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New bar to open in town

Leaf River Soaring Eagles take part in July 4th parade in Mount Morris. **2A**

Still no school COVID guidelines

State has offered no guidance, so Ogle County is stepping in to help

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – With no guidance from the state, Ogle County's public health administrator told the County Board that his office will be releasing its own COVID-19 guidelines for schools "very shortly."

At the board's July 20 meeting, Kyle Auman said that the state has not released anything

yet on what school should do when they open, including whether or not students should wear masks. He said his office is trying to work with school districts in the county.

"But this upcoming school year is going to be a little bit more contentious than previous," Auman said, adding they are "...trying to make the best decisions for the students, the people of Ogle County and

people in our region."

In Ogle County, the COVID-19 positivity rate was 2.9 percent, Auman said. That is up from last month when it was 1.8 percent. The regional positivity rate is 2.4 percent.

He said the reason for the increase has been several summer camps that have led to positive cases of COVID.

In Ogle County, 42.78 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, which is 21,785 people. Auman said that 32.2 percent of the school age population has been vaccinated. He said now that kids ages 12 and up can get

the vaccine, his office has been focusing on them. By winter, a vaccine should be available for kids ages 6 and up, he said.

The county is no longer doing mass vaccination events but does offer the vaccine in its Rochelle and Oregon offices by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Auman told the board that 14 counties in Illinois have been placed back into a warning status. He said most of the counties are in the southern part of the state or bordering Missouri.

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The fair is back

Fair Board president talks about being back after cancellation

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – For Tom Simpson, his first year as president of the Ogle County Fair Board did not go the way he wanted.

Simpson was the president in 2020 when the fair had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"That's not what I had in mind, but understand the reasons why," Simpson said of the cancellation. "Today, we have a great team that is going to make your fair experience wonderful!"

The Ogle County Fair

runs this year at the fairgrounds on Lime Kiln Road from July 28-Aug. 1.

Simpson, who lives in Davis Junction, is originally from Kentucky and moved to Illinois to work for Motorola Solutions. When he married his wife 21 years ago, her dad was then president of the Fair Board. Simpson started out volunteering and eventually joined the board. He was elected president to follow Harlan Holm, who died in August 2020.

Simpson sat down to answer some questions about the 2021 Ogle County Fair.

Question: After missing a year, how excited is everyone to have the fair back for 2021?

Answer: "Everyone I have talked to is very excited and can't wait for the fair to come. They miss the smell of the fair food and ability to sit down to listen to live music with their friends and family. They are looking forward to seeing their kids show again."

Q: How difficult was the decision to cancel last year? Any regrets over that?

A: "Last year was a weird year, there were so many unknowns. Yes, it was very hard for the fair board to make that decision but I believe it was the right one. We want to make



Tom Simpson

sure everyone was safe and healthy."

Q: What can people expect from the fair this year?

A: "Fairgoers can expect to find their favorite fair food with great entertainment."

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LOCAL NEWS



Local 4-H club participates in Independence Day parade

MOUNT MORRIS – On July 4th, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club participated in a parade celebrating Independence Day in Mt. Morris.

The club pulled a hay wagon with decorations and the members on the float. The club theme for the float was 50's. Pictured: Alex Williams, Lacie Williams, Kaden Lingbeck, Lydia Sherburne, Joise Pals, Cassie Pals, Natalie Johnson, and Grant Johnson. Leaf River

Soaring Eagles Reporter: Grant Johnson

About Illinois 4-H: Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guid-

ance, tools and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

FAIR: Volunteers are key to making the event great

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"New for this year is, we are bringing back music in the grandstands on Sunday Aug. 1st. The Jimmys will be performing and it will be a free show."

Q: How do you go about filling the pretty big shoes – or boots – left by former Fair Board President Harlan Holm?

A: "The passing of Harlan has been felt by everyone but we have got great volunteers that have always been with us. We are able to continue to move forward."

Q: Why is the fair so important to Ogle County?

A: "The Ogle County Fair is a place to show off your gifts, leadership, community efforts all to have a growing community.

Taking home that blue ribbon shows off your hard work: it's just tradition."

Q: Anything I didn't ask that you want to mention?

A: "I would like to say 'thank you' to all of the volunteers that help put this great fair on. Without them none of this could happen and memories could not be made."

County holding recycling event

OREGON – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday July 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents and a free permit is required to attend. To obtain a permit call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email soildwaste@oglecounty.org.

Items accepted include residential computers, monitors, computer hardware and cables,

all types of televisions, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, shredders (no tubs), DVD/VCR's, cable or satellite boxes, video games, stereo equipment, laptops, tablets, cell phones, radios, digital clocks, home phones, holiday lights, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for \$5 per unit.

For more information call the number above, check the county website at www.oglecounty.org, or check Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

Annual car show Aug. 7 during Sauerkraut Days

FORRESTON – The Forreston American Legion family is sponsoring its 12th Annual Car Show as part of the yearly Sauerkraut Days on Aug. 7 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Forreston's memorial Park.

More than 130 cars and motorcycles are expected during the day-long show. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 entries and door prizes will be given out during the day.

A sauerkraut lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sauerkraut

lunches are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 7-12. The lunch includes a brat or hotdog (with or without the sauerkraut topping), a bag of chips and a can of pop. Music will be provided by 3D Sound.

For questions concerning car entries, call Chris Moore, American Legion Riders, 815-979-5044.

Trophies for the car and bike show will be awarded at 3 p.m. The annual 50/50 drawing winner will be at 3:30 p.m.

Farm Bureau club bringing food drive to the fair

The Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders are sponsoring a food drive during the 2021 Ogle County Fair.

In the "Battle of the Barns," each livestock barn will have a tub for fairgoers to donate non-perishable food items. The barn with the most items donated July 28-31 will receive a cash donation to be used for barn improvements. Do-

nation site will be inside the 4-H Exhibit Building, and all donations will be distributed to local food pantries.

Make plans to visit the fair and drop off a donation to support youth in agriculture and our local communities!

For more information about this event or Young Leaders, please call the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 815-732-2231.

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Marty Typer, left, receives a plaque honoring his service to the county from Board Chairman John Finck. (Brad Jennings photo)

COVID: Board honors Typer

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"Several of those have counties significant issues with the Delta variant," Auman said. "If folks are vaccinated, they still seem to have good protection against the Delta variant."

In other action:

The board honored Marty Typer, who represented District 5 on the

County Board until May, when he resigned to take a new role as Village President in Stillman Valley.

Typer worked for Ogle County for nearly 30 years.

"The people of Ogle County have always been very, very good to me," Typer said after being presented with a plaque by Board Chairman John Finck.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Holmes auditions set for Aug. 17, 18 & 19

MOUNT MORRIS — The Performing Arts Guild is excited to announce the fall performance of “Miss Holmes.” Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-17 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

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

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

face far greater challenges than bringing the cunning criminal to justice. Miss Holmes possesses one of the greatest deductive minds of her generation, but she chafes at the restraints imposed upon her by society and family. Dr. Watson struggles to make a difference at the only hospital in London that will hire female doctors. In a time and place where gender roles are rigidly defined, these unconventional women dare to challenge societal norms by providing an unusual, but necessary, service.

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

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

Music on the deck at Jarrett

BYRON — The Byron Forest Preserve District will host their final two Summer Concerts on the Deck on Sunday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 8 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum Overlook Deck, 7993 North River Road, Byron.

The Bluegrass Reunion Band will be featured for the Aug. 1 Concert on the

Deck. Patchouli will be the final Summer Concert on the Deck on Aug. 8.

Come out and enjoy live outdoor music while watching the sunset over the 400-plus acre Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve. These free concerts are sponsored by Byron Bank. For more information contact the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

Church hosting blood drive July 28

BYRON — Rock River Valley Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive at United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., on July 28, 12:30-6:30 pm.

Reservations would be helpful. To schedule an appointment, visit RRVBC.org or call 815-965-8751. The church is handicapped accessible. We are located on the corner of 2nd Street and Colfax, right next door to Generations at Neighbors.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Obituary

Marjorie P. Pepin

BYRON — Marjorie P. Pepin age 91, went home to be with her Lord on July 17, 2021 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. She was born at home on the farm north of Byron on April 23, 1930 to John and Hattie (Palmer) Paul.

She married Leon Pepin on April 4, 1964 who preceded her in death. Marjorie worked many jobs throughout her life including at AmRock, Don's Diner, and the Byron Forrest Preserve. She was a devoted Christian who attended the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley. Marjorie will be remembered as someone enjoyable to be around. To know her was to love her. She loved to cook and was amazing at it. In her spare time, she also enjoyed playing cards. She was an animal lover especially her little dog. She was a people person at heart and most of all Marjorie loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Cindy Paul of Mt. Morris and Kristine Reed of Love's Park; sister, Charlotte Mennenga

of Byron; grandchildren, Michael Schrader of Arizona, Melissa McAbee of Indiana, Kelly McCracken of Rockford, Brandon Reed of Davis, and Brent Reed of Love's Park; great grandchildren, Bryce, Ryan, Dakota, Lexus, Aspen, Lorinda, Wyatt, Liberty, and Amelia; and great grandson, Cooper.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son, Brad Pepin.

A memorial service will be held at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron at 2 p.m. on July 30, 2021 with Pastor Chris Brauns officiating. Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

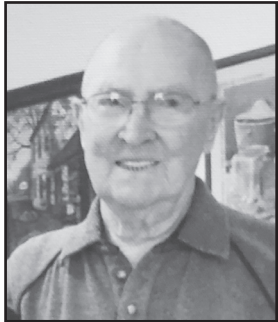


A Big Thank you to everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and gifts when Elmars passed away. Everything was greatly appreciated. Also thanks to all the nurses at KSB and Pincecrest Manor for all the wonderful care they gave him.

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Celebration of Life for Emory Cragg



You are invited to join Ginny and her family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the life of Emory Cragg on August 7th at 11:30 AM at the Oregon VFW. Luncheon at 12:00

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Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt are noted for the country and pop oldies that they often provide at First Fridays.

First Friday performers come to fair

The next First Fridays Open Mic will take place a week early, on July 30, at the Ogle County Fair.

Admission will be free to all ticketholders at the fair. Singer and guitarist Jim Woelber

will host the show.

First Fridays is a showcase of musical talent for the Oregon area. It features a range of performers and musical styles, with something for everyone.

The music will start at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club pavilion. Sign-up for performers will be at 6:45 p.m.

The fairgrounds are located at 1440 North Limekiln Road, west of Oregon off route 64.

ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT
AUGUST 19TH
2021
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber's Annual Dinner and awards night is Aug. 19

OREGON — The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce announces that the Annual Dinner and Community Awards Night will be held on Aug. 19.

Cocktails and entertainment start at 5 p.m., with the dinner and awards at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Stronghold Center, 1922 IL-2 N, Oregon.

This is the night the community celebrates a year's achievements, looks ahead to next year and recognizes those in the community who have done so much to make the Oregon Area a better place. Dress comfortably and purchase your tickets online before Aug. 5. Submit your community awards nominations before July 24.

Ticketing information, table sponsorship, and nomination forms can be found online at oregonil.com. Our community awards categories are as follows: Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Civic Leadership Award, and the Welcome to The Chamber Award.

American Legion Family



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Saturday, August 7
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Brats, Hot Dogs, Kraut 10-3
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Music by 3D Sound
50/50 Raffle

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Memorial Service
For Patricia Ann Lindstrom,
53, daughter of
Paul A. & Terri A. (Griffith) Lindstrom.
Funeral services will be held at Saint Wendelin's Catholic Church in Shannon on July 31, 2021, with visitation at 9:00 a.m. followed with Mass and a celebration luncheon will be held in the church hall. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to your local food pantry or the Salvation Army. Her sister Mary requests that you be kind to someone you do not know, in memory of Patty.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Edwin E. Smith

A Life Well Lived...
Edwin E. Smith, 95, longtime Oregon resident, passed away, peacefully, on Friday, June 25, 2021. He died like he lived, with dignity. He was staying with his daughter, Linda Rundlett, on Long Island, N.Y., when he passed.



Edwin came from humble beginnings, born in Piqua, Ohio, living with his Mother, Edna, and brother Richard. As a young child of divorce, they lived with their Grandfather on his farm. This is where Edwin learned the lessons of hard work and the value of a dollar. Working from sunup to sundown taught him one thing: He wasn't cut out to be a farmer. This knowledge launched him into higher learning where he moved to Oregon and attended Oregon Bible College.

In the late 60's, he secured a million-dollar Army contract for Etnyre's, for a fleet of trucks, and traveled with Roger Etnyre to St. Louis to sign the paperwork. Edwin set up the first data-processing computer center used at Etnyre's, and secured a staff who truly enjoyed working for him.

After 38 years at Etnyre's, Edwin retired and went on to work for UniSys Corporation for several years, traveling to Green Bay, Wis., to work as Tech Support for their computer systems. After the loss of Mary Lou, he married Joan Hall, of Grand Rapids, Mich., on Oct. 26, 1991. They shared 20 happy years, and enjoyed traveling, family get togethers and just being with one another. Edwin always had a mind for business but raised his family in a loving, humble and purposeful way, never needing to be the center of attention, allowing others around him to shine. In his later years, what made him happiest were visits from family, friends, his I-Pad, news channel and Lift Chair. He never asked for a thing

but was always willing to give anything he had to help others.

A Life Well Lived...
Edwin is survived by his daughter, Linda (Smith) Rundlett, Wading River, N.Y., four step-children: Ken Hall, Phoenix, Ariz., Connie Ramsey, Front Royal, Va., Gail Bratcher, Milan, Tenn., and Kerry Hall, Rockford, sister Zola Jayne Schnelle, Vandalia, Ohio, brothers, Richard, West Milton, Ohio, Terry Smith, Tipp City, Ohio, Norman "Butch" Smith, Vandalia, Ohio, and Gary Smith, Guntersville, Ala., as well as several loving nieces and nephews all across the country.

He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Mary Lou, who passed away in 1991. He then married Joan Hall, who predeceased him in 2012. He was also predeceased by his son, Eddie Smith Jr., Dixon, step-son Ray Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., sisters Carole Temple, Dayton, Ohio, Jackie Smith and Susie Hornbeck, both of Vandalia, Ohio.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 31, 11 a.m., at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon, Pastor Michael Hoffman officiating, followed by Interment in River-view Cemetery. A luncheon will follow for family and friends at Maxson Manor Restaurant.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

Jacklyn May Flick

LEAF RIVER—Jacklyn May (Tucker) Flick, aged 75, passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 surrounded by her family. Jackie was born June 27, 1944 in Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, CO; daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Davis) Tucker. Growing up in Colorado, she graduated from South High School in Pueblo, Colo., class of 1961. Jackie then received her Education Major in 1964 from Truman University, Kirksville, Mo.



Mimi to her grandchildren and many neighborhood kids, as well.

Jackie was a staple in Leaf River, known as the Avon lady for over 40 years. She served on the Leaf River Village Board for 36 years, as well as the Leaf River Womens Fire Auxiliary. She was also a parishioner of St Marys Catholic Church, Bryon. Jackie was an avid animal lover and always had one of her dogs by her side. Her hobbies included; reading, sewing, gardening, golfing, shopping, traveling

and playing cards. Her love for her grandchildren was boundless and her favorite pastime was watching them play sports and spending time with them. She will be missed.

Jackie is survived by her husband: Michael Flick Sr., Leaf River; children: Michael (Emily) Flick Jr., Leaf River, Nicki (Steve) Shelton, Leaf River, and Jeannine (Matt) Dempsey, Libertyville; grandchildren: Samantha (Nick) Boyden, Aaron Shelton, Bryce and Joshua Flick, Aiden and Taryn Dempsey.

Jackie is preceded in death by her parents, sister: Barbara Haines; and granddaughter: Mary Elizabeth.

Memorial services will be Aug. 2, 2021 at the River Valley Complex, Leaf River, from noon-4 p.m. All are welcome, please join us celebrating Jackie's life.

Ronald Hongsermeier

Ronald Wayne Hongsermeier, 67, of Erding, Germany died at his home after a sudden illness on December 1, 2020. A proud American and native Illinoisan, Ron was born to Roy W. and Wilma L. Hongsermeier at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska on Dec. 31, 1952.



His formative years were spent in the close knit community of Mt. Morris, Illinois where civic responsibility, a strong work ethic and church attendance shaped his early life. While at school he excelled both academically and athletically graduating from Mt. Morris High School in 1971.

An extensive higher education yielded multiple collegiate degrees including a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Linguistics from University of Illinois - Urbana in 1975. Additionally, Ron received a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois in 1980. During his study of theology, Ron was an exchange student at Theological Seminary in Ewersbach, Germany and Theological Department at Phillips University in Marburg, Germany. While there, he gained a deep appreciation for the people of Germany and their culture.

Through extensive study, Ron had become an exemplary theologian. He was a highly educated man. However, he had a pastors heart and a deep desire to serve others as well. He was determined to translate his exhaustive knowledge of Scripture

into an active living faith that would lead people to Christ.

In 1981, he was commissioned as a missionary with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

In 1982, he began his missionary work in Germany as Youth Pastor with the Freie Evangelische Gemeinde, (Free Evangelical Community) in Munich.

In 1988, upon completion of his missionary service, Ron returned to the United States. In 1989, he accepted the role of Pastor at Olive Drive Bible Church in Bakersfield, California.

In 1991, Ron returned to Germany taking a position as Stationsmeister (Station Master) at Munich International Airport. His career encompassed 27 years of dedicated service where he excelled in customer service, crisis management, and worked diligently on an improvement model for fire brigade support. He received several commendations for excellence and gained the respect of the employers, co-workers and customers he served.

Ron was a lifelong learner. His personal library housed MANY hundreds of books. He was knowledgeable on scripture, political and social issues, proficient in multiple data base

computer programs and enough of a craftsman to explore yacht and boat design and construction, even to building his own canoe!

His many talents were eclipsed by his ever-present desire to serve others. He maintained affiliations with Evangelisch-Freikirchliche Gemeinde, (Evangelical Free Church Community) in Erding, and Munich International Community Church where he participated in Small Group Ministry, Bible Study and church planting initiatives.

Ron is preceded in death by his father, Roy William Hongsermeier (1986). He is survived by his mother, Wilma L. (Coble) Hongsermeier, of Mt. Morris, Illinois, his sons Lukas Ransom and Jeremy Lazar and their mother, Isolde (Auer) Hongsermeier, of Gruhnbach, Germany, two brothers Michael L. (Mary) Hongsermeier of Rockford, Illinois and Bruce A. (Cindy) Hongsermeier of Mt. Morris, Illinois, and several devoted nieces and nephews and their families.

We would like to thank our family and friends both here and abroad for the heartfelt expressions of sympathy we received via multiple social media outlets. Thank you for sharing your memories of Ron with us. We are grateful.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11 a.m. At Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church, 102 S. Seminary Ave. Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054. Memorials to Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church.

Debbie A. Sochor

BYRON — Debbie A. Sochor, age 59, died Sunday, July 18, 2021 at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford. She was born Nov. 14, 1961 in Chicago, the daughter of Rudolph "Rudy" and Elizabeth "Liz" (Kearns) Guttman.



She attended Notre Dame High School for Girls in Chicago. She married Guy Sochor on June 5, 1999 in Oregon. Debbie enjoyed reading, web design, gaming, computers, anime, British and Korean tv series, horror movies of all types, and was an avid music fan.

Guttman, and brother Mark Guttman.

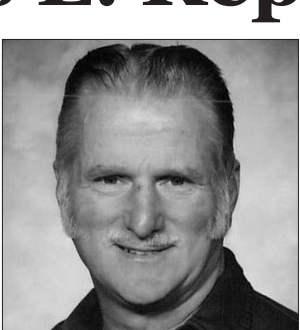
She is survived by her husband Guy Sochor of Byron, 4 children; Heather (Brock) Swanlund of Mt. Morris, Tom Buzinski, Joe Buzinski, and Chris Buzinski all of Byron, brother

Vernon (Darla) Guttman of Arkansas; 5 grandchildren Brock, Darian, and Autumn Swanlund, Rowan and Vincent Ditmars.

Visitation was 1-2 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2021, with Funeral service immediately following, at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street in Byron, with the Pastor Randy Snider officiating. A memorial fund is established in Debbie's name for the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

James E. Keplinger

MOUNT MORRIS — James E. Keplinger, 81, of Mt. Morris, passed away Monday, July 19, 2021, at KSB Hospital.



Jim was born Feb. 12, 1940, in Freeport, the son of Everett and Ada R. Keplinger. He graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1958 and then went on to join the Air Force. On Nov. 14, 1964 at Pinecreek Christian Church in rural Polo, he was united in marriage to Barbara May. After

the service he always had two jobs, a pressman and a farmer in the area. Jim was always a hard worker. He was a Mason in Mt. Morris, enjoyed

hunting, fishing or trying to find arrowheads. He was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Survivors include wife Barbara; son Curtis (Laura Wulf) Keplinger of Dixon; sister Jane (Ken) Sheely of Adaline.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

Memorials may be directed to the NRA in his name.

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Serenity hosting day camp for bereaved kids on Aug. 2

ROCHELLE — Serenity Hospice will be hosting a day camp at The Rec in Rochelle on Aug. 2 for bereaved kids ages 6-15.

The camp will allow kids to meet peers who have experienced the same type of loss while enjoying games, crafts, swimming and other traditional summer camp activities. They will also learn coping strategies to help with

their grief.

The camp will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and any child is welcome whether or not they were a hospice family. The camp is free to participants and is being funded by a grant from the Rochelle Area Community Foundation.

For more information or to register, please phone Cathy Warren at Serenity Hospice 815-732-2499.



2021 OGLE COUNTY FAIR

**JULY 28TH THRU
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Ogle County Fair: Fun for the entire family

From the queen pageant to carnival rides to the livestock shows, the 167th Ogle County Fair set for July 28-Aug. 1 offers no-stop entertainment at an affordable cost to fair-goers of all ages.

"The fair is family-oriented and affordable," said Tom Simpson, fair board president.

The fair begins with the crowning the 2021 fair queen on Wednesday, July 28 and features the traditional grandstand shows – truck and tractor pulls on Wednesday and Thursday, Big Hat Rodeo on Friday, and the demolition derby on Saturday.

Simpson said this year's fair will feature a new Sunday event. Popular blues and rhythm & blues band The Jimmys will perform a free concert in the grandstands from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Since it's a new event we're not planning to charge. We're going to accept donations since it's our first time out of the gate with music," he said.

The Jimmys, led by keyboardist and organist Jimmy Voegeli, have performed across the Midwest, Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean and draw record-setting crowds to the Mt. Morris Jamboree with their annual performances.

Also new this year is Red T-Shirt Day on Thursday to honor the late Harlan Holm, who died unexpectedly last August.

Holm, long time fair and community volunteer, was noted for the red T-shirts he wore while working at the fairgrounds. He was fair board president for 12 years.

"The day will be dedicated to Harlan Holm and everyone is encouraged to wear a red T-shirt in his honor," Simpson said. "A ceremony will be held with his family on stage in the grandstands before the truck and tractor pulls."

Simpson also reminded fair-goers that the \$8 admission fee is family-friendly because of all it included. Besides free unlimited carnival rides, the fee also covers ground shows, such as Dan Dan the Farmer Man Comedy Rainmaker Shows and the Wild World of Animals.

"A lot of stuff is included in the \$8," he said.

For even more savings, admission tickets can be purchased in advance at a cost of \$6 per person, a \$2 discount from the gate price, at Casey's General Stores and a few other locations.

Signs will be posted designating where tickets are available.

Discounted tickets for the grandstand shows are also available in advance at the same locations, at a cost of \$8 per person, also \$2 less than the \$10 regular price.

Children age 3 and younger get into the fair free but each will need a \$4 wristband to ride at the carnival. Wristbands are available at the gate.

Advance tickets can also be purchased online by going to the fair website at www.oglecountyfair.com. Tickets purchased online will carry an additional convenience fee.

Publicity director Carol Magnuson urged the public to take a look at the



projects done by adults, as well as local 4-H club members and other youth.

"4-H Club projects are what we usually think of, but we also have adult and junior open shows," she said.

Their efforts will be on display throughout the fair. The project shows cover a wide array of topics from traditional livestock, foods, vegetables and fruits, clothing and crafts, floriculture to beekeeping, electricity, woodworking, and computer science.

Other entertainment throughout fair includes Dan Dan the Farmer Man Comedy Rainmaker Shows, the Wild World of Animals, Ta-Da Robots, and Chainsaw Carver Dave Ferrell. Shows will be held

at various times every day of the fair.

Also returning is the Brian Holt Magic Show with performances on Friday and Saturday.

Other musical groups will perform at the Lions Shelter will be Jim Wolber & the Lariat Band on Thursday, July 29, First Friday on Friday, July 30, and John Lindhorst & Strummers on Saturday, July 31. Shows are from 7:30 to 10 p.m. each evening.

The Ogle County Fairgrounds is on Lime Kiln Road, just north of Ill. 64 a mile west of Oregon.

For more information on fair events, visit www.oglecountyfair.com.



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NEW GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH OLD FAVORITES!

MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 28th	Thursday, July 29th	Friday, July 30th	Saturday, July 31st	Sunday, Aug. 1st
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Carnival Times	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Carnival Times	3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Carnival Times	12:00 PM - 10:00 PM Carnival Times	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Carnival Times
5:00 PM Antique Tractor Parade	5:00 PM Antique Tractor Parade	5:00 PM Antique Tractor Parade	10:30 AM Pedal Pull (Food Pavilion)	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Church Services
5:30 PM Queen Pageant Begins	6:30 PM Super Stock Pro Truck and Tractor Pulls	7:00 PM Big Hat Rodeo	6:30 PM Demolition Derby	8:00 AM Food Concessions until Close
6:30 PM Truck and Tractor Pull Stock	7:30 PM Music In Shelter	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Brian Holt Magic 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Music In Shelter	5:00 PM Pork Chop Dinner 4:00 PM Brian Holt Magic 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Music In Shelter	9:00 AM Jr. Poultry Show 11:00 AM Exhibit Building Open 1:00 PM Benefit Open Horse Show

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E-tickets available thru website and Pre-ticket sales available at Casey's General Stores throughout the county.



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What the Ogle County Fair is all about



Livestock auction will be held on Saturday, July 31 ... online

The Annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction has been set for Saturday July 31... and it is going virtual! The 4-H Auction Committee invites the public to support 4-H project work by bidding on a quality 4-H animal!

The auction will start at 3 p.m. online. It will feature 4-H market hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry, and rabbits as well as beef, swine, lamb, and goat carcasses.

Live animals may be purchased and sent to a locker or may be bought and resold at a slaughterhouse. Transportation to processing plants will be provided. A floor price will be set according to the current market trends the day of the Auction. A list of current market prices will be available.

Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves.

Auction order will be: Beef Carcass, Live Beef,

Sheep Carcass, Live Sheep, Swine Carcass, Live Swine, Dairy Basket, Dairy & Meat Goat Wethers, Poultry, Rabbits, Beef, Sheep, and Swine.

Auction flyers and online buyer registration are available in the Ogle County Extension Office and on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>. Bidding arrangements can be made for interested parties who are unable to attend.

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4-H project exhibits to be showcased

Ogle County's 302 4-H club members in 14 clubs will showcase approximately 615 4-H project exhibits and 750 project animals during the 2021 Ogle County Fair, Oregon, July 28-Aug. 1.

4-H Fairs are held nationally to allow youth the opportunity to exhibit projects that have resulted from in-depth year-long studies of areas that interest them.

As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

Animal judging tests 4-H'ers abilities to produce, maintain, and select healthy animals with excellent breeding and market potential. Animal showmanship classes provide 4-H'ers with the opportunities to develop and refine their animal presentation skills.

At the 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit--animal or non-animal--is assigned a rating of blue, red, or white. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are of low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere

in between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all of the blue award winners compete against one another for the chance to become class champions or overall division winners. A number of blue-awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair.

Beyond the competition and learning, the Ogle County 4-H Fair is a celebration! It marks the end of a year of youth development, club and county activities and community service, new friendships, and family building.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters who make this annual educational extravaganza possible!

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For information, call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191 or visit on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

The 4-H year will begin again on Sept. 1. The fair is an excellent place to explore 4-H and decide if it might be right for your family. Youth, ages 5-18 by September 1, 2020 can join for the coming year. You can visit various clubs to find the right fit or create your own!



Ogle County Fair officers

The officer team of the Ogle County Fair Association are pictured left to right (seated): Rosanne Hurst, Treasurer, Mt. Morris; Brenda Holm, Secretary, Oregon; (standing), Brad Larson, Vice President, Mt. Morris; and Tom Simpson, President, Davis Junction.



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Don't forget the rides!



Antique Tractor, Implement show kicks off the fair

The Antique Tractor and Implement Show will be the opening event at the 2021 Ogle County Fair.

The show will start with The Flag raising ceremony and a Tractor Drive at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July

28 followed by the Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant at 5:30 p.m.

The Tractor display will be on the grounds from Wednesday, July 28 through Sunday, Aug. 1. Exhibitors and Tractors and Implements

are asked to register and be in place by 4 p.m. July 28.

Each participant in the show who brings a tractor or Implement to display will receive a Dash Plaque in recognition of their participation.

4-H Fair Multi-County Dog Show winners

This year's multi-county dog show was held at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon on Friday June 25th and Saturday June 26th. This is the fourth year that Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties have participated in a multi-county show.

Twenty-two 4-H members competed in this year's show.

Please see below for the results of the show.

Dekalb Champion Junior Showmanship – Reese Harper
Reserve Dekalb Champion Junior Showmanship – Lillian Sanderson

Lee Champion Junior Showmanship – Grace Anderson
Reserve Lee Champion Junior Showmanship – Brandon Dismore

Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship – Katlyn Miller
Reserve Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship – Brailee Bennett

Ogle Champion Senior Showmanship – Kyle Miller
Reserve Ogle Champion Senior Showmanship – Molly Ziegler

Whiteside Champion Junior

Showmanship – Gracie Witmer

Whiteside Champion Senior Showmanship – Dante Ketelsen
Reserve Whiteside Champion Senior Showmanship – Madison Krum

Overall Champion Junior Showmanship – Katlyn Miller

Overall Champion Senior Showmanship – Dante Ketelsen

Champion Junior Care & Grooming – Brandon Dismore
Reserve Champion Junior Care & Grooming – Kinzeigh Miller

Champion Senior Care & Grooming – Xanna Armbruster
Reserve Champion Senior Care & Grooming – Molly Ziegler

Champion Agility on Leash – Molly Ziegler
Reserve Champion Agility on Leash – Brandon Dismore

Champion Agility off Leash – Grace Anderson
Reserve Champion Agility off Leash – Molly Ziegler

Champion Beginner Novice I Class – Grace Witmer
Reserve Champion Beginner

Novice I Class – Delaney Kuehl

Champion Beginner Novice II Class – Katlyn Miller
Reserve Champion Beginner Novice II Class – Molly Ziegler

Champion Pre-Novice Class – Grace Anderson
Reserve Champion Pre-Novice Class – Madison Krum

Champion Novice Class – Kyle Miller

Champion Open Class – Molly Ziegler

Champion Rally Novice – Grace Anderson
Reserve Champion Rally Novice – Molly Ziegler

Champion Rally Intermediate – Molly Ziegler
Reserve Champion Rally Novice – Kyle Miller

Champion Costume Class Day 1 – Kinzeigh Miller
Reserve Champion Costume Class Day 1 – Brailee Bennett

Champion Costume Class Day 2 – Quinn James
Reserve Champion Costume Class Day 2 – Molly Ziegler

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LOCAL NEWS

Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers play the Mt. Morris Jamboree July 30

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Jamboree is again pleased and proud to announce the return to our band shell stage of local legend Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers on July 30th, at 7 p.m.

This band, which has appeared during all 8 Friday Concert seasons, always has the crowds line-dancing on the grass to toe-tapping while sitting in lawn chairs and on the new benches.

Lyle Grobe has been performing for many years starting in the early 1950's with two brothers, Harry and Richard Hackbarth. They appeared at many shows in the Lee County area

for years. They began moving into the Ogle County area in the late 50s at venues such as Castle Rock Bar on Route 2 in Oregon. Many years have come and gone and Lyle still, with the love of music, keeps the band going by having weekly band rehearsals in his garage both summer and winter. Many a musician has stopped and "picked" a tune or two.

The local PEO (Providing Educational Opportunities for Women) Chapter CU will be serving Italian meatball sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, bar cookies, soda pop and water for the show, starting at 6 p.m.

Mount Morris Senior Center has upcoming activities

CPR Class

The Mt. Morris Senior Center is hosting a CPR class which will be presented by the Mt. Morris Fire Department on Tuesday, July 27. Call Melissa at 815-743-6335.

Jam Session

We look forward to once again welcoming some local musicians to the Senior Center to share some beautiful music! Join us on Wednesday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. for a Jam Session and stay for a \$5 lunch at noon. Call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot.

Free Cheesecake

Friday, July 30th is National Cheesecake Day! We will be celebrating at the Mt. Morris Senior Center by offering free cheesecake from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on that day. All are welcome!

We Need Golfers!

Join us at the 18th Annual Hagemann/Miller Memorial Golf Outing. The cost is \$60 per golfer which includes 9 holes of golf, a cart, a goodie bag, hole game prizes, and a steak dinner. If you would like to join us just for dinner the tickets are \$20 each. Please call the senior center at 815-734-6335 if you would like to participate.



Byron Farmers Market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business on every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. Marcie Poppen, Polo, sells home grown fresh vegetables, dog treats, home raised chicken, lamb, and pork. We had more than 30 vendors last week. Come check it out!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., July 26

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

Tues., July 27

The Ogle County Republican Central will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse, in the County Board room. Everyone is welcome.

Needles and Hooks at the

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

Weds., July 28

Anne (Miller) Arza will perform with the Kable Concert Band at 7:30 p.m. She is a Mt. Morris High School graduate of '88. Her vocal career has included numerous leading roles in musical theatrical productions in and around the Chicago area. Concerts are

held in the Warren G. Reckmeyer Band Shell.

Fri., July 30

The next First Fridays Open Mic will take place at the Ogle County Fair. Admission will be free to all ticketholders at the fair. Singer and guitarist Jim Woelber will host the show. The music will start at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club pavilion. Sign-up for performers will be at 6:45 p.m.

Sat., July 31

Byron Farmers' Market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine

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Our political parties have failed us

Nothing is more annoying in public policy than people who complain, but don't offer solutions.

The U.S. Senate effectively has 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats. Vice President Kamala Harris can cast a tie-breaking vote giving the Democrats an ever-so-slight edge.

So, what complaint do we hear expressed continually on social media? That the Senate doesn't equally represent the American people.

That's certainly true. But, then again, it never was supposed to.

Half of the nation's people have 18 senators representing them. On the other hand, there are 52 senators from the 26 smallest states, where just 18% of Americans live.

The individuals who drafted the Constitution feared big states would dominate small states. So, they gave states equal representation in the Senate and based representation in the House on population.

They also added a provision to the Constitution, that says the clause giving each state two senators can never be amended. So, most constitutional scholars concede, it's an arrangement we are stuck with.

Instead of griping about it, we need to ask: Why after 233 years is it an issue now?

The short answer is our political parties have failed us. Diversity of thought has evaporated from both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Ideological litmus tests have become more important than legislative effectiveness among party leaders.

Don't believe me? Look at how many times in recent weeks Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia, has been called a traitor to his party. Or, for that matter, how many times has Mitt Romney has been called a RINO -- Republican in Name Only.

Once upon a time, the world's greatest deliberative body was full of people like Romney and Manchin -- individuals whose beliefs didn't always fit neatly into an ideological box.

There once were liberal Republican senators such as Charles Percy and conservative Democrats like Alan Dixon. Both men served the Land of Lincoln ably in Washington, D.C. And both would be oddities in today's upper chamber.

South Dakota, a so-called "red state," for years elected a liberal Democrat, Sen. Tom Daschle. And New York, what most folks

now call a "blue state" elected Al D'Amato, a conservative Re-publican.

Voters were willing to look past party labels and even positions on issues to elect those they just considered quality people. Today, that happens less and less. Social media has not only made voters more partisan but the parties themselves less ideologically diverse. Both parties have far fewer moderates holding elected office.

"As much as Democrats talk about the need for diversity, there is very little tolerance for ideological diversity in the party," said Robin Johnson, a political science instructor at Monmouth College and a consultant for Democratic campaigns.

If you think the Republicans are any better, look no further than what happened to U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming. She was booted from leadership when she dared to dissent from a spurious narrative about a "rigged election."

Democrats complain that Republicans do better in rural states, which gives them an unfair advantage in the Senate. Nonsense. What they should be asking is why they aren't doing better in those smaller states they once won.

Years ago, I remember how college students from elite universities on both coasts came to work on an Illinois congressional campaign. They went to a Democratic Party event at the Illinois State Fair, stood at the gate and ridiculed working-class Democrats walking by in overalls, trucker hats and work boots.

It is the sort of elitism that has driven rural working-class voters into the Republican column.

The same could be said for Republicans in urban areas. Time and time again, I've seen wealthy men opine on what ails inner-city neighborhoods. They do plenty of talking but not much listening.

We have a deadlocked Senate because some leaders in both parties have stopped trying to serve significant portions of the American people.

The problem isn't how the Senate has been set up for the past 230 years: it's political elites unwilling to listen to potential constituents whom they disagree with.

And until they start listening, nothing is going to get better.

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Doomsday prepping not in my future

I would never make it as a doomsday prepper.

Does anyone remember the show about preppers than ran for a couple of years not that long ago? It showed people who were preparing for "events" they thought would happen so they and their family could survive.

What events? Well, a global war, a failure of the electrical grid, a failure of the monetary system, the Muslim Brotherhood takes over, a global pandemic -- you name it. There were many events that could happen and drive people into shelters.

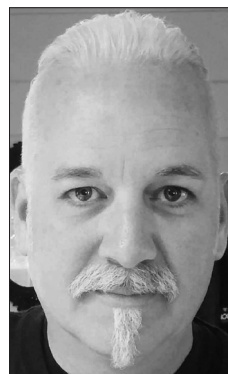
On the show, they looked at a person's preparation and judged it. Most of the time, the results were not good. But it was interesting to see the mix of strange beliefs and real ingenuity.

I also recently read recently about a guy who prepared a space for hundreds of people in case one of these doomsday events takes place. He sold space to people -- rich people, of course -- so they could be protected from the unwashed masses if things went south.

He stockpiled tons of freeze-dried food, water

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



and a giant pile of weapons. And people did pay... for nothing, really. It looks good on paper, but when reality slaps you in the face and you realize you spent the college fund you set aside for your kids because someone sold you a bleak view of the future, well, that can be embarrassing.

I, for one, know that doomsday prepping is not for me. First, I am not someone who sits around worrying about the end of the world or the collapse of society (although, admittedly, it has been on my mind a bit more recently). I tend to go out and enjoy life and not worry about stocking up on granola bars and potable water.

And to be honest, I

would be the worst prepper of all time. It is not something that is in my skill set.

* I am not great at planning. To be a doomsday prepper, you have to have a plan -- a plan to get to your safe space, a Plan B if the first plan fails, a plan to get more food and water if you run out, a plan to fix things when they break. Plan, plan, plan. Just thinking about that much planning gives me a headache. When I wake up in the morning, I try to plan an hour in the future -- that's as good as it gets.

* I don't like freeze-dried food. I am not about to chow down on a meal I freeze-dried during the Bush Administration. No thanks. Even the military Meals Ready to Eat are simply horrible. No, if I can't eat real, fresh food I am not going to eat. I would not last long in the apocalypse.

* Living in close quarters. If I have a compound in the middle of nowhere to escape to, chance are I will have friends and family with me. It would take about half a day before I realize this was a monumental mistake. Honestly, I don't like to

be around a lot of people. They can be annoying. They chew loudly. They talk about topics I care nothing about. They move their legs when I am trying to watch TV. (Sit still!). No, I would not do well in that situation. In fact, I would probably get kicked out of the shelter within a week.

* Honestly, if something breaks, we would be screwed. I have said before that I am probably the least handy man on the planet. As long as things are functioning properly, we would be good. The first sign of problems? We would be toast.

* Finally, I would be just too bored. I need the fresh air. I need to get out and see some sights. I need to play my Xbox. I need to get away from time to time. I get that if the lands are overrun with marauding psychos you need to stay put. But no electricity? Global financial collapse? I would still need to hit a drive-thru for some tacos.

No, I am not built for being a prepper, doomsday or otherwise.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Conspiracies real and imagined: What's the difference

There are real conspiracies. Major tobacco companies engaged in "a massive 50-year scheme to defraud the public," according to a 2006 ruling by the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. Their conspiracy to conceal tobacco's deadly effects and to market their product to children is well documented.

But then there are "conspiracy theories," as they're called, irrational stories about evil plotters and complicated schemes. They include the belief that Barack Obama isn't a U.S. citizen and allegations that the September 11 attack took place with the knowledge and/or assistance of the U.S. government.

Conspiracy theories breed distrust, polarization, and extremism. The recent conflict over claims of a stolen 2020 election highlights the importance of distinguishing between them and more credible accusations. Stephan Lewandowsky's and John Cook's Conspiracy Theory Handbook explains the difference.

Conspiracy theorists start by over-interpreting, or just inventing, their evidence. They ignore inconsistencies in their story, and dismiss unfavorable facts as ruses planted by the conspirators. Even when an accusation doesn't pan out, they still insist that "something must be wrong."

Things don't just happen by chance for conspiracy theorists. It's all part of the scheme, another brick in the wall of belief. Ran-

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



dom events and facts can occur in clusters that make them seem meaningful, but conspiracy theorists are especially vulnerable to such illusions of orderliness.

Dutch psychologist Jan-Willem van Prooijen demonstrated this in experiments reported in the European Journal of Social Psychology. He found that conspiracy theorists had a heightened tendency to see non-existent patterns in coin tosses, visual designs, and world events. Van Prooijen concluded that "illusory pattern perception" is at the core of conspiracy theory thinking.

Liberals who see this as a product of the conservative mindset should think again. Democrats, independents, and Republicans were all within the 70 to 80 percent range on a survey measuring strong or medium tendencies to believe in conspiracy theories, according to political researcher Alfred Moore and his colleagues (washingpost.com, 8-21-14).

Studies headed by Yale law professor Dan Kahan demonstrate a similar point.

Kahan found that his subjects' ability to accurately analyze statistics declined markedly when political issues were involved. Liberals and conservatives alike "connected the dots" to see what they wanted to see, the core fallacy in all conspiracy theories. A Vox article reporting these results was aptly titled, "How Politics Makes Us Stupid."

One more ingredient completes the recipe for today's conspiracy theories. Melinda Warner Moyer explains it in the March 2019 edition of Scientific American. She reports on surveys showing increased anxiety and uncertainty about a range of issues, both personal and political, here and around the world.

Experiments have shown that people are more likely to believe conspiracy theories when they've been made to feel stressed and out of control. When these feelings extend to a sense that their group or the entire society is in crisis, tribal loyalties kick in and people experience what Moyer calls "a conspiratorial double whammy." She presents evidence that this is what many of us feel today.

When the world seems random and out of control, conspiracy theories offer the appealing illusion that it all makes sense. We and our tribe now have an enemy to fight. We can take action and be in control once again.

This is how liberal conspiracy theorists came to focus so much of their emo-

tional energy on Donald Trump. The resulting delusions include the belief that he blackmailed Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy to resign, and that Russia blackmailed him over supposed relations with Russian prostitutes, both debunked by fact-checkers Snopes. It also explains how so many supporters of the former President can embrace the Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen.

Under the right circumstances, any of us can be seduced by conspiracy theories. Those who are under their spell deserve our sympathy and understanding. Most of all, we need to be on guard against falling for them ourselves.

We need to be leery of information that doesn't come from established and credible sources. We need to resist the temptation to see meaningful patterns in random events. We need to watch out for reasoning tainted by belief. We need to distrust explanations that offer more certainty than a complicated world will allow.

Finally, we need to look inside ourselves, and stay on guard, along with everyone else, against allowing our emotions to overrule logic in these uncertain and anxious times.

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

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Thanks to those whole helped with Let Freedom Ring

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much to those who helped in Mt. Morris for the Let Freedom Ring Patriotic Program on July 4th. I was proud to put together the program, and I thought each person who participated did a great job and really added to the festivities.

Thank you to the Oregon FFA Chapter for presenting our colors. Thank you to Mt. Morris Village President Phil Labash for being our speaker and teaching us about the

Official Illinois Freedom Bell. Thank you to 2021 LFR Queen Katelyn Bowers for welcoming everyone, Pastor Josh Ehrler of Trinity Lutheran Church for offering a prayer, and Alyssa Leary for sharing America the Beautiful as a poem. Thank you to 2021 LFR King Emmett Peterson and 2020 LFR Queen Kelsi Morris for explaining the pledge and to Mr. Zach Hall for a beautiful Rendition of the National Anthem.

I also want to thank Jerry Stauffer

for his help setting up, Living Hope Church for the use of their sound equipment, Bryon West for playing the music, and the Mt. Morris Chapter of the American Legion for their advice. It was a wonderful program, and I could not have done it without all of the help. I can't wait for next year's Let Freedom Ring Festival!

Thank you,
Melissa Nicholson, Mt. Morris Village Trustee and Mt. Morris Senior Center Executive Director

LOCAL NEWS

Paint recycling Aug. 14

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a latex paint, used motor oil, and aerosol can recycling event on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and no permit is required. Identification will be checked upon entry to the event and a short survey will be taken.

The Illinois Recovery Group (IRG) <http://www.illinoisrecoverygroupinc.com> will be on site with their vacuum truck to collect and recycle used motor oil, anti-freeze, and used oil filters. There is a limit of 200 gallons per vehicle, and 55-gallon drums will be pumped out on site. All containers will be returned for reuse or proper disposal. Plastic containers with used

oil or other automotive fluid residues cannot be recycled. There is no charge to residents for this service. For amounts over 200 gallons, contact the OCSWMD at the number below for information on direct service from IRG.

Earthpaint <http://www.earthpaint.org> will also be on site collecting containers of liquid latex paint for recycling. The cost to recycle latex paint are as follows for up to 10 containers: Quart, \$1/container, gallon, \$2/container, and 5-gallon pail \$8/container. Residents will pay full price to recycle over 10 containers, which is: \$2.50/quart, \$5/gallon, and \$18/5-gallon pail. Bring paint in original containers only, and do not mix paint together as then it cannot be recycled.

FlatCan Recycling <http://www.flatcanrecycling.com>

will also be on site to collect aerosol spray cans and single-use (14-16 once) propane tanks. Additional items residents pay \$1/can and \$2/propane tank. Accepted aerosol products include spray paints, insecticides, autocare/lubricants, personal care products, household cleaners, and food products. See the OCSWMD website or Facebook page for a full list of accepted aerosol products. Some aerosol products will not be accepted. Cash, card, or check payable to FlatCan accepted for payment.

For more information about this unique recycling event, please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit www.oglecounty.org, or visit Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. on Facebook.

Byron VBS will be Aug. 2-6

BYRON – All Children Ages 3 through those Entering sixth grade are invited to Cornerstone Family Church located at 205 N. Peru St. in Byron Aug. 2-6 for a Vacation Bible School.

It runs from 6-8 p.m. and kids won't want to miss spending their week learning about "Jesus – Our Strong Foundation" and "Building On The Love Of Jesus."

The older kids will even be constructing our new snack shack for our

corn maze for this fall.

Friday Night we will have a shortened night of VBS with Families being invited for the last hour for the kids closing program and then Family Fun on the front lawn with a huge water slide, bounce house and Ice Cream!

All kids are welcome to join us.

To register online go to the Cornerstone Kids Facebook Page and click on the link or call the church office at 815-234-8737.

Arza joins Kable Band on July 28

MOUNT MORRIS – Performing with the Kable Concert Band on July 28, is vocalist, Anne (Miller) Arza. Anne comes to us from Buffalo Grove.

She is a Mt. Morris High School graduate of '88. Her vocal career has included numerous leading roles in musical theatrical productions in and around the Chicago area.

The Kable Band, under the direction of Andy Eckardt, continues Wednesday night concerts, 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 4. Concerts are held in the Warren G. Reckmeyer Band Shell on the beautiful Mt. Morris Campus. The Kable Band is proud to celebrate its 125th year of bringing a variety of concert band music to the Mt. Morris area.

Bench seating is available, or bring your lawn chairs

Church hosting benefit 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 organi-

zation 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 alternative 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.

Annual Lowden Dinner is Aug. 5 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE – The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Governor Lowden dinner on, Thursday Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. at Salt 251 in Rochelle. The keynote speakers for the Lowden dinner will be the gubernatorial candidates. For ticket information contact Stacy Flanagan at stacyflanagan81@hotmail.com or 815-732-3774.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

July 11

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

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

July 11

At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a one vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of W. Washington and 6th Streets where a limb from a tree fell on a 2019 Honda driven by Todd R. Bourdage, 53, of Geneva, IL. No citations were issued.

July 12

At 7:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a complaint at Oregon Super Value, 204 N. 4th Street, resulting in the arrest Haylie Stier, 29, Oregon, for criminal trespass to property. Stier was transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 14

At 10:57 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a complaint call at 310 Lover's Lane, resulting in the arrest of Brody J. Stone, 21, of Arvada, CO, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Timothy J. Parker, 39, Rock Falls, was also arrested for a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Both Stone and Parker were transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 15

At 5:46 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Isaac W. Morningstar, 20, Loves Park, for no valid driver's license. Morningstar was also issued a citation for speeding, 44v mph in a 30 mph zone. Morningstar was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dawn J. Harrison, 57, Dixon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N.

4th Street.

July 16

At 2:56 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 200 block of W. Washington Street resulting in the arrest of Joseph W. Miller, 40, Oregon, on an outstanding Freeport warrant for deceptive practice. Miller was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 4:56 a.m., Oregon Police issued Allison B. Fagerman, 46, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:25 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Ernesto J. Villalobos, 46, of Milwaukee, WI, for no valid driver's license. Villalobos was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

July 17

At 12:03 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jonathan D. Holland, 38, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Holland was also issued citations for speeding, 56 mph in a 40 mph zone, illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver, and possession of an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Holland was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 12:26 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James S. Clevenger, III, 58, Sterling, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for a sex offense. Clevenger was transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 18

At 12:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kunal N. Patel, 37, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road.

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Absolutely immaculate LAKEFRONT home in the very desirable gated community of Lost Lake, near Dixon, IL! This 4 bed, 5 bath expertly built home is situated on a bluff overlooking Lost Lake w/private boat dock down below. Open floor plan connecting kitchen, dining & living areas features a beautiful double-sided gas stone fireplace for cozy enjoyment from every angle! The beautifully designed interior leaves nothing to be desired! Every room is well appointed w/high quality finishes. The main floor boasts a spectacular 20' tray ceiling & voluminous windows showing off the unmatched views! Gorgeous Bella Cera flooring. Kitchen has island, GRANITE countertops & maple cabinets. Huge master bath w/jacuzzi tub, shower & double sinks! Lower level has large open areas w/kitchenette and multiple rooms for recreation or studio. Outdoor areas are breathtaking! Paver block patios front & back provide exceptional areas for entertaining! You can look out over the water through the dancing flames of the stone fire feature at the edge of the patio! This home is the ULTIMATE place for relaxation! INCLUDES extra lot (80' x 130') at the bottom of the hill close to main property.



206 E Brayton, Mt Morris
\$159,000
Call Lori

WELCOME HOME! Warm and cozy cape cod with fabulous features. From the large front porch, the stone fireplace in the living room, and the water feature in the ultimate backyard garden, you will feel at home. Incredible landscaping. The 26' x 34' garage was built in 2014 for great storage or projects. The house includes 2 parcels. A third, buildable corner lot can also be purchased separately. Don't hesitate on this one!



106 E Hillcrest Drive, Byron
\$134,900
Call Erin

REHABED AND RENOVATED!! This gorgeous 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch home sits just blocks from the river in the Rock River Terrace neighborhood. Larger bedrooms with open concept living space. New large deck for entertaining outside. Fully fenced, landscaped yard with chicken coop! So many new items in this home! Roof, siding, windows, flooring, appliances and water heater just to name a few! Make an appointment today to see for yourself!



1203 E 18th Street, Sterling
\$129,000
Call Rebecca

WELCOME HOME to this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with a finished lower level! Two story delight with formal dining room, over sized living room and additional living space in the finished lower level complete with family room and playroom. Upstairs you will find 4 bedrooms, a full bathroom and a walk in closet. The 4th bedroom has been converted to a home office with built in bookcases. Many updates have been done: furnace, air conditioner, hot water heater & Nest thermostat system. Outside you will love your backyard with storage shed. Appliances are all included. Call for your showing today!



703 Church Street, German Valley
\$94,900
Call Stephanie

Don't let the square footage fool you! You will love the open floor plan of this 3 bedroom ranch home! Home features all new paint, light fixtures and a brand new stove. Bathroom updates and Feldco windows added to bedroom in 2020 along with new dishwasher, disposal and microwave. Furnace and central air new in 2017. Lower level has the perfect size space for your family room or game room! If you love outside entertaining, you will love the covered deck leading to a spacious backyard featuring a large above ground pool, and an added shed that could be used as a 1 car garage! Nothing more to do but move in!



8694 N Glacier Drive Byron
\$198,500
Call Mark

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME close to a wooded area of Northern Heights Subdivision, Byron! Spacious remodeled kitchen w/sliders to backyard deck, also opens to a conveniently located dining area. Living room has wood burning fireplace & pretty bay window. FABULOUS family room with floor to ceiling windows & sliders so you can keep an eye on all the birds & wildlife! Extra room is currently being used as an office but could be another small bedroom is needed. Nice 6 panel doors. Large deck & connected paver block patio are surrounded by professionally landscaped areas filled with flowers! The lower level has HUGE carpeted rec room for keeping the kids entertained & large utility/laundry & storage areas. This home has central air & gas heating, 2 car attached garage & asphalt driveway. Large outdoor shed & firepit. All appliances stay & a home warranty is being offered. Come SOON to take a look at this quiet, nature lovers retreat!



202 E Brayton Road, Mt Morris
\$14,000
Call Lori

Buildable corner lot at Northeast corner of Brayton and Clark. Concrete slab from former garage. Alley access.



1977 N Meridian Road, Chana
\$175,000
Call Rebecca

STILLMAN SCHOOLS! 2 bedroom/1.5 bathroom home situated on just over an acre lot in a rural subdivision. Plenty of room in the main floor living space with eat in kitchen area. Kitchen features updated cabinets and counter tops. There is also a main floor laundry space. Large master with spacious walk in closet. Main floor full bathroom features handicap accessible walk in tub. Lower level is fully finished with a wet bar, half bathroom and full exposure. Room in the basement for additional bedrooms. Attached, heated 3 car garage with plenty of room for vehicles and toys! Oversized, covered patio with electric for a hot tub and outdoor television. Beautiful country views, you better move quickly to call this one HOME!



509 S Church Street, Winnebago
\$149,000
Call Rebecca

ROOMY RANCH with so much to offer! You better move quickly to call this 2 bedroom/2 bathroom ranch home with over 3,000 square feet of finished living space. HOME! Open concept living space featuring an eat in area in the kitchen, Glass tile backsplash in the kitchen, ample counter space and all appliances are included! The main floor also has a large office space with loads of built ins and main floor laundry. Master bedroom includes an en suite bathroom. A lovely bonus feature is the 4 seasons room lined with windows and views of your large backyard. In addition to the 4 seasons room, there is a large deck and fenced area in the backyard. Not to mention the finished basement with a second kitchen, rec room and bonus room that could serve as additional office or guest room. Oversized 2 car garage with bonus storage area in addition to the storage shed in the backyard that is included. Call today for your showing!



504 Illinois Street, Oregon
\$160,000
Call Mark

Adorable 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on Illinois St. in Oregon with many new UPDATES including new living room flooring, paint & beautiful tiled bathroom! Large BRIGHT kitchen w/plenty of room has ceramic tile flooring & beautiful white cabinets. Gas stove, microwave, stainless steel refrigerator and dishwasher all stay. There is a separate dining area off the kitchen. Convenient 1st FLOOR LAUNDRY w/washer & dryer negotiable. 1st floor master bedroom has hardwood floors & big closets! Gorgeous newly tiled main level bathroom has trendy barndoor style closure. 3 bedrooms upstairs are carpeted and have tons of space, two w/large walk in closets! Central air & gas heating. Attached large deck off the breezeway is 16 x 24 & a nice brick firepit has been installed recently. Yard features an inground trampoline for the kids & established, pretty landscaping! 1 car attached garage.



257 S. Briar Court, Oregon
NOW \$244,000
Call Andrea

Absolutely charming, one-of-a-kind A-Frame home nestled on 1 acre wooded lot. Completely remodeled in 2017, no expense was spared. This home features 3bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 2,100 sq. ft. of living space. From the moment you enter this home, you will be in awe at the custom craftsmanship & high-end finishes. The main living space is grand with 20 ft. cathedral ceilings and a beautiful wood burning stone hearth fireplace. The great room features an extra-large picture window with panoramic views and sliding glass doors leading to a wraparound deck. The inviting galley kitchen boasts beautiful quartz countertops, tall white soft-close cabinetry, and GE slate appliances. Enjoy your private master suite with 3 large closets and loft overlooking the great room. The master bath features a large soaking tub with separate shower, large vanity with quartz countertops and heated floors. A sliding barn door will lead you down to the finished walkout, lower level with a cozy family room, stone fireplace and farmhouse style vertical shiplap. Enjoy your private retreat with HIGH SPEED INTERNET.



2921 S III Route 2, Oregon
NOW \$200,000
Call Rebecca

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SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon action plan improves athletics, academics

OREGON – Oregon High School saw each of its 18 varsity athletic teams meet the criteria for the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award, which requires each team's members to maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 during their respective seasons, a feat only nine percent of Illinois high schools attained with one or more of its athletic teams.

Oregon High School's success can be attributed to the Oregon School District's Athletic Action Plan. The plan was

launched in 2019 with a three to four year implementation cycle, but the district is seeing results in just under two years.

"It has been a wonderful victory given the pandemic and everything our athletic department went through this past school year," said Dr. Heidi Deininger, principal of Oregon High School. "Our programs are experiencing great success, and coaches, parents and student-athletes are growing together. It has been a bright spot."

OCUSD began work on the plan in

2019, consulting various stakeholders including student-athletes, parents, coaches, community members and administrators, to gather information and make improvements to the district's athletic department.

The result was the OCUSD Athletic Action Plan, a set of strategies based around the five core values of an OCUSD athlete – accountability, selflessness, coachability, integrity and toughness – to improve all areas of the athletic department over three to four years.

The pandemic halted the plan's timeline in March 2020, but the district resumed work on it in August 2020, implementing several of its goals including updating its philosophy statement and creating a reference guide for parents of student-athletes.

The district also hosted a professional development event for OCUSD coaches, expanded its social media to highlight athletic accomplishments, and completed skills guides for coaches of Oregon High School feeder programs.

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.

Reading Colors Your World – Polo Library's Summer Reading Program, June 5th-July 31st

Stop by Polo Library and pick up your Summer Reading registration bag! Register in person at the Library or by visiting pololibrary.readsquared.com. There are programs for all ages! Log your reading to be entered into drawings to win great prizes! We have programs for all ages so kickstart your summer today!

Reading Colors Your World – Wednesday Story & Activity Time, ages 0-5

Join Ms. Melanie for an outdoor story and activity for kids ages 0-5 each Wednesday in June & July! Register by emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org or calling 815-946-2713

Reading Colors Your World - Summer Reading Wrap Up Party – Games and Activities at 7 p.m.; Outdoor Movie starts at Dark (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Polo Public Library Pavilion & Parking Lot

Bring the whole family to celebrate Summer Reading with outdoor games, snacks, and the movie "Moana"! Didn't participate in Summer Reading this year? Come anyway! There will be fun activities and treats for everyone! Please bring chairs to sit on during the movie.

Storytime Saturday

July 3rd, 17th & 31st at 10:30 a.m., Virtual – Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion Visit [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or search "Polo Public Library" on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New video airs at 10:30 a.m. on these weeks.

July 10th & 24th 10:30 a.m., In Person – Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30 a.m. these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft! Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

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

We're excited to host Turas, playing Irish Celtic music, to wrap up the 2021 Outdoor Concert Series. You won't want to miss out on this show! Bring your blankets or chairs to the Polo Library Pavilion and enjoy some good music! Call Polo Library at 815-946-2713 for more information. The 2021 Outdoor Concert Series is made possible with funding from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

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

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

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

Online Resources

New books and audiobooks are being added! Download Axis360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at pololibrary.org

Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside of the library building, even outside of library hours. You can access the Wi-Fi by joining the Polo Public Library Guest Access network, you do not need a password.

Questions?

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Lemonade In The Shade & Flamingo Bingo

Enjoy Bingo at The Reading Nook on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. through August 9 across from Nash. This is a fun and affordable program for all ages and benefits the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Registration Required: \$6/Resident or \$7/Non-Resident which includes 5 Bingo Sheets (5 games) and ice-cold lemonade. Additional sheets and Bingo Daubers can be purchased at Bingo. Winners choose a gift from the prize table!

T+T Long Board Stenciled Porch Sign

Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe. Stencil a long board porch sign on Friday, August 13, 6-8:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Choose between 9 different stencils and you can also swap out a letter for an image to add a little character to your sign. All sign supplies included. You can also purchase your favorite beverage at Cork & Tap to enjoy while crafting your porch sign. Fee is \$44/Resident or \$53/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is August 5.

Fall DIY Stenciling Kit-ages 16+

Stencil a 14" x 14" canvas with wooden frame at home, with a friend, on a rainy day and when it fits into your busy schedule. All supplies include in this DIY kit with 3 choices of stencils to choose from. You will also have access to a video

tutorial that walks you through the step-by-step process of completing this fun fall sign. Kits can be picked up on Monday August 16 at Nash. Project fee is \$25/Resident or \$30/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is August 9.

Learn to Make Mexican Street Corn with Hector's Cocina

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

Music & More at the River's Edge Market

Enjoy the Farmers Market on Thursday, August 5, as well as great music and family fun. There will be live music at the Market from 5-6:30 p.m. thanks to our sponsor The Harvard State Bank. If you love country music and John Denver tunes you won't want to miss the One Man Country Band. The Oregon Park District will be having an Art In The Park Activity for kids to enjoy from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free Summer Meals to those 18 years old and younger

Join the Oregon Park District, Oregon United Methodist

Church and River Stone Christian Church as they partner with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to bring free lunch to youth throughout the Summer season.

Every weekday from noon-1 p.m., boxed lunches will be served at Mix Park. Meals are for those 18 year and under to enjoy. Meals will be picked up in a drive thru line and children do not need to be in attendance to receive the meals. Parents/caregivers can request the amount they would like for their children. Program begins on June 1 and will run through August 11.

An addition to the meal program this year will be the addition of a Summer Family Market. Each month anyone that have children or teens 18 and under living in your home can shop. You will receive free groceries. No registration or documentation is required.

The market will be held at Mix Park, 701 South 4th Street, Oregon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 8; and Tuesday, August 3.

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

Family Campout

This is a unique experience at Taft Campus for the whole family on Friday August 6 beginning at 3pm through Saturday, August 7 ending at 3pm! Want to enjoy an night under the stars? Join us for our first ever family camping night. We will enjoy a day filled with fun activities like a hike

learning about stars, making smores, an early morning birding hike and more! Don't have equipment to go camping? NO worries!@ We have gear you can rent for an additional fee! This program provides you with dinner, breakfast and a boxed lunch. Items such as 2 or 4 person tents with tarp for \$12, a sleeping bag with pad for \$6 and a sleeping pads only for \$3 are all available for rent via cash/check day of to NIU Taft Campus. Deadline to register for this opportunity is July 30. Those 18 and older are \$25 per Resident and \$30 per Non-Resident. The fee for those under 18 years is \$15 for Resident and \$18 for Non-Resident.

Extended Time

Extended Time is our before and after school program that is paired with the OCUSD calendar. Our staff engages students in both recreational and educational activities that encourage teamwork, self-confidence, and fun. The program is conveniently located at the Blackhawk Center. Children can walk to school in the morning and come straight over after school. The morning program includes the option of having your child walked to the elementary school early for their breakfast program. The daily afternoon schedule includes time for snack, homework, themed projects, as well as physical activity. Students in grades K-6th can attend. Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open! Registration can be

completed over the phone (815) 732-3101 or [online](#). Registration for a student's month of attendance must be completed by the 25th of the month prior.* To offer parent's a flexible schedule, parents will select each day within the month that their child(s) will be attending. Parents may register for Before School, After School, or both. Payment is required at the time of registration.*Registration for August 2021 must be complete by August 11.

Co-Ed Softball League

Recreational softball is back at Park West! This league is designed for men and women to enjoy slow-pitch softball through friendly competition. Bats will be provided by the park district for each team to use. The league will consist of a regular season, and a postseason tournament to end the year. Must be at least 18 years old to participate. Team Fee \$385

Registration Deadline: 8/5

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

Locals make Olivet Dean's List

BOURBONNAIS — Several area Olivet Nazarene students were named to the Spring Dean's List. A qualified student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Hannah Bartlett of Byron
Betsy Currens of Rockford
Sara Digrazia of Dixon
Emily Engelkes of Rochelle
Jadyn Erb of Dixon

Hope Hickey of Davis Junction
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Bertolet Library News

Pint-Size Olympics:

Calling all kids! Join us for Olympic-themed games and crafts on Thursday, Aug. 5th. Make your own Olympic rings craft, compete in the Straw Javelin Throw, and time yourself in the Washer Race. Register for your time slot today at 815-738-2742!

School Supply Drive:

As you are preparing school supplies for your student, please consider grabbing some extra supplies for families in the Forrestville Valley School District. Once again, they are collecting school supplies to distribute to families in need. They would love to have crayons, pencils, notebooks, and folders. Any standard supply is needed, even backpacks. So grab an extra pair of scissors or another set of colored pencils to share. Bertolet Memorial Library is accepting these donations through August 5th. Thank you for helping prepare the students for a successful year of school!

Farmers Grow a Rainbow:

On Thursday, Aug. 12th at 10 a.m., join Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom as we learn about the rainbow of fruits and vegetables grown by farmers. Please register by calling 815-738-2742. Teen & Adult Summer Reading Challenge: It's your last week to get qualified for our grand

prizes!! For every five titles logged, you have a chance to win one of three grand prizes. The program runs through July 31st. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program.

New Releases

Adult Books
It's Better This Way by Debbie Macomber
The Right Sort of Man by Allison Montclair
The Cellist by Daniel Silva
Juvenile Fiction
Cathedral of Bones by A.J. Steiger

What is Profanity?

Profanity is sin. Cursing in the name of God is sin. Swearing by the name of Jesus Christ is sin. Profanity is desecrating that which is holy and sacred. Vulgar Language used against the morality of the human race is profanity.

Concerning profane and evil speaking, Jesus said, "Swear not at all... But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matthew 5:34,37)

God's name deserves to be revered, praised, and exalted. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all life. He is sovereign. He is worthy of our worship and honor rather than our anger and disrespect. His Son, Jesus Christ is worthy of the same.

Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34) Our speech reveals the inner secrets of our heart. "For what a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

Words such as; gosh, golly, and gee, geez, and jeepers, are profane expressions of God and Jesus. The words darn and darned are profane expressions of the words damn and damned. When words such as: righteous, holy, mercy and goodness are used as adjectives or exclamation they profane the characteristics of God's nature.

Obscene and morally suggestive language profanes the sanctity of marriage and the purity of sexuality among the human race.

Friends, we will all need to give account of our speech in the day of judgement. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matthew 12:36,37) The sin of profanity and all evil speaking must be repented of to escape condemnation. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." (Ephesians 4:29)

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Area student graduates from U of Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa — This spring, some 5,300 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate, and professional students received their degrees.

For more than a year, and other Iowa students have made sacrifices to maintain health and safety-taking

online courses, wearing face masks, and being mindful of social distance. Through it all, however, Hawkeyes have persisted and excelled. A biochemistry major was named one of only 17 Churchill scholars in the nation, while two other undergraduates, a math major and

a biomedical engineering major, became Goldwater scholars.

Local graduate: Taylor Lewin of Stillman Valley (College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Degree: Bachelor of Science; Area of study: Psychology)



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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Summer Reading 2021: Go for the Gold!

This summer, we're heading to Tokyo for the Olympics! To celebrate our love of sports, travel, and Japanese culture, we'll participate in different challenges and activities, log our reading, and earn badges online using Beanstack: a FREE and user-friendly mobile app. More the badges you earn, the more chance you have to win prizes. Activities and challenges available for ALL AGES (0-109). Join anytime! Through August 6. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-2021>.

Annual Cleaning

The library will be closed for annual cleaning, Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30. The library will reopen Saturday, July 31, at 9 a.m. Please visit our website for access to digital content, including books, audiobooks, comics, magazines, movies and music – all free with your library card: www.juliahull.org.

Book Club for Adults: *World of Wonders*

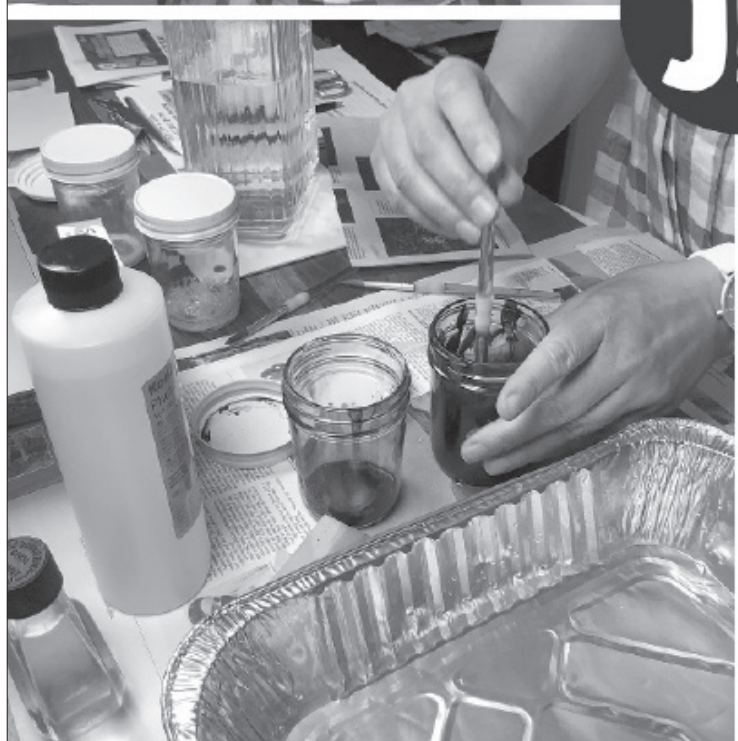
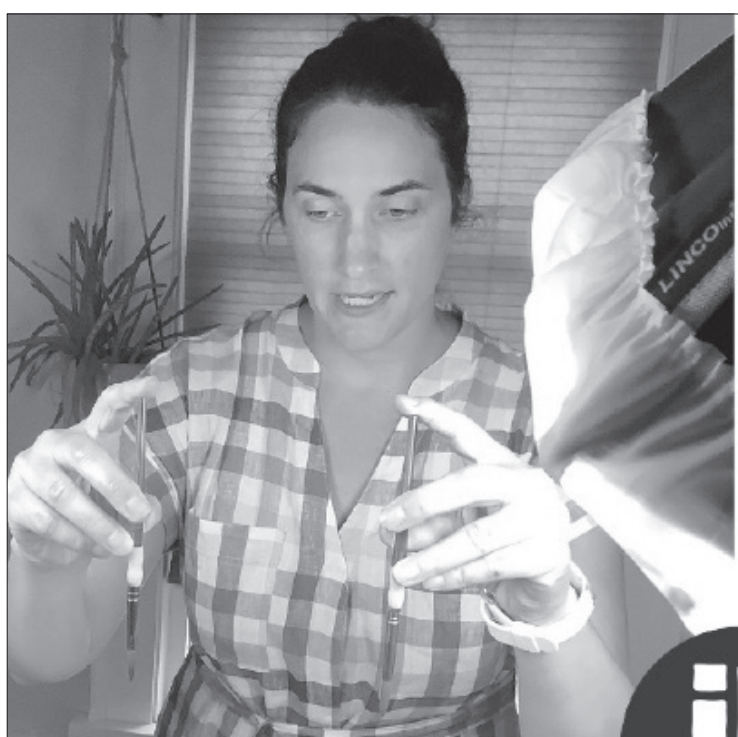
Pick up a book, then join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of Aimee Nezhukumatathil's dazzling new collection of natural essays, *World of Wonders*. Monday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.

Tween Scene: Back-To-School Crafts

Hey, Tweens! Join Zoey at the library on Tuesday, August 3 at 6 p.m. for some hands-on crafting as we get ready to head back to school. Ages 10-12. Call to register: 815-645-8611. *Masks required.

Kids' Printmaking

We're feeling arty, so it's time to party! Join Miss Kelly at the library, Friday, August 6 at 10 a.m., where she'll show your young ones how to use simple supplies, in multiple ways, to make their own one-of-a-kind art prints. Ages 5-9. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611. *Masks required.



Adult crafters joined Joanna (Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley) on Zoom to learn the magical art of Suminagashi: an ancient Japanese marbling technique.

Ocean Blue Sunburst Swipe

This August, we're taking paint pouring to a new level! We'll learn to pour and swipe our way to a painting that will take you deep into the ocean blue. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a program kit and link. Monday, August 9 at 6 p.m. on

Zoom. Adults only.

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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.

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.

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Adult Program: Spotify

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In-Person Storytime Resumes

August will bring back in-person storytime every Wednesday at 11:15 am at the library. We'll read books and do a craft. No reservation required!

Summer Reading Program

Our Summer Reading Finale (open to those who participated in our SRP) will be Saturday, July 31st at Dillehay Park from 2-4pm. We will have Coal Black Exotics (reptiles), free snow cones and free small treats. The reptile show will be from 2:30-3:30pm. Registration is required by signing up with the library.

We would like to thank our SRP sponsors: The Westfall Family, Spectrum Preferred Meats, Rotary Club of Oregon, Custom Seal & Rubber Products, Inc., Culver's (Dixon), Paul L. Smith, Accountant, Mt. Morris Fire Department, RAT Worx, Kandu, LLC, Samuel H. Davis Lodge #96, Super Wash, Sterling Federal Bank, R.E. Wolber & Sons Excavating, Inc., Sullivan's Foods, KSB Hospital, McDonald's (Oregon), Mt. Morris Women's Club, Stan's Performance, Casey's General Store (Corporate), Richard & Becky McCause, Pinecrest Community, P.E.O., Stillman Bank, BerryView Orchard and Gesin, Inc.

July New Books

The following FICTION books will be available in July: A Good Day for Charonday: A Novel by Darynda Jones, An Ambush of Widows by Jeff Abbott, Bone Code: A Temperance Brennan Novel by Kathy Reichs, Fallen: A Novel of Suspense by Linda Castillo, Falling: A Novel by T.J. Newman, False Witness: A Novel by Karin Slaughter, Forbidden by Heather Graham, Forest of Vanishing Stars: A Novel by Kristin Harmel, Heathens by Ace Atkins, Man with the Silver Saab by Alexander

McCall Smith, Nine Lives: A Novel by Danielle Steele, Shadow by James Patterson, Silence in the Library by Katharine Schellman, Stranger Behind You: A Novel by Carol Goodman, Stranger in the Mirror: A Novel by Liv Constantine, Tender is the Bite by Spencer Quinn and Therapist: A Novel by B.A. Paris. The following NON-FICTION books will be available in July: Love People, Use Things: Because the Opposite Never Works by Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus and Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood by Danny Trejo.

Display Case Showings

July will have different artwork done during our Summer Reading Program. 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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2021 Youth Summer Reading Program – Reading Colors Your World! June 1- July 23

Congratulations to all youth readers who participated in this year's summer reading program. A total of 682 books were read by 39 booklovers. Job well done! A huge thank you to all our 2021 summer reading program sponsors! F.N. Smith Corporation, Harvard State Bank, Stillman Bank, State Farm Insurance-Scott Stephens, Jay's Drive-In, Friends of the Library, Exelon Generation, Farrell, Holland, Gale Funeral Home, Guist Agency Inc., Oregon Rotary Club, Subway, Oregon Park District and Oregon Lions Club. Community support makes it all possible! Thank you!

Keep on reading and just because the summer program is ending, doesn't mean there aren't things to do

Week of July 26
Monday, July 26 Color Your Own Shirt -10 am, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm. Register for a time slot and bring your own shirt/bag

Tuesday, July 27 Color Your Own Shirt- 2pm, 3pm, 4pm or 5 pm. Register for a time slot and bring your own shirt/bag Thursday, July 29, Story Time (3-6yrs. old) 9:30 am & 11 am-in person at the Library. Registration required.

Thursday, July 29, Color Your Own Shirt- 2pm, 3pm or 4 pm. Register for a time slot and bring your own shirt/bag.

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

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

Adult Summer Reading Program

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

- **Readsquared** – a free app that will allow you to record your reading logs online. Download (from any app store) the FREE Readsquared App and complete the registration process or go to this web address: <http://oregonpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/> *Please answer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group.

- **Book Logs** – can be picked up at time of check-out and dropped off in person at our circulation desk. Patrons should not hold book logs till the end of the program. All book logs, word search and puzzles must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10th, 2021. NEW! We have word search puzzles and word

puzzles and word searches completed with will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE OFTEN FOR MORE PROGRAMS COMING TO THE LIBRARY. <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

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

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

Megan Wells, Storyteller – July 26th at 4 p.m. Presents Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum Virtual program

Follow the Yellow Brick Road! The Wizard of Oz, one of the most famous and loved movies, is based on a series of books by L. Frank Baum. Full of wonderful detail, whimsical characters and scenes that, of course, could not make it into the movie (or the movie would go on for three days!!!) This engaging, interactive program brings the magic of OZ alive with Master Storyteller, Megan Wells. Come join us! Megan Wells is a respected and experienced story and theater artist. She is known for creating an intimate storytelling atmosphere, infusing her characters with living souls, and delivering the experience with delicious theatrical timing. Registration required (815-732-2724).

An Afternoon with HOPE – Tuesday, July 27 at 3 p.m.

Learn about HOPE services, the domestic violence pandemic, remedies and resources available to victims/survivors of domestic violence. Presented by HOPE of Ogle County. Registration required (815-732-2724).

Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception

Virtual Program Wednesday, July 28th at 3:00pm Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. It finds patterns and solves problems efficiently, except for when it lies to us. In this engaging program, William Pack (william-pack.com) explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously. William will also give the attendees proven, scientific, actionable techniques to preserve brain health. At the end, you may be left wondering if your brain has a mind of its own. 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 Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt.

Library book clubs
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Yiddish Policemen's Union by Michael Chabon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Books on Tap book club is back – Thursday, July 29 at 6 p.m. at CORK N TAP
The Thursday Evening Book Club is back and eager to meet on Thursday's. The book for discussion will be The Lying Game by Ruth Ware. Regular print, Large print and Audio Books are available for check out at the Library. Join us on Thursday, July 29th at 6:00pm at CORK N TAP.

Flying Fox Conservation Fund – Friday, Aug. 6, Registration & masks required

In a joint program funded through the generosity of Maggie & Amos Foundation, Oregon and Mt. Morris Libraries are thrilled to have the Flying Fox Conservation Fund visit the community on Friday, August 6 for two programs, 11 am and 1 pm. This is a free program with live animals (a sloth, armadillo, fruit bat and more), and open to all ages. Registration and masks are required. The programs will be held at the Rock River Center in Oregon. Flying Fox Conservation Fund is a not-for-profit organization. They are dedicated to the protection of Old-World fruit bats and their habitat through conservation, education and research. One of their objectives is to educate people about conservation and the diverse and unique world of animals. Contact the Oregon Public Library at 815-732-2724 or the Mt. Morris Public Library at 815-734-4927 to register.

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.

Save the date! Aug. 21 – Our third Mystery Event, Wizard of Oz Themed

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Summer Reading Challenge 2021 – Reading Colors Your World!

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Curbside Delivery

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

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Two new StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading “The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read” by Curtis Manley and Kate Berube, or read “Is Everyone Ready for Fun?” by Jan Thomas 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.

Overdue Book Club

Tuesday, July 27 via Zoom
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Feel like you missed that one book everyone was talking about? Not sure where to start with so many amazing reads out there? The Overdue Book Club will be tackling buzz-worthy books, just a little late. Join Kelly as she discusses this month’s book, The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. Book and audiobook copies of The Silent Patient are available at the library. Please sign up by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Back-to-School With Less Stress

Saturday, July 31 via YouTube

Join Beth, Cathy & Heather as they share ways to become more organized as the new school year begins! Topics include calendaring, early prepping & tips for a successful year. Kit will include

handouts to help you as you enter the 2021-2022 school year with your children. Suitable for parents and guardians of children K-12. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup. Registrants will be notified when kits are available for pickup.

Friday Trivia

Friday, Aug. 6

10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History

Trivia is back! 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.

Share Your Story

Monday, Aug. 16

1-2 p.m. at BPLD Meeting Room

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

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

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: chanauwc@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 Kelsey-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 815-938-3203Pastor 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
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. “Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome” in a beautiful rural setting.
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
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
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org
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!
“By God’s grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve”
During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
In-person communion services, are offered at various times.
Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register.
We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance.
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 Ehrler
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.

OREGON

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The corner of Rt 64 and 9 th St, Oregon, il
Sunday Worship Service 10 am

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

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 lite 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.

ST. BRIDE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
• 732-7211 - Office. Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.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

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

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
poloatcrossroadsn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children’s Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM .
Visit our website: www.crossroadsn.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.faithumpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumpolo

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – CITIES IN EUROPE

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

4 Letters

LYON

NICE

OSLO

ROME

YORK

5 Letters

MINSK

NANCY

PARIS

SOFIA

6 Letters

ATHENS

EXETER

LONDON

MALAGA

MOSCOW

NAPLES

PRAGUE

7 Letters

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Recluse

H _ _ _ _ _

Miss Piggy's beau

K _ _ _ _ _
2. Rage

_ _ _ _ _ R

Cherub

_ _ _ _ _ L
3. Sea-soldier

_ _ _ _ _ E

Harbor

_ _ _ _ _ A
4. Rotating map

_ _ _ B _

Catcher's mitt

_ _ _ V _
5. Financier

_ _ N _ _ _

Carnival huckster

_ _ R _ _ _
6. Hatchling

_ H _ _ _

Get along with

_ L _ _ _
7. Code inventor

_ _ R _ _

Mickey or Minnie

_ _ U _ _
8. Accountant's book

_ E _ _ _

Hotel guest

_ O _ _ _
9. Spicy stew

_ _ _ _ I

Cool in the fridge

_ _ _ _ L
10. Overturn

_ _ _ _ R _

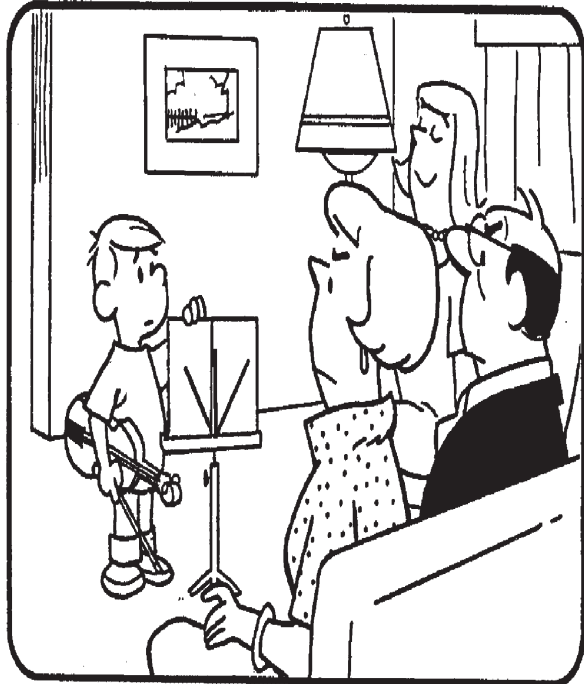
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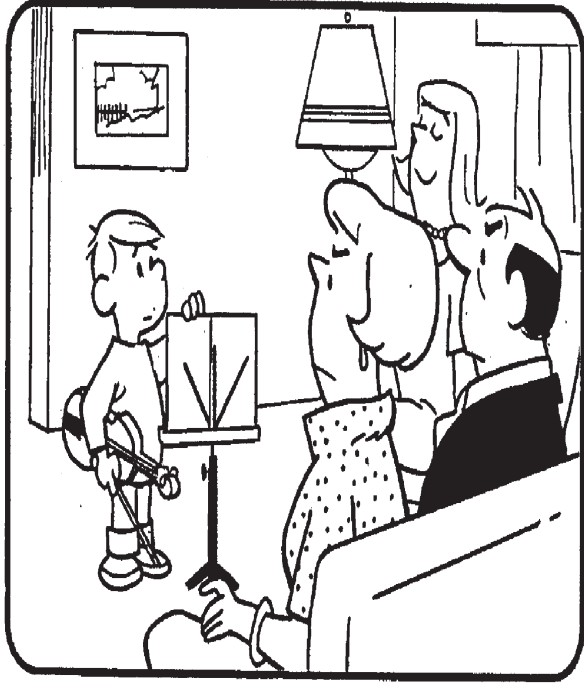
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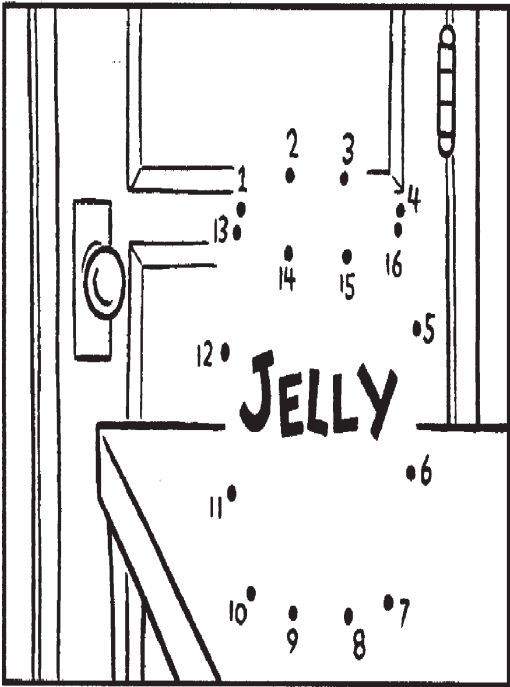
BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Music stand is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Curtain is narrower. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is longer.

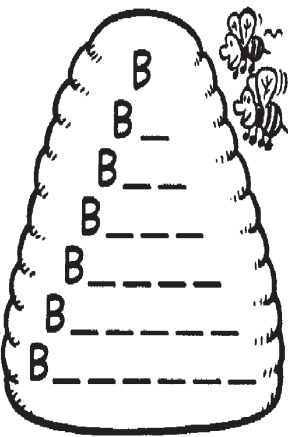


CONNECT THE DOTS and find out when a door is not a door.

When it is ajar ("a jar").

A MONEY MATTER! Take out an American one-dollar bill and see if you can count how many times the numeral "1" and the word "one" appear on both sides of it. (The numeral "1" does not count when it appears in a date or a serial number.)

The numeral "1" and the word "one" each appear eight times.



BUSY BEE WORD HIVE! Each word, as you go down the hive, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We've given you all of the B's. Here are some hints from the top down:

- 1) Second letter of alphabet (given). 2) To exist.
- 3) A place to sleep. 4) Ran, as color. 5) Part of an ice skate. 6) Removed water from boat. 7) Having two feet.

B, be, bed, bled, blade, bailed, bipedal.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



UP THE LADDER!

LADDER puzzles test your ability to look ahead. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FISH into MEAT in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves:

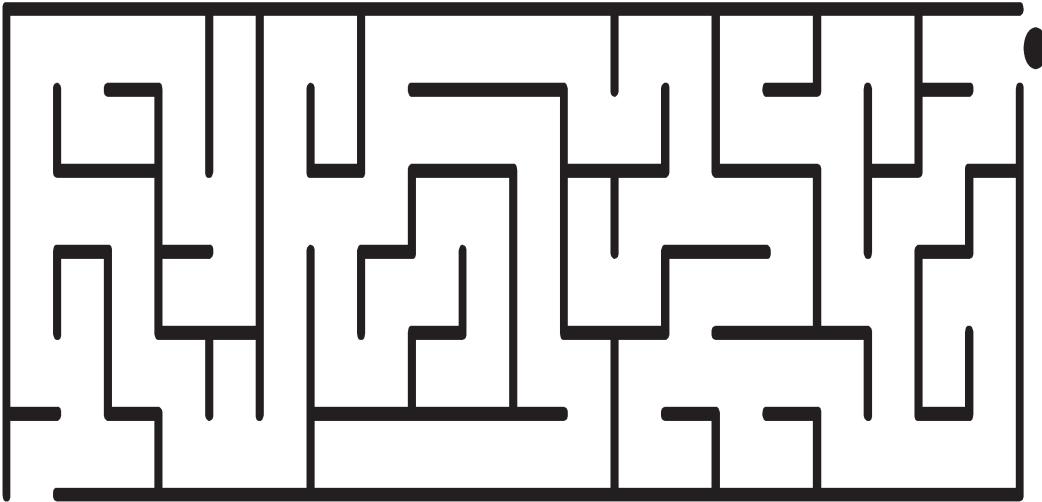
1. COIN to BILL.
2. STAR to FEET.
3. BELL to SIFT.
4. CALL to MUTE.
5. RAFT to WING.

1. Coin, coil, boil, boll, bill.
2. Star, sear, fear, feat, feet.
3. Bell, sell, sill, silt, sift.
4. Call, mall, male, mate, mute.
5. Raft, rant, rang, ring, wing.

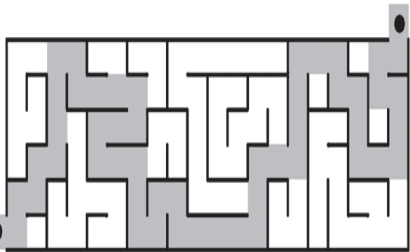
Answers:

Illustrated by David Coulson

Kids' Maze



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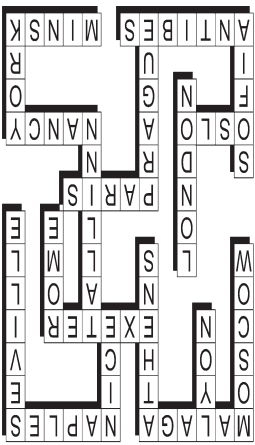


Kids' Maze Solution

1. Hermit, Kermit
2. Anger, Angel
3. Marine, Marina
4. Globe, Glove
5. Banker, Barker
6. Chick, Click
7. Morse, Mouse
8. Ledger, Lodger
9. Chill, Chill
10. Invert, Invest

Even Exchange

answers



Answer

Puzzles4Kids

MARKETPLACE

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC FUNDS Annual Statement of VILLAGE OF LEAF RIVER Leaf River, Illinois From MAY 1, 2020 tototo APRIL 30, 2021		
Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the Fiscal year commencing the 1st day of May, 2020		
GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT		
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020 -		\$108,351.81
RECEIPTS		AMOUNT
Property Tax	\$	74,930.04
State Income Tax		50,784.07
Local Use Tax		19,806.23
State Sales Tax		18,485.51
Utility Tax		20,454.70
Telecommunications Tax		9,097.40
Video Gaming Tax		3,233.80
Cannabis Use Tax		362.09
Replacement Tax		4,081.17
Gaming License		300.00
Business License		24.00
Liquor Licenses		4,500.00
Off Road Vehicle Stickers		400.00
Building Permits		100.00
Water & Sewer Rents, Sewer Sur Chg.		189,175.31
RVC Rental		12,275.00
Tower Rental		6000.00
Misc. Detail:		
Museum Gas Bill		1,797.17
Animal Permits		30.00
Refunds		1,751.42
Rebate		185.04
ComEd - Energy Efficiency Prog.		4,853.70
Clean-Up Day Grant		1,598.50
Turn on Fee		40.00
Railroad Usage		65.26
COVID Disaster Relief		1,842.40
Transfer		80,612.00
Loan Advance		31,744.00
Tree Removal Payments		1,650.00
RVC - Reimbursements		<u>2,400.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	542,578.81
DISBURSEMENTS		AMOUNT
C. McGill - Wages	\$	32,075.28
T. Krueger - Clerk		7,902.22
J. Myers - Treasurer		5,967.33
S. Shelton - Wages		3,051.28
Janes Environmental		12,000.00
Ainsley Heating & Air Cond.		3,266.00
Alpha Controls		4,020.00
Autoland Outlets		20,390.00
Bobcat of Rockford		2,966.41
Bowman's Electric		2,025.62
BOK Financial		64,840.00
Climbn' Tough Tree Svc.		7,850.00
ComEd		27,733.83
Glendenning		6,560.40
Helm Svc.		17,093.09
IDNR		2,740.00
IL Counties Risk Mgmt. & Trust		18,646.26
IEPA		3,945.25
Illinois Dept. of Revenue		3,552.50
Mississippi Valley Pump		4,131.00
Moring Disposal		3,315.00
NICOR Gas		13,632.19
Property Tax Refunds		63,258.28
Rush Power Systems		5,139.44
Sewer Sur Chg. Acct.		16,193.18
Solutions Bank		5,423.64
U.S. Treasury		16,539.59
Utilily, LLC		2,500.00
VISA		4,761.73
Ward, Murray, Pace, & Johnson		3,763.65
Willett, Hoffman & Assoc.		109,616.00
WIPFLI		<u>10,500.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS, OVER \$2,000.00	\$	504,438.27
DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS RECEIVING LESS THAN \$2000.00		
J. Green	T. Morris	C. Newcomer
N. Shelton	J. Lamping	R. Wilcox
B. Plock	A.C. McCartney	Airgas
Ashton Computer	M. Bower	Bonnell Ind.
Byron Bank	Cintas	City of Dekalb
Civil Materials	Ehmen, Inc.	4imprint
Fransen's Tree Svc.	Freeport Ind. Roofing	Freeport Press
Frink's Sewer & Drain	Holman, Dahms Insurance	IRWA
IL Direct. Of Employ. Sec.	IL Labor Law Posters	D. Janes
JULIE	T. Krueger	Koeller Forreston Hardware
Leaf River Postmaster	L R Communications	J. Lowery
C. McGill	Mel's Custom Graphics	Meridian Imp.
Mechanical Inc.	Meyers' Repair	J. Myers
NAPA	Ogle County GIS	Ogle County Life
Ogle Co. Clerk	Poster Compliance	Peabody's Inc.
Personnel Concepts	Polo Coop	Rogers Ready-Mix
Rock Cut Quarries	Rock River Outdoor Equip.	R & S Builders
Sensus	SES	Staples
Stump Buster	Tate's Trenching	USA BlueBook
U S Cellular	Viking Chem.	Wagner's Business Products
Wolber & Sons Excavating	Leaf River Fire Dept.	Ogle Co. Treasurer
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS UNDER \$2000.00 PER VENDOR		\$ <u>32,591.13</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 537,029.40

GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021 - \$113,901.22	
MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$39,426.92
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
MFT Allotments	\$ 9,165.16
MFT Renewal Allotments	6,550.57
MFT Rebuild Illinois	14,597.73
Interest	<u>88.27</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 30,401.73
DISBURSEMENTS	
Deposit Tickets	15.50
Belrock Asphalt Paving	<u>28,438.66</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 28,454.16
MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 41,374.49
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
Balance of Hand May 1, 2020	\$ 39,787.25
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>219.44</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 219.44
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 40,006.69
WATER - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$20,074.17
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>49.40</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 49.40
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
WATER - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 20,123.57
SEWER - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$6,691.42
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>16.47</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16.47
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
SEWER - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 6,707.89
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$14,549.67
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>14.66</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14.66
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 14,564.33
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$62,805.36
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>845.51</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 840.76
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$63,659.87
SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$ 75,680.66
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Transfers	\$ 16,193.18
Interest	<u>34.28</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16,227.46
DISBURSEMENTS	
Transfers	<u>80,612.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 80,612.00
SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2021	\$ 11,296.12
Annual Statement	
STATE OF ILLINOIS	OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF LEAF RIVER
COUNTY OF OGLE	LEAF RIVER, ILLINOIS
The following is a statement by JANICE L. MYERS, treasurer of the Village of Leaf River in the County and State aforesaid, of public funds received and disbursed by her during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April A. D. 2021 showing the amount of public funds on hand at commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; and the amount of public funds expended, and for what purpose expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.	
The said JANICE L. MYERS, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by her subscribed is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received and the sources from which received, and amount expended, and purposed for which expended, as set forth in said statement.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19 th day of July 2021.	
Village Clerk	Village Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE /
PUBLIC NOTICE
OGLE COUNTY
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL NOTICE
Ogle County is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to demolish the structure at 607 W. Washington Street in Oregon, IL. All RFP submissions must be in the form prescribed by Ogle County, and must be made in accordance with the RFP. The RFP is available at the Office of the County Clerk at 105 South 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the address above, or may be downloaded from the Ogle County website, www.oglecounty.org. Sealed submittals for this contract must be received before Monday, August 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Office of the County Clerk, 105 South 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061. Cost proposals and associated paperwork must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “607 W. Washington Street Demolition Proposal”. Questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to Jeremy Ciesiel via email at highway@oglecounty.org. No oral clarifications or amendments to this RFP shall be binding on the county. Any amendments, addenda or modifications shall be sent in writing to all firms that have registered as a plan holder. No. 0739 (July 26, Aug. 2)

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SUN, AUG 29, 2021 10:00 AM Location: Woodlake Landing Airport 1560 W Church St, Sandwich, IL

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Auction conducted by Richard A. Olson & Assoc. Morris, IL - 815-942-4266

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July 31 and Aug 1

Antique Tractor Show with Crusher, Thrasher, Bounce House, Furry Friends and More

August 6 and 7

Garage sales, art show, Big Rig Show, petting zoo, bounce house, dunk tank, face painting, water wars, beer garden with live music, food trucks, tug of war, bags and more

An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."



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in Joshua White's Sixth Addition to the Village of Stillman Valley, in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle, State of Illinois. The property consists of one vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lot located in the Village's R1 Residential zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the R1 Residential zoning district standards and complement existing residential uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold as-is for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property.

Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no by later than August 9, 2021. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid.

Sealed bids for the Property shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk by no later than noon on August 9, 2021. Any bids received after noon on August 9, 2021 will not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey, Stillman Valley Village Hall, 120 N Walnut Street, PO Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey at 815-645-2200 during regular business hours.

Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

at Village Hall, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk
No. 0730 (July 19, 26, Aug. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 43
OF:)
(LEONARD)
E. JONES,)
deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LEONARD E. JONES of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 21, 2021, to KIMBERLY D. KRUSE of Davis Junction, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. KIMBERLY D. KRUSE Independent Administrator
No. 0733 (July 19, 26, Aug. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to a Public Hearing to be held August 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM before the Board of Trustees of the Forrester Fire Dept., for the purpose of considering the Appropriation Ordinance for the Forrester Fire Protection District for

the fiscal year 2021-2022.

A copy of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance is available online:forresterFPD.com for public viewing. Richard Runte
President of Board of Trustees
No. 0735 (July 26)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

203 HELP WANTED

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305 GARAGE SALES

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SUN., AUG. 1 - 9-1PM
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YARD SALE-DOWNSIZING
FRI., JULY 30, SAT., JULY 31
9-5PM
6176 E. BRADLEY RD., BYRON
Bike rack, two hunting stands, 1-climbing stick, hunting clothes, trail cam lock boxes, misc. camping items, Stephen King & other books, jewelry, original artwork & household items. CASH ONLY.

Garage Sale
LEAF RIVER
West 2nd St. (Old Fire Station)
Next to Bertolet Building.
July 23rd & 24th, 9am-6pm.
July 25th, 10am-5pm.
Fundraiser for Leaf River Museum.
Sunday Only Fill Paper Bag for \$5.
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Garage Sale
OREGON
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Noon-5pm.
July 31st & August 1st, 9am-4pm.
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