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# Volunteers drive renovation

## Progress continues to be made on Byron's Veterans memorial

**BYRON** – A generous Byron area community has worked quickly together to provide time, talent, and the financial resources to begin renovations of the Veterans Memorial located at 405 E. 5th St.

The project, led by Byron Kiwanis, had a Big Day on June 17th with a team of incredible volunteers – a skilled group, with lots of talent, tools, drive and “can do” attitudes.

Steven Benesh & Sons Excavating volunteered expertise, patience and a 544k Wheel Loader. It made the 5,000 pound howitzer look small and moving it seem

easy. They will return to move the howitzer onto its new concrete slab after reconstruction.

A great group of Kiwanis members and Exelon employees from E\*MAC (Exelon Militaries Actively Connected) gave of their afternoon because honoring Veterans is important to all of them. As a group they have been instrumental in finding resources, procuring equipment for demolition, engendering enthusiasm and being a conduit to the Byron Exelon Generating Station site VP.

With the help of the Byron Township Road Commissioner



E-MAC volunteer Ireneo Villalobos preps battlefield cross.

and crew, we carefully removed benches, and granite memorial marker stones. elements of the existing design that will remain, which include battlefield crosses, memorial

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Hazel's Cafe owner Candace Rivera has expanded her business by going mobile.

# On The Go

## Hazel's Cafe food truck serves coffee, baked goods, breakfast, lunch and more

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**KINGS** – In between customers, Candace Rivera helps her kids with their summer school homework.

The owner of Hazel's Cafe in Oregon expanded her business in April and now has a food truck in Kings Tuesday through Friday and hopes to expand into Rochelle in the near future. The truck serves coffee, baked goods, breakfast, lunch and more.

“I’m trying to open up more hours and hopefully find a consistent couple of days to be in the Rochelle area,” Rivera said. “I think Thursdays and Fridays in the May Mart area. That’s kind of my goal. We do events, too. We’re doing the sip and shop in Rochelle in July.”

Since the state reopened after COVID-19, Rivera has been doing weekend events and some weeknight events. Last week she did four events in four days.

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## First Fridays music July 2 in Oregon

**OREGON** – The First Fridays Open Mic returned to Oregon last month and was a big success. The next one, on July 2, promises to be even better.

Housed in Northside BarbaQ's impressive new theater, it will feature a wide range of talented performers and musical styles.

The theater is located in the back of the restaurant at 117 North 4th St. in Oregon. Admission to the show is free. While enjoying the music, you can order from Northside BarbaQ's menu of popular food and beverage offerings.

The show starts at a new time, 7 p.m. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.



Ruth Ann Lillstrom is a popular feature at First Fridays.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## GO: Unique, trendy drinks set Hazel's food truck apart

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The pandemic pushed Rivera to start the food truck operation. Prior to COVID-19 she noticed Hazel's had a calling at events. She didn't find a tent and table to be much fun.

"We wanted something more mobile that we could haul around," Rivera said. "All of our communities around here are big on events and we wanted to be a part of those as much as possible. The way to do that is to launch a coffee truck we can take with us just about anywhere. COVID-19 gave me a little bit of downtime because I shut down the shop for a couple of months. It really pushed me to shop around. Just think about how I could plan it and work it out."

Rivera said it's been tough to run the shop and the coffee truck. She's worked some

14-16-hour days. After hiring a new employee, she was able to step away completely from the Oregon shop to run the truck.

Rivera runs Hazel's On The Go on her own. When she works as a vendor at events, she gets her mother or her husband to help. She hopes to hire someone in the future to help with the truck due to "very overwhelming" demand so far.

"There's a lot going on this year with everything opening up," Rivera said. "It's hard to say no. We're almost completely booked for the summer. It's been going pretty smoothly."

Rivera runs the truck from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. She's had to get used to getting up at 4 a.m. She's been happy to see events and businesses opening up after having to close her shop completely for two months during the pandemic.

"It's so heartwarming and

very positive," Rivera said. "It kind of makes you forget that COVID-19 happened. The shop is doing very well and we're pretty much back to normal, if not a little bit busier than we were the year before COVID-19. It feels really good."

Rivera believes unique and trendy drinks set Hazel's Cafe On The Go apart. She bakes muffins, scones and cookies herself. She prides herself on knowing where Hazel's ingredients come from.

"We do sell breakfast bowls and burritos along with lunch," Rivera said. "We try to have a little bit of something for everyone whether they're a coffee drinker or not."

The truck is just off Illinois Route 64 in Kings and there are signs to follow. Rivera is happy to be part of the food truck family. The business model is



something that has started to grow in the area in the past year.

Rivera said running a food truck was never a thought for her when she first started the Oregon location. The cafe became busy and chaotic. She's glad that she had the time and ability to open the truck, which she operates near her home.

"It's really nice because I am a mom and they're on summer break," Rivera said. "I'm able to be here and they can hang-out and I help them with their summer school and that kind of stuff. Otherwise, they'd be at the shop every day and they'd be stuck there. It's nice to be able to be home. It's a huge plus."

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## Byron Museum's annual quilt show will be held July 9-11

**BYRON** – The Byron Museum's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quilt Show will be held during ByronFest July 9, 10, and 11.

The museum is seeking area quilters and collectors to display their fabric works of art. Quilt Show hours: Friday, July 9 5-8 p.m., Saturday, July 10 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, July 11 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

First place winners in ten categories will win cash prizes. Quilt registration opens June 23 and ends on July 7. Entries will be accepted at the museum during normal museum hours Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to enter the Quilt Show is \$5. for each item to be judged, there is no fee to enter Just For Show items that will not compete for awards.

Items will be selected for awards by a judge and viewers will also have an opportunity to vote on their favorite quilt or wall hanging to win a "People's Choice" award at the end of ByronFest. The main categories include; Antique Quilts, Wear-

able Art, Wall Hangings, Just For Show, and quilts identified by technique, such as Hand, Machine, and Commercially Quilted. Cash Prizes and blue ribbons will be awarded for first place in each of categories and ribbons awarded to second and third place winners.

Volunteers are needed to help over that weekend by greeting visitors. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, call the museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday 815-234-5031 or send an e-mail to director@byronmuseum.org. The Byron Museum of History is located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, Illinois, 61010. Our website address is www.byronmuseum.org.

The mission of the Byron Museum District is to create an awareness of and appreciation for the historical development of the Byron area through a commitment to preservation of our past for the education of our future. "Preserving Our Past for Our Future!"

## RENOVATION: Flags representing every service will be installed

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Elgin. They provided equipment, talent, and solutions. Their work is not done as they will help distribute recyclable materials next week.

The Byron Edward Jones office provided cold beverages on a hot day, gave of their time and will be picking up for the four new/additional flagpoles in Oak Creek, Wis.

King Blacktop furnished dump trucks, recycled the old asphalt and concrete and are making good use of the mulch and dirt we removed.

The following day, NW Concrete outlined the new concrete design and will begin laying forms on June 21st with trenching and electrical for lighting to soon follow. Byron Public Works blocked the streets for deconstruction and were at the project site on June 18th when we had "easement" questions. The City of Byron Planning and Development Director joined us to talk through the plan as well.

With a community of enthusiasm and collaboration, we ensure a project done right.

New U.S. and military flags will be coming from the All American Flag Company in South

Elgin.

When we are ready, they will travel to Byron to professionally install 9 flagpoles: U.S., Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, POW/MIA and Space Force.

A permanent, static Donor Recognition Plaque will be erected at the new Veterans Memorial. Individuals, civic groups, and businesses will be listed. All donors contributing by Aug. 1, 2021, will be included on the plaque. Any money raised over the construction amount will be held for future Memorial needs.

The dedication ceremony will be planned around Veterans Day, with more details to come as the date approaches.

You can learn more about the project, find photos, updates and click on a link to donate online on our Facebook page (Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial Renovation).

Tax-deductible donations can also be mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Byron Foundation, Attn: Veterans Memorial, PO Box 555, Byron, IL 61010.

For questions, please contact Michelle: 815-985-5102 or malbert6@comcast.net.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Jamboree free concert season opens July 2

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to welcome back the 60's tribute band, Shindig for their performance at the band shell on July 2, starting at 7 p.m.

Shindig presents a tribute to the 60's and always delivers a trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of Rock and Roll music. Covering over 90 different bands from that period of time where music told the story of an entire generation – early 60's, British Invasion, Psychedelic, pop, girl groups, Woodstock ... are all part of the show.

Tom Rychter and Tom Benson play guitars and sing, John Murphy plays bass, Sharman Strode sings and Mark Lega plays drums and sings. Everyone fortunate to see their performances here in years past will readily attest to the excitement this band brings to the stage.

The Ogle County Pork Producers will be serving their famous butterfly pork chop sandwiches with chips and drinks starting at 6 p.m. as part of the opening night of the three day Let Freedom Ring Festival. The Jonas Fultz Memorial Car Show and Cruise will be happening on the North end of the Campus that night, starting at 5 p.m.

Be sure to come uptown early to visit the nearby Mt. Morris Community Farmers Market, open from 4-7 p.m. every Friday through October. Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Rt. 64 on Wesley Ave. and enjoy the free concert.

In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the Pinecrest Grove Community Center, located at 500



Evergreen Ln., 7 blocks south of Rt. 64 on McKendrick St. at the same times.

## 4-H club has unique but busy year

It has been a unique year for the By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club.

The club expanded beyond their usual meeting location at the United Church of Byron to hold some meetings outdoors and others were held virtually due to COVID restrictions.

During club meetings this year, members have enjoyed special presentations to learn more about a wide variety of topics. They expanded their knowledge about pumpkins, including the fact that Illinois is the top producing state. Members gained a better understanding of the importance of communication skills thanks to a soccer group juggling activity. Bruce Gehrke shared knowledge on harvest, combines, and farm safety. In a game of Kahoot, members and their families had fun while learning more about Christmas traditions, including those in other countries. Members discovered how important "soft skills" are in the workplace, and how to develop those skills. Several officers and members of the junior leader team presented information about the climate, weather, and the water cycle. Members enjoyed the Elephant Toothpaste experiment presented by Nick Cassens.

While following COVID protocols, members still had the opportunity to participate in community service projects. They provided non-perishable food items that were given to People Helping People and donated additional food items to Ogle County 4-H's National Day of Service project. Families also provided the Rockford Rescue Mission with donations from their urgent needs list. Additionally, club

members supported Ogle County 4-H by participating in their annual garbage bag and cookie dough fundraiser.

Officers for the club this year are: President – Renee Gehrke, Vice-President – Carter Conderman, Secretary – Alex Cassens, Treasurer – Bruce Gehrke, Reporter – Jacob Hickman, Historian – Lauren Carlson, and Recreation Officers – Sam & Nathan Boehm. Junior leaders are Kendall & Kade Boatman, Kenny Boehm, Nick Cassens, and Carson Conderman. Other members of the club are Gabe & Michael Boehm, Adrian & Alex Booker, Allison Druen, Colton & Luke Gehrke, Andrew & Lauren Hickman, Alayna & Wyatt Swanson, Ella & James Tunink, and Brandon Whelan. Carmon Conderman, Julie Carlson, and Crystal Boehm serve as club leaders.

Members that completed record books for the 2019-2020 4-H year received a Club Experience Award. Colton Gehrke earned the Bronze Award. The Silver Award was earned by Adrien Booker, Alex Booker, Andrew Hickman, and Jacob Hickman. Members earning the Gold Award were Kade Boatman, Kendall Boatman, Lauren Carlson, Alex Cassens, Nick Cassens, Bruce Gehrke, and Renee Gehrke. Michael Boehm and Luke Gehrke received Cloverbud Awards.

Most recently, the club celebrated Dairy Month at their June meeting with an ice cream social. Currently, members of the By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club are working hard to get their fair projects ready for judging, which will be held in conjunction with the Ogle County Fair later this summer.



## Tudor donates display cases to library in husband's memory

**FORRESTON** – A recent donation to the Forreston Public Library by Lorraine Tudor will aid in bringing some local items into the public eye.

Two display showcases have been donated in memory of her husband Robert Tudor who passed away in 2015. He served as Public Relations Director at Morton East & West High school which included the responsibilities of heading the library, newspaper, and yearbook. He was a member of Forreston American Legion Post 308 and Tudor most recently was president of the Forreston American Legion Auxiliary.

Having a safe, secure location will allow the library to display some items from its archives, which include a copy

of "The Early History of Northern Illinois" by Charles Knapp Carpenter of Baileyville, Ill. Published in 1948, this book is an account of the early history of the Crane's Grove area. Other early Ogle County histories will also be displayed, as well as many Sauerkraut Day items.

The second showcase will focus on a different subject each month. As June is recognized as Dairy Month, this month's display features the past dairy industries of Forreston.

If you have a subject you would like to see featured or have items available for future displays, please contact Julie Voss at the library.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Sarah Bussan

**DAVIS JUNCTION** – Sarah Elizabeth (Tuminskas) Bussan, age 45, passed away Monday, June 21, 2021 at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford. Sarah was born at Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford on Dec. 30, 1975 to Richard and Cindy (Coffin) Tuminskas.



every moment with them, especially her time spent cheering Zeke on as he played rugby and Ellie as she played softball. She also loved her role as aunt to five nieces and nephews.

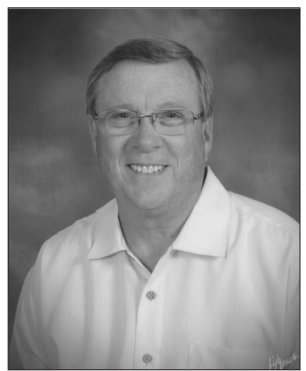
Sarah is survived by her husband Tony, son Zeke, and daughter, Ellie, of Davis Junction, her par-

ents Richard and Cindy Tuminskas of Roscoe, sister, Brenda (Curt) Beilfuss of Roscoe, parents-in-law Jeff and Georgia Bussan of Galena, sister-in-law Jenny (Shawn) Larson of Dubuque, Iowa, and special nieces and nephews, Brandon, Dylan, Addie, Caitlyn and Callie. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. at the family home. A memorial has been established in her name. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave condolence or a special memory of Sarah.

### Craig Arthur Peterson

Craig Arthur Peterson, 75, of Pecatonica, passed away peacefully following a short illness, Saturday, June 12, 2021, at his home with his family by his side. He was born July 20, 1945, in Rockford, the son of Eugene and Adell (Carlson) Peterson. He graduated from Pecatonica High School in 1963 and attended Rock Valley College in Rockford and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserves proudly serving from 1966 to 1971. Craig met the love of his life, Gail Ann Torsrud, when they both worked at J. I. Case Company in Rockford and they were married on July 9, 1966, at Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park.



youth. Craig was proud to be a lifelong member of the Pecatonica Community.

Craig was an avid fisherman and taught all of his grandchildren the love of fishing and enjoyed over 50 years of fishing with his special brother-in-law, Jim Lau. He also enjoyed several Canada fishing trips with son-in-law, Heath and grandsons, Carter and Jacob. Craig and Gail enjoyed traveling, spending countless hours with family and friends at their Peterson Pool and cherished the times with their loving family during their annual Northwoods resort vacations in Wisconsin.

Craig is lovingly survived by his son, Eric Peterson of Lake Geneva, Wis.; daughters, Amy (Tim) Bukoski of Byron, Andrea (Heath) McGrew of Pecatonica; grandchildren, Taylor McGrew (Drake Merrick) of Pecatonica, Carter Bukoski of Tempe, Ariz., Jacob McGrew serving in the United States Navy in Okinawa, Japan, Mackenzie (Matthew) Camp of Union Grove, Wis., Elaine Peterson

of Lake Geneva, Wis., Paige Bukoski of Byron, Cameron Bukoski of Byron, Charles Peterson of Ryde, England; future great-grandson; mother, Adell Peterson of Pecatonica; brothers, Kent (Lori) Peterson, John (Kay) Peterson; sisters-in-law, Linda (Jim) Lau Martin; along with many special cousins, nephews and nieces; close USMCR friends, Steve Washburn, Roe Dilley, Dan Walters. Craig was a friend to all, including those at church, neighbors and many in the community including special friend Jennifer.

Craig is predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Gail Peterson; father, Eugene Peterson; sister, Mary Beth Peterson.

Memorial visitation 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 27, 2021, at Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. Memorial service 10 a.m., Monday, June 28, 2021, at First Lutheran Church, 627 Taylor St., Pecatonica with Reverend Nord Swanson officiating. Cremation rites accorded with private interment at Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery near Pecatonica. In lieu of flowers memorials will be established for First Lutheran Church in Pecatonica or academic scholarships at Pecatonica High School for Pecatonica High School graduates. For an online obituary and tributes go to [www.genandtfuneralhome.com](http://www.genandtfuneralhome.com).

### Lisa Ingram

**BYRON** – Lisa Ingram, 57, of Byron, passed peacefully surrounded by family on Sat June 19, 2021 in Oregon at Serenity Hospice and Home after a long battle with breast cancer.



would help her sister out at the shop. Prior to getting sick, Lisa enjoyed spending time with her bowling team on "girls weekends" that started Friday evening to Sunday and eventually turned into Thursday to Monday. She liked to golf and just hang out with her family and friends.

Lisa is predeceased by her favorite pup Abby; husband Ronald Ingram; her mother, Patricia Albrecht; father, Edwin Albrecht; Aunts, Kathy Scheck (Smith), Laurie Smith,

Judith Osborne (Smith).

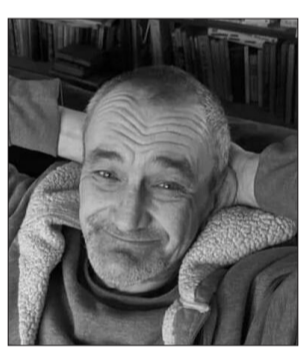
She is survived by her daughters, Christina Taylor and Ali Ingram. Her step-children Scott (Claire) Ingram, Tonya (Jon) Hagelie and their children. Her siblings Julie (Doug) Hodgdon, David (Michele) Matranga. Nephews and nieces Luke Paluzzi, Sarah Paluzzi, Ava Matranga, Michael Hodgdon, and Jake (Mel) Hodgdon. Numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Life long friends Sandy Romanek, and Lois Vaassen and numerous other friends. And last but not least, Stella and Lucky, her fur-grandkids.

Special thanks to Dr. Shaukat and staff at OSF oncology, OSF hospice, and Serenity hospice.

There will be a celebration of life Saturday, July 24 with more details to come.

### Anthony James Gross

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Anthony James "Tony" Gross on



James (Nancy) Gross of Mt. Morris; along with several nieces; nephews and extended family.

June 15, 2021, in his home surrounded by family. Tony was born in Chicago on May 1, 1957, and lived in Oregon and Rockford before settling in Chapel Hill, N.C., 8 years ago. He was the son of the late James E. and Eva (Schroeder) Gross.

Survived by his daughter (his world) Amanda May (Billy) Hildebrand of Port Byron, Ill.; grand-

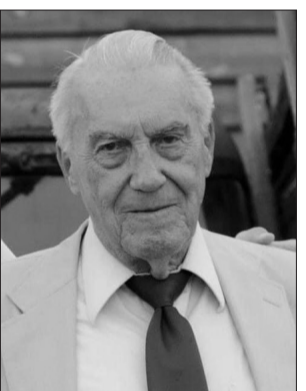
son Kyler Joe-Anthony and granddaughter Alayna Cynthia-Mae along with his sisters, Annette (Claude) LeFrappier of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Mary (Gary) Duffy of Haver Park, Ill.; brother

He worked as an auto mechanic for years, always willing to help someone out. He had a heart of gold and a smile that could light up a room. His hobbies included fishing and feeding wildlife.

The family will have a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, request memorials in his name to UNC Hospital (Chapel Hill, N.C.) or American Lung

### William C. Stott

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – William C. Stott, age 89, passed away on Sunday June 20, 2021 at his home. He is the son of William and Edna Mary (Willingham) Stott and was born on Aug. 15, 1931 in Fulton County, Ga.



Ford and Mercury in Canton, Ga., where he was a member for the 500 club for selling over 500 cars. He was a member of the Marietta, Ga., American Legion since 1958 and was also a member of the Stillman Valley American Legion.

He is survived by his children, Nancy Stott-McElhannon of Pa., Christopher (Barbara) Stott of Ga., Allison Hollins of Ala., Jeri (Keith)

Ballard of Ga., Timothy Stott of Ga., and Lisa Coyle of Ill.; siblings, Mary Edna Ozturk of Wis., Tom (Diane) Stott of Ga., Sara (Bill) Strickland of Ga., Georgianna (Rene) Guzman of Ga., Jack Stott of Ga., and Joe (Judy) Stott of Ga.; step daughter, Sharon (Tony) Etris of Ga.; 24 grandchildren, and 35 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Jim Stott, Betty Davis, and Della "Suzie" Stott.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Wright-Way Rescue, 5915 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053. At his request, there are no services scheduled.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Mary Lou Spangler

**BYRON** – Mary Lou Spangler, 89, of Byron, went home to be with the Lord, on Friday, June 18, 2021, at St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford. Mary was born April 28, 1932, in Kalamazoo, Mich., the daughter of Russell and Vera (Eddy) Davidson. The youngest of four children, and the only daughter, she moved to Wisconsin as a toddler, graduating from Beloit High School. Mary was married to Richard R. Patterson Sr. on June 25, 1950, the father of her children. He preceded her in death in April of 2017. She owned Mary's Restaurant in LaMoille from 1977-1984.



of San Jose, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Roger Patterson; two brothers, William Davidson, Vance Davidson; one grandson, Ricky Robertson; one granddaughter, Crystal Patterson; and one sister-in-law, Mabel Hauri. Cremation Rites have been accorded. A celebration of life was 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Franklin Grove United Methodist Church in Franklin Grove, with Rev. Dave Rogula, pastor, officiating. Burial of cremated remains in the Franklin Grove Cemetery near her beloved grandson, Ricky. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Franklin Grove United Methodist Church in Franklin Grove. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

In 1987 she married Orlando Spangler. He preceded her in death in 2003. She and Ole delivered meals on wheels regularly and gave tours of the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home. After his death, Mary continued to do both. Plus she was an officer in the DeKalb

district United Methodist Women. Mary was very active in the Franklin Grove Methodist Church and went on many mission trips to Louisiana and Kentucky. She was a sought after speaker for mission.

She is survived by her one son, Richard Patterson, Jr. of Oregon; four daughters, Mary Elizabeth (Paul Philipps) Baldwin of South Beloit, Catherine (Harry) LaBar of Mooresville, N.C., Constance (Mike) McFarland of Raymond, Maine, Lee Anna (Rick) Roberson of Stillman Valley; 16 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; one brother, Hugh Davidson

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Police report

**May 18**  
 TIME: 10:25 a.m.  
 REPORT: Monroe L. Wells, 41, Dixon, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Wells was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**May 20**  
 TIME: 11:25 a.m.  
 REPORT: Raymond F. Saathoff, 69, Stillman Valley, was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Saathoff was released on an I-Bond.

**May 24**  
 TIME: 7:51 P.M.  
 REPORT: Cade M. Roschi, 19, Byron, was cited for speeding 59 mph in a 35 mph speed zone and for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Roschi was issued an I-Bond.

**May 25**  
 TIME: 12:20 p.m.  
 REPORT: Kenneth E. Pearson, Jr, 62, Polo, was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Pearson was issued an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of May 17, 2021 thru May 20, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	14
Juvenile	3
Animal Complaint	5
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	4
Lock Out	1
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	21
County Assists	2

**May 29**  
 TIME: 11:55 p.m.  
 REPORT: A 19-year-old female juvenile, Polo, was cited for Illegal Consumption of Alcohol as a Minor. The 19-year-old female juvenile was released on an I-Bond.

**June 4**  
 TIME: 11:53 a.m.  
 REPORT: Micah Paul Green, 27, Polo, was issued a City Citation for Dog Running at Large.

**June 8**  
 TIME: 3:26 p.m.  
 REPORT: Logan J. Linker, 18, Polo, was cited for Using a Cell Phone while driving. Linker was released on an I-Bond.

**June 9**  
 TIME: 2:52 p.m.  
 REPORT: Sean R. Geary, 65, Polo, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Geary was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**June 10**  
 TIME: 8:05 p.m.

REPORT: Thomas D. Goldie, 64, Polo, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Vehicle and Driving too fast for Conditions resulting in an accident. Goldie was released on an I-Bond.

**June 11**  
 TIME: 12:50 a.m.  
 REPORT: Valeria E. Black, 38, Sterling, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Vehicle. Black was released on an I-Bond.

**June 12**  
 TIME: 7:28 p.m.  
 REPORT: Alexander J. Davies, 18, Polo, was cited for Illegal Possession of Alcohol by a minor. Davies was released on an I-Bond.

**June 17**  
 TIME: 6:25 p.m.  
 REPORT: Lloyd A. Hunt, 48, Dixon, was cited for speeding 44 MPH in a 30 MPH speed zone. Hunt was released on an I-Bond.

**June 18**  
 TIME: Midnight  
 REPORT: Izias Jose Chaidez, 19, Sterling, was cited for No Valid Driver's License. Chaidez was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 6:58 p.m.  
 REPORT: Noah Joseph Anderson, 17, Rock Falls, was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign. Anderson was released on an I-Bond.

**June 20**  
 TIME: 8:15 P.M.  
 REPORT: Dylan R. Eberly, 22, Earlville, was arrested for Driving While License was Suspended. He was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Using a Cell phone while driving, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Eberly was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 8:15 P.M.  
 REPORT: Jacob P. Theurer, 27, Leland, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County warrant. He was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Theurer was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of May 31, 2021 thru June 20, 2021

Citizen Complainers/Assist	39
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	7
Ordinance Violations	1
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	7
Alarm/Open Door	3
Lock Out	4
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	38
County Assists	4

## Obituaries

### James E. Ross

**OREGON** — James "Jim" E. Ross, age 75, passed away in Oregon on June 10, 2021. He was born in Marseilles, Ill., on Feb. 6, 1946 the son of Eugene and Helen "Kathleen" (Churchill) Ross.



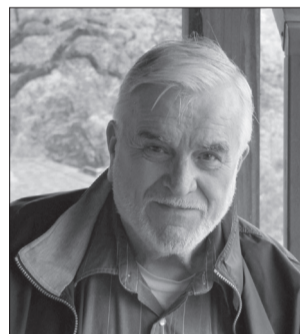
He was raised in Ottawa, attended St. Columba School and graduated from Ottawa Township High School. He married the love of his life Linda Dougherty on April 18, 1970. Jim worked for many years for Exelon — Byron Generating Station. He was a devout Catholic and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron and its Knights of Columbus Council. Jim loved to play cards and travel. In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and racing cars especially at the Byron Dragway. He was a huge Nascar fan who enjoyed travelling to watch the Daytona 500. He also liked eating out at restaurants. Jim was a cat lover who doted on his cats. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings Helen, Clarence "Mickey" and Mary Ann and a sister-in-law, Beth. He is survived by his wife Linda of Oregon, sister, Gertrude (Edward) Manahan of Putnam, Ill., and sisters-in-law, Carol and Sue. Services are currently pending and will be updated at a later date.

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### Victor J. Smith

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Victor J. Smith, age 88, died Friday, June 18, 2021 at Generation's at Neighbor's in Byron. He was born Aug. 1, 1932 in Rochelle, the son of Victor and Ellen Weeks Smith.



He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1950. Vic married Susan "Sue" Jean Lace on August 10, 1979 in Rockton. Vic managed Stillman Valley Grain and Feed for many years. He also constructed buildings for Lester Building Company. For several years he installed grain dryers for local farmers. He served his community on the Ogle County Zoning Board. Vic was a 63-year member of the Stillman Valley Lion's Club becoming the longest member in its history. He served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Board Member as well as receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from the International Lions Club.

Africa, Denise (Ron) Nelson of Coppell, Texas; Vicki (Chuck) Kamperman of Lancaster, Pa. and Therese Cinotto of Estes Park, Colo.; 10 grandchildren—Zachary, Josh, Kiele, Roth, Taylor, Kelsey, Ian, Dana, Graham, and Emily; 8 great grandchildren—Morgan, Colin, Laurel, Scarlett, Sydney, Wyatt, Clark, and Emmett; sister Betty (Jason) Dietrich and brother Frank (Betsy) Smith; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents and his wife Sue and step-brothers, John, Bill, and Bob Weeks.

He is survived by his 4 children—Craig (Meryl) Smith of Capetown, South

A private celebration of Vic's Life will take place at a later date. Burial will be at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory.

### Fooling God?

It's never been done, and you can't do it either, but folks keep trying. Many live like they have already pulled the wool over God's eyes. As it turns out instead of fooling God, they have only deceived themselves. Around 50 AD the Apostle Paul wrote, (Galatians 6: 7,8) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Even in his day and age thousands of people were already trying to fool God.

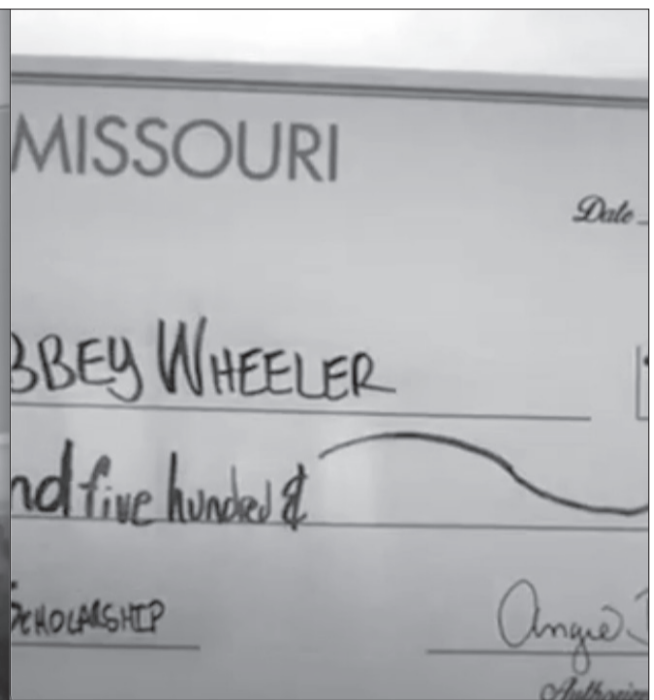
Harvest time of each year bears out the first object lesson Paul cites: You reap what you sow. No stalk of corn has ever produced oats, nor has the thorn apple yielded a peach. No cow ever gave birth to a donkey. God said every species would reproduce AFTER HIS KIND. (Genesis 1: 11,12,21,24)

As surely as plants and animals produce "after their kind", deeds and attitudes also yield a predictable harvest. "When choices bring a bitter harvest. "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" We reap what we sow physically and socially. Human bodies have their limits. Abuse them with alcohol, drugs, promiscuity, and partying and they will let you down. Many abuse the institutions God established for our happiness: marriage and the home. No wonder they reap hatred instead of love, and heartaches instead of security. Following the instincts of our natural desires corrupts us spiritually, and our sin, unless we repent of it, will destroy us eternally. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8)

Sow a good crop instead. God offers seeds of faith and repentance by which we may reap eternal life. "Turn now from your life of sin" is the offer, "and I will save you" (Ezekiel 33:11) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Revelation 21:8) Learning life's lessons of sowing and reaping convinces us that God will have the last word. To fail God's lessons and waste a lifetime thinking that somehow the rules will change is a tragedy for which one will suffer eternally.

Quit fooling yourself; you can't fool God.

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### Surprise scholarship

Byron resident Abbey Wheeler was recently surprised with a \$2,500 New Start Scholarship to Western Governors University. The scholarship is designed to help busy adult learners change their lives through education and make their goals a reality. Wheeler, a special education teacher's aide for Meridian Community Unit School District 223, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from WGU. She was virtually presented with the scholarship by WGU Strategic Partnerships Manager Jim Chandler.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## County Education Cooperative honors 2021 retiree Keaty

The Ogle County Education Cooperative honored Gay Keaty, a 2021 retiree.

Keaty served OCEC for 17 years. She held a position at Chana Education Center as a Paraprofessional. Prior to her service at OCEC, she worked as an Individual Paraprofessional for a student, in the Chicago

suburbs; she had a strong connection with her because of her excellent care.

Keaty most recently worked in the Elementary program, and is very patient, kind and caring to students. She worked hard to help students improve emotionally and academically. She was proactive in her approach

and cared deeply for the students. Keaty was creative with class projects and interventions.

Ogle County Education Cooperative appreciates her service and wishes her all the best in retirement.

You can find Keaty at her store, finding and selling treasures at Route 64, in Oregon.

## Commissioner completes park 'boot camp'

**SPRINGFIELD** – Chris Remhof, commissioner of the Byron Forest Preserve District, recently attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) 2021 Boot Camp.

IAPD offers this educational program to elected officials and professionals throughout the state in the field of parks, recreation, and conservation. Topics include understanding board and staff roles, making a difference through legislative advocacy, fundamentals and best practices of park district finances, the Open Meetings Act, and ethical requirements for elected officials.

"The IAPD Boot Camp provides tremendous

benefits to board members and staff. They gain a greater appreciation of the critical role park commissioners play in good governance, compliance with state law, and enhancing the quality of life for those in their communities," said Peter Murphy, IAPD President/CEO.

Remhof was elected to the forest preserve district board in April.

Established in 1928, IAPD is a non-profit service, research and educational organization representing more than 300 park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies in Illinois.



### Art in the Park

The Oregon Park District had fun making coasters for Art in the Park. Sponsored by E.D. Etnyre, this weekly program offers a different craft each week at The Reading Nook. Registration is required but the program is free. To register visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call 815-732-3101.

## Farm Bureau offers driving course

**OREGON** – The Ogle County Farm Bureau will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on Aug. 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Building, 421 W Pines Road, in Oregon.

Both days must be attended to receive the certification. The registration fee of \$10 covers course materials and lunch both days.

The course is open to people 55 and older who are auto policy holders.

Those completing the course may be eligible for a discount on their auto insurance.

This program was developed by the National Safety Council and will be taught by safety specialist, Doug Sommer, Pekin, Illinois. The course is very informative, entertaining and relevant to today's driving environment and standards. An examination is not required to complete the course or receive certification.

Reservations are required and class size is limited. Call the Ogle County Farm Bureau® 815-732-2231 to make your reservation or for more information.

This program is open only to Farm Bureau members and COUNTRY Financial insureds.

Due to continued restrictions as a result of COVID we are asking that those persons enrolling in the course are fully vaccinated.

## Learn to make salsa with Hector's Cocina

**OREGON** – If you would like to learn to make fresh and tasty salsa, sign up now for the Oregon Park District cooking workshops being offered at Hector's Cocina.

In July you can learn to make both Salsa Verde (Green Salsa with Tomatillos) and Rojo Salsa (Red Salsa using tomatoes). Salsa Verde classes are offered on Wednesday, July 7 (5:30 or 6:45 p.m. classes). Registration Deadline is June 30. Rojo Salsa classes are offered on Wednesday, July 21 (5:30 or 6:45 p.m.). Registration Deadline is July 14. Classes are held at Conover Square (next door to Hector's Cocina) and the class fee is \$13/Resident or \$16/Non-Resident.

All food supplies are included in the class fee, but participants will be asked to bring a few utensils



and cooking supplies to include a Molcajete (stone mortar and pestle tool for grinding ingredients). To register online visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org). You can also register over the phone by calling 815-732-3101 or register in person at Nash Recreation Center.



### Earth Day project

Members of the Ogle Jolly 4-H club volunteered to pull garlic mustard, an invasive species, at Lorado Taft as part of their Earth Day service project. Members include Braden and Alyse Rogers and Grace and Kate Costello. Thank you to Lorado Taft for the opportunity.

# DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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**Rochelle** **562-3801**

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**University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County**  
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### Low Income Housing

**Ogle County Housing Authority**  
**200 W Washington, Oregon** **732-1301**

### Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

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**Oregon, IL 61061** **732-6855**

### Mental Health

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

### NOTICE

Applications for Senior Citizens & Veterans Assistance Commission Tax Levy Funds are available in the Ogle County Clerk's Office, located at 105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 104 in Oregon, Illinois. Any organization requesting funds from the Senior Citizens Tax Levy must have their application returned to the Ogle County Clerk's Office by Friday, August 6, 2021.

Send items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)



# LOCAL NEWS

## Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook. Registration is required for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**RRC holiday schedule**  
Rock River Center will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.  
No activities, programs or transportation will be scheduled on that day. Please plan accordingly.

**Yoga Classes in June/July 2021**  
Jennifer Pierce is our yoga instructor for beginner/intermediate Yoga classes in June and July.  
Class day and time: Monday and

Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Remaining Class dates:  
June 28, and 30  
July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, and 28  
Enrollment Required – \$5 per class  
Payment at registration is required to reserve your spot in class.  
Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 for dates and to register.  
All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

**Saturday Night Fever at Circa21, Sept. 8, Area premiere**  
Tony Manero doesn't have much going for him during the weekdays. He still lives at home and works as a paint store clerk in his Brooklyn neighborhood. But he lives for the weekends when he and his friends go to the local disco and dance the night away. When a big dance competition is announced, he wrangles the beautiful and talented Stephanie to be his partner. As the two train for the big night, they start to fall for each other as well.

Based on the 1977 movie phenomenon that launched the disco era and made John Travolta a household name, Saturday Night Fever features songs from the Bee Gees and is one of the most successful movie sound tracks of all time. The stage musical includes almost all of the songs from the original movie sound track, bringing us back to the time when disco was king. If you get "Boogie Fever" and feel like "You Should Be Dancin'," this is the show for you!  
Cost (includes RT transportation, live performance, lunch and all taxes and gratuities). \$90 Members / \$95 Non-Members (Dessert will be available at the show for additional cost).  
Reservation Information  
\* Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by mail.  
\* Note: Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline on all trips.  
\* Reservation and payment deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021  
\* Rock River Center gift certificates

accepted as payment.  
Make your reservations early as seating is limited and shows sell out quickly. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.  
**Nicor gas 'sharing' program**  
NICOR GAS Sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150% of poverty level and less than 250% of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income minimum gross must be at least \$2,128, but no more than the limit of \$2,658.  
For a 2-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$2,874, but no more than \$3,592. For a 3-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$3,621, but no more than \$4,525, etc.  
This program is available through Aug. 31, 2021. You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing Program through the Rock River Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

## Byron Forest Preserve District hosting 80s themed murder mystery dinner July 10


**BYRON** – The Byron Forest Preserve District will host a Totally Tubular 80's themed Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, July 10 from 6-8:30 p.m. at their Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road. Join members of the Northern Illinois Players Troup


for an interactive murder mystery event with a buffet dinner in the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum. The cost is \$35 per person and guests are encouraged to wear 1980's style clothing.  
The program is for ages 12 and up. There will be a

cash bar. Guests will be seated at tables of eight and will help the detectives solve the crime.  
Advance registration is required by Tuesday, July 6 by calling the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815-234-8535, Ext. 200.


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# LOCAL NEWS



## Polo Lions meat raffle

The Polo Lions Club meat raffle had its five winners drawn on June 20 at the Polo Town & Country Days entertainment tent at 2 p.m. The 5th place winner of the \$100 gift certificate to The Polo Fresh Food Market was Don Nelson. Pictured top right with 1st VP Winton Bocker is Don's wife, Marilyn who accepted the gift certificate. The 4th place winner of a half hog was Kevin Rundall, who was not present. The 3rd place winner of a half hog were Osby and Brenda Harvey, also not present. The 2nd place winner of a quarter beef with a freezer was Steven Scully, also not present. The 1st place winner of a quarter beef with a freezer was Matt Wileman, also not present. Besides the raffle, Polo Lions members and volunteers enjoyed the Polo Town & Country Days parade.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tues., June 29

The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will have its monthly meeting at the Ogle County Courthouse, in the County Board room at 6:30 p.m. Former State Representative John Cabello and Victoria Onorato candidates for State Representative in the new 89 district and Judge Lindsey candidate for Circuit Judge will be attending the meeting.

### Weds., June 30

The Let Freedom Ring

celebration begins in Mount Morris and runs through Sunday, July 4. There will be music, events and fun for the entire family. Please go to <http://lfrmtmorris.com/>.

### Fri., July 2

The Mt. Morris Jamboree welcomes back the 60's tribute band, Shindig for their performance at the band shell starting at 7 p.m. Come early to visit the nearby Mount Morris Community Farmers Market. The market is open from 4-7 p.m. every Friday.

### Sat., July 3

Byron Farmers' Market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. For information [karen\\_f61010@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_f61010@yahoo.com) or [tinyurl.com/byronmarket](http://tinyurl.com/byronmarket).

Join the Mt. Morris community along with people from across the U.S. for the 19th Annual Lois Nelson Memorial Walk and Fun Run this year as "Pound the Pavement"

begins at 9 a.m. at Dillehay Park in Mt. Morris. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

### Sun., July 4

Happy Fourth of July!

The Let Freedom Ring parade will take place in Mount Morris at 3 p.m. Fireworks will cap the event at dusk at DLR Jr. High.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@ogle-countylife.com](mailto:bjennings@ogle-countylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On July 16, 1863, the draft riots enter their fourth day in New York City in response to the Enrollment Act. Although avoiding military service became much more difficult, wealthier citizens could still pay a \$300 fee to stay home.

\* On July 14, 1881, Sheriff Pat Garrett kills Henry McCarty, known as Billy the Kid. Garrett had been tracking the Kid for three months after the gunslinger escaped from prison only days before his scheduled execution. At the trial, the judge had sentenced Billy the Kid to hang until "you are dead, dead, dead." Billy reportedly responded, "And you can go to hell, hell, hell."

\* On July 15, 1903, the newly formed Ford Motor Company takes its first order, an \$850 two-cylinder Model A automobile with a backseat. The car, produced at Ford's plant in Detroit, was delivered a week later.

\* On July 13, 1930, France defeats Mexico 4-1 and the U.S. blanks Belgium 3-0 in the first-ever World Cup football matches, played in Montevideo, Uruguay. The World Cup has since become the world's most-watched sporting event.

\* On July 18, 1940, Franklin Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term. He would eventually be elected to a record four terms.

\* On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opens on former orange groves in Anaheim, California. Due to counterfeit invitations, thousands showed up and the opening did not go well. Food and drink ran out, and the steamboat nearly capsized from too many passengers.

\* On July 12, 1979, disco music died at Chicago's Comiskey Park when a "Disco Demolition" night is held. Organizers grossly underestimated the number of fans who would want to blow up their disco records: a sellout crowd inside the stadium and 40,000 outside who stormed the field and lit bonfires on the diamond.

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## Sure it's gross, but it's a great story

*Just a little fair warning. This column is going to start out with an anecdote from my recent trip to see my son. While everything is factual, it is also a little gross – funny – but a little gross. Now, please continue...*

It was a beautiful day in Nebraska. Well, as beautiful a day as you can have in Nebraska. Nebraska, while a fine state, is not exactly known for its vast beauty.

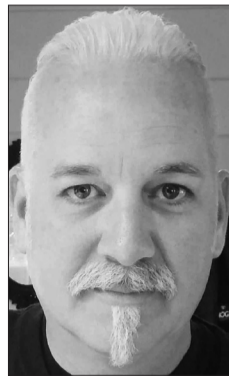
I was traveling to Wyoming to see my son on Father's Day weekend. He is all alone in a very small town, so he needed a little family connection. So, I was riding my motorcycle out to see him.

So here I was on I-80, where the speed limit is 75. I will tell you I was going probably 80, but most traffic was going even faster. I come up to a cattle hauler, which has just moved into the left lane to pass another semi. I am now behind the cattle hauler.

Now, I am sure we have found ourselves behind cattle haulers many times in our lives. I can't count the number of times I have been behind one. But this time, I was in for

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



a surprise.

I was a reasonable distance back from the semi when I saw something shoot out of the right side of the truck. It took me a fraction of a second to realize what it was: A geyser of cow urine.

I ducked as quickly as I could behind my windshield, and thankfully, most of it hit my windshield. Some did hit my riding goggles, but I came out of the whole thing in pretty good shape.

Except on a warm day, the smell is not good. At all. I quickly made an exit and found a McDonald's so I could clean myself off.

This was truly one for the books. And yes, I got a pretty good laugh out of it.

This trip had a little bit of everything, really. I rode about four hours the first day, because I still had to work that day. By the time I got to Des Moines, Iowa, it was 102 degrees and I felt like I was about to burst into flames. Riding a hot motorcycle on a hot day is not a great idea.

I was just glad to stop for the night and get off the interstate. While Iowa can be a lovely state, the drivers are left-lane campers of the highest order. They even make the questionable drivers in Wisconsin look good by comparison. Please people, pass in the left lane and then move to the right. Don't stay left.

I got up early the next day with a more than 600 miles to ride and it was a beautiful morning. The sun was just coming up and I was all smiles. Until I saw the clouds. I pulled over and put on my rain gear – great to have but not fun to wear – and continued on. The rain started about five miles later. The intense lightning started about 15 miles after that.

When the lightning gets intense, it is smart to pull over. So I found a gas station and parked my bike under the shelter at the pumps and went inside.

It was one of those places with tables where the locals go for a morning chat. I ran into a local rancher who was nursing a coffee. We had a great conversation about life, travels, the state of the world.

I love moments like this when I travel. I enjoy making a momentary connection with someone with a life far different from my own. These moments enrich my life.

That is one thing I love about traveling on a motorcycle. People always talk to me. They ask about riding in the weather. They ask how far you are traveling. They ask about the bike itself. They talk about their own experiences on a motorcycle. This stuff doesn't happen when I am traveling by car.

I had a great visit with my son. It is always great to see him and spend time with him. He is a great dude.

But this will always be the trip where I got hit by cow pee. That is just the way it will be remembered. But you have to admit, it's a great story.

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

## Many ways to re-engage in sports, recreation

The State of Illinois officially moved to Phase 5 on June 11th and businesses and organizations could reopen without capacity limits or significant restriction. The reality of life resuming some sense of normalcy is welcome news to the Oregon Park District, whose purpose is serving the residents of our community.

For the past 15 months, our focus has been forced to shift and to distance patrons from one another when our true passion is to bring people together. While our community has continued to thrive while using the many open space resources at our disposal, we have been forced to restrict organized activities. Until now!

Nash Recreation Center is fully reopened, a full slate of programs is scheduled, and special events are back. Youth sports have resumed and

### Guest Opinion

By Erin Folk



allowing our patrons to socialize through recreation is our number one priority.

The sounds of patrons in the fitness center, on the baseball field or at our first Concert in the Park in two years are sounds we embrace as a staff. We as adults, and especially the youth in our community, need recreation. Re-engaging in sports, recreation, and physical activity with friends has both physical and psychological health benefits

for children and adults. Participating allows us to improve our cardiovascular health, strength, and overall fitness. Mentally, we experience benefits from the increased socialization as we return to a more structured routine.

One of the largest emerging trends for 2021 is an increased focus on health and well-being. The focus has been heightened as a result of COVID-19 and will continue as park and recreation agencies continue to work towards meeting the social needs of our community.

The first step in meeting these needs is our ability to reopen our facilities and programs and allow our residents an opportunity to choose their recreation outlets. Whether it be inside or outside, the Oregon Park District, State Parks and neighboring recreation

areas are ready and willing to meet the needs. Local providers have a common understanding of expectations, outcomes, and satisfactions regarding recreation needs.

No one expected the pandemic to last for 15 months, but it did. Businesses and local organizations did their part under difficult circumstances and remained focused on the end. Phase 5 is accompanied by relief and an injection of hope. Relief the worst is behind us and hope that we will be stronger because of the journey we were forced to endure.

I encourage each of you to seek out recreation opportunities in your community. I promise, you'll be surprised at what you find.

*Erin Folk is executive director of the Oregon Park District.*

## Keep coming back to the flag and the 13 folds

While I never intended to keep the theme of the last column going, again it seems very fitting. I have certainly been thinking over the past month mainly about the American flag and the 13 folds.

While many people enjoy the three-day weekend, spending time camping, grilling out or even time-honored traditions like the Indianapolis 500, Memorial Day is much more than that. Memorial Day has always been a time to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This freedom was paid so generations could have a better place to call home, by continuing and perpetuating the ideas our founding fathers built this country upon.

While May concluded with this holiday, for many in law enforcement it also

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By Brian VanVickle



began and continued in this light. The first week in May is time set aside to honor law enforcement who gave their lives protecting our communities and our values. This ceremony includes many of the same traditions as Memorial Day, including speeches by community members, the sound of trumpets and 21 guns, but it also concludes with a

flag folded 13 times.

The one aspect most notably missing from the Police Memorial in Springfield this year, was not the families of the 10 officers who ended their watch in 2020 or the agencies they represented, but the State leaders. For the first time in many years, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General did not participate in the service. This is something to think about.

With that said, I keep going back to a different flag folded 13 times and it was a funeral for someone that I've never met but a brother in blue. A brother that left four daughters and a wife, two different law enforcement agencies, and many in multiple communities behind. I attended this funeral in Decatur and listened to Chris' daughters speak

about his love for them and all the funny stories they hold dear. When Amber, Chris' wife, spoke everyone heard her challenge. Ambers' challenge was to quit being the silent majority, stop turning the other way when it's uncomfortable and be passionate about how we want our communities to be long after we are gone.

Our foundation was built from these now quiet or even at times silent ideologies and if we continue down this path the "changes" will be our fault. If the funeral procession was any indication of the sleeping giant you are certainly not alone but we do need to remember this challenge and make sure other points of view are heard. Chris Oberheim EOW 05/19/2021.

*Brian E. VanVickle is Ogle County Sheriff*



# LOCAL NEWS

## Let Freedom Ring

Let freedom Ring, a Mount Morris tradition, is back and better than ever. Mount Morris has been celebrating the Fourth of July since it's founding in 1848. The festival was officially named Let Freedom Ring in 1963. LFR offers fun, affordable and often times free entertainment of all types for all age groups. Bring the family and enjoy a great weekend in Mount Morris!



### A magical experience will be had by all at Let Freedom Ring

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Local magician, The Amazer Jeremy Haak, will bring his amazing magic show to the band shell stage on July 3 at 4 p.m. The Amazer Jeremy Haak learned his first magic trick when he was 13. At age 16, he started performing as “The Amazer.” Since that time, Haak’s magic has entertained people from all walks of life including a Miss America, Two Legends of Professional Wrestling and even other magicians. Haak is a certified Doctor of Magic by the International Magicians Society and is the first and only 5-time winner of The Magician of the Year of Ring #11 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Haak has entertained for car shows, boat races, private parties, bars, grand openings and several other places. Come uptown and be amazed by Jeremy Haak, the 5-time magician of the year award winner!



### The festival’s music kicks off on July 3 at the Band Shell

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Let Freedom Ring Presents Anderlik and Church of WACO on the Band Shell July 3. Talented Chicago guitarists Rob Anderlik and Mike Church have performed on our band shell in past years as AOC and WACO and will be returning this year with special guests Josh McPartland on Mandolin and Drew Littel on cajon. Two of the top bluegrass musicians in the Chicago area, Rob and Mike first met at late night jam session and felt a deep musical connection from the moment they played together. Even better, they discovered they shared a wide range of musical interests, ranging from Southern and classic rock, blues, swing, jazz standards, cinematic instrumentals, folk music and of course, bluegrass. They have quickly built a reputation as one of the most versatile acoustic bands in the Midwest. Their music has been described as Bill Monroe meets Robert Johnson at the crossroads and they’ll be playing a selection of blues, bluegrass and American Roots Music from 5-8 p.m. on July 3.



### Musical fireworks set for July 4

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Hometown boy, David Orr brings his band, Flibbertijibbet down from La Crosse, Wis., to celebrate Independence Day with a free concert on the band shell from 5-8 p.m. on July 4th. With Orr playing drums, this band has been together for 30 years and brings to the stage an eclectic blend of rock, Americana, jam and folk music all wrapped into one package. Lead by singer, songwriter and guitarist Drew Dockry, Flibbertijibbet is starting their extensive Midwest tour here in support of their new CD, “A Mississippi Life.” The band includes Eric “Guido” Lemon on bass, Kyle Renfro on lead guitar and vocals and Matt Salvo on keyboards. Coming from different backgrounds they fuse their approach to deliver their version of some of the finest rock-n-roll a la The Band, The Grateful Dead, The Rolling Stones, Counting Crows & Phish. Proud to call themselves a Jam Band they might string three songs together and play for 20 minutes just as much as delivering straight up songs about characters who’ve always lived in the American diaspora. There’s songs about the Old West, young lovers, rebels and seekers but perhaps the overarching theme of their music is happiness with a rich vein of songs celebrating life. Come join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Rt. 64 on Wesley Avenue.

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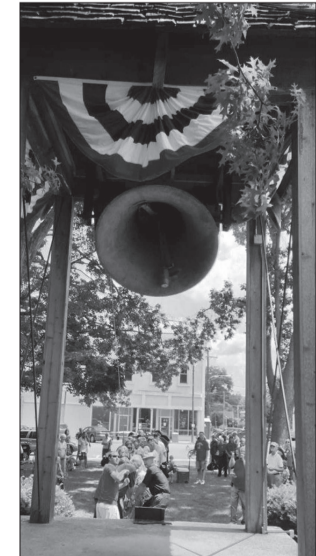
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## June 30 - July 4

### “Rockets Red Glare”

#### Wednesday, June 30

Come to the Bandshell!

5 pm	LFR Lil Miss & Mr. Contest
6 pm	LFR Queen & King Coronation
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Band Concert & Ice Cream Social

#### Friday, July 2

5 pm - 8 pm	Main & Wesley	Jonas Fultz Memorial Car Cruise
5 pm - 8 pm	Campus	Pork Producers
5 pm - 8 pm	Senior Center	Silent Auction & Bake Sale
5 pm - 9 pm	Campus	Craft Fair
7 pm - 9 pm	Band Shell Stage	Friday Night Concert - ShinDig (Groovy music of the 60s)
6:30 - 9:30 pm	Encore	Encore Art Show
6 pm - 8 pm	Campus	Root Beer Floats
6 pm - 9 pm	Mullarky's	Burn-N-Bush
9 pm - 12 am	Idle Hour	Hillbilly Rockstarz

#### Saturday, July 3

6 am - 6 pm	Wesley	Backyard BBQ Competition - sponsored by Northside Barbaq
8 am - 9 am	Dillehay Park	Pound the Pavement Walk Registration
9 am	Dillehay Park	Pound the Pavement Walk
10 am - 5 pm	Senior Center	Silent Auction & Bake Sale
Noon - 8 pm	Campus	Craft Fair
Noon - 12:30 pm	Main	Kiddie Parade Registration
12:30 pm - 1 pm	Main	Kiddie Registration/Parade with Guest Judge Candace King - WTVO 17
1 - 1:30 pm	Main	Kids Water Hose Fight Registration - provided by Mt. Morris Fire Dept.
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Main	Kids Water Hose Fight - provided by Mt. Morris Fire Dept.
2 - 2:30 pm	Main	Bed Races Registration
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Main	Bed Races
3 - 3:30 pm	Main	Big Wheel Races Registration
3:30 - 4 pm	Main	Big Wheel Races
4 pm	Campus	Scavenger Hunt
5 - 8 pm	Band Shell Stage	Anderlik & Church
5 pm	Campus	Watermelon Eating Contest - \$5 registration fee
7 pm	Campus	Watermelon Eating Contest (Music Intermission)
11 am	Mullarky's	Bag Tournament
8 pm - 12 am	Mullarky's	Timmy Middlefinger
8 pm - 12 am	Mt. Morris Moose Lodge	Alumni Dance
9 pm - 12 am	Idle Hour	Dirt Road Rebelz

#### Sunday, July 4

10 am - noon/4-6pm	Senior Center	Silent Auction & Bake Sale
Noon - 6 pm	Campus	Craft Fair
7 am - 11 am	Mt. Morris Firehouse	Fireman's Breakfast
10:30 am	Band Shell Stage	Living Hope Church Service
Noon - 1 pm	Band Shell Stage	Patriotic Program
1 pm	Bell Tower	Bell Ringing
3 pm	Parade Route	Grand Parade
4 - 7 pm	Band Shell Stage	Flibbertijibbet
3 - 7 pm	Mullarky's	Go in Postal
8 pm	DLR Jr. High	Kable Band
8:30 pm	DLR Jr. High	50/50 Winner (Following the Kable Band)
Dusk	DLR Jr. High	Fireworks

All events are subject to change due to any unforeseen reasons.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Park concert fun

What a beautiful night it was at Oregon Park West on Tuesday, June 22 for the second Concert In The Park. With the cooler temperature, people were all smiles enjoying good music, dinner and tasty treats from the food trucks, and the chance to be with friends and family and enjoy time together in the park. A very special thank you to the KSB Clinic of Oregon for sponsoring Soda. The band played many classic rock hits from the 80's, featuring horns. The kids loved this band as they were able to play shakers and dance and even sing with the band. It was a great night and so fun to see people out enjoying themselves! We couldn't do it without our generous sponsors. Thank you KSB Clinic. Join us next Tuesday, June 29 at Park West for the 6:30 p.m. concert. The WindBreakers will be playing "Yacht Rock" tunes from the 70's and 80's, sponsored by The Harvard State Bank.



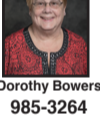
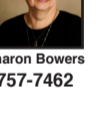
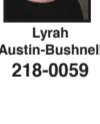







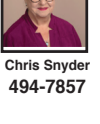
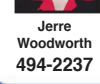
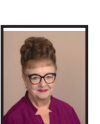

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**1. Know Your Numbers**

Having a complete understanding of your budget and how much house you can afford is essential. That's why you should connect with a lender to get pre-approved for a loan early in the homebuying process. Taking this step shows sellers you're a serious, qualified buyer and can give you a competitive edge in a bidding war.

**2. Brace for a Fast Pace**

Today's market is dynamic and fast-paced. According to the Realtors Confidence Index from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the average home is on the market for just 17 days - that means from start to finish, a house for sale in today's climate is active for roughly 2.5 weeks. A skilled agent will do everything they can to help you stay on top of every possible opportunity

**3. Lean on a Real Estate Professional**

While homebuying may seem like a whirlwind process to you,

local real estate agents do this every day, and we know what works. That expertise can be used to give you a significant leg up on your competition. An agent can help you consider what levers you can pull that might be enticing to a seller, like: Offering flexible rent-back options to give the seller more time to move out

Your ability to do a quick close or make an offer that's not contingent on the sale of your current home It may seem simple, but catering to what a seller may need can help your offer stand out.

**4. Make a Strong, but Fair Offer**

Let's face it - we all love a good deal. In the past, offering at or near the asking price was enough to make your offer appealing to sellers. In today's market, that's often not the case. According to Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist at NAR: "For every listing there are 5.1 offers. Half of the homes are being sold above list price."

In such a competitive market, emotions and prices can run high. Use an agent as your trusted advisor to make a strong, but fair offer based on market value, recent sales, and demand.

**5. Be a Flexible Negotiator**

If you followed tip #3, you drafted the offer with the seller's needs in mind. That said, the seller may still counter with their own changes. Be prepared to amend your offer to include flexible move-in dates, a higher price, or minimal contingencies (conditions you set that the seller must meet for the purchase to be finalized)

**Bottom Line**

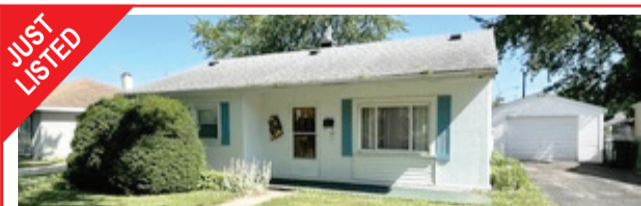
When it's time to make an offer, it's important to consider not just what you need, but what the seller may need too. Contact a professional at RE/MAX of Rock Valley for expert advice on this step in the homebuying process. Relying on a RE/MAX of Rock Valley agent and their knowledge and guidance can help you put your best offer on the table.



**1211 Soper Avenue, Rockford \$75,000**

Call Merri

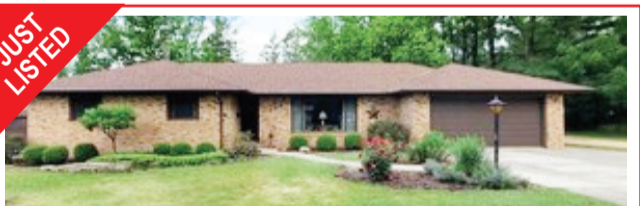
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**2108 Chestnut Avenue, Sterling \$79,900**

Call JD

Charming ranch home backing up right into Douglas Park! Conveniently located just on the edge of town, this home features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, main floor laundry, screened in porch & fenced yard. With a new water heater & HVAC in the last two years, this home is ready go! \*SELLERS WILL PROVIDE HOME WARRANTY\*



**102 S. Hannah Avenue, Mt. Morris \$179,900**

Call Mark

Beautiful brick ranch home in Mt. Morris w/3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms & 1 half bath. Living room has a big picture window looking out to the pretty rose bushes and landscaping. Family room on the main level has slate flooring & a brick, wood burning fireplace! Kitchen is open to dining areas which has sliders leading to the nice sized cement patio area w/ gas grill. Lower level has tons of space with 2 large rec room areas and another huge storage area! 1 attached garage and 1 detached garage gives you 4 spots to park your vehicles and toys! Gas forced air furnace. Roof was redone only 1 year ago with 30 year shingles! Culligan water softener. Storage trailer and shed in backyard stay. You will never be lacking for space with this home!



**716 N. Chicago Avenue, Rockford \$125,000**

Call Rebecca

Charming & Updated! Move right in to this 4 bedroom/2 bathroom home with many updates. Kitchen remodeled 8 years ago and boasts granite counter tops, newer appliances and grey shaker style cabinets! The main floor living space is open and flowing from the living room to the dining space with built in columns in the updated kitchen. There are two bedrooms on the main floor. The full bathroom on the main floor has heated floors! Upstairs you will find two large bedrooms with newer windows. The basement is ready to be finished and has a full bathroom - with heated floors - that was installed 10 years ago. Backyard is fully fenced with a patio space and 2 car garage. Newer hot water heater and furnace. Call for your showing today!



**10538 N. Pecatonica Road, Leaf River \$375,000**

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**523 W. Blackhawk Drive, Byron NOW \$799,900**

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# SPORTS/NEWS

## Locals on Monmouth Dean's List

MONMOUTH—These students made the Dean's List at Monmouth College for the Spring 2021 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students had to complete at least three course credits during the semester with a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Reid Fleeger of Byron; Maddisen Nelson of Byron; Kyla Suter of Oregon.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

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## Oregon softball players named All-State

OREGON—The Oregon Lady Hawks softball team received recognition from the Illinois Coaches Association with three players being named to the 2A All-State Teams.

Mia Trampel (Jr.) made 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State as a pitcher. Mia had notable pitching wins over highly ranked opponents like North Boone, Pearl City (1A), Erie-Prophetstown, and

Richmond-Burton.

Junior lefty hitting speedster Bella Koertner also received 2<sup>nd</sup> team recognition by the ICA. Koertner led the Lady Hawks in On-Base Percentage, Stolen Bases, and Runs. Finally, Liz Mois (So.) received 2A 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State honors with a banner season at catcher. Mois led the Lady Hawks in Homeruns and

Runs Batted In. She also played lockdown defense for the Lady Hawks by keeping base runners on their toes and being a wall behind the plate for her pitching staff.

Most importantly, these three Oregon players are selfless, coachable, positive, and energetic teammates who possess a "team first" mentality.

## Oregon Jr. Tackle Football registration set for July 18

OREGON—Registration for Oregon Jr. Tackle Football 2021 will be conducted at the Old Etnyre Wing Gym school Sunday, July 18.

This date may change depending on the State of Illinois's current COVID-19 status and the status of the IHSA's stance on high school football. During

the registration process we will be following the social distancing guidelines. Facemasks will be required.

8th grade players and 7th grade players will register from 6-6:30 p.m., 6th grade players and 5th grade players will register from 6:30-7 p.m. All equipment will be handed out immediately after registration.

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The cost to participate in Jr. Tackle Football is \$100 for 5th, 6th & 7th graders. The cost for 8th graders, which includes a game jersey, is \$125. A player's registration must be completed and the participation fee paid prior to participating in practice, no exceptions.


The first day of practice is Monday, July 26, starting at 6 p.m. at Oregon Park West south soccer area. Please contact Roy Snyder at 673-9201 or Kevin Barringer at 405-8697 if you have any questions.

We have a few coaching positions open and if you are interested in coaching, please contact Roy Snyder.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

**The library is open**  
The Oregon Public Library is open and continues to offer curbside pick-up if requested and appointments for computer use, printing, or faxing. Masks and hand sanitizing are requested upon entering the Library. Please call 815-732 - 2724 for any questions. Holds can be placed online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>, over the phone with Library staff or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile. Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases!

**2021 Summer Reading Program – Reading Colors Your World! June 1- July 23**  
It's here! Registration is ongoing and brochures are available! Programs have begun. Free to residents, 3 - 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs will be available within COVID protocols. Come in, call or check our Facebook page to find out how you can register. Mystery Photo, board game, Quiz Quests, Storytime and of course reading is all a part of summer fun! Registration is required for all programs, no drop-ins.

**Week of June 28**  
Tuesday, June 29, Farmers Provide a Rainbow (ages 5-12) 1:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 30, Activity Time** (1st-8th grade) 1:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, July 1, Story Time** (3- 6yrs. old) 9:30 am & 11 a.m. - in person at the Library. Registration required.  
**Week of July 5**  
Tuesday, July 6 Fruits and veggies and Stickers, Oh My! Due  
**Wednesday, July 7, Activity Time** (1st-8th grade) 1:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, July 8, Story Time** (3- 6yrs. old)

## Polo Library

**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. .

**Library Closed for holiday – Monday, July 5**  
The Library will be open Saturday, July 3rd from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and again on Tuesday, July 6th from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Saturday, July 10 – Espinosa & Coffe, 2021 Outdoor Concert Series, Music starts at 6 p.m.**  
We are excited to welcome the acoustic duo Espinosa & Coffey to the 2021 Outdoor Concert Series for July. 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

**Coffee with a Cop – July 14, 10:30 a.m., Polo Library Pavilion**  
Join us on the second Wednesday of each month for community conversations with a member of the Polo Police Department.

9:30 a.m.. & 11 am - in person at the Library. Registration required.  
**Saturday, July 10, “Reading Colors Your World” Selected Book titles due**  
**Try it Tuesday – Tuesday, July 6th (while supplies last)**  
DIY Sea Glass Wind Chime  
Pick up your FREE kit to make your own Sea Glass Wind Chime. (ages 16+) Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders.

**Yoga on Modnays returns! Beginning July 12 at 9:30 a.m.**  
Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. At ADM Studios, their mission is to inspire Americans to practice balance, wholeness, wellness—as individuals, as communities, as a nation. {Oneness.} We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724.

**Library book clubs**  
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss A Fine Dark Line by Joe R. Lansdale. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 21 at 1 p.m. to discuss Finding Chika by Mitch Albom.

**New releases**  
The Library Of The Dead by T. L. Huchu (Science Fiction)  
Firebreak by Nicole Kornher-Stace (Science Fiction)  
We Could Be Heroes by Mike Chen (Science

Fiction)  
The House In The Cerulean Sea by T. J. Klune (Science Fiction)  
How To Mars by David Ebenbach (Science Fiction)  
The Summer Cottage by Annie Rains (Paperback Romance)  
Sunset On Moonlight Beach by Sheila Roberts (Paperback Romance)  
Home To The Harbor by Lee Tobin McClain (Paperback Romance)  
Spring At Saddle Run by Delores Fossen (Paperback Romance)  
A Cowboy Of Legend by Linda Broday (Paperback Romance)  
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Wild Love by Lauren Accardo (Paperback Romance)  
Glory Falls by Janine Rosche (Paperback Romance)  
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## Anniversary

### Meridian's celebrate 50 years

**POLO** – Neil Merdian and Christa Moats were married July 17, 1971, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (now Faith United Methodist Church) in Polo.  
They are the proud parents of son, Matthew Merdian, daughter-in-law, Jen Merdian, and her two sons, Brandon and Gavin. Neil retired in 2016, after 41 years of farming, and Christa retired from CLA, accounting firm, in 2019.  
Grace Merdian and Eleanor Moats want to be the first to wish their son and daughter a very “Happy 50th Anniversary.” If you would like to join them in congratulating Neil and Christa, cards may be sent to 1204 S. Lowell Park Rd., Polo, IL 61064.



## Bertolet Library News

**Holiday Closing:** Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 10 a.m. on July 6th.

### Teen & Adult Summer Reading Challenge:

Presenting a new Teen & Adult Summer Reading Challenge at Bertolet Memorial Library! Reading is its own reward, but by signing up for our summer reading program, you have a chance to win prizes! All that is required is to register for the program and keep a reading log of titles read over the summer. For every five titles logged, you have a chance to win one of three grand prizes. Kick off and registration for teens and older readers begins June 14th. You may register at the library or call 815-738-2742. The program runs through July 31st. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program.

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## Julia Hull Library News

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### Carrying the Torch: African Americans & the Modern Olympics

In the early twentieth century, the modern Olympics emerged as a venue where African Americans could compete with the world's best athletes. In an era of segregation, their participation in this prestigious sporting spectacle represented a victory in the civil rights movement. Join Dr. Stanley Arnold from NIU's Department of History for a discussion about these athletes and their impact on the African American community from 1896 to 1948. Monday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register.

### Independence Day

The library will be closed Saturday, July 3 in observation of Independence Day.

### Book Club for Adults: Raft of Stars

Pick up a book, then join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of Andrew Graff's Raft

of Stars. Monday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for a link to the program.

### Tween Scene: Olympic Snacks

Tweens! Are you ready for the Olympic Games to begin? Before that first whistle blows, make sure you know how to make some fun themed snacks to munch on during the opening ceremony! Join Zoey at the library on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. Call the library to register for this in-person program: 815-645-8611. Ages 10-12. \*Masks required.

### Young Critics Book Club

Let's get into the spirit of the Olympics! Join us at the library on Tuesday, July 20 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about a real-life story: Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program and reserve your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. \*Masks required.

### Suminagashi Japanese Marbling

Part art, part craft, part science experiment. Join us on Monday, July 12 at 6 p.m., as we learn the ancient Japanese technique of "suminagashi," or painting with ink on water to create marbled effects on paper or fabric. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for this Zoom program. Adults only.

## Byron Library News

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5, in observation of the 4th of July holiday. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Independence Day!

### 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.

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### Friday Trivia

Friday, July 2

10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History  
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### Whimsical Wind Chime

Tuesday, July 6

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5:30-7:30 p.m.

Add a whimsical wind chime to your garden or out-

door living space. Join Beth as she walks you through the steps of creating a wind chime that will add color and beautiful music to your outdoors. Kit will include a branch, twine, beads, fishing line and bells. Additional supplies needed include scissors. Space is limited, so please register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 18

1:15-1:45 p.m., 2:15-2:45 p.m.,

3:15-3:45 p.m., or 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Come join us to celebrate National Ice Cream Day! Beth will demonstrate how to make homemade ice cream (without a machine) and then each family will have an opportunity to make homemade ice cream and enjoy a sample. Space is limited, so please register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107. Please have one family member register and include how many other family members you will be bringing.



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### Adult Book Club

Our July Adult Book Club will be meeting in-person at the library on Monday, July 26. We will be reading *The Dry* by Jane Harper. Copies of the book and the discussion questions are available at the library.

### Summer Reading Program

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### Tails and Tales-Summer Reading at Memorial Park

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10:00-1st - 5th Grade (Completed)

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### Storytime

There will be NO storytime during our Summer Reading Program. (some info removed)

### June New Books

The following books will be available in June: An Unlikely Spy: A Novel by Rebecca Starford, Bullet by Iris Johansen, Castle Shade: A Novel of Suspense by Laurie R. King, Dead by Dawn: A Novel by Paul Doiron, Dream Girl by Laura Lippman, Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand, It's Better This Way: A Novel by Debbie Macomber, Jackpot by Stuart Woods, Keepers: A Mystery by Jeffrey B. Burton, Lorna Mott Comes Home: A Novel by Diane Johnson, Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton by Eleanor Ray, Notorious: A Novel by Diana Palmer, One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot: A Novel by Marianne Cronin, One Two Three: A

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### Library Hours

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

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

## CHANA

### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

## DAVIS JUNCTION

### 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, Children's 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](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

## FORRESTON

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## LINDENWOOD

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

## KINGS

### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

## MOUNT MORRIS

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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](mailto: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.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

## MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton 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: [mimcab@frontier.com](mailto:mimcab@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

### CROSSWALK MINISTRIES

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### Ebenezer Reformed Church

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3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.  
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://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 month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815-732-2994  
[www.oregonumc.org](http://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](http://riverstonecc.com)  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com](http://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. Neill  
**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](http://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](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

## CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 9AM & 10:45AM  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[polo@crossroadsncn.com](mailto:polo@crossroadsncn.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 9AM service  
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsncn.com](http://www.crossroadsncn.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](http://www.faithumpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](https://www.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.thebrickchurch.org](http://www.thebrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.  
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.  
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

## KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley, IL Phone 815-645-8872  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • [www.valleycov.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 Stitches For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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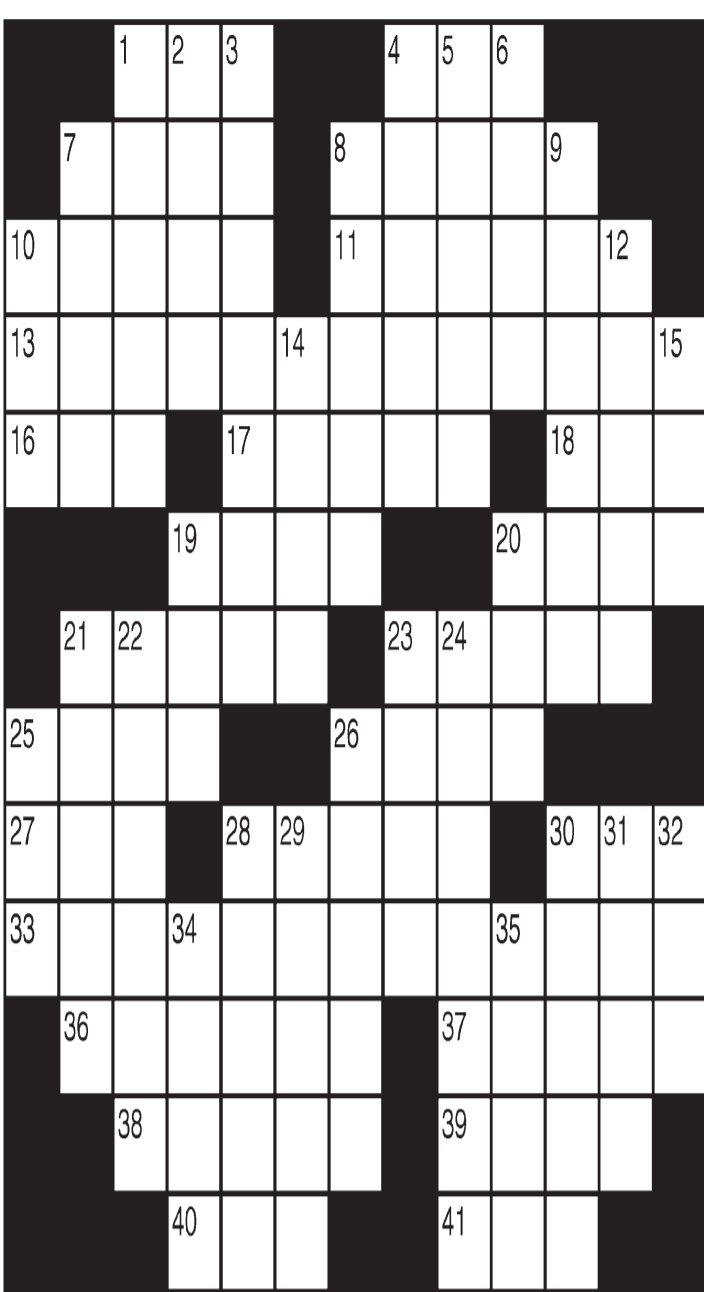
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH THREE R'S

### ACROSS

- 1 Choose
- 4 Scale amts.
- 7 Diving duck
- 8 Diner workers
- 10 Dijon darling
- 11 Removes, as a brooch
- 13 Winter Olympics event
- 16 "— Clear Day"
- 17 Bolivian city
- 18 "Ulalume" writer
- 19 Favorites
- 20 Roman emperor
- 21 Drivers with handles
- 23 Battery part



- 25 Persia, today
- 26 "What's — for me?"
- 27 Lincoln or Ford
- 28 Accord maker
- 30 Baseball execs
- 33 2016 Best Picture nominee
- 36 Net defender in hockey
- 37 Separated
- 38 Island near Java
- 39 Apple variety
- 40 Tax form ID
- 41 Reply (Abbr.)

### DOWN

- 1 Alpha's opposite
- 2 Lima's land
- 3 Performer with a baton
- 4 Candymaker Willy
- 5 November birthstone
- 6 Revue segment
- 7 Tibia's place
- 8 Points
- 9 Took potshots the U.S./Canadian border
- 10 Corp. money manager
- 12 Napper's racket
- 14 Comestibles
- 15 Earth (Pref.)
- 19 Calligrapher's instrument
- 20 Word of denial
- 21 007 portrayer Daniel
- 22 Legendary French actress
- 23 "The King —"
- 24 Falls on
- 25 German pronoun
- 26 Draw a conclusion
- 28 Big wheels at sea
- 29 Leek's kin
- 30 Metric measures
- 31 Simple
- 32 Retired jet
- 34 Lectern locale
- 35 "Once — a time ..."

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

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

- Arbitrary
- Elderberry
- Mirror
- Terrier
- Carrier
- Harrier
- Narrator
- Terror
- Corridor
- Horror
- Reorder
- Warrior
- Derringer
- Ironworker
- Report

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

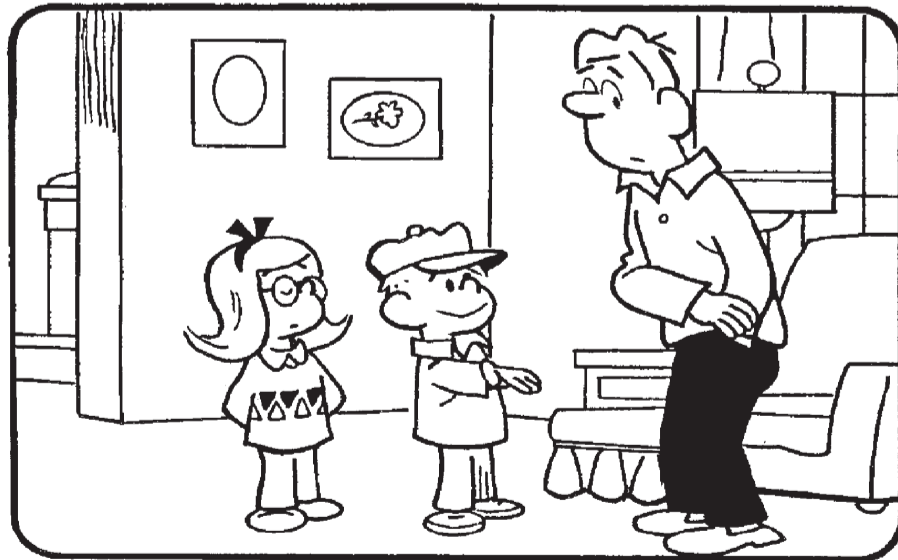
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

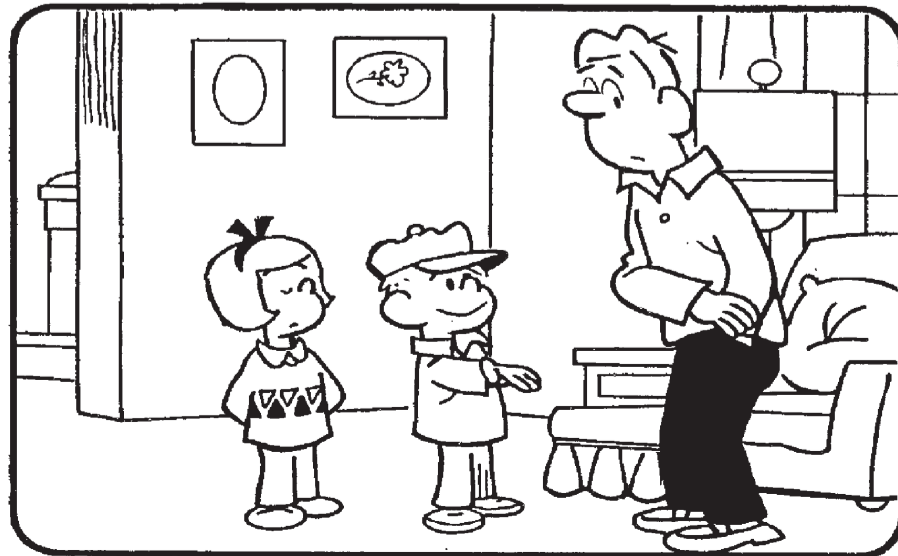
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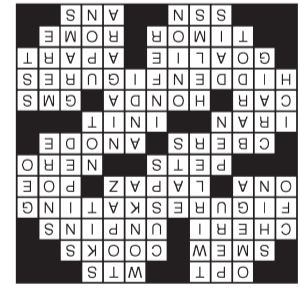
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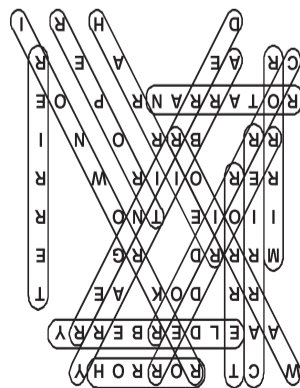
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Differences: 1. Picture is higher. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Glasses are removed. 4. Hairstyle is changed. 5. Pillow is added. 6. Shoes are different.



Solution time: 24 mins.  
 Answers



WORDS WITH THREE R'S  
 6 1 9 3 2 7 8 4 5  
 4 5 2 8 9 6 1 7 3  
 3 8 7 1 4 5 2 6 9  
 9 4 5 7 6 2 3 8 1  
 2 6 8 9 1 3 4 5 7  
 7 3 1 4 5 8 6 9 2  
 1 7 6 2 8 9 5 3 4  
 5 9 4 6 3 1 7 2 8  
 8 2 3 5 7 4 9 1 6  
 Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – TRAVEL THROUGH THE U.S.A.

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What did Delaware?**

BOULDER	D	O	V	E	R	Y	A	M	L	P
BRENTWOOD	D	A	I	R	O	E	P	A	S	A
DALLAS	D	A	I	R	O	E	P	A	S	A
DAYTON	O	K	L	R	B	R	N	C	A	S
DOVER	O	K	L	R	B	R	N	C	A	S
EL PASO	O	L	T	L	A	C	N	O	N	A
EUGENE	O	L	T	L	A	C	N	O	N	A
LANCASTER	W	A	C	O	A	D	N	N	T	D
MACON	W	A	C	O	A	D	N	N	T	D
MESA	T	N	E	S	A	S	E	M	A	E
OAKLAND	T	N	E	S	A	S	E	M	A	E
PASADENA	N	D	T	A	M	P	A	Y	F	N
PEORIA	N	D	T	A	M	P	A	Y	F	N
RENO	E	E	W	P	J	E	T	L	E	A
SALEM	E	E	W	P	J	E	T	L	E	A
SANTA FE	R	E	D	L	U	O	B	R	E	S
TAMPA	R	E	D	L	U	O	B	R	E	S
TROY	B	E	Y	E	N	E	G	U	E	M
WACO	B	E	Y	E	N	E	G	U	E	M

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

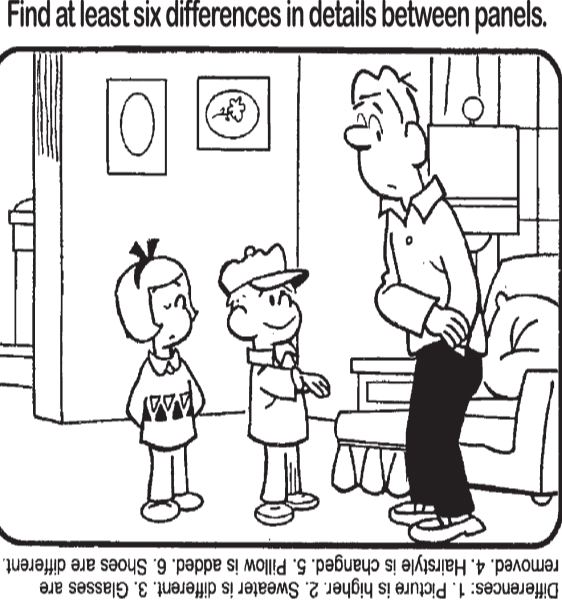
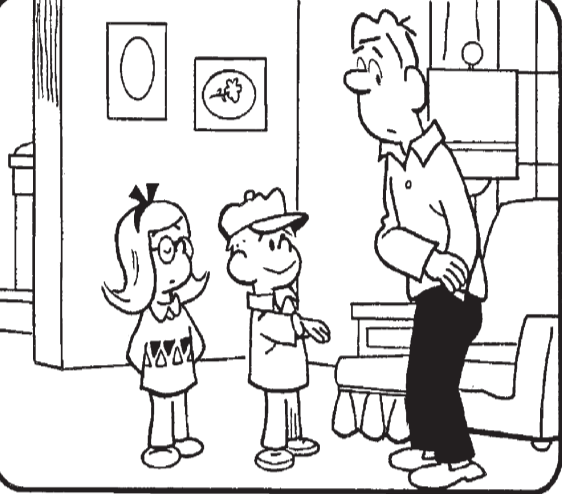
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                      |                 |                  |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Medal or trophy   | ___ _ _ _ _ D   | Cognizant        | ___ _ _ _ _ E   |
| 2. Food cupboard     | ___ _ N ___ _   | Insignificant    | ___ _ L ___ _   |
| 3. Actress Bette     | ___ _ _ _ _ S   | Goliath's foe    | ___ _ _ _ _ D   |
| 4. Scour             | ___ C ___ _ _   | Bush             | ___ H ___ _ _   |
| 5. Pledge 10%        | ___ _ _ H _     | Deed             | ___ _ _ L _     |
| 6. Artist Wood       | ___ R ___ _ _   | Titan            | ___ I ___ _ _   |
| 7. Chatty crow       | ___ _ _ P ___ _ | Homer's youngest | ___ _ _ G ___ _ |
| 8. Complete disarray | ___ _ _ O _     | Cowboy leggings  | ___ _ _ P ___   |
| 9. Make haste        | ___ U ___ _ _   | Wizard Potter    | ___ A ___ _ _   |
| 10. Park officer     | ___ A ___ _ _ _ | Horseshoes score | ___ I ___ _ _   |

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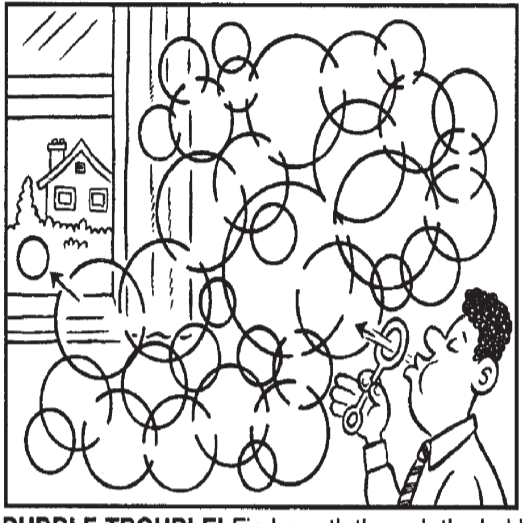
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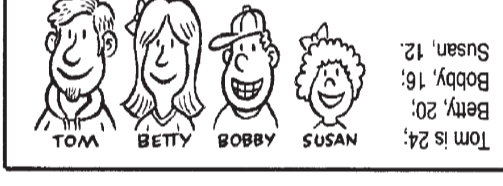
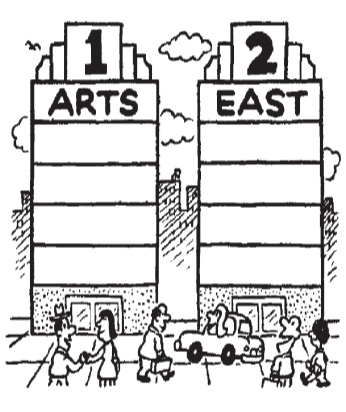
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**BUBBLE TROUBLE!** Find a path through the bubbles that leads from Andy's wand to the bubble that's floating out of the window.

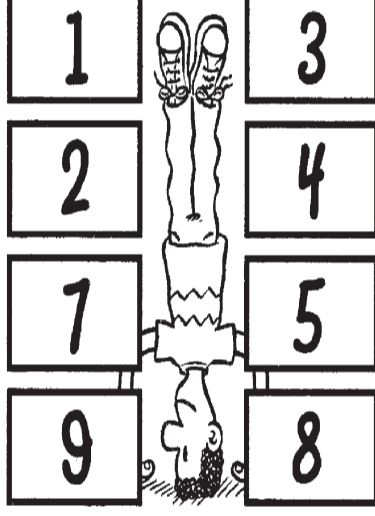
**AGE SAGE!** Can you figure out the ages of our four friends? Tom is four years older than Betty, who is four years older than Bobby, who is four years older than Susan, who is half the age of Tom.



**TWIN TOWERS!** On the top floor of Tower 1 you'll find the word ARTS. Rearrange the letters to form four new words that you can enter in the remaining floors. When you're done, do the same with EAST on Tower 2.

## A TRICKY PROBLEM!

Make up eight cards with the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,7,8 and 9 printed on them. Then, lay out the cards so that they form two columns of four cards each, as shown. Now rearrange these cards, moving as few as possible, so that the numbers in the two columns add up to the same total. Get your friends to try it! P.S.: There's a catch, watch.



One way: Move the 8 to column 1 and the 9 to column 2. Turn the 9 upside down, making it a 6. Each column now adds up to 18.



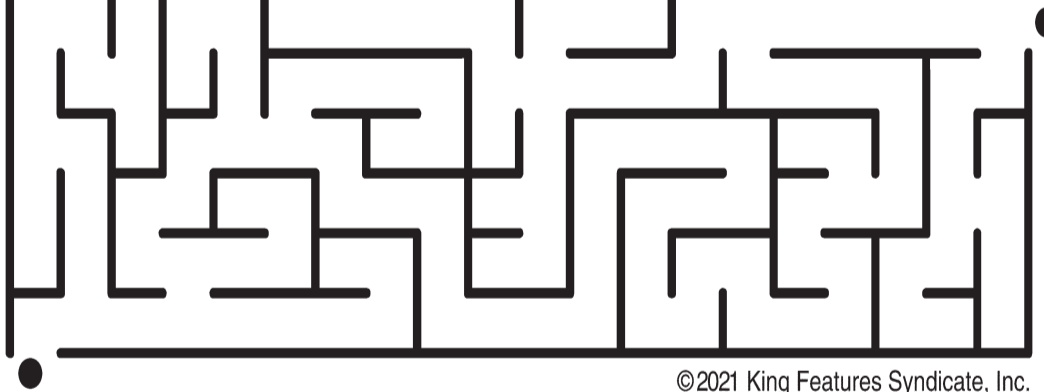
Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange answers**
- Award, Aware
  - Pantry, Palty
  - Davis, David
  - Scrub, Shrub
  - Tithe, Title
  - Grant, Giant
  - Magpie, Magpie
  - Chaos, Chaps
  - Hurry, Harry
  - Ranger, Ringer

Riddle Answer:  
 A brand New Jersey.

**Puzzles4Kids**

## Kids' Maze



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## Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Agent Mulder's nickname on "The X-Files" drama?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many gallons are in one barrel of oil?
- GAMES: How much money do you get when you start a board game of "Life"?
- SCIENCE: When was the sound barrier broken for the first time?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the whale that swallowed the title character in Disney's "Pinocchio"?
- GEOLOGY: What is diagenesis?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which river runs through the Grand Canyon in Arizona?
- U.S. STATES: How many states did U.S. Route 66 pass through?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable has the highest water content?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for the condition called pharyngitis?

- Answers**
- Spooky
  - 42
  - \$10,000
  - 1947
  - Monstro
  - The process by which sediment is turned into sedimentary rock
  - Colorado River
  - Eight (Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California)
  - Cucumbers (96% water)
  - Sore throat



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Annual Treasurer's Report – FYE 12/31/2020**

**Vendor Disbursements in Excess of \$2,500:**  
Accupay 2,852; Active Network LLC 16,494; Amalgamated Bank of Chicago 129,263; Applied Ecological Services 3,940; Beacon Athletics 6,085; BS&A Software 4,013; BSN Sports LLC 2,879; Byron Bank Credit Card 77,028; Byron CUSD #226 40,085; Byron Forest Preserve 41,851; C&E Specialties Inc. 6,271; CDW Government 4,304; Comcast 5,070; DFC Fence Inc. 21,951; Fehr Graham 24,725; Hasty Awards 4,312; Hawk Computing Services 18,000; Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP 34,818; Ice Miller Legal Counsel 4,568; IL Director of Employment Security 3,759; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 54,801; Internal Revenue Service 92,457; King Blacktop & Concrete LLC 14,058; Larson & Darby Group 185,661; Lauterbach & Amen LLP 9,350; Legend Fitness 21,997; Marco Technologies LLC 4,785; NW Concrete Inc. 25,880; Party Time Portables 4,739; PDRMA 33,012; Performance Food Centers 8,728; Power DMS Inc. 5,614; Rogue Fitness 3,876; Russell Construction Co. Inc. 3,362,211; Sam's Club 3,371; Score Sports 15,772; State of Illinois 19,898; Testing Service Corporation 4,222; The Fitness Connection 24,995; Zenon Company 32,237.  
EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00: \$78,140

**PAYROLL: 0.01 TO 24,999.99:**  
Allord, Grace; Benidt, Kassandra; Bergagna, James; Bianchi, Candace; Bitz, Samantha; Bowers, Keirney; Bowers, Tahjana; Boyden, Nick; Bradford, Adam; Buck, Jamie; Burchardt, Traci; Champ, Kelly; Champlain, Ashley; Cornett, Hope; Cunningham, Phillip; Denetz, Hannah; Detig, Eric; Dinges, Bethany; Ebersohl, Ava; Elsbury, Nicholas; Forth, Dominick; Fowler, Jonathan; Gayden, Noah; Glendenning, Alison; Goelitz, Serena; Groharing, Hailey; Guedel, Sandra; Harrington, Matthew; Helms, Jennifer; Herebia, Izaac; Hernandez, Sophia; Heslop, Kiya; Ingraham, Rebecca; Johnson, Kelli; Jones, Katelyn; Julian, Alana; Kachlik, Ashley; Karp, Jessica; King, Amy; Kleinfeldt, Ashley; Kohlmeier, Conni; Krall, Ava; Kuehn, Kaitlyn; Kuzlik, Victoria; Larson, Montana; Libman, Ben; Linhart, Drew; Ludwig, Jordan; Magadance, Katie; Mathieu, Arynn; McCammond, Hayden; Mitchell, Camryn; Mrozek, Tyler; Mumma, Erin; Murray, Michelle; Oltmans, Sarah; Parsons, Samantha; Phillips, Taylor; Poppen, Kristen; Ross, Kitra; Schmidt, Brian; Serrurier, Rhiannon; Shervey, Aleesha; Spedding, Erin; Swiech, Lily; Trank, Alexis; Trank, Joseph; Voiles, Brandt; Vvanti, Alexia; Walter, Alison; Walter, Brooklyn; Wantroski, Chloe; Weekley, Caleb; Whitmore, Shelby; Winterton, Shawn.  
**PAYROLL: 25,000.00 TO 49,999.99:** Julian, Jessica  
**PAYROLL: 50,000.00 TO 74,999.99:** Carow, Elaine; Stralow, Carrie; Warrner, Nicholas  
**PAYROLL: 75,000.00 TO 99,999.99:** Zepezauer, Paul

**305  
GARAGE SALES**

*Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale*

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OREGON**  
2737 N. Fawn Ridge Circle  
Thursday July 1st  
10am-2pm.  
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**103  
AUCTIONS**

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
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**BIDDING OPENS: Wed., June 30th @ 8 A.M.**  
**PREVIEW: Wed., June 30th – 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**  
10404 E. Kelley Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
2014 Buick Verano Sedan Automobile; Antiques & Collectibles; Oak & Walnut Furniture; Ethan Allen Maple Furniture; Old China & Glassware; Flow Blue China; Primitives; Quilts-Sewing-Textiles; Old School House; Toys; Local Church Pew; Books & Local Memorabilia; Jewelry & Watches; Stoneware; Lighting; Artwork; Household Furnishings; Bedroom Sets; Chest Freezer; Garage & Outdoor; Other Nice Items!

'Valdene Snodgrass Trust  
Classic Car, Equipment & Tool Auction'  
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7560 N. IL Rt. 2, Leaf River, IL 61047  
**Featuring Nice Classic & Show Cars!** 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner Retractable Conv., 1957 Olds Super 88, 1962 Olds Starfire Conv., 2003 Ford Mustang Mach I (only 300 mi), 2009 Mercury Grand Marquis, 1967 Cougar XRT. Old Car Parts; Loads of 1970 Mach I & Classic Car Parts; AC D17 Tractor & Loader; Vintage Buffalo Springfield Road Roller; Polaris 400 ATV; John Deere GX345 & 300 Lawn Tractors; Snowmobile; Harley Davidson Motorcycle; Shop Equipment; Welders & Torches; Tools; Farm Primitives; Semi Storage Trailer - Full of Parts; Salvage Iron & Old Farm Machinery; Lawn & Garden; Many Related Items!

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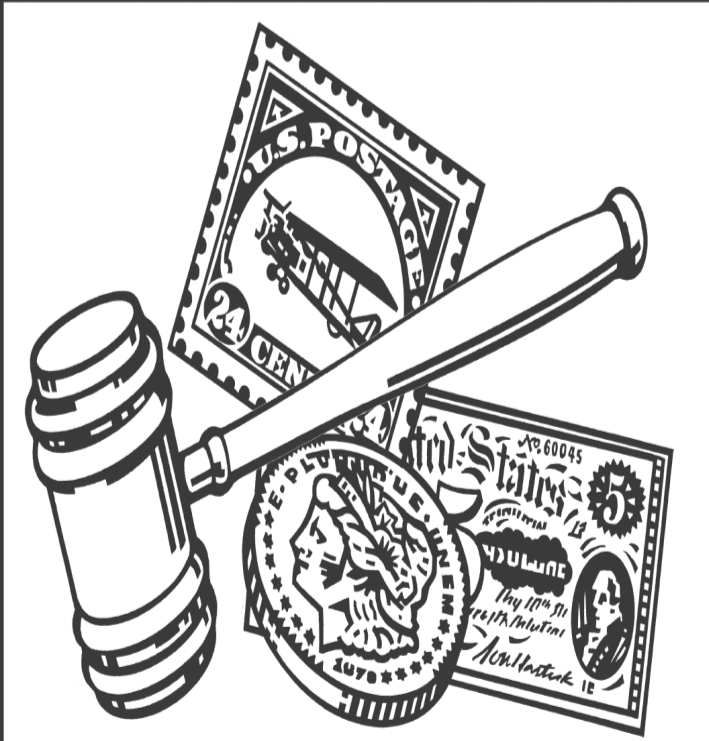
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PUBLICATION  
NOTICE OF COURT  
DATE FOR REQUEST  
FOR NAME CHANGE  
(MINOR CHILDREN)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
OGLE COUNTY  
REQUEST OF:  
Jessica Lynn Paulson  
TO CHANGE NAMES  
OF MINOR CHILDREN  
CASE NUMBER  
2021-MR-31  
There will be a court  
date on a Request for  
Name Change (Minor  
Children) for these  
children:

Current Name of  
Minor Child-Austin  
David Matthew May  
TO Proposed New  
Name of Minor Child-  
Austin David Matthew  
Paulson-May  
Court date: August 6,  
2021 at 10:30 a.m.  
at 106 S. 5th St.,  
Oregon, Ogle County,  
Courtroom 304.  
Jessica J. Paulson  
No. 0606 (June 14, 21,  
28)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDI-  
CIAL CIRCUIT OGLE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE GUARD-  
IANSHIP OF:  
A.Q., a Minor  
Case No. 200P73  
NOTICE OF HEAR-  
ING TO Mr. Juan Angel  
Quintero, last known  
addresses at 10329 S.  
83rd Ave.  
Palos Hills, IL 60465,  
and 4247 W. Melrose  
St., Apt. 2, Chicago, IL  
60641.  
On the 19th day of July,  
2021 at 9:00 am or  
as soon thereafter as  
counsel may be heard,  
I shall appear before  
the Honorable Judge  
Robert T. Hansen, or  
any Judge sitting in  
his stead, in courtroom  
number 204, at the Ogle  
County Judicial Cen-  
ter, 106 S 5th St #300,  
Oregon, IL 61061, and  
conduct a hearing pur-  
suant to the Petition  
for Appointment of Ple-  
nary Guardian, filed on  
7/31/2020, and request  
a Plenary Order for  
Guardianship pursuant  
to Petition for Appoint-  
ment of Plenary Guard-  
ian of Minor Child.  
Attorney: Marie Gross/  
Gardi & Haught, Ltd.  
Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF COURT  
DATE FOR REQUEST  
FOR NAME CHANGE  
(MINOR CHILDREN)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
OGLE COUNTY  
REQUEST OF:  
Christopher Andrew  
Aden  
TO CHANGE NAMES  
OF MINOR CHILDREN  
CASE NUMBER  
2021-MR-32  
There will be a court  
date on a Request for  
Name Change (Minor  
Children) for these  
children:  
Current Name of Minor  
Child - Ann Marie  
Stephanie Meredix  
TO Proposed New Name of  
Minor Child - Ann Marie  
Stephanie Aden Court  
date: August 5, 2021 at  
9 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St.,  
Oregon, Ogle County,  
Courtroom 304.  
Christopher Andrew  
Aden  
No. 0619 (June 21, 28  
and July 5, 2021)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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given that on June  
17, 2021, a certificate  
was filed in the Ogle  
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setting forth the names  
and post office address  
of all of the persons  
owning, conducting  
and transacting the  
business known as:  
Guenzler Home  
Improvements, 7782 IL  
Rt. 64, Mount Morris, IL  
61054.  
Dated: June 17, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 0620 (June 28, July  
5, 12)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby  
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was filed in the Ogle  
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setting forth the names  
and post office address  
of all of the persons  
owning, conducting  
and transacting the  
business known as:  
JT's Handman Service,  
17684 W. Eagle Point  
Rd., Polo, IL 61064.  
Dated: June 15, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 0621 (June 28, July  
5, 12)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the  
Landlord's lien  
provisions in rental  
agreement between  
Patricia Boomgarden  
Unit 121at White Eagle  
Storage, Forreton, IL.,  
this storage unit 121  
containing personal  
property will be sold or  
otherwise disposed of  
on or after July 15th,  
2021 at White Eagle  
Storage, 11627 Rt 72,  
Forreton, IL 61030.  
Payment must be made  
by July 15th, 2021 to  
prevent this sale.  
No. 0624 (June 28,  
July 5)

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**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**  
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cause to be published  
any advertisement  
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facility that is licensed  
or operating under a  
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Illinois Department of  
Children and Family  
Services may publish  
advertisements of the  
services for which it is  
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issued a permit. Your  
Hometown Newspaper  
strongly urges any  
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verify the validity of the  
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NEWSPAPER  
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(Rochelle) Several  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Park District has upcoming events, activities

### Lemonade In The Shade & Flamingo Bingo

Enjoy Bingo at The Reading Nook 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!

### Concert in the Park-Windbreakers

All are invited to the free summer concert at Park West on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The Harvard State Bank is sponsoring Windbreakers. Enjoy a distinctly smooth "Yacht Rock" tribute with hits from the 70's and 80's. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to Park West. You can bring a picnic but do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a great dinner, snacks and treats from the variety of Food Trucks.

### Farm to Table Dinner Curbside Pick-Up

Picnic In Tuscany is the theme for this year's fundraiser on Friday, July 30, 2021. Register early as a limited number of meals will be sold. Local "Celebrity Chefs" from your favorite restaurants and bakers will be preparing this 3-course meal which includes: Italian Grilled Chicken, Italian Meatballs, Tuscan Roasted Potatoes, Pasta Primavera, Italian Salad with Sicilian Dressing, Tuscan Bean Salad, Grissini and a dessert sampler which will satisfy your sweet tooth. Each meal is \$30 with proceeds benefitting the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.

### Learn to Make Salsa with Hector's Cocina

In July you can learn to make both Salsa Verde (Green Salsa with Tomatillos) and Rojo Salsa (Red Salsa using tomatoes). Salsa Verde classes are offered on Wednesday, July 7 (5:30 or 6:45 p.m. classes). Registration Deadline is June 30. Rojo Salsa classes are offered on Wednesday, July 21 (5:30 or 6:45 p.m.). Registration Deadline is July 14. Classes are held at Conover Square (next door to Hector's Cocina) and fee is \$13/Resident or \$16/Non-Resident.

### DIY Painting Kit for Kids-Ice Cream Cone

Purchase this fun painting kit that you can pull out and paint on a rainy day or when you have time. Artist, Amy Fenwick, will prepare your kit with pre-drawn ice cream cone on 11" x 14" canvas, all paint needed and access to an instructional video. If you need brushes, they can be purchased for an extra \$5. Kits will be available for pick up on July 13. Kits are \$17/Resident or \$20/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is July 6.

### Summer meals

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 12-1 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 Monday, June 7; Thursday, July 8; and Tuesday, August 3.

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

### Horseback Riding & Horse Care Lessons (Ages 9 and up)

Participants will learn basic skills needed to care for a horse and enjoy leisure trail-rides. Get hands-on experience grooming, saddling, basic groundwork, and riding at each lesson. Lesson includes 45 minutes of horse care and 45 minutes of trail ride. Lessons will be differentiated but are not compounded, allowing participants to enjoy one lesson or all four! No riding experience necessary. Classes occur on Saturday mornings in July from 1:30pm to 3:00pm at White Pines Ranch. The fee per class is \$60 for Residents and \$72 for Non-Residents. Sign up for all four for \$200 for Residents and \$240 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is July 1. Register at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

### Taft History Tour

Lorado Taft is one of the best places to enjoy a meal on Sunday, July 11 at 10:00am. With one of the most iconic views of the Rick River, join us for our famous cinnamon rolls and delicious brunch! The fee is just \$25 per Resident and \$30 per Non-Resident. Afterward, we will go on an optional short tour of the campus to learn about the history of Lorado Taft's art colony and look at the pieces of art left behind. Deadline to register is July 5. Don't miss out! Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

### Pioneer Living

A program for all ages! Travel back in time with Lorado Taft! Explore our authentic 1800's cabin, make candles and use tools to learn more about our local history on Sunday, July 11 from 1 to 3pm. The fee is just \$6 per Resident and \$7 per Non-Resident. This program takes place outside, please dress for the weather. Register by July 7 for your spot in the program. Register at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

### Soccer Camp

Oregon High School Soccer Camp is back, July 19th- July 23rd! Varsity coaches, Seger Larson and Tiffany Rufer, and the Oregon Hawks team will run this fun, interactive, and informative camp at Park West! The coach and his players will teach the fundamentals of the game, various strategies, as well as team work. Each participant will also receive a camp shirt and ball.

Ages 4-5, Noon - 1pm Fee \$33/\$38NR

Ages 6-14, 9am-11:30am Fee \$48/ \$53 NR

Registration Deadline: 7/5/21, register online at www.oregonapr.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

### Fall Soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Fall of 2021! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 22nd in Oregon and surrounding towns. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below:

U6- Born in 2016

U7- Born in 2015

U9- Born in 2013 & 2014

U11- Born in 2011 & 2012

U13- Born in 2009 & 2010

U15- Born in 2007 & 2008 (No H.S. Players allowed).

Players will receive their own ball. Register at Nash, online at www.oregonpark.org, or by calling 815-732-3101.

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