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Clean energy bill stalls

Negotiations continue on legislation that would save Byron plant

By Brad Jennings
Editor

The Illinois Senate failed to come up with a Clean Energy Bill last week, with environmentalists and labor leaders far apart on the negotiations.

That means the future of the Byron Generating Station is still up in the air.

"We are disappointed that a comprehensive climate and energy bill that would preserve Illinois' largest source of clean energy failed to pass, paradoxically putting at risk the clean air and jobs goals that all policymakers rightfully agree are critical to our state," said Paul Adams, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications with

Exelon said. "We are mindful and appreciative of efforts by environmentalists and labor leaders to continue negotiating on the remaining issues and we hope that legislative leaders are right in expressing optimism that this stalemate may be resolved in time to preserve Illinois' nuclear fleet. Absent quick passage of legislation, Exelon has no choice

but to proceed with retiring Byron in September and Dresden in November, as previously announced."

Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27, 2020 that it intends to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021.

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White Pines open for business



Troy Derrer, general manager of White Pines Lodge, cuts the ribbon signifying the re-opening of the lodge and grounds at White Pines on Monday, June 14. People from the Oregon Area Chamber, City of Oregon, Village of Mt. Morris, the Polo Chamber, Blackhawk Waterways CVB and Peter Cimino from Kinzinger's office were all in attendance for the ceremony. The dinner theater is expected to re-open in early July. It was recently announced that Nolan Capital would manage White Pines. It was closed during the pandemic. (Brad Jennings photo)

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle (left), with Chief Deputy Danielle Hardesty.



Hardesty County's highest ranking female deputy ever

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle recently announced the appointment of Lt. Danielle Hardesty to the position of Chief Deputy.

The move means that Hardesty is the highest ranking female deputy in the 184 year history of the agency.

Hardesty began her career with the Sheriff's Office in 2001 serving in many capacities including corrections deputy, patrol deputy, investigations, patrol sergeant and most recently as lieutenant.

Hardesty has resided in the area her entire life graduating from Ashton High School and attending Illinois State University earning a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, she is also a graduate of the Northwestern University's Staff and Command program.

"Danielle's extensive knowledge and passion to serve the citizens of this county make her a great selection to lead this agency well into the future" said Sheriff VanVickle.

County COVID cases down

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – What a difference a year makes.

Last year, the Ogle County Board was holding tele meetings, with board members and the public calling in. And when Kyle Auman, Public Health Administrator for the county, reported to the board, the news on COVID-19 cases was generally bad.

But on Tuesday, June 15, the County Board met in person for the first time in more than a year. And Auman didn't have bad news.

"Happy to be coming here finally with some better news than I... did in the past," he said. "Things are starting to trend in the right direction for us."

Auman told the board that the 7-day positivity rate for the region was 1.5 percent. That number for Ogle County was 1.8 percent. He said hospital bed availability was also up.

For the county, there have been 6,200 cases of COVID, with 83 deaths. The number of deaths has been steady for a couple of months.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon man killed, woman hurt in traffic crash June 10

OREGON – An Oregon man was killed and a woman injured in a traffic crash in Oregon Thursday, June 10.

At about 4:10 p.m., the Oregon Police Department responded to the intersection of East Washington Street and River Road. A white Chrysler van, driven by Shamika Mathis of Delavan, Wis., pulled from River Road into the path of a white 2014 CanAm 3-wheel motorcycle traveling west on Washington Street, causing the collision.

The driver of the CanAm, James Ross, and the passenger, Linda Ross, also of

Oregon, were both ejected from the motorcycle. James Ross was pronounced deceased. Linda Ross was transported to Mercy Health by the Oregon Ambulance, where she is listed in critical condition as of the time of this release.

Mathis and the occupants of the van were evaluated by the Oregon Ambulance and released at the scene. This accident remains under investigation.

Oregon Police were assisted by the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, who provided accident reconstruction services and traffic control assistance.



Karen Gallant and her Grandmother, Jean Dickman, enjoy their time together at Lemonade in the Shade and Flamingo Bingo.

Bingo back on Mondays in Oregon

OREGON – Regular Bingo players are thrilled to be back at The Reading Nook on Mondays for Lemonade in the Shade and Flamingo Bingo.

The Oregon Park District invites Bingo players of all ages to join in on the fun on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. for the remainder of June and in July. Register through the Park District ahead of time online at www.oregonpark.org, over the

phone at 815-732-3101 or at Nash Recreation Center. Five games are called each Monday and there are multiple winners. Registration fee is \$6/Resident or \$7/Non-Resident.

All proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to help youth in need of financial assistance to participate in sports and recreation programs through the

Oregon Park District.

Bring your bingo daubers and some extra cash so you can purchase extra bingo cards. Each registration comes with 5 bingo sheets (10 cards) and a glass of refreshing sweet lemonade. Additional bingo sheets can be purchased at the park with cash for \$1/sheet. Participants of all ages are welcome to register. Lucky winners select a gift from the prize table.

HAPPY Retirement

We extend our congratulations to

John Kane

as he retires after 18 years with Stillman Bank!



John has served as the Director of Human Resources since starting at Stillman Bank in 2003. He was promoted to Vice President in 2016. Thank you John for your 18 years of loyalty and dedicated service to Stillman Bank!

Best Wishes John!



BILL: Governor has called for subsidies for nuclear plants

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Byron will close in September 2021. That would mean not only the loss of about 700 jobs, but it will also mean the loss of millions of dollars in taxes locally.

Paul Dempsey, Communications Manager of the Byron station, said that the station's 2017 tax bill was more than \$38 million. The taxes went to a variety

of taxing bodies, including the Byron School District, Ogle County and the Byron Museum and Library District.

Gov. JB Pritzker has called for legislation that includes nearly \$700 in subsidies over five years for the nuclear plants.

According to published reports, Senate President Don Harmon has expressed confidence that the Senate will get a deal done on a bill.

COVID: County will continue offering vaccines

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Currently, 20,628 vaccines have been given in the county, with 20,025 people living in Ogle County being fully vaccinated – 39.32 percent of the population. Of those vaccinated, 77 percent are ages 65 and over.

“Happy about those numbers,” Auman said. “We still want to try to get as many people vaccinated in Ogle County as we can.”

So the county is still running vaccination events. And Auman said the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be offered for the rest of the summer.

He said as the state is now in Phase 5, the only

places where masks are still mandatory are health care facilities, schools and on mass transit.

“You have done an amazing job getting through this,” County Board Chairman John Finfrock told Auman after his update.

In other action:

* Bruce E. Larson was sworn in to represent District 5. He replaces Marty Tyer, who resigned last month after being elected Village President in Stillman Valley.

* Finfrock opened the meeting by pointing out this is the first face-to-face meeting of the board since last year.

“Nice to see everyone here,” he said. “Good to be back.”



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LOCAL NEWS

OCEC recognizes staff members for years of service

Ogle County Education Cooperative (OCEC) recently recognized staff this year for years of service. Among the staff are four leaders within the organization and together they offer 90 years of service to students, staff and families in Ogle County.

OCEC honors Terry Camplain, for 30 years of service. Camplain serves as the Principal of Chana Education Center, a therapeutic day school program of OCEC, which focuses on the social and emotional growth of students.

Camplain has served 13 years as a School Psychologist in Rochelle, and 17 years as Principal at Chana. His biggest accomplishment may very well be demonstrated by his daily interactions with students, families and staff.

Camplain encourages others to be their best and provides solid advice in challenging situations. He mentors others and provides the school program with a steady balance of head and heart, always with a direct focus of what is best for kids.

Camplain has been awarded Illinois School Psychologist of the Year

in 2001, as well as, Focus House Volunteer of the Year. He is a Member of the Ogle County Juvenile Justice Council and Certified Trainer for Trauma Informed School Approaches. He develops and provides training to local school districts and for Regional Offices of Education on trauma informed care with his teams. He has enjoyed serving as a Referee for The Ogle County All Stars. He has been a Supervisor for School Psychologists in training.

Not only can you see him encouraging, supporting, teaching and providing for his students at school day to day, you may catch a glimpse of him in a local dart tournament or on stage. He is a Member of Vince Carney Community Theatre and a Member of Exit 99 Improvisational Comedy Troupe.

Ogle County Education Cooperative is thankful for his leadership and service. He has created an effective and outstanding program for students based on trauma informed approaches and growth mindset. He resides in Davis Junction with his wife, Jeanie.

Veterans breakfast will be June 29 in Oregon

OREGON – Ogle County veterans and one guest and current military members are invited to a free breakfast on Tuesday, June 29, at the Oregon VFW Post 8739, 1310 W. Washington St.

Hours for this breakfast will be 9-11 a.m. and you will be able to meet Luz Maria Gilkey and discuss any veteran related specifics you might have.

This breakfast is being hosted by the Veterans

Assistance Commission of Ogle County and its oversight Board Of Directors. Please come and join us for this event as we are here to help any eligible Veterans of Ogle County.

A Special Thank You goes out to the Oregon VFW Post 8739 and its staff for assisting with this Veterans breakfast event. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you June 29.

Church hosting movie night

BYRON – The United Church of Byron invites you to our first outdoor Free Family Movie Night on Friday, June 25.

The movie will take place out on church lawn (or will be held inside the fellowship hall if it rains). We will be showing the movie "Trolls World Tour" (When the Queen tries to take over all the Troll kingdoms, Queen Poppy and her friends try

different ways to save all the Trolls).

The movie starts at dusk. Popcorn and root beer floats will be available for a freewill donation starting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and bug spray! We ask those attending to observe CDC and local/state/federal guidelines. This is open to the community.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815-234-8777.

Fountain event June 24

OREGON – Oregon Mayor Ken Williams, city officials and the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invite the community to join them on Thursday, June 24 at 5 p.m. for the Iron Mike Fountain ceremony in Oregon.

Williams would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers who have lovingly relocated, restored and created this beautiful space for all to enjoy.

The event is on the corner of Rt. 2 and 64 and will include a ribbon cutting and flipping the switch for a cool drink of water at the city's historic fountain.



Park concert

Oregon Park West was busy Tuesday night, June 15 with the Kick-off to the Summer Concert Series. A very special thank you to the City of Oregon for sponsoring the StingRays. It was a great night and so fun to see people out enjoying themselves! This couldn't be done without our generous sponsors. Thank you City of Oregon. Join us next Tuesday, June 22 at Park West for the 6:30 p.m. concert. Soda will be playing classic rock, 80's, new wave, reggae and more sponsored by KSB Clinic, Oregon. Bottom photo: City Commissioner Melanie Cozzi and Mayor Ken Williams.

Oregon Public Library partners with PCs for People

OREGON – The Oregon Public Library announces a new partnership with PCs for People.

It will be a distribution site for this organization to provide technology resources to the community and bridge the digital divide.

PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individ-

uals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use these links below. You can also contact PCs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at info@pcsforpeople.org. Check your eligibility here:

<https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/>

You can sign up online for our distribution location here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonLtech> or call 708-848-8450. If you need assistance with completing the online application the library is happy to help. Call at 815-732-2724 to schedule a time to apply.

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A Celebration of Life for Kathryn M. Biberstein

Monday, July 5, 2021
2:00 – 5:00 pm

Kathryn Mae (Meyers) Biberstein, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away February 15, 2021 at Serenity Home and Hospice in Oregon IL. Kathryn was born on December 13, 1940 in Rockford IL to Harold William Meyers and Laura Jane (Morley) Meyers. Kathryn graduated from Winnebago (IL) High School and Blackburn College in Carlinville IL. She married Wolodymir (Walter) Biberstein on July 1, 1967 in Rockford IL. They enjoyed traveling to all 50 states along with Canada and Europe, although for her planning the trips were as much fun as the trips themselves. Along with building their own home, they were avid gardeners, bird watchers and spent many vacations camping and fishing, primarily in Wisconsin. Kathryn also enjoyed quilting and photography. Kathryn taught middle school math in Springfield IL, Dodgeville WI and Rockford IL before leaving teaching to raise her children. She later returned to teaching as a substitute teacher and eventually taught 8th and 6th grade math at Meridian Jr High School in Stillman Valley IL. Kathryn is survived by her husband, their three children, Jane of Loves Park, Kay of Waukesha WI and William (Stephanie) of Orrington ME and their two grandsons Nicholas and Jacob.

The family would like to extend an invitation to family and friends to drop by and celebrate the life of Kathryn at a casual gathering on Monday, July 5, 2021 from 2-5 pm. We would love to hear your memories and stories of her.

Light refreshments will be served.
Rock River Center
810 S 10th St,
Oregon, IL 61061

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Edwin Strauss

POLO—Edwin Strauss died peacefully on Sunday, June 13th, 2021. Edwin Lee Strauss was born on Oct. 9, 1927 in Monroe, Wis., to Lee and Hazel (Williams) Strauss. His family moved to Polo when Ed was in 8th grade, and he was a proud graduate of Polo Community High School. Ed was drafted into the army straight out of high school in the spring of 1945 where he specialized in Russian cryptography and would joke that, “there were a lot more letters in the Russian alphabet.” He was stationed in Virginia at a base that was disguised as a dairy farm and later at a base in California disguised as a sheep farm. Little did he know this would foreshadow what was later to come.



located on the north east corner of the farm until they purchased their current homestead just across the road in Ogle County.

Ed loved the farm, working the land, and raising livestock with his best friend Joan. He had interesting views on life and would sometimes “preach a sermon” to the livestock that he was attempting to corral. Ed enjoyed playing cards with friends and family and would take special joy in beating his grandchildren in Euchre. He loved Gorilla tape and used it to fix anything from clothing to a hydraulic reservoir on the John Deere mower (it worked!). Because he had a tendency to disregard the safety warnings affixed to any power tool or ladder, these items had to be moved to undisclosed locations. Of special importance were the extended visits from his #1 daughter who would accompany him to the casinos. Ever the optimist when it came to gambling, Ed loved to play the lottery. Additionally, he also enjoyed nearly winning the Publishers Clearing House on a yearly basis.

A consummate farmer and life-long learner, Ed read the WSJ daily but he didn’t miss an episode of “Ancient Aliens.” (Is the

moon real or just an alien spaceship?) A bit of a mad scientist, one of his many “experiments” included placing twine around the laundry basket to make wearable handles. (Ingenious!) Twine or bailing wire often played a pivotal role in his farmer fixes. Although he also swore he didn’t like chocolate and sweets that much, his dentist might offer a different opinion.

Most Friday nights, Ed could be found dining at the Pinecricker with his family. He always had a positive attitude and would put a smile on the faces of anyone that knew him. He was a loving father, devoted husband, and will be missed dearly.

Survivors include two children, Susan (Jerry Love) of Gilbert, Ariz.; Steve (Janet Henning Strauss) of Polo; five grandchildren, Kailey, Jacob, Curtiss, Lauren, and Kate as well as some rather special nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joan, his father Lee, mother Hazel, sister Audrey McPherson and grandson Mason Love.

A visitation will be Thursday, June 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E Dixon St, Polo. A private graveside service will be held at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo where he will be laid to rest next to his wife.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be dedicated in Ed’s name to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com.

Susan B. Ferguson

MOUNT MORRIS—Susan B. Ferguson, lifelong Oregon/Mt. Morris resident, died Monday June 14, 2021 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron. Born May 11, 1947 in Oregon, the daughter of George C. and Margie (Nichols) Bowers.



spending time with her grandchildren, cooking and volunteered at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Mt. Morris. She was a former member of Mt. Morris Moose Lodge.

Survived by her son, Chad (Cathy Jo) Ferguson of Davis; daughter, Cathy Ferguson-Allen of Dixon; and grandchildren: Ad-

dison Ferguson, Brynlee Ferguson, Brailey Tarbert, Kaiya Tarbert and Blake Ferguson-Allen.

Also predeceased by her parents; daughter-in-law, Ronelle Allen; 1 brother; and 3 sisters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Rachel Cocar of First Baptist Church, Dixon, officiated. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, rural Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Susan’s name may be made to Mt. Morris Senior Center or Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Mt. Morris.

Maria A. Rogers

Maria A. (Veitch) Rogers, 1970-2021, age 51, of Rockford passed away in her home surrounded by her family on Monday, June 14, 2021 after a 15 year battle with cancer. She didn’t lose the battle. She lived a long time, enjoying this life with Jesus as her strength.



Tracy Bengtson, Eric and Sondra Bengtson; numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins, a few who were with her almost every weekend, Darcy (Eddie) Foreman, Chris (Adela) Raney, Justin (Aly) Foreman; also lots of family and friends.

Maria was born March 11, 1970 in Rockford, the daughter of Edgar Veitch and Carol (Reno) Gucciardo. She attended Jefferson High School in Rockford. She was employed with Winnebago County for 30-plus years with her final employment being within the County Clerk’s Office. She enjoyed the people and the work she had done there very much.

Maria married Jon Bengtson on April 10, 2010. She enjoyed playing softball, having get-togethers, listening to music, having fires and making sure everyone was having fun. She loves Jesus and knows her Creator and Savior and was

very excited to step into His presence. She was a member of Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Stillman Valley that has a congregation and a pastor going above and beyond anything she could’ve imagined.

She is survived by her husband Jon; two children whom she absolutely adored, Andrew (Taylor Hilliard) Rogers and Alex Bengtson, whom are both her ‘favorite;’ Dad, Edgar (Debbie) Veitch; siblings, Edgar (Tami) Veitch; John Veitch; Lily; nephews and nieces; Andrews’ Dad, Dave (Tina) Rogers; in-laws, Carl and Linda Bengtson, Dan and

death by her mom, Carol; Step-dads Pat Gucciardo and Joe Gucciardo; and her grandparents.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m., Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley, with the Rev. Eric Tonjes pastor of the church officiating. Visitation was Friday evening at the church from 4-7 p.m. The burial was at the Stillman Valley Cemetery immediately following the service. A memorial fund is established in Maria’s name. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Maria.

Zada B. Hitchcock

OREGON—Zada B. Hitchcock, 91, lifelong Oregon resident, died Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris. Born Feb. 27, 1930 in Flippin, Ark., the daughter of James E. and Nellie Mae (Mallinson) Ware.



Hartweck, Dawn Templeman, Joe Harmon, Jason Harmon, Jesse Bailey, Stephanie Bailey. Myria Bailey, Matthew Hitchcock, John Bemus and Jennifer Bemus; and many, many great-grandchildren.

Married to Jack Hitchcock Nov. 3, 1956 in Oregon; he died July 28, 2013. Zada was employed at Kysor Westran in Byron over 30 years prior to retiring. She was a member of East Oregon Church of God and the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge. Zada enjoyed fishing, crafting, watching the Cubs and Bears, and going to the Chana Sale Barn. She was also an avid bowler and joined many leagues.

Thomas Harmon of Amboy and Charles Harmon of Chicago; daughters: Zada (Gary) Bailey of Mt. Morris, Cathy Bemus of Oregon, Alice (Leroy) Dukes of Amboy, Dolores White of Ashton and Debbie Weight of Rockford; grandchildren: Brian Dukes, Susan Dukes, Jay Vivian, John Vivian, Jennifer Kaecker, Jessica Harmon, Sara

Also predeceased by her parents; infant son, Jack; and sons, George and Harold Harmon.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 18 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor John Guthrie officiated. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, rural Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Zada’s name may be made to Pinecrest Terrace at Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris.

Mary L. Weller

MOUNT MORRIS—Mary L. Weller, 90 of Mt. Morris, passed away Monday, June 14, 2021, at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.



Jessica Weller and great nephews Daniel Chapman and Adam Weller.

Mary was born Aug. 5, 1930 in Dixon, the daughter of John C. and Mary Weller.

Mary was an Associate Professor at Sauk Valley Community College in the Biology department for over 30 years. She graduated from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa with a Bachelors degree, Masters of Science degree from University of Illinois and Postgraduate work in biological sciences at Northern Illinois University. She enjoyed traveling all over the world, gardening, read-

ing, feeding her birds and keeping up on the latest news. Mary volunteered at the Ronald Regan Home in Dixon and assisted with the adult reading program locally.

Survivors include niece Cynthia (James) Chapman of Monroe, Wi and nephew Brad (Chris) Weller of Mt. Morris; great niece

She was preceded in death by her Parents; brothers Charles and John Weller.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Polo. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial took place immediately following the Mass at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Polo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL-Rt 2, Dixon.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

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Mobile Food Pantry set for Wednesday

MOUNT MORRIS—Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Wednesday, June 23, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open anyone in Ogle County.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth

Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone in the Mt. Morris/Leaf River area experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. The Mobile Pantries are an extra food distribution. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

The pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4573 and leave a message.

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 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.

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.

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Cost (includes RT transportation and Live Performance):

\$90 Members / \$95 Non-Members
Reservation Information:

* Prepaid reservations can be made in person at Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by mail.

* Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline.

* Reservation and payment deadline: Friday, Aug. 27.

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

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This program is available through August 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.

Support Groups Cancer Support Group

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

Caregiver Support Group

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

Oregon Police report

May 27

At 11:59 a.m., Oregon Police observed a vehicle that matched the vehicle described in the hit and run that occurred on 5/19/2021 on 10th Street. Upon further investigation, Julie A. Robertson, 32, of Springfield, was arrested for improper use of registration, and unlawful use of a driver's license. Robertson was also issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and leaving the scene of an accident with vehicle damage. Robertson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

May 28

At 12:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued L. C. Carr, 55, Dixon, a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. This violation occurred near the 3rd and Washington Street intersection.

May 29

At 11:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Raymond H. Beardin, 37, Davis Junction, a citation for speeding, 45mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

5 parking ticket and 3 verbal warnings issued during the week of 05/24/2021 through 05/30/2021.

May 31

At 11:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Emily A. Burnett, 19, of Cedar Rapids, IA, a citation for speeding, 40mph in a 30mph zone, and a civil citation for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams. These violations occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street. These violations occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street.

June 1

At 8:14 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Alissa M. Moreno, 25, Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Moreno was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

June 2

At 6:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tiffany E. Adcock, 41, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 60mph in a 35mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

June 3

At 4:09 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Walter C. Brady, 21, of Spragueville, IA, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Brady was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 7:40 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joshua Mothershed, 38, Sterling, on an outstanding Pope County warrant for possession of methamphetamine. A passenger in Mothershed's vehicle, Brittany L. Stanley, 32, Sterling, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis as a passenger. Both Mothershed and Stanley were transported to the Ogle County jail.

June 4

At 8:19 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael C. Cover, 27, Dixon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for

contempt of court. Cover was transported to the Ogle County jail.

June 5

At 10:47 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Richard W. Major, 54, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for aggravated identity theft. Major was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 6:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued Larry Tuggles, 64, of Aurora, IL, a citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of River Road.

At 10:17 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christian G. Guerrero, 22, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

June 6

At 8:09 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jonathan A. Kattner, 25, of Ottumwa, IA, delivery of cannabis 500 grams to 2000 grams, a class 2 felony; possession of cannabis 500 to 2000 grams, a class 3 felony; and improper container of cannabis, a class a misdemeanor. Kattner was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 2000 block of South IL Route 2.

4 parking ticket and 9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 05/31/2021 through 06/06/2021.

June 4

At 4:50 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of S. 4th and Washington Streets involving a 2005 Pontiac driven by Cassandra L. Nyderek, 17, Oregon, and a 2019 Chrysler driven by Angela S. Villareal, age 40, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 6:38 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Randy W. Reinhold, 29, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for contempt of court. Reinhold was transported to the Ogle County jail.

June 7

At 10:21 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Melissa A. Lamb, 49, of Strawberry, AZ, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Lamb was transported to the Ogle County jail.

June 8

At 7:06 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michelle S. Goodrum, 45, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 7:29 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Marie K. Richardson, 48, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Richardson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert M. Disch, 50, Oregon, on two outstanding Ogle County warrants. One for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and one for Failure to Appear. Disch was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bonnie S. Burger, 63, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

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Senior Center trip

Seniors from Mt. Morris went to the Anderson Japanese Gardens on June 15. The Mt. Morris Senior Center hosted the trip to celebrate National Nature Photography Day. They enjoyed a tour given by docents who gave great information about plants, history, and Japanese Gardens. After their tour they had a delicious lunch at Fresco at the Gardens. The day was beautiful with gorgeous weather and wonderful company. Thank you to the Rock River Center for providing transportation. Pictured front row: Judy McNett, Maribelle Gersey, Melissa Nicholson back row: Marilyn Wolber, Elaine Sweet, Kathy Heid, Linda Black, Steve Duncan, Julia Seper, Linda Hundertmark, and Marilyn Smith.

Annual quilt show will be July 9-11 at Byron Museum

BYRON – The Byron Museum’s 33rd 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, Wearable 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!”

Mount Morris announces Artist-in-Residence for 2021

MOUNT MORRIS – Encore! Mt. Morris welcomes Annie Timmer as their Summer 2021 Artist-in-Residence.

This is the fourth year for the Encore! A-in-R 10-week summer artist position. Timmer is a Forrester High School honors graduate, and currently a sophomore art education major at Illinois State University. She has received many art awards, and has had years of experience in Girl Scouting, 4-H, FFA, weaving/quilting, trap shooting, and has served in various leadership positions.

Timmer and Encore! are planning many ways to make art fun this summer, including designing a number of paint-the-town projects in Mt. Morris parks, the Senior Center and other locations. Help is needed! High school students

and adults interested in participating in the summer art projects can volunteers by emailing ATimmer@encoremtnorris.com.

Encore is always looking for volunteers including hosting at the gallery for up to 2 hours on a Wednesday or Friday evening and during weekend events on the campus. There are many other ways to get involved with Encore, go to EncoreMtMorris.com and click the Volunteer button, email molly@encoremtnorris.com, or call the Village Hall at 815-734-6425

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois.

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Dickson joins Stillman Bank

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Karla Dickson as Director of Human Resources.

In her position, Karla will be responsible for planning and managing human resource programs and strategies for the bank, including recruiting and retention, employee relations and engagement, and day-to-day procedures. In addition, she will manage all aspects of benefit and payroll administration and employment compliance with federal programs, policies and regulations.

Raised in Dixon, Karla earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Organizational Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has 11 years of experience in human resources, over 3 of those years being within the financial industry. Karla



is an accredited Senior Certified Professional through the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM-SCP) and as also earned her Professional in Human Resources certification (PHR) from the HRCI - Human Resources Certification Institute.

“We are delighted to welcome Karla to Stillman Bank,” said Thomas R. Hughes, President and COO. “With her vast background in human resources, she will serve as a great addition to our team by providing valuable insight and direction as our staff and service offerings continue to grow.”

Mt. Morris Class of '57 breakfast is July 3

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris High School Class of 1957 will be holding its annual breakfast July 3 at 8 a.m. at the Campus Cafe across from the Band Shell.

The Pandemic spoiled the record, but this will be the 64th annual breakfast gathering if the 2020 missed year isn't counted. The Class of '57 has held annual breakfast gatherings since graduation, one place or the other, keeping in touch with one another at Christmas just did

not seem enough and friends, old friends became very important.

If you are in the area come and join us and this invitation extends to other MMHS classes that may wish to drop by to say “Hello.” Plans are being considered for Class of '57 holding its 65th class reunion in 2022 and your input would be so welcome. Please try to join us in our ongoing tribute to our years in that fine school and the bond we formed therein.

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Sale to benefit museum is June 25-27

LEAFRIVER – There will be a fundraiser sale and ice cream social to benefit the Leaf River Museum and Historical Society June 25-27.

Sale hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. June 25 and 26, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 27. The ice cream social will be on June 27 from 1-4 p.m.

There will be a variety of items on sale.

The sale will be held in the old firehouse next to the Bertolet Building on W. 2nd Street.

LOCAL NEWS



Grungy Roots

Friday, June 11, the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce was pleased to welcome Grungy Roots, LLC to the community with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. The event was catered by Hector's Cocina and well attended by chamber members, family, friends, and members of the greater community. Grungy Roots is located on historic Rt. 2 in Grand Detour (8094 IL-2 Grand Detour IL.) They specialize in plants of all kinds and offer from rare to the most common plants. Check out their "pot your own plant station" and don't worry, you won't leave without learning how to care for your new plant from owner Ashley or her husband Kevin. They are open Wednesday-Sundays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Give them a call sometime to talk about plants and music at 815-615-8381.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., June 21

Share Your Story, 1-2 p.m. at the Byron Public Library Meeting Room. Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Weds., June 23

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile

Food Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open anyone in Ogle County.

Thurs., June 24

Polo Farmer's Market – Rt. 26/Division Ave., City Parking Lot South of Shell Station. 3-6 p.m.

Fri., June 25

Forreston Farmer's Market – Rt. 26/72, Library/Subway Parking Lot. 8 a.m.-noon. The United Church of Byron

is hosting an outdoor Free Family Movie Night. The movie will take place out on church lawn (or will be held inside the fellowship hall if it rains). We will be showing the movie "Trolls World Tour." The movie starts at dusk. Popcorn and root beer floats will be available for a freewill donation starting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and bug spray.

There will be a fundraiser sale and ice cream social to benefit the Leaf River Museum and Historical Society today through Sunday. Sale hours today and Saturday will be

9 a.m.-6 p.m., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Sat. June 26

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On July 21, 365 A.D., a powerful earthquake off the coast of Greece causes a tsunami that devastates the city of Alexandria, Egypt. It was not until 1995 that archaeologists discovered the ruins of the old city off the coast of present-day Alexandria.

* On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.

* On July 19, 1799, the Rosetta Stone is found in Egypt by a French soldier. The irregularly shaped black basalt slab contained fragments of passages written in Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. It held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

* On July 24, 1901, William Sydney Porter, otherwise known as O. Henry, is released from prison after serving three years for embezzlement from a bank in Austin, Texas. He began writing stories to support his young daughter while he was in prison.

* On July 25, 1917, in Paris, the exotic dancer Mata Hari is sentenced to death by a French court for spying on Germany's behalf during World War I. Since 1903, she had performed in Paris as a dancer, claiming she was an Indian priestess.

* On July 20, 1948, President Harry Truman institutes a military draft with a proclamation calling for nearly 10 million men to register for within the next two months. Truman's action came during increasing Cold War tensions with the Soviet Union.

* On July 23, 1976, members of the American Legion who were gathered in Philadelphia begin suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia. Within 10 days, 22 people were dead and hundreds were experiencing pneumonia-like symptoms. Their ailment would come to be known as Legionnaires disease.

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Drought, severe heat killing the West

As someone born and raised in the desert, I know what living in hot, dry weather is all about.

One of the things I and others who have moved to cooler, wetter parts of the country love to do is tease our friends who still live in the desert Southwest. They tease us in the winter when it is great there – we tease them in the summer when it is much nicer here.

But this year and last year, we haven't really done that. The heat has become incredibly difficult to deal with in places like Phoenix, Ariz., and Las Vegas, Nev. And the entire region is in the worst drought in modern history. I have read that if the drought continues, it will devastate the region.

I am talking about pretty much all of the West, from New Mexico up to Washington. California is really struggling.

The Colorado River, which runs through my hometown of Yuma, Ariz., is in severe danger. There was a prison built on its banks in the late 1800s, and in pictures from that era the river rises nearly to the prison. Now you can barely see the river from

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



the old prison grounds, now a state park.

Lake Mead, near Las Vegas, is at 40 percent of capacity. And it is projected to soon drop to its lowest levels ever.

The once might Colorado River has been decimated by cities like Las Vegas, which takes water for drinking and those lovely casino fountains. That is one reason people like me – and I do love Vegas – hate those fountains. They are an incredible waste of a very precious resource.

Los Angeles takes water. Phoenix, once a fairly quiet town, is a sprawling metropolis. And all those

people need water. In the middle of a dry and getting drier desert, they need more and more water.

Farmers are going to suffer first. Yes, the region I grew up in is desert, but it home to a lot of farmland. Those winter vegetables you enjoy? They are grown in the desert, and most of the water to grow them comes from the Colorado River.

Once the water levels get dangerously low, the farmers will see their water cutoff first. That will be devastating for the entire region, economically, and the entire country when it comes to year-around items like lettuce.

I read quotes from one farmer south of Phoenix saying this might be his last year of production on a huge family farm that has been in his family for a couple of generations. The reason is simple: No water.

The heat was always pretty bad there. I remember once or twice in my decades of living there that the temperatures got above 120 degrees. It was miserable. You didn't leave the house unless you had to. But those extreme

temps were very rare and didn't last long.

Now they are becoming common. Climate scientists have been warning about this for years and years, and now it is coming to pass. Climate change is leading to these extreme temperatures and there is no end in sight.

I see my friends on social media post about it often. Last year, a few talked about leaving the state if the extreme temperatures persist. Well, those temps are back this year, and it looks like they will just get worse in the future.

I worry about the future of the part of this country I call home. Lack of rain and snow and extremely hot weather are changing the face of the West. My dream was to get a place to spend my winters in Arizona, but now I am not sure that will happen.

But I do plan to head to Vegas in the next year or so to get a look at those fountains before they become a thing of the past. It is going to happen; it is just a question of when.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

The map, the territory and why we're always wrong

"The map is not the territory," said philosopher and engineer Alfred Korzybski. We all know that, don't we? We know that road maps, for example, aren't the same as the ground under us.

But Korzybski was talking about the kind of map we carry inside our heads. It stands for everything we know or think we know and, like a two-dimensional road map, it misleads us when we confuse it with reality.

There's a word for it: naïve realism. Miriam Webster's dictionary defines it as "the common-sense viewpoint that our perception of the world is a direct copy of it." Lee Ross and other social psychologists have examined this illusion of objectivity, along with the accompanying belief that people who see things differently are ignorant, irrational, or biased.

Psychologist Daniel Kahneman shatters this mirage in his best-selling book, "Thinking Fast and Slow." His research reveals that the mind is far from the truth-seeking machine that we imagine it to be.

Most of our thinking takes place in a mode Kahneman calls System

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



1, which works through emotion and intuition. It's quick and makes limited demands on our energy, which is why it's been essential for survival throughout the ages. System 1 develops mental models, maps of reality that guide our thoughts and behavior.

The "maps" are a mix of emotions, impressions, and associations that seem to fit together, regardless of whether or not they faithfully represent reality. It's only when that comfortable harmony is threatened that logic and the testing of ideas – what most of us call "thinking" – come into play. Kahneman calls this System 2.

System 2 consumes a lot of energy. That's why we use it as little as possible. Even then, it's

inclined to support System 1's ideas if it can. Both are driven to preserve an easy and comfortable "illusion of truth," which they abandon only under extreme circumstances.

This reliance on intuition and emotion isn't the only barrier between us and reality. The words that we must use to describe it are another. Fritjof Capra, in "The Tao of Physics" finds a surprising harmony about this idea between two otherwise dissimilar groups.

Many of the most eminent quantum physicists, scientists who study the invisible world of the atom, have concluded that reality at its most basic level can't be contained within the words and categories that we invent. This has also been a basic tenet of Eastern philosophy. "The truth that can be named is not the truth," said the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu.

We can't "see" reality. We each must instead invent our own version, and none of us are free from the limitations of language or from our inherent bias against logic and truth. Accepting this seemingly depressing fact can nevertheless open pathways to new possi-

bilities.

Consider the following from psychotherapist Steve Lankton in his book, "Practical Magic."

"The map is not the territory. We operate out of our sensory representations of the world and not on 'reality' itself. How else could clients be coming into our offices with descriptions of pain, frustration, and limitations when other people find the world exciting, open-ended, and offering nothing but choices? It is not the 'world' itself that dictates our fulfillment or unhappiness, it is each person's own version of it."

Acknowledging the chasm between ourselves and reality can likewise help reduce our social and political divisions. Surrendering certainty, we can sit down and reason together. As in the ancient fable of the blind men and the elephant, enlightenment comes when we set our maps aside.

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

Government was created to secure our liberties

Dear Editor,

Lowell Harp's Opinion article May 31st in the Life cited declining trust in government and repeatedly points to disparity of representation in national government with a common refrain of Republican Party control without support of popular vote.

Being clear on popular vote is important. In a presidential election no one has campaigned for popular vote. All campaigns are for Electoral College votes only. Who won popular vote is a curiosity question, but is not an argument for why a political party is in control. There is an unsupported assumption that campaigning for the popular vote would elect a different party. The rules would be different, strategies different, and the results unknown.

End of Proof.

We do agree that we must trust the people and they must be given the best voice in preserving liberty. A solution to this issue was addressed by Congress in 1789 with proposed amendments for the new Constitution, best known as the Bill of Rights. We are taught there are 10 articles to the Bill of Rights. Did you know there are 12?

Article the First limits the size of a congressional district to 50,000 people. The way forward is to fully ratify this amendment like 11 states already have. That would create 6628 districts and bring Congress closer to the people. More districts in turn creates more electoral college votes and better represents the popular vote.

Mr. Harp's closing point is so

true. Unless action is taken, the alternative is "a government that grows less and less democratic until, perhaps, it is not a democracy at all". Let's clarify government and who is governed. We the People ordained a method for the collective Republic of States to operate. We did not create a government to govern us, but to secure our liberties. Consider the absurdity of parents having children and surrendering to them control of the family, yet this is how we act.

"We" govern our creation and "We" must take back our forgotten responsibility. Finishing ratification of Article the First is one step in the right direction.

John Dickson, Oregon

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

June 8
At 10:44 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 38 at Lincoln Highway in Rochelle for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Jacob Simpkins, 31 of McEwen, Tenn., was arrested for possession of cannabis 100-500 grams, and improper container of cannabis as a driver. Simpkins was also cited for no rear registration light, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Simpkins was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending an appearance before a judge.

At about 9:31 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a gray Toyota at the intersection of 9th Ave. and Tilton Park Dr. in Rochelle for an equipment violation. Pursuant to the stop, Rita M Walsh, 24, of Rochelle, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Walsh was released on a notice to appear with a court date of 7-16-21 at 0900 hours in Oregon at the Ogle County Courthouse.

At 9:14 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of N. Route 2. After an investigation, deputies arrested James Jimenez, 41, of Dixon for driving while license suspended and speeding. Jimenez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

June 6
At approximately 6:30 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on I-39 at mile marker 99 southbound. Upon arrival, Deputies observed a blue Chevrolet Cruze with heavy front end and driver's side damage. After further investigation Damontae Perry, 23 of Rockford, was placed under arrest and issued a citation for No Valid License. Perry received additional citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Perry was issued an I-bond with a future court date and released on scene.

June 5
At about 7:44 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Leaf River Fire, responded to a one vehicle rollover in the 800 block of S. Main St in Leaf River. After completing an investigation into the incident, it was determined that Cassandra Kaltenbrun, 45, of Mt Morris, had been traveling northbound in a 2001 green Subaru when she struck multiple parked cars and overturned. Kaltenbrun was transported to Swedish American Hospital for minor injuries. She was arrested and released on an I-Bond for DUI and No Valid Driver's License, as well as cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, No Insurance, and Improper Use of Registration.

June 5
The Ogle County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Teara Burnside, 24 of Peoria, for driving while license suspended. Burnside was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding 103 MPH. Burnside was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

June 3
At approximately 5:30 p.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Rochelle EMS responded to the intersection of S. Mulford Rd and E. Twombly Rd for a two vehicle accident with minor injuries. After investigation, it was determined that a Honda sedan, driven by Alexander Chavez, 27 of Rochelle was traveling westbound on E. Twombly Rd, at which time he entered the intersection after failing to stop at a stop sign. The Honda was struck by a pickup truck driven by Jeremy Good, 37 of Rochelle, who was traveling northbound on S. Mulford Rd. Chavez was transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. Chavez was also issued citations for Failure to Stop at an Intersection and No Valid Driver's License.

June 2
At 9:48 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at IL Rt. 38 and S. Beck Rd for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Abigail E. Nimerfroh, 20 of Dekalb, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Nimerfroh was also cited for no registration light. Nimerfroh was released on a signature I-bond.

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Deputies responded to an address in the 2000 block of West Mud Creek Rd in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation Lisa Smith, 32 of Mt Morris, was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail

where she was held in lieu of bond.

June 10
At approximately 6:14 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Polo Fire Department and Mount Morris Fire Department responded to a two vehicle crash with injuries at the intersection of Pines Road and Lowell Park Road. Investigation by Deputies revealed that a southbound box truck driven by Jaunot Nelson, 35 of Dallas, Texas, failed to stop at the stop sign on Lowell Park Road and entered the intersection. The box truck was then struck by an eastbound vehicle traveling on Pines Road driven by Marcia Dewey, 37 of Polo. Dewey was transported to KSB Hospital by Polo EMS and subsequently air lifted to OSF Saint Anthony's with serious injuries. A juvenile male passenger of Dewey's vehicle was transported to a local hospital with suspected minor injuries. Nelson was issued citations for Disregarding an Official Traffic Control Device and Failure to Stop at an Intersection with a return court dated issued.

May 30
At 12:04 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of 1000 E. IL Rt. 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Alexis D. Cantrell, 22 of Chana, IL was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Cantrell was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Cantrell was also cited for no registration light.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Kiernan Jacobson, 21 of Rockford for driving while license suspended. Jacobson was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Jacobson was held in lieu of bond at the jail.

May 29
At 8:40 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I88 at mile marker 77 east bound on a 2000 Volkswagen for loud exhaust. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Ivan Lugo-Tellez, 39 of Des Moines, Iowa for no valid drivers license. Ivan was also cited for no insurance and unlawful transportation of alcohol. Ivan was transported to the Ogle Co Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:18 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 11000 block of E. Fisher Rd in reference to a possible accident in that area. After investigation, it was determined that Leonel Torres-Meza, 38 of Rochelle struck a parked vehicle that was unoccupied in a driveway. Torres-Meza was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and issued citations for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Report a Vehicle Accident, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lane Usage. Torres-Meza was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 10:40 p.m. Deputies investigated a domestic problem in the 2000 block of North Freeport Rd. After further investigation Matthew Strohecker, 27 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Strohecker was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on IL E RT 64 at Interstate 39. After further investigation James M Love, 33 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving on a suspended license. Love was also issued a citation for speed. Love was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 12:34 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of N. IL Rte 2. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Kayla Boyenga, 31 of Dixon, for possession of a controlled substance (Crack/Cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended. Boyenga was also issued citations for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Boyenga was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

May 28
At approximately 7 p.m., Deputies responded to an address in the 100 block of South Maple St in Stillman Valley in reference to a domestic problem. After further investigation Corey Kelchner, 36 of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery. Kelchner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held pending an appearance before a judge.



'Picnic in Tuscany' fundraiser to benefit scholarship fund

Picnic In Tuscany is the theme for this year's fundraiser on Friday, July 30.

Register early as a limited number of meals will be sold. Local "Celebrity Chefs" from your favorite restaurants and bakeries 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.

Your taste buds will love this Italian meal prepared by Alfano's, Ralfie's BBQ & Catering, Hector's Cocina, Northside BarbaQ, Hazel's, Jen's Artisan Bread, The Noble Cakery, O's Bakery, Magnolia Sweets & Co., and Lynnies' Kitchen. Special thanks to Circle G Farms (sponsor), our volunteers,

local growers providing ingredients, Cork & Tap for offering a place for people to enjoy their meal and purchase wine that pairs beautifully with the meal, and to all community members who purchase a dinner to help support the Youth Scholarship Fund. Grab your meal and head to one of our beautiful local parks for a picnic, enjoy your dinner at Cork & Tap, or take your meal home and enjoy before heading out to the Ogle County Fair!

To register online visit www.oregon-park.org. You can also register over the phone by calling 815-732-3101 or register in person at Nash Recreation Center.

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LOCAL NEWS



PorchFest features great performances

MOUNT MORRIS – The weather was warm, but with a nice breeze for the Fourth Annual Encore! PorchFest Mt. Morris Saturday, June 12.

PorchFest, the ultimate grassroots community music festival featured 18 musical groups, duets and solo performers on porches and lawns throughout the community. The audience had a wide variety of music to choose from and moved from location to location, enjoying the community and four hours of freely given music.

It was great having PorchFest back this year after it was scheduled and canceled twice in 2020. Crowd favorites from past years along with a few new musicians didn't miss a beat as everyone enjoyed the day. Food was great too with a shout out to Hazels Café, Berry View Orchard, Jen's Artisan Bread, Nelson Family Farms and Let Freedom Ring, for helping keep people fed and refreshed. Encore PorchFest Mt. Morris is scheduled the second Saturday in June each year, looking forward to June 11th in 2022.

Visit EncoreMtMorris.com for additional information and to learn more about Encore! Mt. Morris. Also on Facebook as Encore Mt. Morris.

TV Dinners from Chicago playing the lawn at Trinity Lutheran Church, PorchFest Mt. Morris June 12.

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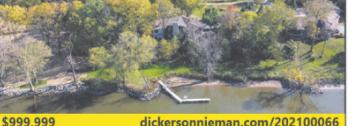
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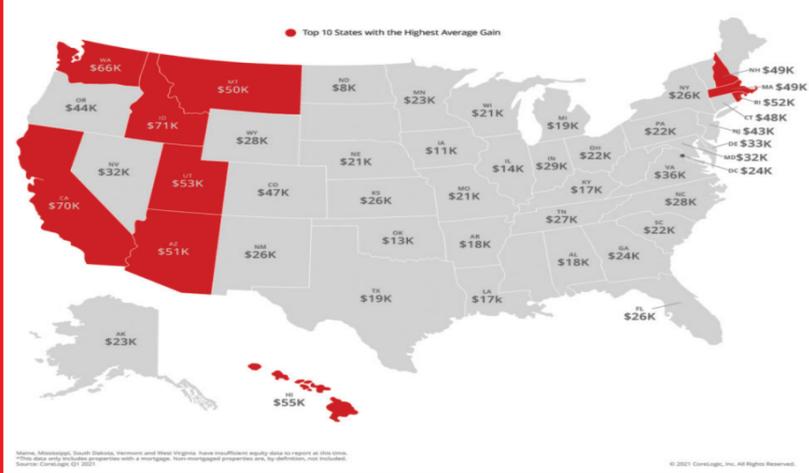
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Figure 1: Map of Average Year-Over-Year Equity Gain per Borrower



How's The Market?

"Homeowner equity has more than doubled over the past decade and become a crucial buffer for many weathering the challenges of the pandemic. These gains have become an important financial tool and boosted consumer confidence in the U.S. housing market, especially for older homeowners and baby boomers who've experienced years of price appreciation."

Frank Martell, president and CEO of CoreLogic

The number of homes that are underwater also dropped by 24 percent year over year; currently only 1.4 million, or 7 percent of mortgaged homes, are worth less than the homeowners owe the bank.

"Double-digit home price growth in the past year has bolstered home equity to a record amount. The national CoreLogic Home Price Index recorded an 11.4 percent rise in the year through March 2021, leading to a \$216,000 increase in the average amount of equity held by homeowners with a mortgage. This reduces the likelihood for a large numbers of distressed sales of homeowners to emerge from forbearance later in the year."

Dr. Frank Nothaft, chief economist for CoreLogic

NEW LISTING

526 Roxbury Road, Paw Paw \$359,000
Call Josie

Beautiful 2400 sq ft farm house located in the country with easy access to I-39. Large yard with outbuildings for all your storage needs! There is an enormous amount of space in this home with a large eat in kitchen, separate dining room and living room all on the main floor along with the laundry room. This home is in excellent condition and move in ready! This is an absolute must see!

NEW LISTING

2312 Halsted Road, Rockford \$99,000
Call Merri

Great Investment or Starter Home! 2 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom ranch home with attached 1 car garage. Currently rented to a long term tenant with great rental history!

NEW LISTING

1008 N. 7th Street, Rochelle \$99,900
Call Boone

Welcome Home To This 3 Bed 1 Bath Bungalow Just Minutes From Downtown Rochelle Open Floor Concept Gives This Home A Welcoming Feel. New Roof In 2015 & Gutters In 2020. New Windows, Pergo Flooring, Carpeting, Light Fixtures, Paint, Bathroom Fixtures and Flooring in 2015. Most Electrical Components In The Home Have Also Been Updated. Call For A Showing Today!

NEW LISTING

717 Lincoln Avenue, Dixon \$87,500
Call JD

More space than what meets the eye... this ranch turned 1.5 story, offers buyers plenty of room to grow and with so much potential. This home features two main floor bedrooms in which both have been updated, as well as the newly renovated full bath, complimented by the large master bed and bath upstairs. The partially finished basement has potential living space, an additional full bathroom, and large laundry area. The garage is also fully insulated and heated! Not to mention the large fenced in yard with alley access. Both furnace and A/C are new in the last two years. Move in ready! Make this home yours, today.

NEW LISTING

2756 N. Indian Heights Drive, Oregon \$159,000
Call Rebecca

1800 Square Feet of Living Space with a Large Yard! Move right in to this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a rural subdivision near Silver Ridge Golf Course. In 2016 this home underwent a major renovation with new kitchen, Corian solid-surface counter, new bathrooms, windows, flooring and paint! Open concept kitchen, eat in area and living with sliders to your deck overlooking your private back yard with country views. Lower level is finished with an living space, bedroom, full bathroom and large laundry/utility room with a walk out door. This one won't last long!

NEW LISTING

000 Knief Road (Lot 17) Rock Falls \$19,900
Call JD

Montmorency School District! This residential lot is conveniently located in a quiet neighborhood just off of IL-40. No matter your desires, you can surely achieve it here. Why struggle finding a home, when you can build your dream house?

NEW LISTING

200 Adams Street, Ridott \$87,500
Call Rebecca

DUPLEX with GREAT CASH FLOW! Upper unit is a 1+ bedroom/1 Bath and the lower unit is a 3 bedroom/1 bath unit. Many upgrades have been to this property: new siding and roof (2020), new windows (2009), kitchens updated with new cabinets, new roof (2016) new well pump (2017) and new flooring. The upstairs unit had the following updates in 2020: new bathroom along with laundry hook ups, flooring, paint and refrigerator. The exterior features a fenced yard, a large shed, and large front porch! Separate utilities. Call today to add this property to your investment portfolio!

NEW LISTING

8068 N. Settlers Court, Byron \$239,000
Call Rebecca

One Owner Ranch On a Quiet Cul De Sac! From the moment you pull in the drive, you will fall in love with this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch home. A stunning stamped concrete sidewalk leads you into this custom built home. Once inside you will find soaring ceilings in the living room that is open to the kitchen and dining areas. The back of the home is lined with windows and gorgeous views of your own private backyard. Kitchen appliances stay and has been updated with glass tile backsplash. Spacious master with large walk in closet and over sized on suite bathroom. Sky lights can be found in the master and living space. The lower level is finished with a spacious family room, electric fireplace and tons of room for storage. Large 3 car garage with epoxy coated floors and workshop space. Large deck off of the back of the house to your own backyard oasis featuring an irrigation system. You will have green grass even in the driest summers! Comcast internet available. Call for your showing today!

NEW PRICE

3508 Broadway, Rockford NOW \$118,900
Call Merri

SPACIOUS RANCH WITH BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS! This 3 bedroom 1.5 bath Ranch is move in ready and waiting for you or your tenants to move in! It features generously sized bedrooms, living room with fireplace and both bathrooms on the main level! It was previously rented for \$1195/ month and has potential to bring slightly more! Roof was recently done (~2 years). Furnace, AC and Water-heater were all replaced in 2020.

NEW PRICE

208 W. Wesley Avenue, Mt Morris NOW \$85,000
Call Lori

Corner lot right by the park. This house has an open floor plan. Full bath on each level. Modern flooring on first floor along with freestanding gas fireplace. 2nd floor master suite with full bath and walk in closet. Extra bath room features in basement. Solar panels on the roof. Newer windows, newer water heater, windows are double pane. Fenced in back yard with a pond, 2 car garage! This house has character.



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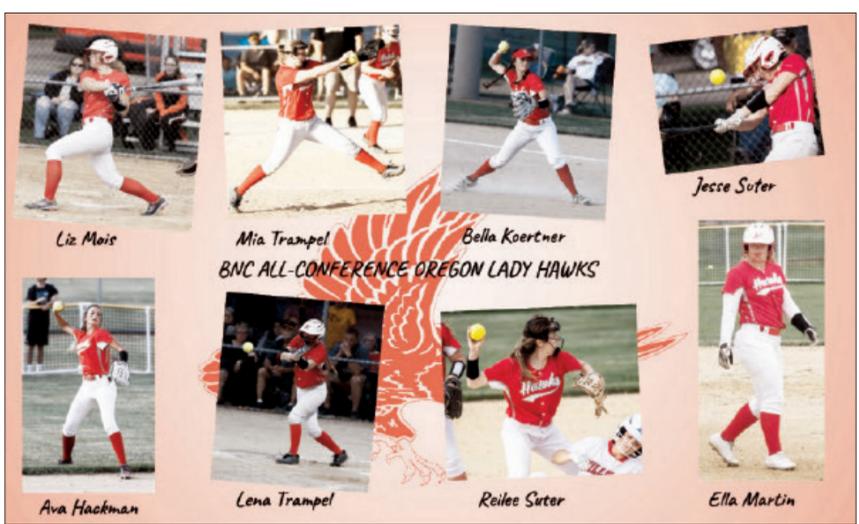
SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon falls just short of championship

Oregon fell to the Riverdale Lady Rams 3-0 at home in the sectional championship on Thursday, June 10. Ashlyn Hemm was the story of the night, no-hitting Oregon and striking out 16 batters along the way. The Division 1 recruit continued her season long dominant pitching performance by shutting down the high-powered Hawk offense.

Oregon tried to throw off the pitcher with bunting and short game, but even that proved difficult with the aggressive defense of Riverdale. Mia Trampel held down Riverdale allowing only 1 earned run in 5 innings. The typically stellar Oregon defense wavered a bit allowing 2 unearned runs to cross the plate on two miscues in the 4th inning. Riverdale

knocked in an insurance run in the 6th chasing ace Mia Trampel from the game. Lena Trampel was able to pitch out of a bases loaded and no out jam to help her team and sister out. Oregon finishes the season with a conference title, a regional championship, a sectional finals appearance putting them in the "Sweet Sixteen" and an overall 24-8 record.



Oregon Softball All-Conference selections:

- 1st Team (Unanimous) – Mia Trampel, Pitcher
- 1st Team (Unanimous) – Liz Mois, Catcher
- 1st Team – Bella Koertner, Utility
- 2nd Team – Reilee Suter, SS
- 2nd Team – Lena Trampel, 1B
- 2nd Team – Jesse Suter, 3B
- Honorable Mention – Ella Martin, DP/OF
- Honorable Mention – Ava Hackman, P/CF

Anniversary



Duffys celebrate 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Duffy of Dixon will celebrate 60 years of marriage on July 19, 2021. Ronald Duffy and Fay Long were united in marriage on July 19, 1961, at United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris with Pastor Wilbur Hopkins officiating. Ron retired from Quebecor Printing in Mt. Morris in 2003 after 43 years. Fay worked at the Dixon Developmental Center for 20 years and then retired from Eagle Foods after 16 years.

The couple have three sons; Monte (Linda) and Mike (Dee) of Dixon and Matt (Ronnie) of Roach, Mo. They have four grandchildren; Sarah (Marcus) Cox of DeKalb, Chris Duffy of Chicago, Erin Duffy of St. Louis, Mo. and Jamie Duffy of Lisle, Ill. They also have one great-granddaughter, Willow Cox. Those wishing to send cards may address them to 114 Shady Lane, Dixon, IL 61021.

Forreston Library News

Adventures in Art
Mondays-June 21 & 28, July 5 & 12 at 4 p.m.
Students who have completed 1st through 4th grade will learn about a new artist each week and then create their own artwork using that artist's techniques. Art can be a messy business, so participants should dress accordingly. Please call 815-938-2624 or stop in the library to sign up.

Tails and Tales-Summer Reading at Memorial Park
Wednesdays, June 9-July 14
9:15 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten (Completed)
10 a.m. - 1st - 5th Grade (Completed)
Join us for a time of animal-themed stories and activities in the great outdoors! Please call the library at 815-938-2624 to register or for more information.

Dairy Month Display
June has been nationally recognized

as Dairy Month since 1937. During this month, we are showcasing a number of items related to dairy industries once located in Forreston. Please stop in and enjoy the display!

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

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

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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 21
Wednesday June 23, Nature Journaling (ages 7-12) 1 pm at the Library
Thursday, June 10 Video Story Time -Wherever You Go by Pat Zietlow Miller. Take & Make Craft kits available today for this Story Time (limited supplies).

Friday, June 25, Pre-K Little Adventurers due
Week of June 28
Tuesday, June 29, Farmers Provide a Rainbow (ages 5-12) 1:30 pm
Wednesday, June 30, Activity Time (1st -8th grade) 1:30 pm
Thursday, July 1, Story Time (3- 6yrs. old) 9:30 am & 11 am- in person at the Library. Registration required.

Adult Summer Reading Program has begun

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

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

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

NEW! We have word search puzzles and word scrambles available this year. Puzzles and word searches completed with

will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program.

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

Maker Monday – June 21st at 6 p.m.

DIY 4th of July T-shirts
In-person program
This program can be done in person or as a Take and Make kit. Each library card patron will make one (1) t-shirt for 4th of July. Iron-on method will be used, therefore, this program is for anyone 16 and up. Registration required and space is limited. Call 815-732-2724. Registration deadline June 14th.

The Long Shadow Screening And Q&A with the director – June 24th at 7 p.m. – Virtual program

We’re excited to share the PBS film THE LONG SHADOW, which follows former CNN Senior Producer, TED contributor, and Emmy-Award winning Director Frances Causey as she traces her family’s legacy of white privilege, placing it in the context of the history of anti-black racism in the United States that began with slavery and contributes to impact our society today. We will be streaming the film beginning June 21st through the 28th. Watch the film and join the Q&A with Director Casey on June 24th at 7 p.m. To see the film, go to our website: www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Passport services

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

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.

Oregon Writer’s group – 2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

New children/youth releases

- Laxmi’s Mooch by Shelly Anand
- I Am a Peaceful Goldfish by Shoshana Chaim
- When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree by Jamie L.B. Deenihan
- Is Was by Deborah Freedman
- Keeping the City Going by Brian Floca
- Federico and the Wolf by Rebecca J. Gomez
- Sunday Funday in Ko-reatown by Aram Kim
- We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom
- Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard
- Zonia’s Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal
- The Tale of the Mandarin Duck by Bette Midler
- The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- It’s So Quiet by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- Carpenter’s Helper by Sybil Rosen
- Sunrise Summer by Matthew Swanson
- What is A River! By Monika Vaicenaviciene
- The Bug in the Bog by Jonathan Fenske
- Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag by Rob Sanders
- Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable
- Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender
- Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee
- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
- The Deepest Breath by Meg Grehan
- The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother) by David Levithan
- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhoades
- The Okay Witch by Emma Steinkellner
- Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
- Mia Mayhem is a Superhero! by Kara West

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!

Summer Reading Challenge 2021 – Reading Colors Your World! We have a summer reading challenge for all ages! Register at byron.beanstack.org or by downloading the Beanstack Tracker App. Read books and complete activities to earn a chance at prizes! Register today to receive a string bag (youth) or compact reusable bag (adults/teens)-while supplies last.

Curbside Delivery

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

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Our first StoryWalk® of the season is up at the Byron Forest Preserve Indigo Trail! Stroll the 1/2-mile loop through woodland and prairie while reading «A Seed is a Start» by Melissa Stewart. To find the trail: Head to the Jarrett Prairie Center parking lot. Go to the flag pole next to the center and face the prairie. You will see the sign for the trail. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Needles and Hooks

Tuesday Mornings @ BPLD
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Share Your Story

Monday, June 21
1-2 p.m. at BPLD Meeting Room

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

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

Locals students graduate from Monmouth

MONMOUTH – The following students recently fulfilled the graduation requirements at Monmouth College.

On May 16, the College held an outdoor Commencement ceremony, where Class of 2021 graduates were able to walk across the Wallace Hall stage to receive their diploma in front of a limited number of guests.

- 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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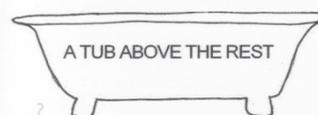
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Mount Morris Library News

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June New Books

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Adult Book Club

There will not be an adult book club book / discussion for June but we'll be back in July!

To-Go Craft Kits

There will be NO to-go crafts for the months of June and July... join our SRP for fun crafts!

Display Case Showings

June will be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Mount Morris Senior Center. August and September are still looking for items to share with others! If you have a collection you would like to display, let us know!

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

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BYRON

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

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205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
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Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
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For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
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Polo Library News

Polo Library Hours
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Reading Colors Your World - Polo Library's Summer Reading Program, June 5th-July 31st
 Stop by Polo Library and pick up your Summer Reading registration bag! Register in person at the Library or by visiting pololibrary.readsquared.com
 There are programs for all ages! Log your reading to be entered into drawings to win great prizes! We have programs for all ages so kickstart your summer today!

Storytime Saturday
June 26 at 10:30 a.m. - In Person, Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion
 Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!
 Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melanianew@pololibrary.org

Saturday, July 10 - Espinosa & Coffe, 2021 Outdoor Concert Series, Yard Games at 5 p.m., 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

Julia Hull Library News

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

Tween Reads
 Join Zoey at the library on Thursday, June 24 at 6:00 PM for a discussion and activity all about Chris Grabenstein's novel, *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*. Ages 10-12. Stop by or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book. *Masks required.

Teen Crafternoon: Manga Drawing Workshop
 Calling all Manga loving teens: this workshop's for you! Join Kelly at the library, Friday, June 25 at 1 p.m., to learn fun tips and tricks for drawing in this Japanese comic style. All skill levels welcome. Email Kelly at khaas@mail.meridian223.org to register. Ages 13-18. *Masks required.

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

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

Library Closed for Fourth of July Holiday - Monday, July 5th
 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.

Coffee with a Cop - Wednesday, 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. Coffee is provided

Friday Fun in the Sun with Ag - Colors From Soybeans, Friday, July 16, 2 p.m., Ages 6-12
 Ms. Melinda Charbonneau, Ag Literacy Coordinator for the University of Illinois Extension Services, will be at Polo Library to share a book and activity about Soybeans and Colors! Register by emailing melanianew@pololibrary.org or calling 815-946-2713

Genealogy Help - First Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month
 Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you

athletes and their impact on the African American community from 1896 to 1948. Monday, June 28 at 6:30 Pp.m.on Zoom. Email Joanna at jkluver@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 jkluver@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.

Kids' Candy Sushi
 While we're in Tokyo for the games, kids can jump onto Zoom with Miss Kelly to learn how to roll, cut, and craft their own sushi, Thursday, July 8 at 1 p.m. There's nothing fishy going on there though; we'll be using candy to create these tasty treats! Plus, you can earn a Beanstack badge for your participation. Ages 5-9. Use our online order form to register and reserve your kit for this virtual class: <https://www.juliahull.org/order-request>.

with your research.

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12
 The book subscription box contains one book to read and some goodies to enjoy. You pick the genre, we supply the book! Email library@pololibrary.org and ask for a Book Subscription Box form and fill it out. Box pickup and drop off is the first Saturday of each month.

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

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

Questions?
 If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing library@pololibrary.org



Even when you can't go to the beach, the library can bring the beach to you! Crafters met with Joanna on Zoom to learn how to "paint" a summery sunset using wool roving (Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley).

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.

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Pack Walks for dogs and owners alike
 Dogs need to explore and social stimulation just as much as they need food and water. Join us as we explore local parks while working on indirect socialization and confidence building with our furry friends. Each walk led by our dog trainer, Bree Pazera so training tips will be provided, and questions will be answered. Our next pack walk will be on Wednesday, June 30 at 5:45pm at Park West. The fee is just \$5 per Resident and \$6 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is June 23. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Taft Fish Fry
 Are you tired of cooking at home? Let the talented chef and staff at Taft Campus cook for you! Enjoy their all you can eat fish fry while taking in the scenic river view on Friday, July 2 from 5:30-7 pm. Deadline to register is June 25. Residents are just \$15 and Non-Residents are \$18 through registration at oregonpark.org. Children 9 years and younger at just \$10 and \$12 for Non-Resident children. Don't miss out! Sign up today!

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.

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!

Soda Concert in the Park
 All are invited to the free summer concert at Park West on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. KSB Clinic-Oregon is sponsoring the Soda. Enjoy classic rock, new wave, and 80's music at the park. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. You can bring a picnic but do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a great dinner, snacks and treats from the Food Trucks.

Paint & Sip Patriotic Jars on Canvas
 Instructor Amy Fenwick, local artist, will walk you through the painting process. Paint patriotic jars on an 11" x 14" canvas on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m. Social painting is so much fun and the trendy canvases are a great addition to your home décor or make a great gift. All supplies are included except for beverages purchased at Cork & Tap. Class fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 16.

Bertolet Library News

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.

Tails and Tales:
 Bertolet Memorial Library presents..... **Tails and Tales** Summer Reading Program 2021. Register to join us for weekly stories about animals, art projects, and games! Group and private sessions are available. Registration is required at 815-738-2742 or at *Bertolet Memorial Library* on Facebook. **Tails and Tales** will run June 7th through July 16th for ages PreK through 5th grade. Sessions will be available Monday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning and afternoon. Register today!

Create-a-Card:
 Create-a-Card is back! Jessie will be here Saturday, July 17th at 9 a.m. Meeting size is limited to 6 attendees. Pre-registration is required at 815-738-2742.

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

New Releases
 Adult Fiction
 Arctic Storm Rising by Dale Brown
 Killing In a Koi Pond by Jessica Fletcher
 Golden Girl by Erin Hilderbrand
 The Bullet by Iris Johansen

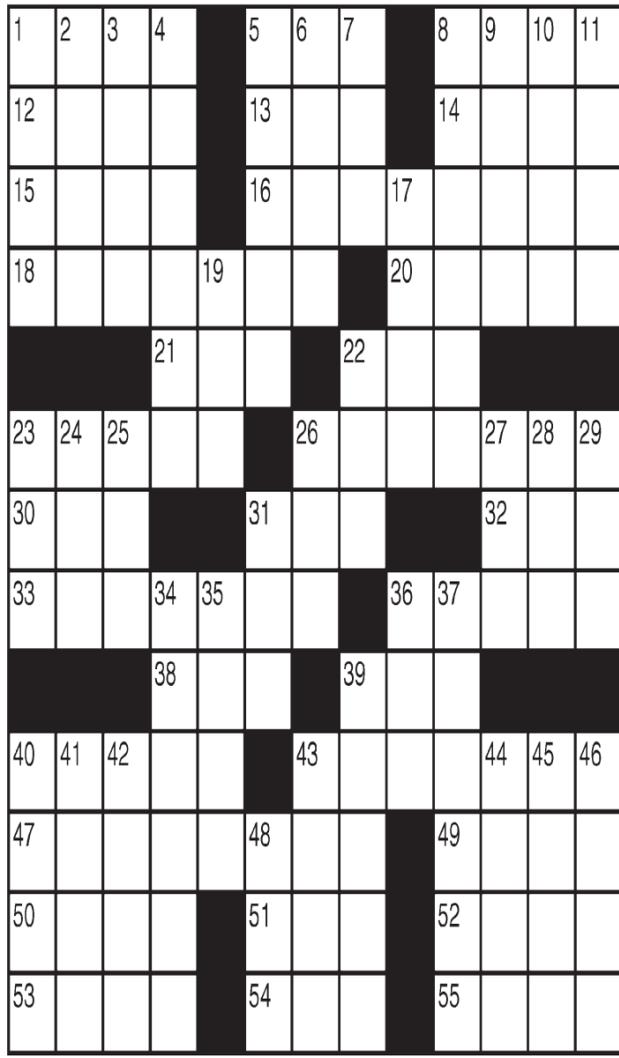
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● — OUT

ACROSS

- 1 "Sad to say ..."
- 5 Armed conflict
- 8 Folksinger Joan
- 12 Jet speed measure
- 13 Greek mountain
- 14 Big name in scat
- 15 Docking site
- 16 Leftovers carrier
- 18 Screenwriter's creations
- 20 Reddish horses
- 21 "I'm not impressed"
- 22 Martini liquor
- 23 Skilled
- 26 Flood protection
- 30 Gun the engine
- 31 Witty one
- 32 "As I see it," to a texter
- 33 Sleazy hotel
- 36 Be nosy
- 38 Train lines (Abbr.)
- 39 Aunt, in Acapulco
- 40 Part of Hispaniola
- 43 Iced desserts
- 47 Cinched
- 49 October birth-



- 2 stone
- 50 Words to a
- back-stabber
- 51 In the style of
- 52 Alpha follower
- 53 Couturier
- Christian
- 54 "Of course"
- 55 Appear
- DOWN**
- 1 Band boosters
- 2 Secular
- 3 Computer brand
- 4 Tempura choice
- 5 Shoebox datum
- 6 Big fusses
- 7 Cleaning cloth
- 8 Past
- 9 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 10 Flair
- 11 Turns sharply
- 17 Beam
- 19 Favorite
- 22 Joke
- 23 Canine cry
- 24 N.J. neighbor
- 25 First lady?
- 26 Droop
- 27 Life story
- 28 I love (Lat.)
- 29 Republicans
- 31 Existed
- 34 Camelot king
- 35 French cheese
- 36 — Lancelot
- 37 Bigwigs
- 39 Roman robes
- 40 Wasted no time
- 41 Con
- 42 "Suffice — say ..."
- 43 Shopper's delight
- 44 Fencing sword
- 45 London gallery
- 46 Bridge coup
- 48 Inlet

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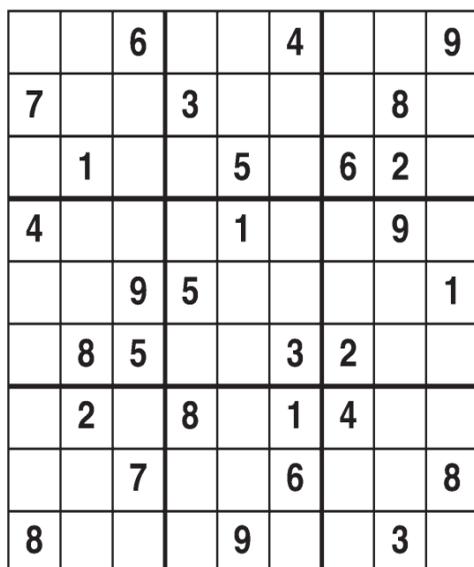
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **No Radio or TV Coverage Allowed**

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| Average | Carry | Psyched | Shouted |
| Bail | Cook | Reached | Stamped |
| Break | First-in, first- | Rounded | Stretch |
| Brown | Lock | Scooped | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

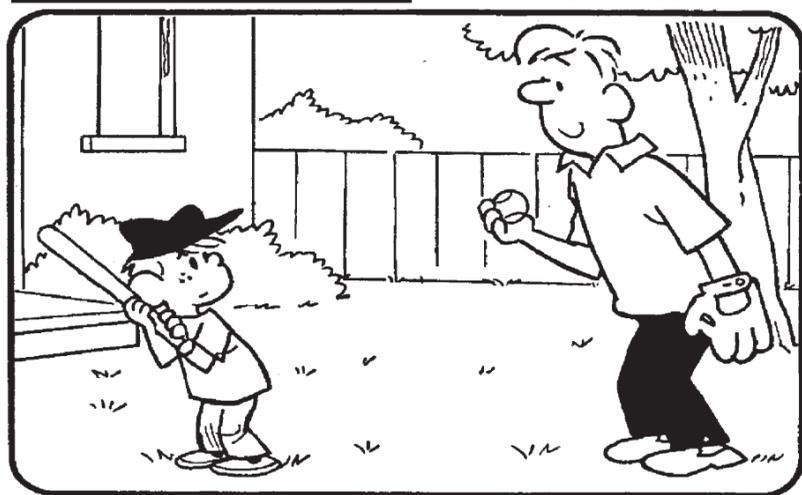
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

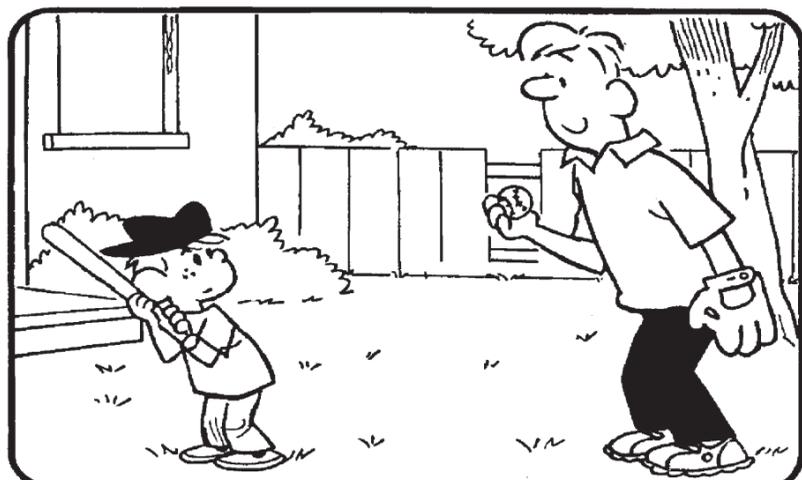
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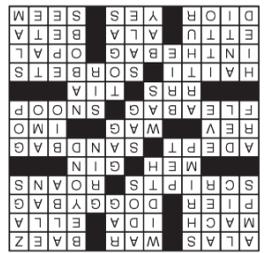
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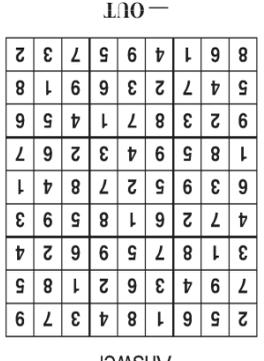
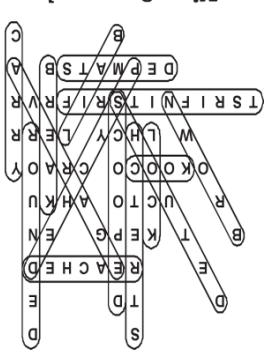
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is wider. 2. Ball is different. 3. Hedge is smaller. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shoes are different. 6. Fence is broken.



Solution time: 23 mins.
 Answers
 King Crossword



Answer
 Weekly SUDOKU

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What You've Been Missing



You'll never know what treasures you'll find at an auction!

PUBLIC NOTICE
ADOPTION NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF OGLE
STATE)
OF)
ILLINOIS)SS.
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
2021AD3
In the matter of the
Petition for Adoption
of EMILY JEAN WIESE, a
female child, 2021-AD-3.
To Kyle Wiese and All
Whom It May Concern:
TAKE NOTICE that a
Petition was filed in the
Circuit Court of Ogle
County, Illinois, for the
adoption of a minor
child named EMILY JEAN
WIESE.
NOW THEREFORE, unless
you, and all whom it may
concern, file your answer
to the
Petition in the action
or otherwise file your
appearance therein in
said Circuit Court of
Ogle County, in the City
of DeKalb, Illinois on or
before the 2nd day of
July, 2021, a default may
be entered against you
any time after that day
and a Judgment entered
in accordance with the
prayer of said Petition.
Dated: June 1, 2021
Kimberly A. Stahl
Clerk of the Circuit Court
ZIMMERMAN & WALSH,
LLP
Attorney Erin E. Walsh,
#6279993
1707 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
Phone: 815-399-1400
Fax: 815-399-9440
eew@zimwalsh.com
No. 0603 (June 7, 14, 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)2021 P
OF THE)
ESTATE)
OF)
KELSI M.)
BENDER,)
Deceased)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to
creditors of the death of
Kelsi M. Bender of 2756
N. Indian Heights Drive,
Oregon, Illinois 61061.
Letters of Administration
were issued to Jenny
Baker, of Polo, Illinois,
as Independent
Administrator, whose
attorney of record is
Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann
Gehlbach Badger &
Considine, LLC, 215 E.
First Street, P.O. Box 447,
Dixon, Illinois 61021.
The estate will be
administered without
court supervision,
unless under section
28-4 of the Probate
Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4)
any interested person
terminates independent
administration at any
time by mailing or
delivering a petition to
terminate to the clerk.
Claims against the estate
may be filed in the office

of the Clerk of the Court
at the Ogle County
Judicial Center, 106 S.
5th Street, Suite #300,
Oregon, IL 61061, or
with the representative,
or both, on or before
the date which is six (6)
months after the date
of the first publication
of this Claim Notice, or,
if mailing or delivering
of a notice from the
representative is required
by section 18-3 of the
Probate Act of 1975, the
date stated in that notice.
Any claim not filed on
or before that date is
barred. Copies of a claim
filed with the clerk must
be mailed or delivered to
the representative and
to the attorney within
10 days after it has been
filed.
By:
Jenny Baker,
Independent
Administrator
Emily R. Vivian, ARDC
#6290977
Ehrmann Gehlbach
Badger & Considine, LLC
215 E. First Street
Dixon, IL 61021
vivian@egblc.com
(815) 288-4949
(815) 288-3068 FAX
vivian@egblc.com
No. 0604 (June 7, 14, 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN,** pur-
suant to Sections A11-
303 B and 38-80 of the
Davis Junction Village
Code, that the Village of
Davis Junction Planning
and Zoning Commis-
sion will be conducting
a public hearing at 7:00
PM on July 12, 2021 at
Davis Junction Village
Hall, 106 North Elm
Street, Davis Junction,
IL, to consider the joint
applications of con-
tract purchaser HP DJ
Real Estate, LLC of 221
E. IL RTE 38, Rochelle, IL
61068 and owner Hay-
well, LLC - DJ Storage
of 1900 Squires Land-
ing, Rochelle, IL 61068

(cumulatively, the "De-
veloper") for tentative
subdivision plat approv-
al of a proposed two-lot
subdivision and special
permits authorizing the
development and use of
a self-storage facility on
one of the resultant lots
and video gaming as an
accessory use to a gas
station and convenience
store to be located on
the other subdivided lot,
all at a proposed develop-
ment located along the
south side of East IL
Route 72, southwest of
North Junction Way and
approximately 1,000 feet
west of IL Route 251, in
Davis Junction, Illinois
61020, bearing PIN 11-
23-200-008. The project
is more particularly de-
scribed in the applica-
tion materials currently
on file and available for
inspection at Village Hall
during normal business
hours (Monday - Friday,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). All inter-
ested parties are invited
to attend the hearing
and be heard. All inquir-
ies regarding this public
hearing can be directed
to Village Clerk Sandie
Maahs at (815) 645-8000.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sandie Maahs
Village Clerk
Publication Date: No later
than June 27, 2021
(no more than 30, but
not less than 15 days be-
fore public hearing)
No. 0614
(June 21, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE GUARDIAN-
SHIP OF: A.Q., a Minor
Case No. 200P73
NOTICE OF HEARING TO
Mr. Juan Angel Quinte-
ro, 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 coun-
sel may be heard, I shall
appear before the Hon-
orable Judge Robert T.
Hansen, or any Judge
sitting in his stead, in
courtroom number 204,
at the Ogle County Judi-
cial Center, 106 S 5th St
#300, Oregon, IL 61061,
and conduct a hearing
pursuant to the Petition
for Appointment of Ple-
nary Guardian, filed on
7/31/2020, and request a
Plenary Order for Guardi-
anship pursuant to Pe-
tition for Appointment
of Plenary Guardian of
Minor Child.
Attorney: Marie Gross/
Gardi & Haught, Ltd.
Attorney for Petitioner
Catherine Weden
939 Plum Grove Road,
Suite C, Schaumburg, IL
60173, (847) 944-9400;
Email mgross@gardilaw.
com
No. 0617
(June 21, 28, July 5, 12,
2021)

**307
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

Sale of Miscellaneous Property
The Ogle County Board is announcing two sale dates.
First Cash & Carry June 23rd 9-11AM and 1-3PM
Items purchased will be paid same day at the
Ogle County Treasurer's Office.
Sale of Miscellaneous Property at 607 W. Washington St.
Oregon, IL 61061
The following items will be available at that time:
Oak Globe Wernicke Cases, Occasional Chairs with bases, lounge chairs,
file cabinets, wheelchair lift system (hydraulic), library tables, end tables,
lamps, rugs and cloths, and Illinois law
books, electric garage door and opener All sales are final. All items pur-
chased will be removed from the property no later than July 6, 2021.
Second Sale June 30th 9-11AM and 1-3PM
Sale of Miscellaneous Property at 607 W. Washington St.
Oregon, IL 61061
Items purchased will be paid same day at the
Ogle County Treasurer's Office.
Marble fireplaces, wood floors, curved and straight radiators, wood door
frames, staircase, pocket doors. Pictures of items to be sold are located on
the following website: Oglecounty.org
All sales are final. Items purchased on June 30th will be removed from the
property no more than 30 days from purchase.
All items sold are as is and all sales are final.

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Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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103 AUCTIONS

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
hacksauction.hibid.com
'Lucille P. Bruning Estate Auction'
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; Old China & Glassware; Primitives; Quilts-Sewing-Textiles; Old School House; Toys; Local ChurchPew; Books & Memorabilia; Household Furnishings; Bedroom Sets; Chest Freezer; Garage & Outdoor; Other Nice Items!

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Public Auction
Langholf Farm, 1202 Rt. 38 Dixon, IL.
Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10AM
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This sale includes numerous antique farm items as well as lumber and a like new '78' automobile.
ANTIQUES: John Deere double box wooden wagon with wooden wheels, double box wagon with steel wheels, Redone double box high wheel wagon with wooden wheels, triple box wagon on wood wheels, flair box wagon with case running gear, 5 wooden wagon spring seats, 2 seated surrey with fringe on top, [rubber wheels and brakes], 1 seat courting buggies with rubber ties, pony wagon with rubber tires, 2 wheeled Newton wagon with seat, 1978 Chrysler NewYorker 2 door hard top [91,312 miles like new], antique water pump, misc. wooden wagon wheels, wheel rings, steel wagon wheels, several styles of loose hay forks with hay mow, slip scraper, several cast iron scalding kettles, work horse collars, harnesses, bridles, fly nets, neck yokes, double trees, eveners, misc. pipe and scrap iron, bob sled, misc. poles and side boards for box wagons, misc. crates and boxes, misc. horse poles, garden gate, part of stage from when President Reagan was in Dixon, wooden wheel barrow, grain grater, milk cans, metal wheel barrow, 1 bottom horse drawn walking plow and multiple antique plows, misc. steel grates, chimney pipe rings, antique metal seats, saw blades, cross cut saws, Chicago Platform antique scale, Flareline box wagon with rubber tire gear, Kraus 12' wheel disc, Buck rake, 3 section horse drawn roller, wind power PTO generator 125 and 250 volts, 6' McCormick-Deering grain drill with wooden wheels and multiple cast iron implement seats, too and wrenches, pairs of incubators, crocks, meat cutter, kerosene lantern, clamps, hay cutters, corn planter, back saw, ice tong, bagger, several sets of deer, horse and cow antlers, old license plates, wood bully's multiple shovels and hand tools, hog catcher, human toke, corn planter plates, misc. seen corn signs, antique wood truck and Bison horse trailer an dmanyh more items too numerous to mention.
LUMBER: Misc. 6x6 posts, redwood 4x4 and 2x4 siding boards, 20' 2x12' planks, 8' scaffold planks, 1"x8" planks, 16' 1"x8" planks, 1"x12" 14, 2"x8" 12' planks, 2"x6" 12', 20' 2"x10" planks, multiple stacks and sizes.
MISC: Handmade antique ladder, hay bunk, barn fan, head gate, large pile of rocks, railroad tiles, 1800 bushel hopper bin and smaller protein bin with augers, hay rack with JD gear, car ramps, and much more you have to see to believe.

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LARGE LIVE ON-SITE AUCTION
'Valdene Snodgrass Trust
Classic Car, Equipment & Tool Auction'
SUNDAY, JULY 11th – 10:00 A.M.
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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ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
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'Nesemeyer Barbie Doll Collection Auction'
BIDDING OPENS: TUES., JULY 13th @ 8 A.M.
PREVIEW: TUES., JULY 13th – 4 to 7 P.M.
Hack's Antique Center II – 440 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL 61063
Large Collection of NIB Barbie Dolls & Related; Several Hundred NIB Barbies, Ken, Skipper & Others. Also Loose Barbies, Collector Dolls & Related.

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COIN & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
SAT., JUNE 26TH 9:30 AM
MT. CARROLL FARM BUREAU
811 S. CLAY ST., MT. CARROLL
Located just N. of Jct. 64/78
COINS SELLING APPROX. 11:00
A&C: (2) 8 gal., 10 gal. Mt. Carroll milkcan; crocks; Westinghouse pocketwatch; Household; safe; Yard Machine snowblower; hand & power tools; **COINS SELLING AFTER HOUSEHOLD:** assorted gold coins; qu. silver \$'s including 1800's, 1900's, CC's, uncirculated, proofs-graded; ½ \$'s; books of coins; Indianhead pennies; Buffalo nickels;
FOR FULL LISTING www.calhounauction.com
Terms: cash or check
Must have photo ID to register
Jim Calhoun, Auctioneer IL Lic.44000333
Mt. Carroll 815-244-9660

101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION 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)

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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203 HELP WANTED

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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

VILLAGE OF HILLCREST INCLUDES WINDOVER PARK "VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND" JUNE 24TH, 25TH, & 26TH. THURSDAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. STARTING TIMES MAY VARY FROM 7AM TO 5PM. 20 PLUS SALES IN ONE AREA. MAPS WITH LOCATIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH SALE. ALSO A FEW ESTATE SALES LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE. LOTS OF UNIQUE ITEMS PRICED TO SELL. THE COVID CLEAN OUT WILL OFFER DEALS TO GOOD TO BE TRUE, SO COME TO THE VILLAGE AND TAKE HOME A CAR LOAD OF BARGAINS. (06-23-21)

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Call Troy Rudy; Auctioneer @ 815.297.4846
To schedule a private inspection of this home.

Engine Shop Auction
The following tools, welders, engines parts and tool boxes will be sold at No Reserve to the highest bidder, located at A_1 Storage, 1355 Kysor Road, Byron, Illinois. Watch for Almburg Auction Signs East of Town on Rt. 2.
Tuesday Evening June 29th
Starting at 5:30 p.m.
WELDERS * MAC TOOL BOXES * ENGINES * SHOP TOOLS * WELDERS *
MACHINEING TOOLS Miller Dynasty 300 DX welder; miller Matic 251; Miller Delta Weld 650; L-Tec 225 Welder; Hypertherm Power Max85 Plasma cutter; Chicago Electric Mig 151 welder; 3- cutting Torches w/ carts; Sioux 685L Valve Grindermachine on cart; Universal Automatic lathe; Mac Blast Sand Blaster Cabinet; Champion 7.5h.p. shop Air compressor 3ph; Witon 48" Horizontal Band Saw; Am-Pro PB 230-4 Head & Block Shot Blaster Machine; Van Dyke 25ton Press; Rockwell ½ vari-speed Drill Press. **ENGINES** 2 Big Block Chevy blocks, aluminum intacks on engine stands; 4 bare Chevy blocks on Engine Stands; 7 Engine Stands; Complete Chevy Engine Test Stand, Runs; **MAC TOOL BOXES AND SHOP TOOLS** Mac M Class II Maximizer Super Station 11 drawer tool box; Mac 10 Drawer roller cabinet w/ 3 drawer step-up; Craftsman 13 drawer tool box; 6 drawer roller parts bin cabinet; 2-7 drawer tool boxes; 3 tool roller cabinets; Karcher HDS 900C hot water pressure washer; Snap-On 2000psi Power washer; Generac 6000 Generator; Snap-On Battery Charger; floor jacks; Pallet jack; Jack stands; 2- New North Star Electric Pressure washers; 100's of sockets, wrenches, hammers power tools, air tools, engine tools. Sold in groups and larger sets. If you need to update your tool box, This is the place to be. All sold at No Reserve To The Highest Bidder! Woods RB60 3pt Rearblade, Like New! Several Ladders, creepers, and lots of other engine shop parts to numerous to mention: **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This is a cash and carry Auction. Bring your Trucks and Trailers. We will have a SkidSteer Loader on the Sale Site to load items that evening for you at no charge. Pre-Auction Viewing available Tuesday June 29th at 12 noon. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED FOR THE AUCTION SITE THAT EVENING!!**
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See advance salebills, possible color photos on our website at topauctions24-7.com/paspolo & auctionzip.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

11:00 AM TRACTORS, MACHINERY, VEHICLES

JD 4020 D, side console, WF, 3pt, SH, syncro, cab (#223402R); 6 frt wgts & starter set; quick hitch; 18.4x34 duals; JD 2305 compact utility, cab, 3pt; quick hitch; frt wgts; JD 955 MFWD, ROPS, hydro, turf tires, JD 70A loader, 72" belly mower, 707 hrs (#182192); IH Super C, NF, Woods belly mower (#164531); JD 310A TLB, open station, shuttle, 16.9x24 tires (new) reads 5566 hrs (#288198T); JD Industrial 5010 D w/paddle dirt scraper, 1671 hrs (#SNT375R010577R); IH TD18 D crawler, starts gas, runs diesel; assorted parts to an IH TD18; '81 Polaris Sawtooth 4 wheeler; Arctic Cat Trail Cat snowmobile w/mover; JD 110 L&G tractor, tiller, snow blower, deck; '03 Mercury Marquis 4 dr, 48,153 miles; '88 Chevrolet Sportvan, factory conversion, 70,900 miles; JD 4B & 5B semi mtd plows; JD & Kewanee wheel disks; drag cart; 2 row rotary hoe; JD frt mtd 4 row culti; horse drawn 1 row culti; Bush Hog 2010 rotary mower, hard tires, 540 PTO; Woods Cadet 72 rotary mower; JD 5 sickle mower 7'; gang reel mower; DR 3pt bank mower (#FT1001800); Kewanee box blade 8' 3pt; KK 3pt blade; twin fan snowblower, 3pt, 1000 PTO; barge box, hoist & gear; 2 small trailers; 3pt potato plow; lawn roller, seeder, sweeper & sprayer.

SHOP TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS
500gal fuel skid tank; B&S Pro 4000 generator; 2 - portable 5HP compressors; metal band saw; cement mixer w/elec motor; floor model drill press; Delta 14" drill press; bench grinder; portable air compressor; air tank; cherry picker; power washer; batter charger; floor jack; anvil on stand; acet torch set; 4 scaffold pieces; misc hand tools; chain saws; bolts & hardware; various chains; Ford tractor frt bumper; elec baseboard heaters; wood shed 9'x12'.

COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD
Wainscot fruit cupboard; kitchen cupboard w/flour bin; 6 gal crock; milk can; 2 Rite-Way milkers; hand well pump; treadle sewing machine; assorted solid wood doors; Kenmore washer & dryer; 2 chest type freezers; 2 ice chests; misc tables & chairs; buffet; love seat; recliner; Sony TV; kitchenware; assorted china; some Elvis items; sewing machine; several nice bedroom sets; 2 cedar chests; file cabinet; steamer trunk; gas grill; fake fire place; new oak dining table w/6 upholstered chairs; 3 antique steel patio chairs; 45 & 78 vinyl records; record turntables; 32 cal USA pistol; 22 cal Winchester single shot rifle; 22 cal revolver; Remington Model 1100 12 ga Magnum shotgun.

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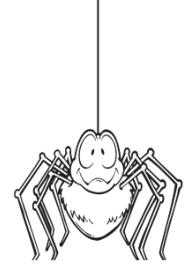
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