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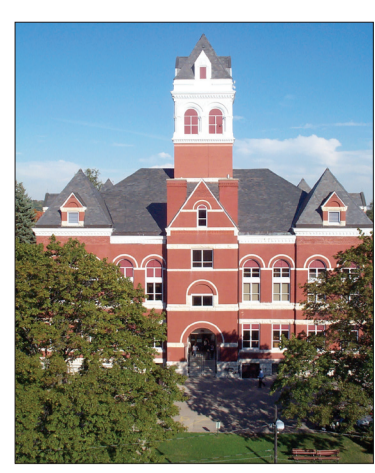
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Stillman tax plans pass



People arrive at the Stillman Fire Protection District building in Stillman Valley to vote on Tuesday, April 6. (Brad Jennings photo)

School, fire protection districts both see referendum wins

By Brad Jennings
Editor

STILLMAN VALLEY – There were a variety of positions up for grabs in the April 6 election, from school boards to park district boards to various village and township positions.

But two of the most closely watched questions this year were referendums for the Meridian CUSD 223 and the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District. Both were seeking tax support from local residents, and both got it.

“I was intimately aware of the consequences of this potentially failing,” said Meridian CUSD 223 Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey. “From my eyes, I saw a large negative impact looming for our students, staff, and community. To not be consumed with reductions and to be able to continue our path forward is an amazing opportunity and responsibility for our district now. I cannot wait to be able to focus on the work of improving our district.”

Voters overwhelmingly supported permanently extending an education fund tax rate approved seven years ago. The final tally was 1,161 votes in favor of the extension and 770 against it.

Caposey said he was unsure how the vote would go.

“It is funny, leading up to yesterday people would ask me how I thought it was going and I would always laugh,” he said the day after the election. “I had no idea. One moment I felt great about the number of signs I saw driving the district. The next I was discouraged by social media banter. So, I definitely did not have a feel for how this would go. I am very pleased with the margin and distribution of votes. That is a very affirming feeling.”

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Students learn from local maple syrup producers

Many of us enjoy pure maple syrup on breakfast items like pancakes, waffles and french toast, but this year was syrup production was down for local producers.

“Like anything in agriculture, you are at the mercy of the weather,” said Robb from Hough’s Maple Lane Farm in Mt. Morris. “For the sap to flow, we need warm, sunny days above freezing and freezing each night. That freezing and thawing creates a positive-negative cycle that pumps the sap that is stored in the roots for winter up towards the trees crown. This year we didn’t have a lot of those warm days with freezing nights. Most people are excited for the warm weather of spring to arrive, we are too, but slowly. If it doesn’t freeze at night, the sap won’t flow the next day. We had an OK season this year, not our worst, not our best. You can’t control the weather you can only look forward to next year.”

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LOCAL NEWS

REFERENDUM: Thankful to the community for support

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Chad Hoefle, fire chief with the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District, was thankful the morning after voters approved a tax increase for both fire and ambulance funds.

“My general reaction was thankfulness for our entire Fire Protection District,” Hoefle said. “A referendum is not something a taxing body wants to do, but when we see the need, especially when it comes to life safety, we have to act.”

“I did feel the community was behind these referendum questions. The feedback we got was extremely

positive. Most of the time people don’t share their negative thoughts, so I knew we were not going to hear a lot of that, but we did field a lot of questions and I feel we were able to sort those out.”

This is the first time since the district formed in 1952 that it requested a tax increase. Both referendums asked for a 0.1 percent property tax increase. The ambulance question passed 743 to 405, and the fire question passed 730 to 419.

“As far as what this means for the Stillman Fire Protection District, this means that we will be working towards our goal of staffing,” Hoefle

said. “Obviously the funds from this referendum do not come to us right away as they are for the next tax cycle, but we will be planning and making sure that we are upholding the communities confidence with their votes by creating the best plan possible for their Fire Protection and emergency medical needs.”

For Caposey, the passage of the referendum means the school district can continue to serve students as it has been.

“First and foremost, we are not in crisis,” he said. “As a result, we can continue to build toward our goals and think about potentially expanding our offering instead of

contracting. As we said many times over the past year, this was an interesting referendum because we were not raising taxes, but we were also not promising anything new and exciting. So, this quite literally means we get to stay the course and continue the trajectory we are on.”

Hoefle said he was thankful for the community they serve and protect.

“I personally am thankful for everyone who came out and voted no matter how they voted, we are happy they exercised their right to vote! From our family to yours, we are thankful,” he said.



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Still seeking information on missing dog

STILLMAN VALLEY – A Stillman Valley woman is continuing to search for her service dog, nearly a year after it escaped during a crash.

On May 5, 2020, Marcia Kelly was in a car on Flag and Skare roads in Rochelle when the vehicle was struck by another vehicle. She was injured in the crash, and her dog, Max, escaped from the vehicle.

Max is an American Bulldog, German Shepherd and Malamute mix. He was set to be trained as a service dog for Kelly, who is disabled.

She said someone at the scene of the crash said a woman had Max by his leash, but the search for him has proven unsuccessful. Max had a red leash with a green camouflage harness with Ogle County tags.

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SYRUP: It takes 43 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup

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Agriculture in the Classroom has been teaching students throughout Ogle and Carroll counties the five steps to making maple syrup including: tapping the tree, collecting the sap, boiling the sap to let the water evaporate and create syrup, filtering the syrup, and finally bottling the syrup. Sap is 98 percent water so it takes about 43 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup.

Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Stu-

dents learn that thousands of farm products are in the world around them – on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191.

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LOCAL NEWS

Electronic recycling event for county is April 30

OREGON – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding their residential electronic recycling event on Friday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A free permit is required in advance to attend this recycling event. Permits are limited and must be requested by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. To obtain a permit call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email the department at solidwaste@oglecounty.org and provide your name address, phone number and email address. Permits are limited

to one per household per month, and allow up to seven (7) large electronic items to be brought in for recycling. A box or other container with multiple smaller items will be accepted and is considered one large item. There is no cost to obtain a residential electronic recycling permit.

This event is for Ogle County residential electronics. Accepted items include all types of televisions and computer monitors, computers and all computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, video game equipment, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, VCR/ DVD players, cable

and satellite boxes, all remote controls (please remove batteries), radios, stereo equipment, phones, digital clocks, calculators, holiday light strands, computer power back-ups, rechargeable batteries, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit.

Items which are not accepted at this event include; smoke detectors, vacuum cleaners, fans and heaters, air purifiers, dehumidifiers, coffee makers and other kitchen or food preparatory items, personal hygiene items, toys or drones, tools, exercise equipment, fluorescent tube bulbs, or any other item not listed as “accepted”.

Please remove all batteries from remote controls, radios, and cordless phones. Alkaline batteries should be placed into household trash for disposal, but rechargeable batteries are accepted at this recycling event. Please also remove electronics from packaging such as boxes, plastic wrap, and Styrofoam prior to the recycling event.

A full list of accepted items and further instructions will be included with issuance of the permit. Please call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecounty.org, or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management for more information.



Pictured are members of the Byron Chamber, Byron Park District, Byron Board of Education and Byron School District.

Park District celebrates expansion completion

BYRON – The Byron Park District Board and members of the Byron 226 Board of Education held a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, March 16, to celebrate the completion of the Byron PE Center Facility Expansion.

The Byron Park District utilizes the Byron School District’s PE Center to offer recreation facilities and programs to the community through an Intergovernmental Agreement. The 14,660 square foot facility

expansion, designed by Rockford based, Larson & Darby Group features a new fitness center, two new dance/aerobics studios, a new entrance area, a new guest services and staff office area, and an expanded parking lot.

Byron Women’s Club offering local scholarship

The Byron Women’s Club Empowerment Scholarship is awarded to women residing in the Byron School District who would like to continue

their education in college/community college, a GED program, or a vocational/professional training program. To get an application please con-

tact Emma Ewing at 815-494-7098 or emmaewing816@gmail.com. Completed application forms must be received by April 29.

Forest Preserve District offers free seedlings

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be distributing free oak tree seedlings donated from the Living Lands & Waters Million Tree Project starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13 at their Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road.

There will be a total of 750 bur oak, red oak and swamp white oak tree seedlings for distribution on a first come first serve basis. Local Ogle County residents can take up to 10 seedlings for each household to plant on their property while supplies

last. The seedlings can be found at the Jarrett Prairie Center front drive.

The MillionTrees Project was initiated in 2007 to help further the Living Lands and Waters mission to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment of our nation’s major rivers and their watersheds. Their mission is to not only clean up the riverways but to also enhance the watershed by planting native trees and removing invasive plants.

For more information call the District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

Byron Kiwanis Sack Lunch Saturday is set for May 8

BYRON – Please stop by the Byron Swedish America Clinic parking lot, 230 W. Blackhawk Dr., on Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for Kiwanis Sack Lunch Saturday.

The cost is \$8 and the meal includes grilled Eichman’s pork sandwich, chips, cookie and bottle of water. This is a drive-through event, so press the “easy button” and treat your family with a sack lunch to go.

All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Kiwanis is a mosaic

of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to uplift our communities and serve children around the world. The Byron Club was founded in 1988 and Service is at the heart of every member, united in our commitment and compassion for others.

A Family of Servant Leaders: Byron Kiwanis sponsors “K-KIDS” at Mary Morgan Elementary, “Builders Club” at Byron Middle School and “Key Club” at Byron High School.

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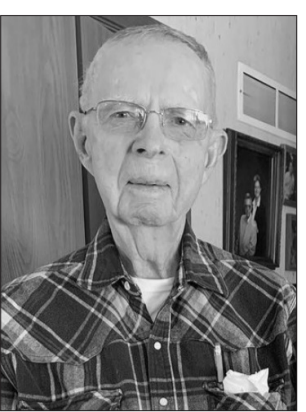
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

William E. 'Bill' Hogan

BYRON – Longtime Byron resident William E. "Bill" Hogan, age 91, died peacefully Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family. Bill died due to complications from a fall on the ice this past winter. He was born Oct. 28, 1929 in Byron Township, the son of William L. and Anna Mae (Stine) Hogan, where he attended Byron Schools.



Bill was inducted into the U.S. Army in August 1951 where he served his country for two years, including one in Korea at the Kunson K8 Air Base. He married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Kanode in her parent's backyard on Sept. 2, 1950. The two of them recently celebrated 70 years of marriage.

When he returned from the war, Bill served as an Ambulance Driver for Bakener-Morrison Funeral Home in Byron in the 1960's. Soon after, he became a Volunteer Firefighter for the Byron Fire Department, eventually being named Assistant Chief. Bill was a true craftsman where he worked for McGee Construction before co-founding Blackhawk Builders and Supply, building custom homes and developing one of Byron's first subdivisions, Northern Heights. He worked for the Ogle County Highway Department for 15 years and also owned several rental properties throughout the region.

Bill enjoyed giving his time and talent to his hometown and was a past President of the Byron Chamber of Commerce, member of the Byron American Legion, member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron where he served on the Buildings and Grounds and Cemetery Committee, a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus, and a volunteer for the Byron Forest Preserve woodshop. Bill was a jack-of-all trades and lived a full life up until his final days here on Earth.

He was predeceased by his parents, his mother and father-in-law Pearl and Ray Kanode, sister-in-law Jan, brother Fran Hogan, great-granddaughter Brianna Typer and son-in-law Les Smithson.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia, his children Randy Hogan, Jeff Hogan, Kristine Smithson (Les), Patrick "Rick" Hogan and daughter-in-law Kitty Moring. He enjoyed watching numerous sporting events and spending time with his 10 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mary Bontjes of Byron, brother Charles "Chuck" Wilbur of Pottsville, Maryland and several nieces and nephews.

Bill saw something good in everyone he met. His laid-back and genuine personality was contagious. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. The family would like to thank Serenity Hospice and Dr. Sweet for their loving care of Bill.

A private Mass was held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron with the Rev. Rich Rosinski officiating. Visitation was held on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at Farrell-Holland Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with a 7 p.m. "Last Alarm" Ringing of the Bell service by the Byron Fire Department. Masks and social distancing are required. A memorial fund is established in Bill's name.

Judith A. Hitchcock

OREGON – Judith A. "Judy" Hitchcock, age 75, died Friday, April 2, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 2, 1946 in Chippewa Falls, Wis., the daughter of William and Noma (Sarver) Bushland.



Hitchcock (David Winterton) of Oregon, Jason Hitchcock of Dixon, and Jeremy Hitchcock of Oregon, brother Lyle Bushland of Oregon, sister Hannah Kump of Mt. Morris, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She married Daniel L. Hitchcock on Nov. 25, 1979 in Oregon. Judith was a loving mother and grandmother. She had a deep fondness for her animals. She also liked her flowers.

She was predeceased by her parents, daughter Penny Kyker, 3 brothers; Paul, Tink, and Buck,

and 2 sisters Angela and Cook.

She is survived by her husband Daniel of Oregon, 8 children; Rich (Stephany) Reed of Oregon, Theresa (Larry) Weaver of Polo, Jeff (Robin) Reed of Dixon, Daniel (Tosha) Hitchcock of Oregon, Holley

A graveside service was held 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the Daysville Cemetery on Daysville road near Oregon, with the Pastor John Guthrie officiating. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Ida Belle Gray

CHANA – Ida Belle Gray, 86, lifelong area resident, died Saturday, April 3, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris. Born Dec. 11, 1934 in White Rock Township, Ogle County, the daughter of Merritt M. and Alice (Canfield) Gray. I



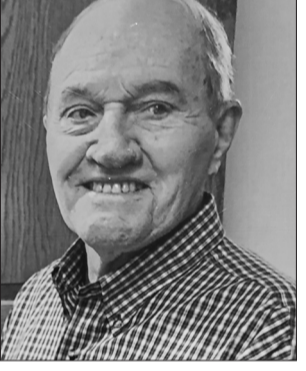
nephew, Stephen Brooks of Lansing, Mich.; and other area relatives and friends. Graveside Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7 in White Rock Cemetery, Kings with Pastor David Rogula presiding. No visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ida Belle's name may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon or The Pinecrest Community, Mt. Morris. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted with arrangements.

Ida Belle graduated 8th grade from Kings School, from Stillman Valley High School in 1953 and Illinois Wesleyan University in 1958. She taught school for some years in Wheaton. She was a lifelong member of Chana United

Methodist Church. Predeceased by her parents and sister, Emma Brooks. Survived by her sister, Mabel Gray of Chana;

Edward A. Schnulle Jr.

POLO – Edward A. Schnulle Jr., age 94, passed away on Thursday April 1, 2021 in Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon. Ed was born on June 15, 1926 in Lincoln Township, Ill., the son of Edward A. and Mae E. (Watts) Schnulle. He graduated from Polo High School. Ed married Marian Wessels on December 31, 1950 in Sterling.



Marcia (Joe) Flessner, Amboy, and Marlys (Robert) Carpenter, Milledgeville; sister: Harriet Dambman, Milledgeville; 10 grandchildren: Ryan (Robyn) Nelson, Renee (Mark) Boyle, Lori (Josh) Christen, Kimberly (Nick) Mumm, Kayla (BJ) Payne, Kelly (Gage) Borchelt, Derek (Katie) Flessner,

Bridget (John) Newcomer, Steven (Samantha) Blake, and Ralph Carpenter; 15 great grandchildren: Natalie, Logan, Samantha, Kendall, Lexi, Jeremiah, Laney, Gage, Abel, Blake, Teddy, Emma, Beau, Aspen, and Easton.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents.

Private family funeral services are being held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, with Pastor Terrie Wilder officiating. Burial will be held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris.

Memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Serenity Hospice and Home, and The Meadows Assisted Living of Franklin Grove.

Louan J. Dallman

BYRON – Louan "Lou" J. Dallman, age 73, passed away on April 6, 2021 at UW Madison Hospital. She was born on Dec. 3, 1947 in Rockford the daughter of Clifford and Cathryn (Hildebrand) Harms.



Szeto of Rockford; siblings, Lana Erxleben of Rockford, Tom (Kathy) Harms of Stillman Valley, Jim (Mardell) Harms of Stillman Valley, and Dick (Janaan) Harms of Oregon; grandchildren, Karli Dallman, Devan Szeto, Gianna Dallman, and Grayson Szeto; and step grandchildren, Brett Maurici, Shon Maurici, and Samantha Maurici; and many nieces and nephews.

She worked as a receptionist for Morning Star Village in Rockford before retiring in March of this year. Louan was a people person and cherished her time spent with family and friends. She never met a stranger and would always focus on others wanting to learn more about them and would go out of her way to make people feel special. She had a great sense of humor and loved making people laugh. She had a one of a kind laugh that would light up a room. Louan will be remembered as always

being the life of the party. She enjoyed spending time with her cats and being outdoors; especially enjoying her time outside gardening, mowing, or walking the dog. But, most of all Louan enjoyed being a mother and grandmother; always providing unconditional love and support. She led a simple and beautiful life. She will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughters, Kelly (Dave) Maurici of Roscoe and Kari (Aaron)

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Jerry Erxleben.

A visitation was held at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral home in Stillman Valley from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday April 11. Masks and social distancing required. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Report policy

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Marilyn K. Pazera

MOUNT MORRIS – Marilyn K. Pazera, age 79, of Mt. Morris, passed away on April 6, 2021 in OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, after a battle with COVID-19. She was born on March 28, 1942 in Sandwich, the daughter of Howard and Ruth (Brown) Baker.



most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Marilyn grew up on a farm near Leland, Ill., and graduated from Leland High School class of 1960. She received her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, in 1965. Marilyn married John Pazera on Feb. 5, 1966 in Leland.

Marilyn before retiring in 2007. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris, a board member and volunteer at Loaves & Fish Food Pantry, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Marilyn enjoyed reading, gardening, quilting, genealogy, and playing bridge. She enjoyed making chocolate chip cookies for friends and family, but

Marilyn is survived by her husband: John Pazera, Mt. Morris; daughter: Kathryn (Bob Rapp) Pazera, Oregon; son: John Pazera, Mt. Morris; sister: Janet O'Neil, Marshall, Wis.; brother: Kenneth (Penny) Baker, Leland; and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents. Due to COVID-19 cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. A private family service will be held. Celebration of life will be held later this summer.

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

March 22
At 11:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kimberly A. Dukes, 44, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 39 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street.

March 23
At 8:34 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Chaivan J. Price, age 26, of Chadwick, IL, for possession of cannabis more than 100 grams. Price was also issued a citation for no valid driver's license. Price was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of 13th Street and Pines Road.

March 24
At 7:31 a.m., Oregon Police issued Bryant A. Price, 20, Rockford, a citation for stop arm violation-passed school bus. This violation occurred in the 100 block S. 4th Street.

At 3:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Amber L. Jordan, 37, Oregon, on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant for obstructing a court order. Jordan was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 4:58 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jennifer N. Palmer, 40, Mt. Morris, for driving while license suspended. Palmer was also charged with possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle. Palmer was transported to the Ogle County jail.

March 28
At 1:09 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Andrew D. Rutherford, 26, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Rutherford was also issued citations for driving without lights when required; fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer; disobeying a traffic control signal; failure to signal when required; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. 3rd Street.

5 verbal warnings issued during the week of 03/22/2021 through 03/28/2021.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 03/22/2021 through 03/28/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	6
Citizen Complaints	7
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	9
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Vehicle / Building Lockout	1
Alarm Response	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	3
Ordinance Violations	19
Traffic Stops	10

March 30
At 2:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nancy J. Graham, 59, Oregon, a city

citation for violating the city code for allowing a dog to run at large. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Jefferson Street.

At 8:21 p.m., Oregon Police conducted a traffic stop resulting in issuing Callie A. Boyer, 22, Oregon, a citation for unlawful container/possession of cannabis as a driver; Emma L. Moyers, 22, Oregon, a citation for unlawful possession of cannabis as a passenger; and a 16-year-old female passenger of Oregon was issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. These violations occurred in the 400 block of Adams Street.

March 31
At 11:12 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon J. Imel, 27, Polo, a citation for unlawful possession of cannabis as a driver. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

April 3
At 12:31 p.m., Oregon Police responded to the 500 block of S. 8th Street for a two-vehicle traffic crash where a 2013 Subaru driven by Donald E. Johnson, 81, Mt. Morris, struck a parked 2015 Chrysler owned by Cynthia D. Mundell, 49, Ashton. No citations were issued.

At 8:45 p.m., Oregon Police arrested

Angela S. Rienstra, 44, Polo, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear for contempt of court charge. Rienstra was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 9:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert T. Wilson, 23, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 46mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

April 4
At 5:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested David B. Hogan, 61, of Janesville, WI, for driving while license revoked. Hogan was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

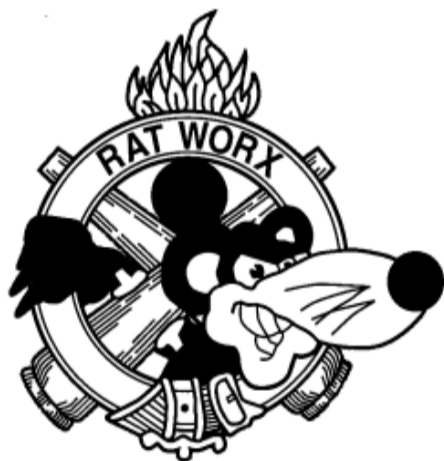
1 parking ticket and 7 verbal warnings issued during the week of 03/29/2021 through 04/04/2021.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 03/29/2021 through 04/04/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	5
Citizen Complaints	7
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	4
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Vehicle / Building Lockout	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	6
Ordinance Violations	7
Traffic Stops	14

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 24
At approximately 5:31 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Milledgeville Rd and Goose Rd. After further investigation David Verbout, 37 of Milledgeville, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Verbout was released on an Individual Bond.

At 9:10 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on 4th St. at Franklin St. in Oregon for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Jacobi Obyrant, 25 of Sterling IL was arrested for no valid drivers license and an out of state warrant. Jacobi was released on a signature I-bond for no valid drivers license, and transported to the Ogle County Jail for the out of state warrant.

Feb. 23

At 1 a.m. Ogle County Deputies stopped a vehicle on I-39 at mile marker 109 for speeding, 87 mph in a 70 mph zone. Deputies made contact with the driver, Tyson McCarthy, 20 of Dekalb. Upon further investigation, McCarthy was arrested for driving while license suspended, speeding 87/70, and a valid Dekalb County Warrant. McCarthy was released at the scene on a \$2,500 I-bond and given a return court date in Dekalb County of March 29, 2021 at 0900 hours.

Feb. 21
Robert Disch was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Disch remains in custody at the Ogle County Jail with a bond of \$3408.00. Disch will appear in court on 2-23-21 at 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 20
At approximately 3:52 p.m. Deputies performed

a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of N. Freeport Road. After investigation, Deputies issued Angela Bahr, 30 of Beloit, Wis., a citation for Driving While License Suspended. Bahr was additionally issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle and Operating a Vehicle while the registration is suspended. Bahr was released on an I-Bond to appear in court at a later date.

Feb. 18
Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested Santino Sanchez, 20 of Rockford for driving with no valid driver's license and for a Rockford felony warrant. Sanchez was arrested by deputies on Hwy 251 near Holcomb after being stopped for speeding. Sanchez was cited for no valid license and speeding and was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held for the outstanding warrant.

Feb. 16
At approximately 7:46 a.m. Deputies were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident with possible injuries on I-39 near mile marker 112 northbound. After investigation, Deputies learned a Kia SUV driven by Laurie Sievert, 51 of Davis Junction was traveling northbound on I-39 in the right lane. While Sievert was traveling northbound she began to lose control of her vehicle on the icy road and entered into the left lane. Daniel Drews, 48 of Belvidere was also traveling northbound on I-39 at the time in his Jeep SUV while in the left lane. As Sievert's vehicle entered the left lane, Drews' vehicle struck the rear end causing heavy damage to both vehicles. Sievert was transported to Swedish American Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries by Kirkland EMS. Sievert was later issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Monroe Center Fire and Stillman Valley EMS also assisted with the accident.

At 8:44 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a three-vehicle accident in the 10000 block E RT 38. After an investigation Deputies determined that a Volkswagon driven by Charles Echelbarger, 37 of Rochelle, was westbound when Echelbarger lost control due to slippery road conditions. The Volkswagon made contact with a westbound Chevrolet driven by Carolyn

Mcbride, 61 of Rockford, before colliding head on with a Chrysler Minivan that was eastbound at the location. The driver of the Chrysler, Fred Koch, 79, of Ashton, and passenger Anita Koch, 78, of Ashton, were taken by Rochelle Ambulance to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Echelbarger and Mcbride were not injured in the incident. Echelbarger, was cited for failing to reduce his speed to avoid an accident. The Flagg Center Fire Department also responded to the scene.

Feb. 15
At 4:39 a.m., Deputies responded to the 15000 block of E. Twombly Road in reference to a vehicle in the ditch. After an investigation Deputies arrested Rebekah Emerson, 47 of Rochelle. Emerson was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license, illegal transportation of alcohol, and improper lane usage. Emerson was given an I-bond at Rochelle Community Hospital where she was transported by the Rochelle Ambulance for evaluation due to the cold weather. Emerson will appear in court at a later date.

Feb. 13
At approximately 6:24 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 9000 block of W IL Rte 72 for the report of a single vehicle rollover accident. After further investigation, Deputies arrested

Marcos S. Serrano-Vides, 23 of Rockford, for Aggravated DUI-Alcohol and No Valid Driver's License. Serrano-Vides was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond. Serrano-Vides was also cited for Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident/Too Fast for Conditions, and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Feb. 12
At approximately 9:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to a disturbance in Stillman Valley. After investigation, Ogle County Deputies arrested Isiah Blake, 22 of Stillman Valley, for Domestic Battery. Blake was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:26 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to 11539 W East Road for the report of a vehicle stuck in the ditch. After an investigation, Deputies arrested David E. Warner, 61 of Machesney Park, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. David was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. David was also cited for Improper Traffic Lane Usage.

At 1:39 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were patrolling in the 6000 block of E. IL Rt. 72 when they observed a male subject walking on the side of the road. The male subject was identified as Jared Marsh, 36 of Stillman Valley. Marsh advised Deputies that he had driven his vehicle into the ditch. After an investigation, Marsh was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Marsh was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 11
At approximately 6:29 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 1300 block of Pines Rd. After further investigation, Mateo Kucera, 32 of Chicago, was placed under arrest for No Valid Drivers License and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Kucera was released on an Individual Bond at the scene.

Feb. 9
The following individuals were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants.

Dustin Doyle was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Doyle posted bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Nicholas Rodriguez was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Rodriguez appear in court on 02/10/21 at 1 p.m.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Cedric Williams, 19 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked. Williams was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on Hwy 251 near Davis Junction after being stopped for speeding. Williams was released on a I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.

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LOCAL NEWS



Ashlyn and Addi Kitzmiller are shown with dogs Oliver and Knox.

Oregon Park District brings in Easter Bunny for photos with local dogs and their owners

OREGON—The Park District was able to get in touch with the Easter Bunny and arranged for him to stop by Wiggly Field Dog Park where we took some PAWSitively cute pictures of Pups with the Easter Bunny.

Dog lovers registered for an appointment and came with their furry friends. One was in an

Easter dress, others wore bunny ears, and one liked showing off his agility skills for the Easter Bunny. It is a memory they will have FUR-ever! The Park District added this event for dogs this year since some of the traditional Easter activities were unavailable due to the CDC/IDPH guidelines. The Easter Bunny enjoyed his

short break from coloring eggs and preparing Easter Baskets. The bunny was all smiles and enjoyed hanging out for a bit at Wiggly Field and meeting some of our local four-legged friends. For more information on Wiggly Field membership or programs and events for your pets, visit www.oregonpark.org.

Rock River Center offers trip to see musical in May

A '60s Flashback That's Sealed with A Kiss Area Premiere! Rated: PG At Circa21 May 28

A fun, frothy flashback to the fabulous females who unmistakably left their mark on 1960s pop music, matches big voices with big hairdos, Beehive features non-stop hits from early decade bubble gum classics to the explosive late '60s soul sound.

Paying tribute to performers such as Brenda Lee, The Supremes, Connie Francis, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, and Aretha Franklin, this irresistible revue will fly you back in time to experience firsthand the music that thrilled a generation. Come rock out with "Respect," "Natural Woman," "My Boyfriend's Back," "One Fine Day," "Downtown" and more! With two dozen beloved hits, the show takes you on a journey through song, documenting the dramatic changes that America underwent during the '60s.

If you like 50s and 60s

music, BEEHIVE The '60s Musical will have you dancing in your seats and coming back for more!

Cost: \$90 Members / \$95 Non-Members

Price includes transportation, show tickets, lunch and all taxes and gratuities. (Dessert will be available at the show for additional cost).

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

* Note: Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline on all trips.

* Reservation and payment deadline: Friday, April 28

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

We will make every effort possible to social distance passengers on our charter. Make your reservations now as tickets may sell out quickly. Call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., April 13

The United Church of Byron is offering a free drive-through meals from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meals are delivered to your car on a first come, first serve basis until the food is gone. Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a meal, please call the church office at 815-234-8777 by noon on the preceding Monday.

The Byron Forest Preserve District will be distributing free oak tree seedlings donated from the Living Lands & Waters MillionTree Project

starting at 8 a.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road.

Weds., April 14

A Fireside Chat with John Sandford, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom with the Byron Library. Join us for a virtual conversation and author Q&A with John Sandford as he discusses his latest Lucas Davenport & Virgil Flowers novel Ocean Prey. Patrons can register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling the library at 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Thurs., April 15

Evening Support Group will meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 by noon on April 15 to register.

Fri., April 16

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at the Serenity Shed 131 N 3RD Street Oregon. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on April 15 to register.

Sat., April 17

Dogwood Indoor Market, Rt. 26/64, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 17+ Vendors

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a paper shredding and latex paint recycling collection for Ogle County residents at the County Annex Building from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler. Scientists in the 20th century developed the Big Bang theory, which showed Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.

* On April 28, 1789, three weeks into a journey from Tahiti to the West Indies, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small boat. They reached the East Indies in June, after a voyage of about 3,600 miles.

* On May 2, 1939, New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig benches himself for poor play and ends his streak of consecutive games played at 2,130. The left-handed slugger led the American League in RBIs five times.

* On May 1, 1941, "Citizen Kane" makes its debut at the RKO Palace Theater in New York City. The film about a publishing tycoon's dying words consistently ranks at the top of film critics' lists of America's greatest films.

* On April 29, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena. In August, Nixon resigned to avoid an impeachment trial after proof of his guilt was found on the tapes.

* On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurs at the Chernobyl nuclear plant near Kiev in Ukraine. An estimated 4,000 clean-up workers died from radiation poisoning and a large area of land may not be livable for almost 150 years.

* On April 30, 1997, at 12:11 pm, London's iconic Big Ben clock, the most famous clock in the world, stops ticking for 54 minutes. In 1962, snow delayed the bells, causing Britain's capital to ring in the New Year 10 minutes late.

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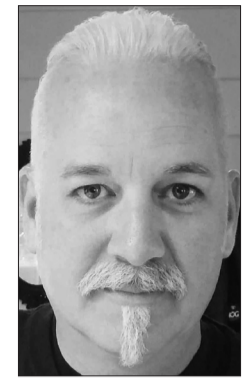
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Rights of spring are hurting my back

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Let's face it – we all lie to ourselves.

Usually they are little lies: I look great today. I don't look fat. I am going to clean the basement this weekend. I can't wait to start jogging.

People say we do this the most at the dawn of the new year. That isn't true. Here, in the Midwest, we do that in the spring.

We are full of great plans and ideas, and I am no different. I have been noticing how badly I need to scrape and paint the trim on our house. I thought about it all winter. I was jacked up to get it done. Now that it is getting warm enough to get out and start the work, I am freezing up like a shy kid on prom night.

There are some annual activities that I have to do in the spring, and I have grudgingly started doing them. The first, and worst, is the annual dog poop round up. It took some time but the backyard is finally safe for humans.

Another one I dread is

the clean up of the yard. We live on a corner lot and have a wooded lot that borders a busy street. That means all of the trash horrible human beings throw out of their vehicles ends up in our woods.

Every year, I grab my gloves and garbage bags and pick up as much of the junk as I can. This activity always reminds me of why humanity really doesn't deserve such a beautiful planet – we clearly don't care about it. I pick up all sorts of garbage. The usual suspects were there in

force this year – fast food bags, booze bottles, beer cans, water bottles, cigar packages and plastic grocery bags by the handful.

There were a couple of new items this year, of course. Among them were rubber gloves (not a nice sight, I must say), disposable masks (apparently our yard is a great place to dispose of them) and empty hand sanitizer bottles.

COVID hasn't made us any smarter, but it has led to a new variety of trash to pick up.

Yay. I also moved my Harley and my wife's Harley into the garage. We store them in the sunroom, but for the summer they are in the garage for easy access for rides.

Of course, being just a couple of weeks away from my next "you are very old now" birthday, I tweaked my shoulder moving her bike out. Or maybe it was when I tried to scratch my back. Either way, it is a new pain to add

to the growing list.

The screens are going into the windows soon. We have a lot of windows and carrying the windows down to the basement and the screens up takes a lot of effort. Honestly, I would rather spend my time at the patio table having a beer. But it must be done – or so says my wife.

Soon it will be time to change the oil on the lawn mower and get it ready for the season. All of the tree limbs that have come down over the winter will need to be picked up. The grill will need a new propane tank and I will have to get some sun on my legs before the shorts come out. OK, the shorts have already come out and the glare off of my white legs has caused two crashes. I'm not proud of it.

So the rites of spring are, well, springing. Next up? The beautiful warmth of summer.

Bring it on.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



Elitist ruling class wants you to pay no attention

Dear Editor,

On Feb. 21, 2021 on Sundays Global Public Square, CNN host Fared Zakaria commented that the extremist factions of the Republican Party had taken control and would destroy our democracy if they were not able to be disciplined.

I (and possibly half the U.S. population) can read Mr. Zakaria's comments and substitute Democrat-ic Party for Republican Party.

So, who is attacking our democracy? Is it the Republicans? Is it the

Democrats? Is it Conservatism? Is it liberalism?

None of the above!

Both the left and the right are lamenting the loss of freedoms, liberties, and the ability of choice; and both just want to be heard and recognized.

The elitist ruling class, through the dissemination of misinformation, is trying to divide and conquer (a long-used tactic) in order to maintain control.

How do you do this? By spreading fear and victimhood (can anyone say

COVID, race bating, gender identity?) and creating a common enemy.

For if the people ever come together in a common cause the elitist ruling class understand they have no control or power at all!

The elitist ruling class wants us to "pay no attention to the man behind the curtain" (from the book by L. Frank Baum (published in 1900) The Wonderful Wizard of Oz as adapted in the 1939 movie The Wizard of Oz).

Bill Pirnat, Byron

Enjoying monthly raffle at Oregon Living and Rehabilitation

Dear Editor,

Another outstanding business steps up to provide one lucky winner a prize for the senior lottery. This month residents at the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation center got colorful St. Patrick's Day cards and a chocolate golden coin.

The lottery winner was drawn and they received a beautiful flower arrangement provided by Merlin's

Greenhouse & Flowers. Merlin's is not only known for their beautiful flower arrangements but they are also a great place to pick up gifts. They have things ranging from purses to home decor and everything in between. When prom season arrives remember to check out Merlin's to get your dates boutonniere or corsage. Who will win this Easter?

Gracie Prose, Oregon

Thank you for maintaining snowmobile trails in the county

Dear Editor,

I don't know your names but I would like to thank those of you who take your time to put in the snowmobile trails in our area of Stillman Valley, Rochelle, Oregon, Chana and Byron. The markings were easy to follow and safely placed.

I would also thank the landowners and businesses who allow us to cross their property. Without you folks the sport i love would have me traveling to spend my dollars elsewhere. The groomers were out and we talked to several snowmobilers from other areas who had glowing reviews of the trail system you provide us. Thank you so much for your great work.

Brian Opsahl, Byron

LOCAL NEWS

LSSI promotes National Prevention Week, May 9-15

It's no secret that COVID-19 has profoundly affected communities and organizations. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) continues to provide our community with an array of services ranging from crisis intervention, counseling, case management, and prevention.

The events of 2020 required our Prevention team to grow and make adjustments as we learned how to navigate virtual services while ensuring the health of our youth, community members, and our own families.

Throughout this past year, LSSI has adapted to new ways of continuing to provide specialized services to remain connected with our youth. We've maintained collaborative connections with our partnering agencies and school to continue promoting the safety and well-being of youth in our communities. We have been working diligently on pre-recorded lessons and also holding all coalition meetings via Zoom. The shift that the Prevention Team had to make during the pandemic wasn't

an easy one, but opened up new doors of communication and new ways of thinking.

Danielle Horst, Youth WORKS (Wellness, Opportunity, Resources for Key Services) prevention specialist for Ogle County is continuing her efforts of working with at risk youth. The Youth WORKS program provides an evidence-based curriculum called Too Good for Violence and presentations on violence related topics such as bullying, suicide, and social media awareness.

Shannon Tompkins, Project LEAD's (Leaders Encouraging Abstinence from Drugs) prevention specialist for Ogle County has been brainstorming more effective ways in which to teach her evidence-based curriculum "Too Good for Drugs." This curriculum is designed to mitigate the risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

Horst and Tompkins strongly believe that their services are needed more than ever right now. At a time when youth are feeling even more uncertain they help

introduce and develop social and emotional skills for making healthy choices, building positive friendships, developing self-efficacy, communicating effectively, and resisting peer pressure and influence.

In addition to its work in schools, the Prevention Team will promote National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 24. We are planning on distributing flyers with Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, and Carroll counties to inform community members on safe, responsible, convenient areas in which to dispose of old or unused prescription drugs that they may have at home. According to a federal Drug Enforcement Agency study, a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. It's vital to call awareness to this day that gives our communities the opportunity to prevent drug addiction and overdose death.

This year also is a very important one, because as we approach May we are celebrating the 10th year in promotion of National Prevention Week (NPW), which

is held May 9-15. The primary goal of NPW is to promote community involvement in raising awareness and normalizing the discussions on the importance of substance use and mental health issues. These are issues we commonly see within our communities, and the week promotes the implementation of prevention strategies in schools, at home, and throughout our communities. Each year we collaborate with surrounding organizations and businesses within Lee, Ogle, Whiteside, and Carroll Counties to promote National Prevention Week activities, including prevention education. This year we look to continue this promotion as we begin our steps to partner with local businesses to distribute flyers, stickers, and informative pamphlets to share ideas, news, and resources to strengthen prevention activities within each of our communities.

For more information on how you can participate on National Prevention Week activities, contact Jackie Smith Prevention Supervisor at 815-284-7796 or email Jacqueline.smith@lssi.org.



2020-2021 FFA Officers from left are: Dylan Lewis (Treasurer), Abbey Brooks (president), Laci Meyer (Vice-President), Daemyn Heslop (Sentential).

Forreston FFA sets greenhouse sale

FORRESTON – The Forreston FFA will be holding a greenhouse sale this year with the goal to accommodate everyone.

There will be both in person and online sales with curb side pick-up. The schedule is as follows:

April 19: Online store opens for curbside pickup

only (curbside pickup is only available on April 25).

April 22: Online store closes

April 25: Online curbside pick-up orders occurs from 2-5 p.m.

May 1: In-person shopping open to the public 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Only 10 people allowed inside

the gate, so be prepared to wait in your vehicle for entry). After May 1st hours may vary depending on the number of plants remaining.

Please visit the school website, fvdistrict221.org beginning April 19, to find the link to place your April 25th curbside pick-up online store order.

Pegasus Special Riders offer training sessions

Come join the team of dedicated and caring volunteers who assist individuals with physical, mental, and or emotional challenges in their riding program.

There are two volunteer training sessions on Monday, April 12 at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. at the facility. Demonstrations on getting horses ready for lessons, leading or

side-walking with the rider, and therapeutic horsemanship will be given in the arena. No experience is needed. These events are also a refresher course for current volunteers.

The facility is located at 6668 South Carthage Road, south of Oregon. Please call or text 815-973-3177 for more information or visit our Facebook page.

Free drive-through meals offered in April

BYRON – The United Church of Byron has begun a new outreach program to the community by offering free weekly drive-through meals on Tuesdays during the month of April, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This is held as a drive-through service, and meals are delivered to your car. The meals are free, but donations will also be accepted. Meals will be offered to everyone on a first come, first serve basis until the food is gone. All meals will include sides (veggies, salad, and/or fruit and dessert). The menu for the month of April is April 13: Pasta; April 20: Hot dogs; April

27: Chili. Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a meal, please call the church office at 815-234-8777 by noon on the preceding Monday.

The church is located at 701 West Second St., just south of Mary Morgan Elementary School.

To pick up a meal, please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto Colfax/Tower.

Even if you have an evening where you just need a break from cooking, all are invited to take advantage of this new ministry of our church.

Medicare, Soc. Sec. program offered April 21

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St., Byron.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron.

Check us out at www.unitedchurchofbyron.org.

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LOCAL NEWS



Pine Creek Valley 4-H

Pine Creek Valley 4-H club had a fun time learning about liquid measurements by making punch at their March meeting. The guest speaker was Deb Ohlwin, who presented a very fun and educational demonstration. The club meets the second Sunday of every month in Polo. Find us on Facebook at Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club to learn more.



Fundraiser puts flocks of cardinals in area yards

Residents of German Valley, Leaf River and Forreston woke up this April Fool's Day with flocks of Cardinals in their yards.

As part of a Spring fundraiser for Believe In The Children, Forreston, some Ogle County residents woke up to discover Cardinal heads perching in their yards thanks to donations made by their friends.

Gary and Jane Koeller, Forreston, were one of the first to be flocked. Want the flock safely removed? For a small donation to Believe In The Children, they will be removed immediately. Want to nominate someone to be flocked? Call Believe at 815-837-1500 and get them on the list. Want to make sure you are never flocked? Insurance can be put in place for another small donation.

Believe In The Children is a nonprofit organization serving at-risk children and their families in Northern Illinois. Flocking will continue until April 30.

For more information or to donate, visit www.believeinthechildren.org; Venmo: @BelieveIn-TheChildren; call 815-837-1500 or email info@believeinthechildren.org.

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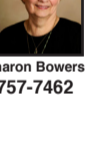
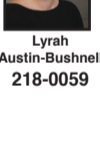



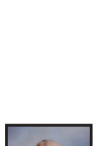




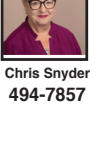
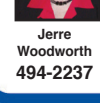
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\$149,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101282
GREAT HOUSE! 4 bed, 2 full bath home on half acre lot. Spacious rooms! Large eat-in kitchen with sliding door to 12x12 patio. New roof and gutters in 2020. Home Warranty Included! 1040 WASHINGTON Street, Pecatonica
KAYLA HESLOP
815-222-9771

NEW LISTING!



\$189,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101280
LOTS OF POSSIBILITIES! 3 bed, 2 bath ranch with 3 car garage. Cathedral ceiling in great room with 2 skylights and French Door to the deck. Spacious kitchen with island and large closet pantry. All on 2.81 acres in Prairie Hill School District. 8353 PRAIRIE HILL Road, South Beloit
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NEW LISTING!



\$484,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101277
STUNNING ALL BRICK! Custom built 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2 story on 2.57 private acres! Grand foyer opens to formal living + dining room! Butler pantry leads to custom kitchen! Living room w/fireplace! Family room w/fireplace! Too many amenities to list! 8093 CHERI Drive, South Beloit
JAYNE RAGAN
815-988-7667

NEW LISTING!



\$145,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101276
UPDATES STARTED! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/finished yard & garage space galore. Kitchen has updated cabinets & granite counters. Baths have been refinished. Bedroom closets complete w/organizers. Portion of home has new wood floors. 9993 PENNY Lane, Machesney Park
JANUARY FRY
815-601-4057

NEW LISTING!



\$645,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101271
PILOTS, ENJOY! All brk 3 BR, 4.5 bath ranch, 4.5 car garage w/ stairs to bsmt, at 50x60 heated hangar w/14' door & .5 bath. Openness & quality detail of a Dwight Swanson home. Too many amenities to list. 1st floor master w/bath w/dbl vanities, tub & shower. 2640 CESSNA Circle, Poplar Grove
TAMARA DERRY
815-381-1190

NEW LISTING!



\$109,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101269
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! 3 bed, 1 full bath in Downtown Rockford. Hrdwd flrs under carpet, original woodwork, lg dining rm flows into living rm & then into sun rm. 9 ft ceilings. Newer windows, lot of natural light. Bdrm on main flr & 2 bdrms + bonus rm up. 510 PRAIRIE Street, Rockford
LINDA HOLDER
815-227-5900

NEW LISTING!



\$149,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101266
WELL UPDATED 2 STORY! 3 bed, 2 bath home w/hardwood floors on ML. 2 recently remodeled custom baths w/tile showers. Baster bed offers lots of space + plenty of closet space. Hardwood floors in all bedrooms. Partially finished LL w/rec rm, laundry & storage. 124 OAK KNOLLS Drive, Rockford
MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$139,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101260
BEAUTIFUL CONDO! Ready to move in 3 bed, 2 full bath condo on 3rd floor w/view of spring lake and/or water canal. 2148 SF. Master bed w/full bath & walk in closet. Eat-in kitchen w/lots of cabinet space. Open floor plan w/dining, living rm & family rm w/fireplace. 5548 SPRING BROOK RD #305, Rockford
LINDA HOLDER
815-227-5900

NEW LISTING!



\$365,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101220
2 STORY! 6 bed, 3.5 bath home on tree lined 5 acre property w/lrg outbuilding w/ concrete floors & 220. Master suite w/ fireplace, walk-in closets, private bath, loft living area & addt bed/office. Main flr living rm-kitchen, beamed stone wall & fireplace. 17310 BURR OAK Road, Capron
JAMIE LAMB
815-566-1894

NEW LISTING!



\$149,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101216
LARGE THAN IT LOOKS! 3 bed, 2 bath ranch home. Large galley kitchen w/tons of space including pantry + closet. 3 season porch, hrdwd flrs in the LR w/wood burning stove. Formal dining area w/newer flooring, ship lap walls & patio door. Master bed w/2 closets. 13619 ASPLAND Drive, Rockton
MARK PAYNE
815-978-0788

NEW LISTING!



\$175,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101177
SPACIOUS TRI-LEVEL! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on .67 acre. Great curb appeal. MF features living rm flows into formal dining rm. Eat-in kitchen. LL has family rm w/fireplace, 1/2 bath & sliding door to patio. Additional room for kids play area, crafts, office, etc. 6267 DEEPWOOD Drive, Cherry Valley
LINDA HOLDER
815-227-5900

NEW PRICE!



\$124,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906262
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835

NEW LISTING!



\$364,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101120
STUNNING CONDO! Professionally decorated & ready to move in! 2 story tall stone fireplace in the great room, kitchen w/granite countertops & high end appliances. Main floor master w/master bath. Main floor laundry, sun room of dining area. Private brick patio. 15508 BETHANY Court, South Beloit
SANDY THEW-SONNEN
815-623-1144

NEW LISTING!



\$109,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101100
SPACIOUS & CHARMING! 3 bed, 1 bath home in the heart of Ogle County w/beautifully refinished wood floors, built-ins and original untouched woodwork. Updated kitchen w/abundant cabinet space. Main floor master. Sun Room. Large living & dining area. 403 E BRAYTON Road, Mount Morris
DANA DAUB/ MAYDELL LESSEN
815-440-2835/ 815-622-4619

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!



\$67,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101097
GREAT STARTER HOME! 2 Bedroom 2 Story with newer roof, furnace, H2O heater, stove, and carpet. Living Room has fireplace and wall of built ins. Upper level has hardwood floors. All appliances stay. Lots of charm. Sold "As Is". Cinch Home Warranty. 602 N PROSPECT Street, Rockford
VICKI FLANDERS
815-985-6144

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 back yard. 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!



\$199,900 dickersonnieman.com/202101009
SPACIOUS 2 STORY! 4 beds, 3 bath home w/an open concept floor plan. Living room w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen w/breakfast bar. Large dining room. Main floor master suite. 1st floor laundry. 1 car attached & 2 car detached garage. Private backyard. 708 S 5TH Street, Oregon
TIFFANY CRAVATTA
815-988-4388

NEW LISTING!



\$57,000 dickersonnieman.com/202101000
CONVENIENT LOCATION! 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch home in convenient location. Large kitchen with updated cabinets and counters. Main floor laundry. Large screened in porch. 314 LISTON Avenue, South Beloit
MICHELLE ROMANO-HUBER
815-222-9276

NEW LISTING!



\$370,000 dickersonnieman.com/202100856
CUSTOM BUILT RANCH! 4 bed, 2 full + 2 half bath home sitting on 2.5 acres featuring ML, office, formal dining, LR w/ gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen w/granite & cherry cabs. Master + ensuite w/tiled shower, tub & walk-in closet. 2nd & 3rd beds w/shared bath. 1609 N THISTLE Drive, Freeport
HEATHER MANIS
815-227-5900

NEW LISTING!



\$174,900 dickersonnieman.com/202100802
SPACIOUS & EXCEPTIONAL! Brick ranch condo w/split bedroom & an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, great room w/fireplace, & master suite w/large walk-in closet. Large 2nd bedroom w/built ins plus 1st floor laundry. Lots of windows & beautiful deck. 2264 CHURCHVIEW DR #6, Rockford
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NEW LISTING!



\$384,900 dickersonnieman.com/202100602
GORGEOUS OPEN CONCEPT! 2040 sqft split bedroom ranch w/10 ft ceilings. 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car garage on over 1/2 acre. Kitchen w/granite countertops, upgraded cabinetry, SS appliances, island & walk-in pantry. 11122 N SHOES Way, Edgerton
JULIE WILSON
815-378-7749

NEW LISTING!



\$999,999 dickersonnieman.com/202100606
AN ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY! On Private acreage overlooking a bend of the Rock River. Approx. 5600 sqft, custom built brick & stone home containing 4 BRs, 3.5 baths & 3 FP, formal dining & gourmet kit, LL FR, 3 car garage, in-ground pool & access to shared dock. 9544 N 2ND Street, Roscoe
KEITH KELLY
815-381-6822

NEW LISTING!



\$89,900 dickersonnieman.com/202100015
MOVE IN READY! 2 bed, 1 bath completely remodeled ranch home close to town, schools & Nash Rec Center. Freshly painted. Hardwood floors throughout. All appliances stay. Newer roof, furnaces, & central air. Home Warranty Offered. 311 S 3RD Street, Oregon
SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

NEW LISTING!



\$1,200,000 dickersonnieman.com/202005040
1.2M ACRES! In Winnebago & Boone Counties w/gated entrance. 2 pole buildings; 1,728 SF insulated building w/gas heat, electric, bath w/shower, overhead door & man door, well & septic. 1,140 SF insulated building. Spring fed pond & creek. 7115 BELVIDERE Road, Argyle
STEVE CLARK
815-381-1144

NEW LISTING!



\$85,000 dickersonnieman.com/202000510
2276 SQFT RANCH! In SE Rockford sitting on 0.75 acre cul-de-sac lot that backs up to a field. Two car attached garage with 3 Bedrooms/2 Baths. Living Room, Dining Room, Family Room & screened in porch just minutes to Bypass 20 & 11th Street. Sold As Is. 5301 CHOCTAW Trail, Rockford
BRAD MARINELLI
815-381-1119

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 School District. Well & Septic required. No Restrictions on size of home. County Taxes. S RED OAK Lane, Chana
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 Lions selling pork chop sandwiches

The Oregon Lions Club will be selling pork chop sandwiches on May 1 in the SuperValu parking lot. No need to leave your car. Just follow the signs and drive through to be served. Sandwiches will be sold from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost of a pork chop sandwich, with a bag of chips included, is \$6. The last sandwich sale was a sellout, so be sure to come early and come hungry! From left are: Oregon Lions Jim Hoff, Phyllis Herrmann, Dave Stenger, Duane Moser and Grant Afflerbaugh.



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Top Listings **March** *Top Closings*

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NEW LISTING

108 Emily Street Mt Morris \$94,900
Call Stephanie

Relax and Enjoy! Remodeled one story home with a large yard, 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Charming original woodwork with modern updates to include laminate flooring, refinished original hardwood floors, paint, bathroom and lighting fixtures, furnace, a/c, water heater, garage roof, plumbing, electric and some new windows! Home boasts a spacious front porch perfect for summer time and the basement is fresh and clean with 2 rooms that would make a perfect family room, office or game room! Exterior complete with a new driveway and reseeded yard. Nothing more to do!

NEW LISTING

3122 Kunkle Boulevard Freeport \$485,000
Call Rebecca

8 UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX WITH STRONG RENTAL HISTORY! If you are looking for an investment with great cash flow to add to your portfolio, look no further! 3 tenants have been in the building over 12 years! Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, in unit laundry, water softener, private balcony and a one stall parking space. The master is spacious with a vaulted ceiling and a walk in closet! Tenants pay their own utilities. Landlord owns all appliances and they will be included in the sale. There is a large space to the west of the current building that could serve as a building site for another complex. Roof was a complete tear off and re-shingle in 2020. Pre-approval required for all showings.

NEW LISTING

309 W Hitt Street Mt Morris \$89,900
Call Carla

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!

NEW LISTING

1406 5th Avenue Sterling \$69,900 Call JD

Very close proximity to Sterling schools! This 2 bed, 1 bath ranch home features a full basement, garage, huge lot, and tons of opportunity. New roof 2020, water heater 2020, new furnace and A/C 2015. Check it out soon, before it is too late!

NEW LISTING

403 1st Street Stillman Valley \$225,000
Call Casey

Beautifully updated 2-story, 4-bedroom home with heated in-ground swimming pool for the entire family to enjoy! Just steps from Stillman Valley High School and Highland Elementary School, this home also boasts a finished basement with a recreation room, office, and ample storage. Spend time in the enclosed 3 seasons room, which offers a great place for the family to relax while overlooking the in-ground pool! Recently refinished white cabinets, brand new backsplash, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances highlight the kitchen; which sits off the family room for entertaining! The open first floor plan also includes a formal dining room, or it can be used as a den. With a new roof and fence in 2020, AC replaced in 2015, new water heater in 2018, new water system 2019, and new sump pump in 2019 this house is move-in ready!

NEW LISTING

1735 N Sauk Trail Oregon \$349,990 Call Rebecca

RIVERFRONT HOME! 5+ Bedroom, 3.5 Bathroom stately, two story home with over 5,000 sq ft of finished living space. The main floor is grand and spacious with a two story entry way, formal dining room, formal living room, eat in kitchen area, family room and an additional space currently being used as a main floor bedroom. Upstairs there are 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms including a master suite with fireplace, separate Jacuzzi tub and shower and large walk in closet. Finished lower level with new flooring, pool table and two bonus rooms. Many updates including: flooring, paint, water treatment system, two new A/C units, two new furnaces, new tankless hot water heater, ADT & heated garage. The ultimate home to entertain in with over sized back deck, fire pit area, pool and Rock River frontage! All of this situated on 1.87 acres in a very desirable subdivision in Oregon.

NEW LISTING

1 W Main Street Amboy \$57,900 Call JD

GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! 3 unit property within close proximity of downtown. This property includes two 2 bed 1 bath units with an attached 1 car garage each, as well as a 1 bed 1 bath. Each unit comes with a fridge and stove. Shared back porch and basement, which contains shared washer and dryer. Utilities can all be divided. Rent all three, or live in one and have someone else make your payments!

NEW LISTING

311 S 5th Street Oregon \$119,000
Call Rebecca

OVERSIZED 3 CAR GARAGE and VINTAGE CHARM! Located close to Nash, downtown Oregon and schools, this home is sure to please. The main floor has a great flow with gleaming hardwood floors and natural light. Vintage pocket doors off of the dining room and living room. Kitchen features a beautiful, antique island and the appliances are included. Upstairs you will find 3 bedrooms and a large updated bathroom. Both the front and back of the home feature porches where you can sit and watch the world go by. Large 3 car garage with metal roof off of the alley. An added bonus: there is a taller garage door to the 3rd stall that features a mechanics pit to work on your vehicles and toys! Many updates including: vinyl windows, wiring, plumbing, and insulation. Better move quick to make this your HOME!

NEW LISTING

1001 Palmyra Street Dixon \$75,000
Call JD

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

NEW PRICE

413 E Wayne Street Polo now \$59,900
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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Stillman football wins, volleyball team loses

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Valley volleyball team lost 8-25, 12-25 against Dakota on Saturday, April 3.

The Cardinals faced Rockford Lutheran on Monday, April 5, falling 18-25, 11-25. Stillman Valley's football team defeated Rockford Lutheran 15-6 on Friday, April 2. The Cardinal boys soccer team lost against Rockford Auburn on Monday, April 5, falling 8-1.

Oregon football moves to 1-1

OREGON – The Oregon High School football team defeated Mendota 30-26 on Friday, April 2 and improved to 1-1 overall. The Hawks scored first on a 1-yard run from Breccan Berns. On the final play of the first half, Oregon's Andrew Herbst blocked a Mendota field-goal attempt, resulting in a 98-yard return touchdown from Isaac Reber. Oregon led 14-6 at halftime.

Berns added another touchdown in the third quarter, scoring on a 13-yard rush before Herbst converted the 2-point attempt on a rush. Wylee Rice kept Oregon ahead in the fourth quarter, running for a 31-yard touchdown that was capped off with a 2-point run from Daniel Dominguez. Rice led the Hawks with 129 rushing yards, while Berns added 99 yards.

Oregon soccer falls to Harvard

OREGON – The Oregon High School boys soccer team fell 1-0 against Harvard on Thursday, April 1. The Hornets edged the Hawks with a goal in the final 51 seconds of regulation.

Oregon volleyball team downs Stillman Valley; now 3-1

OREGON – The Oregon High School volleyball team defeated Stillman Valley 25-17, 25-16 on Thursday, April 1 and improving to 3-1 overall.

Jenae Bothe led the Hawks with 10 kills and two blocks, while Ava Wight totaled 10 kills and 10 digs. Lyndi Kenney recorded 13 digs.

Byron falls to Genoa-Kingston

BYRON – The Byron High School football team fell 14-0 against Genoa-Kingston on Friday, April 2.

Chandler Binkley led the Tigers with 85 rushing yards, while Josiah Featherston added 34 yards on the ground and Leo Adami chipped in 32 yards.

Byron Library News

Oscar Predictions

Think you know movies? Make your predictions by marking who you think will win in each category. The person who guesses the most categories correct will receive a DVD copy of the Best Picture nominee of their choice from the Byron Public Library District! Be sure to fill in your name, phone number and email address to claim your prize. Players of all ages are welcome to enter. One entry per person. Contest is open to local residents only. The contest will close at 5pm on Sunday, April 25.

Carpool Cinema

Thursdays in April
8:15-10 p.m., at the BPLD parking lot
Join us for a fun movie night at the library from the comfort of your car as we screen movies in the library parking lot! BYO snacks and drinks. Showtime starts at 8:15 pm. Space is limited, so please register in order to reserve your parking spot. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Movie Schedule:

Thursday, April 15: Men in Black: International (PG-13)
Thursday, April 22: Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)
Thursday, April 29: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13)

A Fireside Chat with John Sandford

Wednesday, April 14
7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Mount Morris Library News

Quiche & Scones Fundraiser

Due to COVID-19 restrictions still being in place, we are going to do a "Quiche & Scones" fundraiser instead of our annual tea. You can purchase whole (\$18), half (\$10) or quarter (\$6) quiches [Lorraine and Veggie Lovers] and a dozen (\$18) or half-dozen (\$10) scones [traditional and blueberry lemon]. Orders and payments due no later than Wednesday, April 21st. Curbside pickup will be set by appointment for Friday, April 23. Deliveries for those unable to come will also be available, please specify this when placing your order. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to place your order. We would also like to thank our partner, Thrivent Action Team, for helping this event be possible!

To-Go Craft Kits

We have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Pom Chick or Bunny. Teens & Adults: Blackout Poetry. Stop by the library to get yours!

April New Books

The following new books will be available in April: Fiction: A Distant Shore by Karen Kingsbury, A Gambling Man by David Baldacci, Bone Rattle by Marc Cameron, Country Proud by Linda Lael Miller, Final Revival of

Join us for a virtual conversation and author Q&A with John Sandford as he discusses his latest Lucas Davenport & Virgil Flowers novel Ocean Prey. A limited number of copies of Ocean Prey will randomly be given out to patrons that attend the Zoom. Questions for John Sandford can be submitted on the online registration page for this program. Patrons can register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling the library at 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Friday Trivia

Friday, April 16
10:30 a.m.–noon at the Byron Museum of History
Trivia is back! From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Share Your Story

Monday, April 19
11 a.m.-noon at BPLD Meeting Room
Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. A journal will be provided to new registrants and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Thursday, April 15. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Opal & Nev by Dawnie Walton, Finding Ashley: A Novel by Danielle Steel, Five Wounds: A Novel by Kirsten Valdez Quade, Hour of the Witch: A Novel by Chris Bohjalian, In the Company of Killers by Bryan Christy, Lorna Mott Comes Home: A Novel by Diane Johnson, Miss Julia Happily Ever After: A Novel by Ann B. Ross, Mother May I: A Novel by Joshilyn Jackson, Music of Bees: A Novel by Eileen Garvin, Ocean Prey by John Sandford, Sooley by John Grisham, Venice Sketchbook: A Novel by Rhys Bowen, When the Stars Go Dark: A Novel by Paula McLain. Non-Fiction: Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived by William H. McRaven and Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future by Elizabeth Kolbert.

Virtual Storytime

Virtual Storytime will be at 11:15 a.m. via Facebook Live every Wednesday. April topics will be Easter, Poems, Earth Day and the letter U.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Storywalk®
StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District for helping the Oregon Public Library offer this unique reading experience at Oregon Park West. Current story being presented...The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

“Your City @Home” is a series of virtual field trips meant to give you the chance to explore all that Chicagoland has to offer! This series is sponsored by multiply Illinois public libraries, including the Oregon Public Library.

SECOND TOUR is Saturday, April 10, 1-2 p.m.: DuSable Museum of African American History: “The People Could Fly” is a very relevant and layered statement used by and about people of African descent in America. Join the discussion to learn about the history of Black people flying, literally and figuratively, well above their circumstances along with Chicago’s role in this rich legacy.

Seed swap—Monday, April 12th from 2-6 p.m.

Bring seeds to share to the library—fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. Make sure your seeds are labeled with variety, year grown, crop family, days to maturity, location grown, germination rate and skill level. **NO GMO SEEDS OR SEEDS OVER 2 YEARS OLD.** U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact (815) 732-2724.

Polo Library News

Fireside Chat with John Sandford—Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m., Live on Zoom

Join Polo Public Library and other area libraries as we host Author John Sandford for a live conversation and Q&A time. Spots are limited. Register by visiting pololibrary.org or call Polo Library at 815-946-2713 to reserve your spot! Questions for the Q&A portion of the night must be submitted by April 2nd

Coffee with a Cop - Wednesday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., Polo Library Pavilion

Come over to Polo Library for community conversations with a representative of the Polo Police Department. Coffee will be provided. If the weather is threatening, call 815-946-2713 before heading out.

Outdoor Yoga - Monday, April 19, 6 p.m., Polo Library Lawn

Join us on the Library lawn, socially distanced, for Outdoor Yoga. The yoga class will be led by Krystal from ADM Studios Please bring a mat if you have one. Register by calling 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org

Earth Day Picnic - Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m., Polo Library Pavilion & Lawn

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22nd), and National Picnic Day (April 23rd), Polo Library invites you to an Earth Day Picnic. Pack a picnic lunch for the whole family and join Ms. Melanie for a special book reading, activities, and educational resources to help you make Earth a better, cleaner and safer place for all of us to live in.

Yoga has moved to Mondays! Beginning Monday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. At ADM Studios, their mission is to inspire Americans to practice balance, wholeness, wellness – as individuals, as communities, as a nation. {Oneness.} We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Due to COVID-19, this class is limited to 4 participants. Registration is required, 815-732-2724.

Try it Tuesdays! DIY zen garden – Tuesday, April 13

Pick up your free kit and follow a YouTube video to make a mini table top Zen garden. Ages 18 and up. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders (1 kit per cardholder).

New releases

Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About The Lost Art Of Raising

Happy, Helpful Little Humans by Michaelen Doucleff, PHD (Non-Fiction 306.874 DOU)

Jesus And John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted A Faith And Fractured A Nation by

Kristin Kobes Du Mez (Non-Fiction 277.308 DUM)

How To Avoid A Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have And The Breakthroughs We Need by Bill Gates (Non-Fiction 363.738 GAT)

a.m., but you can watch them any time! Stop by the Library to pick up a bag with a fun craft to go along with the book that was read. If you have a book you’d like to hear read for Saturday Storytime, email Ms. Melanie at melaniew@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.

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

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

Virtual Storytime – Saturdays 10:30 a.m., Facebook.com/pololibrary

Every Saturday morning head over to Polo Library’s Facebook page to watch Ms. Melanie read a children’s story. They air each Saturday at 10:30

Silver Creek & Oakwood Cemetery Winter Cleanup April 16th - May 1st

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Birthday

Sue Felker to celebrate 90 years

ROCHELLE – On April 12, Sue Felker of Rochelle will be celebrating her 90th Birthday. Suzanne was born on April 12, 1931 in Chicago. She married Robert Felker and their family of three has grown to include seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A family dinner will be held to celebrate her special day.

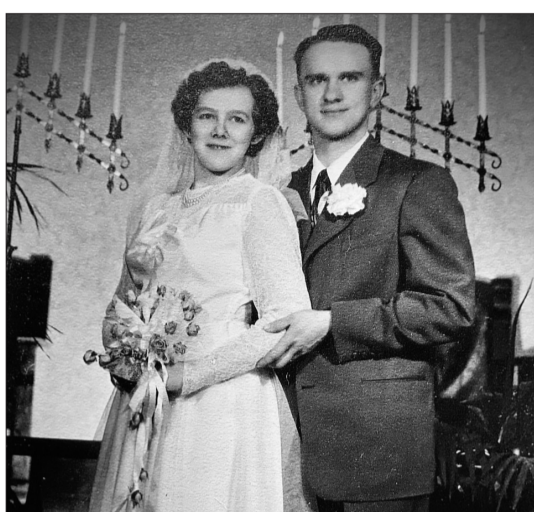


Anniversary

Deaths are celebrating with card shower

Lyle Death and Donna Heng were married on April 11th, 1951 in Chana. They met on a blind date at a football game that Donna’s high school best friend set up. Donna has always said, “It was love at first sight.” Since then their love has never stopped growing. They’ve been blessed with 6 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

As we are maintaining COVID guidelines, we would love for you to help us celebrate by sending them cards to PO Box 87, Chana, IL 61015



Julia Hull Library News

A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft on Facebook Live—Wednesdays at 10 a.m. It’s the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to schedule a curbside pickup for April craft kits, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/order-request>. January kits now available. While supplies last.

Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Tuesday, April 13 on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Teen Crafternoon: Block Print Totes

We’re drawing inspiration from the colors and patterns springing up all around us to create tote bags that are sure to be noticed in a crowd. Join Kelly on Zoom, Friday, April 23 at 3 p.m., to learn how to make your own block stamp, create a pattern that activates both positive and negative space, and print your own tote bag. Call the library, or email Kelly at khaas@mail.meridian223.org to register. Ages 13 -18.

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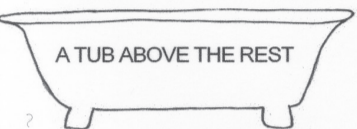
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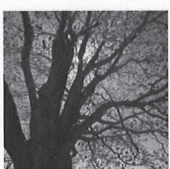
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LOCAL NEWS

Forreton Library News

Library Hours

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Community Read

Our friends at Freeport Public Library have invited interested patrons to participate in their annual community read, One Book, One Freeport. This year's selection is "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

Bertolet Library News

Plastic Recycling:

We are excited to announce that we are once again accepting clean, soft plastics for recycling. Save your bread bags, outer wrapping on bulk items like water bottles and bathroom tissue, grocery bags, etc. Drop them off during business hours: Mon-Thurs 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-noon. Please do not leave plastics unattended during non-business hours.

Wednesday WhoDunIt: April 28th at 10:30 a.m.:

Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger: Former Chicago cop Cork O'Connor's life has been spiraling out of control following his decision to move his family back to his hometown of Aurora, MN, a small town off Lake Superior. His intent was to improve their quality of life, but the result is the loss of his election to be sheriff of Aurora and the break up of his marriage. However, the murder of the town judge and disappearance of a young boy at the same time a blizzard hits northern Minnesota draws Cork into an investigation that tests his stamina and skills as a lawman. Join Carol for a discussion of Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger on Wednesday, April 28th at 10:30 AM.

Several activities, some virtual and some in person, are planned for March. If you are interested in reading this book and/or receiving a schedule of events, please call the library or stop in for more information.

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New Titles

New large print titles include: "Double Jeopardy" by

Stuart Woods, "Someone Like You" by Karen Kingsbury, "A Week at the Shore" by Barbara Delinsky, and "The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop" by Fannie Flagg. We have also purchased several nonfiction titles in large print with funds from our "Back to Books" grant. Stop in soon and check them out!

Library Updates

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

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- The Bounty by Janet Evanovich
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- Young Adult Fiction
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SPRING CAR CARE



After winter, getting car clean is first up in the spring

Vehicle owners know maintaining a vehicle can be a lot of work. Taking the time to properly care for a vehicle can prolong its life expectancy and help owners avoid breakdowns and other issues along the way.

Regular washing is an aspect of vehicle maintenance that some may classify as a purely cosmetic benefit. Certainly a car wash can keep the vehicle looking its best, but there are other advantages to

washing as well. Washing offers preventative maintenance for the car's paint and can help prevent rust and corrosion resulting from dirt, acid rain and road salt. Rust can compromise hydraulic brake and fuel lines, as well as many moving parts in the chassis and frame. Corrosion of electrical connectors and other parts under the hood can lead to leaks, electrical shorts and a host of additional problems. It's easy

to see how washing the car is more essential than one might have suspected.

If you live in an area with a high amount of dust or industry, you may need to wash your car as frequently as once a week. Drivers who live along or near coastal areas may need to wash their vehicles frequently to combat sea salt buildup. Garage-kept vehicles may be able to go longer between washes, but in general washing a vehicle

every two to three weeks is a good rule of thumb. In addition, a good sealant will protect the paint and other trims throughout the year.

The following are some other car-wash tips to follow.

- Always use a proper washing soap solution. This will preserve the car's finish better than other homemade soaps. Avoid using dishwashing liquid, which can strip protective wax coatings.
- Be prompt when cleaning off bugs, sap and bird droppings that may stick to the paint and become difficult to remove over time.
- Wait until a car has

cooled down before washing. Heat speeds up the drying of soap and water and can make it more difficult to clean.

- Always use a clean, non-abrasive sponge. Resist the urge to move the sponge in circles as you clean. Doing so can create noticeable swirl scratch marks. Instead, move the sponge lengthwise across the body panels and hood.

- Keep a separate rinsing bucket to clean the sponge or washing mitt so that dirt is not mixed into the clean, sudsy water.

- Consumer Reports suggests using a soft squeegee to remove most of the water

on the body of the car after washing and rinsing. Blot up any extra water with a chamois.

- Wax the car every season to ensure it has maximum protection. In between, apply a liquid spray wax to touch up spots. Water beading is not an ideal indicator of whether or not the car needs a coat of wax.

- Don't forget to pay attention to the interior. Vacuum the carpets regularly to prevent ground-in dirt and routinely clean the upholstery with a product specific to your vehicle's interior, whether that interior is leather or fabric.



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Ways to maintain car value over the long-term

When shopping for a new car, savvy buyers know finding the right car involves more than just finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the long-term.

• Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles that look good can make strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.

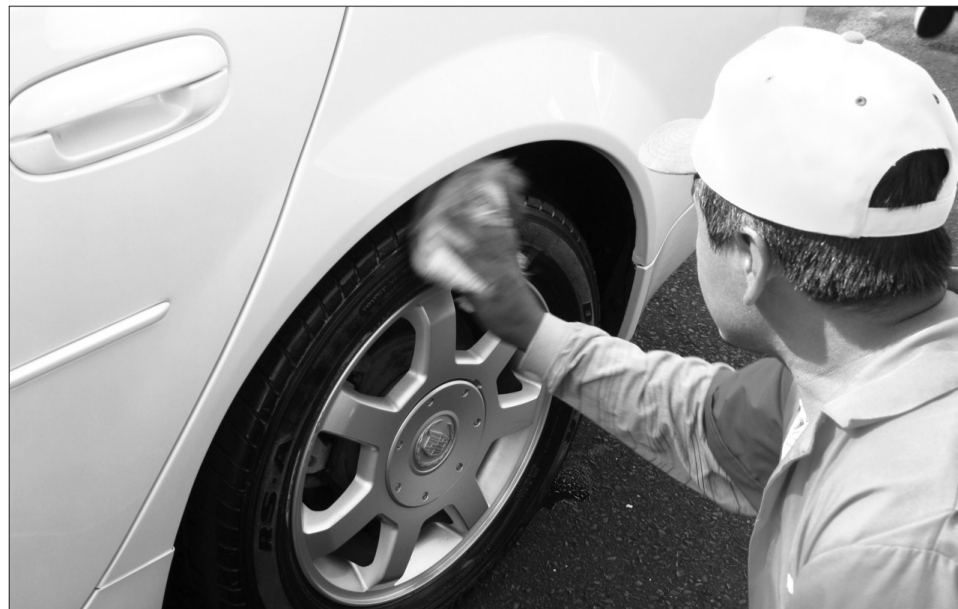
Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent the vehicle when entering or exiting their own cars.

• Protect the interior. A well-maintained interior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.

Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.

• Keep maintenance receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying preowned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

Maintaining resale value is a concern for new car buyers who want to get the best returns on their automotive investments.



Prevent bugs, sap and other substances from ruining a vehicle

Keeping vehicles looking pristine requires care and diligent cleaning. So many day-to-day activities and environmental materials have the potential to damage the finish on cars and trucks. While winter weather and chemicals used to keep roadways passable are often blamed for affecting the appearance of cars and trucks, winter is not the only time of year when substances can cause damage to vehicles.

Spring and summer are prime seasons for sap, birds and insects. These times of year tend to see an uptick in road work as well, and such projects can contribute to damage caused by loose asphalt, gravel and tar. Addressing problems resulting from tree sap, insect and bird droppings and tar may not be something to look forward to, but it is necessary to keep cars looking pristine.

Tree sap

According to Cars.com, an automotive information resource and vehicle sales website, although tree sap won't cause immediate damage to vehicle paint, it should not be ignored. Over time, sap can become more difficult to remove, etch through the clear coat on the vehicle and cause discoloration. When the temperature is hot, damage from sap can accelerate.

On windows and windshields, drivers may be able to gently remove dried

sap with a razor blade. However, use cleaning products on more delicate paint. Automotive stores sell speciality sap and tar cleaners. Otherwise, you can try rubbing alcohol. It may take a few attempts to remove sap entirely.

Insects and bird droppings

Splattered bugs and avian surprises dropped from above can be a messy, unsightly nuisance. Their acidic composition also may cause them to damage paint over time. Bugs and droppings can be sticky, so you will need to work with something that will remove the splatter without removing the paint in the process. A product like WD-40 may help. This oily product is normally used on rust and hinges. When applied with a cloth and allowed to penetrate the stain, it can loosen difficult-to-remove sticky substances. Always test any product you use in an inconspicuous spot first to make sure it doesn't

damage or discolor your the paint.

Insects or droppings that are fresh may come off relatively easily with a good washing or hosing off of the car. Retailers also sell specialty insect sponges to remove bugs and other debris.

Tar

Soap and water will do little to remove tar and other petroleum-based products from vehicles. Commercial tar removal products use a strong solvent or detergent to loosen the tar. This may include kerosene, mineral spirits or another item mixed with lubricants. Go slowly and use caution so that you remove the tar and not the paint.

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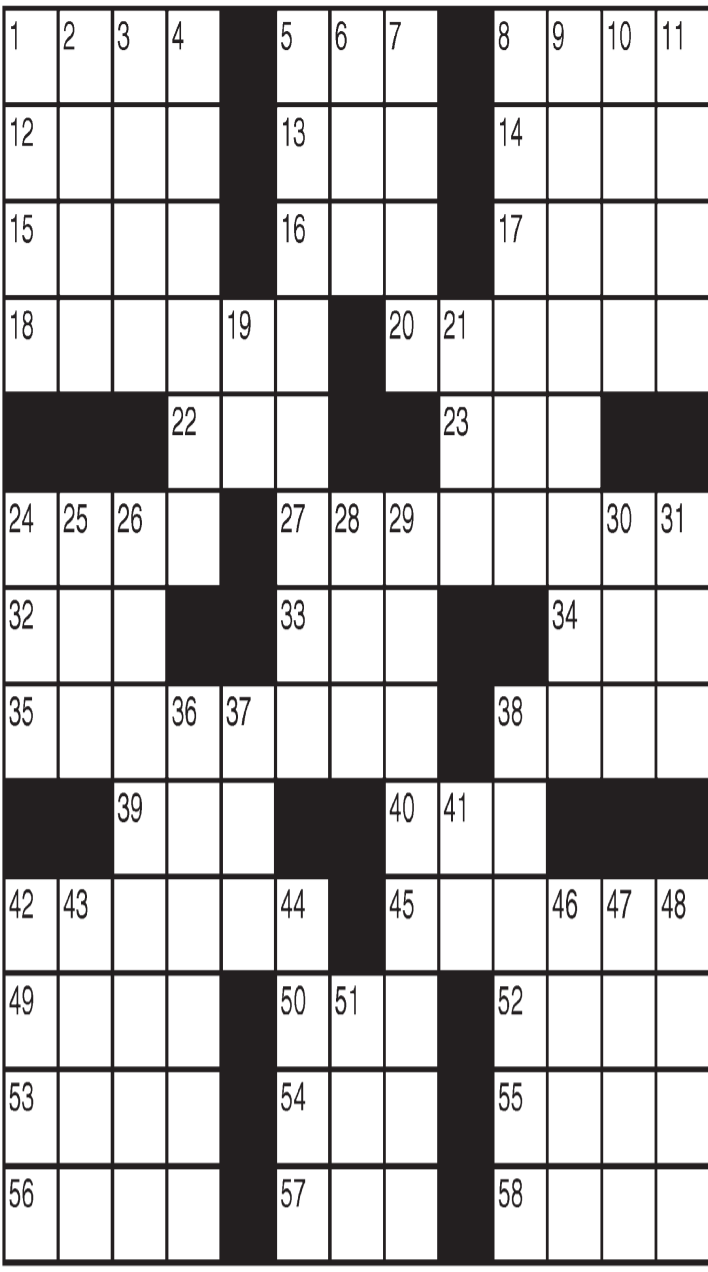
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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● — STRIKE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Repast
 - 5 "Ben- —"
 - 8 Lawman Wyatt
 - 12 "Frozen" snow queen
 - 13 "Right you —!"
 - 14 Computer brand
 - 15 Slightly
 - 16 Actress Long
 - 17 Hindu royal
 - 18 Tidy up
 - 20 Toto, to Dorothy
 - 22 Peyton's brother
 - 23 Commonest English word
 - 24 Easter entrees



- 27 Vinegar variety
- 32 X-ray's cousin
- 33 Chopper
- 34 Hostel
- 35 "Becoming" author Obama
- 38 Read quickly
- 39 Knock
- 40 Wildebeest
- 42 "Yippee!"
- 45 Held up
- 49 "Mamma Mia" group
- 50 Gardner of Hollywood
- 52 Actress Kate
- 53 Fibs
- 54 Diarist Anais
- 55 Footnote abbr.
- 56 Minus
- 57 Young fox
- 58 Till bills
- 6 Swiss canton
- 7 Harvest
- 8 Sultry singer Kitt
- 9 Campus figure
- 10 Gambling mecca
- 11 Bluenose
- 19 Chicago transport
- 21 UFO crew
- 24 "Let me think ..."
- 25 "Exodus" hero
- 26 Germs
- 28 Rocker Rose
- 29 "Shampoo" Oscar winner
- 30 — pickle
- 31 Blitzer's channel
- 36 Badger
- 37 Clean-air org.
- 38 Hand in
- 41 "Forget it!"
- 42 Corridor
- 43 Theater award
- 44 Tug
- 46 Innocent one
- 47 Ms. Brockovich
- 48 June honorees
- 51 Half of XIV

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

F D L **P R E E M P T I V E** M C
 A Z E N O R D X W I L D C A T
 W V D U S S R E H C A E T H R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: PROTESTER REFUSING TO EAT

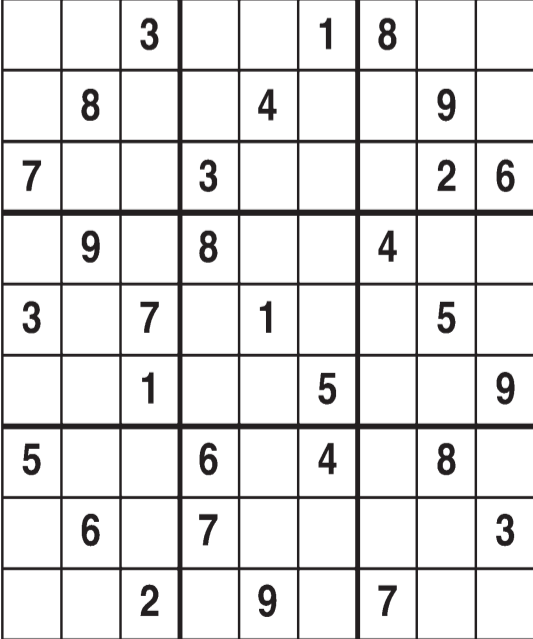
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- Pre-emptive
- Teachers
- Called
- Hammer
- Sit-down
- Third
- Drone
- Lightning
- Surgical
- Wildcat
- First
- Lucky
- Sympathetic

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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.

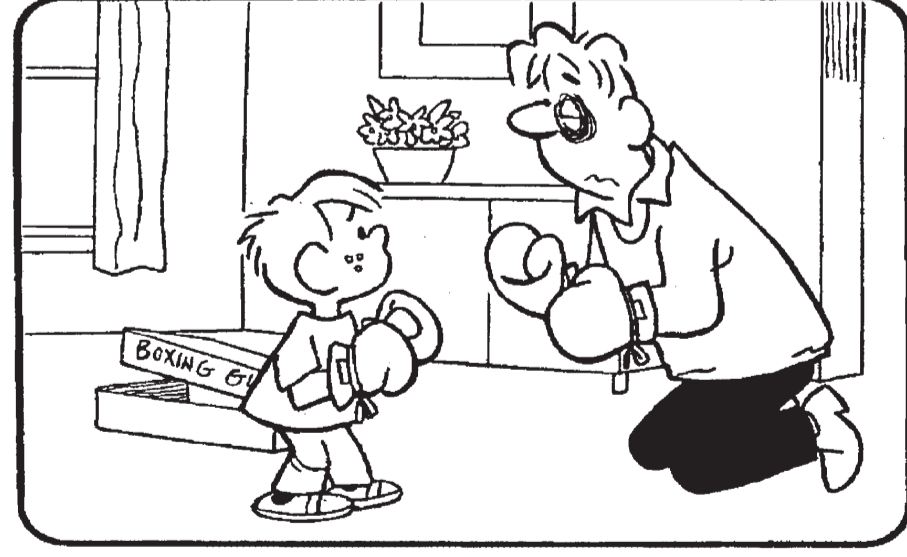
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

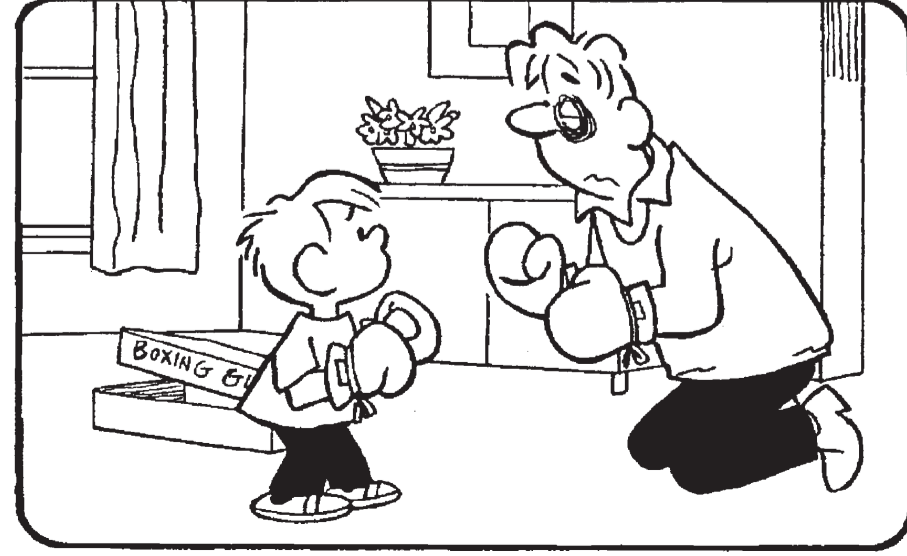
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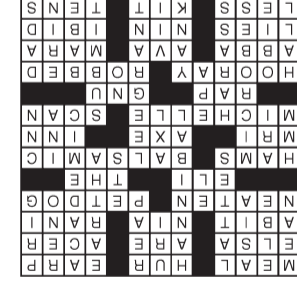
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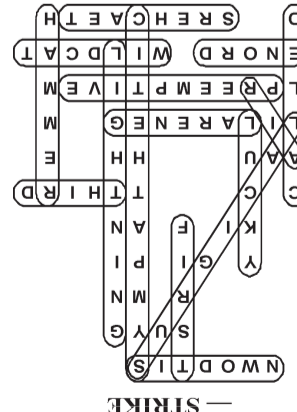
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is wider. 2. Flower is missing. 3. Frame is smaller. 4. Fleckles are missing. 5. Pants are different. 6. Flowerpot is different.



Solution time: 25 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



— STRIKE —

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

Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

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



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Healthy Hand Hygiene Habits



Protect yourself against COVID-19 and other diarrheal and respiratory illnesses, and help prevent the spread of germs to others, by following these simple hand hygiene guidelines:

1. Wash your hands with soap and warm water, lathering for at least 20 seconds.
2. If soap is unavailable, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol to clean your hands.

Wash your hands throughout the day, and particularly under these circumstances:

- Before preparing food
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After changing a diaper or helping a child use the toilet
- Before and after exposure to someone who is sick
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste
- After handling pet food or treats
- After handling garbage or garbage cans
- Before and after attending to a cut or wound

Information resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proper handwashing helps all of us stay healthy, so remember to be aware and do your part to help protect yourself and others!

305 GARAGE SALES

Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale
Garage sale
210 N Etnyre Ave (E RT64) Oregon
Heated garage!
Thursday April 15th, 8-5
Friday April 16th, 8-4
Proceeds will be donated to Make A Wish Illinois.
2 family (1 downsizing household)
Small kitchen appliances, storage containers,
Christmas décor, vanity chair, mirror, flower pots,
home décor, tools, CD's, yard décor. PIA#7

Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale
Estate/Moving Sale
8189 Kelley Rd. Winnebago
Friday April 16, 9 am-5:00
Sat. April 17, 9 am-noon
Hand Tools, Electric saws, drill press, routers,
belt sander, hand sanders
Work benches, bench grinders, air compressor,
Fairbanks Antique commercial balance
scale (all original, with labels),
Storage boxes, empty fair tack boxes, assorted
nails, nuts, screws.
Large and Dorm refrigerators, Wooden
kitchen table & 6 chairs, Glassware,
China-12 place settings & serving pieces,
cooking utensils, 4 bar stools,
decorations, crafts,
2 metal wardrobes. Vintage hat collection
and rack, Antique bric-a-brac,
advertisement cans,
exercise machine, treadmill.
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big selection. PIA#8

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Duties include: Cleaning the Jarrett Prairie Center, the Keller Education Center, the Weiskopf Observatory, and the Heritage Farm Museum. Applicants must be 21 years or older. For questions, call Raul at 815-234-8535 ext. 200 or email raul@byronforestpreserve.com. Applications are available at www.byronforestpreserve.org or stop by in person at the Byron Forest Preserve Jarrett Prairie Center.

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)
CASE NUMBER
2021-MR-14

Request of:
Kaylee Ann Wilkinson.
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Kaylee Ann Wilkinson to the new name of Kaylee Ann Howard. The court date will be held on 5-20-2021 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in courtroom #202
Kaylee Ann Wilkinson
Kimberly A. Stahl
Clerk of the Circuit Court
No. 0335 (Mar. 29, April 5, 12)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 23, 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: Growing Roots Greenery, 8036 N. Arlene Dr., Stillman Valley, IL 61084.
Dated: March 23, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0340 (Mar. 29, April 5, 12)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed budget for the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:25 pm at Byron City Hall, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, Illinois 61010.

The proposed budget is available at Byron City Hall for review.
City of Byron, a Municipal Corporation
John Rickard, Mayor
No. 0404 (April 12)

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The Rochelle News-Leader newspaper, a twice-weekly publication serving a progressive, friendly and close-knit community in northern Illinois, has an immediate opening for a managing editor who will also report, write, photograph and paginate for every issue.

The News-Leader is recognized as one of the Rochelle area's top hometown news sources and focuses on providing a variety of pertinent and interesting articles about local happenings in both print and digital fashion.

Serious candidates must have a strong nose for news and the passion to report on and write in-depth news stories and features, while also possessing good writing, communication, organization and social media skills. Applicants with InDesign pagination experience put themselves in a stronger position.

We offer a competitive salary commiserate with experience, a pleasant working environment, paid vacation, paid sick time, excellent medical benefits and a 401K investment plan.

Rochelle is located approximately 85 miles west of downtown Chicago, 25 minutes south of Rockford, 20 minutes west of Northern Illinois University, and less than an hour from the Wisconsin border. Many popular state recreational parks and entertainment venues are within a short drive, as is the scenic Rock River. Two major interstate highways intersect near Rochelle and make regional travel convenient.

Qualified applicants willing to reside in Rochelle and become immersed in the community, should post their resumes to this site as instructed, but they may also email their resumes and any clips to News-Leader general manager Mike Feltes at mfeltes@oglecountylife.com or mail them to P.O. Box 46, Rochelle, IL 61068.

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(Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Tuesday Games

Extend your child's school day with social fun on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30pm! Each Tuesday we will play a new group game facilitated by a park district staff member. The games will be adapted to fit all ages (5-13 years) in attendance. A light nut-free snack will also be available for those in attendance. Masks are required and each Tuesday will be limited to 30 participants. Masks are required and children must be picked up outside of Nash following class end time. Registration is required at just \$2 for Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is the Friday before each class. You can register online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

* 4/13 Jeopardy

* 4/20 Skip-Bo Tournament

* 4/27 Improv Games

STEM-Earth Day

Extend your 5-13 year olds school day with some Earth Day enrichment at Nash Recreation Center. Thursday, April 22 we will lead a STEM activity that will keep children engaged and motivated. They will learn through experimenting and creating. The activity will be modified to fit all ages. A light nut-free snack will also be available for those in attendance. Masks are required and each Thursday will be limited to 30 participants. Masks are required and children must be picked up outside of Nash following class end time. Registration is just \$2 for Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is the Monday before class time. You can register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Guided State Park Hikes Return

Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on hikes throughout local state parks. Each hike features a different state park with a trail that is often times less traveled. This program is brought to you by the Oregon Park District. Grant will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The group will

meet at Lowden Miller Forest on Friday, April 23 at 6:00pm for our second hike of the Spring season. The fee for this hike is just \$2 for Resident and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register for this hike is April 21. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Stronghold's Mother's Day Brunch & Tea

Enjoy a special event with mom at Stronghold Castle this Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. An elegant brunch complete with tea will be served by Stronghold's talented kitchen staff. Brunch will include a buffet style seating of pineapple glazed ham, mashed potatoes, homemade mac and cheese, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles, and a salad bar along with an extensive dessert bar. Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available from the moment you walk in. There are two-time frames to choose from (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.). Following brunch, enjoy an optional tour through the castle. All in attendance must be registered to attend. Fee is just \$18 per Resident and \$20 per Non-Resident. Children 8 years old and younger are \$10 and Non-Resident children are \$12. Deadline to register is April 29. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Camp Oh Pea Dee Returns in 2021!

The Oregon Park Dis-

trict summer day camp focuses on emphasizing fun, peer interaction, planned activities, and personal growth. This Summer, the camp is limited to 24 campers. Participants who are of the age of entering into Kindergarten through 6th grade, will have local field trips each Wednesday, swimming multiple times a week, have a library program throughout the camp season and visit the splash pad once a week. On top of this, we will be playing at our local parks, engaging in many sports and outdoor games, themed crafts and so much more! Do not let your child miss out on this amazing, lasting experience! A light snack is served each afternoon around 3:30 p.m. Fees are charged per week and per camper with no sibling discount. Fees range from \$50 to \$125/week depending on the amount of days in session. Visit our website for more information at oregonpark.org/summercamp. Deadline to register is each Wednesday before that week of camp if space is available. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Pickleball at Nash

Pickleball is often described as a mixture of ping-pong, tennis, and badminton, all played on a mini tennis court with an oversized paddle and a ball similar to a wiffle ball. This game is fast, fun, addictive, and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities! To learn

more about pickleball you can visit the USA Pickleball Association at: usapa.org.

Pickleball is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-11am, Tuesday evenings from 4-6:30 p.m. and now on Saturday mornings from 8-10 am!
Fee: Nash Membership or punch pass. Ages 18 and older. To reserve your timeslot, please register online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Friday Fun in the Gym!

Join us on Friday afternoons this Spring for fun activities in the gym through April 23rd, we will be offering indoor activities in the gymnasium to burn off some energy from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the afternoon! Reservations for each week are required. Members are free, residents are \$2 per event and non-residents \$3. Masks must be worn while in Nash and please remember to bring a water bottle!

April 16th- Basketball
April 23rd- Gaga Ball and Basketball

Register online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. Deadline is the Wednesday prior to the event.

Pickleball Tournament

Come and play in our Pickleball Tournament! This tournament will be a round robin style. Teams will be made up of male, female, or co-ed, and you will have a new partner each

round. Players need not sign up as a team, and this round robin style is designed to even the playing field for all! Nash does have a limited number of paddles that are available to play with. All government guidelines will be followed.

Registration Deadline: 4/13

Fee: \$10/person \$12/NR/person

Pre-Season Softball Camp!

Join OHS Softball Coaches, Nate Rogers, Ryan Fletcher, Jeff Hendricks, Chad Trampel and Brian Wynn and their players to get ready for softball season. This instructional camp, held at Park West, will give you hands on practice to perfect your skills this season and learn from the HS Athletes. All proceeds to benefit OHS Softball Program.

Sunday May 2nd, 9th and 16th.

7-8 years 2-3.15 p.m.

9-12 years 3:30-4:45 p.m.

13-14 years 5-6:30 p.m. Fee \$15/\$18 NR

Registration Deadline April 28th. Register online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101

Pre Season Baseball Camp

Join OHS Baseball Coach Nate Girton and his players to get ready for baseball season. This instructional camp will give you hands on practice to perfect your skills this season. 100% of proceeds to benefit the High School Baseball team. Meet at OHS Baseball Field.

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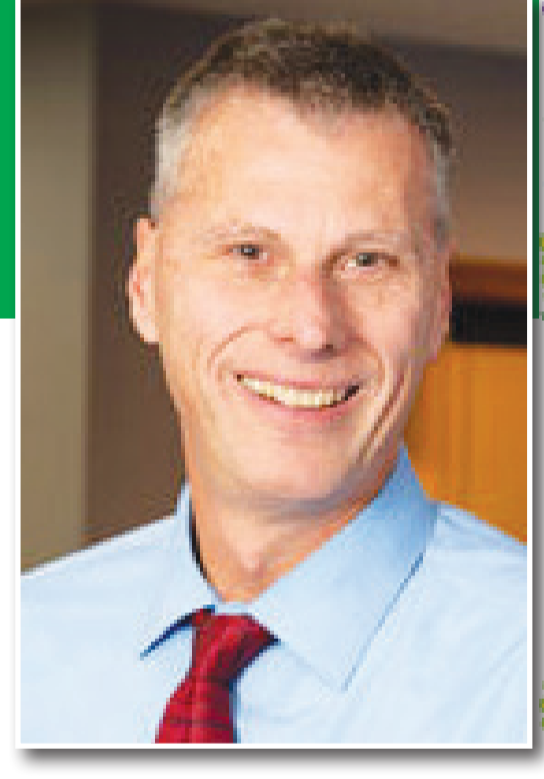


Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for January. Pictured from left to right are: Maddison Groharing (9th Grade), Candido Yonaton Granillo-Zirk (10th Grade), Riley Jarrett (11th Grade), and Joshua Johnson (12th Grade). Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.

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