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Students must mask up



Mandate leaves schools with no choice, officials say

By Brad Jennings
Editor

When students go back to school across Ogle County, they will be required to wear masks.

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced on Wednesday, Aug. 4, that students at all K-12 schools in the state – public and private – will be required to wear a mask.

That leaves area schools with really no other option, area district officials said.

The night after Pritzker's announcement, the mask issue was discussed at the Meridian School Board meeting. While many parents argued for no masks, Superintendent PJ Caposey

said they will follow the mandate.

"While I know I personally and many Board members agreed with their perspective on parent choice, local control, and a mask-recommended instead of mandated school year, I recommended that we follow the governor's Executive Order," he said. "While this clearly disappointed many in the audience ... I felt it was the only prudent thing to do for our district."

The Oregon School District will also comply with the mandate, in a letter to parents, Superintendent Tom Mahoney said that there could be consequences for not complying with the

mandate.

"The consequence includes increased liability, loss of insurance coverage, and loss of school recognition which is tied to state funding," the letter stated.

He said that he called law firms that represent the district, and they both recommended the district follow the order as to not expose, "the district to liability for acting in a way that would be considered wanton and willful."

The school insurer also told the district that it would be "prudent" to follow the governor's order.

Finally, the letter noted that the Illinois State Board of Education has threatened,

"the loss of the school district's recognition status. If the state chose to pursue this path, it could lead to the loss of state revenue."

"Essentially the new executive order eliminates the authority of school boards to adopt 'mask optional' plans for the start of the 2021-2022 school term," the letter said. "Additionally, I was informed that the Governor's Executive Orders have been challenged in court 69 times since the beginning of the pandemic. In all 69 cases the orders stood."

Caposey pointed to these "threats" as a reason to follow the order.

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Straw Fest tops things to do in Mt. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Come to the Mt. Morris Campus at 16 S. Wesley on Sunday, Aug. 29, the last day of Straw Fest, from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Visit the Concierge Desk at the flagpole for details about campus activities and maps to area sites. Enjoy straw sculptures, the Sandstone Art Gallery's "Radical Botanicals," scavenger hunts for children, music, and presentations about campus history, people, and architecture. Admission is free. Donations appreciated.

Most events are outdoors,

some self-directed, all are free, geographically distanced, and can be reached in the safety of your family's own car. Tours extend from Grand Detour to rural Mt. Morris. At Grand Detour, explore the old Upper Ferry Landing near the bridge. Watch the Rock River begin its U-turn. Visit the John Deere Historic Site (8334 S. Clinton Street), open from 1-5 p.m., featuring Deere's blacksmith shop, a docent lead tour of his home, a blacksmith at work, and walk-through prairie plot.

In rural Mt. Morris, proceed

to Bald Hill Prairie Preserve (5502 N. Silver Creek Road). View stunning vistas. See the biggest tree in Illinois. The prairie, at times with steep terrain, is open all day. Hiking trails are well marked. Bring picnics. The Education Superintendent of the Byron Forest Preserve, which owns and maintains the prairie, will be on site from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. He will provide presentations about the prairie habitat, wildlife, and the Big Tree, an Eastern Cottonwood and true "Radical Botanical."

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Pine Creek is a great place for a picnic. (Jeff Bold photo)

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LOCAL NEWS

County electronic recycling event Aug. 27

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

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

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones and chargers, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens are accepted and are \$5 per unit.

Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per household per month. Permits come with a full list of accepted items for recycling. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. If you have business or institutional electronic items to recycle call the number above to set up an appointment.

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

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Lions keep it clean

Several members of the Oregon Lions Club on Wednesday, July 21st to clean up roadside debris on IL Rt. 2 North. Those Oregon Lions who participated were, from left: Pat Farraday, Jerry Hinrichs, Bob Arneson, Ray Farrey and Grant Afflerbaugh.

Email items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.

MASK: There is no remote learning option

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"Since this is obviously unprecedented, we do not know if any and/or all would happen should we choose to not follow the mandate," he said.

He said two-thirds of teachers in the district were in favor of a mask-optional approach, but they have been, "overwhelmingly supportive of the process we have to follow."

"As for parents, I just hope that they continue to help us promote a great learning environment and realize that we are on the same team," he said. "Transparently, every protest or act of civil disobedience we

have to deal with at the school level distracts us from the primary purpose of serving kids and we hope to work together to advocate for local control instead of working against each other. I have had meetings all weekend and all day Monday to prepare for protests and disorderly behavior instead of figuring out how to best welcome back students. It is just a tough situation."

As for remote learning, it will only be offered for quarantined students, Caposey said. He said the ISBE did not authorize remote learning as a choice this school year.

FEST: Enjoy parks, wetlands

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The Agriculture Tour in our northern corridor along Mt. Morris Road includes maple trees, pure maple syrup products, and the Sugar House at Hough's Maple Lane Farm (3788 N. Mt. Morris Road). Attend the opening weekend of BerryView Orchard (7504 W. Midtown Road, Mt. Morris), buy or pick aronia berries right off the vine, walk through the apple trees and eat cider donuts. The farm and orchard are both open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Parks and Geology Tour in our southern corridor begins in Mt. Morris on Lowell Park Road and winds south through rolling countryside to White Pines Forest State Park (6712 W. Pines Road, Mt. Morris). Fish, hike in pine forests, picnic near Pine Creek as it sculpts dolomite cliffs, or drive one at a time through fast moving fords. White Pines Lodge serves Sunday brunch from 8-11:30 a.m. and from the menu starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending

at 8 p.m. Reservations at 815-655-2400.

Climb through the treetops and scale Castle Rock, a 200-foot butte of St. Peter Sandstone, rarely exposed in all Illinois. The observation deck provides a panoramic view of the cliffs, river, and rolling landscape of the Rock River Hill Country. Walk out over wetlands or hike with the wildlife. Explore some of the more than 2,000 acres at Castle Rock State Park (1365 W. Castle Road, Oregon, Ill.)

Seek its remote charms. Tour the Lloyd Dietrich Memorial Habitat on Ridge Road, or the Castle Rock Wetlands and George B. Fell Nature Preserve, both on Route 2 near the towering rock.

These days, people need time from cities and streets. Come tour our country, the Rock River Hills. Visit our campus, 200 feet up from the river below. Spend Sunday with us, or visit our neighbors on backroads, in parks, and the prairies nearby. Our vistas are nature's, your journey your own.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Board honors Maggie Nye

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – It is clear that Marguerite Nye, known as Maggie, made an impact on Ogle County.

She served on the Ogle County Board from 1982-92 and from 2008-18 and is believed to be the first elected woman to have served on the board. She was a champion for many, giving her time to the CASA Board, Village of Progress Board, Focus House and many others.

At its July meeting, the Ogle County Board honored the memory of Nye, who died in December 2019, with a photograph and plaque that will hang in the Ogle County Courthouse.

At the meeting were Nye's husband, Phil; daughter Maggie Conboy of Denver, Colo.; son Mose of Park Ridge; and close friend Tim Knoerzer and his daughter Cassidy, of Califon, N.J.

"I met Maggie through her brother, Kevin Glynn, who was my roommate at Northwestern

and she came to Rochelle after we were married in 1964," Phil said. "Maggie grew up Irish on Chicago's south side and was as Irish as 'Paddy's pig.' She was up to her ears in politics and loved to campaign and follow local and state politics. She ran and was elected to the Ogle Board after she was rejected for a vacancy the previous year by an appointment for a vacancy. She ran first on the ticket in 1982, and served a little over 20 years holding numerous chairmanships and appointments."

According to the resolution adopted by the board, during her time of service with the county, she served as chair of the Juvenile and Probation Committee, chair of the Health Education and Welfare Committee and chair of the Courthouse Restoration Committee.

"She was truly a Renaissance gal whose interests ran from oil painting, taking tap dancing lessons in her 70s and practicing on the garage floor, working with Serenity Hospice, playing the piano, serving on

local community Boards such as Village of Progress, Hope, Shining Star, Drug Advisory, and CASA, dancing at every opportunity and World travel," Phil said.

Maggie was employed for many years as a hospice worker at Serenity Hospice and Home.

She died after battling multiple myeloma for more than 17 years.

"I never heard her make a single complaint about her illness during the entire time," Phil said.



Chicago tribute band hits Jamboree

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Chicago Tribute Anthology to our band shell stage for a free two-hour concert on Aug. 20, from 7-9 p.m.

In April of 1969, a new rock 'n roll band burst onto the scene garnering nationwide attention. Born in the midwest and infused with elements of jazz, blues, and latin influences, the first album by "Chicago Transit Authority", or CTA as they were commonly known, went double platinum. Such hits as "Beginnings," "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?," and "Question 67 & 68" propelled the band to popularity.

CTA brings to life the 'Golden Age' of Chicago by meticulously recreating many of the great songs from the first 11 albums. Members include Tom Anderson, Paul Bata, Terry Geraci, Paul

Mabin, Chuck Parrish, Reed Pauley, Dan Peters and John Springbrunn.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Senior Center, serving pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, soda, water and baked goods starting at 6 p.m.

The Campus will be extra festive that evening as the 6th Annual National Strawsculpting Competition continues, with new sculptures on display all around the south end of the Campus until Aug. 29.

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.

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 St.

Annual Tootsie Roll drive Sept. 10, 11

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

Last year there was no collection in front of stores or at the intersections in this area, but we raised \$2,060 with help of a few businesses and from Knight families and friends. We also had support from eight area businesses that helped with the purchase of candy.

The funds that were raised help to support the Knights of Columbus programs in Illinois, such as Special Olympics. Local organizations who also split \$1,682 were: Village of Progress, Oregon School district special education program, and Stouffer Terrace.

I want to thank to people in Oregon and Mt. Morris for their generous support again this year.

LSSI prevention programs ready for the school year

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has continued to services within local communities.

The LSSI Prevention Team grew and made adjustments to ensure the health of our youth, community members, and within our own families. As a new school year begins, staff in LSSI's Prevention programs, Youth WORKS (Wellness, Opportunities and Resources for Key Services), and Project LEAD (Leader Encouraging Abstinence from Drugs) are eager to jump back into serving at-risk youth within the Ogle County community.

The Youth WORKS program is a grant funded Illinois Department of Health Services (DHS) program and was established with LSSI in 2017. Since then, the program has worked tirelessly to provide youth violence prevention services to par-

ents, teachers, youth, and community members. The program began in Lee and Ogle Counties and recently expanded into Carroll and Whiteside Counties.

Project LEAD provides prevention services with community youth related to substance abuse. The program has grown over the past several years, expanding to include a variety of middle schools within the area. LEAD plans to follow any accommodations that the schools implement within this upcoming school year. Staff will provide the "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum to the students.

The past 16 months have thrown a curve ball at not only LSSI's prevention programs, but many other community entities. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way LSSI provided prevention services. Staff often had to think outside of the box, as they lost physical access to the youth and the commu-

nity as a whole. Program staff began utilizing Zoom for meetings and recorded the prevention-based curriculum, "Too Good For Violence" and "Too Good for Drugs" as a means to further its reach during this time of limited contact. Staff worked to maintain current relationships and build new connections.

The Youth WORKS and Project LEAD team are excited to get back into the community and schools. These services and resources are critical and needed in the community. Staff have begun reaching out to local schools and agencies to reconnect and work toward future collaborations. This coming year will continue to be full of challenges for communities, both familiar and new. LSSI's prevention team is eager to get to work, bringing the community together to serve its youth and shape a brighter future for all.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Marilyn J. Jones

POLO — Marilyn J. Jones, 83, of Polo, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

Marilyn was born Oct. 6, 1937 in Chicago, the daughter of Rev. Albert and Dorothy (Fry) Whitmore. On Aug. 16, 1958 in Liberty, Ill., she was united in marriage to her college sweetheart, Richard Jones, of Polo whom she met while attending Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana. In-between raising children and helping with farm activities, Marilyn still found time to play violin with various musical groups including being a member of the Clinton Symphony Orchestra in Iowa for 40 years. She was also an active member of the Polo Church of the Brethren serving on



many committees, teaching Sunday school and serving in music ministry. Survivors include her husband Richard; daughter Patricia Crumley of Polo; son Darrel (Janette) of Kenosha, Wis.; sisters Anne (James) Hollinger of Florida and Karen (Milan) Mishler of Indiana; brothers Mack (Rebecca) Whitmore of Wisconsin and Daniel (Ellen) Whitmore of Virginia; grand-

children Mathew (Emma) Jones, JoAnne Dusenbury, Johnny Crumley, Jennifer (Dan) Fu, Justin Messer, Josh (Brandie) Messer; 6 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother Curtis Whitmore and son-in-law John B. Crumley.

A memorial service will be held at Polo Church of the Brethren, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a memorial visitation from 10 a.m. to start of the service. A luncheon will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a memorial in her name to the Clinton Symphony Orchestra, Box 116, Clinton, IA 52733-0116.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

Cecil E. Kitson

OREGON —Cecil E. Kitson, 83, of Oregon died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021 in Franklin Grove Living & Rehabilitation Center. Born May 17, 1938 in Batchtown, Ill., the son of William E. and Rosalie (Follis) Kitson.

Married to Margaret Kelly June 19, 1959 in Savanna. Cecil was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. Cecil worked many years driving truck, employed by Wood Products of Savanna, Carlson Transport of Byron and Ruan Trucking of Oregon. He also operated a truck mechanical service before retiring. He was a past



member of the Moose Lodge in Savanna and Mt. Morris.

Survived by his wife, Marge Kitson of Oregon; son, Todd Kitson of Oregon; daughter, Letha (Chris) Catalina of Oregon; grandchildren: William, Audrey, Olivia, Sophia, Evelyn, Raina,

Alexis and Jazmin; 8 great grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Jane) Kitson of Carrollton; and sister, Belva (Jim) Hampsey of Jerseyville.

Preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mildred.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at East Oregon Church of God with Pastor Rick Eldred officiating. Burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Paynes Point. Visitation was Friday 5-7 p.m. in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Ray Wisnosky

MOUNT MORRIS — Mt. Morris resident Lawrence Ray Wisnosky, age 73, died on Monday Aug. 9, 2021 in his home from natural causes.

Known to his friends as Larry, he was born on Feb. 3, 1948, in Marshfield, Wis. His parents were Ray Lawrence Wisnosky and Doris Elizabeth (Doyle) Gilbert. After his parents divorced, his mother remarried, and Ferol A. Gilbert of Mt. Morris became his stepfather.

His parents, grandparents, all of his aunts and uncles, and an infant granddaughter preceded him in death.

He graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1966 and immediately joined the Army, inspired by President Kennedy's famous speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." He served in Vietnam as a door gunner with the 1st Aviation Brigade, and he bore witness to the 1968 Tet Offensive.

After his release from active duty, he enrolled at Western Illinois University. While in college, he married Nancy Dickson, an MMHS '66 classmate. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in political science and immediately took a job at the VA Regional Office in Chicago.

His career in VA's Veterans Benefits Administration moved his young family all over the country: to North Dakota, Nevada, and twice to Virginia, where he was a program analyst at VA Central Office, located on the north side of Lafayette Park. He loved that assignment; the view of the White House is spectacular.

He finally moved his family to Ankeny, Iowa, and served as a division chief at VA's Des Moines Regional Office, where he retired from federal service.

He had a life-long, enduring love of flying machines, and he became an instrument-rated private pilot. While in high school, he had dreamt of a career as a concert pianist. To the great relief of

his passengers, he was a better pilot than he was a pianist.

His survivors include his children: Elizabeth Wisnosky of Iowa City, and David Wisnosky of College Park, Md., two granddaughters who live with their mother in Iowa City, Grace Wisnosky and Faye Wisnosky; and 11 cousins.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Vietnam Helicopter Crewmember's Association.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Josh Ehrler officiating. Burial will be in Silver Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday Aug. 21, 2021 from 9 a.m. until service time in Finch Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial expressions may be directed to the Mount Morris Community Library Foundation.

RRC sets events, group meetings

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.

Financial Planning Program

Mr. Shawn Blobaum, Financial Consultant and Lee Strauman, Engagement Leader at Thrivent Financial will be at Rock River Center on Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

They will speak about financial planning. Financial planning is the process of determining your financial needs or goals for the future and the means to achieve them. This involves deciding what investments and activities would be most appropriate under both personal and broader economic circumstances.

Bring your family, friends and questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Reservations taken until Aug. 27.

This flashy, sassy, sexy story of big heels invading a small town shook 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*.

Cost (includes RT transportation and Live Performance):

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Reservation Information:

* Prepaid reservations can be made in person at Rock River Center, 810 S

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* 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.

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Support groups

Cancer support group

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

Caregiver support group

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

Diabetic support group

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

Low vision group

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm at Rock River Center.

Registration requested for all activities and groups. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Oregon church holding garage sale

OREGON — The Oregon Church of God located at 860 W Oregon Trail Road, will be having a garage sale on Aug. 20 and 21, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

This sale will benefit the Hope Life Center. Hope Life Center is a Christ-centered organization in the Sauk Valley dedicated to helping every woman in Illinois find the freedom to choose life for her unborn child. They function as an emergency room for the pregnancy decision, providing women in Illinois with a life-affirming alterna-

tive to other clinics. The ethical medical care they provide empowers women to make informed decisions about the outcome of their pregnancies. Hope Life Center has recently received a matching grant from Focus on the Family to continue to reach at-risk women in our communities.

We are gladly accepting donations for this sale. They can be brought to the church on Friday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Non-clothing items only please. Any questions please call 815-973-2009.

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

Report policy

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

July 29
At 7:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shaun W. Blake, 17, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred on Hawk Drive at Park West.

Aug. 2
At 11:04 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of the Shell gas station, 201 S. 4th Street, involving a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Quintin M. Blunt, 16, Polo, and a 2004 Chevrolet driven by Michelle L. Dotter, age 44, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

Aug. 3
At 12:31 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Holly C. Phillips, 24, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Phillips was issued an I-Bond and is scheduled to appear in court. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Aug. 5
At 10:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Madelyn A. Kriskhe, 18, of Machesney Park, a citation for speeding, 40 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the Pines Road and S. 4th Street intersection.

Aug. 6
At 11:30 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 1500 block of East IL Route 64 for a one vehicle traffic crash where an item fell from a trailer being hauled by an unknown vehicle and struck a 2020 Honda being driven by Stephanie M. Tressel, 24, Dixon. No citations were issued.

Aug. 7
At 6:12 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Blake A. Britsch, 20, Belvidere, for driving while license suspended. Britsch was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Britsch was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Aug. 7
At 6:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Haley J. Rees, 18, Dixon, citations for speeding, 52 mph in a 30 mph zone and improper cannabis container as a driver. A passenger in Rees' vehicle, was also issued a citation for improper cannabis container as a passenger. These violations occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

Aug. 8
At 7:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amanda L. Hayes, 36, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Aug. 8
14 parking tickets and 7 verbal warnings issued during the week of 08/02/2021 through 08/08/2021.



Oregon pool shutdown for repairs continues

OREGON – Nash Recreation Center is beginning Week 3 of the pool shutdown and change continues every day.

The Park District has received many questions regarding the pool shutdown. The most common question is why now and why not when we were shut down during COVID?

Each year the district typically shuts down in the last two weeks of August for pool maintenance, painting, cleaning, and any other mechanical repairs that are needed. August was chosen because attendance typically drops after the first week of August with preparations for back to school, school beginning and patrons enjoying the last of summer. It is also preferred to shut down when it is warmer to give patrons an outside alternative for exercise.

While shutting down an entire month isn't ideal, the scope of projects is immense and have been in the capital improvement plan for 4 years slated for 2021. The Oregon Park District Capital Improvement Plan is a document that allows for budgeting and planning to ensure facility and property is properly maintained and gives a roadmap to accomplish the district's goals.

COVID took everyone by surprise in March of 2020. Capital improvements dollars for 2020 were already allocated that included the gymnasium floor renovation. The current pool project costs are \$216,435. While several small remodeling projects were completed while the facility was closed, bringing outside contractors in wasn't an option during shutdown and the funds weren't available for a large-scale project.

The current project involves the coordination of three different contractors. Bids for the project were awarded in May and June with the stipulation of the project being completed in August.

The original pool was constructed in 1986. The first major remodel was completed in 2013 and consisted of new translucent panels, replacement of panels with new windows, shade structures and full repainting of the interior walls and pool.

Several layers of paint were removed during the repainting in 2013, but it was discovered that over the years many different layers had been added. Some adhered and some didn't in areas. This caused areas that needed plaster repair. Paint continues to peel and after several recommendations since 2013, sandblasting and returning to the original was the only option. Painting was just a band aid that needed to be completed every two years.

Sandblasting the pool

to the original shell occurred in the first two weeks of construction and it was discovered the paint was 1 inch thick on the walls and even thicker on the floor from all the painting over the years. Sandblasting took two weeks; painting will take one week and then paint will need to cure for ten days. Once cured, the 186-thousand-gallon pool will take 4 days to fill, then chemicals will be added and everything will need to be regulated.

The locker rooms had the original tile and severely dated the facility. Tile was removed from the walls and sanded down to the original surface. This took place in the first two weeks. Tile will be laid during week three, then extensive clean-up will occur as well with staff replacing plumbing fixtures, new bench fixtures and reinstalling bathroom partitions.

The spa will be retiled and have a fresh new look. Tile was deteriorating and the sand from the grout was routinely in the water from the year of chemicals used to keep everything sanitary.

In addition to the cosmetic changes, the maintenance staff is equally excited about the mechanical updates. Over \$30,000 was invested in pool pump and valve updates to convert to electronic controls vs. manual to keep the pool running efficiently. Staff was excited to replace many old valves that had outlived their usefulness before they failed causing a premature pool shutdown.

Capital Improvement Renovation Budget includes:

- Locker Room Tile Replacement: \$112,500
- Pool Shell Sandblasting and repainting: \$56,800
- Spa Re-Tiling/Grouting: \$14,635
- Locker Room Equipment Updates: \$2,500
- Pool Pump and Valve Updates: \$30,000
- TOTAL: \$216,435**

While the district understands inconvenience is great to many people the district strives to maintain one of the best park districts in the area. The upgrades to the facility will benefit not only Oregon residents but the many towns that utilize the facility for years to come and improve the facility for the long term.

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Veterans' Services
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Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co. 255-9181
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Wellness Services
Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499

a cappella
Singing

August 22 at 5:00pm

The Little Prairie Mennonite Church is holding an outdoor singing at the
Band Shell in Mt. Morris.
2 S Wesley Ave, Mount Morris

Save the date and bring your friends to listen!

All are Welcome!

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation.”

Any questions call (779) 861-3700

LOCAL NEWS

Mt. Morris Senior Center has upcoming events

Introducing the Mt. Morris Senior Center Supper Club! Our first supper club will take place at Pepper Mill in Mt. Morris on Tuesday, Aug. 17. We will meet at the Senior Center at 4:00 pm or you can meet us at the restaurant at 4:10 p.m. All are welcome to join us, but please make sure to call the senior center at 815-734-6335 so we reserve a seat for you.

Birthday Lunch and Free Bingo at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Wednesday, August 18th. Bingo starts at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. We will be having Chicken Fajitas, Cake, and Ice Cream to celebrate August birthdays. Whether you have an August birthday or not we hope you can join us!

MMSC Serving dinner at the Friday Night Jamboree on Friday, Aug. 20! We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, applesauce, chips, dessert, and a drink. Dinner will be served at the Mt. Morris Bandshell from 5:30 p.m. until we run out. We hope to see you there!

Hike at L.O.M.C. On Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at The L.O.M.C. Office and begin our hike from there. All ability levels are welcome to join us. Although there are no paved paths, we can base our hike on the individuals who are there. Call 815-734-6335 with questions or to sign up today!

Jam Session Join local musicians on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 10:30 a.m. for some beautiful music and stay for a \$5 lunch at noon. Let us know if you plan to attend by calling 815-440-0279.



Group to play free concert

Local acoustic duo, Burn n Bush will play a free two-hour concert on the band shell in Mt. Morris on Aug. 21 from 7-9 p.m. as part of the 3 week long, 6th annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition festivities. Rod Burnette sings and plays cajon and Dave Bushman sings and plays 12 string guitar, presenting sing along standards of a wide variety of country, pop and classic rock music. This duo has become very popular over the past several years and are sure fire crowd pleasers. Several new straw sculptures will be on display on the Campus for the competition as well as many others from past years. The Encore! Art Gallery on the first floor of Old Sandstone will also be open that evening, featuring the ongoing Radical Botanicals Art Show.

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Police report

July 15
TIME: 4:31 p.m.
REPORT: Janet K. Eden, 59, Oregon, was cited for Failure to Yield. Eden was released on an I-Bond.
General Calls for Service for the weeks of July 5, 2021 thru July 18, 2021
Citizen Complaints/Assists 27
Juvenile 2

Animal Complaint 3
Disturbance/Domestic 1
Fire/Medical Assist 4
Lock Out 2
Traffic Stops 20
County Assists 1

July 22
TIME: 7:56 a.m.
REPORT: Carl L. Tunk, 39, Sterling, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Tunk was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 8:41 a.m.
REPORT: Javier S. Algeria, 37, Rockford, was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Algeria was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 1:18 p.m.
REPORT: Savannah J. Divan, 23, Rockton, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Divan was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 3:57 p.m.
REPORT: Timothy Paul Burns, 57, Morrison, was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 30 mph speed zone, No Valid Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Unlawful use of a Cell Phone.

July 24
TIME: 4:40 p.m.
REPORT: Nicholas Leon Altarmirano, 22, Lena, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Altarmirano was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Altarmirano was also cited for Loud Exhaust.

July 27
TIME: 3:40 p.m.
REPORT: Ricky J. Rippey, 22, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Rippey was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

July 30
TIME: 4 p.m.
REPORT: Bonnie L. Johnson, 45, Steward, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Johnson was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 5:31 p.m.
REPORT: Timothy E. Witmer, 64, Polo, was cited for Failure to Yield. Witmer was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 7:01 p.m.
REPORT: Callie Oneil, 30, Polo, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Oneil was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 8:57 p.m.
REPORT: Patrick C. Jones, 45, Hattiesburg, MS, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Jones was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 1
TIME: 3:53 p.m.
REPORT: Daniel William Rubbert, 26, Milwaukee, WI, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Rubbert was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 5 p.m.
REPORT: Thomas M. Murray, 44, Naperville, was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Murray was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 5:48 p.m.
REPORT: Jill C. Kopacz, 33, Hampshire, was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Kopacz was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of July 19, 2021 thru August 1, 2021
Citizen Complaints/Assist 26
Animal Complaint 5

Disturbance/Domestic 4
Ordinance Violations 1
Fire/Medical Assist 7
Alarm/Open Door 2
Lock Out 2
911 Hang Up 2
Traffic Stops 54
County Assists 1

Aug. 2
TIME: 3:38 p.m.
REPORT: Odis H. Black, 25, Loves Park, was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 30 mph speed zone, Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Driver's License. Black was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 3
TIME: 1:40 a.m.
REPORT: Charles Edward Wallace, JR, 50, Savanna, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Wallace was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 2:20 p.m.
REPORT: Michael J. Lenz, III, 20, Loves Park, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Lenz was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 3:15 p.m.
REPORT: Thomas D. Goldie, 64, Polo, was issued a City Ordinance Citation for Accumulation of Litter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 17

Valley Evangelical Covenant Church in Stillman Valley will host a blood drive from 2-6 p.m. at 103 S. Maple St. Donors can make appointments online at rrvbc.org or by calling 815-965-8751. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Thurs., Aug. 19

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce announces that the Annual Dinner and Community Awards Night will be held at the Stronghold Center, 1922 IL-2 N, Oregon. Cocktails and entertainment

start at 5 p.m., with the dinner and awards at 6 p.m.

Evening Support Group will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required to enter the building. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon on Aug. 19.

Fri., Aug. 20

Chicago Tribute Anthology is returning to the band shell stage in Mount Morris or a free two-hour concert from 7-9 p.m. Concessions for the

evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Senior Center starting at 6 p.m.

The United Church of Byron invites you to our next Free Family Outdoor Movie Night, and the movie will be "The Mitchells vs. The Machines." The movie will take place out on church lawn and will begin at dusk. If weather is bad, we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Diamond Art will meet at the Shed from 9-11 a.m.

Sat., Aug. 21

The Oregon Lions Club will

be having a drive through pork chop sandwich sale at Super-Valu parking lot in Oregon. The cost is \$6 for a pork chop sandwich and a bag of chips.

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 Sept. 2, 31 B.C., at the Battle of Actium, Roman leader Octavian wins a decisive victory against the forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra, queen of Egypt. Antony and Cleopatra broke through the enemy lines and fled to Egypt, where they would later commit suicide.

* On Sept. 5, 1666, firefighters in London begin blowing up homes in a desperate attempt to halt the spread of a great fire in the city. By the time the fire was finally extinguished, more than 100,000 people had been left homeless.

* On Sept. 3, 1935, a new land-speed record is set by Britain's Sir Malcolm Campbell on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah. Campbell and his 2,500-horsepower Bluebird motor car made two runs over a 1-mile course at speeds averaging over 301 mph.

* On Aug. 31, 1959, Brooklyn Dodgers left-hander Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 batters, setting a new National League record for most strikeouts in a single game.

* On Aug. 30, 1963, a "hot line" between Moscow and Washington goes into effect to speed communication between U.S. and the Soviet Union and help prevent the possibility of an accidental war. Although never used, it did provide a useful prop for movies about nuclear disaster, such as "Fail Safe" and "Dr. Strangelove."

* On Sept. 4, 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich in the 400-meter medley relay. He set world records in every event. Spitz's record would stand until Michael Phelps took home eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Games.

* On Sept. 1, 1983, Soviet jet fighters shoot down a Korean Airlines passenger flight in Russian airspace, killing all 269 passengers and crew. The KAL flight had veered into a course that was close to one being simultaneously flown by a U.S. spy plane.

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We are living in a disaster movie

I love a good disaster movie, and always have.

I remember my mom taking me to see the movie "Earthquake" when it came out in 1974. I was 11 at the time, and a huge fan of the movie's star, Charlton Heston. The best part, however, is that the movie was shown in something called Sensurround, which made it feel and sound like the moviegoer was in an actual earthquake.

It was quite the thrill, I can tell you that. I don't remember much about the movie except it was loud and the destruction was total.

There were a lot of disaster movies in the 1970s — "The Towering Inferno," "The Poseidon Adventure," "Airport." Something about going to a crammed theater and watching people in peril must have really resonated with people in the age of Watergate and gas shortages.

I never really lost my love for those types of

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



movie and still enjoy a big special effects driven movie. One that I really liked, and still watch when it comes on TV, is "The Day After Tomorrow."

When the movie came out in 2004, a buddy and I went to the theater to watch it and it didn't disappoint. It was basically about the disruption of the current in the north Atlantic Ocean brought on by climate change. That current shift brought dramatic changes in the weather that basically

ushered in a new ice age.

It happened quickly and with deadly consequences for many in the movie. While politicians argued in Washington that climate change wasn't real, people were dying.

Yes, it was just a movie, but boy did it make me think. Was such a thing possible?

Turns out that yes, such a thing is possible. Now, the effects might not be as quick or dramatic as shown in a disaster movie meant to entertain and shock, but it is still a real thing.

The bad news is that a recent study published in Nature Climate Change says that the current change is happening.

This is affecting the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation. That, apparently, helps balance the energy in the Atlantic Ocean. The system includes the Gulf Stream that carries warm water from the tropics north and colder water from the

north Atlantic south.

If that fails, scientists say it will lead to elevated ocean levels and much colder weather for Europe and the northern United States. If you think you hate winter now, you will really hate this.

We are doing this to our planet, of course, and we don't even seem that concerned about it. When it is 40 below zero in September, it will be too late.

Climate change is real and it is having a real impact all over the globe. All you have to do is read the news. But things like this are not, sadly, just plots of blockbuster movies.

I am not going to stay up nights worrying about the impact on me. But I will stay up nights worrying about the impact on my children and their children, this could be catastrophic.

If I had my choice, I would rather not have to live in a disaster movie.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

We win with open debate, government in light

Dear Editor,

Lowell Harp's Opinion piece on 'Conspiracies real and imagined' seemed incomplete. Although the words 'conspiracy theories' is repeated, the real subject becomes "what is truth." The article covered several cognitive biases that we need to be aware of as critical thinkers. Having good measuring tools is another useful standard.

The Bible has many good moral measuring tools, from love the Lord and love of your neighbor (that encompasses the 10 Commandments) to simple Mosaic laws of the Old Testament. On those principles societies developed. Another tool is the Declaration of Independence that openly stated that men are endowed by their creator with unalienable rights. The Constitution for the American Republic of States is the tool that accomplishes what was

declared, a form of government that We the People are in charge of to secure those rights.

A stolen election is called the Big Lie on what authority? I will simply use the tools at my disposal to see if there is the possibility. Hmmm, state legislatures shall establish the rules of elections. Not governors, not secretaries of states, not local election commissions, not supreme courts — state or federal. When election commissions do not answer and fight legislative subpoena's they oppose the will of the people. These issues are being addressed today and may not change what has occurred, but it changes how we move forward.

When things seem awry, they need to be examined and the truth exposed for what it is. The gatekeepers of our information flow need to be vetted too. The omission and distortion of fact by major news

ought to alert our senses and cause examination of who we trust. The crucible of open debate can't get hot when facts, right or wrong, are not openly debated. Where is ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine in open fair discussion? What is a Covid Death? Why are PCR tests for Covid cycle counted at 40 or more causing high positive numbers when the inventor of the process states the process should not be used as a tool for the diagnosis of infectious disease? Where is informed choice championed instead of Jab Shaming?

All citizens lost in the last election. All win with open debate and government in the open light. Some will trust CNN, Washington Post, or Fox News. I will trust my reason and the measuring tools of my liberty — The Bible, The Declaration, and the Constitution.

John Dickson

Oregon board has the power to do right thing with DLR

Dear Editor,

To the board members and the citizens of Oregon School District:

The Advisory Committee has presented new information to the Oregon School Board that was made available only after the Consultant study and the Superintendents proposal to close DLR was finalized, the most important is the substantial increase in the EAVs of the district. These have been verified by the Ogle County Tax Assessor for the Tax Year 2021 and show continued increases in future years due to residential properties selling above their assessed values.

Most of the past discussions have been about the operating budget, which has been balanced in recent years. The debt level will be about 20 million dollars after the recent addition of \$11.6 million. It would be nice as a taxpayer if debt

was \$5 million less as \$5 million of the projects on Oregon campus buildings were not required. The principal payments on the new debt are being delayed until 2028, it will limit options for many years in the future due to your debt limit of 28 million dollars. The Oregon School District is not in a position to throw away the valuable asset of DLR.

In the 70's, Oregon High School had about 600 students. This was before all of the mandates for special education, as well as there are considerably more discipline problems today requiring additional space. There might not be as much room in other buildings for these reasons plus continuing increases in preschool education. The Committee is concerned with overcrowding in the high school.

Some of you say that this will not affect students

living in Oregon. Wait until these students and their parents complain about having lunch in the middle of the morning or afternoon or when they are told they have no room for band, chorus, or other activities.

The mayors and citizen groups in both Mount Morris and Oregon have been working hard to attract new businesses to the area. I hope these are successful. This will not happen if the school district doesn't have a quality education system that has the flexibility to adapt to changing situations including enrollment growth.

I think the required improvement to DLR can be done along with little, if any, new bond debt. The citizens and voters of Mount Morris will be happy with a school, even if it has a few cracks in the parking lot.

There have been several other items uncovered about why this is a terrible idea. I will ask one last question that I have been asked many times by people in and outside this district. Why is this school board being asked to vote on something that will destroy all the goodwill that has been built over the last 25 plus years. There is a solution looking at them straight in the face. Spend the extra money left over from the \$11.6 million bond for the required improvements to DLR of \$400,000. They could use this and a portion of the 3.3 million Cares fund to finish another 1.5 million on DLR and this issue would go away for many years. The board has this power, use it for the good of this school district and the good of our community.

Mike Anderson,
Mount Morris

Mt. Morris Library sends thanks for reading program support

Dear Editor,

The Mount Morris Public Library would like to thank all of those businesses, organizations, and individuals who contributed to our Summer Reading Program. We are blessed to be supported by our community.

The Summer Reading Program helps to prevent the "summer slide" which

occurs when children are not in school. We not only encourage children to read, but provide activities and crafts to help keep them active. Adults also enjoy the challenge that the Summer Reading program provides.

This year, the following people and groups donated so that we could offer quality programming.

Thank you to the family of Dave & Gail Westfall, the Mt. Morris Community Women's Club, the Oregon Rotary Club, the Samuel H. Davis Lodge #96, Gesin, Inc., Stan's Performance, Inc., Pinecrest, MM Super Wash, Kandu, Rat Worx, Custom Seal and Rubber, Stillman Bank, R.E. Wolber & Sons Excavating, and all those who contrib-

uted anonymously to our jar on the counter which totaled \$50 in spite of the pandemic. We would also like to thank the Berry View Orchard for the donation of a gift certificate for one of the prizes.

We are grateful for all of you!

Sincerely,
Mary Cheatwood, director

LOCAL NEWS



Republicans of the Year named

The Ogle County Republican Central Committee held its annual Governor Lowden dinner Aug. 5. Chairman Stacy Flanagan announced the 2020 and the 2021 Republicans of the Year. Standing left to right Zach Olmanns 2020 Republican of the Year, Chairman Stacy Flanagan and Michael Koolidge 2021 Republican of the Year.

Church hosting dinner, auction

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

The church is located at 17435 IL Hwy Rt. 72 in Monroe Center.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (shop raffles), with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Live auction with Todd Wills is at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased before Sept. 5. Con-

tact Renee at 815-757-4232. Seating is limited.

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

Donations of raffle and auction items are greatly appreciated. To donate contact Anne at 815-262-3517 or Nancy at 815-985-4880 before Aug. 28.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District offers cooking classes with Lynnies' Kitchen

OREGON – Local talent Lynn Kaufman loves cooking.

Her interest in cooking began in college taking food classes, working on her dietetic degree, and helping her mom prepare holiday meals. For 17 years she taught high school students the basics of food preparation. Now she has her own food blog, bakes, and sells homegrown items at the Rivers' Edge Market and she is still teaching today and offering some fun classes through the Oregon Park District.

Learn to make a Ratatouille Skillet from Lynn on Wednesday, Aug. 25. This evening class is offered at Cork & Tap. Sign up today as the registration deadline is Aug. 18. You will enjoy

preparing this beautiful French vegetable dish.

If French food isn't your thing, how about the classic American Apple Pie? The Apple Pie Class is a couple's class on Friday, Sept. 24, also at Cork & Tap.

Bring your special someone to class, or it's perfect for Mother's and daughters to learn the pie tricks of the trade together. Friends will also enjoy this night out, but only 1 pie will be made per couple. Lynn will teach participants how to make the perfect flaky, buttery homemade pie crust filled with fresh apples and topped with a crunchy cinnamon topping or a 2-crust pie. Bake the pie at home after the workshop or freeze for the upcoming holidays!



For class fees and/pr to register for Oregon Park District classes online visit www.oregonpark.org.

You can also call Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101 and register over the phone or

stop in to register at your convenience. For more information on Lynn's classes or other cooking

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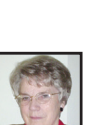
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LARGE CORNER LOT! 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 half bath home in a quiet yet convenient subdivision. Combo living/dining rm opens to large kitchen w/island. FR w/FP. FF laundry. Master Bedroom w/bath on UL. 3 addt. beds w/plenty of closet space. Finished LL. 401 BROOKE LINSEY, Poplar Grove
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NEW LISTING!

\$249,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104827
NEW CONSTRUCTION! 1902 sqft Great Room Ranch w/split bedroom floor plan. 3 Beds, 2 Baths. Open concept. Kitchen has white cabinets, quartz, SS appliances, center island & pabtr closet. Master w/ensuite, FF laundry. Low maintenance exterior. 2011 MEADOW Avenue, Machesney Park
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MOVE IN READY! Tri-level w/over 2300 SF of living space on 4 levels. 6 beds & 3 full baths. Beautiful updates throughout. Kitchen w/granite. UL has 3 beds including Master w/updated bath. LL w/full exposure features Family Room w/WB FP. AND MORE! 131 ECHO Drive, Rockton
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\$52,000 dickersonnieman.com/202104876
GREAT LOCATION! 2 bed, 1 bath home w/large living room/dining room area. Kitchen could be eat-in. Deck is off back door & leads to mud/laundry room. Upstairs is a big bedroom area w/wood walls & ceilings. Lots of closets & storage. 1422 BENTON Street, Rockford
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ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME! Contemporary design/finish w/ open spaces, natural light & great appeal. 4000+ SF offers too many amenities to list. Large open kitchen w/center island. Bright & open LR. Master suite on UL w/bath & WIC. PLUS SO MUCH MORE. 7572 CHERRY HILL Drive, Roscoe
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\$72,900 dickersonnieman.com/202104781
THIS IS THE ONE! Adorable & move in ready 3 bed, 1 bath ranch w/office that could be turned into 3rd bed. The owner added lots of great touches to this well cared for home. New flooring in kitchen. Newly painted walls. New washer & dryer in basement stay. 4432 MILA Avenue, Rockford
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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 woodworkshop. 820 W 2ND Street, Byron
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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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\$54,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101082
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304 W. Willow Street, Forreton
\$156,900
Call Ashley

DELIGHTFUL and COZY describe this 3 bed 2 bath ranch on a large corner lot with a newly fenced yard. Upon entry to this home, you will find a grand enclosed porch. This home boasts newer flooring throughout most of the home, along with some beautiful hardwood floors in the bedrooms. There is plenty of storage around and cute built-ins to take advantage of. A focal point of the living space is a sizable fireplace surrounded by large windows providing an abundance of natural lighting. This home is excellent for entertaining at your very own bar and game room, on your large patio or your insulated/heated garage. Other updates include newer water heater, countertops, kitchen sink, dishwasher, microwave, water softener, and paint. Don't miss out on this opportunity to become a homeowner in the Forreton School District!!!



804 S. 7th Street, Oregon
\$155,000
Call Rebecca

3 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROPERTY! Turn key investment property with upstanding, long term tenants is being offered for sale. There are 2- two bedroom/1 bathroom units and 1- three bedroom/one bathroom unit. Off street parking and laundry hook ups in each unit. This property also has a newer steel roof. Call for more information on this investment opportunity!



518 W. First Street, Dixon
\$116,900
Call JD

Walk right in and enjoy your brand new home, completely move in ready! There is much new to appreciate! This property features 3 bedrooms plus additional office space that can serve as a 4th, plus 2.5 bathrooms, including your very own master bathroom. The master bed/bath also features a spacious walk-in closet. From the new kitchen to the new flooring throughout, new water heater, furnace, and so much more, there is nothing left to worry about. This property is conveniently located moments away from downtown Dixon in which you have access to multiple restaurants, shopping, bars, and more. Check it out today before it is too late!



3922 N. River Road, Oregon
\$1,600,000
Call Rebecca

RIVER ROAD CAMPING AND MARINA is being offered for sale! A once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase a successful and well-established Campground located on the Rock River with over a half mile of Rock River frontage. The Campground sits on over 28 acres and includes a new main building built in 2007 consisting of: retail, office, guest bathrooms and showers, guest laundry, game room and living quarters for the owners. There is a 60x25 foot inground pool that ranges in depth from 3-6 ft. Guaranteed income with over 70 seasonal campers that come to enjoy all of the amenities annually! 140 campsites total with electric and water on the property. There is also a large event pavilion for events and a steel 2900 sq ft building perfect for storage. The listing price includes business, real estate and all business assets to make this property a turn key business: tractors, tools & loads of other misc equipment. Call for more information on this promising business opportunity that offers great growth potential!



3422 S. Manor Drive, Oregon
\$239,000
Call Mark

If you are looking for 3 acres of solitude in the woods look no further! Located on a quiet hillside cul-de-sac off Daysville Rd. north of Oregon you'll find this rustic wonder! This 3 bedrm & 2 full bath log style home has plenty of room at 2900 sq. ft. Beautiful log interior, vaulted great room & impressive loft area greet you upon entry. Kitchen has granite counters, hickory custom cabinetry, dishwasher & refrigerator. Guest beds & 2nd level Master Bedrm. are spacious, all with gorgeous wooded views! Beautiful updated baths. Wood burning stove in the living room. Relax in the shade of the large covered front porch w/ your book & some lemonade! Home has newer steel roof, furnace and A/C - 2018. Lower level laundry/utility room. 2 car garage. 24' above ground pool w/ new pool heater & large deck. This home is backs up to many acres of wooded land & wildlife abounds!



914 N. Jefferson Avenue, Dixon
\$134,900
Call JD

Move in ready 3 bedroom ranch home with a full- partially finished basement, desirable location and newer roof & furnace. You will surely appreciate your large backyard, screened in porch and 2 car garage as well. This property is well maintained and will surely not last long. Make it yours today!



312 W. First Street, Mt. Morris
\$99,000
Call Lori

This wonderful home in a great Mount Morris neighborhood near the golf course features a spacious living room, 2 first floor bedrooms, a basement rec-room, and a unique enclosed porch with a brick fireplace. Talk about cozy sitting by the fire watching the snow fall in the winter! New Formica laminate countertops were also installed in the kitchen last year. Washer and dryer are located in the basement along with a nice built-in work bench along with a full bathroom. Appliances included!

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3222 E. Mill Road, Byron
\$215,000
Call Casey

Welcome home to this charming ranch situated on a 1 acre lot within walking distance of all Byron schools! Boasting 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms with plenty of space for the family. Warm up by the all brick wood-burning fireplace in the winters, or enjoy your morning coffee on the wide front porch. There is also a partially finished basement that holds the 4th bedroom and 3rd full bathroom that will allow the next owners to choose their design style!



1203 10th Avenue, Rock Falls
\$104,900
Call JD

An all new look!! New flooring, new paint, you name it. This 3 bed ranch home is conveniently located just off of RT 30 and moments away from I-88. Featuring a 2 car attached garage and fully fenced in yard. Move in ready, in time for you to make it yours, today!



204 W. Runyard Street, Winnebago
\$159,000
Call Rebecca

REMODELED AND MOVE IN READY! You better move quickly to call this tastefully remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Winnebago yours! The inside was tore down to the studs and features new: plumbing, electrical, drywall, flooring, windows, and paint! Kitchen and bathrooms were all renovated and are gleaming with updates. Open to the living room, the kitchen features stainless steel appliances and a beautiful butcher block island. Master bedroom features a stunning en suite bathroom complete with custom, tile shower. Main floor laundry room. Attached 1.5 car garage with storage area along with a storage shed. Driveway with fresh millings and plenty of parking space. This one won't last long!



TBD Daysville Road, Franklin Grove
\$412,347
Call Carla

37 acres available in Franklin Grove. This tillable parcel has high production and great soils. This 37 acre parcel is currently rented for 2021. Act now for your future investment income! Conveniently located on South Daysville Rd between Rt 64 and Rt 38. This could be a great addition to your portfolio. Call for additional information. Offered at \$412,347 or best offer! Don't delay, call today!!



406 S. Valley Drive, Stillman Valley
\$289,000
Call Rebecca

BRICK 4 FAMILY FOR SALE! Rare opportunity to own a 4 family located in Stillman Valley with excellent rental history. There are 4- two bedroom, 1 bathroom units in this complex. Each unit has a full kitchen, laundry hook up, living room and full bathroom. Separate electric bills as each unit is all electric with window units and electric radiant heat. Each tenant has a covered parking stall along with additional exterior parking stall. Landlord has owned and managed this property superbly for the last 45 years. Call for more information today!



602 S. First Ave., Forreton
NOW \$164,900
Call Ashley

UPDATED WITH A MODERN DESIGN! This STUNNING 3 bed 2.5 bath has been remodeled from the ground up! Designer choices in this home set it apart from every other house in the neighborhood. This efficient home boasts attractive hardwood floors with white trim throughout for a consistent flow. Relax in your grand master bedroom which includes 3 closets and en-suite bath. Essential updates are similar to buying a brand new house including flooring, cabinets with soft close doors, plumbing, electrical, furnace, A/C, roof, and siding. The spacious patio or contemporary garage are great for entertaining. Located on a large corner lot with beautiful landscaping and alley access. Don't wait on this one of a kind home!!!



4833 N. Wendorf Road, Monroe Center
NOW \$275,000
Call Rebecca

8 ACRE HORSE PROPERTY! Welcome home to your own wooded retreat in the Meridian School District. Located down a secluded and private drive, this home has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and plenty of living space inside and out. Kitchen is open to both the living and dining room with French doors to your patio overlooking the beautiful, wooded acreage. Master bedroom boasts an en suite bathroom. Spacious main floor also features 2 bedrooms, full bathroom, family room and laundry. Outside you will find a six stall, 30 x 90 barn with plenty of shop space and hay storage. 4 fenced pasture areas totaling roughly 4 acres complete with woven wire fencing. Additional outbuildings include: a lean to for hay, heated shop & chicken coop. Walking trails throughout this property are another bonus of this rural retreat. Call today for your private showing!

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Forreston Library News

Sauerkraut Days

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the library at the Un-dunk Tank during Sauerkraut Days. Special thanks to our dunkees: Mel Milnes, Mark Metzger, Mary Mazur, and Monty Cotter for being such good sports!

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!

Book Club

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 27th at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. Stop in the library to pick up a copy and join the discussion!

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 forreston-library.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

Wedding

Dabbs, Moscatto wed

Faith Christeen Dabbs, of Belvidere, wed John Thomas Moscatto II, also of Belvidere, on Sunday, July 25 in Loves Park.

The couple had a Star Wars themed wedding and all members of the wedding party carried light sabers down the aisle.

The bride's parents are Beatrice and Bruce Dabbs of Belvidere. The groom's parents are Kathy and John Moscato of Byron.

The bride has an MBA from Judson College and works at Union Savings Bank in Belvidere. The groom has an MBA from the University of Phoenix and is a recruiter for Staff on Site.

The couple lives in Belvidere.



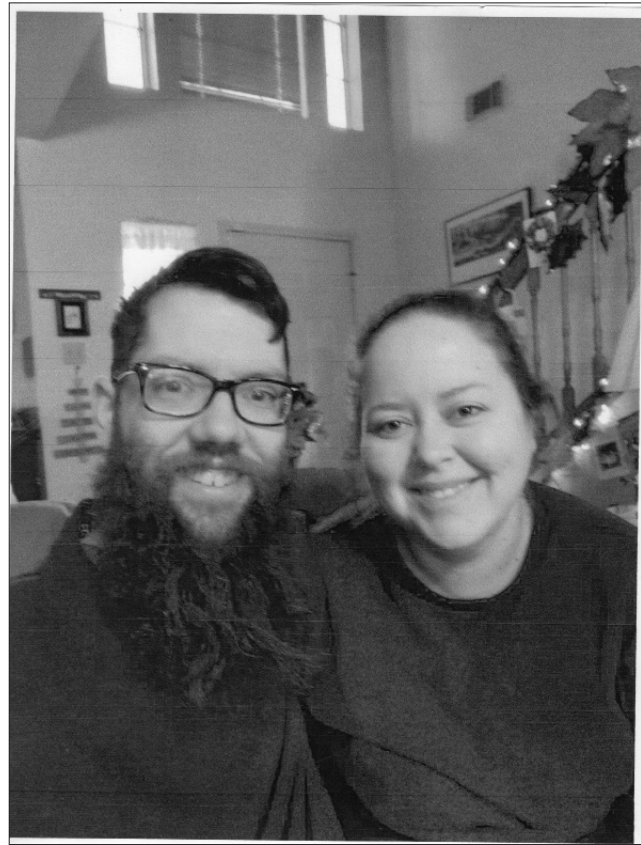
Engagement

Buse, Rodriquez to wed

Donald and Pamela Buse of Mount Morris are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son Devon to Dawn Rodriquez, both of Dekalb.

Dawn is the daughter of Theresa and the late Francisco (Frank) Rodriquez of Katy, Texas.

They will be married Sept. 4, 2021 at Lion's Park in Dekalb.



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Byron Library News

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StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

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

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

Share Your Story
Monday, Aug. 16

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. 21 at 10:30 a.m.
Visit [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or search “Polo Public Library” on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New videos air at 10:30am on these weeks.
In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion – Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!
Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

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

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

Wednesday Night Readers
Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the BPLD Board 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 information, that’s what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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.

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

Back to School Night Saturday, Aug. 28, games and activities at 6:30 p.m.
Outdoor screening of “The Secret Life of Pets” Starts at Dark (approximately 7:45 p.m.) - Polo Public Library Pavilion & Parking Lot Bring the whole family to Polo Library’s Back to School Night! Fun activities, snacks, and information about what the Library has to offer this fall! Bring your chairs to sit on during the movie

Mount Morris Library News

Program Coordinator needed
Now taking applications for a Program Coordinator. If you enjoy working with people of all ages, planning events and programs, and marketing those programs, you might be the right person for this job. This position is part time, and does include some evening and weekend hours. 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, Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. 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!)

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Smartphone for Android:

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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!

Julia Hull Library News

Young Critics Book Club

Join us at the library on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the classic fantasy, Peter Pan, retold from the J.M. Barrie original. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. *Masks required.

Short & Sweets

Join us on Zoom, Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of Roy Spivery's short story, "Travelling With A Movie Star." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

Teens: Tic Toc Desserts

Get your sweet tooth ready teens, we're whipping up the latest desserts trending on TikTok. Get in your comfies, grab your besties, and join Kelly on Zoom for this tasty and trendy good time. Friday, Aug. 20 at 3:30 p.m. Email Kelly at khaas@mail.meridian223.org to register.

Labor Day Closure

The library will be closed Saturday, September 4 and Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor

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New Releases

Adult Books
Vortex by Catherine Coulter
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The Elephant Doctor of India by Janie Codosh
Picture Books
Henry at Home by Megan Maynor

Day weekend.

Adult Book Club: We Begin At the End

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

Autumn Science: Apple Chemistry

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

A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft on Facebook Live – Wednesday at 10 a.m. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Use the form on our website to order your child's set of monthly craft-along program kits: <https://juliahull.org/order-request>. While supplies last.

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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.

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Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: chanaum@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

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors ~ "God's Heart in Our Community"
Located in town on Rt. 72 ~ Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsay-Powell **Sunday Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

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, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here!
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During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
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Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register.
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815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.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: mtmcob@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

(815) 661-6315
Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>
We are no longer meeting at First Presbyterian Church. When we meet in person, it is at Oregon United Methodist Church. We are currently meeting only via Zoom during the pandemic. There is no in person worship currently. There is no pastor currently serving Freedom Lutheran

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

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polo@crossroadsccn.com
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Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
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.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumcpolo)

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleyccw.org
Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Childrens
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am
Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VECCofSV
We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

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Connect with People, Connect with Christ
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-Stewa
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

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

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

Stories, crafts, and books of course. In-person on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Registration required.

Yoga on Mondays 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.

Library book clubs

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. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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

Unfortunately, due to the COVID increase in our county, the Wizard of Oz Mystery Event that was scheduled for August 21st has been postponed. If you are interested in participating in the event at a future date, please call the Library.

Maker Mondays – Aug. 23, 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. 28 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).

Book review – by Isaac Kramer

Masterminds by Gordon Korman
The story is set in modern day in the fictional town of Serenity, New Mexico. Four friends investigate something strange going on in their perfect town... “I liked this book because it was a good mystery and had an unexpected conclusion. I give it 5 stars!”

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 an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use these links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at info@pcsforpeople.org. Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

New releases for children/youth

That's not my Pony by Fiona Watts
That's not my Elephant by Fiona Watts
Colorful World: Safari
Muddle and Match: Farm Animals by Helen Catt
Friday Night Wrestle Fest by J.F. Fox
No More Plastic by Alma Fullerton
Little Bat in Night School by Brian Lies
The Rescuer of Tiny Creatures by Curtis Manley
What if you had an Animal Tongue!? By Sandra Markle
What if you had Animal Teeth !? by Sandra Markle
Room on our Rock by Kate & John Temple
Peter & Ernesto : Sloths in the Night by Graham Annable
Peter & Ernesto : The Lost Sloths by Graham Annable
Goodbye, Mr. Spalding by Jennifer Robin Barr
Dr. Fauci How a Boy From Brooklyn Became America's Doctor by Kate Messner
The Shark Book by Steve Jenkins
J The Way of the Hive by Jay Hosler
Wild Horse Annie: Friend of the Mustangs by Tracey Fern
This Poison Heart by Kalynn Bayron
The Islanders by Mary Alice Monroe

Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Extended Time

Extended Time is our before and after school program that is paired with the OCUSD calendar. Our staff engages students in both recreational and educational activities that encourage teamwork, self-confidence, and fun. The program is conveniently located at the Blackhawk Center. Children can walk to school in the morning and come straight over after school. The morning program includes the option of having your child walked to the elementary school early for their breakfast program. The daily afternoon schedule includes time for snack, homework, themed projects, as well as physical

activity. Students in grades K-6th can attend. Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open! Registration can be completed over the phone (815) 732-3101 or online. The registration deadline for a September is on Wednesday, August 25. To offer parent's a flexible schedule, parents will select each day within the month that their child(s) will be attending. Parents may register for Before School, After School, or both. Payment is required at the time of registration.

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 shoot-

ing 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

Ratatouille Skillet

Lynn Kaufman with Linnies' Kitchen will teach you how to make the beautiful French dish on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Enjoy fresh summer vegetables sliced and stacked on top of a delicious homemade tomato sauce. So delicious! Class fee is \$33/Resident or

\$40/Non-Resident and includes all food supplies. You will be asked to bring some utensils and cooking supplies. Registration deadline is August 18.

Stenciled Set of 4 Mini Signs

Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe. Mini signs are cute and versatile. Choose from 9 different themes upon registration. Workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on Friday, September 10, from 6-8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$44/Resident or \$53/Non-Resident and includes all supplies to make 4 mini signs to compliment a tiered tray, mantle, shelves or wherever suits you. Registration deadline is September 3.



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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.
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Senior Lifestyles



Enjoy senior discounts

Despite the efforts of Juan Ponce de Leon, there is no magical Fountain of Youth. Getting older is inevitable and it is important to see the silver lining of aging.

Among the various perks that come with age, including increased knowledge and experience, are a whole host of discounts for the aging population. Men and women who have reached a certain age are entitled to key discounts if they know where to look.

The ages at which discounts are available vary. Auto insurance companies may provide a senior discount to drivers who are over 50. Certain restaurants offer these discounts for those over the age of 55. Retailers may begin offering discounts to customers who are over the age of 60. Many discounts can be used for recreational activities.

- **Dining out:** Why pay full price for a meal if you don't have to? A meal out with friends and loved ones becomes a bit more affordable thanks to the senior discounts available through many different restaurants, whether it's chains or independently owned eateries.

- **Hotels:** Seniors booking their stays through select hotel chains may be eligible to reduce their costs by 10 percent or more. When making the reservation, check to see if you qualify for an age-related discount. Some may be affiliated with memberships in organizations like AARP.

- **Theme parks:** Before buying entry tickets or season passes, check with the

membership office regarding senior discounts. Certain items also may be discounted throughout the parks.

- **Movies:** Movie theaters may offer special viewing days or times that are discounted.

- **Flights/cruises:** Discounted senior fares are available on select flights for Delta Airlines and American Airlines. British Airways offers up to \$200 off flights and packages when booked online through British Airways' AARP page. Seniors can enjoy discounts on select cruises through Carnival. Rental car companies also offer discounts for senior customers.

- **Clothing:** Looking your best for a night out may mean shopping for new clothing. Kohl's offers a 15 percent discount for customers ages 55 and over every Wednesday and Ross offers 10 percent off on Tuesdays when signing up for the Every Tuesday Club.

- **Gym memberships:** Individuals who are eligible for Medicare also may be entitled to a free SilverSneakers membership, which provides access to more than 13,000 participating fitness centers.

- **Park admission:** Seniors age 62 and older can purchase a Senior Pass for \$10 that's good for more than 2,000 federal recreational sites and national parks in the United States. The pass is good for a lifetime.

Recreational activities become a little more affordable when seniors take advantage of age-related discounts.



Simple ways that you can maintain memory as you age

Adults confront various age-related side effects as they transition from middle age to their golden years. Skin may begin to wrinkle and hair may turn gray, but those are just the visible side effects of aging. Many additional effects are unseen, but those changes can have a profound effect on adults' quality of life.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various parts of the body are affected by aging. For example, the cardiovascular system changes as people grow older. Blood vessels and arteries stiffen as adults age, forcing the heart to work harder to pump blood through them.

Though many changes are linked to aging, other changes commonly associated with aging, such as a decline in memory, reasoning and other thinking skills, are not natural. The Alzheimer's Association® notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging. There are many different types of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and these are the result of damage to brain cells that affect a person's ability to communicate. That damage is not inevitable, even if it's commonly associated with aging.

The Harvard Medical

School notes that fleeting memory problems experienced with aging often reflect normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. But it's important that those changes not be mistaken for dementia, and it's equally important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

- **Continue learning.** HMS notes that a higher level of education is associated with improved mental functioning in old

age. The reasons for that are unknown, but experts theorize that advanced education compels people to remain mentally active, which in turn helps them maintain a strong memory. Even aging men and women who are still working in challenging fields can benefit from pursuing a new hobby or learning a new skill.

- **Use the tools at your disposal.** It may seem counterintuitive to suggest that organizational tools like planners, maps and lists can help people maintain their

memories. However, HMS notes that expending mental energy on finding car keys or trying to remember what to buy at the store makes it harder to learn new and important things.

- **Let all your senses play a role.** HMS reports that the more senses a person uses to learn something, the more his or her brain

is involved in retaining a memory. HMS cites one study in which adults were shown a series of emotionally neutral images that were each presented along with a smell. Participants were not asked to recall what they saw, but were later shown a set of images and asked to indicate which they had previously seen. Partici-

pants had excellent recall for the odor-paired images, and researchers believe that's because additional parts of the brain were activated when people were asked to use more than one sense.

Memory loss is not an inevitable side effect of aging, especially for adults who take steps to maintain their memories as they age.

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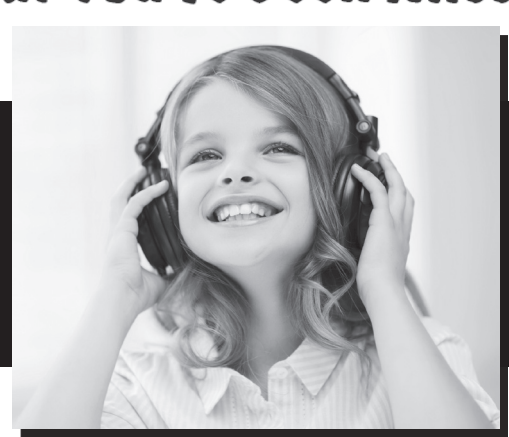
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Senior Lifestyles

Health screenings men should get

Routine doctor visits are a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. As noted by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, even men who feel healthy and live active lifestyles must make routine visits to their healthcare providers. Such visits can assess risk for future medical problems and offer men the opportunity to update vaccinations. Routine health checkups also give doctors a chance to screen for medical issues.

Doctors consider a man's age and other risk factors to determine when and how frequently he will need certain medical screenings. For example, while men between the ages of 40 and 64 are often advised to get blood pressure screenings at least once per year, those with diabetes, heart disease, kidney problems, and other conditions may need more frequent screenings.

No two men have the same medical histories, which only highlights the need for men of all ages to schedule annual physical exams with their physicians. Such exams can reveal potential problems and also make for great opportunities to discuss more specific medical screenings with their physicians. The following are some general screening tests and guidelines recommended for all men between the ages of 40 and 64, courtesy of the USNLM.

Prostate cancer

The USNLM notes that most men age 50 or older should discuss screening for prostate cancer with their physicians. Ethnicity and family history are some of the recognized risk factors for prostate cancer. As a result, African American men and men with a family history of

prostate cancer in a first degree relative younger than 65 should discuss screenings beginning at age 45. There are pros and cons to prostate cancer screenings, and these should be part of men's discussions with their physicians.

Colorectal cancer

All men between the ages of 50 and 75 should be screened for colorectal cancer. Physicians may recommend colorectal screening for men under age 50 with a family history of colon cancer or polyps. In addition, physicians may consider screenings for men under 50 who have a history of inflammatory bowel disease.

Cholesterol

The USNLM advises men to have their cholesterol levels checked every five years. Men with certain conditions,



such as diabetes and heart disease, may need to be checked more often.

Diabetes

Diabetes screenings are recommended every three years for men age 45 and older. Men who are overweight and younger than 45 should ask their physicians if they should

be screened before they reach 45.

Osteoporosis

Women are more likely to develop osteoporosis than men, but that doesn't mean men are immune to this condition marked by a weakening of the bones due to tissue loss. Fractures after age 50, heavy

alcohol use, smoking, and low body weight are some risk factors that can make men vulnerable to osteoporosis.

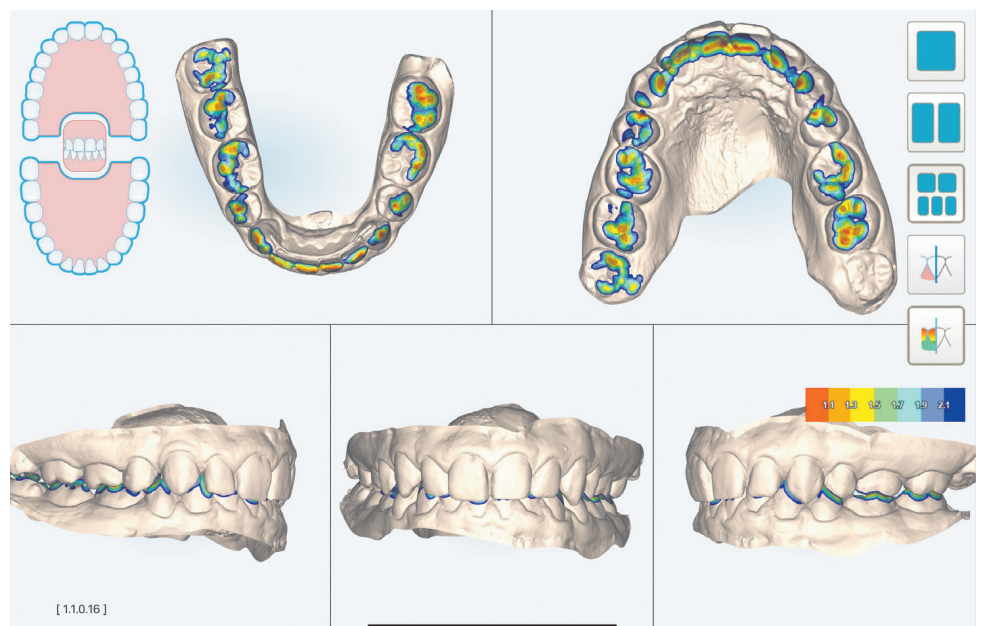
Health screenings can catch diseases and other conditions in their early stages when they're most treatable. Such screenings should be a vital part of men's health routines.



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There are many effective exercises for seniors

Losing interest in an exercise regimen is a situation many fitness enthusiasts have confronted at one point or another. Overcoming a stale workout routine can be simple for young athletes, whose bodies can typically handle a wide range of physical activities. That flexibility allows younger athletes the chance to pursue any number of physical activities when their existing fitness regimens grow stale. But what about seniors who have grown tired of their workouts?

Even seniors who have lived active lifestyles since they were youngsters are likely to encounter certain physical limitations associated with aging. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of dealing

with one or more physical limitations increases with age. CDC data indicates that 8 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 59 have three or more physical limitations. That figure rises to 27 percent among adults age 80 and over.

Physical limitations may be a part of aging for many people, but such obstacles need not limit seniors looking to banish boredom from their workout routines. In fact, many seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

• **Water aerobics:** Sometimes referred to as “aqua aerobics,” water aerobics may involve jogging in the water, leg lifts, arm curls, and other activities that can safely be performed

in a pool. The YMCA notes that water aerobics exercises are low impact, which can make them ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues like arthritis.

• **Resistance band workouts:** Resistance band workouts can be especially useful for seniors who spend a lot of time at home. Resistance bands are inexpensive and don’t take up a lot of space, making them ideal for people who like to exercise at home but don’t have much space. Resistance bands can be used to strengthen

muscles in various parts of the body, including the legs, arms and back. Resistance bands can be pulled or pushed in any direction, which allows for more versatility in a workout than weight machines and dumbbells. That versatility allows seniors to spice up their workout regimens when things get a little stale.

• **Pilates:** Pilates is another low-impact exercise that can be ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues. According to SilverSneakers®, a community fitness program

for seniors that promotes living through physical and social engagement, Pilates can help seniors build overall strength, stability and coordination. SilverSneakers® even notes that seniors can experience improvements in strength and stability by committing to as little as 10 to 15 minutes of daily Pilates exercises.

• **Strength training:** Seniors on the lookout for something more challenging than a daily walk around the neighborhood should not overlook the benefits of strength training.

The CDC notes that seniors who participate in strength training can stimulate the growth of muscle and bone, thereby reducing their risk for osteoporosis and frailty. In fact, the CDC notes that people with health concerns like arthritis or heart disease often benefit the most from exercise regimens that include lifting weights a few times each week.

Physical limitations are a part of aging. But seniors need not let such limitations relegate them to repetitive, boring workouts.



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