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New show at Mt. Morris gallery

"Radical Botanicals" has opened in Old Sandstone Gallery. **9A**

DLR's future in board's hands

Oregon school board will vote on possible closure on Aug. 16

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – A citizens advisory board told the Oregon Community Unit School District 220 board at a special meeting on Aug. 2 that keeping David L. Rahn Junior High School open is the right decision.

During a presentation that lasted more than an hour, advisory board members told the school board that the costs to repair the school are lower than cited by dis-

trict Superintendent Dr. Thomas Mahoney. The presentation also showed that rising property tax revenues will allow the district to "operate from a position of financial strength for many years to come, even if DLR remains open," said Phil Labash, Mount Morris village president.

"We also showed that overall fund balances have grown over the past two years indicating that the OCUSD has been able to 'bank' money in reserve," he said. "This is a clear indication that the district

is not in financial trouble."

The board will make a final decision on Aug. 16, Mahoney said.

It was Mahoney who recommended to the school board at a meeting in May that the district consider closing LDR. He said that the decision to recommend closing the school came down to money, with the district spending more than it is taking in. He also said the school needs fixes that would cost between \$2 million and \$6 million.

The plan would be to have the roughly 200 students who now attend DLR go to Oregon High School. Mahoney said the building has room to accommodate the students.

Advisory board member Rob Urish said that the board listened "carefully and thoughtfully" to the presentation. He said he hopes that, ultimately, the board will reject the recommendation to close DLR.

That is also the hope of Labash. "I believe that the board will vote to keep DLR open in light of this information," he said.

During the presentation, the advisory board said that the costs to repair DLR would be "considerably less" than the higher end Mahoney suggested. It said that immediate repairs would total \$20,000, with required repairs coming in at \$385,000.

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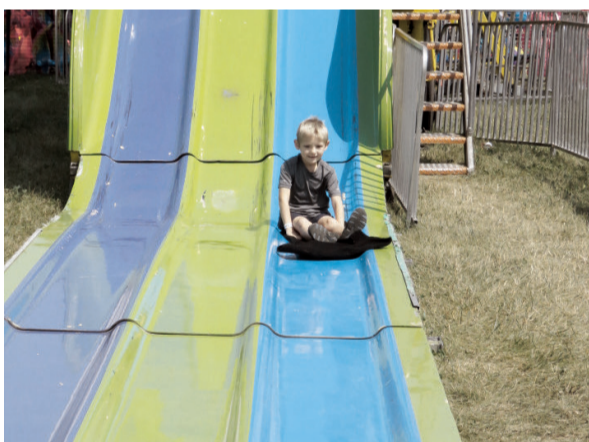
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- Felker Foods
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- Polo Fresh Food
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Fun at the fair



The Ogle County Fair was held July 28-Aug. 1. The weather was perfect for people to come out and enjoy all of the rides, animals, exhibits and shows available. (Brad Jennings photos)

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District's Annual Farm to Table Dinner was curbside this year

OREGON – The Oregon Park District Annual Farm to Table Dinner consisted of an amazing three course meal enjoyed by 144 people via curbside pick-up.

The theme: Picnic in Tuscany was perfect for a carry out meal. With Italian music playing as cars drove through to pick up their dinner, they were then greeted by staff and a very nicely presented dinner, each in their own bag, with menu, wrapped silverware, a little recipe book with some of the dishes from the dinner included and bio's about each of the amazing chefs that contributed to the dinner and more.

The Park District is so grateful for the 10 local chefs and our event sponsor Circle G Farms. Chefs included Ralf Herrera, Ralfie's BBQ; Michelle Carreno, Hectors Cocina, Jen Koertner, Jen's Artisan Breads, Candace Rivera, Hazels; Aaron VanRaalte, Northside BarbaQ; Barb Noble, The Noble Cakery, The Alfano family, Alfano's Pizzeria; Lynn Kaufman, Linnies' Kitchen; Oliva Gorzny, O's Bakery and Beth Zigler, Magnolia Sweets and Co. The Italian theme did not challenge any of the chefs, they were willing and jumped on board with the theme even if they are a BBQ or Mexican

restaurant or daily bake and decorate beautiful wedding cakes. Our local chefs are incredible and so community minded and we can't thank them enough. All proceeds for the event support the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund which in turn helps local children participate in sports and recreation activities.

Much of the food was sourced locally as well to make the meal as fresh and delicious as possible. Special thanks to Granny's Berries, Tim Benedict-Orion Organics, Anthony Bauer and OHS FFA, Oregon Farmers Market Vendors Bev Olson, Roseann Ferguson



and Nikki Canfield, Cork & Tap and Casey's. Without our Celebrity chefs, donors and volunteers, this fresh and delicious meal would not be possible. It was certainly

a group effort and the feedback from those who enjoyed the meal has been wonderful.

We thank everyone that purchased a meal and supported the Schol-

arship Fund. For more information about how you can contribute to the Youth Scholarship Fund or sponsor a child, contact the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.

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GriefShare Support Group will resume on Aug. 26 in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Disciples United Methodist Church will resume its GriefShare Support Group, beginning Thursday, Aug. 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Fireplace Room at the church, 102 Maple Ave.

The group will meet every Thursday evening through Nov. 18.

GriefShare is available to anyone in the church, community, or surrounding towns. The cost is \$20 to cover the fee for the workbook/study guide

Any questions, please call the church office at 815-734-4853. Registration will be during the first evening together or directly through the website at www.griefshare.org

GriefShare is a support group that features faith-based teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD portion features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by quiet listening

and sharing in a safe small group. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow up fellowship were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have already returned to their daily life routines.

Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Your bereavement experience may be recent or years ago. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend.

No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief as well as receive valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Rock Falls man killed in Ogle County crash

STERLING – A Rock Falls man was killed in a crash at the intersection of Lowell Park Road and Pines Road on July 31.

A about 2:28 p.m., the Illinois State Police (ISP) responded to a traffic crash at the intersection. A 2014 Ford Focus, driven by Katherine E. McConnell, 30 years-old, of Rock Falls, was traveling northbound on Lowell Park Road and failed to yield the right-of-way to a 2000 Yamaha Roadstar motorcycle, traveling eastbound on Pines Road, driven by Terry E. Richards, 66 years-old, of Rock Falls. The vehicles collided in the intersection.

McConnell was transported by Polo Community Ambulance to KSB Hospital in Dixon. Richards was air lifted from the scene by REACT Helicopter to Javelin Hospital in Rockford, where he succumbed to his injuries.

McConnell was charged with failure to yield, no valid driver's license, and no insurance. Assisting at the scene were the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Slim-N-Hanks Towing. The crash remains under investigation by the ISP Crash Reconstruction Unit and more charges may be pending.

Blood drive set for Aug. 17

STILLMAN VALLEY – Valley Evangelical Covenant Church in Stillman Valley will host a blood drive from 2-6 p.m. on Aug. 17, at 103 S. Maple St.

Donors can make appointments online at rvbc.org or by calling 815-965-8751. Walk-ins are also welcome.

If you're a first-time

donor, please bring a photo ID. You can donate whole blood every 56 days. The process is safe and simple, and one unit can save up to three lives.

VECC would like to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus by opening our building to the Rock River Valley Blood Center. We hope to see many of our friends join us then.

DLR: Mt. Morris school not a pressing financial concern

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Labash said based on the presentation from the advisory board showing that the repair costs are much less and the tax revenue future more positive, Mahoney should change his mind.

"His assertion, all along, has been that this move is only being

done to address pressing financial concerns," Labash said.

"We were able to show this is no longer the case and will not be in the foreseeable future. The right move is to take this proposal off the table and to invest in DLR and the long-term future of our students and school district."

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LOCAL NEWS

County recommends masking indoors

State mandates masks at all schools

The Ogle County Health Department (OCHD), consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health, strongly recommend everyone,

regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while indoors in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission.

And Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker last week announced a statewide school mask mandate for all K-12 school and daycares.

OCHD recommends that employers, retailers, restaurants/bars, fitness/recre-

ational centers, libraries, governmental entities, healthcare facilities, and other public venues require universal indoor masking of their staff and patrons regardless of vaccination status.

Based on increasing cases (case rate of 51/100,000), increasing positivity rate (4.26 percent), and declining ICU availability in the hospitals serving the

region, Ogle County is experiencing a substantial level of community transmission for COVID-19. With less than 50 percent of the eligible population in Ogle County vaccinated, there is a substantial risk for transmission of COVID-19 among the unvaccinated including children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination.

Straw sculpting opens Aug. 13

MOUNT MORRIS – The Sixth Annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition opens Friday, Aug. 13th, at 6 p.m. on the Mt. Morris Campus.

“Fine Art in Straw” sculptures will be on display for all to enjoy each day through Aug. 29.

Opening weekend includes live evening music on the Bandshell. Friday, Aug. 13th the Mt. Morris Jamboree features The Bel Airs (Rockin’ Rhythm and Blues) and Saturday, August 14th Trinity Lutheran Church is sponsoring local favorite, Grass Attack (Bluegrass). Both concerts are from 7-9 p.m. with food available. Ogle County Pork Producer’s will be serving on the campus Saturday, Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Featured for the month of August in the Encore! Old Sandstone Gallery, ‘Radical Botanicals’, a fine art show celebrating fifteen artist’s interpretation of the theme in various mediums. The gallery,

on the Mt. Morris Campus next to the Bandshell, will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m. and during special Straw events.

There will be opportunities to see and help the greater community work on Straw Sculptures from the past at various times on the campus. Stop by and see how straw sculptures are built and enjoy some hands-on-time helping the community keep these sculptures alive. Hopefully you will discover your inner-artist and be inspired to sculpt your own ‘Fine Art in Straw’ in the future.

Live on the Bandshell Friday, Aug. 20, listen and sing along to Chicago Tribute Anthology (Music from the band Chicago and more) and Saturday, August 21st, enjoy the local favorite two man acoustic band, Burn N’ Bush (Acoustic Covers), both nights 7-9 p.m.

Mark your calendar for StrawFest weekend opening Friday, Aug. 27, 7-9

p.m., with Dirty Fishnet Stocking (Rockabilly) on the Bandshell. Saturday, Aug. 28 will include: Food trucks, Village Antique & Art Mercantile, blacksmith demos, round straw bale races in the street, line dancing with Dixon Country Dancing (experienced and inexperienced all welcome), straw sculpting awards, and more, with Fortunate Sons, a great CCR Tribute band, live on the Bandshell wrapping up the evening from 7-9 p.m.

There will be Pop-Up live music on the Straw Jam stage, next to the Straw Sculptures, intermittently on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit StrawUSA.com for the latest schedule and follow Encore Mt. Morris on Facebook additional information. All events are free and open to the public.

ENCORE! Mt. Morris is a cultural initiative of Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.

Cates has Delphi work published

The Scientific Commission of the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP) has published another health care guideline titled “The Role of Chiropractic in Providing Health Promotion and Clinical Preventive Services for Adult Patients with Musculoskeletal Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline.”

Dr. Jeffrey R. Cates, who practices in Oregon, was among the group of selected experts employing a Delphi process where research is reviewed and rated. The experts review the research data and establish medical practice guideline consensus for best practice procedures.

The purpose of the Scientific Commission is to advise CCGPP on issues related to searching, identifying, interpreting and compiling the scientific

evidence related to chiropractic care and to collaborate on the development, publication, dissemination and utilization of guidelines and care pathways.

The latest article can be read here: <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/acm.2021.0184>

Cates has worked with the CCGPP for several decades and has published works that include several guidelines and medical journal articles on quality assurance and standards of care in healthcare. He is co-author of the CCGPP low-back chapter and lead author of the chapter on thoracic disorders of the profession’s best practice guideline text. Dr. Cates’ published works are included in the medical literature.

He maintains a private practice of chiropractic orthopedics in Oregon.

Lions holding pork chop lunch on Aug. 28

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions will be having a Drive Thru Pork Chop Sandwich lunch on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Serving will be by the Memorial Gazebo in the Bertolet Memorial Library parking lot. The lunch will consist of a butterfly pork chop sandwich, cooked

by the Ogle County Pork Producers, potato chips, applesauce, cookie and a drink, soda or water.

Cost of the meal is \$7 and proceeds will go toward Lions projects.

Come and enjoy a delicious pork chop sandwich and support your local Lions Club.

The Bel-Airs make Jamboree debut

MOUNT MORRIS – Missouri based rockin’ rhythm and blues band, The Bel-Airs will make their debut at the Mt. Morris Jamboree on Aug. 13, presenting a free two-hour concert starting at 7 p.m.

Fronted by brothers Dick and Dave Pruitt on bass and electric guitars, with Michael Cherry on drums, the Bel Airs play a danceable mix with an authentic but eclectic bluesy-country-soul-and-rock-n-roll sound influenced by the likes of Wilson Pickett, Slim

Harpo, Howlin’ Wolf and Johnny Cash.

The Mt. Morris Moose Lodge will be serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, brownies, soda and water for the evening. Come enjoy the meal, music and fellowship starting at 6 p.m.

The Radical Botanicals show continues at the Encore Art Gallery next door on the first floor of Old Sandstone, open from 6:30-9 p.m. Local small business vendors will often be joining us

on the Campus with fresh produce and crafts as well as Grandpa’s Ice Cream truck.

Please bring a blanket or chair or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Rt. 64 on Wesley Ave and enjoy the free Rock and Blues show!

In the event of inclement weather, our rain location will be Pinecrest Grove Community Center, 500 Evergreen Lane, 7 blocks south of Rt. 64 off McKendrie Street.

Byron church hosting movie night on Aug. 20

BYRON – The United Church of Byron invites you to our next Free Family Outdoor Movie Night on Friday, Aug. 20 and the movie will be “The Mitchells vs. The Machines.”

A quirky, dysfunctional family’s road trip is upended when they find themselves in the middle of the robot apocalypse and suddenly become humanity’s unlikeliest last hope.

The movie will take place out on

church lawn and will begin at dusk. If weather does not permit, we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Snacks will be available for a free will donation, but you can also bring your own.

We ask those attending to please observe CDC and local/state/federal guidelines.

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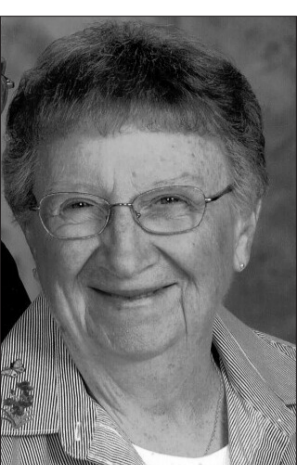
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Carol Jean Koeller



FORRESTON – Carol Jean (Piefer) Koeller, 84, Forreston, went to her eternal home on Friday, July 30, 2021 while at Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, following a brief illness.

Carol was born in Lafayette Township, Wis., on Dec. 3, 1936 to Melvin and Gladys (Mammoser) Piefer. She married Wayne Koeller on Jan. 28, 1956. He passed away June 21, 2014.

She graduated from Warren High School in 1954 and went onto attend Beauty School in Freeport. She was a homemaker for many years, a beautician in their home, and then worked and retired from Micro Switch. She continued to work part-time at Uniquely Yours Quilt Shop, Orangeville.

She was a current member of Forreston United Methodist Church, and previous member of Faith United Methodist Church in Freeport.

She loved Christmas, having an extensive collection of Santa's, and family get togethers.

She had a long time passion for quilting and thoroughly enjoyed giving many quilted items as

gifts to family and friends.

For many years, she and Wayne enjoyed camping and spending winters in Texas.

She is survived by her 5 children: Cynthia Bahr of Forreston, Tamela (Kenneth) Vinnedge of Forreston, Timothy (Brenda) Koeller of Byron, Gary (Jane) Koeller of Forreston, Sherri (Tom) Seipts of Pecatonica; 12 grandchildren; Christina (Jason) Tillery, Joshua (Jennifer) Vinnedge, Ryan Bahr, Kyle (Lindsay) Vinnedge, Cari (Ben) Modlinger, Justin Koeller, Brittany (Dane) Busker, Kelsey (Travis) Ross, Brian Koeller, Allison (Ben Parlapiano) Seipts, Erin (Adam Holland) Seipts, and Brent Koeller; 14 great-grandchildren, Abigayle (Alex

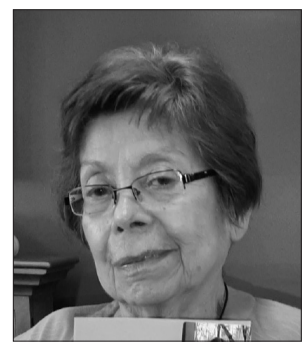
Baumann), Emalee, Victoria, Hayden, Hannah, Beckett, Reid, Delaney, Jaxon, Aubrey, Vander, Joseph, Willa and Owen; 2 step grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild Zoe; and brother Ronald (Donna) Piefer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister and brother-in-law, Iola (Lawrence) Cline, brother Wayne Pieper, sister-in-law Charlene Piefer, and son-in-law, Ronald Bahr.

The family wants to send a special thank you to FHN, and Swedish American Hospital staff for their excellent care and compassion.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Aug. 4, 2021 at First United Methodist Church 402 1st Ave, Forreston. Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home 203 3rd Ave, Forreston, and on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at the church. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her name. Please visit www.burketubbs.com

Maria Adela Clow



In our most loving memory of Maria Adela Clow, who went home to be with our Lord on Aug. 2, 2021. Maria was preceded in death by her husband, Dexter Clow. She is survived by her children, Addie Clow, of Ocala, Fla., and Nate Clow, of Oregon.

Maria lived a rich life. She lived in various countries in Latin America and amassed several degrees in the medical and education fields. She took permanent

residency in Oregon to raise her family in 1981. Shortly after, she found her calling as a Spanish teacher and retired from Sauk Valley Community College after three de-

cadecades of service in 2017. Community members have come to know Maria over the years as an ESL teacher at the local library, Ogle County Court interpreter, Serenity support group member, and Nash Recreation Center swimmer. May you rest in peace, as you have touched the lives of so many in your venture.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor at St. Mary Catholic Church in Byron on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

RRC has upcoming events

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

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

Lifescape resumed congregating at Rock River Center

Effective Aug. 2, congregating dining will resume at Rock River Center. Lifescape will be serving meals at Rock River Center Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Participants must be 60 or older or accompanied by a spouse who is 60 or older. Interested participants need to call and make reservations by 10 a.m. the day before they intend on eating at the Rock River Center. To schedule a reservation, call 815-963-1609 and let Lifescape know the days you plan on dining. Once scheduled, participants show up on their scheduled day between 11:30 am and noon to enjoy their meal. Rock River Center offers transportation within Ogle County. Participants can schedule a ride to their meal by calling Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 at least 24-hours in advance.

Rock River Center has a regularly scheduled lunches on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. In addition, a third meal will be scheduled on one day each month.

The Rock River Center will not host Congregating dining on the regularly scheduled lunch days or meal days. For August and September, these days include Aug. 10, 13 (Indoor Picnic), and 24, and Sept. 14, 24 (Soup & Salad Lunch), and 28.

1950's Theme Day at Rock River Center

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 from 1-2:30 p.m. is 1950's Theme Day at Rock River Center!

Come dressed in your favorite 50's attire and enjoy the following:

- * Root beer floats, served by our Soda Jerk
- * Popcorn
- * 50's trivia
- * Contests, games and prizes
- * All while listening to some oldies but goodies music

Registration Information:
Registration is required by Aug. 13 so we can be prepared. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.
Cost: Donation

Saturday Night Fever at Circa21, Sept. 8

Area premiere – Rated PG
Tony Manero doesn't have much going for him during the weekdays. He still lives at home and works as a paint store clerk in his Brooklyn neighborhood. But he lives for the weekends when he and his friends go to the local disco and dance the night away. When a big dance competition is announced, he wrangles the beautiful and talented Stephanie to

be his partner. As the two train for the big night, they start to fall for each other as well.

Based on the 1977 movie phenomenon that launched the disco era and made John Travolta a household name, Saturday Night Fever features songs from the Bee Gees and is one of the most successful movie soundtracks of all time. The stage musical includes almost all of the songs from the original movie sound track, bringing us back to the time when disco was king. If you get "Boogie Fever" and feel like "You Should Be Dancin'," this is the show for you

Cost (includes RT transportation, live performance, lunch and all taxes and gratuities).

\$90 Members / \$95 Non-Members
*(Dessert will be available at the show for additional cost).

Reservation Information

- * Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon or by mail.
- * Note: Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline on all trips.
- * Reservation and payment deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021
- * Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

Make your reservations early as seating is limited and shows sell out quickly. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

Kinky Boots, at the Paramount Theater. Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Reservations taken until Aug. 27.
This flashy, sassy, sexy story of big heels invading a small town shock Broadway and was universally adored by critics and audiences. Now it's Paramount's turn to try these shoes on for size.

Charlie Price is a reluctant shoe maker. Lola is a fierce drag queen. These two could not be any more different, but when they find common ground in shoes, they see a whole new world of possibilities open up to them that will turn their small town upside down, and just might save Charlie's failing shoe factory.

With the Tony Award-winning score by Grammy Award winner Cyndi Lauper and a book by Harvey Fierstein (Tony Award-winning star of Broadway's *Hairspray*), *Kinky Boots* tears up the stage and never let's go. From its glorious costumes to its dizzyingly tall heels and songs you'll be humming for days, no show on Broadway has captured what it means to do what you love and love what you do as much as *Kinky Boots*.

Reservation Information:

- Cost (includes RT transportation and Live Performance):
- \$90 Members / \$95 Non-Members
- Reservation Information:
- * Prepaid reservations can be made in person at Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon or by mail.
- * Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline.
- * Reservation and payment deadline: Friday, Aug. 27.
- * Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.
- Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

Marion Elaine Nelson



BYRON – Marion Elaine Nelson, 75, of Byron, died suddenly Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in her home. Born Dec. 11, 1945 in Rockford, the daughter of Gilbert and Elizabeth (Keep) Johnson.

Married to Harold Nelson Nov. 27, 1964 in Rockford. Marion was a 1963 graduate of Auburn High School and retired from Amerock Corp. of Rockford after 25 years of employment. She enjoyed her time volunteering for Helping You Help Yourself food pantry in Byron.

Marion was a witty and spicily woman who liked

coffee and conversation, visiting the gaming boats, bingo and garage sale-ing and was helpful to all. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and traveling with her sisters and special niece, Cindy.

Survived by her husband, Harold "Harry"

Nelson of Byron; sons, Steve (fiancé, Gayla) Nelson and Bob (April) Nelson, both of Rockford; daughter, Beth Nelson of Rockford; grandchildren: Lucas, Maxwell, Emily and Kendal; great-grandchildren: Haedyn, Odyn and Ju'leah; and sister, Beverly Richardson of Fairdale.

Preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

A Celebration of Life for Marion will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Monroe Center Fire Station. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family.

Bread of Life has distribution Aug. 10

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry serving the residents of Ogle County and the Meridian School District. We provide groceries to our neighbors in need.

We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates are Aug. 10 and Sept. 14. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

If you are new to Bread of Life please call to register for our next distribution by calling 815-645-8872.

Report policy

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Jones Celebration of Life will be Aug. 15 at White Pines Ranch

OREGON – A celebration of Life for Darlene Jones will be held Sunday, Aug. 15 from 3-5 p.m. at White Pines Ranch, 3581 Pines Road in Oregon.

The Darlene's family would like to invite family and friends to share in this Celebration with them at 3 p.m. A short service will be led by Pastor Merrill Davis.

Refreshments will also be served. Come and share memories with us.



LOCAL NEWS

Byron Police report

June 19
Byron Police arrested Allyson Howard, 28 of Sterling, on a Lee County warrant. Howard was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she posted bond.

June 25
Daniel Maciel Ramos, 37 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

June 28
Nicholas Adams, 38 of Rockford, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and Operation of Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration.

July 2
Grayer, 22 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage.

July 9
Byron Police arrested John Kirchner Jr., 57 of Loves Park, for Driving While License is Revoked.

July 10
Byron Police arrested Taylor Kocher, 26 of Forreton, on an Ogle County warrant. Kocher was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 15
Gavin Schroeder, 18 of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

July 17
Eric Nelson, 19 of Rock Falls, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Driving While License is Suspended.

Shaquille Campbell, 21 of Pecatonica, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

July 18
Molly Parra, 18 of Rockford, was issued citations for No Valid Driver's License and Speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph Zone.



Farmers market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, Il Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. Bev Olson, Oregon, grows naturally grown vegetables, local honey, garden art, and perennials. We had more than 30 vendors last week. Come check it out!

Annual KB Fall Mum sale now underway

The annual KB Fall Mum Sale has started. Beautiful fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. Orders will be taken through Saturday, Aug. 21. These plants are grown in Northern Illinois and will arrive just in time for fall decorating. Mums are field grown in natural conditions, leading to a hardier, robust plant. Plants arrive in a number 2 pot (that's about a 2-gallon pot) and are measuring about 16-18 inches wide by 14-16 inches tall with buds ready to bloom throughout the season.

Order forms are available online at www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun. Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund c/o Julie Cain, 308 S 9th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 no later than Saturday, Aug. 21. Mums will be available for pick up from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon, IL (just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit).

Please contact Julie Cain with any questions that you may have or to place an order. Call or text at 815-519-2593 or email info@kbtoughrun.com

All proceeds from the sale will support the KB Fund. The fund has been established to support those in our community that have been burdened by a medical crisis. To learn more about the KB Fund and our fundraising efforts visit our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

July 11

At 1:23 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jorge L. Rubio, 48, Rockford, a citation for driving while license suspended. Rubio was released on an I-Bond with a return court date. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

6 parking tickets and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 07/05/2021 through 07/11/2021.

July 20

At 4:53 a.m., Oregon Police issued Beau J. Miller, 29, Stillman Valley, a citation for speeding, 44 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 12:49 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of N. 4th Street where a 2000 Mercury was driven by Ronald S. McNett, 79, Mt. Morris, was leaving a parking spot and struck a 2017 Jeep driven by Zachary T. Guz, 22, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 9:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christian L. Martinez, 25, of Kenosha, Wis., a citation for speeding, 49 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

July 22

At 6:41 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Shayne M. Smith, 20, Byron, for driving while license suspended. Smith was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. Smith was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred near the S. 4th and Gale Street intersection.

July 24

At 4:48 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Ismael Arencibia, 54, Rockford, for no driver's license. Arencibia was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:18 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael T. Taylor, 53, Leaf River, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

July 25

At 6:29 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call at the 320 Lover's Lane apartment building resulting in the arrest of Richard L. Gallagher, 37, Oregon, for disorderly conduct. Gallagher was transported to the Ogle County jail.

9 parking tickets and 16 verbal warnings issued during the week of 07/19/2021 through 07/25/2021.

July 27

At 3:20 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance at 103 Jones Terrace resulting in the arrest of Thomas A. Bradshaw, 28, Oregon, for domestic battery. Bradshaw was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Payton G. Evenson, 16, Rock Falls, a citation for no valid driver's license – graduated driver's license (GDL) not valid after 10 p.m. A passenger in Evenson's vehicle, Joseph C. Rivera, 41, Rock Falls, was arrested on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear; on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant for felony criminal damage; for possession of a controlled substance, obstructing and resisting a peace officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Rivera was transported to the Ogle County jail. Evenson was released into a guardian's custody. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

July 28

At 11:42 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of the Subway restaurant, located at 511 W. Washington Street, involving a 2005 Dodge driven by Catherine Sobocki, 56, Oregon, that struck a parked 2017 Honda owned by Clifford A. Freeman, 74, Byron. No citations were issued.

July 29

At 6:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Timothy A. Cline, 35, Mt. Morris, a citation for disregarding a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 500 W. Washington and N. 6th Street.

2 parking ticket and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 07/26/2021 through 08/01/2021.

Law makes utilities more affordable for Illinois' households with low incomes

On July 29, Gov. JB Pritzker signed SB265 into law expanding the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and increasing access to the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

The PIPP is a companion program to LIHEAP which addresses utility affordability by allowing qualified participants to pay no more than 6% of their monthly income for electric and gas utility services as well as receive forgiveness of 1/12 of their total utility debt for each on time monthly payment.

According to Larry Dawson, President & CEO of the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA), "this new law will allow many of our most vulnerable households to afford their utilities and reduce the burden of administering the program by the local Community Action Agencies." Dawson went on to state that "the legislation that was signed into

law resulted from many months of negotiations among a number of Community Action Agencies, energy affordability advocates, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity staff and representatives of large regulated utilities."

According to Jill Calkins, President/CEO at Tri-County Opportunities Council, "This new law will enable us to serve more households and strengthen the safety net especially during these critical times of the pandemic when more households have sought our assistance." Ms. Calkins went on to say that "our agency served 1,048 households with PIPP and 13,373 households with LIHEAP in FY 2021. "We are planning to serve more households as a result of this very critical piece of legislation"

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that primarily administer the LIHEAP and PIPP programs in Illinois are feder-

ally designated to locally address the root causes of poverty. In Illinois there are 35 agencies that administer the LIHEAP and PIPP programs covering all 102 counties of the state with these critical services. Collectively, CAAs in Illinois provide vital services to more than one million individuals on an annual basis. Besides human services, many of the CAAs in Illinois are engaged in community and economic development activities that range from affordable housing creation, housing rehabilitation, supporting local businesses and employing small contractors. These agencies use both federal and state funding to address local poverty issues.

Applications for LIHEAP and PIPP applications are available starting on September 1, 2021. If you are interested in applying, please Google: Help Illinois Families or call 1-877-411-9276 to find the Community Action Agency serving your county.

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Auditions for play are Aug. 17-19

MOUNT MORRIS – The Performing Arts Guild is excited to announce the fall performance of "Miss Holmes."

Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-17 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 17, 18 and 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pinecrest Grove library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. The cast consists of 5-10 male and 4-8 female roles.

When an anonymous note sends a newlywed wife looking for help, Miss Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Dorothy Watson work together to uncover the secrets surrounding a corrupt police inspector whose wives have a habit of turning up dead.

Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings.

For more information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sowinski at 815-718-0933.

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

July 24

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 200 block of Main St. in Holcomb for a disturbance. After investigation, Deputies arrested Jennifer K. Nash, 47 of Holcomb, for Domestic Battery. Nash was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

At 7:56 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 18000 block of E. IL Rt. 64 for a registration violation. After an investigation, Jordan Davidson, 32 of Elgin was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Davidson was also cited for suspended registration, and operating a vehicle with no insurance. Davidson was released from the scene on a signature I-Bond.

At approximately 3:02 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Rt 64 and Grandview Terrace. After further investigation, Bryce Austin, 21 of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (Class 3 Felony). Austin was also cited for No Front Registration and No Trailer Lights. Austin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held pending an appearance before a judge.

July 23

At approximately 8:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at Mile Marker 77. After investigation, Deputies arrested Christena M. Poole, 34 of DeKalb, for No Valid Driver's License and an outstanding warrant for DUI. Poole was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Poole was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 2:54 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at IL Rte 2 and IL Rte 72. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Donovan M. Goble, 37 of Rockford, was taken into custody and charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (over 100 grams) a Class 4 Felony and Improper Container (driver). Goble was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond. Goble was additionally cited for Speeding.

July 21

At 3:32 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, along with the Oregon Fire Department and Oregon Ambulance responded to the 4400 of S. IL Rte 2 for a report of a semi vs. pedestrian accident. Upon investigation Deputies learned that Patricia A. Jones, 86 of Oregon, was walking across Rte 2 from east to west. As Jones was crossing the road she was struck by a northbound semi that was driven by Eric H. Rivera, 61 of Lehigh Acres FL. Jones was flown by React Helicopter to Mercy Hospital in Rockford for treatment of serious injuries. Rivera was not injured in the incident. Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Oregon Police Department and the Illinois State Police. The incident remains under investigation.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at 5167 N. Blackwood Road. After investigating the disturbance 36 year old Matthew L. Hurst of Rochelle was arrested for Domestic Battery and Felony Criminal Damage to Property. Hurst was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he is being held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

July 20

At approximately 9:56 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Rt 72 and Mt Vernon Rd in rural Shannon. After further investigation, Tori Adams, 26 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Adams was also cited for a Broken Tail Light. Adams was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. A passenger in the vehicle, Johnathon Watkins, 30 of Freeport, was charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Watkins was released on an Individual Bond.

At 7:12 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff deputies and the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department were dispatched to the 20000 block of E. IL Route 64 in rural Esmond for a single unit motorcycle crash with injuries. Upon arrival to the scene, it was determined a black 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle was driving westbound on E. IL Route 64, before exiting the roadway and overturning in the north ditch. The driver of the motorcycle, Corey D. Kelchner of Rochelle IL, was transported by Lynn-Scott-Rock Ambulance to Javon Bea Hospital-Riverside, in Rockford, IL for treatment of serious injuries. Corey was issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Operate an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Corey was issued an I-Bond and released. The accident remains under investigation. Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Illinois State Police.

July 16

Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tya Ru, 24 of Milwaukee Wis., for driving while license revoked. Ru was arrested by deputies on Hwy 251 near Davis Junction after being stopped for unsafe passing. Ru was held in lieu of bond.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 9

Yoga at the Oregon Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Registration is required, 815-732-2724.

Tues., Aug. 10

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The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting a viewing of the annual Perseid Meteor Shower today, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 p.m. until midnight at their Weiskopf Observatory, 79932 North River Road in Byron.

Thurs., Aug. 12

Lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 101

W 2nd Street in Byron. To register please call 815-732-4111 on Aug. 12th by 10 a.m.

Fri., Aug. 13

C.A.F.E. will meet at 9 a.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 on Aug. 12th by 4 p.m. A mask is required to enter the building. Please use the back parking lot and entrance.

Sat., Aug. 14

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 24, 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb of Great Britain becomes the first person to successfully swim the English Channel without assistance. Webb reached shore in 21 hours and 45 minutes. In 1883, Webb attempted to swim the Niagara River and drowned in 10 minutes.

* On Aug. 23, 1902, pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food, opens Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston. Farmer later educated medical professionals about the importance of proper nutrition for the sick.

* On Aug. 27, 1938, George E. T. Eyston breaks his own automobile land speed record with a 345.49 mph run at the Bonneville Salt Flats. His Thunderbolt had two 2,000-horsepower Rolls Royce motors geared together.

* On Aug. 29, 1942, the Red Cross reveals that Japan refused free passage of ships carrying food, medicine and other necessities for American POWs held by Japan. Japan allowed just 10% of what POWs elsewhere received.

* On Aug. 25, 1950, in anticipation of a strike by railroad workers, President Harry Truman issues an executive order putting America's railroads under the control of the U.S. Army, saying it was necessary for the protection of American citizens as well as "essential to the national defense and security of the Nation." He used the same justification for seizing control of steel plants.

* On Aug. 26, 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to accomplish a solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, dies in Hawaii at age 72. To reduce weight during his famous 1927 flight, everything not essential was left out: radio, gas gauge, night-flying lights, navigation equipment and parachute.

* On Aug. 28, 1988, an airshow at Ramstein Air Base in Germany turns tragic when three military fighter jets collide in mid-air and fall into the crowd. Seventy of some 100,000 spectators died and hundreds more were injured.

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Look, sometimes there is nothing better than getting some things off of your chest. A good rant can make you feel better and really clear your head. Complaining is a very human and specifically American thing to do. We complain loudly and a lot.

We love to call out things we don't like or we don't agree with. And it doesn't even matter if we don't have the whole story or are a little unclear on the actual facts. Say it loud, say it proud and hope for the best.

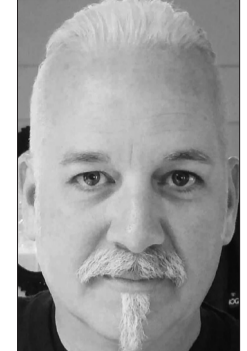
One place people have been registering complaints for decades has been the Letters to the Editor section of their local newspapers.

I would guess that over my 30 years in this business I have read and edited thousands of letters to the editor on pretty much every topic. The favorite, of course, is politics. I have edited thousands of those letters.

Over the years they have gone from opinion - "I don't like or trust

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candidate X," to wild accusations with no evidence - "Candidate Y buses illegal aliens to polling places to vote!" That second kind of letter has pretty much killed off the first kind of letter, sadly.

But here is the truth: I won't run the second kind of letter without sources. If you want to make a wild accusation, make it on your Facebook page. But don't take what you see on Facebook or in an email chain, put it in a letter and send it to the newspaper. That is not how it works.

Letters that make wild claims, which is most of them these days, need attribution. People need to know the source of the information so they can consider its legitimacy. If you want a letter to

run that includes a wild claim, always include a legitimate source of that information.

And I don't mean person one said it and person two told me so here it is. I mean a source like the Washington Post or Fox News. I don't mean something your uncle Jeff ranted about at Thanksgiving.

Asking people for sources is something I do often, for many types of letters. And I seek them for people from the left and right of the political spectrum. One person who used to write letters often doesn't write them at all anymore. One reason might be that I questioned a lot of the content and asked for sources. That was apparently too much.

Oh well. People used to shoot BBs when it came to politics. They made their point with small jabs, but generally kept it from getting too personal. Then they started lobbing some grenades. Nothing too bad, but enough the get people stirred up.

Now? It is pretty much all nuclear bombs that are filled with vile personal attacks and information that my grandmother might have called hogwash. Again, that might work

when talking with friends, but I won't print those things in the newspaper.

I always appreciate a well-considered letter. A letter that makes a point without attacking anyone. A letter that if it includes information that could be questioned includes a solid source of said information.

Putting thought behind your letter will lead more people to read it and consider your opinion. And yes, give your opinion, not one you saw someone on a 24-hour news channel or on social media.

Again, personal attacks don't make for good letters. Consider that the audience for your letter is not just people who agree with you. There will also be people who think you are a nut if you come off as ranting.

I love receiving and running your letters and encourage everyone to continue to send them. But please, be thoughtful and concise. Make a clear point without name calling and hateful language. If you really want people to read your letter and consider your opinion, write it in a way that moves them to do so.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Secret treasures, hidden gems and undiscovered quests

To tell you the truth I am amazed at the number of times someone says, "I didn't know that you guys do that or have this, etc." We have many hidden gems and secret treasures that we do promote on many platforms from social media, newspaper, ads, and our websites, yet many of these activities and unique sites go under-discovered and underutilized. Lucky for you, I am going to help you with the map to discovery for your next quest at the Byron Forest Preserve District.

We have dozens of very popular sites for Geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity that uses GPS coordinates to find hidden containers called caches. The district has over 40 geocache sites in our preserves and they contain a logbook, and many have a small prize. If you find at least 15 geocaches on our preserves, you can come to our main office and get a special trackable geocoin. Individuals and families travel from great distances to visit our unique geocache sites and you should too.

During the summer months, we offer a series of free Concerts on the Deck at the Jarrett Prairie Center on Sunday eve-

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nings. A variety of live local musicians combined with a beautiful sunset and a view of our 400 acre Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve makes for wonderful evening with a loved one and a great date night with your significant person.

A visit to the Illinois Big Tree Champion located at our Bald Hill Prairie Preserve is always a great hike to enjoy and a life lasting photo opportunity for kids and adults alike. Go to Instagram and type in Illinois Largest or Big Tree and many great photos will spark your curiosity. A recent visitor also just did a great YouTube video of the tree as well called "the biggest living tree in Illinois".

Did you know we have a great place to take your furry friend on a leash for a walk? At the Ripplinger/Gouker Prairie

Preserve and the adjacent Etnyre Forest Preserve, we have over 4 miles of dog-friendly trails. Take a walk soon and enjoy the many wildflowers currently in bloom in the tallgrass prairie. The Yellow Cone Flowers, Compass Plants and the Bee Balm just to name a few are now in full color. If you are looking for a shady walk, take the trails inside the lush 50-acre Etnyre forest.

Ponder the Galaxy next Saturday night and impress your date with a beautiful viewing of the Ring Nebula, moons of Jupiter, rings of Saturn, or the dusty trace of the Milky Way. Our Weiskopf Observatory is open free at dusk every Saturday throughout the year as long as the skies are clear. The annual Perseid Meteor Shower viewing will be held on August 10, 11 and 12.

Take a gallop through the wildflowers on your horse at the Nardi Equine Prairie Preserve. There is over 550 acres to enjoy a trail ride for horse lovers. The late Stephen J. Nardi donated 293 acres of his land so future generations could all enjoy the equestrian park as much as he did. Bring your own horse and enjoy this beautiful preserve year-round.

The He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve located just off Illinois Route 2 has access to the banks of the Rock and Leaf Rivers. This small preserve has a boat dock, canoe/kayak launch, picnic shelter, sand volleyball court, fishing, and is a home for many diverse bird species to watch, with a restored wetland and oak savanna.

The PGA Jr. League operated out of our PrairieView Golf Club is such a great opportunity for kids to discover golf in a team setting. PrairieFire Golf & Grill is our newest facility that is perfect for taking friends or family to enjoy golfing activity without the time and money commitment that traditional golf needs. It offers great food and drink and is open year-round.

Please take a few minutes to look at our Byron Forest Preserve District websites or follow us on Instagram or Facebook to help you discover many activities that we offer here in your backyard. A New Discovery, Quest, or Gem is waiting for you to unearth.

Todd Tucker is executive director of the Byron Forest protection District.

Citizens must not abdicate their responsibilities

Dear Editor,

Just this morning (7/12/21) I watched a Netflix documentary entitled "How to become a Tyrant."

I saw many correlations between what went on under various "dictators" of the past (and present) and what is going on today in the U.S.A.

Thank God for our forefathers giving us a constitution that divided government into three branches and separated church and state.

To not put all power into one person or one institution is indeed a blessing bestowed on us.

Let us work to live up to those expectations provided for us in that constitution.

Remember, the vote or suffrage is to allow, to consent.

Alexander Hamilton once said "There is no security for rights without effective control over those who exercise power."

And Plato is quoted as saying "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

And to quote Thomas Sowell;

"Government is really not the answer."

We are a republic "of the people, by the people, for the people." We should not abdicate our responsibilities as citizens.

If you are at all concerned with what is going on in the U.S.A. today, read, explore, and understand as much world and domestic history as possible, and participate and make your voice heard.

Bill Pirnat, Byron

LOCAL NEWS



'Radical Botanicals' art show coming to Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – During June, the Mt. Morris community and area visitors enjoyed the annual Student Art Show in the Old Sandstone Gallery, 122 S Wesley Ave., and then in July, the Regional Artist Showcase featuring seven area artists.

Aug. 4, the gallery will be transformed into the Encore! Fine Art Show with "Radical Botanicals" as its theme. Almost 40 art pieces by 16 artists will be displayed in a variety of media for the month of August. Opening night was Aug. 6.

Throughout the month of August, the gallery will be open each Friday

(6:30-9 p.m.) during the Jamboree concerts, three Saturdays during the Straw Sculpting competition concerts (6:30-9 p.m., Aug. 14, 21, 28), all day during Straw Fest (10 a.m.-5 p.m), and during the Country Living Tour on Sunday, Aug. 29, noon-4:30 p.m. Come enjoy the festivities and the art.

For more information, contact Molly Baker, Gallery Coordinator for Encore! Mt. Morris. *Encore! Mt. Morris* is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, IL into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.

Byron Forest Preserve District has opening for commissioner

BYRON – At their regular meeting on July 19, the Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation of Board Commissioner Andy Gramer.

Gramer has been a Commissioner since 2019. The Board of Commissioners and staff are grateful for his service to the District and the community.

Persons interested in applying to be a member of the Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners should send an email to Board President Aaron Vincer at aaron@byronforestpreserve.com by 5 p.m. on Aug. 15.

Potential candidates must be 18 years old, registered to vote, and reside within the boundaries of the Byron Forest Preserve District.



Oregon Lions give thanks

Grant Afflerbaugh, President of the Oregon Lions Club, presented plaques to Jim Kaufman of Oregon Supervalu (bottom photo) and Dr. Eric Coy of Northwest Eyecare (top) for their generous support of Oregon Lions' charities. Pictured from left below are: Grant Afflerbaugh and Jim Kaufman. Top photo from left are: Lion Grant Afflerbaugh, Dr. Eric Coy, Faith Wright, Christine Casinger and Chuck McCourt.

Email items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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Water Games
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Free community event!
Let's play before summer goes away!
Come in your water clothes and be ready to get WET!

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Please join us at 10:45am for our 4th Annual Community Outdoor Service on August 15th, then stay for lunch and Splash Bash at 12:00pm!

Bring your lawn/bag chairs and sunscreen.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Stateline area Stampin' Up! Demonstrators hold annual meeting in Byron

BYRON – Stateline area Stampin' Up! Demonstrators gathered on Saturday, July 24 at the Jarrett Prairie Center for their annual meeting. The Team leader is Nancy Lillie Ferb who grew up in Oregon. In 1988, two Utah sisters had a dream to start a paper crafting business to enjoy meaningful relationships and express creativity. They started the company Stampin' Up! selling creativity rubber stamps that are still manufactured in Utah, USA. Today, about 50,000 Stampin' Up! Demonstrator around the world are living the dream and selling products to create handmade greeting cards, scrapbooks and home décor.

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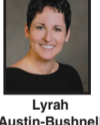




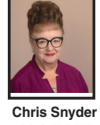

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WELCOME HOME! Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath ranch ready to move in. Living Room is light & bright. Eat-in kitchen offers room for large table. Cozy family room w/fireplace. Bonus room in the neat & clean basement. Home has been meticulously maintained. 3330 SHELburnE Drive, Rockford

CHRISTI STEINES
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NEW LISTING!



\$845,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104676

STUNNING ARCHITECTURAL STYLE! Over 5800 SF of luxury in this totally renovated 5 bed, 4.5 bath estate nestled among almost 6 acres. Too many amenities to list. 2 story formal living room & dining area. Expansive Chef's Kitchen. Exquisite Master Suite. 8102 BURR OAK Road, Roscoe

JULIE WILSON
815-378-7749

NEW LISTING!



\$300,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104669

OPEN CONCEPT RANCH! 3 bed, 2 full bath home w/split bedroom floor plan. Large kitchen with pantry, breakfast bar, quartz, 42" cabinets, eating area & stainless stove, dishwasher & microwave. White trim package w/LVP flooring. FF laundry, addt den/off. 1014 FOREST GARDEN Drive, Loves Park

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$249,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104656

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS! Large 3 bed, 2.5 bath ranch w/2800+ SF on quiet/private 1.43 acre lot. 2.5 car garage w/ extra storage. Family Room w/gas FP. Large eat-in kitchen w/walk-in pantry. Main floor laundry. Large formal dining & sunken living rm. Master bath. 5410 GUILFORD Road, Rockford

KEITH KELLY
815-381-6822

NEW LISTING!



\$92,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104655

GREAT INVESTMENT! Well kept brick duplex. Each unit has 2 bedrooms with charming built-ins. 2 car garage. Close to shopping & dining. Roof 2014. 712 SEMINARY Street, Rockford

SARAH VINNITSKY
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NEW LISTING!



\$89,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104652

GREAT INVESTMENT! Well kept brick duplex. Each unit has 2 bedrooms with charming built-ins. 2 car garage. Close to shopping & dining. Roof 2014. 718 SEMINARY Street, Rockford

SARAH VINNITSKY
815-494-2480

NEW LISTING!



\$229,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104648

AMAZING RANCH! Over 1900 SF home has 3 beds & 2 full baths. 2 sided wood burning fireplace and soaring ceilings of the living room & great welcome you. GR opens to a generous sized kitchen. FF laundry. Main floor master w/updated bath. 7766 LOUELLA Drive, Roscoe

CATHLEEN ELLISON
815-505-1395

NEW LISTING!



\$95,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104647

GREAT INVESTMENT! Well kept brick duplex. Each unit has 2 bedrooms with charming built-ins. 2 car garage. Close to shopping & dining. Roof 2014. 722 SEMINARY Street, Rockford

SARAH VINNITSKY
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NEW LISTING!



\$325,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104646

BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME! 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 car garage on 1.81 acres in West Ledges w/1,641 SF on ML & 540+ SF in the LL. ML consists of 3 large beds, 2 baths, large living room, kitchen w/granite, formal dining, & laundry. All appliances included. 6847 SALADINO Drive, Roscoe

TYLER RAGAN
815-988-6624

NEW LISTING!



\$69,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104642

Meticulously Maintained! 3 bed, 2 bath, Mobile Home w/2.5 car garage & 1456 SF of living space. Vaulted ceilings & open concept. Gas fireplace in Living Room. Split bedroom floorplan. Master Suite w/WIC & private bath. Kitchen includes island & eat-in area. 3801 GREENSPIRE, Belvidere

JOSEPH EUREK
815-566-7419

NEW LISTING!



\$119,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104632

WELL MAINTAINED! 4 bed, 1 bath home on great corner lot. Tons of large closets & built-ins throughout the home. Large 2.5 car garage. Eat-in kitchen w/SS appliances. Living room is paired w/addt. room to make your own Dining or Family Room. 401 GILBERT Terrace, Machesney Park

DANIELLE POWERS
815-227-5900

NEW LISTING!



\$98,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104629

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

TIFFANY CRAVATTA
815-988-4388

NEW LISTING!



\$199,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104626

QUALITY BUILT! 3 bed w/off or 4 bed home is on corner lot near schools, I-90 & shopping. Eat-in kitchen w/cabinetry by Shattuck-Byers. Formal DR or Formal LR. Oversized family room w/FP. Use LL space as office or 4th bedroom w/peace & quiet! 1126 E 4th Street, Belvidere

JANE EUREK
815-988-7596

NEW LISTING!



\$320,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104615

RANCH HOME! 1900 SF Home w/3 beds, 2 baths and office make this floor plan ideal for working from home. Upgraded flooring & kitchen w/42" cabinets, quartz countertops, LVP flooring throughout. Bay window in master bed w/double vanity & WIC. 1033 FOREST GARDEN Drive, Loves Park

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$139,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104614

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

TIFFANY CRAVATTA
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NEW LISTING!



\$314,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104613

CENTRAL PARK RANCH! 3 bed, 2 bath open concept & split bed floor plan. Tall ceilings in LR/DR/Kit. Quartz counter tops. Upgraded trim, flooring, cavinets & lighting package. Master w/double vanity & WIC. LVP flooring thruout. 3 car garage insulated & drywalled. 1115 FOREST GARDEN Drive, Loves Park

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$350,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104611

NEW CONSTRUCTION! Lovely, modern 2 story floor plan offers tall ceilings on main floor, open concept living. Upgraded package include LVP floors, white trim, quartz counters + more. Center island in kitchen, large pantry, FF laundry. Master w/ WIC. 1029 FOREST GARDEN Drive, Loves Park

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$129,500 dickersonnieman.com/202104609

MOVE IN READY! Lots of updates including siding, windows, roof (2 years), carpet & nice hardwood floors. Furnace & A/C (6 years). Water Heater (7 Years). SS appliances w/new dishwasher. Granite counter tops, updated bath & FF laundry. 415 W FRANKLIN Street, Rockton

VICKI FLANDERS
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NEW LISTING!



\$205,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104605

HOT PROPERTY! Not like any other split bedroom. Spacious & move in ready. Convenient but private cul-de-sac location. Approx. 3000 SF of living space. Great kitchen, formal dining room. Master bedroom suite. Bonus room above garage is 4th bed. 1941 DIVINE Close, Rockford

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NEW LISTING!



\$395,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104603

ONE OWNER! 4 bed, 2.5 bath home w/3560 SF of living space on .95 wooded & manicured lot. 2 story foyer. Living room w/built-ins. Lg family room. Kitchen w/island & granite. FF laundry/pwdr room combo. Master suite w/WIC. 8230 SNARES BROOK Court, Roscoe

JAYNE RAGAN
815-988-7667

NEW LISTING!



\$94,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104591

ALL BRICK CAPE COD! 3 beds, 2 baths & finished basement. Large kitchen w/tons of cabinet space. Oversized dining room. Sunken living room w/built-in shelving. 2 beds & full bath w/new flooring. UL has plenty of storage & large master. Finished LL. 2210 16TH Avenue, Rockford

SEAN HOSSEINI
815-200-8490

NEW LISTING!



\$139,900 dickersonnieman.com/202103767

UPDATED RANCH! 2 bed, 1 bath modern home w/river view. Wood burning fireplace & 18x17 deck overlooking the Rock River. Newer roof, windows, carpet, tile, appliances & fixtures. Eat-in Kitchen + dining room. Very large rooms. Master w/WIC. 226 E FRONT Street, Byron

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NEW LISTING!



\$94,500 dickersonnieman.com/202103173

MOVE IN READY! Come home to your almost new home with most of the work done for you. Roof is 10 years old. Almost all new appliances. Updated bathrooms up/down. New electrical close to shopping and down town. 407 ILLINOIS Street, Oregon

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NEW LISTING!




\$79,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101375

TONS OF UPDATES! 2 bed, 1 bath ranch on corner lot w/mature trees & landscaping. Updated bathroom w/lacuzzi tub. Big basement w/tons of built-in storage. All appliances included. Sold AS IS! Home Warranty Included! 1 block from grade school & park. 511 W GARDEN Avenue, Forreston

KAYLA HESLOP
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NEW LISTING!



\$475,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101098

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

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NEW LISTING!



\$54,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101082

MOVE IN READY! 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with newer roof. All appliances stay, window treatments stay. Fenced in back yard. 2 window air conditioner. All newer replacement windows. Come and take a look. 208 N JACKSON Street, Polo

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NEW LISTING!



\$18,500 dickersonnieman.com/202004886

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

SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

NEW LISTING!



\$69,000 dickersonnieman.com/201701914

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

CHRIS SNYDER
815-494-7857



Weiskopf Observatory the place to be for upcoming meteor shower

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting a viewing of the annual Perseid Meteor Shower on Tuesday, Aug. 10, Wednesday, Aug. 11 and Thursday, Aug. 12 from 9 p.m. until midnight at their Weiskopf Observatory. The observatory is located at 79932 North River Road in Byron. Come out to the lawn of the Weiskopf Observatory and enjoy this annual meteor shower event. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and dress for the weather. Children must be with an adult. This event will be cancelled in case of cloudy skies. This is free program and no advance registration is required. For more information contact the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

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July Top Listings

CARLA BENESH

NEW LISTING

1575 Deer Path Lane, Franklin Grove
\$69,900
 Call Jenny

This gorgeous 5 acre parcel that borders Franklin Creek State Park is an exceptional location for your dream home! This property has so much to offer nearby-trails for hiking and horseback riding, fishing, and is conveniently located between many local towns/cities with easy access from I-88 or I-39. Utilities are at the road at front of the lot. Buy this beautiful property and start planning your new country home today!

NEW LISTING

1711 Harlem Boulevard, Rockford
\$225,000
 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 LISTING

202 S. Main Street, Rochelle
\$185,000
 Call Carla

New Listing! You'll love this all brick ranch in Rochelle that adjoins the Rochelle golf course! Three bedrooms, Two baths, large living room with stone fireplace, formal dining room, Eat in kitchen with Corian countertops. Updated baths, finished lower level with 2nd kitchen, Rec Room with 2nd gas fireplace. 2 car detached garage with nice sized backyard! Don't Delay, Call today!!

NEW LISTING

4551 Linview Drive, Rockford
\$125,000
 Call Rebecca

BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS! 3 bedroom/2 bathroom ranch home on a large .61 acre lot with exposed lower level! Bursting with potential, here is your chance to call this roomy ranch home. The main floor is open and inviting with the kitchen having an eat in area that is open to the living room. There are 3 bedrooms on the main floor along with a full bath. Lower level is a walkout and is partially finished with an additional full bath and gas fireplace. 2 car garage and storage shed also included. Newer siding, windows, roof, garage door and opener. Move fast to call this house, HOME!

July Top Closings

JD GIESON

NEW LISTING

8316 Stillman Valley Rd., Stillman Valley
\$149,900
 Call Carla

Welcome to the Country!! This adorable affordable 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 2 parklike acres of land in the highly rated Stillman Valley school district. This home has potential for either the finishing touches to make it your own or an awesome property for the new construction of a home! This country treasure offers large living and dining rooms and enclosed front porch. One bedroom on each level. The yard offers a variety of trees and total privacy!

NEW LISTING

305 Knollwood, Dixon
\$299,000
 Call Taylor

HOME SWEET HOME! This meticulously maintained home is located in Lost Lake on nearly 1 acre. Built in 2005, this solid26 construction home has tons to offer including cement board siding, exposed aggregate stone, custom cabinets, hardwood oak floors, in floor heat, 9 foot ceilings, a walkout basement, and many more great features! Lost Lake consists of a stocked 80 acre man made lake, tennis courts, a golf course, and tons of wildlife activity. This home has two heating options. One of the two is a boiler that was installed in 2018 with a 20 year warranty that provides the home with energy efficient in floor heat throughout the winter months. The high efficiency furnace serves as an emergency backup for the boiler system and also serves as the main blower for the central air in the summer. Some recent updates to the home include a radon mitigation system added in 2018, a reverse osmosis system for fresh drinking water, and a two year old water heater. All the appliances are included with the purchase of this home!

NEW LISTING

403 S. 2nd Street, Oregon
\$56,500
 Call Carla

New Listing in Oregon- Can you say simplify? This one bedroom, one bath offers just that!! Newly refinished hardwood flooring throughout! Freshly painted, new bath, appliances staying, fenced in backyard, enclosed back porch. Conveniently located close to downtown Oregon, parks and the Rock River!

NEW LISTING

4833 N. Wendorf Road, Monroe Center
\$299,000
 Call Rebecca

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NEWS

Rockford U announces scholars

ROCKFORD—The following students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the spring 2021 semester, earning at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester.

Destiny Kelsey of Byron
Alexis Denton of Mount Morris
Taylor Mundt of Byron

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the bachelor’s degree

completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

UW-Platteville announces 2021 graduates

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 900 students from its three campuses for the spring of 2021. Because of COVID-19, no ceremonies were held, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

Students from this area who graduated, with their hometown and major include:

Anna Stukenberg, Business Administration
Michael Wubbena, Agricultural Business
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Polo:
Andrew Dewey, Civil Engineering

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Paige Adams, Agricultural Education
Tyler McKay, Reclamation, Environment and Conservation
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Christian Pacheco, Mechanical Engineering

UW-Platteville is located in Southwest Wisconsin and has branch campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo. In 2020, UW-Platteville was named the best public institution in Wisconsin for annual return on investment for the fifth consecutive year by Payscale. For more information on the university, visit www.uwplatt.edu.

Bertolet Library News

Farmers Grow a Rainbow:

On Thursday, August 12th at 10 a.m., join Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom as we learn about the rainbow of fruits and vegetables grown by farmers. Please register by calling 815-738-2742.

Smartphone for Android:

Do you feel like your smartphone is smarter than you? Are you tired of asking your kids for help? Join us for a Smartphone for Android program on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 from 4-6 p.m. Instructor Jeremy Monigold, Highland Community College Lifelong Learning, will lead the class in an overview of the basic features of an android phone, managing contacts, modifying settings, how to keep your phone secure, and more. Bring your questions! Call 815-738-2742 by August 12th to register.

Create-a-Card:

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

Plastic Recycling:

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

New Releases


Adult Books
What’s Left Unsaid by Emily Bleeker
Class Act by Stuart Woods

Locals make 2021 Bradley Dean’s List

PEORIA – More than 1800 students were named to Bradley’s Dean’s List for Spring 2021. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include:
Abigail Ganong of Stillman Vally, majoring in Health Science.
Mykenzie Beitel of Mount Morris, majoring in Elementary Education ESL Endorsement.
Shelby Dean of Forreston, majoring in Advertising & Public Relations.

Kaylee Benton of Oregon, majoring in International Business.
Alison Poole of Polo, majoring in Chemistry ACS Certified.
Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students the resources of a larger university and the personal attention of a smaller university. More than 185 academic programs are offered in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.



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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Polo Library Hours

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

Storytime Saturday

Virtual - Facebook & YouTube - Aug. 7th & 21st at 10:30 a.m.

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

In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion - Aug. 14th & 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!

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

Saturday, Aug. 14th, Turas - 2021 Outdoor Concert Series, Yard Games at 5 p.m., Music starts at 6 p.m.

We're excited to host Turas, playing Irish Celtic music, 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

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.

Yoga on the Lawn, Polo Library Lawn - Monday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m.

Join us on the Library lawn for Yoga on the Lawn. The yoga class will be led by Krystal from Flight of the Phoenix (formerly ADM Studios). Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Register by emailing library@pololibrary.org or calling 815-946-2713

Rock River Center at Polo Library - Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m.-noon

Need help with Benefit Access Application (formally known as Circuit Breaker), Medicare, housing, personal

care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Call 815-732-3252 to set up an appointment to meet with an Information and Assistance Specialist.

TED Talk & Community Discussion - Thursday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Live on Zoom

Join us from the comfort of your own home for an open and honest conversation. We will watch the TED Talk "The Danger of a Single Story" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and discuss key points after the viewing. To register, email library@pololibrary.org or call 815-946-2713

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

Mount Morris Library News

Adult Program: Spotify

This program is currently on hold.

In-Person Storytime

This is currently on hold.

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. We ask that you come and apply in person.

Rock River Center

Starting in August, the Rock River Center will return to our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are

designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary.

Adult Book Club

The August book will be The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Riley. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, August 23rd at 5:30pm. No registration required.

August New Books

Fiction: 19 Yellow Moon Road by Fern Michaels, A Slow Fire Burning: A Novel by Paula Hawkins, Billy Summers by Stephen King, Blind Tiger by Sandra Brown, Bloodless by Douglas J. Preston, Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara, Class Act by Stuart Woods, Complications: A Novel by Danielle

Steel, Last Chance Library by Freya Sampson, Lightning Strike: A Novel by William Kent Krueger, Madness of Crowds: A Novel by Louise Penny, Murder Most Fowl by Donna Andrews, Night Music: A Novel by Jojo Moyes, Noise by James Patterson, Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy, Reading List: A Novel by Sara Nisha Adams, Turnout by Megan E. Abbott, Viral by Robin Cook, Vortex: An FBI Thriller by Catherine Coulter, Whiplash by Janet Dailey and You Can Run: A Novel by Karen Cleveland. Non-Fiction: Five-Ingredient Dinners: 100+ Fast, Flavorful Meals and We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation by Eric Garcia.

Display Case Showings

We will have a collection of travel mugs in our display cases for August.

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

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.

Byron Library News

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 at 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.

Share Your Story

Monday, Aug. 16 1-2 p.m. at BPLD Meeting 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.

Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the BPLD Meeting Room 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join Penny as she discusses August's book Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell. Book and audiobook copies of Then She Was Gone are available for pick up at the library. No registration is required.

Friday Trivia

Friday, Aug. 20 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History From movies to books to useless in-

formation, 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.

Floral Arrangement Workshop

Monday, Aug. 23 at BPLD 1-2 p.m. Join Kathleen from Stems & Stuff Designs and make a beautiful garden bouquet! One lucky attendee will receive a \$50 gift card to Stems & Stuff Designs! Attendance is limited, so please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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

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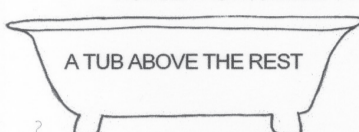
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LOCAL NEWS

Forreton Library News

Farmers Grow a Rainbow

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m.

Join Miss Melinda from Carroll-Ogle Ag in the Classroom for a story, craft, and games all about the colorful foods that farmers grow. This program will be held at Memorial park, weather permitting. Please call the library at 815-938-2624 by Tuesday, August 10th to register.

Display Cases

Several vintage photos from past Sauerkraut Days celebrations have been added to our display case. Stop in and see if you can identify any of the former Sauerkraut queen contestants and past community members!

Library Hours

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

Library Updates

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

Locals graduate from Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, KANSAS – Nearly 3,130 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in spring 2021. The graduates are from 101 Kansas counties, 44 states and 44 countries.

Oregon: Michaela Eden, Master of Science

Stillman Valley: Jack Johnson, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

The university awarded 2,207 bachelor's degrees, 700 master's degrees, 216 doctorates — 115 of which are Doctor of Veterinary Medicine — and 12 associate degrees. Several students earned multiple degrees.

More than 620 students earned graduation honors for outstanding academic performance. Of those, 222 students graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 208 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 194 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849.

Byron's Lehne makes Dean's List at Palmer

DAVENPORT, Iowa – Ellie Lehne of Byron has been named to the 2021 spring quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange, Fla.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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VISITORS WELCOME

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Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
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9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67
Lindenwood IL
815-393-4658
Worship: 10:00 am
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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelinchurch.org
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102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcm.org
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKenna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
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(815) 661-6315
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OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saintbride.church@gmail.com •
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

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Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
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Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Childrens
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am
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We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

The library is open
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Adult summer reading program
Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. This year the Oregon Public Library has two ways to record a participant's reading progress. You can choose:

- **Readsquared** – a free app that will allow you to record your reading logs online. Download (from any app store) the FREE Readsquared App and complete the registration process or go to this web address: <http://oregonpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/> *Please answer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group.
- **Book Logs** – can be picked up at time of checkout and dropped off in person at our circulation desk. Patrons should not hold book logs till the end of the program.

All book logs, word search and puzzles must be turned in by the end of the business day on Aug. 10th, 2021.

We have word search puzzles and word scrambles available this year. Puzzles and word searches completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program.

Follow us on Facebook and visit our website often for more programs coming to the library. <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Preschool story time (18 months – 6 years) continues through Aug. 19.

Stories, crafts and lots of books. In-person on Thursdays at 9:30 am and 11 am. Registration required.

Yoga on Mondays is back at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. At ADM Studios, their mission is to inspire Americans to practice balance, wholeness, wellness – as individuals, as communities, as a nation. {Oneness.} We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, 815-732-2724.

Try it Tuesday – Tuesday, Aug. 10 (while supplies last)

DIY Sand Succulent Planter Kit
Pick up your FREE kit to make your own Sand Succulent Planter Kit. (ages 16+) Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Local author: Winifred Bird-Wednesday, Aug. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

Eating Wild Japan – Tracking the Culture of Foraged Foods, with a Guide to Plants and Recipes-

From bracken to butterbur to "princess" bamboo, some of Japan's most iconic foods are foraged, not grown, in its forests, fields, and coastal waters--yet most Westerners have never heard of them. In this book, local Oregon resident and journalist Winifred Bird eats her way from one end of the country to the other in search of the hidden stories of Japan's wild foods, the people who pick them, and the places whose histories they've shaped. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

Library book clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Yiddish Policemen's Union by Michael Chabon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Books on Tap meets Thursday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. to discuss Happiness: The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever After by Heather Harpham.

River's Edge Farmers market – Thursday, Aug. 12, 5-7:30 p.m.

Join the Oregon Public Library for Library Night at The Farmers Market. There will be information about upcoming events, Friends of the Library, crafts and some bubble fun!

Local author: Elizabeth Priller-The Migraine Method: Book Signing and Body-Mind Tour- Wednesday, Aug. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Priller will be live and in-person signing copies of her new book, The Migraine Method, as part of the Mind-Body Tour, helping people release suffering and live a vibrant, migraine-free life of purpose. Elizabeth will discuss her book, and lead attendees through a short breath meditation to help show the power of the mind and body through the breath. The book and event are for more than migraine sufferers, but for anyone who is looking to improve their quality of life through how they move, eat, breathe, and sleep. Registration required (815) 732-2724

Wizard of Oz mystery event – Saturday, Aug. 21. Tickets on sale now!

Something is array in the land of Oz. Help us solve the mystery! There will be two shows available, one kid friendly show at 2pm and an adult (18 & over) at 6 pm. Tickets for the kids show are \$15/ticket or \$100/table of 8. Evening show tickets are \$45/ticket or \$320/table of 8. We are happy to have the Northern Illinois Players Troupe back to host this fun day of mystery! Show will begin at Cork N Tap.

Maker Mondays, Aug. 23rd – 6 p.m.

Dry erase Back To School Evening Checklist

Come and make a personalized evening checklist for your student to use every night. This easy dry erase style

checklist can be customized and hung anywhere in the house to help your student get organized each night. All supplies included and each participant will leave with a completed evening checklist. 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.

The Whistle Stop Canteen – Saturday, Aug. 28th at 1 p.m.

After Pearl Harbor was attacked, American troops started traveling across the U.S. for recruitment, induction, training, and deployment. Most servicemen had never been far away from home and certainly not on an over-crowded troop train, destination unknown. You may have heard of the Stage Door Canteen or Hollywood Canteen, where celebrities offered food, dancing, and entertainment to our servicemen. But the real surprise came at train stations all across the country, such as North Platte, NE, Dennison, OH, Reno, NV, and Connellsville, PA, where local women, children, and senior citizens sacrificed their own food and ration stamps to provide a morale boost to hungry, homesick, and frightened soldiers. Come learn about how the Greatest Generation pulled together to help our troops. Author Barb Warner Deane will have copies of all four of her books for purchase and signing. Registration required 815-732-2724

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. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District for helping the Oregon Public Library offer this unique reading experience at Oregon Park West. Current story being presented...The Wizard of Oz by Carol Ottolenghi (picture book version).

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.

PCs for people

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

New releases

Open Skies: My Life As Afghanistan's First Female Pilot by Niloofar Rahmani (Biography BIO RAH)

Fox & I: An Uncommon Friendship by Catherine Raven (Biography BIO RAV)

Trejo: My Life Of Crime, Redemption, And Hollywood by Danny Trejo (Biography BIO TRE)

Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm by Robin DiAngelo (Non-Fiction 305.8 DIA)

The Plague Year: America In The Time Of Covid by Lawrence Wright (Non-Fiction 614.5 WRI)

The Gut-Immune Connection: How Understanding The Connection Between Food And Immunity

Can Help Us Regain Our Health by Emeran Mayer, MD (Non-Fiction 616.9041 MAY)

Landslide: The Final Days Of The Trump Presidency by Michael Wolff (Non-Fiction 973.933 WOL)

The Women's March by Jennifer Chiaverini (Regular + Large Print Fiction)

Not A Happy Family by Shari Lapena (Fiction)

The Forbidden by Heather Graham (Fiction)

A Good Day For Chardonnay by Darynda Jones (Mystery)

The Heathens by Ace Atkins (Mystery)

Dog Eat Dog by David Rosenfelt (Mystery)

The Man With The Silver Saab by Alexander McCall Smith (Mystery)

A Deadly Deletion by Lorna Barrett (Mystery)

Midnight, Water City by Chris McKinney (Mystery)

Tender Is The Bite by Spencer Quinn (Mystery)

A Few Drops Of Bitters by G. A. McKevett (Mystery)

Forest Of Secrets by Fiona Buckley (Mystery)

Body Over Troubled Waters by Denise Swanson (Paperback Mystery)

Not The Kind Of Earl You Marry by Kate Pembroke (Paperback Romance)

Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Fall DIY Stenciling Kit-ages 16+

Stencil a 14" x 14" canvas with wooden frame at home, with a friend, on a rainy day and when it fits into your busy schedule. All supplies include in this DIY kit with 3 choices of stencils to choose from. You will also have access to a video tutorial that walks you through the step-by-step process of completing this fun fall sign. Kits can be picked up on Monday August 16 at Nash. Project fee is \$25/Resident or \$30/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Aug. 9.

Learn to Make Mexican Street Corn with Hector's Cocina

Register now for this class on Tuesday, August 17 at Park West where Michelle Carreno will teach participants to make Mexican Street Corn. While the corn is roasting Michelle will demo cactus peeling, discuss health benefits of cactus and how to prepare. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$33/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Aug. 10.

Free Summer Meals to those 18 years old and younger

Join the Oregon Park District, Oregon United Methodist Church and River Stone Christian Church as they partner with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to bring free lunch to youth throughout the Summer season.

Every weekday from noon-1 p.m., boxed lunches will be served at Mix Park. Meals are for those 18 year and under to enjoy. Meals will be picked up in a drive thru line and children do not need to be in attendance to receive the meals. Parents/caregivers

can request the amount they would like for their children. Program runs through Friday, August 13.

For more information or questions, contact the Oregon Park District, 815-732-3101.

Extended Time

Extended Time is our before and after school program that is paired with the OCUSD calendar. Our staff engages students in both recreational and educational activities that encourage teamwork, self-confidence, and fun. The program is conveniently located at the Blackhawk Center. Children can walk to school in the morning and come straight over after school. The morning program includes the option of having your child walked to the elementary school early for their breakfast program. The daily afternoon schedule includes time for snack, homework, themed projects, as well as physical activity. Students in grades K-6th can attend. Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open! Registration can be completed over the phone (815) 732-3101 or online. Registration for a student's month of attendance must be completed by the 25th of the month prior.* To offer parent's a flexible schedule, parents will select each day within the month that their child(s) will be attending. Parents may register for Before School, After School, or both. Payment is required at the time of registration. *Registration for August 2021 must be completed by Aug. 11.

OES Fall Musical

Enjoy working with your friends to create and perform a wonderful show! Auditions, rehearsals, and performances for 2021 production of The Music

Man will be a time to remember. Every child who auditions will have a part in the performance and a moment in the light, all while learning about the art of theatre! Fee is \$100 per Resident child and \$120 per Non-Resident child. Rehearsals run from the first week of school through mid-November. Deadline to register is Wednesday, August 11 and spots are limited. The performances are slotted for the weekend of November 12. More information can be found at <https://oregonpark.org/fall-musical/> Deadline to register your actor is on Wednesday, August 11.

Junior High Cross Country

Junior High athletes will develop endurance, improve their running technique, and build team camaraderie. Practices will be held multiple days of the week and meets will be held similar to the high school schedule. Transportation to meets is not provided. Sign up early to ensure you maximize practices before the meets begin! Practices will begin the week of 8/2 but registration is open through 8/19. Fee \$75/ \$90NR

Fall Basketball Camp

This is an introduction to the fundamentals of basketball for both boys and girls, ages 4-9, instructed by the Oregon High School Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Olyvia Rand and her team. Youth will develop dribbling, passing and shooting skills in a positive and fun atmosphere! Location of the camp will be at the Blackhawk Center, with the camp meeting on Monday evenings, 9/13- 10/4. Camp t-shirt is included in price. Please bring a water bottle. Cost \$25/\$30NR. Registration Deadline: 9/3

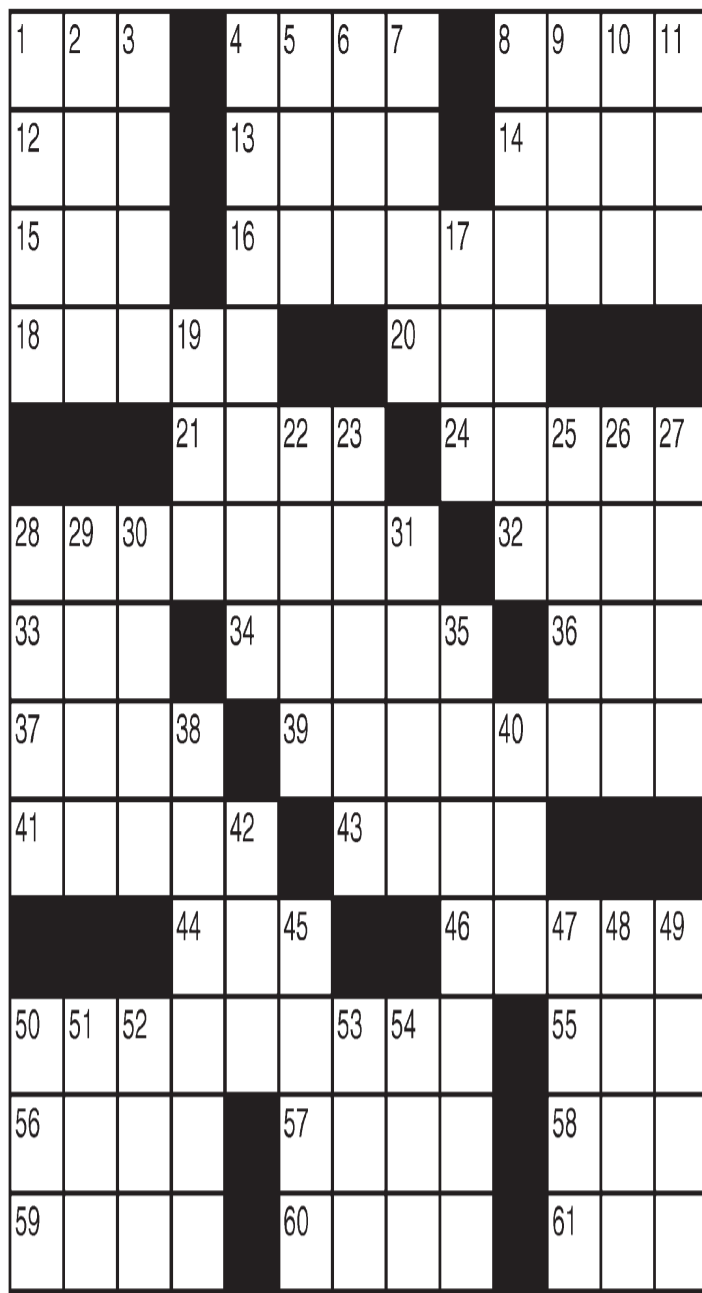
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● — SHOP

ACROSS

- 1 Scepter
- 4 Israeli airline
- 8 Staffer
- 12 Brit. record label
- 13 The Big Easy acronym
- 14 Not worth debating
- 15 Picnic crasher
- 16 Bird with yellow plumage
- 18 Popular take-out entree
- 20 Use a shovel
- 21 Golden Fleece ship
- 24 Atkinson of "Mr. Bean"
- 28 Wood pigeon
- 32 Long tale
- 33 Mil. morale booster
- 34 Gladden
- 36 Decay
- 37 Lost traction
- 39 Pink wading bird
- 41 King of Judea
- 43 Faux pas
- 44 Belly
- 46 Tribal emblem
- 50 Coastal diving bird
- 55 Chopper
- 56 — mater
- 57 Bassoon's kin
- 58 Director



- Burton
- 59 Longings
- 60 See to
- 61 Packed away
- DOWN**
- 1 Harvest
- 2 Hotel chain
- 3 Bubblehead
- 4 Fencer's cry
- 5 Brit's restroom
- 6 100 percent
- 7 "Shane" star
- 8 Juan's pals
- 9 Charged bit
- 10 Medico
- 11 Ordinal suffix
- 17 Fragrant tree
- 19 Abrupt turn
- 22 Michelle Wie's game
- 23 Cameo shapes
- 25 Tip off
- 26 Awestruck
- 27 Peacekeeping org.
- 28 Hurry
- 29 Capri, for one
- 30 Pinot —
- 31 And others (Lat.)
- 35 Sent forth
- 38 Doctrines
- 40 Wall St. debut
- 42 Pair
- 45 Jog
- 47 "Toodle-oo!"
- 48 Way out
- 49 Viral web phenomenon
- 50 Low isle
- 51 Flamenco cheer
- 52 LBJ's successor
- 53 Copper head?
- 54 "Smoking or —?"

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U S R O C C A B O T S S E R D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: CUTS HAIR AS A TRADE

- Beauty
- Dress
- Printing
- Tobacco
- Butcher
- Machine
- Repair
- Union
- Coffee
- Pastry
- Tackle
- Window
- Curiosity
- Pawn
- Talk

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	3		6			8		
		5		2			4	
2					9			1
5				8			9	
		7	9					6
	1				3	4		
		3			4		2	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

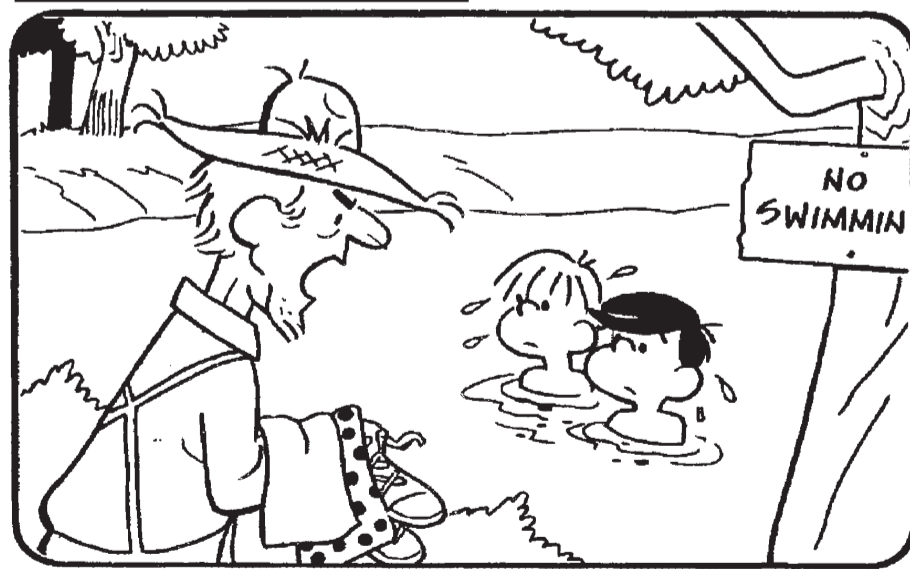
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

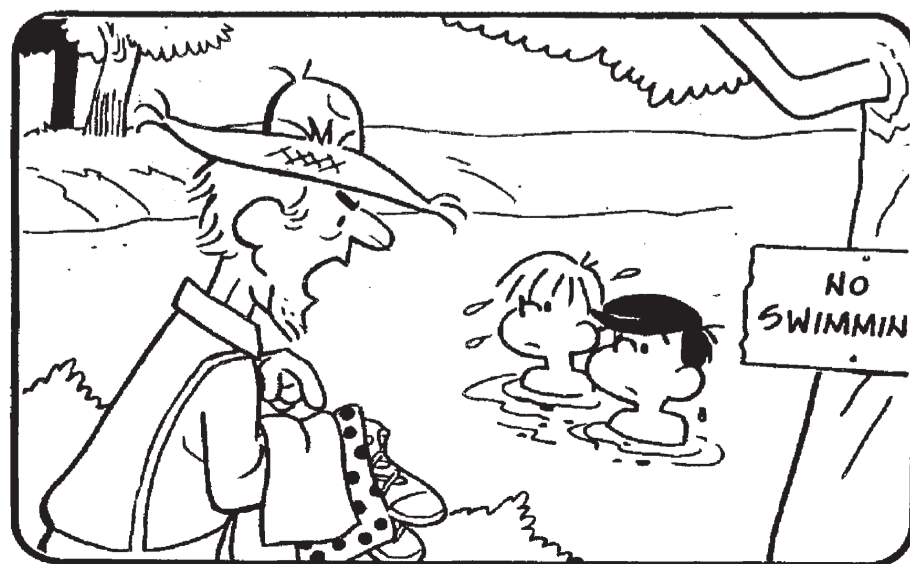
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

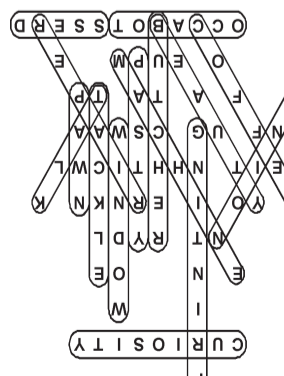


Differences: 1. Suspenders are different. 2. Shoelace is missing. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Drop of water is missing. 5. Hand is showing. 6. Leaves are added.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers



SHOP

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

MARKETPLACE



Garage Sale
LEAF RIVER
 5855 W. Hilldale Rd.
Huge Moving/Garage Sale.
Thursday August 12th Thru
Saturday August 14th 8am-4pm.
 Antiques- Chairs, Dresser, Milk Bottles and
 Cans, Cream Cans, Pails, Milkers, Wagon
 Wheels, Tools, Ice Machine, Furniture, Doll
 Furniture, Diecast Nascars, Children's Toys,
 Many Household Items, and Much More.
 PIA#16

Garage Sale
BYRON 1016 Crestview Tr.
August 12th, 13th, 9am-4pm.
August 14th \$3/Bag 9am-Noon.
 New Portable Sewing Machine, 27"
 TV, Xmas Items, Ladies Clothing,
 Kid's Picnic Table, Classic Wagon.
 Lots of Everything! Stop by and See!
 PIA#12

Garage Sale
OREGON 309 S 1st. St
Old Foundry Sale.
Friday August 13th &
Saturday August 14th 9am-1pm.
 Tables, Lockers, Windows, Live Edge
 Wood, 200 Pictures & Frames, Art
 Books, Fiberglass & Welding Items,
 Vintage Glassware, Cabinets,
 Granite & Tools.

Garage Sale
OREGON 103 Amber Dr.
Friday August 13th 9am-5pm &
Saturday August 14th 9am-1pm.
 Furniture, Microwaves, Flat Screen
 TV, Yamaha Piano, Grill, Bike,
 Name Brand XSM Ladies Clothes,
 Ladies XL Clothes, Décor, House-
 hold, and More! PIA#14

Garage Sale
MT MORRIS
 206 E Brayton Rd.
Moving Sale.
Thursday August 12th
Friday August 13th 8am-4pm. Saturday
August 14th 8am-Noon.
 Kitchen & Household Items, Cook-
 books, Tools, Garden Pots,
 & Accessories. PIA#13

103
HELP WANTED

FARMETTE & PASTURE LAND AUCTION
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021
at 6:00 P.M
 Sale to be held on Parcel 1 site:
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 For Information Contact:
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 Polo, IL 61064
 Ph) 815-946-4120
 Owner, Gladys M Typer Trust
 Barb Ruter, Trustee
 Attorney, Tom Suits
 Ph) 815-946-2276



103
HELP WANTED

REAL ESTATE AUCTION
'Victor Smith Estate'
Sun., Aug. 22nd - 1:00 P.M.
137 E. Grant St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084
Ranch-Style 3-BR Home Built in 1964. Attached Ga-
 rage, No Basement, 1-3/4 Baths, Newer Roof. Home
 Need Updating. Lot Size: 66' x 95'. Close to Schools.
 Estate of Victor Smith. **Please Contact Hack's for**
terms, details and/or private showing.
PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION at 10 A.M.: 2001
 Chevy Venture LT Mini Van; Antiques & Collectibles;
 Longaberger & Pfaltzgraff; Local Adv.; Huge Hard Pa-
 perback Book Collection; Stereo & HiFi Equipment;
 Records; Watches; Furniture; Household Furnishings;
 Tools; Garage Items; Lawn & Garden; Vic Repaired
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 lain Portrait Paintings & Artwork; Civil War & Military;
 Powder Flasks & Old Peters Ammo; Early Boxes &
 Tea Chests, Blue/Gray Stoneware-Sleepy Eye-Adv.;
 RCA 'Nipper' Store Display; Mary Gregory Glassware
 & Royal Bayreuth; (250) Sterling Silver Spoons-Fra-
 ternal-Cities-State; Quilts & Textiles; Lighting; Sports;
 Native American; Historical 1870-1900 Stephe-
 nson-JoDaviss-Carroll County Plat Books; Early Toys
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203
HELP WANTED

St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle is looking for an Extended Care Director. Applicants need to be at least 23 years old, and have experience working with children ages three to fourteen. Good communication skills, general computer skills, good organizational skills and a team player attitude are a must. Applicants must be available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact Steve Hall (St. Paul principal) at 815-562-6323 or shall@stpaulrochelleil.org if interested. References are required. 08082021

ABM is hiring at the Byron Exelon Generation Station
Full time evenings and Part time temporary day and night positions for Fall refuel. Apply on Jobalign. Look for Byron cleaner. Must pass required training. Full time \$15.25 an hr. with benefits and vacation.

SITE or CARETAKER PERSON
Part time for Parkside Apartments in Mt. Morris
Duties include: painting, apartment prep, clean, maintenance repairs, minor plumbing & electrical, lawn work, now removal and light office duties.
Send resume/letter of interest with experience to: swilson@apmwi.net
Equal Opportunity Employers 03292021

Part time position at the Mount Morris Public Library.
We are looking for someone to fill the role of children's services and programming coordinator. This involves planning and implementing programming for children and adults as well as performing general library duties. Anyone interested should apply in person at the library. A full job description is available at the library. Please include a resume. 07012019

Employment Opportunity
The Village of Mt. Morris is seeking a full-time Deputy Village Clerk. Qualified candidates must have a high school diploma or GED and should possess strong customer service and clerical skills, including proficiency in Word and Excel. Prior accounting experience is helpful but not required. The preferred candidate will live in Mt. Morris. This position includes a competitive salary and benefits. You will be required to clear a background check prior to employment.
Applications are available in the Village Clerk's Office located at 105 W Lincoln Street Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm., or on our website www.mtmorrisil.net through August 30, 2021. Mt. Morris is an equal opportunity employer. 08022021

203
HELP WANTED

Byron CUSD #226 has the following openings at Mary Morgan Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year:
5 hour per day Kitchen Worker
3 hour per day Kitchen Worker
Interested individuals should apply online at www.byron226.org Under the About Us tab in the Employment Opportunities Section 08022021

The Byron Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Police Officer
Applications may be picked up at and returned to:
The Byron Police Department, 232 W. Second Street.
Applications will be accepted until September 15, 2021.
Minimum requirements: U.S. Citizen, 21 years of age, High School Diploma and a valid drivers license. College education is preferred.
Applicants must be able to pass the State of Illinois P.O.W.E.R. Test. 08022021

Byron CUSD #226 has the following openings:
2nd Shift Custodian at Mary Morgan Elementary School
2nd Shift Custodian at Byron Middle School High School
Assistant Girls Track Coach
Middle School Head
Cross Country Coach
Interested individuals should apply online at www.byron226.org under the About Us tab in the Employment Opportunities Section 08022021

Buy, Sell, Trade or Rent through the Marketplace

101
LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
Ogle County Housing Authority is opening the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This program is a rental assistance program that assists extremely low income and very low-income families with their rent in the private market.
Applications will be available online beginning Monday August 9, 2021, at 9:00 am CST. Applications can be accessed at <https://www.waitlist-check.com/IL3114>.
Applications will be placed in this list according to preference, date, and time. Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program.
Ogle County Housing Authority will accept applications as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities at their office, located at 200 Washington St., Suite 100, Oregon Illinois 61061 from 9:00am - 3:00 pm CST. Please call 815-732-1301 with any questions. No. 0717 (July 18, 19, 25, 26, Aug. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16)

An Advertising Proverb
When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider in his newspaper and 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."

203
HELP WANTED

Byron CUSD #226
BUS DRIVER POSITION
For the 2021-22 School Year
• Great position for those wanting to supplement their income
• Flexible Schedule will align with your child's school year schedule
• Very Rewarding Position
• Sign-On BONUS!
• Interested but new to the position? The District will train you!
Contact Barb Rundle for more information at 815-234-5491 x 400 08022021



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Public Service Announcement

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY
Request of: ANGELA KAY JONES
Case Number 2021-MR-40
There will be a court date on my Request for change my name from: Angela Kay Jones to the new name of: Angela Kay Rachas.
The court date will be held on September 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, in Courtroom 202.
/s/ Angela Kay Jones
No. 0801 (Aug. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(No.)
(2021)
(P-544)
OF:)
(PENELOPE)
(BUSHNICK,)
(deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of PENELOPE BUSHNICK of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 19, 2021, to AMY M. ROSE of Moline, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
CASE NUMBER 2021-MR-45
REQUEST OF:

County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
AMY M. ROSE
Independent Administrator
No. 0803 (Aug. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 27, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Holistic Balance, 16547 E. McNeal Rd., Monroe Center, IL 61052.
Dated: July 27, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0804 (Aug. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
CASE NUMBER 2021-MR-45
REQUEST OF:

Jamie Rose Fulton
TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
From Jasmine Marie Coy to Jasmine Marie Coy-Fulton.
Court date: September 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Ogle County, courtroom 304
No. 0807 (Aug. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 30, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Malbran Creations, 303 West First Street, Mount Morris, IL 61054.
Dated: June 30, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0817 (Aug. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 2, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: North West Transport, 500 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061.
Dated: August 2, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0819 (Aug. 9, 16, 23)

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS
FURMAN'S Lawn Care & Tree Trimming. Lawn Mowing, Hedge Trimming, Gutter Cleaning, Storm Damage Cleanup, Spring & Fall Cleanup, Housecleaning, Painting and Much More. In Business Since 1999 Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please Leave Message Will Return Call ASAP. (TFN)

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED
HOUSEKEEPER WANTED BI-Weekly. Please Contact 815-561-0021. (08-08-21)

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

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

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

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SUPERVISORS FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$100,017;	Property Replacement Taxes-	\$7,848.;	Interest-	\$2,795;
Miscellaneous-	\$0;	TOTAL REVENUE-			
\$110,660					
SUPERVISORS FUND, COMPENSATION SUMMARY					
Range: Under-	(\$25,000.00)-	Tom Smith,	Jim Milligan,	Lorraine Hubbard,	& Dennis Probasco,
Luxtun, Jamie Herring..... \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99- Heath Strohman,					
TOTAL COMPENSATION; \$42,654					
SUPERVISOR FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
IRS Taxes-	\$10,906;	IL. Dept. of Revenue-	\$2,236;	Toirma-	2,551
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500.00)- \$4,351					
TOTAL VENDORS- \$20,044					
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$801;	Interest-	\$31;	TOTAL REVENUE- \$834	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00)- 0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$0					
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$34,880;	Replacement Taxes-	\$4,651;	Interest-	\$1,443;
Village of Hillcrest-	\$2,045;	Toirma	\$0	TOTAL REVENUE- \$43,019	
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-COMPENSATION SUMMARY					
Range: Under	\$25,000:	Bill Hubbard,	Gary Harleman,	Dan Alderks,	& Dylan Hopkins
TOTAL COMPENSATION- \$5182					
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
IRS-	0;	IL. Dept. of Revenue	0;	Toirma-	\$3,991;
Steve Benesh	\$10,782	TOTAL REVENUE-			
\$11,792					
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$11,468; TOTAL VENDORS- \$26,241					
SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$34,585;	Interest-	\$720;	TOTAL REVENUE- \$36,305	
SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
R. E. Wolber-	2,840;	Martin & Co -	\$12,125	Ogle Cty.	\$3,934
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500)- \$11,792					
TOTAL VENDORS- \$30,692					
CBHB FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$10,654;	Interest-	\$1,285	TOTAL REVENUE- \$11,939	
CBHB FUND- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
Metal Culverts-	\$3,733;	Contech Solutions-	\$4,401	TOTAL REVENUE-	
\$9,883					
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$1,749; TOTAL VENDORS- \$9,883					
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY					
Property Taxes-	\$6124;	Interest-	\$475	TOTAL REVENUE- \$6,599	
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$0.00; TOTAL VENDORS- 0					

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP 1 April, 2020 through 31 March, 2021

	Supervisors Fund	General Assistance Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Special Road Tax	CBHB Fund
Beginning Balance	\$136,317	\$2,345	\$84,863	\$41,211	\$45,073
Total Revenue	\$131,060	\$844	\$43,020	\$36,304	\$34,914
Less Disbursements	(\$62,701)	(0)	(\$31,732)	(\$30,693)	(\$9,883)
Ending Balance	\$204,676	\$3,189	\$96,151	\$46,823	\$70,184

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Explore a career in agriculture

The agricultural industry provides a variety of opportunities to professionals interested in this often misunderstood field.

According to the employment resource AGCareers.com, more than 250 career profiles are available to people interested in a career in agriculture. And while jobs in agriculture may not be as prevalent as they were a few centuries ago, when 72 percent of the workforce was employed in farm occupations in the United States, agriculture remains a booming industry that greatly affects the nation's economy.

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CAREER : Many exciting opportunities

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Today, one in 12 American jobs is depends on agriculture, according to the career resource Pay-scale.

The following are some potential professions for those considering careers in agriculture.

- **Agricultural business manager:** This person oversees the business operations of a farm by providing organization and leadership during the production process. He or she contacts creditors, selects seeds, buys new equipment, and ensures the distribution of product.

- **Agricultural lawyer:** Attorneys who specialize in agriculture deal with water and environmental issues, represent agricultural labor

in disputes, ensure proper marketing techniques are followed, handle real estate and land use issues, and much more.

- **Animal control officer:** These officers enforce local and regional laws that pertain to the treatment and care of animals. They patrol for distressed animals and ensure cruelty-free practices are adhered to.

- **Grain buyer:** Grain buyers build relationships with producers so they can purchase grain for their particular companies. They negotiate purchase agreements, source grain supplies and issue purchase orders.

- **Poultry hatchery manager:** Hatchery managers oversee all of the aspects involved in poultry hatching. These can include man-

agement of personnel, handling and sorting of eggs, maintenance of equipment, coordination of pick-ups and deliveries, and overseeing quality control.

- **Soil scientist:** Among the many tasks they might perform, scientists in the field of agriculture test soil samples for minerals and contaminants. By studying the soil, scientists can recommend which crops the land can support, how much livestock can feed in an area and the implications of agriculture on the area as it pertains to managing natural resources.

A career in agriculture presents many exciting opportunities in a number of different applications. It's a vast industry that utilizes professionals with an array of skillsets.

How farmers are using drones

The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

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DRONES: Planning help

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• **Monitor crops:** According to senseFly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before those issues escalate into something larger.

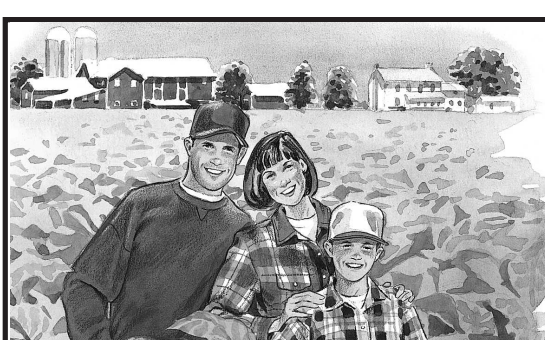
• **Soil analysis:** Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertiliza-

tion.

• **Reduce waste:** SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result.

• **Planning:** Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan ahead.

Agricultural drones are one of the many examples that illustrate how technology has changed and will continue to change the ways modern farmers conduct business.



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The benefits of organic agriculture

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That's especially true in the produce aisle, where many stores have expanded their fresh fruit and vegetable offerings.

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ORGANIC: Can be much more expensive for consumers

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That expansion reflects a growing preference among consumers for fresh products, including fresh produce. A 2018 report from the market research firm IRI and the Food Marketing Institute found that sales of fresh foods comprised just under 31 percent of food industry sales in 2017.

Customers who prefer fresh fruits and vegetables to frozen alternatives may wonder if they should be even more selective when purchasing their favorite foods in the produce aisle. That decision may come down to whether or not to purchase organic produce.

Organic produce can be significantly more expensive than non-organic fruits and vegetables, so it's understandable if budget-conscious consumers cannot afford to go entirely organic. However, it's important that consumers recognize the many ways that organic agriculture is having a positive impact on the health of hu-

mans and the planet they call home.

- Organic produce reduces exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. UC Davis Health notes that organic produce has been proven to reduce consumers' exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. That's a significant benefit, as pesticide exposure has been shown to lead to neurodevelopmental issues and has been linked to higher cancer risk. Consumers shopping on budgets can pick and choose which organic foods they purchase, as UC Davis Health notes that certain foods have been shown to have higher pesticide residues than others. Apples, celery, grapes, spinach, strawberries, and tomatoes have high levels of pesticide residues, so choosing organic versions of these foods may be a wise choice. Avocados, broccoli, cabbage, and cantaloupe are some of the foods that typically have low levels of pesticide residue.

- Organic agriculture reduces environmental degradation. The Organic Trade Association

notes that synthetic pesticides and fertilizers used on some conventional farms can deplete the soil of valuable nutrients and increase environmental degradation. Organic farmers do not use such pesticides or fertilizers, instead utilizing such practices as composting, cover cropping and crop rotation, each of which can have positive, long-term effects on soil quality.

- Organic agriculture benefits local wildlife. A 2015 study from researchers in Argentina that was published in the journal Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment found that small mammals were more abundant around organic farms than conventional farms. That's not just good for those mammals, but also the farmers, as small mammals can feed on insects that would otherwise adversely affect crops.

Many grocery stores are increasing the availability of organic fruits and vegetables.

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Common sustainable agriculture practices

The concept of sustainability varies by industry. Within the agricultural industry, sustainability is a multifaceted concept that has become increasingly popular in recent decades.

According to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to increase profitable farm income, promote environmental stewardship, enhance quality of life for farm families and communities, and increase production for human food and fiber needs.

In an attempt to reach those goals, farmers who embrace sustainable agriculture may look to various practices.

- **Cover crops:** The Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit organization that aims to employ independent science to address the planet's most pressing problems, notes that cover crops are planted during the offseason when soils have traditionally been left bare. Cover crops can help prevent soil erosion and replenish the nutrients in the soil.

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SUSTAINABLE: Eliminate tillage

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Cover crops also can limit weed growth, reducing the need for herbicides that can prove harmful to the environment.

- Reduce or eliminate tillage: According to the UCS, traditional plowing, or tillage, can cause a significant amount of soil loss, even as it prepares fields for planting and reduces the likelihood of weed problems. Eliminating or reducing tillage involves inserting seeds directly into undisturbed soil, which can reduce erosion and improve the health of the soil.

- Integrated pest management: Integrated pest management techniques aim to minimize the use of chemical pesticides that can prove harmful to the environment and local wildlife. According to the University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program, IPM strategies like habitat

manipulation and the planting of disease-resistant plants are designed to promote long-term prevention of pests and the damage such pests can cause.

- Agroforestry: The Association for Temperate Agroforestry defines agroforestry as an intensive land management system that incorporates trees and/or shrubs to optimize the benefits they provide when deliberately combined with crops and/or livestock. The shade and shelter provided by trees and shrubs can protect plants, animals and water resources.

- Crop/livestock integration: The UCS notes that there is growing evidence to suggest that the careful integration of crop and animal production can help farmers make their farms more efficient and profitable.

Sustainable agriculture is a complex concept that can benefit farmers, their local communities and the environment in myriad ways.

Maintenance key to functioning farms

The family automobile is not the only piece of equipment that requires routine upkeep to ensure it is operating properly.

Life on a farm can come to a screeching halt if farm equipment is not properly maintained. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars on agricultural equipment, such as tractors, tillers, hoppers, and dozers. Adhering to maintenance schedules can prevent breakdowns and decrease the need for potentially costly emergency repairs.

Keep it clean

Cleaning the surface of equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Learn the equipment

Over time, it is possible to employ your senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment is working properly. Familiarize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

See MAINTENANCE, Page 9C



MAINTENANCE: Some welding

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Routine maintenance checks
Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks. Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Heavy farm equipment needs motor oil, hydraulic oil and filters changed more frequently than automobiles. Such equipment also may need more frequent lubrication of chains and cables. Always

check and inspect equipment prior to jobs requiring heavy and extended usage.

Expect some welding
Have a knowledgeable welder on call to make repairs as needed, or develop your skills to a point where you feel comfortable making your own spot repairs. The experts at Miller, producers of welding equipment, say cleaning the surface area and removing any paint, oil or corrosion from the metal area that needs repairing can make for smooth, durable welds. Multi-process welding generators and accessories can ensure the right welds for repairs in the field or in the shop.

Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments.



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The basics when it comes to raising pigs

Many people subscribe to the notion that “everything is better with bacon.” Imagine being able to control the quality and flavor of pork products, and knowing just what went into producing delicious bacon?

In an era of growing uncertainty about commercially produced food, many agriculturally inclined people are raising livestock right on their properties, and small-scale pig farms can be a successful venture.

Despite pigs’ reputation as dirty animals, the animal resource PetHelpful indicates they are actually one of the cleanest farm animals. Pigs tend to wallow in mud only if they do not have proper shade and a clean, steady water

supply to regulate their body temperature. Furthermore, giving pigs plenty of space to roam will enable them to keep dry, clean and cool.

Pens should be large enough so pigs can sleep and eat on one end and use the other end for soiling. Pigs also are intelligent animals that will adapt to routine. This means it may be easier to care for pigs than some other farm animals.

Even though pigs can grow to be quite large, they do not need to live on an expansive farm. Many pigs can live quite well on an acre if their pen and foraging areas are rotated periodically. Data from the past 50 years shows that today’s pig farms use less land and

other resources to produce one pound of pork, according to the National Pork Board. Therefore, raising pigs can be a sustainable undertaking.

According to Mother Earth News, when selecting pig breeds for a pig farm startup, these are popular as lean-meat producers and shouldn’t be hard to find: Yorkshire, Duroc-Jersey, Berkshire, Hampshire, Poland-China, Chester White and Tamworth. Choose sows (females) or barrows (castrated males) for the best-tasting meat. Also, keep in mind that pigs are social animals, and even though the average family will do just fine with one pig’s worth of meat, pigs do better if raised in pairs or more. Pigs need a varied diet to thrive. Di-

ets should include grain, milk, fruits, vegetables, and greens from pasture. Experts suggest novices ask a veterinarian or another pig farmer about feeding. A family garden or bartering with other families nearby for food materials can keep feeding costs minimal.

Many pigs can be butchered by the age of six or seven months. After pigs reach that age, they begin to grow quite large and become a much larger investment of time and money.

Pig farming can be a worthwhile venture.

More in-depth information on raising pigs is available at <http://porkgateway.org/resource/introduction-to-raising-pigs/>.

Safety tips for parents of young farmers

People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may

provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

- Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- Enroll children in farm safety camps. The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming

techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

- Set a positive example. Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety in mind.




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