal dining room with sliders to large deck. Huge wooded backyard with a nice private parklike view. Many newer features throughout. Priced at \$265,000. Call today for your private viewing!



503 Sunset Lane, Polo \$199,000
Call Rebecca
MUST SEE! Spacious and beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with garage space for 4+ vehicles! You will fall in love from the moment you walk into this home situated on a large corner lot. Main floor features laminate flooring and a tastefully updated kitchen with ample cabinet space and quartz counter tops. Living room is open to the dining area and has a large picture window with country views. The upstairs also has 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom with ceramic tile and beautiful backsplash. Finished lower level featuring a grand master bedroom with stunning en suite bathroom. Master bathroom boasts a tile, walk in shower with dual shower heads along with his & hers vanities. Lower level also has a finished family room for extra space. Attached 2 car garage and a detached, heated 2.5 car garage! Steel roofs are on both the house and detached garage. Another bonus is the fully fenced yard. This one won't last long- call today for your showing!

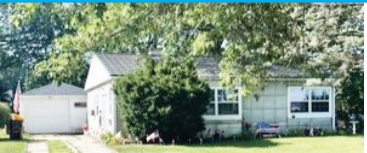
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204 N. Reynolds, Mt. Morris \$89,900
Call Mark
This desirable 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home at 204 N. Reynolds in Mt. Morris is now available! The kitchen has a dishwasher, gas stove and microwave plus a nice island for more space! Cabinets are oak and the floor is tiled for easy clean up. The 2 bedrooms have brand new carpeting and the bathroom was new in 2019! The living room has hardwood flooring, a pretty cathedral ceiling and a cozy gas fireplace to take off the coming Fall chill! The dining room wiring is new. There is a partial basement for storage and the washer & dryer will stay. Very nice, spacious, privacy fenced backyard which features a working hot tub! This home has a patio area, vinyl siding and a 1.5 car garage. You will love the steel roof that was installed in 2010! This is a great home at this price! Be sure to get a showing appt. set up quickly!



1902 1st Ave., Sterling \$255,000
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505 Sunset Lane, Mt. Morris \$69,900
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LUSTRON HOUSE being offered for sale! Here is your chance to own a unique steel home next door to Zickuhr Park. The home has new carpeting and LVT flooring. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and an open concept living space. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets and has a large eat in area open to the living room. Outside you will find mature trees, large patio, fenced yard and 1 car garage. Currently rented to a long term tenant.



1711 Harlem Blvd., Rockford NOW \$199,900
Call Jamie
Charming Colonial located in the historic Churchill's Grove neighborhood. This newly renovated 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath home boasts over 2700 sq. ft. of architectural character and well preserved beauty in the heart of Rockford. Arched doorways and gleaming hardwood floors throughout. Updated kitchen with art deco open shelving, new butcher block countertops, new stainless steel appliances, and an ultra desirable farmhouse sink. Gather with your family in the spacious, light, bright living room, and dining room with original, well preserved French doors. Beautifully remodeled bathrooms on both the second and third levels of the home. Large deck located in a lovely, private fenced in backyard. Large 2 car garage with new garage door installed in (19), new furnace (19) and new water heater (20). Schedule your showing before it's gone!



204 Runyard Street, Winnebago NOW \$155,000
Call Rebecca
REMODELED AND MOVE IN READY! You better move quickly to call this tastefully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Winnebago yours! The inside was tore down to the studs and features new: plumbing, electrical, drywall, flooring, windows, and paint! Kitchen and bathrooms were all renovated and are gleaming with updates. Open to the living room, the kitchen features stainless steel appliances and a beautiful butcher block island. Master bedroom features a stunning en suite bathroom complete with custom, tile shower. Main floor laundry room. Attached 1.5 car garage with storage area along with a storage shed. Driveway with fresh millings and plenty of parking space.



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Scores

Girls varsity volleyball
Aug. 24
Stillman Valley High School 0, Dakota High School 2

Boys varsity soccer
Aug. 24
Stillman Valley High School 2, Dixon High School 2

Aug. 25
Oregon High School 2, Byron High School 0

Girls varsity golf
Aug. 19
Stillman Valley High School 200, Oregon High School 195
Grace Haas, medalist

Aug. 25
Stillman Valley High School 204, Rockford Lutheran High School 230

Oregon High School 200, North Boone, 241
Ava Hackman, medalist
Cassie Nyderek, Maddie Smock, runners up

Boys varsity golf
Aug. 19
Stillman Valley High School 170, Oregon High School 212
Griffin Smits, medalist. Owen Dunseth, runner up

Aug. 25
Stillman Valley High School 176, Rockford Lutheran High School 164

Wedding



Kurt, James plan for October wedding

Malerie Kurt, formerly of Davis Junction, and Christopher James of Brookfield, Ill., both Drs. of Physical Therapy, will be married in October in Wisconsin. Roxie and Wayne Kurt, along with Lorrie and Den James are proud to announce the happiness we feel. After postponing the wedding for a year, due to the pandemic, we are excited to #letthejamesbegin!



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Oregon Library News

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Preschool story time (18 months – 6 years)
Story Time will be taking a break till Thursday, Sept. 9. We will meet in-person at 11 am for stories, crafts and fun! Registration and masks are required.

Library book club
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Books on Tap meets Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm. to discuss The Last House Guest by Megan Miranda

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®
StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. After a whole year up it's time for a little cleaning! The Story Walk will be unavailable from August 28-September 3. Look for a new story beginning September 7th.

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

Where is Away? Exhibit at the LIBRARY – Beginning Sept. 2 through the 23
Interactive Exhibit in the Art Gallery
Learn everything you need to know about recycling and living green. Come upstairs to explore the interactive “Where is Away?” exhibit that has been loaned to us by SCARCE, an award-winning environmental education non-profit dedicated to creating sustainable communities.

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

Try it Tuesday – Tues-

day, September 14th (while supplies last)
DIY back to school wipe board
Pick up your FREE kit to make your own custom back to school wipe board. Get your kids back on track and help them to be organized the night before school. Kits come with everything needed. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Maker Monday – Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.
New: Card Club – Ink with a Friend

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

Hydro dipping – Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Appropriate for youth in 8th grade and up. This will be half hour sessions.

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

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

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

Twin Disasters: The Chicago and Peshtigo fires – Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.
Virtual Program
A live virtual panel

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

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

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.

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New releases
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The Other Emily by Dean Koontz (Large Print Fiction)
The Bullet by Iris Johansen (Fiction)
The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton & James Patterson (Fiction)
One Two Three by Laurie Frankel (Fiction)
Animal by Lisa Taddeo (Fiction)
Pack Up The Moon by Kristan Higgins (Fiction)
Tom Clancy: Target Acquired by Don Bentley (Fiction)
The Disappearing Act by Catherine Steadman (Fiction)
The Stepsisters by Susan Mallery (Fiction)
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The Woman In The Purple Skirt by Natsuko Imamura (Fiction)
Your Backyard Is Wild! By Jeff Corwin (J BOCD Fiction)
Almost Adulting: All You Need To Know To Get It Together (Sort Of) by Arden Rose (Y BOCD Non-Fiction 646.7 ROS)
Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary by Martha Brockenbrough (Biography BIO BOCD HAM)
A Lot Like Love by Jennifer Snow (Paperback Romance)
Forever Starts Now by Stefanie London (Paperback Romance)

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!


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

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

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

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DRIVE TIME



Some tips on keeping your car interiors clean

Oil changes, tire rotations and even car washes may garner the bulk of drivers' attention in regard to vehicle maintenance. But various smaller undertakings, including keeping vehicle interiors clean, are worthy of drivers' attention as well.

Dust and dirt can accumulate in a vehicle over time, making for a less comfortable ride. Keeping vehicle interiors clean can make car and truck cabins more welcoming for drivers and their passengers, and such maintenance is simple and inexpensive.

• Focus on the floors. The floors in a car face all that weather has to offer. In winter, boots may track snow and deicing solutions like salt into a vehicle's cabin. In summer, sand from the beach or dirt

from hiking trails may find its way in. Some drivers use the same floor mats year-round, but there's an advantage to switching based on the seasons. According to the automotive experts at Napa, fabric floor mats in summer will hold on to dirt and keep it from spreading. Beachgoers will appreciate that after tracking sand into their cars. In the winter, swap fabric floor mats with rubber or plastic alternatives, as these mats will hold melting snow, rain or salt, preventing them from staining the floors.

• Be mindful of seating materials. When cleaning seats, drivers should be mindful of the materials those seats are made of. Cloth seats should be cleaned differently than leather and vinyl, and all seats should be vacuumed prior to

cleaning. Consumer Reports notes that leather and vinyl seats are treated with a protective coating that requires gentle cleaning. Begin with a small cloth with a dab of dish or saddle soap, and then apply a leather conditioner to prevent the leather from drying out. When cleaning cloth seats, an upholstery cleaner can be applied to stains, just be sure to follow instructions carefully. Cleaning products are not all the same, and application techniques may vary. A scrub brush can be used to work cleaning solutions into the seats and any lingering moisture can then be wiped away with a microfiber cloth.

• Clean the inside of your car windshield. Use an interior glass cleaner to clean the interior windshields and windows. These surfaces can accumu-

late a significant amount of dirt due to interior vapors and air pollution. Consumer Reports recommends using a glass cleaner that contains alcohol. Interior glass cleaners are designed to prevent streaking and film buildup, which can compromise drivers' vision.

• Take on touchscreens. Modern vehicles have touchscreens that can quickly accumulate dust and fingerprints. Toyota recommends soaking a clean cloth in lukewarm water and lightly wiping the surface of touch screens. Avoid substances like solvents, alkaline or acidic solutions, which can contribute to staining or discoloration on the screen.

Clean car interiors can make driving that much more enjoyable and even more healthy.

Pay attention to mileage-based vehicle maintenance intervals



Maintenance is an essential component of responsible vehicle ownership. Routine maintenance can help discover problems before they escalate into potentially costly issues. Maintenance also keeps vehicles running smoothly, making them more enjoyable to drive and extending their life expectancy.

Various factors can help to determine how often drivers should change their vehicles' fluids and take them in for tuneups. Such variables include how frequently a vehicle is driven, the type of driving (city or rural) drivers do and how many miles are on the car. However, drivers can still rely on this basic car maintenance schedule, courtesy of Advance Auto Parts, to serve as a guide.

vehicles, though older vehicles should be inspected for leaks once a month. Among the fluids to check after every 3,000 miles or three months, whichever comes first, are:

- Engine oil level
- Windshield washer fluid
- Coolant
- Brake fluid level
- Transmission fluid
- Power steering fluid

Drivers also can use 3,000 miles or three months as a benchmark to check tire pressure, hoses and belts. Many vehicles now display tire pressure for each tire on the dashboard, and drivers should pay attention to those numbers and put air in their tires when necessary. When inspecting hoses, touch them to make sure they're not leaking and bulging. Hoses should be a little flexible, especially when they are warm.

5,000 miles/6 months

Oil and oil filters should be changed at this interval. In addition, this is a good time to rotate tires and inspect lights to make sure they're still operating at peak capacity. Drivers also can check their cabin and engine air filters and replace them if need be. Changing these filters is a simple DIY project, and drivers can find an assortment of YouTube tutorials to help them

complete these projects. Wiper blades also can be inspected around this time or whenever drivers suspect the blades aren't operating at peak capacity. Replacing wiper blades is another simple DIY project that drivers can complete in a few minutes.

10,000 miles/12 months
Advance Auto Parts notes that synthetic oil is

typically used in cars made since 2010. Each manufacturer is different, and drivers should check their manuals for recommendations. Synthetic oil and filters in vehicles that use synthetic oil is typically changed every 10,000 miles or 12

months, whichever comes first. Once a year drivers should ask their mechanics to check the alignment on their vehicles and the condition of their brakes.

Routine maintenance can keep vehicles running strong for years on end.

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Library News

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

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

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve
Two new StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading "Dandy" by Ame Dyckman, or read "Where is Green Sheep?" by Mem Fox while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Needles and Hooks
Tuesday Mornings @ BPLD
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bring your own craft project to work on with new and old friends! Space is limited, so please register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or by calling the library at 815-234-5107.

Her Story: A Century of Women Writers
Presented by Docent from the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institute
Tuesday, Sept. 7, via Zoom
Noon-1 p.m.
Grab your lunch and join us for an interesting and educational hour as a docent from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery walks us through their

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.

Polo Library will be Closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day

Saturday, Sept. 4 - Espinosa & Coffey, 2021 Outdoor Concert Series, yard games at 5 p.m., Music starts at 6 p.m.
Rescheduled from July Concert We are looking forward to welcoming Espinosa & Coffey, an acoustic duo, for the 2021 Outdoor Concert Series. You won't want to miss out on this show! Bring your blankets or chairs to the Polo Library Pavilion and enjoy some good music! Call Polo Library at 815-946-2713 for more information. The 2021 Outdoor Concert Series is made possible with funding from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

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!

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop, Polo Library Pavilion
Join us for community discussion

exhibition entitled "Her Story: A Century of Women Writers" highlighting 24 notable women writers from the last one hundred years. Please register by going online to Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants. Space is limited.

9/11 - The 20th Anniversary Saturday, Sept. 11 at BPLD 10-11 a.m.
What were you doing when you heard about the September 11, 2001 attack? Walk with us as we take a virtual tour of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and commemorate the 20th anniversary of September 11th. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or going online to Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Charcuterie Boards 101 Tuesday, Sept. 14 @ BPLD 6-7 p.m.
Join Kelly as she demos how to make a delicious charcuterie board! Learn what pairs well together and the history behind this trendy meal. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

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

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

Share Your Story Monday, Sept. 20 1-2 p.m. at BPLD Board Room
Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

with a member of the Polo Police Department. Coffee is provided.
Tails & Tales Fall Reading Program - September 13-October 30, Ages 3-18
Watch [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information and to register.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. - Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body PLUS a Free Line Dancing Lesson to Follow
For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Followed by, 30 minutes of line dance lessons taught by Manager, Education and Community Volunteers, Joe Landmichl from the Rockford Office of the Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

Genealogy Help - First Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month
Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you with your research.
Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?
Polo Library has three book clubs that are open to new participants. If you are interested in joining a book club or knowing what we're reading, call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org.

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.

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 starting September 1. Donna

Wells will be our guest reader. All preschool children are welcome.
Adult Book Club
The September book will be Code Girls by Liza Mundy. Contact the library to get a copy. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, September 27th. No registration required.

Display Case Showings
We will have a collection of travel mugs in our display cases for August. Come check them out! Thank you, Bill and Kathy Clark for sharing your collection with us. (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!)

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

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<u>Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline</u>	
HOPE of Ogle County	562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs	
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200 W Washington, Oregon	732-1301
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Oregon, IL 61061	732-6855
<u>Mental Health</u>	
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<u>Senior Citizens Services</u>	
Hub City Senior Center	562-5050
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Pegasus Special Riders	973-3177
<u>Veterans' Services</u>	
Rock River Center	732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co.	255-9181
Medical Transportation	677-6515
<u>Wellness Services</u>	
Ogle County Health Dept	
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510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle	562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499

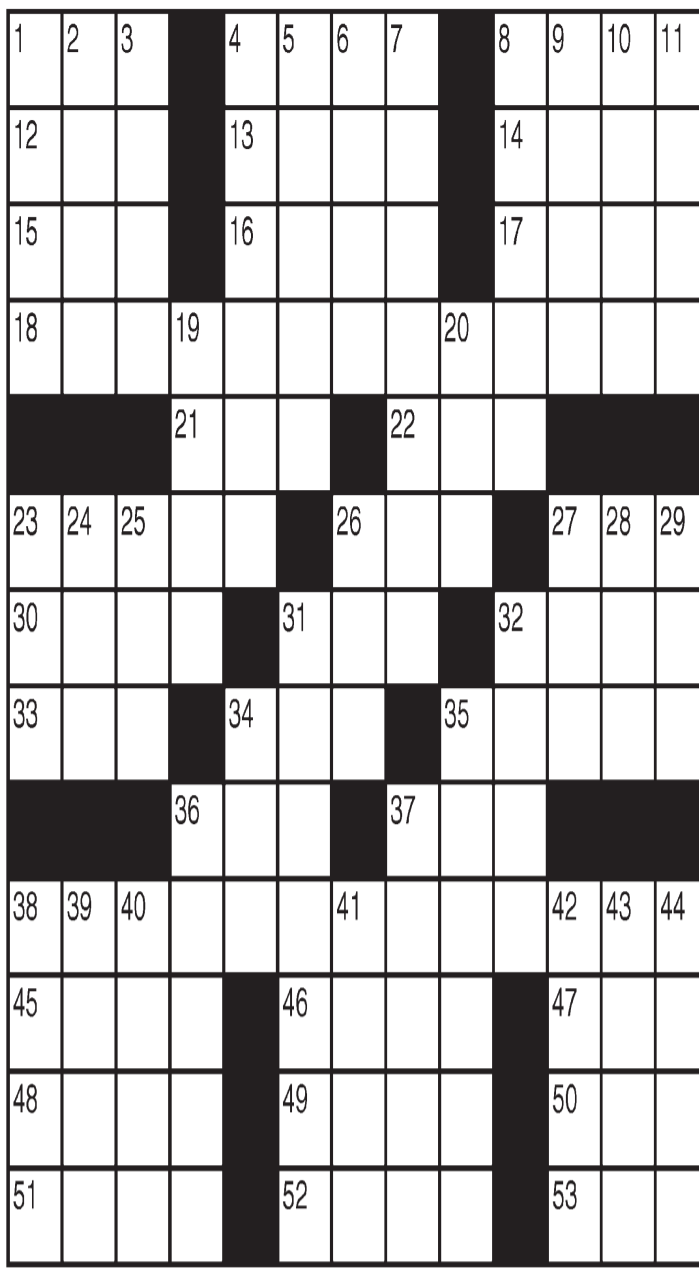
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● WATER

ACROSS

- 1 Wee dollop
- 4 "I smell —!"
- 8 Lose it
- 12 Single
- 13 Only
- 14 Chantilly, e.g.
- 15 Vitamin stat
- 16 Frost
- 17 "—
- Misbehavin'"
- 18 Improbable, unexpected wonders
- 21 Existed
- 22 Squid squirt
- 23 Song of praise
- 26 Frequently
- 27 "Lion" actor Patel
- 30 Intends



- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 32 Seethe
- 33 Sample
- 34 "Shoo!"
- 35 Crazy Horse, for one
- 36 Mountain pass
- 37 Hot tub
- 38 Insignificant sum
- 45 Car
- 46 "Who —?"
- 47 Ultimate
- 48 Leisurely
- 49 Fashion magazine
- 50 Multipurpose truck
- 51 Bottom lines?
- 52 Lushes
- 53 Melancholy
- 10 Teen's woe attendees
- 11 Favorites
- 19 They give a hoot
- 20 Busy insect bursts
- 23 Bit of butter
- 24 Knightly address
- 25 Actress Adams
- 26 Feedbag morsel
- 27 Pair with an air
- 28 Outback bird
- 29 Irritate
- 31 Many Woodstock
- 32 Edict
- 34 Guy's date
- 35 Sudden
- 36 Radiates
- 37 Long-legged shorebird
- 38 Obi
- 39 Stubborn
- 40 Molecule part
- 41 Norway's capital
- 42 Burden
- 43 Jazz singer James
- 44 Molt

DOWN

- 1 Campus digs
- 2 "The King —"
- 3 Noggin
- 4 Hindu retreat
- 5 Hotel units
- 6 Jai —
- 7 Fill with intense fear
- 8 Not taut
- 9 Hammer target

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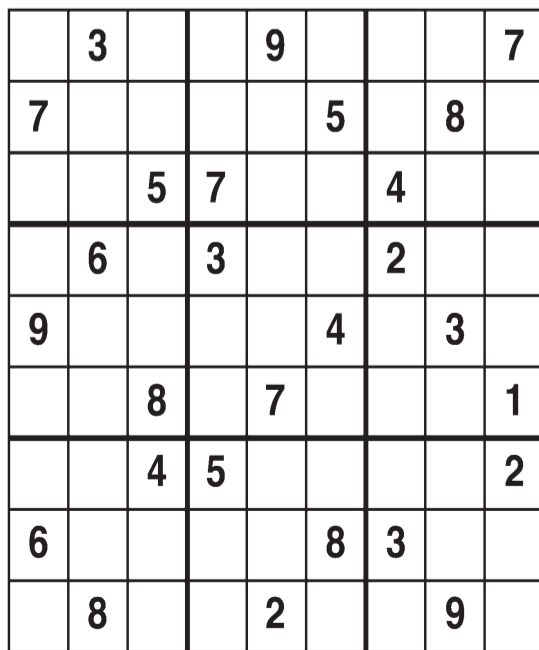
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- Sports
- Witch
- Logged
- Resistant
- Spout

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

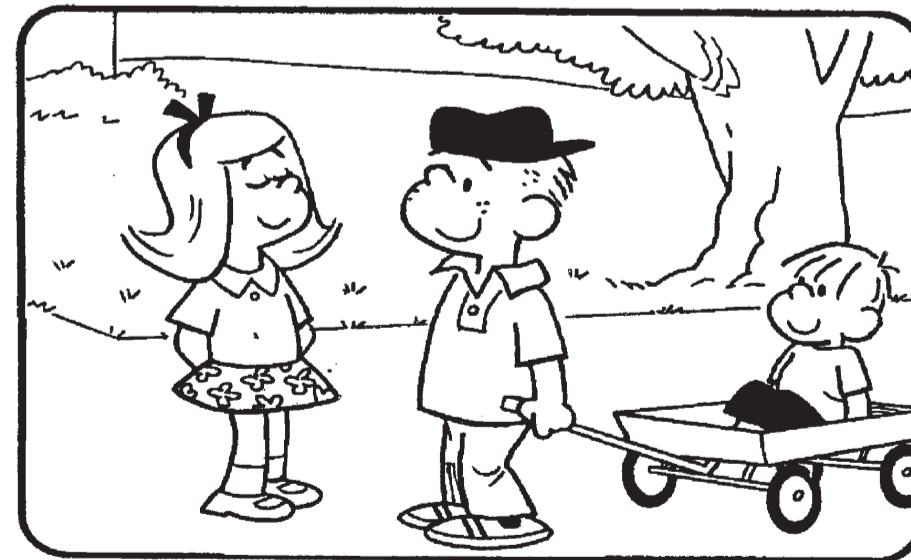
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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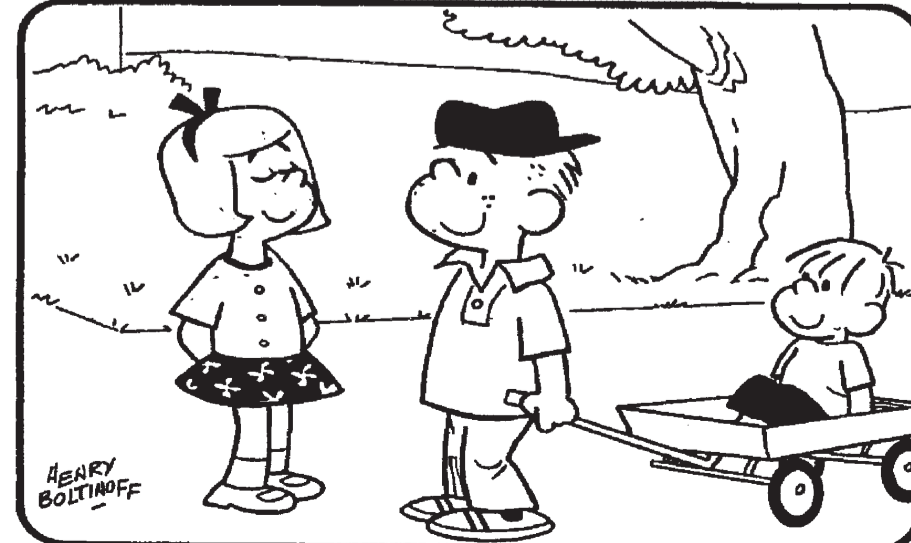
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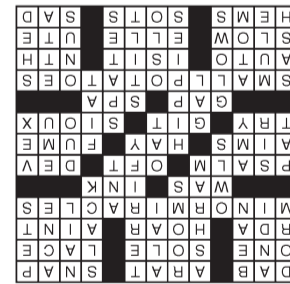
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



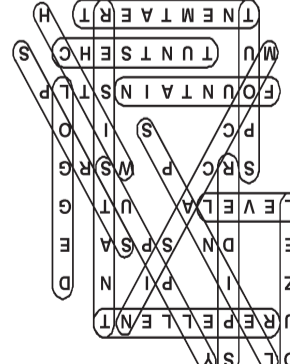
Differences: 1. Skirt is different. 2. Wheel is missing. 3. Limb is removed. 4. Collar is different. 5. Buttons are added. 6. Hair is different.



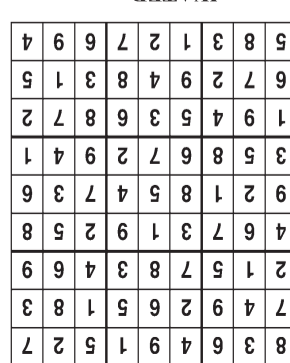
Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



WATER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

LOCAL NEWS

2021 4-H Fair Award Winners

Exhibit Building

Aerospace
Top of Class Model Rocketry Exhibit – Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River

Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit – Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River
Reserve Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit – Josie Pals, Leaf River

Animal Science:

Top of Class Beef Study Exhibit – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction
Top of Class Cat Study Exhibit – Bethany Akins, Polo
Top of Class Dairy Study Exhibit – Lacie Williams, Leaf River
Top of Class Dog Study Exhibit – Zoe Swank, Rockford
Top of Class Goat Study Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Top of Class Guinea Pig Study Exhibit – Lucas Goldstick, Byron
Top of Class Horse & Pony Study Exhibit – Sawyer Stockton, Rochelle
Top of Class Poultry Study Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Top of Class Sheep Study Exhibit – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction
Top of Class Small Pets Study Exhibit – Immanuel Arellano, Mount Morris
Top of Class Swine Study Exhibit – Bethany Akins, Polo

Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon

Bicycle
Top of Class Bicycle I Exhibit – Owen Smardo, Rochelle
Grand Champion Bicycle Exhibit – Owen Smardo, Rochelle

Child Development
Top of Class Child Development – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley
Grand Champion Child Development Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley
Reserve Grand Champion Child Development Exhibit – Hannah Sheely, Leaf River

Civic Engagement
Top of Class Service Learning I Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Grand Champion Civic Engagement Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Top of Class Creative Writing Exhibit – Makayla Williams, Stillman Valley
Grand Champion Communications Exhibit – Makayla Williams, Stillman Valley
Reserve Grand Champion Communications Exhibit – Xanna Armbruster, Polo

Computer Science
Top of Class Beginning Visual Programming – Zakkary West, Mount Morris
Top of Class Advanced Visual Programming – David Wehler, Mount Morris
Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit – David Wehler, Mount Morris
Reserve Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit – Zakkary West, Mount Morris

Crops
Top of Class Soybeans Exhibit – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center
Top of Class Corn Exhibit – Cooper Alderks, Chana
Grand Champion Crops Exhibit – Cooper Alderks, Chana
Reserve Grand Champion Crops Exhibit – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Electricity
Top of Class Electricity I Exhibit – Preston Taylor, Kings
Grand Champion Electricity Exhibit – Preston Taylor, Kings

Entomology
Top of Class Entomology Display – Bella Hammond, Oregon
Beekeeping:
Top of Class Beekeeping I Exhibit

– Josie Pals, Leaf River
Top of Class Beekeeping II Exhibit – Lizzy Armbruster, Polo
Grand Champion Entomology Exhibit – Josie Pals, Leaf River
Reserve Grand Champion Entomology Exhibit – Lizzy Armbruster, Polo

eSports
Champion eSports Exhibit – Micah Wehler, Mount Morris
Exploratory
Top of Class Collectibles Exhibit – Xanna Armbruster, Polo
Grand Champion Exploratory Exhibit – Xanna Armbruster, Polo

Family Heritage
Top of Class Family Heritage Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction
Grand Champion Family Heritage Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Floriculture
Top of Class Floriculture A Exhibit – Ella Beran, Dixon
Top of Class Floriculture C Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Top of Class Floriculture Display – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Grand Champion Floriculture Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Reserve Grand Champion Floriculture Exhibit – Lena Janoski, Davis Junction

Forestry
Top of Class Forest of Fun I Exhibit – David Wehler, Mount Morris
Grand Champion Forestry Exhibit – David Wehler, Mount Morris

Geology
Top of Class Geology Pebble Pups I Exhibit – Colton Gehrke, Byron
Top of Class Geology Rock Hounds II Exhibit – Dylan Timmer, Baileyville
Grand Champion Geology Exhibit – Colton Gehrke, Byron

Intercultural
Top of Class Passport to the World Exhibit – Josie Pals, Leaf River
Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit – Josie Pals, Leaf River
Reserve Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit – Lizzy Armbruster, Polo

Interior Design
Top of Class Design Decisions Beginning Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Top of Class Design Decisions Intermediate Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
Grand Champion Interior Design Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Reserve Grand Champion Interior Design Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Leadership
Top of Class Leadership I Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley
Top of Class Leadership II Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon
Top of Class Leadership III Exhibit – Alyssa Leary, Oregon
Grand Champion Leadership Exhibit – Alyssa Leary, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Leaderships Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

Nature: Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures
Top of Class Natural Resources 1 Exhibit – Logan Armbruster, Polo
Grand Champion Nature: Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures Exhibit – Logan Armbruster, Polo

Nature: Fishing & Wildlife
Top of Class Wildlife Level 2 – Isaiah Akins, Polo
Grand Champion Nature: Fishing & Wildlife Exhibit – Isaiah Akins, Polo

Photography
Top of Class Photography 1 Exhibit – Andrew Hickman, Byron
Top of Class Photography 2 Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Top of Class Photography 3 Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Top of Class Photo Editing Exhibit

– Jacob Hickman, Byron
Top of Class Photography Innovation Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Top of Class Photography Ready4Life Challenge Exhibit – R.G. Hough, Mount Morris
Grand Champion Photography Exhibit – Jacob Hickman, Byron
Reserve Grand Champion Photography Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Robotics
Top of Class Junk Drawer Robotics 1: Exhibit – Logan Armbruster, Polo
Grand Champion Robotics Exhibit – Logan Armbruster, Polo

Shooting Sports
Top of Class Archery Exhibit – Joshua Snow, Oregon
Top of Class Rifle Exhibit – Mallory King, Davis Junction
Top of Class Shotgun Exhibit – Ida Fager, Oregon
Grand Champion Shooting Sports Exhibit – Ida Fager, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Shooting Sports Exhibit – Mallory King, Davis Junction

Small Engines
Top of Class Small Engine Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Grand Champion Small Engines Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Small Engines Exhibit – Braden Rogers, Chana

Technologies
3-D Printing & Design
Top of Class 3-D Design Beginner Exhibit – Kaeden Motszko, Leaf River
Grand Champion Technologies Exhibit – Kaeden Motszko, Leaf River

Tractor
Top of Class Tractor A Exhibit – Veronica Vaughn, Rochelle
Top of Class Tractor C Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Grand Champion Tractor Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Tractor Exhibit – Veronica Vaughn, Rochelle

Vegetable Gardening
Top of Class Vegetable Display – Ella Beran, Dixon
Top of Class Vegetable Plate – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Top of Class Most Unusual or Odd Shaped Vegetable – Cora Mickley, Rochelle
Top of Class Decorated Vegetable – Natalie Johnson, Forreston
Grand Champion Vegetable Gardening Exhibit – Ella Beran, Dixon
Reserve Grand Champion Vegetable Gardening Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Veterinary Science
Top of Class Veterinary Science – Natalie Johnson, Forreston
Grand Champion Veterinary Science Exhibit – Natalie Johnson, Forreston

Visual Arts
Champ. Orig. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment: Canvas/Paper/Glass Exhibit – Isaiah Akins, Polo
Res. Champ. Orig. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment: Canvas/Paper/Glass Exhibit – Elijah Nadig, Rochelle
Champ. Orig. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment: Wood/Metal/Textiles Exhibit – Xanna Armbruster, Polo
Champion Original Fiber Exhibit – Joya Katner, Polo
Reserve Champion Original Fiber Exhibit – Xanna Armbruster, Polo

Weather & Climate
Top of Class Weather & Climate Science I Exhibit – Veronica Vaughn, Rochelle
Grand Champion Weather & Climate Science Exhibit – Veronica Vaughn, Rochelle

Welding
Top of Class Welding Exhibit – Carter Conderman, Byron
Top of Class Welding Ready4Life Challenge Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon
Grand Champion Welding Exhibit – Carter Conderman, Byron
Reserve Grand Champion Welding Exhibit – Andrew Hinrichs, Oregon

Woodworking
Top of Class Woodworking 1 Exhibit – Eli Lotz, Oregon
Top of Class Woodworking 2 Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Top of Class Woodworking 3 Exhibit – Carson Conderman, Byron
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Champion Original Metal Exhibit – Grant Johnson, Forreston
Champion Original Nature Exhibit – Lena Janoski, Davis Junction
Reserve Champion Original Nature Exhibit – Anna Marquardt, Oregon
Champion Original Paper Exhibit – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction
Reserve Champion Original Paper Exhibit – Ella Beran, Dixon

Top of Class Scrapbooking, Beginner Level – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley
Top of Class Scrapbooking, Intermediate Level – Anna Marquardt, Oregon
Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit – Anna Marquardt, Oregon
Reserve Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

Champion Original 3D Design/Mixed Media Exhibit – Bryan Immel, Mount Morris
Champion Original Wood Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron
Reserve Champion Original Wood Exhibit – Braden Leary, Oregon
Top of Class Non-original Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Exhibit – Caleb Nadig, Rochelle
Top of Class Non-original Fiber Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction
Top of Class Non-original Glass/Plastic Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction
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Grand Champion Non-Original Visual Arts Exhibit – Caleb Nadig, Rochelle
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Top of Class Food/Cake Decorating, Beginning – Madeline Kusnierz, Davis Junction
Top of Class Food/Cake Decorating, Intermediate – Lauren Carlson, Byron
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Weather & Climate
Top of Class Weather & Climate Science I Exhibit – Veronica Vaughn, Rochelle
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Top of Class Welding Exhibit – Carter Conderman, Byron
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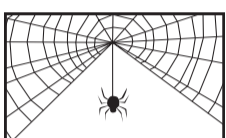


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The Ogle County Information Technology Department is requesting Request For Quote from interested firms for the West Fiber Project from Oregon thru Mount Morris to Polo and Forrester.

Additional information can be found on the Ogle County Website or by contacting the IT office at 815-732-1153 option 1 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
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No. 0842 (Aug. 30)



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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."

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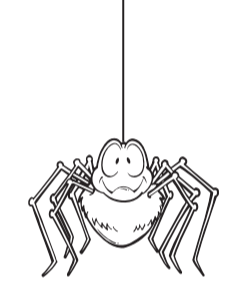
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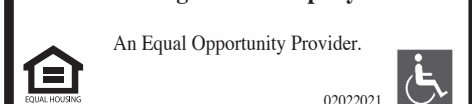
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Stenciled Set of 4 Mini Signs
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Plant a Beautiful Fall Porch Pot
 Tyler with Hagemann Horticulture will walk you through the planting process. The fall colors in your pot will be beautiful and compliment your outdoor décor. The workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on

Thursday, Sept. 23. Choose between the 5:30-7 p.m. or the 7:30-9 p.m. workshop. Class fee is \$46/Resident or \$55/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Sept. 16.

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

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

6th Grade Boys Basketball
 This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Registration Fee is \$75/\$90NR. Deadline for registration is September 15th.

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