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MOUNT MORRIS – The muchloved lodge, cabins, gift shop, and restaurant at White Pines Forest State Park will be opening their doors once again later this spring.

With a touch of old and a little bit of new, the cabins and restaurant will be largely operated in a style customers have grown to love during the past 82 years.

One notable change is the name,

now White Pines Lodge. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) was instrumental in the name choice as it allows for consistency with the other Lodges in the state park system.

The new concessionaire is a subsidiary company owned by Nolan Capital, Inc., a family business.

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Deal could save Byron nuke plant

There appears to be agreement between the office of Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and Exelon Energy that could save the Byron nuclear plant.

It would be included in the omnibus energy bill The details would have to be worked out and a bill voted on in the coming weeks, said Erin Folk, executive director of the Oregon park District. Folk has been working with other area leaders to save the plant.

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



The new River's Edge Farmer's Market opened behind the fire station in Oregon on Thursday, June 3. The market runs every week through September. (Courtesy photo)

Market gets new home

Oregon takes over farmer's market and moves it to river

By Brad Jennings **Editor**

OREGON – Location. location, location.

That is the key when it comes to a home or a business. Turns out, it is not a bad thing when it comes to a farmer's market.

The City of Oregon has launched the new River's Edge Farmer's Market on land overlooking the Rock River. The land is behind the Oregon Fire Department, and the city is using it for the market after reaching an inter-governmental agreement with the fire department.

"We wanted a space that was big enough to get all of our vendors in and to be able to space out for community events," said Melanie Cozzi, City Commissioner.

The market kicked off on a warm evening June 3. It will run every Thursday June through September.

This is the first farmer's market for the City of Oregon. The market was previously run by the Oregon Park District.

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Music at the market

June 17 - Vermiculture demonstration with Steve Rypkema

June 24 – JT Wells (sponsored by the Chile Pepper)

July 8 – Alex Sitze

July 15 - Burn N' Bush (sponsored by Country Financial)

Aug. 3 – One Man Country Band (sponsored by Harvard State Bank)

Aug. 26 – Korey C. Pepper **Sept. 14** – Andy Holm

PorchFest returns to Mt. Morris on June 12

MOUNT MORRIS

 The Fourth annual Encore! PorchFest Mt. Morris is Saturday, June

PorchFest is the ultimate grassroots community music festival. This year 20 musical groups or soloists, including many favorites from past years, will perform 45-minute sets on community porches throughout the Village of Mt Morris between 1 and 5 p.m.

The audience picks their choices from a schedule and moves from location to location. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in the grass, walk or ride your bike.

Schedules with map porch locations, music. and food information will be available online at EncorePorchFest.info.

PorchFest performers this year include: Dan Elsasser, Who Drank All the Tequila, Acoustic Axes, Catey Esler. Mountain Grass, Denny Diamond, Dan Phelps, RuthAnn Lillstrom, Butternut Boys, TV Dinners, Burdens Down Spare Change, Await The Light, The Magtones, Well Strung, Wattle & Daub, Halen Becker, Silent Ire, Jonathan Shively and The Chris Kolling Show.

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Kable Band kicks off new season on June 16

MOUNT MORRIS

– Kable Concert Band of Mt. Morris announces its 125th season.

Summer concerts are held Wednesday evenings, 7:30 p.m., June 16 through Aug. 4, at the Reckmeyer Band Shell. Come early, enjoy an ice cream social preceding the concert.

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the band, old favorites as well as newer contemporary favorites, will be performed under the baton of Director Andy Eckardt. Guest performers are also featured.

Bench seating available, or bring your lawn chairs.

Pork chop dinner is on June 12 MOUNT MORRIS A single pork chop

- The Mt. Morris / Oregon FFA Alumni will be holding is annual pork chop dinner on Saturday, June 12.

The event this year will be a drive-through dinner held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. Dinner will be served from 5-7 pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 815-973-8435.

A single pork chop dinner is \$10 advance (\$12 at door) and the double pork chop dinner is \$13 advance (\$15 at the door). Some of our most re-

quested auctions items

will be available via a silent auction.

Money raised by this event supports activities and scholarships of the

event supports activities and scholarships of the Oregon FFA high school chapter.

WHITE PINES: local consultants will be used

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Nolan Capital Inc. has ownership interests in numerous national, state, and local concession operations, retail endeavors, restaurant operations, manufacturing and real estate investments.

"We are so pleased to be bringing this state treasure back to Ogle County residents," said Peter Nolan, Chairman of Nolan Capital. "We are proud to add White Pines Lodge to our family of managed companies."

"We're thrilled to see the services at White Pines Forest State Park open for business again," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "What's more, we're looking forward to partnering with Nolan Capital to bring these services back to our park visitors. We know they bring the necessary skill and know-how to ensure our park visitors have the best experience possible."

Nolan Capital has relationships with both Amy Trimble, the current concessionaire of Starved Rock Lodge at Starved Rock State Park and Beth (Henderson) George who operated White Pines Resort for more than 30 years.

Both women were longtime residents of the Oregon area and were very involved in the community, establishing the Oregon Trail Days Festival several years ago. Trimble and George will be working as consultants to help prepare White Pines Lodge for opening. Additionally, many of the familiar White Pines employees will join the team, including Troy Derrer who will serve as the General Manager.

About White Pines Lodge

White Pines Forest State Park, located two hours west of Chicago, is a 385-acre park perfect for family getaways to enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, and picnicking. White Pines Lodge, originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, has 23 guest cabins for rent, a restaurant featuring homemade delicacies, banquet facilities, and a dinner theatre.

About Nolan Capital, Inc.

Nolan Capital is the family office for Peter Nolan. Peter has over 39 years of investing experience and was the former Managing Partner of Leonard Green and Partners in Los Angeles, Calif.

MARKET: Will be 12-17 vendors at each market

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Cozzi said the pandemic hit the park district hard, and with the uncertainty of the future of the Byron nuclear plant – which is a large funding source for the district – it is decreasing projects.

"We know that's a really important community event, so we didn't want to see that go away," she said.

Liz Hiemstra, manager of the market, said that there will be an area for kids to play, picnic tables, live music and food trucks along with all of the vendors. There are 26 vendors signed up, with 12-17 participating each week.

The vendors – from as far away as St. Charles – will be selling everything from fresh produce, to organic honey, to maple syrup and even meat. One vendor, Oregon's Hector's Cocina, will be selling alcohol.

Hiemstra said that

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the Oregon Park District and a local church have teamed up to provide craft activities for kids

A unique feature of the market will be that it is a compost collection site, thanks to a grant from the Ogle County Solids Waste Management Department.

"We're trying to be a sustainably-minded market," Hiemstra said.

With COVID restriction relaxed, masks will not be mandatory. Organizers just ask that people not crowd vendors and use "common-sense" social distancing.

Both said that the Oregon Fire Department has been very helpful in preparing the site, and that excitement for the weekly market has been growing.

"People are talking about it, telling each other," Hiemstra said. "We're hearing a lot of excitement, a lot of anticipation."

Local artist featured at center

By Judith Schmidt Special to The Life

Think it. Draw it. Paint it. Write it, Click it. Play it. Who does that?

Artists, authors, photographers, composers, musicians... All with prolific imaginations and the propensity to call out their visions. Some prefer to keep their subject matter to themselves yet others step out to share their works for the enjoyment of other aspiring artists or curious onlookers.

The Next Picture Show Community Fine Arts Center (TNPS) in Dixon is a perfect half-way home for exhibiting artists who want to display their creative endeavors.

For 16 years, TNPS has attracted diversified and talented artists from not just local but far-reaching communities in many directions. The center occupies an 1854 building that has undergone complete restoration. Patrons are easily drawn to the harmonious surroundings and the showcasing of a wide range of artist's presentations.

So, what meets the eye upon entering The Next Picture Show? Beautiful works are portrayed in all mediums including acrylics, oils, watercolors, charcoal, glass, wood, pen, pastels, photography, mixed media, even twoand three-dimensional art and zentangle art. Themed exhibits are scheduled throughout the year such as "Farms and Barns,"

"Absolutely Abstract," "Shades of Gray" and "About Face," focusing on portraits and exhibiting from June 5 through July 17.

Then there is the "Great Wall of TNPS" which showcases an individual's talents one at a time.

Artist and children's book author, Sheila Welch will display 10 of her works "for people to enjoy," from June 16 through June 30.

She has exhibited at TNPS for five years as well as other places including the Freeport Art Museum and Public library, the Rockford Public library and Highland College.

Her choice of mediums are acrylic paints and graphite or colored pencils. All three are incorporated into one of her unusual paintings called "Fly Away Home." In addition, she's submitted three portraits for the now ongoing "About Face" exhibit.

Though many of her pieces are ready or have been sold, she maintains she has some favorites she could never let go. "White Cat Waiting" (watching a storm brewing) and "Camouflage Cat" a favorite in acrylics.

She recalls liking to draw at an early school age and was "always jealous of the kids with the big box of crayons." She was attracted to picking out black crayons to draw Appaloosa horses or black horses. She loved horses and when she drew pic-



Author's Fest will be June 19

The TNPS will be hosting an Author's Fest on their premises on Saturday, June 19th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 20 Authors of different genre's will be displaying, signing and selling their own books during that time. The fest is open to the public to visit the authors as well as admire and enjoy all the art work on display through out the center. There is no admission charge. A great day to buy your kids books for a summer reading program. For information contact TNPS at 815-285-4924.

tures, she created stories or fantasies to go with them.

In her eight-grade diary she wrote a promise to herself, "Someday I hope to make books for children," little aware it was in preparation of what was ahead of her. What did transpire was Welch becoming a teacher in the public school system, an artist and illustrator of children's books, some her own, some for others. A health scare in her 30's pushed her to follow through with the diary wish and publish her first book, "Don't Call Me

Marda," one of many others she would later write.

She and her husband Eric raised seven children and an array of cats, dogs and horses on a farm in Ogle County. Now, though empty nesters and both retired, they are grandparents and settled in an area of homes in Freeport and surrounded by other like-minded creative neighbors they both enjoy. Welch continues to write and draw with support from Eric and has received many awards and recognition over the years for all her efforts.

Mount Morris Senior Center announces activities

MT. MORRIS — All activities are held at 9 East Front Street with masks and social distancing as those who are in attendance feel comfortable. All are welcome.

Every Wednesday from 8-10 am Biscuits and Gravy on the lawn. \$2 for a half order, \$3.50 for a full order, and \$.50 for coffee.

Wednesday, May 26th – Jam Session and Lunch. The music will start at 10:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. The cost for lunch is \$5 and it will include beef stew, dumplings, salad, biscuits, and dessert. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.

Wine Tasting – On Monday, May 25th the Mt. Morris Senior Center will be hosting a wine tasting at 6:30 pm. Will have wine trivia, delicious snacks, and knowledge from Cork and Tap to go with our wine. All are welcome, and this event is limited to 50 people. The cost for admission is \$10 each. Please call 815-734-6335 to reserve your tickets today.

National Burger Day on Friday, May 28 will include a burger BBQ at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Lunch will be served at noon, and it will include burgers, chips, fruit salad, and dessert. The cost for lunch will

be \$5, and the meal will be served outside on the lawn (weather permitting). Please call 815-734-6335 to sign up today.

National Bicycle Day is Thursday, June 3. We would love for you to bring your bike to the Mt. Morris Senior Center and join us for a ride around town at 1:00 pm.

We are celebrating National Applesauce Cake Day at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. We will be offering free pieces of Applesauce cake for anyone that stops by 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris between 10 am and 1 pm on Friday, June 4.

Virtual crop martketing webinar will be June 16

The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a virtual crop marketing webinar on the evening of June 16, at the Days Inn, in Rock Falls.

"Managing Crop Price Risks in Uncertain Times" is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current low commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, will facilitate the program.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly

15,000 in attendance. During the two hour program producers will ex-

amine the following topics: * Supply Demand and

Crop Price Outlook * Marketing Strategies

& Tools

* Implementing Strat-

* Consider Your Cash

Flow Needs This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation.

It will present producers

with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the virtual webinar go to the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at www.oglefb.org and click on the link in the news story.

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City of Oregon now offering lease grants

OREGON – The City of Oregon has introduced a new Commercial Lease Subsidy Grant (CLSG). Qualified applicants may be eligible for lease

subsidies in an amount not to exceed \$600 per month, or 50 percent of monthly lease payment for a period up to 12 months. The maximum grant cumulative benefit is \$7,200.

The city is looking for unique business to fill the available commercial space in our Historic District and Riverfront Zone.

It will work directly with building owners, and entrepreneurs to offer this incentive to potential businesses that fit our community needs. The city's

services will include helping to market available space; working to create space specifications that are available for potential businesses; and/or to actively reaching out to potential businesses.

Interested building owners and potential grantees can contact City Hall fat 815-732-6321 for more information.

Mount Morris has plenty of the arts set for summer

June – Annual K-12 Student Show

The art selection for the student show is by area art instructors, and represents public and home school student art in the Mt. Morris / Oregon area; June 18-27. All are invited to attend and encourage our emerging, young artists.

July – Home is Where the Heart Is

This is a themed, juried fine art show with awards; July 2-30 (submission deadline June 12). The Call for Entries is available at EncoreMtMorris.com. You may submit up to 3 works for consideration. Entry fee for 1-3 pieces: \$20

August – Radical Botanicals

This is a themed, juried fine art show; Aug. 6-29 (submission deadline July 10). The Call for Entries will be available at EncoreMtMorris.com starting June 13. You may submit up to 3 works for consideration. Entry fee for 1-3 pieces: \$20 (or free if you provide an art item for the Encore Art Auction scheduled for

All 2021 summer shows are open to any medium, including, but not limited to: pen and ink, oil/ acrylic/watercolor paint, pencil, charcoal, sculpture, photography, colored pencil, glass, metal, weaving, or other fiber art, etc. These shows will be held in the Encore! Old Sandstone Gallery, 122 S Wesley Ave, Mt. Morris, IL 61054. Gallery presentations are open to the public during Wednesday and Friday evening concerts and other community campus events. Mt. Morris events this summer include; PorchFest, June 12; Let Freedom Ring, June 30-July 4; the US National Straw Sculpting Competition August 13-29, with more to be announced. All events are open to the public and follow state and county COVID guidelines.

Village Artist Mercantile, is being added to our very popular Village Antique Mercantile on Straw Fest Day; Saturday, August 28 (the final weekend of The US National Straw Sculpting Competition). This high traffic day on the campus includes many special events. The Village Mercantile is a growing area for art and antique sales during this expanding

annual festival. Encore! Mt. Morris, is a cultural initiative of the Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp, with the goal of developing Mt. Morris into a unique, thriving, rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Visit EncoreMtMorris.com for the latest information, email MollyB@EncoreMtMorris.com with any art

show or gallery questions.

Celebration of life open house for Mary Ann Oltmanns and Pat Oltmanns on Sun. June 13, 2021 from 2 -5 at 583 River LN, Dixon.

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Obituaries

William B. Wagner

OREGON – William B. Wagner, age 84, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 in Dixon. He was born Dec. 2, 1936 in Dixon, the son of Charles and Irma (Cronk) Wagner. Bill attended Mt. Mor-

ris High School and shortly afterwards enlisted and served in the United States Army. In 1957 he was a member of the 505th Infantry, the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper serving a tour of duty in Germany. Bill worked at A&P supermarket and Kable Printing Company in Mt. Morris, for many years, he then went to work for Delmonte Foods Corp. in Rochelle, until his retirement in 1998.

In his younger years

Bill was a member of the Leaf River Horseshoe Riding Club. He enjoyed trail riding in southern, Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. He enjoyed many years as a member of the Mt. Morris Boat Club where he and his family enjoyed water skiing and camping. He was also a lifetime member of the Mt. Morris Moose Club. He was an avid bowler with the Kable Printing teams, enjoyed going fishing, and was an avid Chicago Bears fan. Bill married Sharon Ackerson on March 29,



1969 at the Ashton United Methodist Church in Ashton. Bill and Sharon enjoyed square dancing and traveling throughout the U.S. in their RV club, they spent many years as snowbirds with friends in Weslaco and Alamo, Texas. Bill was a member of the Oregon United Methodist Church and later in life the Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Oregon.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Sharon, daughter Janet Heier, grandson Joshua Wagner, and brothers Charles, Jr., Richard, and Jerry.

Bill is survived by his children; Robert (Peggy) Wagner of Baileyville, Joyce (Dana) LaPier of Belvidere, Jeffrey (Liz) Wagner of German Valley, Dawn Valdes Wagner of Sharon, Wis., and Chad Wagner of Oregon,

14 grandchildren; Ryan, Heather, Rebekah, Ben, Ashlea, Kyle, Kyle H., Brooke, Isa, Emily, Juan, Faith, Jovani, and Carlos, and 13 great grandchildren, sisters; Dorothy Capes of Oregon, Patricia Carpenter of Belvidere, Peggy Janssen of Oregon, Shirley Palmer of Leaf River, and Beverly Snyder of Louisville, Ky., and many nieces and nephews. A private funeral ser-

vice was held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 South 7th Street in Oregon, with the Pastor Don Jamerson of the First Free Methodist Church in Freeport officiating. Private burial was held at the Ashton Cemetery. A celebration of life open house will be held Saturday, June 12th, 2021 at the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge in Mt. Morris, from 2-4 p.m. A prayer service will take place with the Pastor Matthew J. Smith of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church officiating. Military honors for Bill will be held at 3 p.m. by the Oregon VFW Post 8739. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established for the Mt. Morris Moose Club. visit www. farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Bill.

Helen McNally

Helen McNally went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2021. She was born May 4th, 1935 in Winona Minn., at Winona General Hospital, to Edward and G. Burnell (Linander)

She married William McNally on Oct. 24, 1953, on his parents 50th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her children, Jocelyn (Glenn) Hazlip, Steven (Lori) McNally, and Sheila Mc-Nally, six grandchildren: Amy (Rick) Holder, Michelle (Steve) White, William (Michelle) Mc-Nally, Tayna (Abran) Cruz, Charles (Amber) Hazlip, and Joseph Hazlip. Great grandchildren include: Khristina (Jon) Taylor, Henry Holder, Liam McNally, and Madalyne McNally. Three brothers: Bernard (Jeanette) Pruka of Winona Minnesota, Ralph Pruka of Rockford, Kenneth (Pam) Pruka of Northwoods Iowa. Sisters: Doris Gile of Byron,



Grace Mueller, Winona Minn., Claudine (Roger) Eggert, St Charles, Minn. Brother in law: Jerry Abnet.

Predeceased include: husband William, parents, brother Ronald, Sister Caroline, and special friend Howie Gipson.

Helen was a member of Valley Evangelical Covenant Church as a Sunday School teacher 30 years. She was a member of Stillman Valley Lion's Club and known as one of the top rose salesmen for many years. She was Past President of American Legion Auxillary, a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Girl Scout Leader and

a member of Belvidere Moose Club. She volunteered for Rockford Rescue Mission for many years. She worked as playground lady at Stillman grade schools, as well as working in the kitchen after her retirement. She was employed by Amerock Corp 7 years, and 35 years at Ekstrom Carlson/ Toolmasers in Stillman Valley.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, crocheting, dancing, arranging flowers, and story telling. Many of her SV fall festival entries won blue ribbons every year. She never met a stranger. She loved to meet new people, play cards, and try new recipes.

Visitation was at Honquest Funeral Home, 4311 N Mulford Rd, Loves Park, IL on Friday May 21, S Maple 2021 from 6-8 p.m. Services were Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Valley Covenant Church, 103 S Maple, Stillman Valley.

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David Johnson

BYRON - David Johnson, the man who was a driving force in music education in Byron, for over three decades, died May 28th at his home near Byron after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 79. David grew up on his

family's farm south of Oregon. He played football and kept up with the responsibilities of farm life, but his real passion was music. His affinity for music was cemented as he studied for a time at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and graduated from the esteemed jazz program at the University of North Texas in Denton. David's first job was in

the Byron School District as the high school band director. Two years into his tenure he enlisted in the Army in 1967 serving as a trumpet player, singer, band leader, and arranger with the 5th Army Band at Fort Sheridan, Chicago and overseas with the 8th Infantry Band in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Upon his return home to Illinois, he resumed his teaching position in Byron. David transformed the notion of music education in Byron by using his college-earned and army-tested standards for quality and discipline to coax generations of students to success in music. He was equally at home conducting the high school band and choir as he was singing along with his ukulele and a class of kindergarten students.

His serious but approachable teaching style built confidence and musicality in his students in all styles of vocal and instrumental performance as well as in music theory and composition. This was evidenced, in part, by several of his students being selected for district and state level performance ensemble appointments, as well as numerous out of state and international performances by Byron bands and choirs under David's direction. In addition, the Byron Chamber of Commerce named David



its "Citizen of the Year" in 1993.

Apart from music, David threw himself into the greater school community with stints as orchestra director and vocal coach for school musicals, middle school cross country coach, BHS junior class advisor, ski club advisor, and Byron Education Association president. In "retirement," David went on to teach music history as an adjunct professor at Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL.

Alongside his teaching, David maintained an active career as a professional trumpet player in several area big bands, jazz and Dixieland combos, and community bands. Additionally, he had numerous opportunities to "back up" national touring acts like Jerry Lewis, George Burns, Gladys Knight, and the Four Tops and was a regular member of the "house band" when the Ice Capades and the Ringling Brothers Circus came through town. He also served as the choir director at the United Church of Byron for many years where he volunteered for church committee and leadership positions as well.

In 1967, David took a chance on asking Kathleen Wickler on a root beer date. What transpired from that date was a multi-year long distance relationship as he fulfilled his commitment to the army and Kathy earned her nursing degree in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They were ultimately married for over 50 years, and until David's last moments in this life, Kathy was tirelessly and selflessly devoted to him as they fought his Parkinson's disease and prostate cancer diagnosis together. She was his strength and his advocate literally until his last breath. David understood

"showing up" was to show love, and he never missed an opportunity to support his wife and children, whether it was at an early morning cross country meet, a little league baseball game, piano recitals, or making space for Kathy's career advancement. Alongside his support of his family, David embraced many avocations including fishing, running, water and snow skiing, woodworking, and tennis and racquetball. David was a prince

and a fighter and, whether through his music, his loving words and actions, or his character and ethos, his spirit filled many people with the incredible joy he felt for life. He is preceded in death by his Parents Everett and Lorena Johnson, his biological father Leroy Gemmell, and his sister, Lorna Hanson. He is survived by his wife Kathy, their two children Aaron (Sarah), and Amy Johnson, four grandchildren, his sister Joanne (Miguel) Conde, and several nieces and nephews.

David's work here is done. He has accepted an offer for a gig from which he will not be returning. However, he will be reuniting with friends, colleagues, and family he has not seen in a long time. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, June 7, 2021 at the United Church of Byron with the Rev. Tyler Spellious pastor of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Byron Cemetery. A visitation will be held Sunday evening from 4-6 p.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. A memorial fund is established in David Johnson's name that will be used for a scholarship for a Byron High School student pur-

suing music education. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale. com

Dennis J. Zalud

STILLMAN VAL-LEY – Dennis J. Zalud, age 69, passed away on Wednesday May 26, 2021 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. He was born in Chicago on May 25, 1952 the son of Laddie and Lillian (Schwendner) Zalud.

Dennis married Julie Kowalewski on Nov. 11, 1981. He worked as a truck driver for ZMX and then for Bruce Transportation. In his spare time; he loved to garden



and fish.

He will be missed by those surviving including his loving wife, Julie of

Stillman Valley; siblings, Judy Hill of Park Ridge, Laddie (Carol) Zalud of Huntley, and Bruce (Sally) Zalud of Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Jane (Tim) Jones of Tennessee; brother-in-law, Tom (Terese) Kowalewski of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

No services are scheduled at this time with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Forest Preserve District walkabout June 8

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District along with the Severson Dells Nature Center and Natural Land Institute will be hosting a guided Wildflower Walkabout at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve, 5502 North Silver Creek Road in Mt. Morris on Tuesday, June 8 starting at 6 p.m.

Join area naturalists for a free guided walking tour of the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve to view a variety of spring wildflowers, rare nesting grassland birds and the Biggest Tree in Illinois. Large numbers of grassland birds that are now nesting at this preserve include bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks and Henslow's sparrows.

Bring your binoculars and cameras and dress for the weather. This preserve has several hills and required moderate hiking skills. No advance registration is required. Participants should meet at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve parking area.

For more information contact the Byron Forest preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

Ogle County Sheriff

May 26

At approximately 5:44 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 10,000 block of EIL RT 72. After further investigation Debora L Waters, 43 of Davis Junction, was placed under arrest for Driving on a suspended license. Waters was also issued a citation for speed. Waters was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

May 24

At approximately 8:47 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 11000 block of West Illinois Rt 72. After further investigation Javier Rodriguez, 23 of Waukegan, was placed under arrest for No Valid Drivers License. Rodriguez was also cited for Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Illegal Window Tint. Rodriguez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

May 23

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Alejandrino Hernandez, 27 of Dekalb for driving without a valid license. Hernandez was arrested by deputies on Rte. 64 near Chamberlain Road after being stopped for speeding. Hernandez was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

May 21

At approximately 10:35 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of N IL Rte 2. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Tianna R. Cornell, 20 of Tampico, for Driving While License Suspended. Cornell was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Cornell was also cited for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and issued a written warning for inoperable rear registration light.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Justin Williams, 32 of Rockford for driving while license suspended. Williams was arrested by deputies on Hwy 251 near Davis Junction after being stopped for speeding. Williams was held in lieu of bond at the Jail.

At 5:12 p.m. the OCSO along with the Lynn Scott Rock Fire Dept. responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries on I-39 near Mowers Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a north bound vehicle driven by Kevin Abbott, 36 of Peoria Illinois had stopped in traffic when it was rear ended by a vehicle driven by James Hopkins age 34 of Elkhorn Wisconsin. An adult female passenger in Abbott's car was transported to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Hopkins was arrested by deputies for driving while license revoked and held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail. Hopkins was also cited for uninsured motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed.

May 20

At approximately 1:10 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of S. IL Rte 2. After investigation, Deputies arrested Ricky Green, 56 of Milwaukee WI, for Driving on a Suspended License. Green was also issued citations for Improper Lane Usage, Failure to Signal and Expired Registration. Green was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

May 18

At 5:56 p.m., Deputies along with Leaf River EMS responded to the intersection of 3rd St and Main St in Leaf River for a vehicle vs bicycle accident with minor injuries. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that an 11 year old bicyclist was traveling southbound on N

Main St approaching the intersection of 3rd St. Monica Spear, 33 of Leaf River, was traveling westbound in a black GMC pickup truck on 3rd street also approaching the intersection at Main St. It was determined that the juvenile bicyclist entered the intersection before Spear's vehicle cleared through the intersection, causing a minor collision. The juvenile was treated for minor injuries on scene by Leaf River EMS.

At 2:51 p.m., Deputies along with Monroe Center EMS responded to a two vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of IL Rte. 72 and Kilbuck Road. Robert Kesler, 32 of Kirkland, was driving eastbound on Rte. 72 near Kilbuck Road in a Ford Cargo van. Rachel Sievert, 21 of Davis Junction, was driving behind Kesler in a Nissan Altima. Kesler was slowing down to allow a vehicle to turn north onto Kilbuck Road from Rte. 72. Seivert was unable to reduce to speed to avoid colliding with Kesler's back bumper. Both vehicles received disabling damage. Kesler and Sievert were both seen by medical personnel and did not receive any injuries. Sievert was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

May 16

At 4:44 p.m., Deputies responded to the 4000 block of Illinois Rte. 2 for a motorcycle crash. It was learned that Ronald Bandy, 48 of Freeport was traveling north on Illinois Rte. 2, failed to navigate a curve, lost control coming to rest on the west bank of the Rock River. Bandy was transported to Swedish American Hosp by Byron Fire for minor injuries. Bandy was subsequently charged with DUI and cited for driving on the shoulder and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Bandy was released at the hospital and will appear in court on 7-2-21 at 9 a.m. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon and Byron Fire. The accident remains under investigation.

At 8:27 p.m., Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident at Skare and Flagg Road. A 2006 Nissan driven by Irma Ugalde, 25, of Rochelle was driving northbound on Skare Road approaching the intersection with Flagg Road. A 2005 Dodge driven by John Roe, 68, of Rochelle was driving westbound Flagg approaching the intersection of Skare Road. Uglade failed to yield right of way to Roe's vehicle and entered the intersection, striking Roe's vehicle. After an investigation, Deputies cited Irma Ugalde for no valid license and failure to yield to oncoming traffic. Ugalde was given an I-bond for her citations. Ugalde and her two children, ages 1 and 3, were transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle Ambulance for treatment of minor injuries.

May 13

The Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ebtihal Albaiaty, 37 of Sterling for driving while license suspended and a Whiteside County warrant. Albaiaty was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Albaiaty was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 4:12 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to a multi-vehicle accident in the 7100 block of South Illinois Route 2. After an investigation it was learned that Keshon Reed, 19 of Mt Morris, was driving a Ford van that was pulling an empty boat trailer. The boat trailer had lost a tire, which caused the trailer to slide. The trailer then slid into the oncoming lane of traffic and collide with a Honda Civic, which was driven by Christine Aguayo, 67 of Dixon. A passenger in the Honda, Rita Cannon, 70 of Dixon, Aguayo, and Reed all refused any medical treatment.

Virtual Medicare fair will be on June 23

Learn about signing up for Medicare from the safety and comfort of your home or office.

This virtual, online Medicare fair is for people turning 65 or becoming eligible for Medicare because of a disability. This event is supported by a grant from the federal government, and there is no cost to attend. Attend for any length of time. Learn about Medicare – and all its parts – to assist you in your initial enrollment decisions. Visit www.shiphelp.org to register.

It is set for June 23, from

There will be expert presenters on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, costs, and coverage options from the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs).

SHIPs are government funded to provide local, trusted,

and unbiased local Medicare help to individuals in their states or territories. During the COVID-19 pandemic, SHIPs are providing safe and socially distanced Medicare education and assistance to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers.

This online Welcome to Medicare Fair is just one example. You can visit state-specific virtual exhibits and chat with SHIP about what to consider when making your Medicare decisions. Join us from your computer or mobile device anytime between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Depending upon your state or territory, SHIP services may be provided under another state-specific or local name, such as CHOICES, HICAP, SHINE, or an Area Agency on Aging. This event is hosted by the national State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) National Technical Assistance Center. The national SHIP Center connects the public with their local SHIP. See the SHIP Locator at www. shiphelp.org.

Here is an outline for the event presentations.

2-2:20 p.m.: Welcome and Introduction to the Role of the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs). Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling and the SHIP National Technical

Assistance Center 2:20-4:20 p.m.: Medicare Eligibility, Enrollment, Costs, Coverage Options, and Coordination with Other Insurance. Presented by SHIP expert trainers who will explain who is eligible for Medicare and when, how to sign up for Medicare, and what to do if you are still working when you are eligible for Medicare. They will also discuss Medicare costs, especially the importance of avoiding late enrollment penalties. You will learn how to navigate your Medicare coverage options and understand how Medicare works with other insurances, such as employer insurance, Medigap supplemental insurance, and retiree insurance.

4:20-4:40 p.m.: Break (a good time to chat with SHIP experts in your state at their virtual exhibit)

4:40-6 p.m.: Learn about the federal government's role in Medicare, avoiding Medicare fraud, and Medicare assistance programs. Presented by representatives from the Social Security Administration. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Senior Medicare Patrol, and the National Council on Aging.

Visit www.shiphelp.org to register or to find the State Health Insurance Assistance Program in your state or ter-

If you have Medicare questions, you can contact your SHIP at any time. Use the SHIP Locator at www.shiphelp.org or call 877-839-2675. If you have questions about the Welcome to Medicare Virtual Fair, email info@shiphelp.org.

The national SHIP mission is to empower, educate, and assist Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers through objective outreach, counseling, and training to make informed health insurance decisions that optimize access to care and benefits.

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Join us for games, activities and programs

Join us for your favorite games and activities. Check out our bi-monthly newsletter calendar for a complete schedule, including upcoming programs, support groups, and trips. Call Deb at 815-732-3252 with any questions.

NICOR "sharing" program

NICOR GAS Sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150% of poverty level and less than 250% of the poverty level.

For a 1-person household the 30day income minimum gross must be at least \$2,128, but no more than the limit of \$2,658.

For a 2-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$2,874, but no more than \$3,592.

For a 3-person household the mini-

mum gross monthly income must be at least \$3,621, but no more than \$4,525, etc. This program is available through Aug. 31, 2021

You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing Program through the Rock River Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

Support groups Cancer Support

"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! They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River

Caregiver Support

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. For more information, call 815-732-3252.

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Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

732-3157 Oregon 562-3801 Rochelle

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HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796

Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County

Low Income Housing Ogle County Housing Authority

421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061

200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628

Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

<u>Mental Health</u>

Family Counseling Services 962-5585

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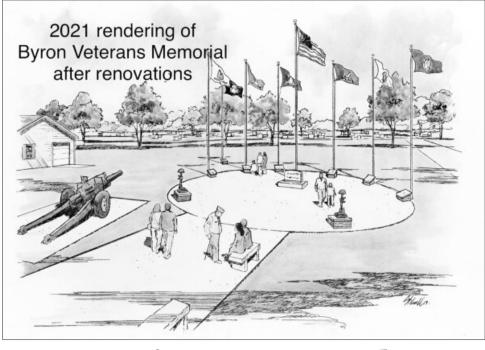
Veterans' Services

Rock River Center 732-3252 **Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499 Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co. 255-9181 677-6515 **Medical Transportation**

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Serenity Hospice and Home

Ogle County Health Dept 907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976 510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976



Donations sought to renovate memorial

BYRON - In 2019 a committee of Byron community members representing Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, the Byron Township and American Legion formed to renovate the Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial at 405 E. 5th Street.

Unfortunately, the pandemic halted progress through 2020, but it is now moving forward.

The group consulted local Veterans, the National Office of The American Legion, tradesmen, and a professional military artist to assist. Many elements of the current design will remain, like the battlefield crosses, memorial benches, granite memorial marker stones and WWII howitzer.

Some important additions will be poles and flags for Coast Guard, POW/MIA and Merchant Marines, 24/7 lighting, replacing the broken and sinking asphalt with con-

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crete and changing the mulch to grass. It will be an updated, maintenance free oasis for families to visit and remember their loved ones. Veterans Day, Nov. 11th,

commemorates all veter-

ans of the U.S. military. With your help th committee would like to have renovations complete by early fall and host the 2021 Veterans Day celebration on the new memorial.

To meet the Veterans Day deadline, the goal is to raise all funds by July 1st. Once donations are collected to fund the project, construction will begin. The total cost of the

project is \$18,280. This reflects increases from some vendors post-pandemic. As of May 30th, with donations from Byron Kiwanis, Byron Rotary, Byron Bank, Loomis International, Edward Jones, All-American Flag Company, and individual

community members, we only need to raise \$8,700.

Community members are also being generous with their time and talent. Volunteers include a retired electrical contractor, a third-generation brick layer, civic group members, and Exelon employees from E-MAC (Exelon Militaries Actively Connected).

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

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

We appreciate your time and consideration and hope you join us in honoring veterans. For questions, please contact Michelle: 815-985-5102 or malbert6@comcast.net.



Honoring the fallen

Byron Kiwanis, Key Club and Builders Club members gathered on Saturday, May 29 to pause, remember, reflect, and honor the fallen. Team Kiwanis distributed flags at the Byron Cemetery to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We are a Family of Servant Leaders. Byron Kiwanis sponsors youth groups in our schools; "K-KIDS" at Mary Morgan Elementary, "Builders Club" at Byron Middle School and "Key Club" at Byron High School. We collaborate with other area service organizations and businesses...because together we reach more people and have a greater impact on our community. Some of the programs we support include Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa - benefitting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society which provides free music programs to elementary school children, People Helping People food pantry, Pegasus Riders, Village of Progress, and Neuroscience Research Foundation.

Garden gets raised beds

The Mount Morris Community Garden and the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry have been awarded 5 raised beds through the Obama Legacy Initiative. This Initiative is a not-forprofit that was inspired by its namesake to help provide healthy, nutritious food for struggling and impoverished American across the country. Beds are now available to individuals by contacting Mary Francis at 815-734-6994. There is still plenty of time to grow a garden for this season. Volunteers who delivered and unloaded the lumber and soil for new raised beds at the Mt. Morris Community Garden: Yann Goli and Fred Greenwood, Obama Legacy Initiative; and Steve Opalka, Ed Weinberg, Jim Francis and Denise Cheek.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., June 7

Chocolate Ice Cream Day at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. The center will be giving out free chocolate ice cream cones to anyone who stops by between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All are welcome – 9 East Front St.

Tues., June 8

The Byron Forest Preserve District along with the Severson Dells Nature Center and while supplies last. Natural Land Institute will be hosting a guided Wildflower Walkabout at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve, 5502 North

Silver Creek Road in Mt. Morris starting at 6 p.m.

Try It Tuesday -Spread Positivity Through Rock Painting at the Oregon Library. Let's "color" the town with messages of "patience, peace, kindness, hope, etc." Pick up your rock painting kit, paint a rock and place it somewhere in town to make someone's day. Kits contain rocks, paints and brush. One (1) kit per library patron and

Weds., June 9

a.m. Join us for community Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., conversation in the Polo Li- Byron. Featuring local seabrary Pavilion. Coffee will be sonal produce, baked goods, provided.

Fri., June 11

Lunch Bunch – Join the Mt. Morris Senior Center for lunch at Basil Tree in Dixon. We will leave the Center at 11 a.m. Please let Melissa know if you plan to attend, so we are sure to have enough seats.

Sat., June 12

Byron Farmers' Market all items is 3 p.m. Wednes-Coffee with a Cop, 10:30 is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine

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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"Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

Published every Monday Mike Feltes, General Manager Brad Jennings, Editor

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MOMENTS IN

*On June 22, 1775, Congress issues \$2 million in bills of credit. Known as "Continentals," the bills lacked the required rendering of the British king. Instead, some notes featured likenesses of Revolutionary soldiers and the inscription "The United Colonies."

*On June 26, 1892, Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck is born. Her novel "The Good Earth" (1930), describing peasant life in China, became an international bestseller and was translated into 30 languages. Buck wrote 80 novels and books.

*On June 25, 1915, the German press publishes a statement addressing the German use of poison gas. The Germans had fired more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions in April, claiming the French had first used gas in August 1914.

*On June 23, 1927, the Sioux County Pioneer newspaper of North Dakota reports that President Calvin Coolidge will be "adopted" into a Sioux tribe at Fort Yates. At the Sioux ceremony, photographers captured Coolidge, in suit and tie, as he was given a grand ceremonial feathered headdress.

* On June 21, 1956, playwright Arthur Miller defies the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refuses to name suspected communists. Miller's defiance of McCarthyism won him a conviction for contempt of court, which was later reversed by the Supreme Court.

* On June 24, 1975, an Eastern Airlines jet crashes near John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, killing 115 people. The Boeing 727 was brought down by wind shear during severe thunderstorms. Only seven passengers and two flight attendants survived the fiery crash.

* On June 27, 1985, after 59 years, the iconic Route 66 passes into history when officials decertify the road and vote to remove all its highway signs. Measuring 2,200 miles, the "Mother Road" stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passing through eight states.

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Love my friends, no matter who they love

My best friend when I was a kid was named Randy.

Randy and I were practically inseparable until high school. That is when, even though he lived one block over, he went to one high school and I went to another. The district boundaries were tightly enforced.

When we were kids, we would swim, run around chasing "ghosts" with little machines we made (seriously) and other games of the imagination. When we were in junior high, we got heavily into music and started forming bands before we could even play instruments. Eventually, we played music together for real. I played guitar and Randy keyboards. He was an incredible musician.

We had a great friendship, and it is something I treasured.

I left home for the Air Force in 1981, but I did see Randy after I left. Once when I was home on leave visiting my parents, I stopped by his apartment for a visit. We talked like we had seen each other the day before. Finally, he said he had

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



"Brad, you know I am

gay, right?" Randy said. I looked at him and though for a minute.

"Yeah, I guess I do."

That was all we ever said on the topic. That was all that needed to be said. Yes, I suppose I had known Randy was gay for as long as I knew what that was. He also knew that I was not. It wasn't something we ever talked about because we didn't need to. We were friends.

I was thinking about Randy as this is Pride Month. Didn't know that? I suppose some do not. Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan.

Randy is only one friend I had growing up who was gay. Another, Don, was able to marry a man he had been with for 30 years once gay marriage was legalized. Another posts the most hilarious things on Facebook of his adventures. Another is always fondly remembered for his infectious personality. He died of Aids in the late 1980s. I knew most of these

guys through being involved in music and theater in high school. Sexuality is something we never talked about it really wasn't a topic of discussion back then. And frankly, I didn't care. My parents raised me to accept and love people, so that's what I did. I raised my children to do the same.

Remember when it was said that legalizing gay marriage would kill "traditional" marriage? Well, it hasn't. It has just allowed more Americans to enjoy the benefits of a legal marriage.

Look, I am not saying that people need to accept things they don't want to accept. I know many

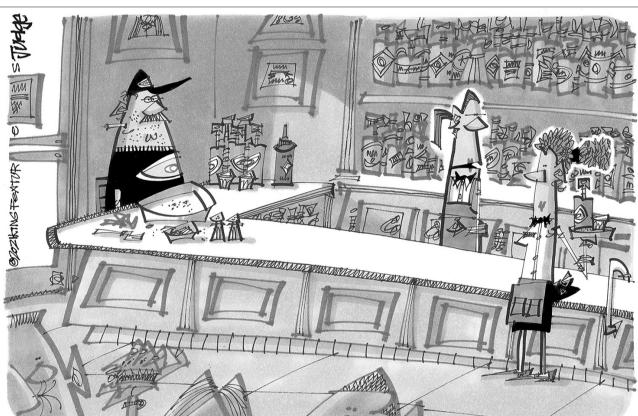
people have a difficult time with homosexuality for a variety of reasons. The same way people don't like people for the color of their skin or their religion. Different often means "don't like."

But time moves on, and things change. I am thankful that my gay friends can enjoy being themselves with more freedom these days. That does not mean they are not attacked or put down or ostracized. That is still a sad fact of life.

But they are freer to be themselves now, and for that I am glad. Honestly, I really don't think it should matter who people love. Love is a great thing, and I see many gay friends in loving relationships that have lasted much longer that those of some straight friends - including my-

Randy is out in California working in the advertising business. He had recently had a tough break up the last time we spoke, but he is still that great guy I met in the late 1960s when we were little kids. I don't care who he loves – he is my friend.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



"A DOUBLE BACON CHEESEBURGER, LARGE ORDER OF FRIES, FIVE BEERS, TWO SHOTS OF JACK, SIX CIGARETTES AND HE SAYS HE WON'T TAKE THE VACCINE BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE A HEALTH RISK."

How you answer to these truths is up to you

Dear Editor,

Mr. Jennings stirred in me some thoughts regarding truth in his article on May 17th. I'll focus on just a few thoughts as we could unpack this topic with much discussion and print.

Mr. Jennings starts his article by saying "it used to be some things were true and others were false." This dilemma goes way back to the Garden of Eden where after creating all things, God declared them "very good." (Genesis 1:31) He put the crown of His creation, man (Adam and Eve), in the Garden with one restriction. For the first time we are introduced to a being called the serpent who we later learn is Satan which means "accuser/deceiver." Jesus referred to him as the "father of lies." (John 8:43-45) The first words we hear from him are, "Did God really say?" (Genesis 3:1) He caused Eve to doubt and then believe that God was the liar. That question has been perpetuated throughout history ever since.

By contrast, Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus is the "Creator of all things" (John 1:1-3) and "in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:15-20) The Bible records the question that every human being yearns for including the governor of first century Palastine, Pontus Pilate. When he himself asked Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

Jesus had told him that "He came

to bear witness and testify to the truth." Jesus repeats this 75 times in the Gospels. Truth came through Christ (John 1:17). He is the living Word of God which is truth (John 17:17). Jesus is the Cornerstone of truth by which all other truth claims are judged.

Mr. Jennings rightly observes that "we are drowning in falsehoods" presenting things as if they are true but aren't." Yes, it should make us all worry about the future and it's much, much bigger than politics. The Scripture addresses these issues through out its pages. Yes, "people do want their version of reality." But humanity has a huge problem. They "distort the truth(Acts 20:30)...suppress the truth" and "exchange the truth about God for a lie. Claiming to be wise they have become fools.' (Romans 1:18-25) This passage is the embodiment and manifestation of our society! Our society is in a social and moral free-fall because we refuse "to love the Truth." (II Thessalonians 2:10-12) Mr. Jennings goes on to say, "How people can believe things that demonstratibly are not true is amazing and sad,' and I would add, and dangerous! I will respond to that statement at another time.

I agree with Mr. Jennings that "people hide behind false information like a blanket that keeps reality from getting to us." Jesus had a

discussion with a leading religious

scholar of his day. In John 3, Jesus gives this man the truth of what he needed to do to have a right relationship with God and gain eternal life. Jesus then drops the gavel in verse 19 and gives this truth about the nature of man saying, "Light and Truth (Jesus) has come into the world, but people love darkness

rather than light." Truth by its very nature is divisive. The God of Scripture who is omniscient (knows all), omnipotent, (all powerful), eternal (has always been) makes a truth claim starting from the very first verse of the Bible. He created everything in all its majesty, beauty, and incomprehensible design so that all men are without excuse. (Romans 1:18) But we as a culture want to forget about reality and make our own reality. (Post truth culture)

The deceiver still asks the question today, "Did God really say?" Did God...Create the whole universe by the word of His power?...Create us in His own image?...Create the family unit as his plan for human flourishing?...Create us as male and female?...Is there a heaven and is there a hell? Does God love humanity and is Jesus the only Way and Truth and Life by which we must be saved? (John 14:6)

These are just a few of the truth claims of God. How you answer them is up to you.

Ken Kielsmeier, Oregon



Paint & Sip class set for June 23

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is offering a Paint & Sip Class at Cork & Tap on Wednesday, June 23, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Instructor Amy Fenwick, local artist, will walk you through the painting process. Paint patriotic jars on an 11" x 14" canvas to add to your patriotic décor for July 4. Social painting is so much fun and the trendy canvases are a great addition to your home décor and canvases make a great gift as well.

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





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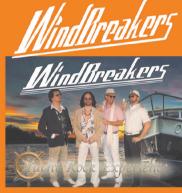












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Soaring Eagles

On May 8, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club participated in the fair work day at the Ogle County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m.-noon. Some of the tasks they assisted with included pulling out old fence, helping tighten the bolts on the picnic tables, and moving wood. Each 4-H member received a free grandstand pass that they can use during the Ogle County Fair. Pictured from left are: Josie Pals, Natalie Johnson, Kaeden Motszko and Grant Johnson. Submitted by: Grant Johnson LRSE Reporter



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1940 Hawthorne Drive, Rockford \$159,900 **Call Ashley**

A TON of space awaits you in this 4 bed 2 bath home!!! This home offers main floor living, a beautifully updated kitchen, huge dining room, master bath, fireplace. and two living rooms. On the exterior, enjoy entertaining on the deck, relaxing by the firepit, and the privacy of a fenced in yard. Additional upgrades in the past few years include some newer windows, flooring, gutters, furnace, deck, and paint. This property is located on almost a half acre across the street from Maria Montessori Charter School.



\$154,900 **Call Carla**

Loads of opportunity - 2 family with commercial zoning, located in Oregon, TIFF District, awesome river views of Oregon's dam, tons of tourism with 5 State Parks and river recreation. One bedroom apartment with garage and 1 two bedroom apartment with spacious living areas, laundry in units, off street parking, newer mechanicals, live in one and rent the other one. Separate utilities, all appliances stay. Great investment opportunity in scenic downtown Oregon!



109 E. Main Street, Mt. Morris \$115,000 Call Rebecca

4 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING! Looking for turn key investment property? Look no further! This property features a 4 unit apartment complex. All units are rented with excellent rental history. All units are one bedroom/one bathroom. There is also a coin laundry on site. Call today for more information on this income property!



404 Main Street, Pecatonica \$175,000 Call Rebecca

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Historic building located downtown Pecatonica with excellent rental history. Two stories with main floor bar/ restaurant space and 2 apartments located up the upper level. The main floor tenant "The Railway" is well established and a local favorite bar/restaurant. The bar tenant utilizes several walk in coolers, full kitchen and lower level storage space. Property also include a large parking area in the rear of lot that has room for 10+ vehicles along with an outdoor beer garden area. Two apartments upstairs have entrances off of both of the front and back of the building along with off street parking. Many updates including: hot water heater, furnace and air conditioner. Contact listing agent for more information on this property with great cash flow!



\$109,000 **Call Mark**

Enjoy the beautiful Victorian charm of this spacious home in Oregon, IL! 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. Pocket doors and gorgeous vintage woodwork. Second kitchen on the upper floor. Vintage fireplace (non working) and mudroom off the kitchen. 2 car garage under the house with plenty of space for storage! Hot water steam heat. No a/c but 2 window air conditioners stay along with washer/dryer, 2 refrigerators, 2 stoves - all as is. Brick front entry with vinyl siding exterior.



Don't miss this one!!!

5239 W. Murray Drive, Dixon \$119,900 Call Carla

Vacation all year round! This river front home is awaiting your arrival. Located on the Rock River, this prime offering has a boat lift and dock included. Main house has 2 bedrooms and guest studio has 1 bedroom and bathroom. Large wrap around deck and patio area. Large lot, located in flood plain.



1001 Palmyra Street, Dixon NOW \$69.000 Call JD

Cash flowing 2 unit multi-family! Lower apartment features 2 bed & 1 bath, upper is 1 bed & 1 bath. Perfect opportunity for an investor, or someone looking to have their payments covered! This space would also function well as an office space with an upper living unit. Lower unit currently has garage included, but could be rented separately. New roof in 2017.



403 S. 9th Street, Oregon NOW \$110.000 Call Rebecca

DUPLEX FOR SALE! This two unit home is located near down town Oregon has and is ready to be rented as a duplex! There is a two bedroom unit downstairs and two bedroom upstairs as well. Both have 1 full bath, full kitchen, in unit laundry and are separate heating and cooling. Many updates were done to this property in 2016: 2 Central Air units, 2 Furnaces, roof, plumbing, updated bathrooms and exterior paint. There is also off street parking, a storage shed and fenced yard. Not interested in renting as a duplex, this property currently serves as an AirBnb with nearly \$25,000 is gross rentals! Option to purchase as a fully furnished Airbnb is \$119,000.



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SPORTS/NEWS

Hang pie workshop June 17

OREGON – If you would like to learn to make Sweet & Savory Hang Pies, sign up now for the Oregon Park District cooking workshop at Cork & Tap on Thursday, June 17, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Instructor Lynn Kaufman, Lynnies' Kitchen, will teach participants how to make sweet berry hand pies with flaky, buttery, homemade pie crust filled with fresh berries. Participants will also make savory hand pies that are little pockets of puff pastry filled with ham, cheese, and broccoli. All food supplies are included in the class fee, but participants will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies. Class fee is \$32/Resident or \$39/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 10. To register online visit www.oregonpark.org. You can also register over the phone by calling 815-732-3101 or register in person at Nash Recreation Center.

Oregon grabs conference title

Oregon softball swept a both games Saturday, May 29 defeating Earlyille 6-0 in game 1 and Indian Creek 13-2 in game 2.

The Trampel Twins pitching tandem (Mia and Lena) dominated opponents in the pitcher's circle for

the day. The twins combined for a 2 hit shutout in game 1 on 10 strikeouts. In game 2 the Hawks pitchers whiffed 9 batters allowing only 3 hits in the game.

Oregon played flawless defense in both games with no errors. At the

plate Reilee Suter, Bella Koertner, Liz Mois, Mia Trampel, and Lena Trampel all had multiple hits on

Oregon finishes the season with a 21-7 record including an 8-1 conference record to capture the title.

Oregon Jr. Tackle Football registration is July 18

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

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

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

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

after registration.

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

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

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

Oregon girls soccer team takes down Monmouth Roseville

Oregon girls soccer beat Monmouth Roseville 4-1 on June 1.

Mya Engelkes, Leah Watters, Alyssa Mowry and Hadley Lutz all had goals for the Lady hawks. Watters added two assists, while Mowry had one.



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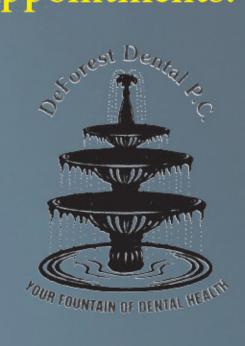
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Polo Library News

Polo Library Hours

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

Storytime Saturday

June 5th & 19 at 10:30 a.m. - Virtual

Storytime Saturday will post on Facebook.com/pololibrary and on YouTube by earching "Polo Public Library"

June 12th & 26th 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 n the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!

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

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!

Coffee with a Cop – 2nd Wednesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for community conversation in the Polo Library Pavilion. Coffee will be provided.

Saturday, June 19 - Burn N'Bush, 2021 Outdoor Concert Series, Yard Games at 5 p.m., Music starts at 6 p.m.

For the second concert in Polo Library's 2021 Outdoor Concert Series We welcome Burn N' Bush, playing acoustic covers! Bring your blankets or chairs to the Polo Library Pavilion and enjoy some good music! Call Polo Library at 815-946-2713 for more information. The 2021 Outdoor Concert Series is made possible with funding from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

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

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

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.

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

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-

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Bertolet Library News

Tails And Tales: Bertolet Memorial Li-

brary 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.

Adult Summer Reading Challenge:

Register today!

Presenting a new Adult Summer Reading Challenge at Bertolet Memorial Library! Reading is its own reward, but by signing up for our adult 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

Create-a-Card:

of the program.

Create-a-Card is back! Jessie will be here Saturday, June 19 at 9 a.m.

will be awarded at the end

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

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Byron Library News

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StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Our first Story Walk® 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. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Macramé Jar Hanger

Tuesday, June 15, via Zoom

6:30-7:30 p.m. Join Kelly as she creates a cute and simple macramé jar hanger. Add a

colorful thread, carabiner and glass jar. Additional supplies include measuring tape and scissors. Plant not included. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/ signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants. Wednesday Night Readers

plant and you've got a fun piece of room décor! Kit includes macramé rope,

Wednesday, June 16

6:30-7:30 p.m. @ the Byron Library

Join Penny for a discussion of the book, The Guest List by Lucy Foley. Space is limited, so register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Copies of the book and audiobook are available for pickup at the Byron Library.

Friday Trivia

Friday, June 18

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

Trivia is back! From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Share Your Story

Monday, June 21

1-2 p.m. @ 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.

Patriotic Wreath

Tuesday, June 22

6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Make a patriotic wreath out of bandanas just in time for Independence Day! Kit includes foam wreath form, bandanas, pipe cleaner, and stars to decorate. Supplies are limited, so please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

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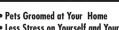
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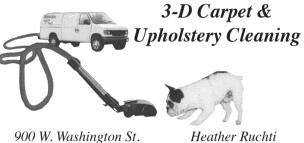
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Mount Morris Library News

Porchfest

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Summer Reading Program (in-person!)

We are working on our Summer Reading Program which will be IN-PERSON this year at Dillehay Park. Signups will be LIMITED. Registrations start on 6/2 and continue until June 21st. Our six-week Summer Reading Program will run from Monday, June 7th through Friday, July 23rd (taking the week of July 4th off).

0-4yo will meet weekly from 11-11:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at Dillehay Park. We will read books and do a craft. Registration required. Come prepared to get dirty! (Crafts consist of Finger Painting, Rainbow in a Bag, Paint with Marshmallows, Qtip Painting, Moon Sand and Splatter Painting.)

K-3rd Grades will meet weekly from noon-12:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at Dillehay Park. We will learn about Kamishibai, read books and do a craft. Registration required. Come prepared to get dirty! (Crafts consist of Kamishibai Theater, Bubble wrap Painting, Clothespin Butterfly and Geometric Watercolor Art.)

4th-8th Grades will meet weekly from 11-11:45 a.m. on Fridays at Dillehay Park. We will learn about Kamishibai, artists and do a craft. Registration required. Come prepared to get dirty! (Crafts consist of Kamishibai Theater, Raised Salt Painting, Stress Ball and DIY Marbled

9th – 12th Grades will meet weekly from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at the library. We will read The Rithmatist and Salt to the Sea together and do a craft. (Crafts consist of Faux Stained Glass, Negative Art Space, DIY Marbled Mug, Styrofoam Head Decoration, Glitter Globe and Tie Dye Shirt.) Registration required.

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June New Books

The following books will be available in June: An Unlikely Spy: A Novel by Rebecca Starford, Bullet by Iris Johansen, Castle Shade: A Novel of Suspense by Laurie R. King, Dead by Dawn: A Novel by Paul Doiron, Dream Girl by Laura Lippman, Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand, It's Better This Way: A Novel by Debbie Macomber, Jackpot by Stuart Woods, Keepers: A Mystery by Jeffrey B. Burton, Lorna Mott Comes Home: A Novel by Diane Johnson, Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton by Eleanor Ray, Notorious: A Novel by Diana Palmer, One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot: A Novel by Marianne Cronin, One Two Three: A Novel by Laurie Frankel, Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict, President's Daughter: A Thriller by James Patterson & Bill Clinton, Should We Stay or Should We Go: A Novel by Lionel Shriver, Sustaining Faith by Janette Oke, Unfinished Business by Judith a Jance and When Stars Collide: A Novel by Susan Elizabeth Phillips.

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!

We Are Fine Free!

As of January 2, 2021, the Mount Morris Public Library is officially

FINE FREE! (Replacement and damage charges will still apply.) Contact the li brary (815-734-4927) with any questions

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BYRON

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

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Pastor: Tyler Spellious Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson Adult Sundat School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:

Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am

Adult Christian Education Class: 9am Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or

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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 7

Tuesday, June 8, Nature Journaling (ages 7-12) 1 pm at the Library

Wednesday, June 9, Oregon Park West Discovery Walk (1st-11th grade) worksheet available for pick up Thursday, June 10, Around Town Discovery Walk

Thursday, June 10 Video Story Time - Ten Beautiful Things by Molly Beth Griffin. Take & Make Craft kits available today for this Story Time (limited supplies).

Week of June 14

Tuesday, June 15, Fruits and Veggies and Stickers, Oh My! (All Ages) worksheet available for pick up Wednesday, June 16, Color Your Wardrobe (8 yrs. old & up) 1:30 pm

Wednesday, June 16 Oregon Park West Discovery Walk due

Thursday, June 17 Video Story Time - Dad By My Side by Soosh. Take & Make Craft kits available today for this StoryTime (limited supplies).

Friday, June 18, Letter Scavenger Hunt due

Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and

AdultSummerReadingProgramBeginsJune1st!

up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. This year the Oregon Public Library has two ways to record a participants 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/*Pleaseanswer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group. • Book Logs – can be picked up at time of check-
- out and dropped off in person at our circulation desk. Patrons should not hold book logs till the end of the program. All book logs, word search and puzzles must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10th, 2021.NEW! We have word search puzzles and word 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



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Cakes in a jar! - June 18th at 11 a.m. **In-person program (masks required)**

Create a beautiful sweet rainbow dessert in a Mason jar! Each patron will be able to customize a cake in a jar creation. All supplies provided. Registration required 815-732-2724 and space is limited. Registration deadline June 11th.

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. oregonpubliclibray.com.

New releases

Out Of Many, One: Portraits Of America's Immigrants by George W. Bush (Non-Fiction 757.6 BUS) Mental Immunity: Infectious Ideas, Mind-Parasites,

And The Search For A Better Way To Think by Andy Norman (Non-Fiction 302 NOR) What Happened To You? Conversations On

Trauma, Resilience, And Healing by Bruce D. Perry(Non-Fiction 616.85 PER) The Window Seat: Notes From Life In Motion by

Aminatta Forna (Non-Fiction 808 FOR) The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green

(Non-Fiction 306 GRE) The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, A Temptation, And The Longest Night Of The Second World War by

Malcolm Gladwell (Non-Fiction 940.54 GLA) Dial A For Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto (Fiction) Where The Grass Is Green And The Girls Are Pretty

by Lauren Weisberger (Fiction) The Soulmate Equation by Christina Lauren (Fic-

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Julia Hull Library News



Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) kickedoff its summer reading program, Go for the Gold!, with fun games, prizes, and an Olympic-inspired obstacle course!

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. Don't worry: you can also use Beanstack on your desktop. You can register as an individual, family, or organization/class/school! There are activities and challenges for ALL AGES (0-109). Join any time! May 28 through August 6. Visit our website for more information: https://www.juliahull. org/summer-reading-2021.

Pajama Storytime

Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Summer Science: Bottled Olympic Flame

Get your kids in the Olympic spirit with this blazing stem project! Join Miss Kelly on FacebookLive, Wednesday, June 1 at 1 p.m. as she shows you how to use household items to make your own safe non-flammable Olympic flame in a bottle! Ages 5-9. No kit needed! This experiment uses basic household items found in most homes. Use our online order form to request a supply list: https://www.juliahull.org/order-request.

Read A Book, Meet the Author: Outlawed

Register now for this summer's two-part Read A Book, Meet the Author Zoom series, featuring Anna North and her newest work of fiction, Outlawed. Book discussion on Friday, June 11 at 10 a.m.; Author Q&A on Friday, June 18. Via Zoom, starting at 10 a.m.. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register and reserve your discussion kit. Registered participants will receive a complimentary hardback copy of Outlawed (and some other fun stuff!)...while supplies last. Adults.

Felted Summer Sunset

Back by popular demand! On Monday, June 14 at 6 p.m., we're learning to "paint" a beach-inspired scene using wool roving and a felting needle. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration, while supplies last. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Young Critics Book Club

This summer, we're heading to Japan for the Olympics! So, join us Tuesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. on Zoom for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about Chieri Uegaki's novel, Suki's Kimono. Program supply kits available at the library upon registration. Call the library, stop in, or use our online order form to register for the class: https://www.juliahull.org/ order-request. Ages 7-9.

Short & Sweets

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Join us on Zoom, Wednesday, June 16 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Thomas Pierce's short story, "The Hall of Small Mammals." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

Teen Crafternoon: Manga Drawing Workshop Calling all Manga loving teens: this workshop's for

you! Join Kelly on Zoom, 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.

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

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

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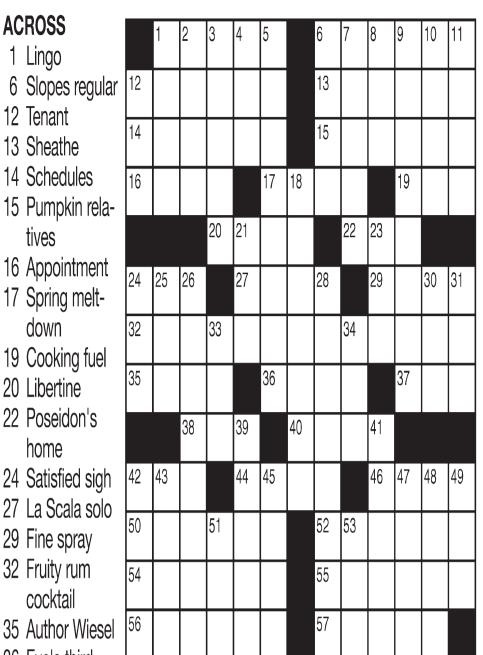
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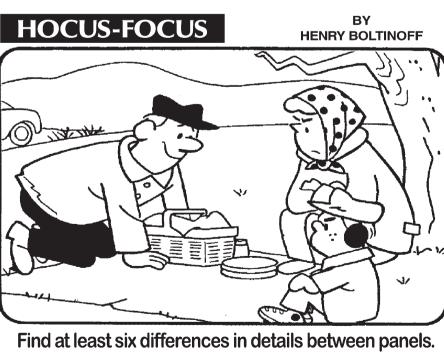
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Weekly **SUDOKU** by Linda Thistle 6 7 3 5 7 9 8 3 2 4 1 7 2 5 3 5 8 5 6 1 9 8 1 4

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

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Answers King Crossword

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Answer Weekly SUDOKU

Oregon Park District sets events, activities

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 unch 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 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

nome 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.

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 23 at 5:45pm at Lowden Miller Forest. The fee is just \$5 per Resident and \$6 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is June 16. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Parks & Pavement Runs

In lieu of the Oregon Park District's annual triathlon and to bring back their fun run this Summer we are bringing you an upbeat and fun running experience for all experience levels. Join the Oregon Park District for the Parks & Pavement 1 mile/5K/10K and the run on the evening of Friday, June 25. Join us for a race distance of your choice including a 1-mile fun run, 5K (3.1 miles), or a 10K (6.2 miles) run (routes attached). All three distances will be chip-timed. All IDPH guidelines will be followed. The deadline to register to be guaranteed a T-shirt will be on June 4. The final deadline to register for the run is June 16.

1 mile 5:30 pm Start Time (\$10 / \$12 NR)

5K/10K 6:00 pm Rolling Start Time (5K \$20 / \$24 NR; 10K \$25 / \$30 NR)

All participants will receive a T-shirt in their packet and a finisher medal upon completion! For more information visit the Parks & Pavement page at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Sounds of Summer Hike at Taft Campus Join us on Thursday, June 10 at 8pm for a guided hike through the woods. Do you hear the whooo whooo of an owl at night? Or the ribbit ribbit of the local frogs? Join

the Taft staff in exploring who is singing in our forest at night! This program includes a hike with stairs, at night, and will be outdoors. Please dress for the weather. The fee is just \$5 for Residents and \$6 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is June 7. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Sunday Supper Club at Taft this Father's Day

Join us at Taft Campus on Sunday, June 20 for a new and elegant addition to our dining experiences! Lorado Taft's chef, Kurtis Lassard, will be preparing a gourmet meal including fried cod and chef carved roast sirloin with a buffet of delicious sides and salads on each table. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Live music presented by Aireloom music will run from 6-7:30pm. Don't miss out on this unique, classy and memorable night out! All IDPH guidelines will be followed. Fee is just \$25 for Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents. Those 10 and under are \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents. The deadline to register is June 14. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Operation Move

Join the Oregon Park District and KSB Wellness as we get kids moving! Operation Move is a free program to promote families getting active in the summer. Free events will be held throughout the Oregon Parks in June and July. Sign up for giveaways at the events. Events will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30, unless noted differently. You must register to reserve your spot! June 10th- GAGA Ball at Park West

June 17th- Scavenger/ Treasure hunt at Fairgrounds Park

June 24th- Batting Cage at Park West (must bring your own bat and helmet) 1:30-4 pm

July 1st-Tennis and Pickleball at Park West

July 8th-Dodgeball, Park West

July 15th- Batting Cage at Park West (must bring your own bat and helmet) 1:30-4 pm

July 22nd- TORO Court Games at Park West

July 29th-All Ages T-ball Game at Park East (Please bring your own bat, helmet and glove)

Register for these free events at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

All government guidelines will be followed.

Tennis Camp Tennis Camp is back at Oregon Park West! Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a fun filled week learning basic skills and improving on your current skills. This camp will

un Tuesday July 6th through Friday July 9th, with 7-11yr olds meeting from 9-10:30 a.m. and 12-18 year olds from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Kristy is an experienced certified Tennis Coach and is the current Rochelle High School Tennis Coach. Please bring a Tennis racket and a water bottle. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt. Fee

Registration Deadline is June 22. Register inline at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Soccer Camp

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

Ages 4-5, Noon-1 p.m. Fee \$33/\$38NK Ages 6-14, 9-11:30 a.m. Fee \$48/\$53 NR

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

Lemonade In The Shade & Flamingo Bingo

Coming in June: 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 can be purchased at time of registration. Winners choose a gift from the prize table!

Sweet 'N Savory Hand Pies

Lynn Kaufman with Lynnies' Kitchen will teach you how to make both sweet berry hand pies with homemade crust and savory hand pies that are filled with ham, cheese, and broccoli. Make 8 hand pies in class on Thursday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Food supplies are included but you will need to bring a few cooking utensils. Class fee is \$32/Resident or \$39/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 10.

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 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.

Farm to Table Dinner Curbside Pick-Up

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.



Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for April. Pictured from left to right are: Sarah Shouer (9th Grade), Nicholas Brass (11th Grade), Ashley Dunham 12th *Grade*). Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement. Not Pictured: Xiomara Winkhart (10th

Classified LRE 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) Marketplace



PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00056

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or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, III. as Case No. 2018TX11 The Property is located

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PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00148

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Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners parties interested in said land A Petition for Tax Deed

on premise described of OGLE County, III. as Case No. 2018TX11 The Property is located

3640 W. Broad St., Dixon, IL Property Index Number:

21-13-157-003 Said Property

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of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers. Ltd. Petitioner 10565-914894

No. 0518 (May 24, 31, June 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00231

TO: Estate of Burton A. Wicke Estate of Marian R. Wicke Estate of William J.

Wicke Occupant Ruthann E. Wicke Estate of Rebecca

Robb Ruthann E. Wicke Estate of Burton A. Wicke

William Bruce Robb Jr. United States Attorney General

United States Attorney Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown interested in said land

or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk

of OGLE County. III. as

COUNTY Case No. 2018TX11

> 224 E. Depot St., Creston, IL Property Index Number: 25-23-286-004

> The Property is located

Property was sold on 11/8/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017.

period redemption will expire 9/15/2021. On 09/30/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers,

Ltd, Petitioner 10565-914895 No. 0519 (May 24, 31,

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**)Case

OF:)No. LOUAN J.)2021 DALLMAN,)P 38 Deceased.) Case No.: 2021 P 38 **CLAIM NOTICE** NOTICE is given of the death of Louan J. Dallman. Letters office were issued on May12, 2021 to Kelly Maurici who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate

Ruth Attorney Robinson ofSmithAmundsen LLC, 308 W. State Street, Suite 320, Rockford, IL 61101.

against the estate may be filed on or before November 24, 2021. that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery ofNotice to Creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the below has been filed Illinois Probate Act, with the Circuit Clerk 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk -Division Probate at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061 or with the estate's legal representative, or both.

A copy of any claim filed with the Circuit Clerk's office, Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the legal representative and the attorney for the estate within ten days after it

DATED: Ruth E. Attorney Robinson (06207546) SMITHAMUNDSEN

has been filed.

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GARAGE SALES

308 W. State Street, Suite 320 Rockford, IL 61101

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815-904-8810 815-904-8811-fax rrobinson@salawus.

No. 0524 (May 24, 31,

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT**

OGLE COUNTY.

ILLINOIS 2021 CH 14 STERLING FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A MT. MORRIS SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED, ROGER HAEFNER and SCOTT MARTH, Defendants. **PUBLICATION**

THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, **DECEASED** Affidavit

Publication having been filed, because upon due inquiry you cannot be can be served upon you. Notice is hereby given

you, THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED. Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action was commenced the in Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County,

Case No. 2021 CH 14, by the Plaintiff Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings Loan Association against you, in which the Complaint seeks foreclosure mortgage dated April 17, 1996 and recorded April

29, 1996 as Document 9603813 among the Land Records of Ogle County, Illinois, in which Plaintiff is the Mortgagee of certain real estate owned by Ronald K. Haefner (now deceased) and for other relief, and that said action is now pending in said Court. The current record title holder of the affected real estate is THE HEIRS AT LAW

OR DEVISEES OF

RONALD K. HAEFNER,

DECEASED, and the

property is described as follows: Description: Legal Lot 3, in Block 10 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois, described formerly as Lot 3, in Block 9 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. Common Address: 206

Mt. Morris, IL 61054 PIN: 08-27-283-017 Consequently, unless vou file vour answer to the Complaint in the otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, at the Ogle Illinois, Courthouse, 105 S. 5th Street,

Oregon, Illinois 61061,

24, 2021, a default

or before June

N. McKendrie Avenue,

305 **GARAGE SALES**



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Desk, Queen Headboard, Dresser; Dish

Sets, Linens, Razor Pocket Mod Scooter;

Some Toys, Lots of Miscellaneous. PIA#77

2021 VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY GARAGE SALES

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

June 10 through June 12, 2021 - 8 am - 5 pm

Celebrate 610! - Community Garage Sales

Stillman Valley, Davis Junction & Byron

Stillman Valley List of Sales Registered with Village Hall

Plus size women's clothes (business & casual), numerous kitchen items (some new in the box),

Scrapbooking Supplies including StampinUp items, Fabric, Cross Stitch patterns and fabric,

Home Décor including Large wall hangings, Decorations, Area Rugs, Faux wood blind Curtains.

Small (kitchen size) flat screen TV, furniture, Chicago Bears bedding and curtains w/valance.

Clothing, lots of name brands. Jr High boys/Young Men's Clothing, Juniors/Women's Clothing. Golf Clubs, Drum Set, brand new, never used R/C Boat, Toys, Gazelle Exercise Equipment

Thursday, June 10, Friday June 11 8am – 5pm and Saturday June 12, 8am to Noon

entered against you at you that the above any time after that date. property has been sold in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint. and that the period Oale County Circuit of redemption from the sale will expire on Clerk Lisa A. Gabriel - ARDC November 3, 2021.

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This notice is to advise

The amount to redeem

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6 month intervals from

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6196272 Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. Attorney for Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings & Loan Association 202 E. 5th Street I P.O. assignee pays any Box 400 Sterling, IL 61081 P: 815.625.8200 gabriel@wmpj.com No. 0526 (May 24, 31, subsequent forfeitures June 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE owe before redeeming. TAX DEED This notice is also 2018TX11 to advise you that a FILED: 5/12/2021 petition has been filed TAKE NOTICE for a tax deed which County of Ogle will transfer title and Date Premises Sold: the right to possession November 8, 2018 of this property if Certificate No.: 2017redemption is not made on or before November 00045 Sold for General Taxes 3, 2021. of (Year): 2017 This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Sold for Court of Ogle County in Assessment 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, (Municipality) Special Assessment IL 61061, Room 302, on December 2, 2021 at Number: N/A 10:00 AM. Warrant No.: Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS You may be present at this hearing, but your

BEEN SOLD FOR Property Located at: 408 East Brayton Road, Mount Morris, IL 61054 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-

DELINQUENT TAXES 26-376-015

203 **HELP WANTED**

St. Paul Lutheran School in Rochelle has an opening for a THIRD GRADE TEACHER and an opening for an AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE WORKER for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teacher candidates should have a valid Illinois teaching certificate, and Extended Care prospects should provide references. Call or e-mail Principal Steve Hall at 815-562-6323 or shall@stpaulrochelleil.org if interested in either position.

SITE or CARETAKER PERSON

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

Equal Opportunity Employers

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Redemption can be Purchaser or Assignee made at any time on May 25, 2021 Stephanie K. Freeze or before November 3, 2021 by applying to the Matthew L. Freeze County Clerk of Ogle, Stephanie K. Freeze Illinois at the Office of Matthew L. Freeze the County Clerk in Bradley D. Pfoutz Oregon, Illinois. Matthew L. Freeze **FURTHER** Stephanie K. Freeze INFORMATION Occupant CONTACT Helen Pfoutz **COUNTY CLERK** State 105 South 5th Street Department of Revenue Suite 104 Attorney General for Oregon, IL 61061 the State of Illinois

HELP WANTED

Equity One Investment

(815) 732-1110

Legal Assistant Position:

Department of Revenue

Deanne R. Rupp in

Law Firm in Ogle County is looking for a legal assistant to join our expanding civil law practice. The desired applicant should provide a resume, writing sample, and pay requirements. Prior experience desired.

Please forward all applications to office@oglecountylife.com

Director for Senior Center: responsible for daily operations, communication with public and local agencies, scheduling and overseeing daily and monthly activities. Part time weekdays with limited evening or weekend responsibilities. Experience with senior services preferred; word processing and spreadsheet skills required.

Send complete resume: polosrcenter@yahoo.com **ATTN: Board President.** No Phone Calls.



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processing customer transactions for checking and savings accounts along with various other direct customer related duties. The successful candidate will possess excellent communication skills, be computer proficient, possess logical thinking, have a strong attention to detail and have money-handling experience. Should be "people-oriented" and prefer a small work group environment. Previous banking experience a plus but not required. Interested applicants should

send resume and cover letter to: **Central Bank Illinois Attn: Shelley Haws** 340 May Mart Drive Rochelle, IL 61068 Or e-mail to: recruiter@central-bank.com

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No. 0532 (May 31, June

10565-915214

PUBLIC NOTICE TAX DEED

2018TX11 FILED: 5/12/2021 TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 8, 2018 Certificate No.: 2017-00229

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2017 Assessment of (Municipality) and Assessment Special

Warrant No.: Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BFFN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at:

Number: N/A

128 East North Street. Creston, IL 60113 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-23-277-005

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on

November 3, 2021. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if tax sale or his or her assignee pays any

VEHICLES FOR SALE

subsequently accruing

taxes special assessments to redeem property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Room 302, on December 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time URGED YOU ARE

REDEEM

TO

IMMEDIATELY PREVENT LOSS **PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 3, 2021 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle, Illinois at the Office of

the County Clerk in Oregon, Illinois. **FURTHER FOR** INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 105 South 5th Street Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-1110 Equity One Investment Fund, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee May 25, 2021 Vincent Pelayo Heirs Unknown Devisees for the Estate of Vincente Pelavo Unknown Heirs

Devisees for the Estate Creditors, and Decree of Vincente Pelayo Creditors, if any of the Unknown Heirs above described as Devisees for the Estate "Unknown Owners" "Unknown owners or of Vincente Pelayo

COUNTY OGLE Unknown Heirs & parties interested

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said land or lots"

No. 0533 (May 31, June

PUBLIC NOTICE TAX DEED 2018TX11 FILED: 5/12/2021

TAKE NOTICE County of Ogle Date Premises Sold: November 8, 2018 Certificate No.: 2017-00053 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2017

Special for Sold Devisees for the Estate Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Devisees for the Estate Number: N/A No.: Warrant Installment No · N/A Patricia

THIS PROPERTY HAS Patricia BEEN SOLD FOR **DELINQUENT TAXES** Patricia Property Located at: 202 South Revnolds Avenue, Mount Morris,

IL 61054 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-27-410-001

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IN THE

MATTER

OF THE

ESTATE

JAMES

KILMER

Deceased

OF:

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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)No.

)2021

)P31

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the

death of James Kilmer

of the City of Leaf River,

County of Ogle, State of

Letters of Office were

issued on April 1, 2021,

to Rachel Kadar of

13183 Country Meadow

Winnebago, IL 61088,

County of Winnebago,

and whose attorney

is Maria N Berger of

Berger Law Firm LLC,

of 418 W. Blackhawk

Dr. Suite 102, Byron, IL

Estate may be filed in

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of the Ogle County

Illinois 61061, or with

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Witness, 5/26/2021

No. May 31, June 7,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kimberly A. Stahl,

ten (10) days

Clerk of Court

against the

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representative.

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Brandon Sanchez as Attorney in 2012SC572 Sterling Federal Bank, **FSB** Sterling Federal Bank,

Law Office of Amy M. Toepper as Attorney in 2013CH62 Recovery Portfolio Associates, L.L.C Blitt & Gaines, P.C. Attorneys

2013SC531 Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the

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STATE 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 Dated: June 1, 2021

OGLE COUNTY 28-4 of the Probate 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

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT**

OGLE COUNTY.

ILLINOIS

eew@zimwalsh.com

No. 0603 (June 7, 14,

IN THE **MATTER**)2021 P OF THE **ESTATE** OF KELSI M.

BENDER, Deceased **CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given to

Kelsi M. Bender of 2756 N. Indian Heights Drive, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Letters of Administration were issued to Jenny Baker, of Polo, Illinois. Independent Administrator, whose attorney record is Emily Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

creditors of the death of

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Baker. Jenny Independent Administrator Emily R. Vivian, ARDC #6290977 Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC 215 E. First Street Dixon, IL 61021 vivian@eablc.com

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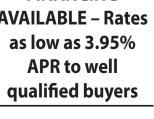
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Monday, June 7, 2021 • Section C



Flying the flag at night

According to the United States Flag Code, American flags should be flown from sunrise to sunset. Lowering the banner at night is considered another way to show our utmost respect to the symbol and those who served. However, with enough illumination, it is perfectly acceptable to represent your patriotism throughout the night. The flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if well lit during the hours of darkness.

The Congressional Research Service reports that the dignity accorded to the banner is preserved by lighting that prevents its being enveloped in darkness.

If you feel your flag should wave during nighttime hours, it's important to have a sufficient light source to display its recognizable stars and stripes. Here are some ideas to consider when creating a patriotic display.

Create a Light Source

If you're flagpole is not around an electrical source, you have a few different options to provide light. Remember your budget when you decide which avenue is the best for your yard.

• Extension cord: One way to achieve

a beam of light is investing in a light bulb rated for outdoor use. Check your local hardware store for a spike-mounted beam so you can easily transport it out of your way during daytime hours. You also could choose a heavy-duty extension cord.

- Outdoor outlet: If you would rather have a permanent light fixture in your yard to display Old Glory, assistance from a licensed electrician is a must. They can tap into your home's current electrical source and install an approved outdoor outlet.
- Solar lights: Modern solar power is incredibly efficient as a light source; just be sure it has the power and durability to maintain its shine overnight.

All-Weather Flag

If you intend to wave your flag 24 hours, it's crucial to have a banner that can withstand the extended use and inclement-outdoor elements. According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed." An all-weather flag provides you with a banner that is made of high-quality materials while being able to flow in the breeze.





Respect for the flag

The Flag Code was adopted to protect our nation's symbol of freedom and accomplishment of those who have served. If you are unfamiliar with the rules of the banner, it's possible to be unintentionally disrespectful.



Learn the basics from Chapter 4 U.S.C 8, to understand how to honor the flag, per the Government Publishing Office.

- The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.
- The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
 - The flag should never have placed

upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, word, figure, design, picture or any drawing of any nature.

- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like.
- No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.



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How to retire a battered flag

When you deem a flag too battered to be displayed honorably, retirement requires a respectful ceremony.

Laying this symbol of America to rest is a humbling experience and should be done with care. The Flag Code expresses that the preferred way of disposal is through a dignified manner, preferably burning.

Do you know how to tell when your banner is ready for a respectful retirement? Consider these factors to determine when and how to release a flag from display.

The Right Time

Before assuming your flag is due for a replacement, it's important to inspect it carefully. Many times, exposure to outdoor elements takes a toll on a flag's cleanliness and can make it appear too weathered to continue to serve.

However, when its physical integrity is in tact, a simple washing can bring it back to life.

When analyzing the integrity of your flag's material, look beyond easily cleaned obstructions. You will know it is beyond repairable when you notice prominent holes or frayed edges that will alter its size and texture after mending.

Who can Retire a Flag?

The Flag Code doesn't restrict anyone from retiring a banner, so use your best judgment to choose someone who will take the responsibility seriously. Here are some ideas to consider if you plan to conduct a ceremony, from the Independence Hall Association.

• One flag should be used in the ceremony to represent all banners included in the retirement service. The remainder of



symbols should be collectively incinerated;

- The solemn service should be conducted outdoors, in conjunction with a campfire program;
- The ceremony should include two color guards,

one representing the flag in use and another for the banner to be retired; and

• A leader of the service should call the group to attention, order a salute, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, order the flag retired and remain at the scene until the fire is safely extinguished and ashes are burned.

Other Options

Of course, the preferred method of a dignified retirement is by burning. If the experience is out of your comfort zone, however, a good avenue to seek is your local Veterans of Foreign Wars club or American Legion. These knowledgeable experts can point you in the right direction.





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Restore and Repair your Flag



Light damage or a dirty appearance doesn't always mean a flag should be retired.

In fact, the Flag Code encourages banners to be cleaned or mended when necessary. Before committing to a retirement ceremony, try to prolong a flag's duty with maintenance or repairs.

While it is disrespectful for a flag to touch the ground, it can happen during regular raising and lowering. It's important to eliminate the dirt or grime immediately to avoid a lasting stain.

If you are unsure on how to properly wash your American flag, don't hesitate to visit a local-dry cleaner. Most

experts can analyze the current condition and decide a best course of action. It's important to follow their cleaning instructions, as improper techniques may cause irreversible damage to your banner.

Here are a couple of ways to prolong the life of your symbol of American tradition and heritage.

At-Home Washing

For those who can clean a flag without the help of a professional service, special care should be administered.

If possible, reach out to the manufacturer for specific cleaning instructions.

For most materials, it's easy to get great results by handwashing your banner in cold water, with a mild detergent. Make sure to lay the flag flat while it dries and avoid hanging or folding it while wet. This will help its recognizable colors stay in place without bleeding into one another.

Once you have completed the cleaning, inspect it to ensure the filth has been removed and there are not issues like holes or frays. Routine cleaning is important to maintain and examine the integrity of a flag as elements like dirt, salt and air pollutants can have a negative impact.

Repair

If you notice small tears in the fabric of your banner, immediate repair it to limit the amount of damage. A small imperfection can be exposed during rippling winds or poor weather conditions.

This correction is usually best left to the experts as frequent modifications can alter the appearance and size, leading it to a state where retirement is necessary.

Search for a flag-repair facility in your area or seek assistance from patriotic organizations to find a professional.

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The Many Ways to Celebrate Flag Day

"The flag of the United States be 13 alternate stripes red and white, that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." This resolution by John Adams was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, placing our nation's banner in the spotlight as a respected symbol.

As new states gained independence and entered the United States, the number of stars and stripes increased. However, in 1818, Congress enacted a law to restore the original 13 stripes and only include additional stars to symbolize incoming states. The first Flag Day was observed on June 14, 1877.

While Woodrow Wilson proclaimed a day of recognition for the banner in 1916, it wasn't until 1949 when regulators officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, a na-

tional day of observance. Do you know how you are going to celebrate this year? Consider sharing the occasion with your peers and loved ones.

In the Community

June 14 is a day to celebrate the historic symbolism of our nation's banner. You can do your part by donating your time or resources to benefit the occasion.

Reach out to local leaders to inquire about volunteering to help raise flags throughout your community. Many businesses and public parks in your area may need help acquiring and displaying the banner. You also can offer to donate flags to ensure there are enough throughout the area.

Consider hosting a community event inviting peers and neighbors to celebrate the day. Make it an event where oth-

ers reflect on what the flag means to them and praise the active or retired service people in their lives.

In the Classroom

If you are an educator, Flag Day is an awesome opportunity to teach your students about their responsibility to respect the symbol. Take the following ideas from the National Education Association when developing a positive lesson plan.

- History of Flag Day: Discuss the origins and importance of the holiday.
- Changes to the flag: The banner hasn't always appeared the same, its history is an interesting and entertaining story to show students how the country has evolved;

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Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In classrooms across the country, millions of students partake in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unfortunately, many have merely memorized the words without understanding the significance it has to their country and freedom. If you are a parent or mentor, it's important to educate our youth about its significance.

A Brief History

The Pledge of Allegiance gained its first major publicity through an official program called the National Public Schools Celebration of Columbus Day. It was September 8, 1892 when the prose was printed in the Youth's Companion leaflet and distributed to schools throughout the country.

While it has seen a few revisions since its original form was penned by Francis Bellamy, it became a staple in classrooms while remaining unrecognized by Congress. According to the American Legion, it wasn't until 1942, when the Pledge was officially included in the United States Flag Code and 1945 when the official name of the Pledge of Allegiance was adopted.

Its Importance

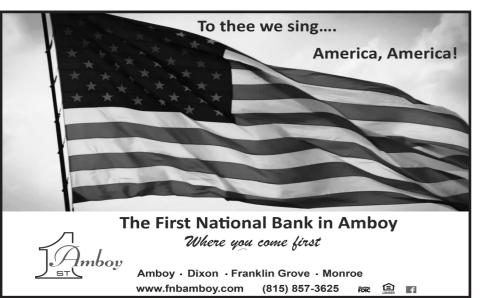
When discussing the Pledge of Allegiance with younger children, explain that it is an opportunity to display their loyalty as a citizen to our country. It should be considered an act of unity for students to stand together and pay their respect to America's banner.

Children should be encouraged to learn more about the meaning of the Pledge, rather than only recite the words. It is intended to inspire curiosity about the country's history and help build a stronger sense of patriotism.

Proper Etiquette

Much like the National Anthem, there is a proper way to show your respect to the flag during the Pledge. Here are the steps, from the U.S. Flag Code.

- The pledge is to be recited by standing at attention;
- Face the flag and place the right hand over the heart;
- People in uniform must face the flag, remain silent and take the military salute; and
- Those not in uniform must remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand, place it on their left shoulder, in such a way that their right hand is over the heart.







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FLAG ETIQUETTE | DISPLAYING THE FLAG

Where to See **Historical Flags**

The American flag has a rich history. The stories behind some historical banners offer humbling perspectives of a growing nation.

Fortunately, many of the most famous flags are still on display in facilities throughout the country.

Check out a few of the locations open to the public for citizens to pay their respects and witness the flags that hold a special place in history, in person.

Star-Spangled Banner National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.

The flag considered the source of lyrics which would become our National Anthem is proudly on display in D.C. The Star-Spangled Banner was penned by Francis Scott Key after being held captive during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by a lone United States flag flying over Fort McHenry after a failed invasion by the British.

The banner on display features 15 stars and is considered one of the most meaningful banners in the country's history.

9/11 Flag

9/11 Memorial and Museum, New York City, N.Y.

September 11, 2001 will forever hold a heartwrenching place in our nation's history. Terrorist attacks would claim the lives of thousands of citizens and first responders and destroy some of the most famous buildings in the world.

An iconic image from the destruction showed three firemen raising the American flag over the wreckage of the World Trade Center. Considered lost for many years, it was eventually recovered in 2016, when it was donated to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, where it rests



today.

13-Star Flag

Historical Society, New London, Ct.

The Nathaniel Shaw Flag, which was named

after its original owner, is one of the few remaining authentic 13-star flags flown during the American Revolution. While the banner has required restoration to appear presentable, it is

gives us a peek at the humble origins of our nation.

USS Arizona

Arizona State Capital Museum

The flag displayed over

the USS Arizona when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. forcing us into World War II is showcased at the Arizona Capitol Museum in Phoenix. Artifacts from the ship also are featured.



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On the celebration of our nation's independence, and every day, we offer our thanks to the men and women who have served our country. We salute those who are currently serving at home and overseas, and will be forever grateful for your commitment and sacrifices. Thank you for a job well done!

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