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Saying goodbye



A retirement Open House was held May 26 for Marcia Heuer, left, and Mary Steele at Rock River Center in Oregon. (Brad Jennings photos)

RRC holds retirement event for Heuer, Steele

OREGON – Rock River Center in Oregon held a Retirement Open House on Wednesday, May 26 for Marcia Heuer and Mary Steele.

People from the community stopped by to wish them luck and to have cake and coffee. "It's a good time," said Heuer, events coordinator and office assistant.

Heuer, who is a member of the Ogle County Board, has been with RRC for 11 years. As a master gardener and master naturalist, she said she hasn't been able to spend any time in the summer in her garden.

"I'm going to stay home with my garden," she said with a smile.

Steele, transportation coordinator and office assistant, has been with RRC for 9 years. She said she wants to spend her time helping local organizations.



"I want to get out and so some volunteering," she said.

Meridian board honored

STILLMAN VALLEY – Meridian CUSD 223's Board of Education was recently among 30 Boards of Education across the state of Illinois selected to present at the annual School Board Conference in Chicago later this year.

This will mark 6 presentations for this Board over the past 7 years. The annual conference in Chicago serves as the most popular professional development opportunity for school board members throughout the state attracting thousands of attendees.

In addition to this distinction, the Meridian Board of Education was also recognized earlier this year for outstanding governance practices and procedures from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

This recognition serves as the highest award an Illinois school board can receive for operating in accordance with best governance practices for a school board. This year marked the 6th consecutive year of this distinction for the Meridian school board.

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County no longer has region's highest COVID positivity

Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

Ogle County no longer has the highest COVID-19 positivity rate in Region 1.

Ogle County Health Department Public Administrator Kyle Auman revealed that in his monthly presentation to the Ogle County Board at its May meeting. The county is now at 4.3 percent positivity. On May 6, it was at 8.5 percent. Auman said county bed availability has improved, and 32 percent is the best he's seen in months.

"We're happy to see numbers improving," Auman said.

As of May 18, 35,862 total COVID-19 vaccine doses had been given in Ogle County. 17,102 people are fully-vaccinated, making up 33.58 percent of the population.

The OCHD is doing various vaccination events itself and in conjunction with partners. Auman said his department is working to get more Pfizer doses in order to get 12-17-year-olds vaccinated, an age group that recently became eligible for the vaccine.

"We have limited supplies of Pfizer," Auman said. "Handling and storage of that vaccine is more complicated than the others. We want to plan and vaccinate that

population."

Auman said the current state restrictions that allow those that are vaccinated to go mask less in some public places. Masks are still required for those that are unvaccinated. Auman said he hopes those rules are followed to keep case counts down.

The state's bridge phase, which took effect May 14, allows some events with gathering to happen. Auman said he hopes numbers continue to improve so the state can enter phase 5 as planned on June 11, which has been referred to in the past as a full reopening.

The OCHD is working with school districts and other organi-

zations such as county employees to implement newer COVID-19 testing procedures with quick turnaround on results.

"These will be great tools along with vaccines to keep COVID-19 out of our schools," Auman said. "We have also been working to keep regular testing moving with our hospital partners."

After calling Ogle County a COVID-19 hot spot and noting residents being less cooperative on May 6, Auman said he was happy to report lower numbers.

"We're really starting to see positive results," Auman said. "A lot of which we believe are due to vaccinations."

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LOCAL NEWS

Crop marketing webinar 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. Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

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.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media.

Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two hour program producers will examine the following topics:

- * Supply Demand and Crop Price Outlook
- * Marketing Strategies & Tools
- * Implementing Strategies
- * 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. Market and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Also how crop insurance will come into play in managing your cash flow needs.

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.



Lions award scholarships

On Wednesday May 12 during the Polo High School Awards night, the Polo Lions Club awarded six \$500 scholarships. In the photo from left to right: Joey Bardell, Cole Faivre, Marah Blake, Lion President Chris Casper, Teagan Prescott, Allyson Simpson, and Kaylee Lowry.

BOARD: One of six to get two honors

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To provide context, the Meridian CUSD Board of Education is 1 of 6 Boards in the state to receive both the governance award and be selected to present at the annual conference. There are over 850 school districts in the state of Illinois thus making the distinction of being one of only six to receive both honors truly incredible.

“Our school board

takes their job and responsibility to our students, staff, and community incredibly seriously,” said Meridian Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey. “I am not surprised by any recognition they receive because they truly put in the time and effort to continually make themselves and our district better. I could not be more proud of their efforts.”

The Meridian 223 Board of Education members are:

John Smith, BOE President, first elected: 2011

Jill Huber, BOE Vice President, first elected: 2015

Tim DeVries, BOE Secretary, first elected: 2013

Dr. Tim Flynn, first elected: 2011

Matt Rhodes, first elected: 2017

Marsha Welden, first elected: 2013

Kristine Youman, first elected: 2013

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Robert L. Brashaw

OREGON—Robert L. “Bob” Brashaw, 78, lifelong Oregon resident, died Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron. Born Jan. 14, 1943 in Stockton, the son of Robert Lee and Lois M. (Terrell) Brashaw.



Married to Phyllis Bradford Dec. 30, 1966 in Oregon; she died April 6, 2014. Bob was a 1961 graduate of Oregon High School and a U.S. Army veteran serving 1964-1966 in the Vietnam War. He was employed in the finance business 1966 – 1978, then as a finance manager in car sales, a mortgage broker 2003 – 2005 and was a licensed realtor. Bob was a member of Oregon Country Club, Oregon VFW Post 8739 and Silver Ridge Golf Course. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed vacationing in Florida and taking meticulous care of his cars. Bob loved sports and attending his grandchildren’s sporting events.

Survived by his son, Jayson (Kelly) Brashaw

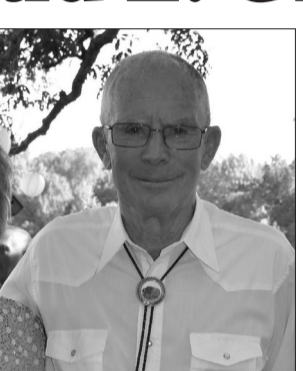
of South Elgin; daughter, Jennifer (Jim) Kitzmiller of Oregon; grandchildren: Addison, Ashlyn, Avery and Cooper; and many nieces and nephews.

Also predeceased by his parents; brother, Dennis Bates; and parents-in-law, LaVerne and Mildred Bradford.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 a.m.. Pastor David Rogula officiated. Burial in Riverview Cemetery, Oregon at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is established in his name.

Donald E. Grubb

Donald E. Grubb, 80, of Buda, Ill., passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at Banner Ironwood Hospital, Queen Creek, Arizona after a four-week battle with Covid-19.



He was born April 8, 1940 in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Robert and Guida (Abbot) Grubb.

Don married Arlene “Arkie” Groenhagen on May 20, 1989 in Princeton, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter: Pamela (Scott) Danielson of Rogers, Minnesota; two sons: Brian (Suzy) Grubb of Sharon Springs, New York and Christopher (Heather) Grubb of Milton, Georgia; four step-children: Tracy (Karl) Walk of North Lake, Texas, Todd (Mary) DeVries of Stillman Valley, Illinois, Terri DeVries of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Tim (Laurie) DeVries of Stillman Valley; 19 grandchildren;

18 great-grandchildren; one sister: Janet (Jack) Becker of Princeton, Illinois; two brothers: Dr. Richard (Audrey) Grubb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Stephen (Lisa) Grubb of Amado, Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister: Cheryl Dykstra; one brother: Stanley Grubb; and one great-grandson, Titus Schaefer.

Don graduated from Buda High School with the Class of 1958.

He was a lifelong farm-

er in Bureau County. He was involved in many farm organizations and was named Prairie Farmer Master Farmer in 1988.

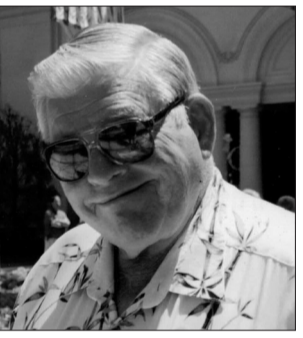
He was also on the board of directors for Citizens First National Bank of Princeton. He was a member of Bunker Hill Church of God in Buda where he served on the church board for several years.

Don enjoyed riding horses, including trail rides and wagon rides. He could often be found working in his woodshop.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Bunker Hill Church, Buda. Immediately following the service will be a time for fellowship and desserts. Memorials may be directed to Bunker Hill Church, Buda or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Ronald D. Miller

CHANA – Ronald D. Miller, age 88, died Monday, May 24, 2021 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford following a sudden illness. He was born Jan. 24, 1933 in Oregon, the son to Emmert and Ruby (Martin) Miller. He attended Oregon Schools.



Ron served his country in the U.S. Army. He married Mildred “Millie” Canode in 1953. They were married for 50 years. He owned and operated Miller’s Blasting Service, Inc. from 1978 – 2019. He also owned and operated R.D. Miller Industries, Inc. Ron loved to play golf and ride his motorcycle. He was a longtime member of the Oregon Country Club where he served as president. He was a former member of the Mt. Morris Moose Club and the Rochelle Hunt Club.

He was a lifetime member of the Operating Engineers Local # 150 and the NRA.

Ron was predeceased by his parents, his wife Mildred “Millie” in 2003, his brother Richard Miller, his ½ brother Donny Martin, his grandson David Miller, and his son-in-law Butch Farbo.

He is survived by his 5 children; Steve (Sue) Miller of Freeport, Vicki Farbo of Byron, Stanley “Spud” (Sheila) Miller of Chana, Stacy (Trina Y.) Miller of

Branson, Mo., and Tania VanBriesen of Stillman Valley, special lady friend Mary Lou “Lucy” Paske of Chana, 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, many special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd, in Stillman Valley, IL 61084 with the Rev. Chris Brauns pastor of the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley officiating. Burial in the Stillman Valley Cemetery. A visitation was held Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home in Stillman Valley. A memorial fund is established in Ronald Miller’s name. Visit www.farrell-hollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Lou Ann Millard

BYRON – Lou Ann Millard, 65, went home to be with the Lord on May 22, 2021. Lou Ann was born on April 18, 1956 to Emery and Elaine (Devenney) Wedig, and was raised just north of Davis Junction.



Lou Ann married Jeff Gocken in June of 1976; he was called home to the Lord in October 1979. Lou Ann then married Chris Millard on May 9, 1981. They had three children; Gabriel (Kate) of Geneva, Noah (Emily) of Rochelle, and Emily (Josh) Gerdes of Byron. She was a proud grandma to her grandkids Bea, Mack, and Mae; Clara, Teddy, Florence, and Wells; Cooper and Collins.

Lou Ann lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed watching beautiful blessings and she thanks God for all of them, baking cakes and owning her own commercial embroi-

dery business. She lived for her family! You could always find her spending time at the lake with the grandkids. Her philosophy was Faith, Family, Friends. She was blessed with some amazing friends who were truly family. She graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1974 and was so very blessed with her Potluck Sisters.

Lou Ann is preceded in death by her husband Jeff Gocken, father Emery Wedig, mother-in-law Harriet Gocken, mother and father-in-law Dolores and Ron Millard.

Lou Ann is survived by her husband, chil-

dren, and grandchildren; mother Elaine Wedig, sisters, Leah Cruse, Linda (Ron) Wegner, and Laurie (Charlie) Bigelow; father-in-law, Sam Gocken; sisters-in-law, Wendee (Jim) Guth and Candace (Michael) Quinn; and many special nieces, nephews, and amazing godchildren.

Sincere thanks to the staff at Serenity Hospice in Oregon for their support through the last weeks in her life. Her family could not have done it without all of them. It was Lou Ann’s wish that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Serenity Hospice and Home.

A walk through visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Ardis Printz

Ardis Printz, 84, of Baileyville, Ill., passed away Friday May 21, 2021 in her home surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Forreton, the daughter of Klaas and Mable (Welp) Bocker.



On Nov. 27, 1954 she married Rexford Printz Jr. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark. Ardis was a homemaker and waitress at Junction 64 and 26 Truckstop. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church ELCA in Forreton. Ardis enjoyed mowing the lawn, farming, coffee with friends, shopping and most importantly spending time

with her grandkids and great grandkids.

She is survived by her husband Rex; son Michael (significant other Susan) Printz; two daughters Lorie (Dennis) Hazel of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and Julie (significant other Jeff) Langholf of Baileyville, Ill.; two siblings Marlene Witmer of Mt. Mor-

ris, and Audrey (Rick) Stukenburg of Forreton; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister-in-law Gary and Judy Bocker, son-in-law Jim Langholf; grandson Joshua Langholf and brother-in-law Brad Witmer.

A visitation was held from 1-2 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport. A graveside service followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established for St. James Lutheran Church in Forreton.

Adam Michael Spittler

Adam Michael Spittler, 27, of Adeline, passed away Friday May 21, 2021 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born May 26, 1993 in Rockford, to Gary and Robin (Prentice) Spittler. Adam was a truck driver for Buckshot Ridge Farms & Excavating.



Adam was a 2013 graduate of Forreton High School, that studied auto mechanics at Whiteside Area Career Center. Adam was actively involved in FFA and participated in many activities but restoring tractors was his favorite. In 2012 his tractor restoration team made it to compete at the National Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Adam played football, and baseball. Adam began playing baritone, and tuba in Jr High and later learned how to play the guitar. His love for music was a saving grace through the tough times.

He was friends with everyone, and never held a grudge. He could often be found working on people’s vehicles and lending a hand to anyone in need of help. Adam had many hobbies, he had a special love for trucks, motorcycles, semis and tractors. He loved snowmobiling, tractor pulling, fishing, and hanging out with his friends. Adam served on the board of directors for the Silver Creek Museum, and The Antique Engine Club in Freeport.

Adam was diagnosed with stage four testicular cancer in July 2020, he battled every day to beat cancer, enduring brain surgery, several rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and other procedures. Adam and his family were very hopeful that he would be cured and

able to stay on earth but the lord had other plans. Adam is survived by his parents Gary and Robin Spittler of Adeline; two sisters Daniella (Justin Mills) Schreiber of Forreton, and Michelle Spittler of Freeport; brother Noah Spittler of Adeline; Grandfather Harry B. Prentice; nieces and nephews Mackenzie, Dyllan, and Jaxson; Uncle Harry (Linda) Prentice; Aunt Rhonda (Jeremy DeBord) Prentice.

He is preceded in death by his paternal Grandparents Francis and Janet Spittler and maternal Grandmother Rita Prentice.

There was a visitation Friday May 28, 2021 from 5-9 p.m. at Leaf River Baptist Church. A visitation was held Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday May 29, 2021 at Leaf River Baptist Church with Pastor Billy Hardy officiating. Burial in North Grove Evangelical Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Adam’s memory.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon's Reckamp receives P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

OREGON – Claudia Reckamp, a senior at Oregon High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter CU of Mt. Morris.

Reckamp is on the Academic Team, in band serving as a drum major and as the teacher's assistant, has played soccer, and has been involved in school plays, including serving as a director. She will attend the University in Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. She also plans to audition for the Marching Illini! She plans to enroll in General Studies to explore several fields in biology and science.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Chapter CU has been a part of the Mt. Morris community since it was organized in 1929.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more



than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 116,000* women pursue educational goals by providing over \$383 million* in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than a half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 6,000 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org

Stillman Valley's Knarr earns scholarship

STILLMAN VALLEY – The prestigious PEO STAR Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year was awarded to Irene Knarr, a recent graduate of Stillman Valley High School.

Knarr was recommended for the scholarship by PEO Chapter NZ of Byron and Stillman Valley. She plans to attend Marquette University this fall where she has been admitted as a freshman to the six-year doctorate program in physical therapy. She also intends to minor in business so she can someday open her own practice.

The PEO STAR Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, academics, and potential for future success.

The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada, and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. A student must be recommended by a PEO Chapter.

Knarr's academic accomplishments include membership in the National Honor Society, student council (vice president senior year), Renaissance Team (4 years), Math Team (4 years) and Spanish Club (vice president). She has completed over 710 hours of community



service projects, and was an Academic Medal Recipient her junior year.

Other extracurricular activities include playing club soccer from 2011-present, volunteering at a local summer camp, participating in her church youth group, and volunteering at her local food pantry.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international women's organization of about 230,000 members, with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. There are approximately 6,000 local chapters in the United States and Canada. As of April 2020, nearly \$366 million has been awarded to over 113,000 women from the organization's six educational philanthropies.

The organization also owns Cottey College, an independent college for women in Nevada, Missouri.

For more information about PEO, please visit www.peointernational.org, or contact Jane Jones at 309-798-7989.

Koch receives teaching honor

CHANA — Therese Koch, Elementary Program teacher at Chana Education Center (CEC), was recently awarded the Illinois Principal Association's Teacher Leadership Award for the Northwest Region.

Chana Education Center is a therapeutic day school program of Ogle County Education Cooperative. Koch was selected out of thirty-five strong and deserving nominations for the region. Koch has over nine years of experience in Special Education, with seven years served at CEC.

During her time at CEC, Koch has proven to be a master of incorporating proactive, positive social-emotional and behavioral supports for students into the everyday school routine and academic curriculum. Her first goal when working with a new student is to ensure that they feel cared about, accepted, and a part of a school family. She is dedicated to ensuring that her classroom is a safe and welcoming place for students of all needs. She teaches and leads with the philosophy that a disconnected child is a discouraged child, and that discouraged children need to feel supported through connection and relationship in order to excel in their academic growth.

Koch has made many area connections with her students in order to grow their sense of community. Students in her room connect with individuals from the Mount Morris Senior Center during monthly events called C.A.S.T. (Children and Seniors Together). Her students join with reading buddies at the Chana Methodist Church to read and share books together. She regularly invites local professionals to come in and visit with students to talk about their roles in the community and their jobs. While COVID-19 has made it a challenge



to provide these connections in-person with her students, Koch has arranged for these opportunities of connection to continue through virtual and other ways.

Koch creates opportunities for students to find that learning often involves taking healthy risks and accepting responsibility when mistakes are made. She differentiates her lessons to hone in on the specific strengths and interests of each student, while still challenging each student to grow in their targeted areas of struggle. She incorporates fun activities and hands-on projects that help her students find the fun in school. Often the elementary students are scavenging the building for a special clue to answer a mystery puzzle, researching ciphers to break secret codes, or building

creations to solve a problem.

A statement by one of her students sums it up succinctly, "Sometimes I don't even know I'm learning because I'm having so much fun. Mrs. Koch makes it so we can learn AND have fun at the same time."

She enjoys celebrating big and small steps towards each student's goals. Students are empowered to feel that they have a choice and a voice in the world, and that they are capable of advocating for themselves and accomplishing great things. She is a dedicated role model to others of unconditional love and support for students, embracing obstacles with a growth mindset, and being a champion for each individual child for all strengths and areas of need.

County's Master gardeners offer free Help Desk

Spring brings change and new growth.

Gardens are being planted and we begin to spend more time in our outdoor space around our homes. You may have noticed a change in your landscape, grass or trees as things are blooming after the winters rest.

The Ogle County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers through the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program.

As a service to our community, they offer a free service answering home yard and garden questions at their Horticulture Help Desk.

Master Gardeners provide

research-based answers to your questions and take the time to find the information you need for your specific circumstance. They research topics on insects, trees, shrubs, plants, vegetables, fruits, gardens, lawns, and more.

The Help Desk is open from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the growing season (April – September).

The Master Gardeners can be reached by calling 815-732-2191, emailing in your question to uiemg-ogle@illinois.edu, or by stopping at the office located at 521 W. Pines Road, Suite 10 in Oregon. When calling, emailing or stopping by, the vol-

unteers will ask you diagnostic questions to help them better understand your situation as they begin their research. They do not make house calls. Clients are encouraged to email or bring in photos or drop off samples of their troubled plants, trees, or shrubs. Call for tips on how to collect samples.

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Plans for Annual Chana Playday in Full Swing!

The 44th annual Chana Playday is scheduled for Friday, July 16 at 8am at Prairie View Golf Course.

\$80.00 Per person.

There will be raffles, prizes and refreshments on the course.

This year donations will go to:

- Area FFA chapters
- Three local food pantries
- Chana playday scholarship fund

For more information Contact
Stocking equipment: 815-732-6054,
Chana Tap: 732-3922, or
C&C Plumbing and heating
815-562-7110.

Deadline to sign up is July 1st.

05312021

A celebration of life for William H. Buck, Jr.

A celebration of life for William "Bill" Buck, who passed away on March 6, 2020, will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Oregon Park West - Upper Shelter, 14th Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Parking is available at the lower lot next to the baseball diamonds or the upper lot off Oregon Trail Road.

A casual lunch will be served. Seating is limited, so please bring a chair and follow CDC and local COVID-19 safety measures. Please be respectful of others.

RSVP for planning purposes is appreciated. Visit this link at Bill Buck Celebration of Life <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebration-of-life-bill-buck-tickets-154037198407>

Memorials preferred to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, michaeljfox.org

05312021

With Fondest Memories

Joyce Elaine Lutz
8/21/1930-3/31/2019
Mother

Though out of sight, you'll
forever be in my heart and
mind.

Best Mom ever
Your children Dick, Deb &
Karen

**Leonard Claude
Lutz**
2/23/1929-8/29/2016
Father

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts

Best Dad ever.
Your kids,
Dick, Deb & Karen

Karen Louise Lutz
3/18/1959-2/21/2012
Sister

The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will
always remain.

Always on our mind and
always in our heart.

Love, Dick & Deb

John Chinouth
1/14/1958-10/27/2012

Brother

You are in our thoughts and
prayers from morning to
night and from year to year.

You are always in my heart.
Love you always until we
meet again.

Love you always, Cindy

Rick L. Hagemann
8/19/1956-5/4/2017

Dad

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts.

Always in our hearts.

Tasha Hagemann

Vivian Schings
11/5/1926-12/1/2014

Mother

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts.

We miss you more than ever.

Linda, Herb, Phil and
Family

**Lori (Weaver)
Rajnowski**
10/5/1983-8/2/2020

Daughter

Your courage and bravery
still inspire us all, and the
memory of your smile fills us
with joy and laughter.

Always in our hearts.

Mom, Dad, Cole, Clay, Tiff,
Wyatt, Kesi and Fur Babies

Lloyd Zimmerman
9/10/1933-11/11/2020

Husband

The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will
always remain.

Love you always.
Doreen Zimmerman

Joseph E. Dvorak
9/3/1924-7/10/1996

Father

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

Love and prayers always,
Bob & Kathy

Helen L Waterson
3/5/1920-12/30/2012

Mom

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold
you in the palm of His hand.
May God's angels guide you
and protect you throughout
time.

Mom, you're forever in our
hearts. Love you forever,
Barbara, Mary, David,
Charlotte, Pamela & Families

**Michael (Mike) D.
McDanel**
9/17/1970-4/7/2015

Son

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold
you in the palm of His hand.
May the light of peace shine
on your face for eternity.
Mike, you're forever in our
hearts. Love you forever,
Mom & Dad, Dad &
Grandpa

Harold W. Nance
12/16/1924-3/26/2020

Father

The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will
always remain.

Always in our hearts.
Wife Alice, Daughter Dawn,
Son Mike & Family, Son
Steve & Family

Jerry P. Daws
12/12/1939-1/2/2021

Husband

US Marine - Life Time Farmer
Ogle County Board 30 Years

May God cradle you in His
arms, now and forever.
Kristin Daws

Donald E. Ebens
9/29/1933-12/30/2020

Husband-Father

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts.

Love You-Today-Tomorrow-
Always
Leatha, Greg, Jeff and Starla

Michael J. Ebens
2/11/1991-12/11/2010

Grandson-Son-Nephew

Your smile and presence
we miss. You're memory we
treasure. Loving you always,
forgetting you never. Sadly
missed by

Greg, Leatha, Jeff and
Starla

Helen M. Ehmen
9/16/1925-1/14/2015

Mom

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

Always in our hearts.
Your Loving Family

John V. Ehmen Sr.
1/11/1925-1/9/2013

Dad

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever..

Always in our hearts.
Your Loving Family

Randy Hilliard
12/21/1967-7/28/2018

Son

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts.

Always in our hearts.
Harold and Joyce Hilliard

Robert G. Meline
11/3/1932-9/8/2018

Husband, Father, Grandfather

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

With all our love,
Your Loving Wife and Family

Chuck Bergman
7/20/1948-6/11/2007

Husband

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever

It's been 14 years since you've
been gone. I love you & miss
you every day. Rest in peace
my love.

Diane Bergman

LOCAL NEWS

Forreston High School names Honor's Night scholarship winners

On Wednesday, May 12, Forreston High School held their annual honor's night.

At the honor's night, the Class of 2021 (52 seniors) were recognized for their academics, athletics, and/or leadership achievements. During the event, \$350,000 was awarded to students who earned scholarships from prospective colleges and local scholarships. Scholarships came from local groups, families, businesses.

Below is a listing of award winners:
 American Legion Honorable Mention Award – Abigail Derrer, Braden Politsch
 American Legion Award – Abbey Brooks, Ethan Greenfield
 Bocker Ruff Grain Scholarship – Abbey Brooks
 FFA Alumni Scholarship – Abbey Brooks
 Highland Top Scholars – James DeWall, Mya Greenfield, Madison Sketo
 Harold D. Walkup Scholarship – Paityn Broshous
 H.G. Kable Memorial Scholarships – Alayna Crase, Alexia Derrer, Audrey Hohenstein
 Davis/Balluff Scholarship – Alivia Chamberlin
 Leonard C. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship – Ryan Schoonhoven
 The "Ole" Hiteman Scholarship – Kylee Curry
 Solutions Bank – Ethan Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield
 Forreston Valley Youth Network Scholarship – Hannah Schnierla
 Link Family Scholarship – Abbey Brooks, Ethan Cain, Alivia Chamberlin, Joel Ludwig
 Lloyd Folkerts Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield
 Harm Smith Scholarship – Hannah Schnierla
 Leaf River Lions Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield
 Forreston Lions Scholarship – Joel Ludwig
 Darrell Windle Scholarship – Paityn Broshous
 Forreston Music Patrons – Alivia Chamberlin
 IHCC Chapter 2 Club Scholarship – Corbin Miller

Knights of Columbus Scholarship – Ashton Schramm
 Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield
 Gallagher Engineering Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield
 Forreston Valley Education Association Scholarship – Abbey Brooks, Alexia Derrer
 German American State Bank Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield, Hannah Schnierla
 Lola Borchers Scholarship – Paityn Broshous, Ethan Cain, Alivia Chamberlin, Ethan Greenfield,
 Braden Politsch, Madison Sketo
 Forreston Valley Foundation Scholarship – Abbey Brooks, Paityn Broshous, Kylee Curry, Alexia Derrer, Ethan Greenfield, Braden Politsch
 Beth Amsrud Scholarship – Cora Krigbaum
 St. John's Lutheran Church My Friends' Closet Scholarship – Ethan Greenfield, Braden Politsch
 The Drew Crase Memorial Scholarship – Ethan Cain
 Forreston Valley Administrative Scholarship – Ashleigh Alexander, Lukas Lingel
 Wood Trust Scholarship – Abbey Brooks, Ethan Greenfield, Joel Ludwig, Braden Politsch
 Forreston Sports Boosters Scholarship – Paityn Broshous, Ethan Greenfield
 Brian Haijenga Memorial Scholarship – Ethan Cain
 HCC Servant Leaders – Abigail Derrer, Ethan Greenfield, Lukas Lingel, Braden Politsch
 Academic All-Conference Awards – Paityn Broshous, Alexia Derrer, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Lukas Lingel, Braden Politsch, Madison Sketo
 Senior Athletic Letter Award – Curtis Akins, Paityn Broshous, Ethan Cain, Alivia Chamberlin,
 Alayna Crase, Kylee Curry, Alexia Derrer, Mackenzie Engbert, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson,
 Lukas Lingel, Joel Ludwig, Corbin Miller, Jordan Neuschwander, Bra-

den Politsch, Hayden Rust, Hannah Schnierla, Ryan Schoonhoven, Ashton Schramm, Cayden Shelton, Jaxon Shuey, Madison Sketo, Ashley Skoglund, Emma Stevens, Travis Wilson
 Steve Denekas Most Varsity Letters Earned Award – Taylor Greenfield, Jordan Neuschwander
 3-Sport athletes – Paityn Broshous, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Joel Ludwig, Jordan Neuschwander, Braden Politsch, Madison Sketo
 4 Year 3-sport athletes – Paityn Broshous, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Jordan Neuschwander, Braden Politsch, Madison Sketo
 Top Female Athlete of the Class of 2021 – Taylor Greenfield
 Top Male Athlete of the Class of 2021 – Jordan Neuschwander
 Recognition of Enlistment – Abigail Derrer (United States Army), Cayden Shelton (Air Force)
 Honor Roll Award – Alayna Crase, Kylee Curry, Audrey Hohenstein, Michael Koehl, Lukas Lingel, Malia Lower, Isabella Maniscalco, Corbin Miller, Montana Pierson, Taylor Robertson, Molly Salins,
 Ryan Schoonhoven, Ashton Schramm, Ashley Skoglund, Caylee White, Travis Wilson
 Superior Honor Roll Award – Ashleigh Alexander, Morgan Baker, Paityn Broshous, Ethan Cain,
 Alivia Chamberlin, Abigail Derrer, Alexia Derrer, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Cora Krigbaum, Joel Ludwig, Braden Politsch, Hannah Schnierla, Madison Sketo, Emma Stevens
 4 Year Superior Honor Roll – James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield
 1 Year Perfect Attendance Award – Joel Ludwig, Hannah Schnierla, Ryan Schoonhoven
 4 Year Attendance Award – Paityn Broshous, Ethan Cain, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Lukas Lingel, Joel Ludwig, Corbin Miller, Braden Politsch, Hannah Schnierla, Ryan Schoonhoven, Madison Sketo
 Work Program – Ignatius Miller, Taylor Robertson
 Daughters of the American Revolution – Abigail Derrer

Sons of the American Revolution – Ethan Greenfield
 Illinois State Scholars – James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Cora Krigbaum
 Illinois Principal's Association Award – Ethan Greenfield, Cora Krigbaum
 National Honor Society – Abbey Brooks, Abigail Derrer, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield,
 Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Cora Krigbaum, Braden Politsch, Molly Salins, Madison Sketo
 Forreston Honor's Total Achievement – Ashleigh Alexander, Ethan Cain, Mackenzie Engbert, Malia Lower
 Forreston Honor's Highest Achievement – Abbey Brooks, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Cora Krigbaum, Lukas Lingel
 Top Ten Percent – Abigail Derrer, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Madison Sketo
 Ever-Fi – Curtis Akins, Ashleigh Alexander, Keygan Anderson, Mackenzie Baker, Morgan Baker,
 Abbey Brooks, Paityn Broshous, Austin Burlingame, Ethan Cain, Alivia Chamberlin, Alayna Crase,
 Kylee Curry, Taylor Darmon, Abigail Derrer, Alexia Derrer, James DeWall, Mackenzie Engbert,
 Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Caleb Guthrie, Kaitlyn Harson, Audrey Hohenstein, Cassidy Huenefeld, Caleb King, Michael Koehl, Cora Krigbaum, Ryan Kuntzelman, Lukas Lingel,
 Malia Lower, Joel Ludwig, Isabella Maniscalco, Corbin Miller, Ignatius Miller, Jordan Neuschwander, Ashlee Newell, Montana Pierson, Braden Politsch, Taylor Robertson, Max Rogin, Hayden Rust,
 Molly Salins, Hannah Schnierla, Ryan Schoonhoven, Ashton Schramm, Cayden Shelton, Jaxon Shuey, Madison Sketo, Ashley Skoglund, Emma Stevens, Caylee White, Travis Wilson
 Forreston High School would also like to say "Thank you" to Solutions Bank for sponsoring the EverFi program.

With Fondest Memories

Eleanor Anderson
Leonard Oakes
 11/2/1933-6/2/2020
 Sister-in-law

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
 So many happy memories thru the years.

Susan Fulrath

Donald W. Untz
 5/3/1927-7/16/2014
 Husband

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Was a wonderful husband, Dad and Grandfather. He was a pilot in the Army. Serving in Japan in the Army in WWII. Life member of the VFW & Post Commander of VFW

Lorraine M. Untz

Charles Svihlik
 5/5/1941-1/1/2019
 Husband/Father

You may be gone but are forever in our hearts, thoughts & prayers.

Marianne Svihlik

Alfred Olsen
 4/29/1931-12/5/2020
 Husband

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My Prayers will be with you until we meet again.

US Air Force Veteran

Gloria Olson

Andrew M. Long
 5/6/1983-10/14/2020
 Son

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Sister April & Brother John

Andrew M. Long
 5/6/1983-10/14/2020
 Son

I love you your whole life. I will miss you the rest of mine!

Love you always Mom

Chesey Amanda Rapp
 9/9/1990-10/19/2018
 Daughter

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in our hearts and minds.

Love,
 Draven, Fallon and Family

Kathryn Mae Biberstein
 12/13/1940-2/15/2021
 Friend

The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.

Special Friend since 6th grade
 Susan Fulrath

LOCAL NEWS

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry has curbside boxes available

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is offering clients the option to shop for their groceries again, but curbside pre-packed boxes will still be available for anyone who does not want to shop.

Shoppers will be checked in curbside and given the option to go into the building and shop for their own groceries or to receive pre-packed boxes of food. Those choosing to shop will need to remain outside the building or in their vehicle until it is their turn to shop.

Face coverings are required. Only one person per family will be allowed to

shop and asked to follow social distancing guidelines.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren (409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris), and is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and also on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m.

Loaves & Fish service area is Mt. Morris and Leaf River, but no one is ever turned away and no proof of income is required. The next Mobile Pantry will be on May 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the pantry location.

Free meals being offered in Oregon

OREGON – Join the Oregon Park District, Oregon United Methodist Church and River Stone Christian Church as they partner with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to bring free lunch to youth throughout the Summer season.

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

will run through Aug. 11.

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

The market will be held at Mix Park, 701 South 4th Street, Oregon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 7; Thursday, July 8; and Tuesday, Aug. 3.

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

Ogle County Sheriff

May 12

At 12:21 p.m., Deputies along with Rochelle EMS responded to the intersection of Flagg Road and Skare Road for a two vehicle accident with injuries. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that a (17) year old driver and (15) year old passenger were travelling east on Flagg Road approaching the intersection of Skare Road in a BMW sedan. Thomas Price, 61 of Rochelle, was travelling south on Skare Road in a Subaru SUV and was stopped at the stop sign at Flagg Road. Price attempted to continue south on Skare Road, but failed to yield to the juvenile driver traveling on Flagg Road. A collision occurred in the intersection. Both drivers were transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for suspected minor injuries. Price was at fault and received a citation for failure to obey a stop sign.

May 11

At 9:21 p.m., Deputies responded to the area of Pines road and Ridge road for a report of a one vehicle crash. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Brian A Rosenbalm, 39 of Leaf River for Aggravated DUI (3rd DUI), DUI and leaving the scene of an accident. Rosenbalm also received citations for improper lane use, driving on the shoulder, and squealing tires. Rosenbalm was transported to the Ogle Co Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted on scene by Mt. Morris Police and Oregon Fire.

May 9

Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Damoria Smith, 23 of Dekalb, for driving while license suspended. Smith was arrested by deputies on Rte. 64 near Woodlawn Road after being stopped for speeding. Smith was released on an I bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

May 8

At 3 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1100 block of W. Blackhawk Dr. in Byron. Upon further investigation, Heather Heathcott, 40 of Mount Morris, was charged for No Valid Driver's License and released on an Individual Bond. Heathcott was also given a warning for a registration violation and issued a return court date.

May 7

The OCSO deputies arrested Dawan Gordon, 33 of Battle Creek Michigan for driving while license suspended. Gordon was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Gordon was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 12:56 a.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Rt 72 and Adeline Rd. After further investigation Christopher Forney, 25 of Forreton, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Forney was also cited for Speeding, Improper Lane Usage, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and an Equipment Violation. Forney was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

May 6

At approximately 6:48 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Rochelle and Hillcrest Fire Departments responded to the report of a two vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of 251 and Bethel Road; north of the city of Rochelle. A white Chrysler van, driven by Ronald Hamilton, 72 of Rockford, was driving westbound on Bethel Road approaching the intersection of IL Rte. 251. A blue Saturn passenger car, driven by Paula Groves, 49 of Rockford, was driving southbound on IL Rte. 251 approaching the intersection of Bethel Road. Hamilton failed to stop at the stop sign for traffic on IL Rte. 251 and struck Groves' car on the driver side. Both vehicles traveled off the west side of the roadway and came to rest in the front yard of a private residence. Hamilton was extricated and transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle Ambulance for treatment of serious injuries. Groves was extricated and transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle Ambulance for treatment of critical injuries. Groves was subsequently flown to St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford by Life Flight for additional medical treatment. Hamilton was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign and the accident remains under investigation.

May 4

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Yushuwa Lukalula, 25 of Rockford for driving without a valid driver's license. Lukalula was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Lukalula was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 1:35 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 8400 block of N. Pecatonica Rd in reference to a motorist assist. After investigation, Deputies arrested Donald Gary III, 22 of Rockford, for Obstructing Justice, Resisting a Peace Officer, and No Valid Driver's License. Gary III was also issued multiple equipment and traffic violations. Gary III was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at Route 251 and Holcomb Road. Upon further investigation, the driver, Pablo Zapata, 41 of Rockford was charged for driving without a valid driver's license. Zapata was also cited for speeding, illegal transportation of open alcohol and other violations. Zapata was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

May 3

At approximately 6:08 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of W. Hitt St and N. Reynolds Ave in Mount Morris. After investigation, Deputies arrested Heather Loso, 27 of Oregon, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Benzodiazepines). Loso was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Loso was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

May 2

At 6:15 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with Rochelle EMS were dispatched to the area of Skare Rd. at Flagg Rd. for the report of a UTV rollover with injuries. After an investigation, it was determined the UTV was driven by one juvenile, who had 5 juvenile passengers. The juveniles were driving the UTV on private property, and overturned after trying to navigate a turn on a hill. Two male juvenile passengers were transported by Rochelle EMS to Rochelle Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The four other juveniles were not injured. The incident occurred on private property and no citations were issued.

At approximately 12:40 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Mullberry Avenue and Center Street in Mount Morris. Upon further investigation, the driver Ellis Kereven-Roby age 22 of Rockford was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license suspended. Kereven-Roby was additionally cited for Improper use of registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Kereven-Roby was transported to the Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

May 1

At approximately 6:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Mount Morris Fire Department responded to a two vehicle accident at IL Route 64 at Rock Rd. Upon completing an investigation, it was discovered Javier Maldonado and Marangely Diaz were traveling westbound on IL Route 64 in a grey Ford Edge. While attempting to turn northbound onto Rock Road their vehicle was struck from behind by a white GMC Acadia driven by Eric Callaway. Diaz was transported by ambulance to KSB hospital to be treated for suspected minor injuries. Based upon evidence collected at the scene and witness statements, Callaway was determined to be at fault and subsequently cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

April 30

At approximately 10 p.m., Deputies responded to a single vehicle rollover in the 17000 block of W IL Route 52. After conducting an investigation, Devin Rogers, 29 of Dixon was charged with Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Rogers was also issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to avoid an accident and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Rogers was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon where she was released on an I-bond and given a future court date. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Polo Fire/EMS.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline **800-452-7990**
 Sinissippi Centers, Inc.
 Oregon **732-3157**
 Rochelle **562-3801**

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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
 421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 **732-2191**

Low Income Housing

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

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628
 Oregon, IL 61061 **732-6855**

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services **962-5585**
 Sinissippi Centers, Inc.
 Oregon **732-3157**
 Rochelle **562-3801**
 The Serenity Shed Grief Services **732-2499**

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center **562-5050**
 Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**
 Polo Senior Center **946-3818**
 Rock River Center **732-3252**
 Oregon, IL **800-541-5479**

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
 24-hour hotline **636-9811**
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LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center announces upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions.

At this time, registration is required for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program, activity or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan seating to know which events you will be attending. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

2021 American Classic Tours Preview

We are excited to be invite you to a special Tour Preview highlighting our 2021 Tour Schedule. Join us on Wednesday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at the Rock River Center.

Joe Conroy, President of American Classic Tours, Inc., will provide an informative program schedules complete with beautiful images of these destinations. American Classic Tours, Inc. of Grayslake, IL offers deluxe, well-paced, all-inclusive tours throughout North America. Come and

learn about their unique, top quality itineraries. American Classic Tours, Inc. has been a proud partner of the Rock River Center for many years.

Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there!

Yoga Classes in June/July 2021

Jennifer Pierce is our yoga instructor for beginner/intermediate Yoga classes in June and July.

Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Class dates: June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 28, and 30. July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, and 28.

Participant Information

All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

Enrollment Required – \$5 per class

Payment at registration is required to reserve your spot in class.

Contact Rock River Center at

815-732-3252 to register.

Summer Salad and Dressing Class

Join Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen at Rock River Center for a Summer Salad with homemade dressing class on Wednesday, June 16, at 11:30 a.m.

Lynn is a retired culinary instructor and dietitian, who has been working for years on making cooking fun and easy to learn.

Learn how to prepare a summer salad and homemade dressing. At Lynn's classes, you will be able to sample your salad, and will take home a complimentary recipe.

Lynn's goal is to provide easy food prep, healthy eating tips, and cooking options that are flavorful. Nutritional information will be provided. All questions will be answered during class.

Call the Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up. Registration is required by Friday, June 11.

NICOR "sharing" program

NICOR GAS Sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose in-

come is above 150% of poverty level and less than 250% of the poverty level.

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

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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! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver Support

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., June 1

Young Widows Group will meet at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon, IL from 6-7 p.m. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call our office by noon to register. Please use the back parking lot entrance. A mask is required to enter the building.

Weds., June 2

The Ogle County Historical Society and Museum will re-open for business today. The new hours will be: Wednesdays 3:30-6 p.m., Genealogy Research; Thursdays 9 a.m.-noon, Coffee and Conver-

sation; Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Museum Tours and Research. Please continue to wear your masks at this time.

Fri., June 4

The Mount Morris Senior Center is celebrating National Applesauce Cake Day. We will be offering free pieces of Applesauce cake for anyone that stops by 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Friday Trivia, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History. From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here

is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Sat., June 5

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

An All-School reunion for

Leaf River High School graduates will be held at "The Barn on the Hill." Doors will open at 4:30 with music starting at 5 p.m. Northside Barbaq will also be on site serving food from 5-9 p.m.

Sun., June 6

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County has an Open House Tour from 2-4 p.m. at 122 South 9th Street, Rochelle. Please RSVP to Vanessa at 815-440-6598.

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VIEWPOINT

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

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Took a trip to Roswell, N.M and I wasn't abducted

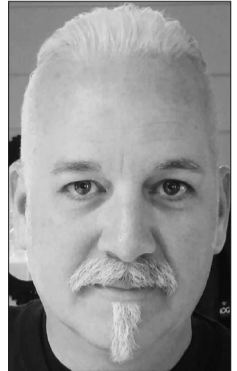
Aliens, UFOs, abductions. These are all topics that have fascinated me for decades.

I got my first cheap paperback book about aliens when I was probably 10 years old. And there was one place it mentioned, a place that is the epicenter for all UFO loving people like me: Roswell, N.M.

I always wanted to go to Roswell, and I recently had my chance. Myself and two of my friends rode our motorcycles to Roswell to visit local UFO and alien attractions, but also to go to Carlsbad Caverns and soak in some history by visiting the grave of Billy the Kid and Lincoln, N.M., where the Lincoln County wars that made the Kid famous took place.

First, I need to say, this

Living the Life
By Brad Jennings



was really about the ride and enjoying time with friends. When you ride more than 3,300 miles in nine days you need to really love riding, and we do. This is a trip we planned to take last year, but COVID killed that off.

Our route was pretty simple—go south through St. Louis, down through Oklahoma, catch I-40 at Oklahoma City and head west. At Amarillo, Texas head southwest into New Mexico. Along the way, rain poured on us in Oklahoma (riding a motorcycle in a downpour is not fun), stopped at a couple of Harley-Davidson dealerships (free beer at the one in Lawton, Okla.!) and I finally got a chance to stop at the Big Texan restaurant in Amarillo.

If you haven't heard of the Big Texan, you are missing out. It offers a free 72-ounce steak and fixings if you can eat it in a certain amount of time. Yes, 72 ounces. I opted for a 21-ounce steak, and it almost took me

down. The place is huge and there was enough meat being served in that packed restaurant to make the headquarters of PETA explode.

The day after the huge meal, we rode down to Billy the Kids burial site at Fort Sumner in New Mexico. It is on a quiet country road. The cemetery is dusty and sparsely populated, but there the body of the famous outlaw (that's how most know him, anyway) lies beneath a small headstone.

We hopped on Highway 20 after leaving Fort Sumner and it was the loneliest stretch of road I have ever been on. We were on it for more than an hour and saw four other vehicles. Talk about desolate.

We arrived in Roswell and enjoyed a few days of hitting tourist attractions. Roswell is a good size city of about 65,000. And it is loaded with restaurants serving great Mexican food – I had a breakfast burrito that was so good I almost wept. OK, I wept.

There is also, of course, a lot of UFO related stops. The International UFO Museum and Research Center was a fun stop, as was the UFO Spacewalk and the Alien Zone. These places are meant to be fun, and they are. There are so many crazy photo opportunities around Roswell – the UFO shaped McDonalds, the huge alien holding the Dunkin'/Baskin Robbins sign. Even our hotel had an alien sign welcoming us.

On the way home, we stopped in Lubbock, Texas to visit the Buddy Holly Museum. That was a great museum – if a bit sobering. He died so young.

We rode miles and miles through rural Texas. Seriously, there is nothing there. We stopped at a small diner in Matador, Texas and I was concerned the local cowboys were going to run us out of town.

More rain met us as we made our way north through Oklahoma and into Missouri, but we made it home safe and sound. Another great trip in the books.

And not one of us got abducted.
Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 16, 1738, Patriot printer, publisher and postmistress Mary Katharine Goddard is born in New London, Connecticut. In 1777, when Congress decided to print the Declaration of Independence, they chose Mary Goddard as printer.

* On June 15, 1877, Henry Ossian Flipper, born a slave in Georgia in 1856, is the first African-American cadet to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Flipper was appointed a second lieutenant in the all-African American 10th Cavalry at Fort Sill.

* On June 19, 1917, during World War I, as a strong anti-German feeling within Britain causes sensitivity among the royal family about its German roots, King George V orders the British royal family to dispense with German surnames. He changed his own family's surname from Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to Windsor.

* On June 18, 1923, the first Checker Cab rolls off the line at the Checker Cab Manufacturing Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan. America's version of the London taxi would continue to be built until 1982.

* On June 14, 1968, a Federal District Court jury in Boston convicts Dr. Benjamin Spock of conspiring to violate the Selective Service Act. Spock, a doctor and the famous author of "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care," supported draft resistance during the Vietnam War.

* On June 17, 1972, five men are arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. Senate investigations eventually revealed that President Richard Nixon had been personally involved in the subsequent cover-up of the break-in.

* On June 20, 1980, in a match in Montreal, Roberto Duran outpoints "Sugar" Ray Leonard to win the welterweight title. Yet, five months later in a rematch, with less than 30 seconds left in the eighth round, Duran looked at the referee and famously uttered the words "no mas" or "no more," giving up.

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Declining trust in a disconnected government

Trust in the oldest surviving democracy in the world is at a new low. The Pew Research Center reported last September that only 20 percent of the American public "say they trust the government in Washington to 'do the right thing' just about always or most of the time." That percentage was in the 70's in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

The sources of this loss of faith run beneath personalities and political parties, down into basic institutions. I've written about this problem before, one piece at a time. This time I'll try to put it all together, and do justice to its scope and depth.

It's hard to approach this issue without seeming to be partisan, because the current system helps one of the major political parties more than the other. But everyone's freedom is in danger, as all three branches of the government in Washington drift ever further away from the democratic principles of representation and accountability.

That drift was evident when Republican Presidential candidates lost the popular vote in all but one of 5 elections before the most recent one, but nevertheless occupied the White House for 12 out of 20 years. Similarly, Republican Senatorial candidates haven't collectively won a majority of the popular vote since 1998, according to Ed Kilgore

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



(nymag.com, 2-25-21), and yet have controlled the Senate during 7 out of 11 sessions.

These disparities result from the extra voting powers allotted to states with small populations, which tend to favor the Republican party, in Presidential and Senatorial elections. They're likely to grow, as people move out of rural states and into more highly populated ones. Political scientist David Birdsell has estimated that, if present trends continue, 70 percent of the people will live in 15 states, but they'll be represented by only 30 out of 100 Senators.

The Senate's detachment from the people intensified in the 1970's, when changes to the filibuster made it extremely easy for a minority to prevent proposed laws from coming to a vote. The Brennan Center for Justice, in a 2012 report, revealed that the number of bills passed by the Senate is now at the lowest level since at least World War II. This

minority stranglehold on most law-making leaves voters unable to hold their own Senators accountable when campaign promises fail to produce laws.

The disconnection between government and governed reaches even into our courts. Five of nine sitting Supreme Court Justices were appointed by Presidents who entered office after losing the popular vote, and then were confirmed by an equally unrepresentative Senate. The resulting conservative majority will deeply affect American politics for many years into and beyond future elections.

Supporters of the minority's perquisites in the Presidency, Senate, and courts insist that the rights of the majority are protected in the House of Representatives, which is elected by popular vote. Unfortunately, skillful and energetic gerrymandering at the state level has left the majority at a disadvantage there too.

It produced a bonus of 59 seats on average for Republicans in the House during the three sessions from 2013 to 2019, according to a report from the Center for American Progress last May. Republicans need to gain only a handful of seats to take control of the House with a minority of the popular vote in the next election. Gerrymandering is by nature self-perpetuating, so this advantage is likely to last well into the future.

Defenders of unequal representation insist that it protects us from the tyranny of the majority. Evidence that it actually accomplishes that purpose is hard to find. Equally questionable is the implication that majorities are more prone than minorities are to tyranny.

The government's lack of accountability to the people is further intensified in our primary elections. Jonathan Rauch and Ray la Raja, in the December 2019 Atlantic, describe a system in which politicians win nominations while earning fewer than half the votes. Mainstream voters in the following general election then find themselves with no choice that represents their true beliefs.

These fixtures are deeply entrenched in our politics and difficult to reform. We've risen to such challenges in the past: abolishing slavery, granting the vote to women, and expanding civil rights beyond anything that could have been foreseen when our nation was founded. The alternative is a government that grows less and less democratic until, perhaps, it isn't a democracy at all.

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

LOCAL NEWS



Bluegrass music from Mountain Grass is one of many popular attractions at First Fridays.

First Fridays back in new location

OREGON – First Fridays Open Mic is back! Oregon's (and formerly Mt. Morris') monthly open mike show will return on Friday, June 4 after a pause for the pandemic. We have a new location at Northside BarbaQ, 117 North 4th St. in Oregon. The show starts at 6 p.m.

and admission is free. Sign-up for performers is at 5:45 p.m. Musical styles cover a wide range, including bluegrass, country, folk, blues and popular tunes. You'll see talented performers from past shows as well as new entertainers on the stage in Northside BarbaQ's attractive new

theater with its new permanent sound system. You can also enjoy Northside BarbaQ's popular food and beverage offerings. Join us for live music every first Friday to help celebrate the coming summer and the better times ahead. Prevailing CDC guidelines apply.

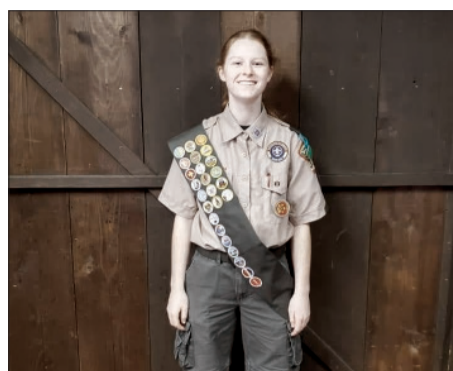
Olivia Ebens of Byron wins Floski Family Foundation Scholarship

BYRON – The 2021 Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership was awarded to Byron High School Senior Olivia Ebens at BHS Honors Night.

The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded for the 13th year, offered to a Byron High School Senior who has exhibited service beyond self-interest and beyond Byron High School to the greater local, state, national or international communities, and who has grown as a young leader as a result.

Applicants are required to show how many service hours they have completed during their high school career: Ebens submitted nearly 200 hours of applicable service, much of it completed despite the complications presented by the COVID pandemic.

Ebens also distinguished herself by raising funds for the Byron Food Pantry; she invested her time in coaching



youth soccer, volunteering for veterans' projects, and she was heavily involved in conservation efforts throughout Illinois. She also became one of just 1,000 young women across the nation to earn the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank – Eagle Scout – in the organization's inaugural class of female Eagles. Ebens plans to attend Highland Community College in the fall to study environmental science and geology.

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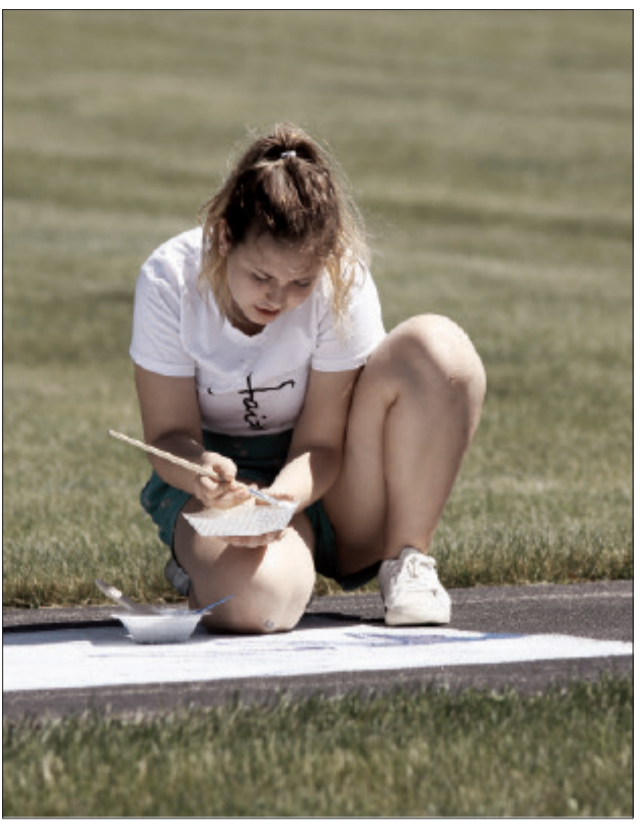
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Pop Up and Play and Art in the Park are back for the summer at the Oregon Park District. Sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co., both programs are free but registration is required. The first Pop Up and Play was sidewalk painting at Park West. Join us this summer for fun in the parks! For more information visit www.oregonpark.org and check out the summer guide.



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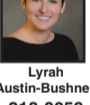



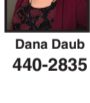
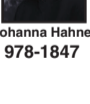
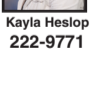





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WELL MAINTAINED! 4 bed, 1.5 bath Victorian Home in the heart of Belvidere. Low maintenance vinyl exterior. Original hardwood flooring throughout main level + original trim & functioning pocket doors. Updated kitchen. Fenced in yard w/ mature trees.720 CASWELL Street, Belvidere

MICHAEL WITTWER
815-751-3268

NEW LISTING!



\$185,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102456

ONE OWNER RANCH! 3 bed, 2.5 bath well cared for home with a lot to offer. Large family room. Spacious eat-in kitchen plus a formal dining room. Master bedroom w/double closets & private bath. First floor laundry/mudroom. Fireplace. Finished LL space.6018 THERESE, Belvidere

TARINA FISSELLA
815-509-8880

NEW LISTING!



\$265,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102442

BEAUTIFUL RANCH! 3 bed, 2 bath split bedroom home w/ huge great room w/crown molding masonry FP, formal dining room, big kitchen w/eating area. Master bed features, walk-in closet, big shower, double vanity, whirlpool tub. Laundry on main floor.1984 GRANDCHESTER Place, Rockford

VICKIE KRUEGER
815-243-0293

NEW LISTING!



\$115,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102426

BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! 3 bed, 1.5 bath home full of character & charm w/original woodwork throughout. Main floor: living rm, family room & large dine-in kitchen w/SS appliances, MF laundry. LL is clean & dry. Attached 2 car garage. Peaceful deck and backyard.6618 QUEENANIS Way, South Beloit

BRADLEY MARTIN
815-543-9027

NEW LISTING!



\$70,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102422

WELL MAINTAINED! 2 bed, 1 bath craftsman bungalow w/ character, hardwood floor & woodwork. Eat-in kitchen. Main floor has newer vinyl windows except kitchen. Updated bathroom. Bring your decorating ideas. Gas fireplace in basement.523 13TH Street, Rockford

CATHLEEN ELLISON
815-505-1395

NEW LISTING!



\$140,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102379

SPACIOUS & CLEAN! All brick 3 bed, 1.5 bath on Rockford's NE side. Close to shopping, food & downtown. HW floors w/ carpeted bedrooms, great size living rm w/wood fireplace, open kitchen, formal Dining Rm. 3rd bed up w/half bath. Lots of closets & storage.207 N VALE Avenue, Rockford

ZACH THOMPSON
815-558-6432

NEW LISTING!



\$240,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102371

RIVER PROPERTY! With it's own boat ramp. This 4 Bed, 2 Bath Home features a spacious floor plan on the Rock River. Lots of natural light with two skylights. Deck overlooking the river. Oversized 2 car heated garage. County taxes. Cinch Home Warranty. 7595 PULVER Drive, Rockford

CALEB WILSON
815-209-8360

NEW LISTING!



\$289,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102344

WELL MAINTAINED! 4 bed, 2.5 bath one owner 2 story home on 1.15 acre lot. Home offers formal living rm, formal dining rm, family room & large dine-in kitchen w/SS appliances, MF laundry. LL is clean & dry. Attached 2 car garage. Peaceful deck and backyard.6618 QUEENANIS Way, South Beloit

DANA VLASNIK
815-494-7819

NEW LISTING!



\$163,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102321

OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH! 3 bed, 2 bath home. Spacious eat-in Kitchen. Formal Dining Room. XL Great Room. Large Master Bedroom w/attached bath & huge walk-in closet. 1st Floor Laundry. 6' cedar privacy fence enclosing large yard & deck. Spacious 3 car garage.1802 LORIMAR Drive, Durand

AMANDA HANDLEY
815-519-2514

NEW LISTING!



\$229,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102317

RURAL SUBDIVISION! 3 bed, 2 bath home on 1/2 acre, close to I-90 & Mercy Hospital. Office could be 4th bedroom. Wide open Kitchen/Living Area with Breakfast Bar & Cabinets Galore. Cozy deck overlooks professionally maintained. 2269 BEAVER SPRINGS, Belvidere

JANE EUREK
815-988-7596

NEW LISTING!



\$175,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102287

ALL BRICK CONDO! 3 bed, 3 bath ranch duplex style w/ county taxes. Granite countertops in kitchen, eat-in dining area open to living room. Deck overlooking open park like fenced in backyard. Full walk-out from 3 season room, gas heater in LL w/3rd bed & full bath. 1125 NASSAU Parkway, Rockford

SCOTT GESNER
815-381-1186

NEW LISTING!



\$50,000 dickersonnieman.com/202102283

INVESTMENT PROPERTY! OR GREAT FIRST HOME. 3 bed, 1 bath 2 story close to shopping & elementary school. Corner lot. Roof & siding about 7 years old. Concrete Driveway. Fenced in yard. finance needs some repairs. 1425 S COURT Street, Rockford

SARAH VINCENTSKY
815-494-2480

NEW LISTING!



\$424,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102243

PRIVATE SETTING! 4 bed, 2.5 bath home sitting on 5+ acres. LOTS OF UPGRADES! Kitchen w/grabill cabs, quartz counters, Stainless appliances, built-in pantry & more! Home boasts a walking path or bridal path for horses. Barn w/hay loft & stable. 9293 EASTON VIEW Court, Rockford

JANE EUREK
815-988-7596

NEW LISTING!



\$459,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102185

CHARM & CHARACTER! 3 bed, 3.5 bath home on wooded lot w/covered front porch. Airy kitchen to living room concept w/ island, lots of cabinets & granite counters. FF master w/double sided FP & ensuite. LL offers 2 beds, 2 offices, 2 dormer areas. Finished LL 14116 HICKORY RISE Court, Roscoe

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!




\$359,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102139

SPRAWLING RANCH! One of a kind 3 bed, 2 bath updated home on 3 acres. Home offers large kitchen w/SS appliances, large pantry & tons of space. LR & dining area is wide open. 28x19 master suite w/walk-in closet. Lots of storage & closet space. 7221 KINNINNICK Drive, Roscoe

MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$58,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102134

CUTE RANCH! 1 bedroom, 1 bath home nestled on a nice sized lot w/abundant storage, spacious bedroom w/large walk-in closet. Huge bonus room w/multi use potential. Attic access with more storage! 1.5 car garage that is extra deep! 202 N REYNOLDS, Mount Morris

DANA DAUB/ MAYDELL LESSEN
815-440-2835/ 815-622-4619

NEW LISTING!



\$269,900 dickersonnieman.com/202102078

SECLUDED ALL BRICK CONDO! 2 bed, 3 bath condo w/ partially exposed finished lower level. Large deck overlooks the Kishwaukee River. Master offers vaulted ceilings, en-suite & walk in closet. Spacious FF laundry room. LL includes large rec room & full bath. 155 RIVERS EDGE Drive, Cherry Valley

FRANK WEHRSTEIN
815-381-6804

NEW LISTING!



\$87,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101375

TONS OF UPDATES! 2 bed, 1 bath ranch on corner lot w/ mature trees & landscaping. Updated bathroom w/Jacuzzi tub. Big basement w/tons of built-in storage. All appliances included. Sold AS IS! Home Warranty Included! 1 block from grade school & park. 511 W GARDEN Avenue, Forreston

KAYLA HESLOP
815-222-9771

NEW LISTING!



\$475,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101098

HOT PROPERTY! This hidden gem is right in town for convenience with a view of the river. 4 bed, 4.5 bath custom ranch w/full exposure. Over 5000 SF of luxury living space. Gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry & more. 240 S WEST Street, Byron

JOHN DOWD/ DIANNE DOWD
815-381-6881/ 815-381-6882

NEW LISTING!



\$59,500 dickersonnieman.com/202101082

MOVE IN READY! 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with newer roof. All appliances stay, window treatments stay. Fenced in backyard, 2 window air conditioner. All newer replacement windows. Come and take a look. 208 N JACKSON Street, Polo

SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

NEW LISTING!



\$19,900 dickersonnieman.com/202004886

BUILDABLE WOODED LOT! Still time to build your dream home on this large lot with lots of trees in the Oregon Park District. Well & Septic required. NO Restrictions on size of home. County Taxes. S RED OAK Lane, China

SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

NEW LISTING!



\$69,000 dickersonnieman.com/201701914

BYRON SUB! Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$66,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. 000 HARVEST Drive, Byron

CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI
815-494-7857/ 815-262-5212



Oregon Rotary keeps it clean

Twice a year an Oregon Rotary Club crew assembles to pick up garbage along River Road between the Dam and Lowden Park. We met April 29. Pictured from left are: Tina Ketter, Erin Folk and her daughter Kinsley, Julie Mann, Stan Edén, Brad Currrens, and Tom Mahoney. (Photo by Dave Head)

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<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>621 Hewitt Street, Forreaston \$165,000 Call Ashley</p> <p>This is the one!!! Newer 2 bed 2 bath townhome in a desirable neighborhood awaits you! Main floor living boasts cathedral ceilings, open concept kitchen, laundry at garage entrance, huge walk-in master closet, great natural lighting from oversized windows, and beautiful curb appeal! The basement has nearly 1,100 sq feet ready for you to finish and already has plumbing for bathroom prepped. Don't miss this one!</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>168 Autumnwood Drive, Davis Junction \$189,900 Call Boone</p> <p>Welcome home to this 3 bed 2 full bath 1,767 sq ft ranch in Harvest Glenn Subdivision. New roof, gutters, and siding in 2018. Spacious kitchen includes granite counters, custom made cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Engineered hardwood floors throughout main living area. Recently updated master bath includes full size jacuzzi tub and walk in shower, double sink vanity, and walk in closet. Three car heated garage with extra storage cabinets & workbench. Full size basement that includes an extra room that could be used for possible office space. Enjoy outdoor living on the back deck and nice size yard!</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>2921 S. Ill Route 2, Oregon \$220,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>YOUR OWN ISLAND! 5 Acres of total seclusion, only accessible by boat, make this island the ultimate Rock River Escape! There are two cabins on this island: one features full kitchen and living space, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom with laundry. The other is one bedroom with a kitchenette. The larger cabin has large windows overlooking the river and your property. Updated kitchen is open to the living room and dining area. Fall in love with the rustic charm of the guest cabin offering additional space for your family or guests. Island has it's own electric, well and septic. Boat dock and furnishings included. Fishing Boat negotiable.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>912 Timber Trail, Dixon \$3,500 Call Erin</p> <p>Wonderfully located lot in Lost Lake Community. Build the home of your dreams just steps from the lake, golf course and all the amenities of a gated community. Deliciously wooded, corner lot in a prime location! Grab it up, it won't be around long!</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>2599 S. Snyder Road, Oregon \$99,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>100 FEET of RIVER FRONTAGE! You better move fast to make this .30 acre river lot yours. This property is high and dry above the Rock River, but still allows for river and boat dock access. There is a garage that is great for storage. Utilities are all on site: electric, gas & a well. Plenty of space for you to build your own escape! Located just minutes from historic, downtown Oregon.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>203 N. 13th Street, Oregon \$265,000 Call Lori</p> <p>You will be on top of the world in this 4 bedroom home with 4 bedrooms and a partially finished walk out basement. Bright house with oversized windows and plenty of other beautiful features. Master suite includes a full private bath with a jetted tub, separate shower, walk-in closet and private office or craft room or whatever you choose it to be! Family room and half bath in the walk out basement. Just a short walk down the block to school, no more school bus! This house is a true classic beauty.</p>
<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>103 E Lincoln Mt Morris \$109,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! 3 Family investment property with excellent cash flow and long term tenants! All tenants have lived in the building for 1+ years, making this a true turn key investment! Separate utilities with tenants paying gas/electric. Off Street parking is available. As well as a large back yard. Appliances in all units are included. There are also laundry hooks up in the basement. There is nothing to do, but start collecting rent! Call for more information today!</p>	<p>PRICE CHANGE</p> <p>209 S. Congress Avenue, Polo NOW \$40,000 Call Erin</p> <p>GREAT LOCATION AND GREAT LAYOUT...all that you need to bring is LOVE! This 3 bed, 2 bath home on a nice large lot in convenient, downtown Polo just needs someone with tools and a little time to bring it back to glory! Hardwood floors in the living room, a large separate room with half bath could be a main floor master, adorable and large kitchen! With a little paint and a little pluck, the possibilities and potential are endless! Don't miss this amazing opportunity - make an appointment today!</p>	<p>601 W. Front Street, Mt. Morris \$165,000 Call Mark</p> <p>Country living at its best with the conveniences of being close to town! This remodeled, 2 story home sits on the edge of town in Mt. Morris. Has 3 bedrooms & 1 extra large full bath w/walk in closet! Attic space has potential to make cute 4th bedroom/den. Open floor plan between kitchen & dining room. Kitchen appliances stay except for stove. Kitchen has ceramic tile flooring and beautiful oak cabinets! Dining room French doors lead to deck & paved patio! Windows with lots of light in the dining room. Gorgeous country views! Oak trim throughout, oak floors & 6 panel doors. Built-in oak linen closet. You'll LOVE the 2nd floor laundry room! Washer & dryer stay. 3 car detached garage, heated on 1 side. Utility shed/garage with overhead door for mowers. Roof & windows new in 2012. Aluminum/vinyl siding. Propane heat, well & septic 8/9 years old. Radon system installed. Apple orchard w/10 producing trees. Antique apple press included. Furniture negotiable. Zoned Ag, bring your animals!</p>	<p>411 Mix Street, Oregon \$149,500 Call Lori</p> <p>Cottage is currently rented as a home for \$400 a month. Cottage is perfect for a school room or home office just a 25 foot commute from home. Main house has 4 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms plus a finished family room in the walk-out basement! This house has a second floor laundry, 2 fireplaces, newer roof and siding. Double pane windows. Unique location with plenty of wooded privacy at the back of the house. Covered porch, big back deck, fire pit outside along with a patio and hot tub. This house will fit everybody! BACK ON MARKET BECAUSE BUYERS FINANCING FELL THROUGH</p>	<p>309 W. Hitt Street, Mt Morris \$89,900 Call Carla</p> <p>Welcome Home! You'll love this adorable & affordable 2 bedroom home in Mt. Morris. Newly updated bathroom, cozy kitchen, separate dining area, hardwood flooring throughout, Pine 6 panel doors, roof 5 years, CA & furnace 5 years old. Fenced in back yard and large garage. Loads of room. Don't delay call today to see the incredible value here!</p>	<p>120 N. Union Street, Byron \$400,000 Call Jamie</p> <p>OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! 4,000 sq ft building currently home to a successful bar/restaurant with a fantastic reputation & following. Real estate only is being offered for sale for you to use as the home to the next new eatery in Byron! Bring your ideas to this thriving small town just southwest of Rockford whose downtown has a large draw of patrons from all over Northern Illinois. This property has many recent updates including: flooring, windows, gaming parlor area & garage doors that are retractable in both the front & back of the building. Helping to make this restaurant space very COVID friendly! Large kitchen, walk in coolers and basement with plenty of room for storage. Ample parking in the city parking lot adjacent to the property. Contents inside may be purchased separately. Owner may be willing to finance a qualified buyer. Agent owned.</p>

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NEWS/SPORTS

Oregon softball team continues winning ways

The Oregon Lady Hawks Softball team slugged their way to a 14-3 victory over AFC on May 21.

Ava Hackman led the Lady Hawks on the mound striking out 10 batters on the mound and also driving in 2 runs at the plate. The Lady Hawks ran wild on the bases stealing 11 times. Lena Trampel also helped lead the Hawks

on offense getting on base 4 times and stealing 3 bases.

OHS also defeated Stockton-Warren 8-0 on May 25. The Trampel Twins, Mia and Lena, dominated on the mound combining for a 2 hit shutout and 10 Ks. OHS was led at the plate by speedster Bella Koertner who had 2 hits and a walk.

Oregon girls soccer have split week

The Oregon girls soccer team fell 3-2 to Indian Creek on May 22.

Leah Watters and Hadley Lutz each had one goal for Oregon.

On May 25, Oregon girls soccer beat Winnebago 3-1.

Dylan Burke had 11 saves, while Hadley Lutz added two goals and Karina Ocampo 1.

Leaf River reunion will be on June 5

LEAF RIVER – An All-School Reunion for Leaf River High School graduates will be held Saturday, June 5 at “The Barn on the Hill.”

Doors will open at 4:30 with The Jeff Wagner Band (Alumni) kicking off the event at 5 p.m.

Northside Barbaq will also be on site serving food from 5-9 p.m. DJ Sean Hosseini will host a tribute to the decades with a pause at 8 p.m. as

veterans are recognized and a memorial reading by Sid Anderson for the fallen Veterans and classmates who are no longer with us.

Sunset Strip (daughter of an alumni) will top off the evening at 9 p.m.

Donations continue to be accepted for this event and may be sent to Bertolet Memorial Library, c/o Linda Schreiber, PO Box 339 Leaf River. 61047. Hope to see you June 5.

Bread of Life has upcoming distributions

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of life is a food pantry serving residents of Ogle County and the Meridian School District. We provide groceries to our neighbors in need.

We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates are June 8 and July 13. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872 to register for our next distribution.

Birth

Leber's welcome home son

MOUNT MORRIS – Joseph Leber and Cassandra Leber of Mount Morris announce the birth of their son, Myles Christopher Leber. He was born on May 3, 2021 at 8:42 p.m. at KSB Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents: Tracy and Steve Bushland of Mount Morris, Dennis and Toni Massolle of Oregon, Julie and Bill Leber of Loves Park.

Great Grandparents: Richard and Nancy Bearman of Oregon, Linda Massolle of Oregon, Lil Leber of Rockford.



Oregon Library News

The library is open

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

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

2021 Summer Reading Program – Reading Colors Your World! June 1- July 23

It's here! Registration has begun and brochures are now available! Programs begin the week of June 1. 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!

Week of June 1

Tuesday, June 1, Letter Scavenger Hunt (All Ages) worksheet available for pick up

Wednesday, June 2, Pre-K Little Adventures (3-6 yrs. old) worksheet available for pick up

Thursday, June 3, Around Town Discovery Walk (1st-11th grade) worksheet available for pick up

Thursday, June 3, Video Story Time on Facebook 10 am I Took a Walk by Henry Cole. Take & Make Craft kits available today for this Story Time (limited supplies).

Week of June 7

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

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

Thursday, June 10, Around Town Discovery Walk due

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).

Adult Summer Reading Program Begins June 1st!

Join others who are “too old” for the Children’s Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. This year the Oregon Public Library has two ways to record a 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/> *Please answer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group.
- Book Logs – can be picked up at time of checkout and dropped off in person at our circulation desk. Patrons should not hold book logs till the end of the program. All book logs, word search and puzzles must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10th, 2021. New! We have word search puzzles and word scrambles available this year. Puzzles and word searches completed with will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow Us On Facebook And Visit Our Website Often For More Programs

Coming To The Library. www.oregon-publiclibrary.com

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, June 8th (While Supplies Last)

Spread Positivity Through Rock Painting

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 while supplies last.

Consumer fraud – June 15th at 2 p.m. Presented by the office of Illinois Attorney General

Virtual program – This program focuses on the persistent and new scams that Illinoisans might encounter such as:

COVID-19 pandemic scams, government payments and IRS schemes and fraudulent products or

services. Attorney General Community Outreach Liaison, Ryan Aderman, will share recommendations and remedies. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

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.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

New releases

Oona Out Of Order by Margarita Montimore (Science Fiction)

The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun, And The Struggle To Save An American Neighborhood by

Julian Rubinstein (Non-Fiction 364.106 RUB)

That Summer by Jennifer Weiner (Fiction)

The Summer of Lost and Found by Mary Alice Monroe (Fiction)

Final Twist by Jeffrey Deaver (Fiction)

While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams (Fiction)

The Plot by Jean Hanff Koretz (Fiction)

Dog Days by Ericka Waller (Fiction)

People We Meet On Vacation by Emily Henry (Fiction)

The Ghost And The Haunted Portrait by Cleo Coyle (Paperback Mystery)

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Buffy the Vampire Slayer Volume Five The Biggest Bad by Jordie Bellaire (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 BEL)

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LOCAL NEWS

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 searching "Polo Public Library"

May 29th, 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 in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!
Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melanie@pololibrary.org

Reading Colors Your World - Polo Library's Summer Reading Program - Kick-Off Party - June 5th

Games & Activities start at 7 p.m. - Outdoor Movie starts at 8:30pm - Movie - The Lorax (2012 film)
Polo Public Library Pavilion & Parking Lot
Bring the whole family to register for Summer Reading and get your Summer Reading Goodie Bag! Bring your chairs to sit on to watch the movie. The movie screen will be set up facing the parking lot for plenty of space to sit and enjoy the movie. Register for Polo Library's Summer Reading program online at pololibrary.readsquared.org

Saturday, June 19th - 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

Julia Hull Library News

Summer Reading 2021: Go for the Gold!

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

Tween Scene: Kawaii Photo Frame

K o n n i c h i w a , Tween! Kawaii literally means «cute» but the Japanese art craze of Decoden is cute to the extreme! We'll use this art style to make some very kawaii photo frames just in time for the Tokyo Olympics and our Summer Reading theme - Go for the Gold! Join Zoey on Zoom, Tuesday, June 1 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required. Call the library at 815-645-8611, stop by, or use our online order form to register and request a craft kit: <https://www.juliahull.org/order-request>.

Book Club for Adults: Nomadland

Pick up a book, then join us Monday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom for a lively discussion of journalist Jessica Bruder's Nomadland—the book on which this year's Oscar-winning film is

based. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.

Pajama Storytime

Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pj's, 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 Facebook-Live, 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>.

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

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

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.

Byron Library News

Curbside Delivery

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

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

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

B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Book)

Tuesday, June 1, outdoors @ the Byron Library, 6-7 p.m.

Get your summer reading list started! Prior to the program, attendees are asked to share a summer read (or two) that they recommend. A list of everyone's recommendations will be handed out during the program and attendees are encouraged to share a little about their recommendation(s). In addition, an explanation on how to join our 2021 Summer Reading Challenge will be provided. It's a great opportunity to share your love of reading with others! Space is limited, so please visit

Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Friday Trivia
Friday, June 4, 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.

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

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.

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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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Closed:
Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, June 5th during Leaf River Daze.

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

Adult Summer Reading Challenge:
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 will be awarded at the end of the program.

Create-a-Card:
Create-a-Card is back! Jessie will be here Saturday, June 19th at 9 a.m. Meeting size is limited to 6 attendees. Pre-registration is required at 815-738-2742.

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Forreston Library News

Tails and Tales-Summer Reading at Memorial Park
Wednesdays, June 9-July 14
9:15 a.m., Preschool & Kindergarten (Completed)
10 a.m., 1st - 5th Grade (Completed)
Join us for a time of animal-themed stories and activities in the great outdoors! Take and Make craft kits will be sent home with participants, so pre-registration is required! Please call the library at (815)938-2624 to register or for more information.

Read for a Lifetime
Congratulations to Zach Pierson, Emalee VandeWarker, and Montana Pierson for completing the 2020-2021 Read for a Lifetime program! This State Library initiative promotes reading for pleasure for high school students. Montana received special recognition for participating in the program all four years. More information on

Read for a Lifetime and the 2021-2022 book list are now available at the library.

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

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Mount Morris Library News

Adult Program: Use Those Herbs!

** DATE CHANGE due to Mt Morris Town Hall Meeting the same night** Thursday, June 3rd from 7-8 p.m. at Dillehay Park, Julie Mastny will be sharing information on herbs: oils, drying, mixing in butter, harvesting, recipes, samples (to taste, smell and take home). She will be sharing about rosemary, basil, chives, parsley and several others. Registration required. Contact the library at 815-734-4927 or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com.

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 and will be on Wednesday, June 2nd. (We will start registrations on 6/2 but they will 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 pm. 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 11:00-11:45am on Fridays at Dillehay Park. We will learn about Kamishibai, artists and do a craft. Registration required. (Crafts consist of get dirty! (Crafts consist of Kamishibai Theater, Raised Salt Painting, Stress Ball and DIY Marbled Mug.)

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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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

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We Are Fine Free!

As of Jan. 2, 2021, the Mount Morris Public Library is officially FINE FREE! (Replacement and damage charges will still apply.) Contact the library (815-734-4927) with any questions.

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DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd. • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

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815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
Email: mtmcob@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

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Meeting Sundays @ 9AM & 10:45AM
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsnc.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) during 9AM service
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsnc.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
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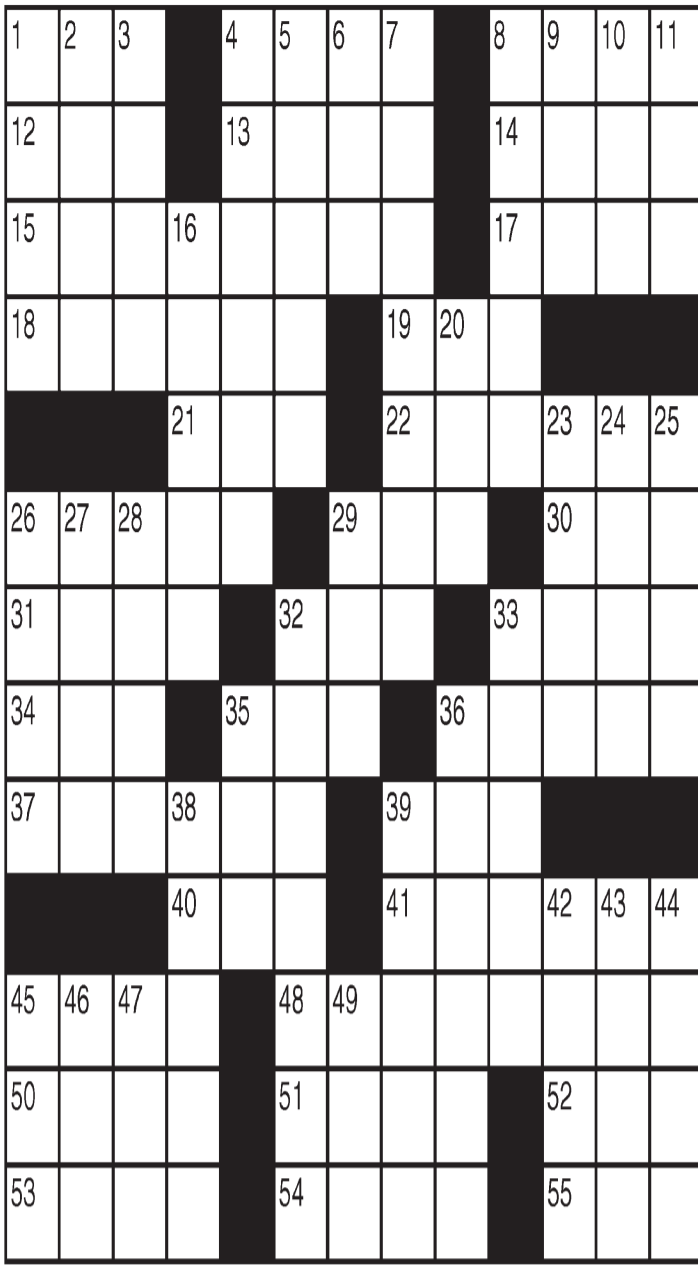
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● DIAMOND

ACROSS

- 1 Billboards
- 4 Competent
- 8 Pretzel topper
- 12 Fib
- 13 Work hard
- 14 Spiced tea
- 15 In toto
- 17 Frees (of)
- 18 Bug barrier
- 19 "Gosh!"
- 21 Reply (Abbr.)
- 22 Also
- 26 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 29 French article
- 30 "— -haw!" (rodeo cry)
- 31 "Hi, sailor!"
- 32 Follower (Suff.)



- 33 Nota —
- 34 Airline to Sweden
- 35 "Today" rival, briefly
- 36 Fragrant wood
- 37 Typically
- 39 X-ray's cousin
- 40 — -de-France
- 41 Oregon city
- 45 Apple computer
- 48 Prescription phrase
- 50 Opulent
- 51 Attic buildup
- 52 Historic time
- 53 Needing liniment
- 54 Pro votes
- 55 — de plume
- 9 Sashimi fish
- 10 Young bloke
- 11 Frank McCourt memoir
- 16 Tired
- 20 Language suffix
- 23 Kept tabs on
- 24 Sultry Horne
- 25 Ogler's look
- 26 Juan's home
- 27 Cries of discovery
- 28 Stance
- 29 G8 member
- 32 "Let's do this!"
- 33 Ecu
- 35 Solidify
- 36 Vinegar bottles
- 38 French spa town
- 39 High-IQ group
- 42 Idyllic place
- 43 Sleuth Wolfe
- 44 Dutch cheese
- 45 Lyricist Gershwin
- 46 Karaoke prop, for short
- 47 Koeln cry
- 49 Take to court

DOWN

- 1 "Sad to say ..."
- 2 Platter
- 3 Char
- 4 Goddess of wisdom
- 5 Benefits
- 6 Dogpatch adjective
- 7 Graceful
- 8 Threaded hardware

J J G D Z W T Q N K H P D A X
 U R P M J G D A X V S A Q N M
 K I F D A X V T Q O M S G I J
 H F C A J Y W U R P N T N L J
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: DIAMOND — BRADY

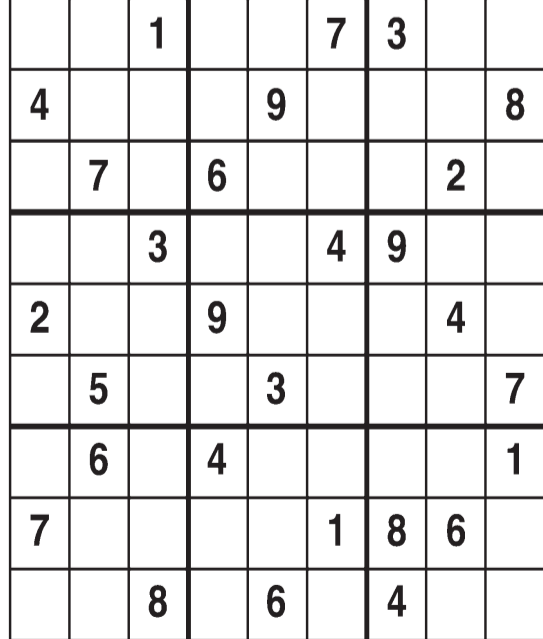
- Bracelet
- Brooch
- Coast
- Cutter
- Dust
- Head
- In the rough
- Jubilee
- Mine
- Necklace
- Paste
- Ring
- Saw
- Shaft
- Wedding

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

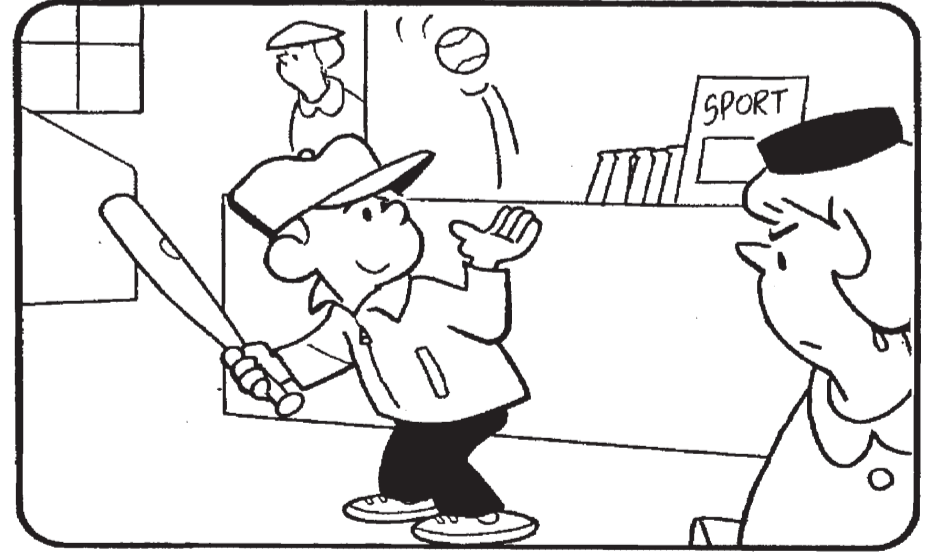
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

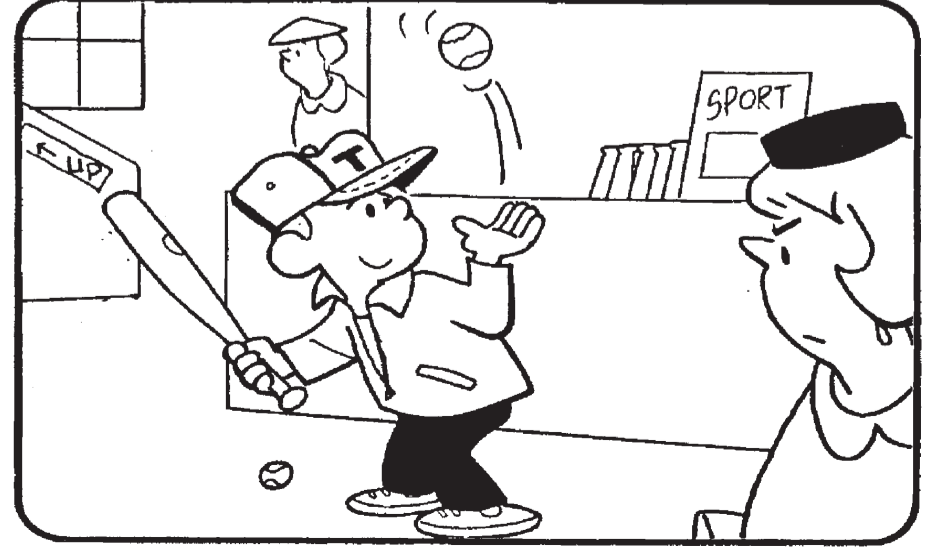
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



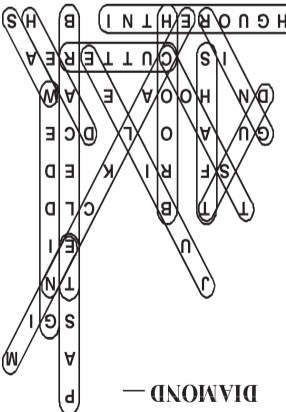
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is unzipped. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sign is added. 4. Button is removed. 5. Pocket is different. 6. Ball is added.



Solution time: 26 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



— DIAMOND —

1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
7	4	5	3	2	1	8	6	9
3	6	2	4	8	9	7	5	1
6	5	4	1	3	6	2	8	7
2	1	7	9	5	8	6	4	3
6	8	3	2	7	4	9	1	5
8	7	6	6	1	3	5	2	4
4	3	6	5	9	2	1	7	8
5	2	1	8	4	7	3	9	6

Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Oregon Park District has upcoming 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 we partner with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to bring free lunch to our youth throughout the Summer season. Every weekday from noon-1 p.m., we will be serving boxed lunches at Mix Park. Meals are for those 18 year and under to enjoy. Program begins on June 1 and will run through Aug. 11.

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 9 at 5:45 p.m. at Castle Rock State Park. The fee is just \$5 per Resident and \$6 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is June 2. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Dog Training Classes for various levels

The Oregon Park District has 3 levels of dog training classes available this Summer including Beginners Obedience, Intermediate/Agility and Tricks Class. There is something for every dog! Training your dog has many benefits for both dog and owner alike. Even if you have a well-behaved dog already, the mental stimulation can help your dog live a happier and healthier life! The first set of classes start the beginning of June with 1-hour weekly classes. See our current activity guide for times and pricing at oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101. Deadline to register is 1 week before the start of each class. Don't miss out on these popular classes as they will fill up fast!

Wild Wing Wednesday

Join the Oregon Park District on Wednesday, June 9 at the Taft dining hall with our spectacular view, delicious food and wonderful sunset! Get your wing fix on with an all you can eat buffalo wing buffet! All IDPH guidelines will be followed and you will be asked about your seating preferences. There will also be a carry out option as well. Fee is just \$15 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents. Anyone 10 years and under is \$10 per Resident and \$12 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is June 2. 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.

DIY Stenciled Canvas Kits for Kids

These stenciling kits are great for kids and even adults who are looking for a simple beginner's project. Choose from 2 different stencils: Happy 4th of July or Hello Summer. These 10" x 10" lightweight canvas signs are easy to hang and fun to make. Kit includes everything needed to complete the project as well as access to an instructional video where Charlotte from Timber + Tribe walks you through the stenciling process. Kit fee is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 7. Kit pick-up is June 14.

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!

T+T Stenciled Bottle Opener

Join Charlotte with Timber + Tribe and stencil a bottle opener with a wooden box to catch the bottle tops. Workshop is at Cork & Tap on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. Choose from 12 different stencil sayings upon registration. This makes a great Father's Day gift. Workshop Fee is \$46/Resident or \$55/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 3.

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.

Summer Basketball Camp

The OHS Varsity Boys basketball coaches, Nathan Green and Dan Green, and their team are excited to offer a co-ed summer basketball camp! This camp will be perfect for refreshing and improving your basketball skills during the off-season. This week long camp meets Monday- Friday June 14th -June 18th. Be part of a team, learn new skills, learn sportsmanship, be active and have fun! Meetings will consist of both skills and drills, and scrimmages. Please remember to bring a water bottle. All proceeds to benefit the OHS Boys basketball program and all participants will receive a camp t-shirt. This camp will be held at Nash and all government guidelines will be followed. K-3rd grade will meet from 11:30am-12:30 pm and the fee is \$25/ \$30 NR. Grade 4-8th will meet 1-3 p.m. and the fee is \$40/\$48 NR. Registration Deadline is June 1st, 2021. Register online at www.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 3rd- TORO Court Games at Park West

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 run Tuesday July 6th through Friday July 9th, with 7-11yr olds meeting from 9-10:30 and 12-18 year olds from 10:30-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 \$35/\$40 NR. Registration Deadline is June 22nd. 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 – 1pm Fee \$33/\$38NR

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

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



Students of the Month

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the February Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their teachers for the February trait – COMPASSIONATE and also Leader In Me Habit #6 – Synergize. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Samantha Denton (6th), Hudson Pollock (6th), Kendall Knoll (8th), Brady Hinkle (8th), Avery Britnell (7th), and Angel Marquez (7th).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 4, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Marco Nutrition, 103 N. Division Ave., Polo, IL 61064.
Dated: May 4, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0515 (May 17, 24, 31))

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00056
TO:
Raymond Kosick
Amber Kosick
Occupant
Unifund CCR Partners
Unifund CCR Partners
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties 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, Ill. as Case No. 2018TX11
The Property is located at:
7406 W. Lowell Park Rd., Mt. Morris, IL
Property Index Number: 08-32-400-005
Said Property was sold on 11/8/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017.
The period of redemption will expire on 9/15/2021. On 09/30/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
10565-914893
No. 0517 (May 24, 31, June 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00148
TO:
Thomas L. Huggins
Spouse of Thomas L Huggins
Occupant
Thomas L Huggins
Spouse of Thomas L Huggins
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties 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, Ill. as Case No. 2018TX11
The Property is located at:
3640 W. Broad St., Dixon, IL
Property Index Number: 21-13-157-003
Said Property was sold on 11/8/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017.
The period of redemption will expire on 9/15/2021. On 09/30/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance 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 Service
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties 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, Ill. as Case No. 2018TX11
The Property is located at:
224 E. Depot St., Creston, IL
Property Index Number: 25-23-286-004
Said Property was sold on 11/8/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017.
The period of redemption will expire on 9/15/2021. On 09/30/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
10565-914895
No. 0519 (May 24, 31, June 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the Landlord's lien provisions in rental agreement between Chelsie and Paul Toloxdi Unit 103 at White Eagle Storage, Forreston, IL, this storage unit 103 containing personal property will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after June 1st, 2021 at White Eagle Storage, 11627 Rt 72, Forreston, IL 61030. Payment must be made by May 31st, 2021 to prevent this sale.
No. 0523 (May 24, 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE)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 of office were issued on May12, 2021 to Kelly Maurici who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Ruthann E. Robinson ofSmithAmundsen LLC, 308 W. State Street, Suite 320, Rockford, IL 61101.
Claims 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 Illinois Probate Act, 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 - Probate Division 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

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- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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has been filed.
DATED: Attorney Ruth E. Robinson (06207546) SMITHAMUNDSEN LLC
308 W. State Street, Suite 320
Rockford, IL 61101
815-904-8810
815-904-8811-fax
rrobinson@salawus.com
No. 0524 (May 24, 31, June 7)

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,
vs.
THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED, ROGER HAEFNER and

SCOTT MARTH, Defendants.
PUBLICATION NOTICE
TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED
An Affidavit for Publication having been filed, because upon due inquiry you cannot be found so that process can be served upon you.
Notice is hereby given you, THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action was commenced in the 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 of a mortgage dated April 17, 1996 and recorded April 29, 1996 as Document No. 9603813 among the Land Records of Ogle County, Illinois, in which Plaintiff is the Mortgagee of certain real estate owned by Ronald K. Haeffner (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 DEVEISEES OF

RONALD K. HAEFNER, DECEASED, and the property is described as follows:
Legal Description: Lot 3, in Block 10 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois, formerly described as Lot 3, in Block 9 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois.
Common Address: 206 N. McKendrie Avenue, Mt. Morris, IL 61054
PIN: 08-27-283-017
Consequently, unless you file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, on or before June 24, 2021, a default judgment may be entered against you at any time after that date, in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.
Ogle County Circuit Clerk
Lisa A. Gabriel – ARDC 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 | P.O. Box 400
Sterling, IL 61081
P: 815.625.8200
gabriel@wmpj.com
No. 0526 (May 24, 31, June 7)

Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection (at the MCUSD 223 District Office) at 207 W. Main Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois from and after 8:30 a.m., on the 7th day of June, 2021 during normal business hours and/or via email by contacting the Superintendent, Dr. PJ Caposey, at pccaposey@mail.meridian223.org. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on the 2nd day of September 2021, at the Meridian Junior High School Board Room in this School District Number 223. Dated this 25th day of May, 2021. School board of School District Number 223, in the County(ies) of Ogle and Winnebago, State of Illinois.
By PJ Caposey, Superintendent.
No. 0531 (May 31, 2021)

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-26-376-015
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for 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 the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the 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 3, 2021. 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.

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
Stephanie K. Freeze
Matthew L. Freeze
Stephanie K. Freeze
Bradley D. Pfoutz
Matthew L. Freeze
Stephanie K. Freeze
Occupant
Helen Pfoutz
State of Illinois
Department of Revenue
Attorney General for the State of Illinois
Department of Revenue
Deanne R. Rupp in
2014SC384
Illinois Department of Revenue
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" or parties interested in said land or lots"
10565-915214
No. 0532 (May 31, June 7, 14)

103 AUCTIONS

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410 W. Third St., Peconica, IL

Large Auction! Featuring Lionel & American Flyer "027" & "O" Gauge Trains-Rolling Stock-Accessories (1930-60's), HO Trains; 1960's Matchbox & Hot Wheels; Doepke & PRESSED Steel Toys; AMT & MPC Dealer Promotional Cars (1,000+); Aurora AFX Slot Car Sets; Vintage Model Kits; Advertising; GI Joe; Farm Toys; Classic Die Cast Vehicles; Antiques & Collectibles; **Much More!**

Larry Bennett 'J.I. Case Machinery' & Estate Auction
SAT., JUNE 12th - 10 A.M.
891 N. White Rock Rd., Chana, IL 61015
Large On-Site Auction!

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103 AUCTIONS

Upcoming June Auctions/Events:
*Saturday, June 5, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
Public Auction to feature
"The Don & Betty Ludwig Estate"
11627 IL Rt 72, Forreston, IL
Auctioneers Note: Don & Betty were lifelong collectors; make plans to join us for another fun auction, as we have many boxes yet to unpack. Also to include items from unclaimed storage units.

*Saturday, June 26, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
Real Estate Auction: 1362 Empire Ct., Freeport, IL
Jerry Stykel: Owner

We are honored to offer this one owner, three bedroom ranch style home at Public Auction. Opening Bid \$75,000.

To schedule a private inspection of this home; please call:
Troy Rudy; Auctioneer 815.297.4846
IL Lic#440000433 * WI Lic#2618-052
For Photos, Details, Terms & Conditions log onto:
www.rudyontheweb.com or
www.auctionbug.biz

Upcoming July Auctions/Events:
*Saturday, July 17, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
Antique & Collectible Auction; Freeport, IL

*Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
"The Kim Lofgren Construction Estate"
Sterling, IL

Troy Rudy; Auctioneer/Real Estate Broker
IL#440000433 * WI#2618-052
815.297.4846



AUCTION

Due to discontinuing farming, the following items will be offered at Public Auction located at 9197 N. Conger Road, Leaf River, IL 61047. Directions—West of Byron, IL 1.9 miles on IL 72 or East of Leaf River, IL 4.5 miles to Conger Road, then north .9 miles to sale site. Watch for auction signs.

See advance salebills, possible color photos on our website at topauctions24-7.com/paspo-lo & auctionzip.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021
10:30 AM
TRACTORS - TRUCK - CAR

JD 4240, CAH, PS, 3pt, DH, approx. 15,627 hr, (#2067AR); JD 2940 MFWD, DH, 3pt, Hi-Lo Reverser clutch, (#399335) w/260 ldr, self leveling bucket, quick tach bucket, 2 - 3pt bale movers; IH Super M, NF, battery under seat (#43565); Mustang 2066 Diesel skid loader, Hi-LO, foot control bucket, aux hyd, 2800 hrs (MMCO206690004662), bucket, bale spear, pallet & grapple buckets; quick tach adapter for JD loader to skid loader bucket; C-IH 1660 combine, chopper & spreader (#JJC003663); C-IH 1063 corn head, some plastic & metal snouts (#JJC0150374); C-IH 1020 platform 20' (#215066) on C-IH head cart; '98 Chevrolet 3500, auto, 5th wheel ball, toolbox, 232,000 miles; 16' livestock trailer (no title); Bad Boy Buggy diesel, 1427 hrs; '04 Ford Focus Wagon, 80,000 miles.

MACHINERY
JD 635 MoCo Diskbine w/flail 1000 PTO (T341611); Kuhn SR110 Speed Rake (#F0908); Kuhn GA 3200 GT fluff rake; JD 535 rd baler, net wrap, monitor, 1000 PTO; NH 570 sq baler (#70448) w/chute, 540 PTO; NH kicker for 570; Kuhn 1534 bale accumulator, holds 15 bales (#H12923); Kuhn 615 grapple bale pickup (#D12987); 2 E-Z Trail 890 running gears w/9x20 racks; 4 metal bales cages on various gears; 16' hayrack on JD gear; 3 running gears in various conditions; Patz bale processor, 1000 PTO (9184-025-1192); MC 60HI flail chopper (#10703); Allied bale conveyor on wheels 40'; 18' bale conveyor; 4 assorted 250 bu gravity wagons; 2 David Bradley flare boxes, hoists & gears; DMI Colter Champ II disk chisel w/5 parabolic shanks; IH 540 plow 4-14"; Pepin drag cart 24' hyd lift; JD 7000 planter 6-30", liquid fertilizer, monitor; Schultz rotary hoe; Noble culti 3pt 6-30" Danish tine; Runte 10' hyd box scraper; JD 609 rotary cutter 3pt; Land Pride 15' batwing, 1000 PTO; Knight 350 spreader w/slop gate; JD 676 snowblower, 3pt, 540 PTO; Generac 80KW/40KW PTO generator on cart (#0597869); Winpower PTO generator; 2 grain augers & Nl elevator (rough); 3pt Nh3 bar.

MISCELLANEOUS
Palco cattle chute w/head gate, Stronghold tub, 2 section alley [all sold separately]; lots of corral panels & gates, some new; various fencing & posts; Easy Way cattle oiler & fly bag; Patx 20' silo unloader; 3 wood cattle feed bunks; 3 metal hay feeders; Schuld bulk bin; water tank; sm enclosed chicken pen; various elec motors [single & 3Ø] hyd press; assorted shop & power tools; various tires & rims; several ladders; several rack loads of misc.

HANK & PENNY EBERT - OWNER
815-871-9977

At the same location, Neighbors will sell—16' utility trailer (title); '55 JD 60, NF (#6054110); '50 IH Farmall M, NF (#FBK243340); IH 490 disk, 20'; skid steer pallet forks; hayrack full of parts; JD LX280 riding mower; JD RX75 riding mower; White LT1850 riding mower; 4 section drag cart, 20'; 500 gal water wagon w/pump & hose; Woods 840 HD 3pt mower; MC 9' flail mower; 7'x14' hayrack & gear; '10 NH Rustler 115 UTV.

Auctioneers:
Service
Lenny Bryson (IL#440000158) 815-946-4120
Mark Ebert (IL#440000341) 815-946-2660
Polo, IL 61064
Clerks: Public Auction
Lyle & Sheryl Hopkins (IL#440000185)
Terms - Cash, good check, Master Card, Visa, Discover and American Express credit cards.
All items must be settled for day of sale. Number system will used, have proper ID. Not responsible for accidents or merchandise after sold.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MERIDIAN CUSD 223
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 223, in the County(ies) of Ogle and Winnebago, State of

TAX DEED NO.: 2018TX11
FILED: 5/12/2021
TAKE NOTICE
County of Ogle
Date Premises Sold: November 8, 2018
Certificate No.: 2017-00045
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2017
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 408 East Brayton Road, Mount Morris, IL 61054
FOR FURTHER

TAX DEED NO.: 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
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS

Garage Sale
OREGON
Hilltop Garage Sale.
1002 Illinois St.
Straight up Hill From Merlin's.
Thursday June 3rd, Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th 8am-5pm.
Name Brand Clothing Children & Adults, Couch, TV Cabinets, Many Kitchen Items, Dishes, Glassware, Books, Treadmill, 15x22 Carpet in Excellent Condition, Jewelry, Dining Room Table, Bedding, Pillows and Much More! PIA#67

Garage Sale
OREGON-1320 IL Rt. 64 E.
Across from Graphic Arts
Huge Huge Sale.
Thursday June 3rd & Friday June 4th 8am-5pm.
Vintage Kitchenware and Christmas, Full Set of Drums & Symbols, Antique Two Door Oak Cabinet, Recliner, Two Metal Drawer Cabinets, Child's Victorian Wicker Rocker, Plant Stands, Vintage McCoy Pottery, Yard Décor & Much Much More!

Garage Sale
OREGON
2887 E Brick Rd.
Friday June 4th & Saturday June 5th 8am-3pm.
Rain Date Only
Sunday June 6th 8am-3pm.
Rototiller, Miscellaneous Clothes, Household Items, Norwex, Longaberger, Crafts, and Ton of Miscellaneous Items. No Masks Required. Home of Ruth & Bill Luepkes PIA#74

103 AUCTIONS

AUCTIONEER DIRECTORY

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203 HELP WANTED

Full-Time Bookkeeper

Rochelle Travel Plaza, Inc, aka Petro Stopping Centers, located at I-39 & Hwy 38, Rochelle, IL is looking for a Full-Time Bookkeeper for our Main Office. The main functions of and skills needed for this position, as well as benefits include:

- *Department Sales Data Entry
- *Balancing Credit Card Receipts & Discounts
- *Balancing and Distribution of In-House Sales Reports
- *House Accounts Statements
- *Administrative Support of Other Office Staff
- *Small, Friendly Office Environment where everyone works together
- *Flexible Schedule
- *Knowledge of Quick Books, Office Suite and Excel a plus
- *Full Benefits Package available after 90 days including Group Health, Life & Dental Insurance, Paid Holidays and Paid Vacation, Employee Discount; and 401k (after 1 year).
- *Competitive starting pay, with a Review/Evaluation at 90 days

Please submit your resume to: petro59@rochelletravel.net or apply in person anytime 24/7 at the Application Station by the ATM in the main building. For questions, contact Cindy weekdays at the email listed above or call 815-562-8475.
EOE

Byron School District #226 Has an opening for a Part-Time Elementary PE Teacher

Interested individuals should apply online at www.byron226.org under the "About Us" tab in the Employment Opportunities section. See job posting for additional details

05242021

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: poloscenter@yahoo.com
ATTN: Board President.
No Phone Calls.

05242021

Bertolet Memorial Library has an opening for a children's services and programming coordinator.

Responsibilities include planning and implementing children's programs and performing general library duties. Anyone interested can pick up an application at the library. The deadline to receive applications is June 12, 2021. Please include a resume with three references.

05312021

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

03292021

BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 202 South Reynolds Avenue, Mount Morris, IL 61054

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-27-410-001
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for 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 the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the 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 3, 2021.

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. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF 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.

FOR FURTHER 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
Amber Kosick a/k/a Amber R. Wright a/k/a Amber Kosic
Amber Kosick a/k/a Amber R. Wright a/k/a Amber Kosic
Raymond Kosick a/k/a Raymond A. Kosick a/k/a Raymond Kosic
Raymond A. Kosick a/k/a Raymond Kosic
Raymond Kosick Occupant
Elizabeth Marks
Unifund CCR Partners
Unifund CCR Partners
Adolfo Brandon Sanchez as Attorney in 2012SC572
Sterling Federal Bank, FSB
Sterling Federal Bank, FSB
Law Office of Amy M. Toepper as Attorney in 2013CH62
Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C

Blitt & Gaines, P.C. as Attorneys in 2013SC531
Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" or parties interested in said land or lots" 10565-915212
No. 0534 (May 31, June 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
STATE)
OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
PUBLIC Notice is hereby given to all persons in Taylor Township that a Public Hearing will be held June 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed May 10, 2021 of Julie Ann Harwath, 4295 Mount Pleasant Rd., Sherrills Ford, NC for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 3, Township 22 North,

Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Taylor Township, Ogle County, IL, 24.0 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 22-03-300-005
Common Location: 6800 Block of S. Lowden Park Rd.
DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SOCIAL D I S T A N C I N G STANDARDS, an audio meeting will be made available for all public and non-committee members. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to

cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 10th day of May 2021
#003-21AM
No. 0535 (May 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY)
OF)
OGLE)Case
IN THE)No.
MATTER)2021
OF THE)P31
ESTATE)
OF:)
JAMES)
KILMER)
Deceased)
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James Kilmer of the City of Leaf River, County of Ogle, State of Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on April 1, 2021, to Rachel Kadar of 13183 Country Meadow Dr.,

Adams Jr. regarding the Zoning Certificate issued to Jeff Franklin, 559 S. Grandview Terrace, Oregon, IL for a Temporary Amusement. The property in question is located at:

Part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) Section 05 Township 23 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Pine Rock Township, Ogle County, IL, 23.22 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number(s): 17-05-400-015; -016; -017; -018; & -005
Common Location: 559 S. Grandview Terrace
DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SOCIAL D I S T A N C I N G STANDARDS, an audio meeting will be made available for all public and non-committee members. The application for this appeal is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 6th day of May 2021
#001-21APPEAL
No. 0536 (May 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY)
OF)
OGLE)Case
IN THE)No.
MATTER)2021
OF THE)P31
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Notice is given of the death of James Kilmer of the City of Leaf River, County of Ogle, State of Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on April 1, 2021, to Rachel Kadar of 13183 Country Meadow Dr.,

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 61010.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this claim notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Witness, 5/26/2021
Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of Court
No. May 31, June 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX DEED NO.: 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
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A
Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 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 for 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 the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with

203 HELP WANTED

Part-Time Library Aide

Are you looking to be part of a creative and resourceful team that serves the local community? Then we're looking for you. Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) is seeking a passionate, friendly, service-oriented Part-Time Library Aide. Aides provide support for all circulation desk functions in person and on the telephone, including lending books, user registration, program registration, reference and readers' advisory services, processing, shelving of materials, and other projects as assigned. Applicant should be proficient on the computer and possess the ability to adapt to new technologies. Developing positive public relations and performing tasks with accuracy and promptness are essential to this position.

Part-time hours will include evenings and rotating Saturdays. High School graduation or equivalent. Minimum 2-years qualified work experience. EOE.

Applications are available to download through the library's website at www.juliahull.org/job-opportunities. Send your letter of interest, resume and completed application to Joanna Kluever, Library Director, at jkluver@mail.meridian223.org, or by mail at 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

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Great local sales opportunity

If you have an outgoing personality, an energetic get-it-done approach and experience in driving sales, then you may be a perfect fit for a position with the Rochelle News-Leader and Ogle County Life.



If you have the desire to help clients in the Ogle County region market their products and services through a variety of highly visible and effective local media vehicles, then we want to talk to you about a rewarding career opportunity.

This full-time position would include both inside and outside sales and be focused on growing the advertiser base in our popular special sections and digital publications.

Applicants should possess excellent communication and organizational skills with a positive, team-player personality. Previous media sales or related marketing experience important.

Sky is the limit on earning potential and career development in this position.

Qualified applicants should mail or e-mail their resume to sales manager Mike Feltes (mfeltes@oglecountylife.com) or mail it to the following address:
Rochelle News-Leader
ATTN: Mike Feltes
P.O. Box 46, Rochelle, IL 61068



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DD Homes Network has an immediate opening in Oregon, IL
Position available: Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional, (QIDP)
Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in a human service related field
Minimum of one year of work experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities Strong Management Skills
Apply In Person at: 910 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL
Or On-line at ddhomes.net

DD Homes Network has immediate openings in Oregon, IL!

Full-Time & Part-Time Openings 1st & 2nd Shifts
Are you ready to begin a new career as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) or Caregiver? DD Homes Network has small group homes in Oregon, IL and we are looking for several hard working, fun, and dependable people to fill the open positions. The selected candidates would be supporting individuals with developmental disabilities who live in small group homes in the community by helping them with activities of daily living, such as bathing, cooking laundry, shopping, etc.
No experience necessary, we provide paid training!

Requirements: 18 Years of Age/High School Diploma or GED/Valid Driver's License
Be able to pass a criminal background check

Apply In Person at
910 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061
Or On-line at ddhomes.net

To see what DD Homes Network is all about, check us out on Facebook or visit us on-line at ddhomes.net

FAIRS & FESTIVALS & SUMMER FUN

Rochelle News-Leader • Sunday, May 30, 2021 • Section 3
Ogle County Life/Rock Valley Shopper • Monday, May 31, 2021 • Section C





2021

OGLE COUNTY FAIR

JULY 28TH THRU AUGUST 1ST, 2021

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

PASS AND CARNIVAL WRISTBAND INFORMATION

Daily passes are with wristbands cost \$8.00 at the gate.

NOTE: 3 & under Free Gate, but must get \$4.00 wristband at office to ride Carnival rides.

Season passes with wristbands - \$30.00

VIP passes are with wristbands - \$60.00

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

Ta-Da Robots are coming!

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

- Antique Tractor Parade
- Truck & Tractor Pull • Big Hat Rodeo
- The Jimmys • Demo Derby

FREE GROUND

ENTERTAINMENT

(With Paid Admission)

- Brian Holt Magic Show • Chain Saw Artist
- Wild World of Animals
- Dan-Dan The Farmer Man Comedy Show
- Kids Pedal Pull • Antique Tractors

1440 Limekiln Rd. • Oregon, IL 61061

1-815-732-6962

www.oglecountyfair.com

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Ogle County Fair is back for 2021



It is clear that 2020 was a year unlike any other. Due to the ongoing pandemic and lockdowns in Illinois, the Ogle County Fair was cancelled.

But the fair is back on this year, and will to take place from July 28-Aug. 1 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

As always, the fair will bring together the best of everything - entertainment, 4-H displays, food, music, rodeos and many different types of animals. there is truly something for everyone.

The Ogle County Fair is located off of Route 64 and Limekiln Road, just west of Oregon.

Come and enjoy the experience of Ogle County, its people, its rural character and its great agricultural traditions.

For years the Ogle County Fair has been an important part of our county, our youth and our future.

The fair showcases the hard work of our local youth with 4-H displays. Jr. Show displays, animals and projects.

This year's fair is expected to be bigger and better than ever, and will feature all of the things that have made this fair so spe-

cial, including the antique tractor pull and the always-exciting Demolition Derby!

Expect great food, exciting livestock shows, thrilling rodeos, and top-notch entertainment. One admission includes rides and the fair. Visit us at oglecountyfair.com for more information.

Schedule:

Wednesday

3-6 p.m. – Junior Swine Check-in & Weigh-in

3-9 p.m. – Exhibit Building Open to Public

5-9 p.m. – Animal Check-in

5- 8 p.m. – Junior Beef Weigh-in

(all animals except beef and swine stalled by 8 p.m.)

5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade

5:30 p.m. – Queen Contests

6-10 p.m. – Carnival is Open

6:30 p.m. – Truck and Tractor Pull – Stock

Thursday

7:30 a.m. – Junior Dairy Goat Milk Production Milk-Out

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Ogle County Fair July 28-Aug. 1

9 a.m.-9 p.m. – Exhibit Building Open to Public
 11 a.m. – Junior Dairy Show
 3-4 p.m. – Junior Sheep Weigh-in
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 5-10 p.m. – Carnival is Open
 6:30 p.m. – Tractor & Truck Pulls - Illini State Pullers
 7:30 p.m. – Junior Dairy Goat Milk Production Milk-Out
 7:30 p.m. – Music Pavilion Shelter, “Grass Attack”
 Friday
 8 a.m. Junior Swine Show
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public
 9 a.m. – Junior Goat Show (Dairy, Meat ,Pygmy)
 3-10 p.m. C- arnival is Open
 4 p.m. – The Magic of Brian Holt - Walk Around
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 7 p.m. – Big Hat Rodeo
 7:30 p.m. – Music Pavilion Shelter, “First Friday”
 Saturday
 7:30 a.m. – All Horses on Ground

8:30 a.m. – Junior Horse Show
 8:30 a.m. – Junior Sheep Show
 9 a.m. – Junior Rabbit Show
 9 a.m.-9 p.m. – Exhibit Building Open to Public
 Noon-10 p.m. – Carnival is Open
 3 p.m. – “Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction” (4-H)
 4 p.m. – The Magic of Brian Holt - Show
 5 p.m. – Pork Chop Dinner - (pork producers)
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 6:30 p.m. – Demolition Derby
 6:30 p.m. – Chain Saw Carving Auction (Beef Arena)
 7:30 p.m. – Music Pavilion Shelter, “Slick Trigger”
 Sunday
 7:30 a.m. – Church Service
 9 a.m. – Junior Beef Show
 9 a.m. – Jr. Poultry Show
 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Carnival is Open
 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Exhibit Building Open
 1 p.m. – Benefit Open Horse Show
 4-6 p.m. – Exhibit Building (Department P)
 4 p.m. – Animal Check-out - see fair rules

Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival returns this summer for ‘One Fine Day’

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

ROCHELLE – Once the COVID-19 vaccine became a reality, the organizers of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival knew the possibility of the event returning in 2021 was too.

The event will take place Saturday, Aug. 21 this year from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The one-day event will differ from years past when it was over three days. Last year’s festival was canceled due to the pandemic

LHHF Marketing Director Laura Thomas said the one-day event is due to uncertainty during planning, safety concerns and hesitancy to ask businesses

for sponsorship money and donations after a COVID-19 year was financially hard on most.

“If we can at least do one day, it’s better than nothing,” Thomas said. “There are no rides, a parade or a beer garden. That’s disappointing. We couldn’t do it all in one day and couldn’t get a company to bring rides for just one day. We didn’t have extra sponsor money. We’re just doing the best we can with what we have.”

The theme for this year is “One Fine Day,” Thomas said. The festival will include a car show, a 50-50 raffle, a food court, crafts and vendors and live music.

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Music, food and plenty of fun

Music will include the Vodka Boys, Southern Ride and Blue Steel along with other local performers. Music will start at 10 a.m., earlier than in years past. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

The festival is a nonprofit. The City of Rochelle will return as its biggest sponsor this year as businesses weren't asked for donations.

Thomas hopes that the event will bring back a feeling of normalcy to the area.

"I know people were disappointed last year," Thomas said. "It's still early, but hopefully this year will make people happy."

For more information, visit lhhfest.com or the LHHF pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



MENDOTA'S 74TH ANNUAL SWEET CORN FESTIVAL AUGUST 12-15, 2021



Friday and Saturday
Beer Garden at 7:30

Saturday and Sunday
Crafter's Marketplace and Flea Market
featuring 200+ vendors in handmade
crafts and unique merchandise

Sunday August 15th
Grand Parade at 1 PM
FREE Delicious, Hot,
Buttered Sweet Corn at 2 PM

Free
Admission!

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Forreton Sauerkraut Days

Sponsored by American Legion Families & Sauerkraut Days Committee

August 6, 7 & 8, 2021

- Bags Tournament •
- Beer Garden featuring Better Late Than Never •
- Parade • Car Show • Craft and Vendor Fair •
- Lots of Food •

Watch Forreton Sauerkraut Days Facebook page for additional events and full schedule 



Boone County Fair: A tradition returns

BELVIDERE – We're back! The Granges of Boone County and hundreds of friends of the fair volunteers have once again put together another great six day agricultural exhibition, Aug. 10-15, for you and your family and friends to enjoy.

We're packing the grounds with thousands of head of livestock from rabbits to alpacas to dairy cows to draft horses. There will be several thousand home arts exhibits including quilts, flowers, photographs, posters, wedding cakes, vegetables and much more. Browse through several hundred vendors and merchants selling everything from tasty fair food to a wide variety of goods and services.

Take a break from all that looking at the Entertainment Pavilion where you'll find free local entertainment including all types of live music and fun contests for the whole family starting at noon every day. Stop by the pavilion Wednesday noon to see and hear legendary WGN radio broadcaster Orion Samuelson. There's also more free entertainment on the grounds including the ALL-STAR STUNT DOG SHOW with several shows daily. There will be 200 antique tractors of all types, 4-H petting zoo

and amazing magicians.

So much to do and see for only a \$7 admission price (\$6 on Tuesday). Children 10 and under free every day. Seniors 65 and over are free on Thursday. Free Parking.

Buy a ticket to one of our exciting grandstand shows including the outstanding country singing group Diamond Rio on Saturday evening. There's also Truck and Tractor pulls, Bull Riding, and Demo Derbies. Don't miss the Boone County Fair Queen and Little Miss Pageant free to attend on Tuesday evening. Take a spin on a thrill ride at our outstanding Midway by Skinner's Amusements offering ride specials on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Check out our complete schedule at our new website at boonecountyfair.com. We will see you at the Grange Food Stand serving breakfast starting at 6:00am, also lunch and dinners too. Still have questions? Call our fair office Mon or Weds from 8-4 at 815-544-2900. We're located at the corner of Rt 76 and the Business 20 bypass. Address is 8847 IL Rt 76. Main entrances are off Rt 76 as well as McKinley Ave to the rear.

See you at the fair!

Members of Diamond Rio, who will be performing Saturday evening, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. in front of the grandstand at the Boone County Fair. The fair runs six days, Tuesday, Aug. 10 to Sunday, Aug. 15.



★ AUGUST 10-15, 2021 ★

8847 RT. 76 BELVIDERE

FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE...BOONECOUNTYFAIR.COM

**Saturday
August 14th
8pm**

Online ticket sales start Tuesday, June 15
by going to www.boonecountyfair.com.

All show tickets on sale starting Mon., July
12 at 9am at the main gate #1 ticket
office.

ByronFest features fun and music for people of all ages


ByronFest will be held July 9, 10, and 11 in downtown Byron.

Presented by Byron Bank, ByronFest provides entertainment and fun for the entire family. Check out www.byronfest.org for everything you need to know about the annual festival.

Also, check out our new Mega Pass this year that gets you unlimited rides and entry onto festival grounds all weekend long for \$60

This year, Too Hype Crew and Back Country Roads headline Friday July 9 and Hi Infidelity and Made in America headline Saturday, July 10




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Forest Preserve
District**

**JARRETT PRAIRIE
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7993 North River Road, Byron, IL

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- Enjoy showings in our immersive indoor theater designed to educate visitors on prairie ecology
- Design your own farm at our plow exhibit
- Take in the season at our prairie overlook area

For more information:
www.byronforestpreserve.com
815-234-8535

Leaf River Days features truck and tractor pull

FORRESTON – On June 5, the Forreton FFA Alumni will be hosting the 10th Annual Truck and Tractor Pull at Leaf River Daze.

Following a tractor parade, the pull will feature classes for antique tractors at noon, farm tractors at 2 p.m., trucks at 4 p.m., and Badger State Pullers at 7 p.m.

The entry fee for pullers is \$25 per hook. In order to provide an event that brings the community together, there will be no admission fee this year, but donations will be accepted at the gate.

Funds raised will go toward supporting Forreton High School Ag Education and FFA Chapter.

The pull will be held on the track behind the old Leaf River Grade School.

This event would not be possible without our sponsors. Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor: BVS Diesel; Gold Sponsors: Peabody's North, Helm Truck and Equipment, MAD Acres; Silver Sponsors: Buckshot Ridge Farms and Excavating, Bocker Ruff, Seward Ag Supply, Dambman Service, Inc., Burris Seed-Bryce Sandahl, German American State Bank, US Auctioneers, Inc., Pearl City Elevator, Inc., Compeer Financial, Solutions Bank, Martin & Company Excavating, Heels and Hardhats Contracting, and Leaf River Land and Cattle. Gold Sponsor: Casper Seed Services-Chris Casper and Silver Sponsor: Prairie State Tractor.

For more information, like the Forreton FFA Alumni on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you at the 10th Annual Truck and Tractor Pull on June 5.

Let Freedom Ring

Mount Morris festival returns with fun for all July 2-4

Let Freedom Ring kicks off the festival on June 30 with the Queen & King coronation as well as Little Miss and Mister contest.

The Kable News Band will play on the bandshell.

Friday July 2nd from 5-8 p.m. will be the Jonas Fultz Memorial car show and cruise along with the Friday Night concert featuring Shindig on the bandshell.

Saturday will be full of all our kid and family friendly events. The day will start at 6am with a friendly Backyard Barbaque Competition sponsored by Northside Barbaque. Kiddie parade, water fights, bed and big wheel races all start around noon. Band on the bandshell 5-8 p.m. Annual Alumni dance to be held at Mt. Morris Moose lodge during the evening.

Sunday July 4th there is the fireman's breakfast at the firehouse and a breakfast at the airport and we end our festival with the grand parade at 2 p.m. and fireworks at dusk!

Friday evening through Sunday you can find crafters/vendors and food vendors set up near the bandshell.

Let Freedom Ring Annual Auction will be at Mount Morris Senior Center Saturday and Sunday.

Bars in town will have bags tournaments and bands.

50/50 raffle tickets available at village hall and all committee members.

Look for list of events on the 'Let Freedom Ring - A Family Fun Festival' Facebook page as well as contact us information.



“A FUN FAMILY TRADITION”
FRIDAY, JULY 2 • SATURDAY, JULY 3 • SUNDAY, JULY 4

- Bags Tournaments
- King & Queen
- Little Miss & Mister
- Car Show & Cruise
- Concerts
- BBQ Competition
- Kiddie Parade
- Water Fights
- Bed & Big Wheel Races
- 50/50 Raffle Tickets
- Annual Alumni Dance
- Fireman's Breakfast
- Grand Parade
- Craft & Food Vendors
- Annual Auction

SUNDAY,
JULY 4TH
FIREWORKS
AT DUSK!



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO 



Stephenson County Fair
July 27-31, 2021

Tuesday & Wednesday: Tractor & Truck Pulls @ 5pm each night - Age 6+ - \$10

Thursday: Youth & Family Night @ 6pm - FREE admission for all

Friday: Robbo's Demo Derby @ 6pm - Age 6+ - \$10

Saturday: Lawn Mower Races & Tough Truck Challenge (public welcome to compete) @ 6pm - Age 18+ - \$5

Daily Events: Great Lakes Lumberjack Show, Axe Throwing, Escape Room, Fabulous Faces Face Painting

Check our website @ www.stephensoncountyfair.org for all the events, exhibits and shows!



Kirkland celebration will have carnival, parade, fireworks and much more

“We Serve.” Since 1947 the Kirkland Lions Club has served the greater northern Illinois area through community service and support.

We are happy to announce our 73rd Annual Kirkland Lions Club 4th of July Celebration taking place July 2, 3, & 4, 2021. As our largest fundraiser of the year we hope you will join us for the entire festival filled with the very best headline entertainment, carnival, market, food, parade, and fireworks.

Learn more about the Kirkland Lions Club and the celebration by following us on social media and by visiting our website

KIRKLAND LIONS CLUB 73RD ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Visit us online for the latest information about the event. To purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.Kirkland4thofJuly.com or www.kirklandlions.org

FRIDAY, JULY 2ND, 2021

5:00-11:00 pm
5:00-11:00 pm
6:00-9:00 pm
6:00-10:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:45 pm
6:00 pm
9:00 pm

Open for the day – Vendors, Food Stand, Carnival Rides, Flea Market
Beer Tent – Pork Chop Sandwiches, Brats, Burgers, Cheese Curds, Dogs and Bags
Bingo
Wrist Band Night for Carnival Rides (\$20)
Next Level Presentation (Park Stage)
Queen Contest
Kirkland “Family” Feud – Round 1 “Teachers vs Students” (Park Stage)
Southern Ride opening for
Country Star - Lainey Wilson
\$15 General Admission Cover Charge (Large Stage)
Discounted Pre-Sale Tickets available online



SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, 2021

12:00-11:00 pm
12:00 pm-12:00 am
12:00-2:00 pm
10:00 am-2:00pm
1:00 pm

2:30-3:30 pm
4:00-5:00 pm
5:00-9:00 pm
5:30-6:30 pm
6:30-8:00 pm
6:00 pm
8:00pm

Open for the day – Vendors, Food Stand, Carnival Rides, Flea Market
Beer Tent – Pork Chop Sandwiches, Brats, Burgers, Cheese Curds, Dogs and Bags
Couch Coins (Park Stage)
Car Show & Antique Tractor Show
Bags Tournament (32 team double elimination, \$20 per team, Cash Prizes, Rain or Shine, Registration starts at 12 pm)
Leader Dog Demonstration (Park Stage)
Kirkland “Family” Feud – Round 2 “Police vs Fire” (Park Stage)
Bingo
Clay Hansen Music (Park Stage)
Steve McClanahan Acoustic Guitar (Park Stage)
One Night Only opening for
Back Country Roads (Large Stage)
\$10 General Admission Cover Charge (Large Stage)
Discounted Pre-Sale Tickets available online



SUNDAY, JULY 4TH, 2021

7:00-9:30 am
11:00 am
12:00-11:00 pm
12:00 pm-12:00 am
12:00 pm
1:00-8:30 pm
1:30-2:30 pm
2:00 pm
3:00-4:00 pm
4:00 pm
4:00-5:00 pm
5:00-6:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:30-8:00 pm
Nightfall
10:15 pm

Pancake Breakfast in the park
Parade – Register to participate @ www.Kirkland4thofJuly.com
Open for the day – Vendors, Food Stand, Carnival Rides, Flea Market
Beer Tent – Pork Chop Sandwiches, Brats, Burgers, Cheese Curds, Dogs and Bags
Dale Rhode (Large Stage)
Bingo
Kirkland Hiawatha Pep Band (Park Stage)
Blind Eye Willis & The Blue Notes (Large Stage)
Music by Anthony Sheahan (Park Stage)
Shuvlhed (Large Stage)
Kirkland “Family” Feud – Finals (Park Stage)
The Magic of Brian Holt (Park Stage)
Outlaws & Angels (Large Stage)
Singer Songwriter Stan Riley (Park Stage)
FIREWORKS – Largest in Northern Illinois
50/50 Raffle Drawing (Park Stage) – Following the Fireworks
Tickets available for purchase online

See any Lions Club Member for 50/50 Raffle Tickets or purchase online. 2020 prize was over \$6k! \$1 each. Proceeds benefit vision and hearing impaired plus many other charitable and community needs.

Festival is located at Franklin Township Park – 1 block south of Rt. 72
NO PETS ALLOWED – SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY, PLEASE.
Find out more online at www.Kirkland4thofJuly.com



@kirklandlionsclub

