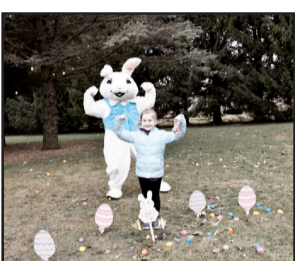


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End of an era

Leonard "Tobe" Hagemann has been serving as the Leaf River Township Supervisor since 1993. He has a total of four decades of service to the township. (Brad Jennings photo)

Hagemann stepping down in Leaf River Township after 40 years

By Brad Jennings
 Editor

LEAF RIVER – When you think of Leaf River Township, it is hard not to think of Leonard "Tobe" Hagemann.

Hagemann, 89, was born in Leaf River, and has served the township as a trustee or supervisor for 40 years. But this week, the township will find a successor as Hagemann has decided to step down.

"I've enjoyed being on it," Hagemann said during an interview in the township office last week. "Now it's getting to kind of be work for me."

If anyone who has served their community deserves a break, it is Hagemann. He has lived in Leaf River his entire life.

"I live just a little over a

half mile from the house I was born in, the way the bird flies," he said.

He has farmed and also ran a small trucking business, hauling grain. On April 5, 1953, he married Donna and they have three daughters who still live in Ogle County.

Most who know him know him by the nickname Tobe. Where did he get it?

"An uncle dropped it on me when I was about 4 years old," he said with a chuckle. "And somehow it stuck and everybody always calls me that."

Hagemann first served the township officially in 1973, when he was elected a township trustee. He said a neighbor who served on the board decided not to seek re-election, so Hagemann gave it

a try. His first term was from 1973-77.

He left the position because, well, his life was busy.

"It was right at the time when I had quite a bit of things going," he said. "I was farming and some of this other stuff, and I thought it was maybe more than I wanted to do."

Eight years later, he was asked if he wanted to run again.

"I decided to run again, and this time I stayed with it," Hagemann said.

He served eight years as a trustee, and then was elected township supervisor in 1993. He has held that position ever since. The supervisor serves the township much like a mayor serves the city.

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Service dog still missing

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

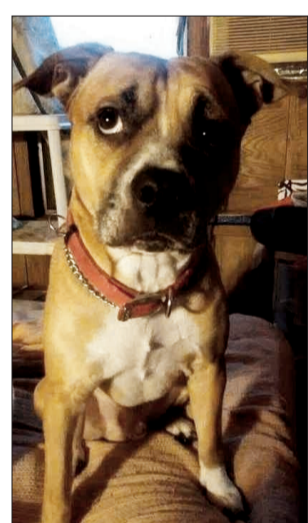
On May 5, 2020, Marcia Kelly was in a car on Flagg and Skare roads in Rochelle when the vehicle was struck by another vehicle. She was injured in the crash, and her dog, Max, escaped from the vehicle.

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.

"He is very well trained and he's very smart. I use him as my companion dog," Kelly said via email.

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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Hearings continue in case of man accused in fatal fire

By Brad Jennings
 Editor

OREGON – The sharing of documents between the defense and prosecutors in the case of the Byron man accused of killing his wife and son in 2016 continues.

During a court hearing on

March 26, Judge John Roe said he had received subpoenaed records and turned them over to Ogle County Assistant State's Attorney Matthew Leisten in the case of Duane Meyer.

Meyer appeared in court in an orange jumpsuit and a mask.

Leisten told Roe that the county

had turned records for the case, including lab reports and crime scene photos, over to the defense as well.

Meyer is accused of setting the Oct. 19, 2016 fire in Byron that killed his ex-wife Maggie Meyer and 3-year-old son Amos Meyer.

He was charged on Oct. 9, 2019

with four counts of first-degree homicide, two counts of aggravated arson and one count of concealment of a homicidal death. He is currently being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond.

Roe set the next pre-trial status hearing for 3:02 p.m. on May 21 at the Ogle County Courthouse.

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LOCAL NEWS

ERA: Says he has plenty at home to keep him busy now

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 “I run the meetings, I pay all the bills and do all that,” Hagemann said.
 During his tenure with the township, he said there are a couple of accomplishments that stand out. The first is the current building the township owns. This is where it does business and holds meetings.
 Hagemann said at first, the township met at a garage in town. Eventually it moved to the Bertolet Memorial Building.
 “I kept looking for place,” Hagemann said, and eventually the township purchased the building at 12 Main St. formerly occupied by the Village of Leaf River.
 The second was placing a marker to commemorate the spot the township was founded in

1850. That was dedicated in 2007.
 “That’s something I pushed pretty hard to get,” Hagemann said.
 But now it is time to let someone else take over. He said the amount of paperwork is double what it used to be. And Hagemann is the first to admit he doesn’t exactly have strong computer skills.
 “It’s great for the younger people,” he said. “Unfortunately, a lot of the younger people don’t like to do this kind of work anymore.”
 Not only have computers led to changes. Leaf River itself has changed.
 “Use to be every place down the road was a farm,” Hagemann said. “Now it is just somebody that lives in a house. You can go two miles down



Hagemann outside the building he helped secure for the township. (Brad Jennings photo)

the road and there won’t be an active farm.”
 As for his time now?

Hagemann said he has plenty at home to keep himself occupied. He

said he collects old tractors and some machinery and loves to tinker on it

and fix things. “I’ve got enough to keep me busy.”

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DOG: Have been looking for months

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 Kelly was in the ICU after the accident for injuries she sustained, but friends and family looked for the dog during that time. They have put up flyers about the missing dog in the area but have heard nothing.
 “This dog did not disappear off the face of the Earth,” Kelly said. “Somebody out there has him and knows where he’s at all I want to do is bring him home.”
 Anyone who has information about Max can contact Kelly at 312-257-5103 or Bart at 630-204-9000.
 “I need everybody’s help and I’m pleading with the public if you know something, come forward let me have my dog back,” she said.



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Focus House’s annual dinner will look different this year

By Jennifer Simmons Rochelle News-Leader

ROCHELLE – After having to cancel what would have been the Foundation for Focus House’s 20th annual spaghetti supper last year due to COVID, the foundation hopes that this year’s event – which has been revamped to accommodate new COVID guidelines – will be more successful than in years past.
 This year’s event will feature a drive-through supper, online auction and a lunch delivery option on April 14.
 “We decided to offer a lunch delivery option this year and will be having the dinner with a drive-thru format instead of the standard sit-down format of the past,” Executive Director for Foundation for Focus House Jeni Hardin said.
 The lunch and dinner will include spaghetti with homemade sauce, French bread, salad with choice of Ranch or French dressing and dessert with choice of fruit pie or cake.
 Lunch delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is by pre-order only. Dinner tickets are available in advance or the day of the dinner as well.
 Tickets can be purchased for \$8 each by contacting Hardin at jhardin@oglecounty.org or calling 815-562-5881, extension 433. Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card.
 “The money raised from the spaghetti supper fundraiser will go directly to the needs of the youth at Focus House,” Hardin said. “Some examples of things the funds will cover are hygiene items, clothing, winter weather needs, books and games, appliances and supplies needed for the homes and minor maintenance and repairs at the homes. Having to cancel both of our main fundraisers last year, we took a big hit on our donations coming in and funds that help the youth and the programs at Focus House.”
 Along with the supper, an online auction is also being put together. Sponsorships and auction items are being accepted as well. Anyone interested can contact Hardin for more information.
 Focus House is a shelter care facility that has been operating in Ogle County since 1975. The facility serves primarily in-county youth that need residential treatment, but over the years, Focus House has also taken out-of-county youth as well.
 Focus House treats Ogle County youth that are involved in the justice system, not just residentially, but also through outpatient mental health services and alternative programming for kids that are suspended from school.

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LOCAL NEWS

Libraries partner with museums to share collections

OREGON – More than 40 public libraries have partnered with nine museums and cultural institutions to share diverse collections and programming in a safe and unique way.

Starting Saturday, April 3 and running for nine weeks, the “Your City @ Home” series of virtual field trips gives community members a chance to explore some of what the Chicagoland area has to offer.

What Can You Explore?

The libraries are offering experiences with familiar favorites, such as the Shedd Aquarium, the Chicago Children’s Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Field Museum, as well as some hidden gems. Discover the Nuestras Historias exhibition at the National Museum of

Mexican Art and join a docent-led tour of the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Hear Dr. Kim Dulany of Chicago State University lead a conversation on the history of Black people flying above their circumstances with the DuSable Museum of African American History, go behind the scenes at the Garfield Park Conservatory, and see Snoopy soar into space with the Elmhurst History Museum. This series offers entertainment and education for any age.

“It was very important to represent the different cultures in our communities,” says lead coordinator of the series, Kate Cundiff of the Algonquin Area Public Library District. “Chicagoland has such a diverse and rich history. Our libraries

continue to represent this in all of our programming.”

Your Libraries Together

All events will be held virtually via Zoom. Registration is required and is available by calling any of the partnering libraries or visiting their websites.

“To be able to offer this series to so many people across so many communities is exciting,” says Cundiff. “We hope these events help those who are feeling stuck at home to feel a bit of relief and visit some places they may not know about.”

The libraries partnering for this series are: Algonquin Area PLD, Antioch PLD, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Bellwood PL, Cary Area PL, Clarendon Hills PL, Cook Memorial PLD, Crystal

Lake PL, Deerfield PL, Elmhurst Area PL, Fox River Valley PLD, Fremont PLD, Gail Borden PLD, Glencoe PL, Glenview PL, Grayslake Area PL, Highland Park PL, Homer Township PL, Huntley Area PL, Indian Trails PLD, Lake Bluff PL, Lake Villa District Library, Lincolnwood PLD, Matteson Area PLD, Morton Grove PL, Mount Prospect PL, Niles-Maine District Library, Oregon Public Library District, Plainfield PLD, Prospect Heights PL, Round Lake Area PLD, Schaumburg Township District Library, Shorewood-Troy PL, South Holland PL, St. Charles PL, Vernon Area PLD, Warren-Newport PL, Wauconda Area Library, Westchester PL, Wheaton PL, Woodridge PL, and Woodstock PL.

Honoring a community hero



Debra Johnson, Serenity Hospice & Home Employee, was named the first Community Hero Award recipient by the Oregon Chamber of Commerce on March 31. Johnson was surprised at work with balloons, flowers, a check and Chamber Bucks, good at Oregon Chamber member businesses. Johnson was the first employee who volunteered to enter the homes of sick patients to provide comfort and care after the pandemic hit. For months she alone provided in-home hospice care, sometimes without the best PPE, as early on it wasn't available. But the challenges did not deter her. She continues as a model health care hero today as the pandemic continues – and many families in Ogle County are appreciative of her efforts. The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce recognized this hero in our community who has gone above and beyond to help our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This award was funded by Exelon Generation. (Brad Jennings photos)



Kalnins earns award from Illinois Principal Association

Lynn Kalnins, Assistant Principal at Chana Education Center (CEC), was recently awarded the Illinois Principal Association Northwest Region Leadership Award.

She graduated from Benedictine University with her LBS1 in 2005 and went on to get a Masters in Instructional Strategies and Curriculum in 2010 from Rockford University. She earned her Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration in 2013 from the American College of Education.

Kalnins is in her 7th year serving as the assistant principal at CEC. Prior to her service as an administrator, she served as a teacher for Ogle County Educational Cooperative (OCEC) since 2007. CEC is one of the special education programs of OCEC which serves students with significant emotional and behavioral challenges. Students within the program are in need of highly specialized instruction, positive supports, and services in special education.

She is an asset and positive role model at CEC for students, staff, and parents. She lives within the philosophy of putting students first and truly meeting them where they are at.

Her compassion for students who have been significantly impacted by trauma is great and influences her leadership as a Certified Non Violent Crisis Prevention Instructor.

One of her many strengths are in the community partnerships she created to benefit students. She has created a relationship with the Chana United Methodist Church that allows students to have access to a library. The church community has also assisted in coat drives and reading opportunities for children. Another resourceful relationship is when Kalnins enlisted family and friends to support and teach students about agriculture and farming by creating a field trip to a local farm. She actively supports her team to facilitate

Chana Cheer opportunities, service learning, ranging from visiting a local nursing home or “paying it forward” activities by giving families in need baskets of food and supplies during the holidays.

Another impressive network and learning experience she created and led was by partnering with the Educate Local Program of Northern IL University College of Education. Students studying Special Education participated in Project TENT (Teams Exploring Nonfiction Together), NIU’s most recent initiative in the College of Education.

The program provides teacher-licensure candidates with opportunities to gain experience and develop their perspective of education through volunteering, observing, and participating in various campus, community, and educational settings.

Kalnins helped create a Sensory room so students can “let off steam” in a healthy manner and lead the initiative to attend and learn about STEAM initiatives (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math). She and a small team attended professional development opportunities that are now being brought to life in the classroom by her staff.

Kalnins supports Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports at the school and keenly follows Conscience Discipline to further her own growth.

Her partnership with the Regional Office of Education has created opportunities for her to train staff in other districts on classroom management and conscience discipline initiatives.

Mrs. Kalnins helped establish The Maggie and Amos Foundation, which is a non-profit organization to memorialize the lives of Maggie and Amos Rosko through charitable donations and scholarships. She was nominated December 10, 2020 by Mrs. Henkel.

County no longer has vaccine registration

The registration link for a COVID vaccine will no longer be active on the Ogle County Health Department website.

As we move into all Illinois residents 16 and older eligible to receive the vaccine April 12, the county has vaccination event planning underway and will no longer keep a wait list.

The staff is committed to working through the current wait list to schedule appointments.

The county will be communicating in the near future on additional vaccine details and locations available to receive vaccine and how to schedule an appointment.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Roberta J. Christians

MOUNT MORRIS — Roberta J. Christians, age 85, passed away in her home on Saturday March 27, 2021 in Mt. Morris, with her family by her side. Roberta was born on July 13, 1935 in Oregon, the daughter of Robert and Violet (Shindle) Murdock.



Roberta graduated from Oregon High School class of 1953. She attended University of Illinois and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and she received her bachelor and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University.

Roberta married Daryl Christians on October 14, 1972 in Mt. Morris; and

Wolber, Mt. Morris, Joyce (Randy) David, Federal Dam, Minn.; 9 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sister-in-law: Cheryl (Cecelia Cook) Christians, Mt. Morris.

Roberta is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Daryl; sister: Elizabeth Knapstein; and great granddaughter: Ann Maray Forbush.

Celebration of life was held on April 3, 2021 from 1-3:00 p.m. in the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, Mt. Morris. Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt Mt. Morris.

Memorials to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, Mt. Morris Fire and Ambulance.

he preceded her in death on July 11, 2019. She enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling and dancing with Daryl and raising their beautiful daughters together.

Roberta is survived by her daughters: Beth McDonald, North Fork, Idaho, Dolores (Brad

Pauline A. Sadler

MOUNT MORRIS — Pauline A. Sadler, age 74, passed away on Wednesday March 24, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Pauline was born on April 19, 1946 in Rockford, the daughter of Harry and May (Miller) Luepkas. Pauline married Daniel W. Sadler Sr. on Dec. 24, 1966 in Rockford.



Pauline worked in the Mailing Department at Kable Printing Company, Mt. Morris. She liked to garden, canning vegetables, her flower beds, cooking and baking, sewing; where she made clothing for her family, road trips to Savanna to see the fall leaves, going to the Sandwich Fair,

spending time with her family and friends, but most of all her grandchildren where her lights.

Pauline is survived by her daughter: Angela (Jeff) Baker, Brown Deer, Wis.; son: Robert Sadler, Oregon; 4 grandchildren: Matt Sadler, Savanna, Ga., Alexan-

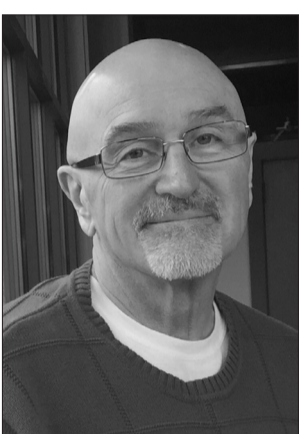
dria Baker, Brown Deer, Wis., McKenna Sadler, Lincoln, Neb.; Peyton Sadler, Oregon; 4 sisters: Linda Krutsinger, Mt. Morris, Shirley Hale, Dixon, Diana (Floyd) Cox, Isanti, Minn., and Debbie Milliman, Mt. Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

Pauline is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Daniel Sr.; son: Daniel Jr.

Funeral services were Monday, March 29, 2021 at 1 p.m. in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Frank Lay officiating. A visitation in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, was from noon until service time. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Diabetes.

Scott Gordon

Scott Gordon went home to be with Jesus on March 20, 2021. He was born on Jan. 9, 1957 in the suburbs of Chicago.



After 35 years, Scott retired from the Exelon Nuclear Power Company. He loved Golf and Kentucky Basketball. Scott was a faithful Christian who loved and trusted God. Scott was larger than life and the kind of guy who loved to engage in conversation and enjoyed telling stories, his laugh was infectious. His knowledge of history and sports was an obvious passion. He was preceded in death by his parents Norman and Peggy Gordon. Family: Wife Lauren, Sisters: Donna (Ken Fetgatter), Melody (Terry Baney), Judy Sharke, Nephew: Ryan (Sam), Nieces: Courtney (Miguel), Ashley (Greg), Alyson (Vernon) and Meghan (Justin). Scott was an amazing husband and life partner.

love: For several months, Scott was blessed with minimal pain (no pain drugs). The Lord chose the middle of the most beautiful day to take him home. And finally, Scott was surrounded by the people he loved during his final moments as God reached down to carry him off in the most gentle way possible.

A "celebration of Life" gathering will be planned for a future date.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation to Life church in Roscoe Illinois. This church has an ongoing food pantry at two locations twice a week. They are truly a generous community driven church. Speaking of food.... another option: Jubilee Farms in Clinton, Ill. This beautiful nonprofit farm provides clean and organic food to the surrounding communities.

Scott loved his family and friends dearly, but just to many to list. His work, golf and bible study friends meant the world him. Thank you to all of you who continuously called and prayed over him during his walk away from cancer (Tammy Lorence, Marie, Jeff Schweiger and Pastor Ken Hanson-Our Life Church Pastor). A special and loving thank you to Dr. Linda Razboudowski for her above and beyond medical treatment and delivery of Nana's hotdogs. A testimony to God's

RRC has events, activities

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

Due to Covid-19, registration is required if you plan on attending a scheduled program, activity or class at Rock River Center. Failure to register may result in cancellation. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Being Mindful in a Busy World

Join Karla Belzer on Tuesday, April 13, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Rock River Center in Oregon for this FREE program.

We all lead such busy lives that our mental, emotional and physical health suffers from the disconnect that can happen between ourselves and life. Mindfulness is the act of paying purposeful attention to the present moment. It offers us a way to enjoy our lives more and reduce stress through a few simple practices. This one-hour class will help participants explore benefits of mindfulness meditation and teaches them techniques that reduce stress and increase life satisfaction.

This class is an introduction to the (GEM) Get Experience in Mindfulness series scheduled at a later date.

To sign up, please call 815-732-3252 by Friday, April 9. Registration is required as seating is limited. Masks are required and temperature checks will be taken. Bingo is scheduled to follow.

For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-632-3611.

Aromatherapy Neck Pillow Class

Join us at Rock River Center on Wednesday, April 14, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Debbie Clark will be providing step-by-step instructions on how to make Aromatherapy Neck Pillows, Bath Salts, and Room Spray.

All materials, including essential oils, will be provided. Each item will be complete by the end of class.

Look forward to relaxing at home with your uniquely scented items made in this FREE class!

Registration Information:

Registration is required by April 12. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Class size is limited due to social distancing. Masks and temperature checks are required.

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.

Support groups

Cancer support group

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

Caregiver support group

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

Diabetic support group

Sheryl Locke, Licensed Dietician, facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. This informative group meets the 1st Wednesday each month from 11 a.m.-noon at Rock River Center. For more information, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Low vision group

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at noon at Rock River Center.

Mildred R. Heller

MOUNT MORRIS — Mildred R. Heller, age 96 passed away on March 25, 2021 in Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon, after a long illness. She was born on Sept. 16, 1924 in Rural Ogle County the daughter of Arthur and Eunice (Little) Hawkins.

Mt. Morris Laundromat and was an Avon lady for many years.

Mildred is survived by her son: Michael (Beverly) Heller Sr., Mt. Morris; 8 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Clifford in March 1991; daughter: Bonnie

in March 2017; sister: Helen Glendenning, and infant grandson.

There will be no services as Mildred wished, but cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home.

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LOCAL NEWS

Church offering free weekly April meals

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

This will be held as a drive-through service, and meals will be 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 6 : Sloppy Joes; 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 preced-

ing 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 mission of our church.

Oregon Public Library, Ogle County Master Gardeners partner to offer seed swap

Interest in gardening has grown in the last year.

As we spent more time home due to the pandemic, more people turned to growing their own food. There is comfort in knowing where your food comes from and the gardening process provides an educational experience for youth and adults alike.

This year, Oregon Public Library is collaborating with the Ogle County Extension Master Gardeners in hosting their first seed swap. A seed swap is simply a time to share seeds that you have collected over the years and swap them for something new to grow at home in this year's garden.

Don't have seeds? No problem, come anyway. Seeds can be for flowers, vegetables, herbs, grasses, bulbs, trees and shrubs. Please label the seeds you bring with as much information as possible including plant name, days to maturity and growth habit.

The Seed Swap will be held on Monday, April 12 from 2-6 p.m. at the Oregon Public Library located at 300 Jefferson St., in Oregon.

If the weather is nice, we will gather outside. Otherwise, it will be upstairs in the library. Ogle County Master Gardeners will be available

to answer any gardening questions that you might have.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Young and old, new or experienced gardeners are encouraged to stop by to swap seeds or simply learn something new.

The library will have a variety of gardening books available for checkout and some seeds to get the swap going. Social distancing will be observed and facemasks will be required.

If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Judy Hodge, Extension Program Coordinator at hodg@illinois.edu.

Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

ABOUT EXTENSION: Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

Local Contact: Judy Hodge, Extension Program Coordinator, hodg@illinois.edu

Food pantry is hosting mobile food bank on April 6 in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, April 6, from 10-11:30 a.m.

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

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

from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone in the Mt. Morris/Leaf River area experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food.

The Mobile Pantries are an extra food distribution.

You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., April 6

Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required to enter the building. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

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

Thurs., April 8

Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Sunrise II Family Restaurant 101 W 2nd Street in Byron, IL. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

Carpool Cinema at the Byron Public Library parking lot, 8:15-10 p.m. Join us for a fun movie night at the library from the comfort of your car as we screen "Men in Black" (1997)! BYO snacks and drinks. Space is limited, so please register in order to

reserve your parking spot. Rating: PG-13. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Fri., April 9

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on April 8th to register. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You will need a mask to enter the building.

Sat., April 10

Nurturing Yourself in this Challenging Time, a virtual mom's retreat, will be held

from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This webinar will be interactive and engaging, taking participants to another level of self-care, and understanding the importance of taking care of the mental and physical self. Limited to 50 participants. Registration for the webinar can be found at: www.starnet.org/home. For questions, please call Patti at Easterseals Family Support Services at 815-965-5069 or email: pmook@eastersealschicago.org

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 25, 1719, Daniel Defoe's "The Life and Strange Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" is published. The book, about a shipwrecked sailor who spends 28 years on a deserted island, is based on the experiences of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish sailor who spent four years on a small island off South America.

* On April 24, 1800, President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to establish the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801. Twelve years later, the library was destroyed when the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol.

* On April 22, 1945, Adolf Hitler, upon learning that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at Eberswalde, admits to all in his underground bunker in Berlin that the war is lost and suicide is his only recourse.

* On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron hits the first home run of his Major League Baseball career. Twenty years later, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's long-standing record of 714 career homers. Aaron retired from baseball in 1976 with 755 career homers.

* On April 20, 1971, the Pentagon confirms that fragging incidents (tossing fragmentation hand grenades into sleeping areas) are on the rise. Fraggings incidents in combat were usually attempts to remove leaders perceived to be incompetent and a threat to survival.

* On April 21, 1980, Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finishes first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Ruiz was stripped of her victory eight days later after race officials learned she joined the race about a mile before the finish line.

* On April 19, 1995, a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, killing 168 people, including 19 young children in its day-care center.

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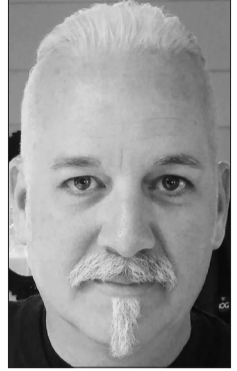
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Yes, we are all being tracked daily

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I really didn't like my biology teacher in high school, and it was pretty clear he didn't like me either. He was one of those guys who was very full of himself and thought it was just fine to put down 15-year-old boys in the class if it got a laugh out of everyone else. I, of course, provided plenty of opportunities for him to blast off. One in particular, I remember, was when he asked everyone what they wanted to do for a living. Now, I had no idea as a sophomore in high school what I wanted to do for a living. All I knew was I wanted a burrito for lunch, I needed new zit cream and the cute girl two desks over from me looked particularly foxy that day. Yes, foxy - it was the 70s. When he got to me, I had pretty much no idea, so I blurted out, "rock star." That got a big laugh out of him, of course. He mocked me pretty good and even the cute girl two desks over had a big laugh at my expense. That teacher killed my

enjoyment in that class, but he ultimately did not kill my love of science. I love what science has done and continues to do for our world and am amazed at new discoveries and achievements in the field. Science is slowly making this a better world every day. I bring this up because I recently got my first COVID-19 vaccination. Yes, I got the shot. Why? Because I believe in the science. I understand that some people are concerned about growing a finger out of the top of their head or something if they get the shot, but I am not.

I trust science way more than the nutjobs on Facebook or talk radio, let's just say that. I know that some don't want to get the vaccine because they worry about the government using the vaccine to put some kind of tracking chip into our bodies. I love science fiction too, but I can only shake my head at that. Sorry, but I am not buying it. Our government can't fill potholes, so I am not convinced it has mastered nanotechnologies. But we are being tracked, you know that, right? And it is not government that does it but big business - the ones that continue to get the tax breaks. Every time you use your debit card? Tracked. Walking around with a phone in your pocket? Yep, being tracked. If you buy anything online at all - and most Americans buy a lot of things online these days - your purchases are being tracked. Then any advertising you see on social media or search engines is personalized for you based on your purchases.

Creepy? Yes. Helpful? Also yes.

Have you ever had a conversation about something and then it shows up as an advertisement in your Facebook feed or talked about a movie and news of the movie shows up in your newsfeed? Your phone is listening to you, especially social media. That is a big business, not the government. And how about video? We are being recorded all the time. At the ATM, at the shopping center, at the gas pump, at the stop light and even walking down the street. This will only get more pervasive. So if you are worried about being tracked, I am sorry to tell you that ship has sailed. If you get the vaccine, you won't have a chip implanted in you, and you won't grow a third arm. But you will be protected against a potentially deadly virus. Get the shot but turn off the microphone on Facebook. You will sleep better.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Great work being done at Oregon Park District

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to acknowledge the professionalism of Andy Egedy, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities and Brent Sutter, Deputy Superintendent of Parks of the Oregon Park District, and to say congratulations for a job well done. Thank you for maintaining high-quality parks and recreational opportunities and for the detail you show for all the little things. Together you have raised the park districts maintenance standards to an extent worthy of state and national attention and recognition. You are certainly and without question, deserving recognition locally for your effort. Having retired from a career in

parks and recreation I am aware of what it takes to achieve your level of excellence day in and day out, year after year. Often those serving in your capacity are invisible. I believe the community takes pride in your accomplishments and appreciates the quality of our park district and facilities and accepts it all as routine or normal. Your success should be measured by the number of joggers, bikers, walkers, skateboarders, soccer players, baseball teams, children and families etc. using our parks daily. Oregon is incredibly lucky. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has presented unfamiliar challenges to all of us. What would the time have been like not to have our trails to use, the skate park and the

outdoor basketball courts weather permitting?

In addition, thank you as well for the well-maintained parking lots and sidewalks free of ice and snow, the walking biking trail, a clean Nash Recreation Center which is also under your umbrella. Thank you for maintaining 150 acres of parks and outdoor recreation facilities, the native landscaping areas, the variety of park trees as well as all the equipment necessary to perform your duties. It is a big job and a lot of responsibility. In conclusion once again, Andy and Brent thank you and keep up your outstanding work. I and many others appreciate you and your staff.

Jim Coutts, Oregon

CASA could use your support during pandemic

Dear Editor,

The Covid-19 pandemic has had heartbreaking and devastating impacts on our physical and mental health as a society. Covid continues to have far reaching consequences on pretty much every aspect of our lives, from how we shop, how we socialize, family interactions as well as "normal" day to day activities. Covid-19 has also had

a dreadful effect on how non-profits are able to support their operations financially. From canceled fund-raisers to health impacts on staff and volunteers. Non-profits have suffered significantly over the past year. CASA is one such non-profit. CASA does essential, often critical work; they are a voice for abused and neglected children through the power of volunteer

advocacy and the child protection system. These most vulnerable in our community enter a scary and often overwhelming legal system. They often have teams of lawyers, judges, social workers making decisions on their behalf. CASA strives to be a consistent connection for these children. A volunteer becomes a voice for that child. The CASA volunteers provide important

reports to the Judge on behalf of those abused and neglected children.

Take a moment to reflect on the impact Covid-19 has had and consider donating to those organizations who work hard to continue to operate in this environment. Donate to CASA today by visiting their website: casa15thdistrict.org/donate-now/

Darin DeHaan, Oregon

Are there any ethics left in Washington, D.C.?

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed reading two totally different letters published March 15th, one on stopping the government from telling us how to live our life and the second asking "please take care of our democracy." The first letter rings true the rights of the individual to live their life and practice their beliefs as the Constitution of our United States bestowed onto us. Individuals have a right to vote for the President of their choice and support and acknowledge that President's success in his four years of office. Nowhere does Democracy give the government room to be biased against individuals or support elected officials who are biased and condescending to citizens. Spoken like a true Patriot. . .

In a potentially corrupt 2020 election that disenfranchised at least 74 millions true voters, Conservatives came up short against the special voting processes used in the name of Covid 19 virus by certain states and Democratic cities. In our country, the Democratic Party is made up of Elites and the very rich representing Amazon, Facebook, YouTube, Google, Twitter and media groups CNN,

ABC, NBC, MSN, Washington Post, NYTimes to list just a few. These groups represented the Democratic Party against the conservatives, and routinely used censorship, misleading statements (lies) and withholding of damaging information on Democratic Candidates' actions to the public to tilt the 2020 election. So when the second letter asks "please take good care of our democracy" . . . it glowingly shines with Hypocrisy! The Elites and the Democratic Party are ruling the Democracy. Biased social media is still pushing for a divided country, something a Democracy does not stand for. We need the People in control now, the People in power now, the Elites and so-called elected officials, the Democratic Party to stop censorship and promote ethical reporting. But will the Democrat Party, which whined for the last 4 years and tried to overturn the election of President Trump and then voted for impeachment actions which were biased and unethical. . . do anything to care for our Democracy?

All of the attacks on Democracy are addressing the will of the 2016

voters for Trump. These same voters and even more voted for Trump in 2020, but somehow a man living in a basement won the election. So now the call for an election corruption investigation by people in the Democracy is met with denial and refusal to be reviewed fifty times by courts for lack of standing. The courts of the United States and the judges are sworn to the Constitution to uphold the law of the land and be the last stand for Democracy, but the DOJ and Supreme Court refused to take action! It is their job! Are they corrupt too?

So now will the Democratic Party continue to be the corruptor of our Democracy or will the hypocrisy stop? Delmar's Susan Page comment, "Democracies don't give each person everything they want but they instead provide everyone with a compromise they can live with and not fight over." Well something everybody needs and a Democracy demands. . . is a fair and non-corrupt election. Solve this problem. . . All it takes is ethics! Is there any left in D.C.?

Steven G. Sorenson, Polo

LOCAL NEWS



Kids hop down the StoryWalk Trail

OREGON—Creating fun for a lifetime is the goal of the Oregon Park District. COVID has changed the focus to turn events into safe and fun events that can be social distanced. Traditionally the Oregon Park District holds an egg hunt that sees hundreds of people at Park West. In 2020 the event was cancelled but the Park District wanted to offer a fun event for the community in 2021.

On March 24 registered families joined us at Park West to “hop” down the StoryWalk Trail and visit the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny had a little goodie bag for each of the kids thanks to our presenting sponsor, E.D. Etyre & Co. Thanks to the Oregon Public Library, the walk featured The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen. Families enjoyed the walk, story and the visit with the Easter Bunny.

Life seeks Requester Cards

The Ogle County Life is still seeking Requester Cards from readers who reside in **Byron, Oregon** or **Mt. Morris** and had received their paper each week by local paper carriers and not through the mail. We are continuing to add information from the cards that were inserted into the March 15 and March 22 newspapers. Please fill it out completely, sign it, date it and drop it in the mail, or call 815-732-2156 and we will fill out a card for you. We no longer deliver the newspaper by carrier. So please return your Requestor Card or you will risk not receiving the paper until we have it. There is no charge to mail the card back as it is postage paid, so don't jeopardize delivery of the Life to your home and be sure to mail back your card this week.

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Park District offers stencil class

OREGON – Stenciling is fun and easy – you can stencil on just about anything that has a clean and smooth surface. The Park District has partnered with Timber + Tribe for stenciling classes. The Oregon Park District has offered quite a few classes the past few years where participants learn to stencil on wood, but there have also been classes stenciling on canvas, on pillows and other fun surfaces. Register now to learn to stencil an 18” x 30” door mat. Charlotte Bauer, with Timber + Tribe, has a personalized option for participants to choose or pick from one of the other 9 stencil choices.



The Workshop will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap in Oregon. Register through the Oregon Park District online at <https://www.oregonpark.org/programs/online-registration/> or by calling Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101.

Workshop fee is \$45/Resident or \$54/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is April 15. Sign up early as space is limited. CDC/IDPH guidelines will be followed. Attached is picture of door with mat. Home Sweet Home is one of the stencil choices.

Byron Area Seniors meet on April 12

BYRON – The Byron Area Seniors are having their monthly meetings and potluck luncheons. The first meeting this year was March 8, and the next meeting and luncheon will be on April 12 at noon. The group meets the second Monday of the months at the Byron Forest Preserve District's

Jarrett Prairie Center. The group is looking for seniors 55 and older to join the club. Bring a dish to pass – the club provides all of the meat. Dues are \$10 a year. Join the group at the Jarrett Center. If interested, you can come over or call 815-645-8475.

Bread of Life back to inside distribution

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. We provide groceries to our neighbors in need. We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S. Maple, in

Stillman Valley on the second Tuesday of each month. April 13th will begin inside distributions again. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence and call 815-645-8814 for registration details.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oglr County Fair names Public Presentation winners



We were able to hold this year's 4-H Public Presentations Contest in person on March 20 at the Ogle County Farm Bureau. Because we had limited space available for audience members, we recorded the speeches for your enjoyment. Head over to the Ogle County 4-H Facebook page (@Ogle4H) to watch the video clips of the speeches. Thank you to Baker Acres for sponsoring the Public Presentations award!

Presentations – Kade Boatman, Rockford

Top of Class – Original Works – Gracie Prose, Oregon

Top of Class – Illustrated Speech – Kade Boatman, Rockford

The Illinois State 4-H Public Presentation Contest will be held on June 5 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

The 2021 winners are:

Grand Champion Public Presentations – Gracie Prose, Oregon
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State Public Speaking Contest Delegates:

Gracie Prose, *Original Works Speech*
 Kade Boatman, *Illustrated Speech*
 Trent Heller, *Formal Speech*

4-H Day Camp Registration open

POLO – 4-H Day Camp is set for June 15, 16 and 17 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo. Sign up today to get your child in on all of the amazing fun! Youth may choose to participate in all three days of camp, or attend the dates that work best in their schedule.

2021 4-H Camp is a day camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than a few days of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote much of their personal time to ensure today's campers have the same great experience they did as children. Campers at 4-H Camp will check-

in daily at 9 a.m., and daily checkout beginning at 8 p.m. During camp week, youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as hiking, shooting sports, arts and crafts, crate stacking, team building challenges, zip-lining, swimming, and more. Early evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors and include campfires, a games night and an adventure night. It is guaranteed to be a blast!

4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 15, 2021. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-H'ers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$60. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 3. Download a camper application on-line at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northen-illinois-4-h-camp> or you can register online at: go.illinois.edu/4H-SummerCamp. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside Counties at 815-632-3611.

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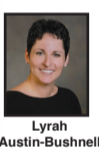
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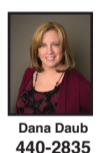
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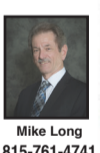
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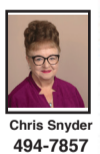
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 \$69,900 dickersonnieman.com/202100893
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! 3 bed, 2 bath open concept floor plan home w/vaulted ceilings throughout. Cozy kitchen. Dining area open to porch. Master bed w/WIC & full bath. 2 addt. beds w/ large closets. Full guest bath. Freshly painted. Fenced yard. 5515 ALTIMANASH Lane, Machesney Park
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 \$400,000 dickersonnieman.com/202100879
CLEAN & UPDATED RANCH! 4 bed, 3.5 bath home w/split bedroom floor plan & open concept living. Eat in kitchen & formal dining. Main floor master suite, first floor office & laundry. Finished exposed Lower level w/large family rm, bedroom & full bath. 3826 MACKINAW Trail, Rockford
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 \$370,000 dickersonnieman.com/202100856
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ALL NEW NEW! Renovated ranch w/1700 sq ft finished 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2.5 car garage, 3 Season room, finished basement & over half acre yard in a private cul-de-sac. New kitchen, baths, floors, lighting, paint & new furnace. 11796 GRAYSTONE Circle, Roscoe
ALAINA LEVINS
 815-227-5900

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WELL-KEPT 2 STORY! 2 bed, 1 bath 2 story home in the heart of Shirland. Roomy kitchen leads to dining area, office and living room. 2nd floor offers master bedroom w/additional sitting area and 2nd bedroom. 2 car detached garage. 13114 PUTNAM Street, Shirland
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NEW LISTING!

 \$999,999 dickersonnieman.com/202100066
ANARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY! On 5 private acres overlooking a bend of the Rock River. Approx. 5600 sqft, custom built brick & stone home containing 4 BRs, 3.5 bths & 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, furnace, & central air. Home Warranty Offered. 311 S 3RD Street, Oregon
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NEW LISTING!

 \$315,000 dickersonnieman.com/202007033
ONE OF A KIND! Stunning English Tudor home designed by architect Gilbert Johnson. Over 4000 SF of living space located in historic Brown's Hills district w/beautiful views of Rock River. Home features 5 beds, 2 full baths, 2 half baths and 3 fireplaces. 1030 N 2ND Street, Rockford
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NEW LISTING!

 \$88,900 dickersonnieman.com/202006477
HOT PROPERTY! Special use permit, one of a kind opportunity, great single family home currently used as a medical office. ML kitchen & half bath. 3 beds w/full bath. ML reception & small office area w/ 4 treatment rms, private off & x-ray room + more! 611 ALBURN Street, Rockford
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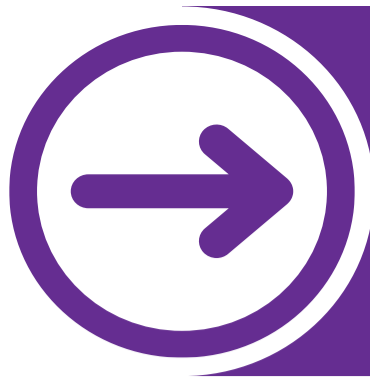
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BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole, Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
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NEW LISTING!

 \$69,000 dickersonnieman.com/201701914
BYRON SUBI! 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
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Youman makes All-State Academic Team

STILLMAN VALLEY – On Friday, Feb. 26, the IHSA announced the 26 members of the 2021 IHSA All-State Academic Team, which includes Stillman Valley High School's Nate Youman.

Every IHSA member school was invited to nominate one female student and one male student to be a part of this prestigious team. Nominees needed to possess a minimum 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale after their 7th semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored activities during each of the last two years of high school and demonstrated outstanding citizenship. Given the changes to the high school sports and activities schedule caused by the pandemic, students remained eligible for All-State Academic Team if they had planned to participate in their sport or activity. Honorees are traditionally celebrated at banquet in Bloomington, however, a virtual program is currently in the works for this spring. The nominations were evaluated by a committee made up of IHSA principals, athletic directors

and activities directors. One male winner and one female winner from each of the seven IHSA Board of Directors Divisions were selected initially, while the final 12 spots on the team were then rounded out with at-large candidates from anywhere in the state.

"It is hard to think of a more perfect high school resume than the one Nate has established for himself," said Heather Alderks, Athletics/Activities director at Meridian CUSD #223. "Athletically, not only is he involved, but he has reached out and tried new sports in both cross country and track. Nate's involvement in activities and clubs is what sets him apart. He is involved in over a dozen clubs, activities, and advisory committees. He is a true leader among eaders. This is one of many accolades that Nate will earn. Meridian CUSD and SVHS are privileged to have been a part of his journey which will lead to incredible places."

Youman was selected because he is an integral part of athletics, activities and academics at Stillman Valley High School. He



was a member of the varsity Cross Country team this past fall. He also is on the IL School Board Student Advisory Committee, SVHS Principal Student Advisory Committee, marching band (drum major), Scholastic Bowl Team, Chess Team, Math Team, Library Teen Advisory Council, Book Club, Spanish Club and has had supporting leads in the fall play and the school mu-

sical for 4 years. Youman received 1st place in the regional Math team competition (Algebra 2017) and also competed with the WYSE team. Youman has a GPA of 4.365 and qualified as National Merit Scholarship Commended, earned the College Board "National Rural and Small Town Commended Scholar" and AP Scholar. Next year he will be studying at

University of Chicago.

The team was revealed in the video message by IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert.

"Presenting this amazing group of students is always one of the highlights of the school year," Lambert said. "However, it takes on an even more special meaning given the challenges these young people have faced over the past year. They em-

body the IHSA's mission, excelling in the classroom, in addition to the multiple sports and activities that they participate in. It really is an accomplishment just to be nominated for this award, so we commend them for their resiliency in sticking with both their studies and extracurriculars as best as possible during the unprecedented events of the last year."

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Open House Sunday April 11th 11 am - 1 pm hosted by Rebecca
405 W Mason St Polo \$245,000

\$2,000 CLOSING CREDIT offered to a BUYER with an accepted offer by April 15th! 1894 Victorian Painted Lady home is located in the infamous Silk Stocking Hill neighborhood of Polo. Featuring modern updates including a cherry wood kitchen, new quarter sawn oak flooring & private master bedroom suite. This 5 bedroom & 3 bath makes the perfect home for raising children in a highly rated school district with a low property tax rate. The screened gazebo is the perfect oasis to unwind or work from home. Escape into your private oasis of a master bedroom suite w/ a spacious full bathroom & walk in closet. Beautiful historic roots with impressive woodwork, pocket doors & formal dining room with hand painted silk ceiling covering. High efficiency furnaces, air conditioners & updated insulation make this home very energy efficient. New updates: refinished hardwood floors, cement board siding, roof & windows.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House Sunday April 11th 11 am - 1 pm hosted by Casey
308 W Locust Street Polo now \$265,000

CLASSIC CRAFTSMAN on a CORNER LOT! If you are looking for a beautifully updated home with the charm of yesteryear, look no further. This 4 bedroom home has been updated from top to bottom while maintaining its craftsman style. Situated on a large .54 acre corner lot, you will have plenty of room both inside and out. Chef's kitchen has been updated with stunning subway tile backsplash, granite counters, tile floor & custom made cabinets with ample storage. Bright and spacious living room with plenty of windows and gas log fireplace. Off of the living room you will instantly fall in love with the inviting sunroom! If you both work from home, do not worry- this home has 2 office spaces! Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms gleaming with hardwood floors. The finished attic is a huge bonus with a theatre room and office. Either space could be used as a 5th or 6th bedroom. Outside you will find your own personal oasis with the composite decking, cedar pergola and stone patio. Many, many updates have been done to: plumbing, electrical, windows, roof, insulation and numerous mechanicals.

NEW LISTING

611 S 2nd Street Oregon \$109,900 Call Carla
New listing in Oregon! Newly renovated ranch with 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, new steel roof on the house and garage! Generator included too! New bathroom, hardwood flooring, main floor laundry. Call today for your private showing.

NEW LISTING

300 Main Street Chana \$75,000 Call Rebecca
CALLING ALL INVESTORS! Turn key investment property with cap rate of over 10% located in Chana. Home to the US Postal Office with a large 3 bedroom apartment upstairs that also features a 1500 square feet garage space underneath. Rent the apartment out upstairs and you also have the option to turn the garage into storage rental space or use for storage of your own personal items. The post office has been a long term renter and has 2 years left on their lease. Tenants pay their own utilities. Unique opportunity to own a property with great cash flow!

NEW PRICE

404 E Park Drive Byron now \$135,000 Call Andrea
RIVER ACCESS! Stunning remodeled ranch home just outside of Byron sits on nearly .31 acres. This one-of-a-kind home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and 950 sq ft of living space. Large cathedral ceiling living room with new fireplace and stonework. Other updates include electrical, roof, siding, windows, drywall, interior paint, custom trim and hardwood flooring. For a small fee you can have access to the private Rock River Terrace boat launch. Call today to schedule your private showing!

NEW LISTING

7749 Hale Drive, Cherry Valley \$175,000 Call Erin
Updated 4 bed, 2 bath home on dead end street in Cherry Valley. The living room has a beautiful bay window that lets in tons of natural light! The 4 bedrooms are larger in size and the master and updated master bath are not to be missed! The finished basement has another area for watching tv or hanging out with friends! An huge workshop has space for the whole family's tools and hobbies! Last but by no means least, the kitchen was recently updated with all new SS appliances (2014) and an amazing central island! This will truly become the heart of your new home! New sliding door (2016) takes you outside to a large deck and fully fenced yard that sits on almost a half acre lot! Roof (2015), WH and Furnace (2019) So close to shopping and restaurants! Make an appointment to see this one today!

NEW LISTING

105 S Elida Street Winnebago \$25,000 Call Rebecca
BUILDABLE LOT! .18 acre lot located near downtown Winnebago. Zoned Commercial. The possibilities are endless with this property located on a high visibility street!

NEW LISTING

220 Artesian Place Dixon \$75,000 Call Rebecca
MOVE IN READY! Loads of charm in this move in ready 2 bed/1 bath house. Situated close to downtown Dixon, this home has many updates including: roof, light fixtures & windows. The kitchen has also been updated with over sized cabinets and loads of storage. There is a 2 car garage & plenty of storage throughout the home. A nice private backyard for you to spend the warm summer months!

NEW LISTING

7 E Hitt Street Mt Morris \$75,000 Call Lori
4 Bedrooms, fenced in back yard, 2-car garage, and much much more! Like to tinker? This huge basement has a great workshop room right next to the bar! If you prefer to watch the game and relax in the spacious living room, we've got that covered too. Just don't wait too long, the market is starved, and houses like this won't last long.

SPORTS

Oregon boys soccer team beats Winnebago

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys soccer team topped Winnebago 3-1 on Saturday, March 27. Isaac Nelson led the Hawks with two goals, while Gavin Bradshaw scored one goal and Joey Gelande netted two assists. Oregon lost to Dixon 1-0 on Tuesday, March 30, despite 11 saves from Owen Ketter.

Byron beats Oregon behind 126 yards from Featherston

MENDOTA — The Oregon High School varsity football team squared off against Byron High School on Saturday, March 27. The Tigers edged the Hawks 24-16 in the contest, which was hosted at Mendota High School. Josiah Featherston led Byron with 126 rushing yards and one touchdown, while Chandler Binkley totaled 111 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Breccan Berns scored on a 19-yard touchdown rush in the first quarter for Oregon, while Wylee Rice ran for a 31-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to tie the game for the Hawks.

Stillman Valley boys soccer loses; football wins

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley boys soccer team fell 8-1 against Genoa-Kingston on Thursday, March 25. The Cardinals lost 6-2 to Harlem on Saturday, March 27. Stillman Valley lost 2-0 against Rockford Christian on Monday, March 29 and 7-0 to Indian Creek on March 30. The Stillman Valley volleyball team dropped a three-set match against Mendota on Thursday, March 25, falling 25-17, 18-25, 17-25. The Cardinals bounced back at Rochelle on Saturday, March 27, winning 25-23, 21-25, 27-25. Stillman Valley fell 21-25, 25-18, 21-25 against Sycamore on Monday, March 29 before losing 8-25, 12-25 to Rock Falls on Tuesday, March 30. The Stillman Valley football team faced Winnebago on Saturday, March 27, winning 21-10.

Oregon tops Pecatonica

OREGON — The Oregon High School volleyball team topped Pecatonica 25-13, 25-15 on Monday, March 29. Ava Wight totaled eight kills, 10 digs and one ace in the match, while Jen Bothe added seven kills and one block. Olivia Ankney finished with 10 digs for the Hawks.

Mount Mercy University announces Dean's List

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – The following students have been named to the Dean's List following Mercy University's fall semester.

Oregon – Abbie Ring
Stillman Valley – Abigail Richardson
Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mount Mercy's 1,800+ students come from around the globe, creating a vibrant, diverse and open-minded campus community. Popular undergraduate majors include business, nursing, criminal justice, education and social work. Master's programs are offered in criminal justice, strategic leadership, business administration (MBA), education, nursing, and marriage and family therapy. Doctoral programs offered are Doctor of Nursing Practice and Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy.

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Mount Morris Library News

Window Egg Scavenger Hunt

We have something to help fill some time during Spring Break... there are 10 (ten) Easter eggs scattered in business windows around town. Stop by the library and pick up the sheet (or print it from our Facebook page) to write down where you found each egg. As long as you have 8 out of 10 correct, you'll get a goodie bag! You can drop off your completed sheet to the library any time. You can also email a copy to dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com. Let's have some fun in the sun! (ends Thursday, April 8th)

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 26th. Deliveries to those unable to come get

Polo Library News

Polo Library New Hours

Open hours will be Mondays – 10 a.m.-7p.m., Tuesdays – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays – 10 a.m.-7p.m., Thursdays – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside services will continue to be available during open hours. Masks are required for entry.

"I Heart Polo" Family History Walk - Saturday, April 10th - 1:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family over to the Library to join Ms. Melanie on a History Walk around Polo as she shares the history, the people, and the places that make Polo special! This program will be great for adults and kids of all ages. Let Ms. Melanie know you're planning on coming by calling 815-946-2713 or by sending an email to library@pololibrary.org

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 com-

munity 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.

A Fireside Chat with John Sandford Wednesday, April 14 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

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.

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

them 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.

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 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 Sanford, 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.

Have a Collection or Hobby to Share?

Do you have a collection available to share with others? Things you are proud of and want others to see? What about a hobby? We have two display cases that are calling for items to be shown/viewed!! How about snowmen? Beanie babies? Penguins? History? Art? We aren't picky!! We want to show off your items! Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com for more information.

Join Our Email List

Want to make sure you receive information about our upcoming programs and other important information directly? Feel like you forget programs you were interested in because you only saw them on social media? If so, call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Birthday

Ella Ryann Ritchie celebrates first birthday

OREGON – Ella Ryann Ritchie celebrated her first birthday recently with a "the lucky one" themed party.

Ella was born on March 17, Saint Patrick's Day, and her parents are Jonathan and Sara Ritchie of Oregon.

The family gathered for the birthday celebration at Hazel's Café in Oregon.

Ella's grandparents include Kim Snow, John and Maria Shank and Dean Ritchie. Her great-grandparents are Santiago and Maria Ramos of Rochelle, as well as Dave and Sharon Brown of Creston, Char Smith of Rochelle, Carol Snow of Dixon and Dolores Shank of Rockford.



Ella loved having so many family and friends come out to celebrate her first birthday.

Birth



Couple welcomes second set of twins

Nate and Brittany Drozd announce the birth of their identical twin boys, Nathan Daniel Paul Drozd and Nelson David Craig Drozd. Nathan and Nelson were born on Nov. 4, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital. Nathan weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. Nelson weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. Nathan and Nelson were welcomed home by big sisters, Lauren and Annabelle, age 4 and Natalie, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Dave and Gretchen Nelson of Mt. Morris and the late Lois Nelson. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Kathy Drozd of Oregon. Great-grandparents are Carl and Leona Nelson of Mt. Morris and Bob and Leona Groenhagen of Oregon.

U. of Central Arkansas announces Dean's List

CONWAY, Ark. – The University of Central Arkansas has announced the Dean's List and Presidential Scholars for the fall 2020 semester.

Recognition on the Dean's List or as a Presidential Scholar is based on grades earned during each semester of the regular academic year.

Dean's List and Presidential Scholars from the area are:

- Kalyn Brown of Byron – Dean's List
- Morgan Brown of Byron – Dean's List

Eligibility on the Dean's List requires at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum course load of 12 credit hours. Students must achieve a 4.0 GPA with a minimum course load of 12 credit hours to qualify for recognition as a Presidential Scholar.

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Oregon Library News

National Library Week – Welcome to your library, April 4-10

As part of the National Library Week celebration, when Oregon Public Library cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. There will also be special treats for patrons checking out materials!

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. During the pandemic, library workers continue to exceed their communities' demands and adapt resources and services to meet their users' needs during these challenging times. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to transform lives through education and lifelong learning. Oregon Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries.

Library procedures

The Oregon Public Library

is currently offering curbside pick-up and appointments for browsing, computer use, printing or faxing. Masks and hand sanitizing is required upon entering the Library. Please call (815) 732 – 2724 to schedule pick-ups or appointments. Holds can be placed online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>, over the phone with Library staff at (815)732-2724, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile. Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases! You can also talk to the librarians for book recommendations and to place items on hold!

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 Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen.

“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.

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).

Protecting seniors from scams – Live Webinar, April 20 at 2 p.m.

Each year, millions of senior Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or confidence scheme. This virtual webinar will outline the scams that specifically target older citizens. Learn to recognize these scams and end all communication with the perpetrator. Attorney General Community Outreach Liaison, Ryan Aderman, will share recommendations and

remedies. Registration required 815-732-2724.

Video story time
New story times will be posted on Facebook every Thursday at 10 a.m. Crafts or activities relating to the story will also be posted. Let us hear from you in the comments!

Take and make crafts for kids – Ages 3 years & up

A variety of craft kits are now available for young patrons to pick up curbside and take home. For more information contact the Library at 815-732-2724. Kits will be first come, first serve while supplies last.

Library book clubs

The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 pm to discuss Clean and Hungry by Lisa Lillien. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 21 at 1 p.m. to discuss Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict.

Cookbook Book Club – Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Hungry Girl, Clean & Hungry by Lisa Lillien Easy All-Natural recipes for healthy eating in the real world. Join us for our COOK BOOK book club, trying various recipes from different cookbooks. For April, this group will meet in person and

via Zoom. Pick up your copy of the Cookbook at the Library and pick one (or more) recipe to make and discuss during our meeting. Registration requested.

Oregon Writers Group – 2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00am

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

New releases

What Big Teeth by Rose Szabo (Science Fiction)
Plant-Based On A Budget by Toni Okamoto (Non-Fiction 641.5 OKA)
The Kindest Lie by Nancy Johnson (Large Print Fiction)
Fast Ice by Clive Cussler (Fiction)
2034: A Novel Of The Next World War by Elliot Ackerman (Fiction)
A Matter Of Life And Death by Phillip Margolin (Fiction)
The Little French Bridal Shop by Jennifer Dupee (Fiction)
A Desolation Called Peace by Arkady Martine (Science Fiction)
Murder In An Irish Bookshop by Carlene O’Connor (Mystery)
Strong Silent Cowboy by Lora Leigh (Paperback Romance)

Julia Hull Library News

Library Services

Visit the library for Grab & Go Services: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Curbside ‘til 8 p.m.); Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A few reminders before you pop in. Masks (covering both nose and mouth) are required. No exceptions. You’ll have 15 minutes to browse and select items, and checkout. Sorry—no meetings, classes, or hanging out. Programming will continue remotely, online. Computer use is limited, and available

by reservation only. Computer sessions are limited to 45 minutes/day. For your safety and convenience, curbside pickup, remote services, and personal shopping will continue indefinitely. For all the details, visit our website: www.juliahull.org/covid-19-information. Please give us a call for assistance: 815-645-8611.

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. Reserve your April storytime ecraft kits using the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. January kits now available. While supplies last.

Craft Bomb
What will this month’s Craft Bomb be? You’ll find out when it drops! Look for our video on Facebook and Instragram, then follow the instructions to reserve your kit.

While supplies last. Adults only. One per person. Next drop: Thursday, April 1 (no foolin’!)

Geode Pour Coasters

Geology inspires craft as we use paint and metallic leaf to transform simple bathroom tiles into a gorgeous set of coasters. Via Zoom, Monday, April 12 at 6 p.m. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at jkuever@mail.meridian223.org to register. Adults only.

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Forreton Library News

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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 10-7, Sat 8-Noon. Please do not leave plastics unattended during non-business hours.

Wednesday WhoDunIt: April 28 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 a.m.

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.

Preschool Activities
Looking for fun, engaging activities for your preschooler? Our Grab n Go packets include a Scholastic story paper with a different theme each month, accompanying worksheets/coloring pages, and a code to access online stories and activities. Call to reserve yours or stop in and pick one up for your favorite little person.

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH
205 N. Peru St., Byron IL 61524-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON
A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Tyler Spellious
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

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

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

FORRESTON

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

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

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

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

LINDENWOOD

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

KINGS

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
All are welcome here!
"By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve"
During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
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We wear masks, keep distances, and limit attendance.
815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

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

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

OREGON

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"Building relationships through Christ"
The corner of Rt 64 and 9 th St, Oregon, il
Sunday Worship Service 10 am

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH
2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

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

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

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

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC
114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
Pastor: Rick Tomlinson
Website: stpaulnalc.org weebly.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

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

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

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 61545-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

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

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

Byron 815-234-5626 Oregon 815-732-7956
Rochelle 815-562-7071 Rockford 815-332-8100
Roscoe/Rockton 815-623-1800 Stillman Valley 815-645-2266

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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Zilch
 - 5 Male swan
 - 8 "Ditto"
 - 12 Mideast air-line
 - 13 Glacial
 - 14 "Let's go!"
 - 15 Pattern
 - 17 Help a hood
 - 18 Old photo tint
 - 19 Walks with pride
 - 21 Yuletide tune
 - 24 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
 - 25 Verifiable
 - 28 Carton sealer
 - 30 Mimic
 - 33 Hostel
 - 34 Goes belly up
 - 35 Water tester
 - 36 "Acid"
 - 37 French 101 verb
 - 38 Quick look
 - 39 Online address
 - 41 Ump's call
 - 43 Steak choices
 - 46 Toy bricks
 - 50 Actor McGregor
 - 51 Intensify
 - 54 Damon of Hollywood
 - 55 Essen exclamation
 - 56 Grand tale



- 9 Walk
- 10 Champagne brand
- 11 Tolkien creatures
- 16 Thai language
- 20 Cravats
- 22 Coup d' —
- 23 Hideaways
- 25 Up to
- 26 ER workers
- 27 Move in waves
- 29 Entreaty
- 31 "The Raven" writer
- 32 "A mouse!"
- 34 Fedora fabric
- 38 Kitchen gadget
- 40 Oscar de la —
- 42 Ga. neighbor
- 43 Disaster aid org.
- 44 "As — saying ..."
- 45 Barking critter
- 47 Be slack-jawed
- 48 Elevator name
- 49 Faction
- 52 High school subj.
- 53 "Evita" role

DOWN

- 1 Tennis barriers
- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Slightly wet
- 4 Skiing style
- 5 Spy org.
- 6 Halloween mo.
- 7 Tournament passes
- 8 Surgery reminders

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MAGIC MAZE

SMOOTHIE INGREDIENTS

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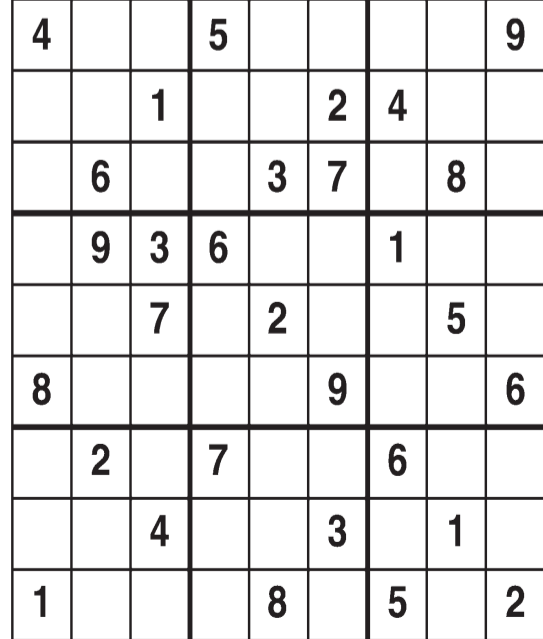
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: GREEK —

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| Banana | Ice cream | Nuts | Syrup |
| Blueberries | Ice | Protein | Tea |
| Chocolate | Kale | Seeds | Whey |
| Honey | Milk | Spinach | |

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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.

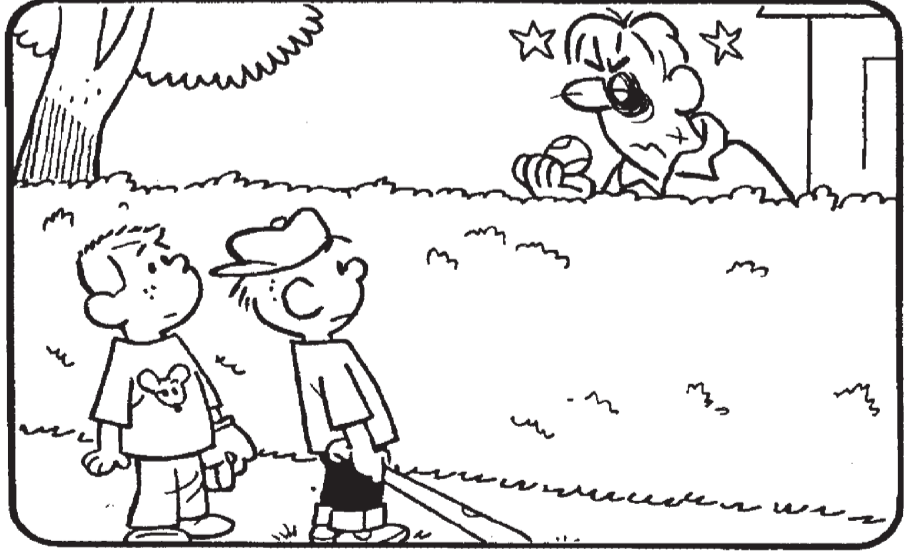
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

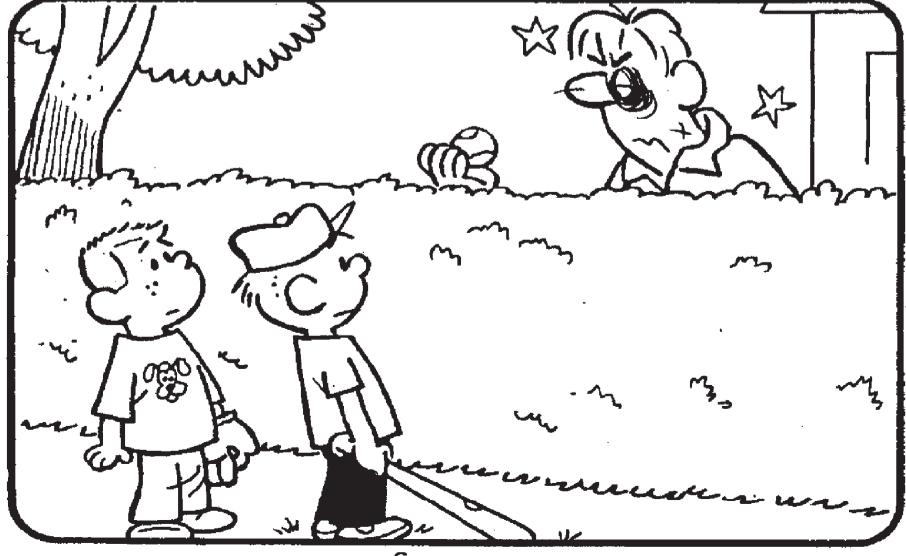
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

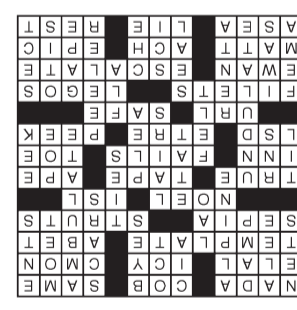


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

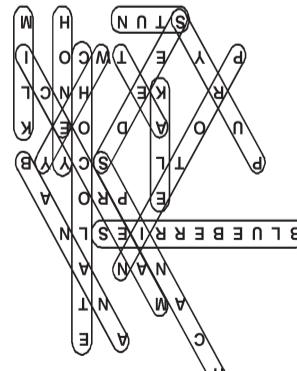


Differences: Cap is reversed. 2. Star is moved. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Cuffs are missing. 6. Shirt is different.

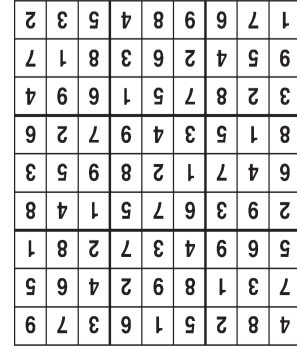
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Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



SMOOTHIE INGREDIENTS



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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103 AUCTIONS

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815-874-2257

305 GARAGE SALES

Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale

Garage Sale!!

Down Sizing!

218 E Hill Crest Dr. Byron

April 8 & 9th 9 Am- 4pm

April 10th 9am til last customer (open time)

We have Granit ware, Milk bottles, John Boat Seat, Bryer horses, Garden Angels, Ball Canning Jars, Pond Plants, Motorcycle parts

Lots of Misc! For photos check ad on market place

Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF)2021
THE)P 24
ESTATE)
OF:)
MARY C.)
KIRSCHER,)
deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of MARY C. KIRSCHER of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 5, 2021, to Susan M. Dedi Norton of Goodyear, Arizona, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.

Susan M. Dedi Norton
Administrator
No. 0318 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY

Request of:
Gabriel Antonio Garcia
Case Number
2021 MR 13

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Gabriel Antonio Garcia to the new name of: Gabriel Paul O'Brien. The court date will be held on May 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #304.
Gabriel Garcia

No. 0323 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice 1s hereby given that on March 16, 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: Woodburn Road Woodworks 11395 N Woodburn Rd Byron, IL 61010
Dated: March 16, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0328 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 9, 2021 for:

1. 21-XX000-00-GM 2020 Township Sealcoats,
2. 21-00000-02-GM 2020 County Sealcoats,
3. 21-21000-00-GM Rockvale Twp Paving,
4. 21-06000-01-GM Flagg Twp Paving,
5. 21-26000-00-GM Oregon-Nashua Township Paving
6. 21-06000-02-GM Flagg Township Micro-surfacing
7. 20-00329-00-RS Flagg Road Resurfacing
8. 19-16120-00-BR Maple Grove Rd Culvert
9. 20-00335-00-BR Flagg Rd Culvert Upgrade

Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.
No. 0333 (Mar. 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

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

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 24, 2021, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business 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: Rooted Salon, 304 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061.
Dated: March 24, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0401 (April 5)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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LAWN CARE BY JEREMY FURMAN. Rochelle and surrounding area. Spring and fall clean up, tree trimming, storm damage, mowing

203 HELP WANTED

Great Opportunity for Community Newspaper Editor

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.

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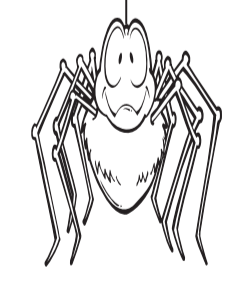
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The Oregon Park District is accepting applications for a part time Receptionist. Position requires approximately 20 hours weekly. Additional hours are available during the holiday seasons and employee vacations. Hourly wage begins at \$11.00/hr. Position includes facility pass membership and program discounts.
Applications are available online at www.oregonpark.org and accepted at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. 5th St., Oregon. Further information may be attained by contacting Alyssa Barringer @ (815)732-3101 or alyssa@oregonpark.org.

WE ARE HIRING!
The Byron Forest Preserve is looking for a Custodian at the Jarrett Prairie Center. The part-time position is 20-25 hours per week with a flexible schedule available. Pay range is \$11-\$14/hour depending on qualifications. Benefits include sick time, vacation time, IMRF retirement, holiday pay, and a free personal golf pass to PrairieView Golf Club that's worth \$1,300!
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Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Last Tumbling Session at Nash until September

Registration closes on Monday, May 3 or until filled.

The Kids Spot Inc. tumbling program has proven effective. We utilize interactive tumbling instructors to provide your child the best experience possible. We offer a variety of class offerings from Tiny to Novice classes at 2-time frames of 4:45 pm and 6 p.m. for 3-year olds and up. We will have a 4-week session this May on Wednesday evenings beginning 5/5 through 5/26. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. We are taking extra precautions during this Winter session to ensure everyone's safety. We will only allow 1 individual per child. There will be a check in system upon arrival and all children and individuals will be spaced out and asked to have masks. Additional cleaning will occur as well on shared surfaces. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

time. Registration is just \$2 for Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Monday, April 5. You can register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. A future STEM day will also be held on 4/22 and be Earth Day themed.

Tuesday Games

Extend your child's school day with social fun on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.! 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.

- 4/6 Uno Tournament
- 4/13 Jeopardy
- 4/20 Skip-Bo Tournament
- 4/27 Improv Games

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 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 Saturday, April 10 at 9:00am for our first

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 8. 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.

Summer Camp OPD

Our summer camp is designed for students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and focuses on emphasizing fun, peer interaction, planned activities, and personal growth. Camp Oh-Pea-Dee will be limited to 24 campers in 2021. Participants will have local field trips each week, swim multiple times a week with the option of swim

lessons, participate in a library program throughout the camp season and visit the Splash Pad along with participating in Flamingo Bingos, Pop Up and Plays, and even Operation Moves! Also, 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 experience, spots are filling fast! Visit <https://www.oregonpark.org/programs/camp-oh-pea-dee/> for more information. Contact Amanda Zimmermann at 815-732-3101 or amanda@oregonpark.org with any questions.

Bingo Fun For Everyone

We will be playing Bingo at Nash from 1:30-2 p.m. on Mondays through April. Bingo is fun for all ages and all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Participants must register for a table in advance to help us control participation numbers and social distancing. Please

bring your own daubers. Register one person in the household (for a table). Purchase Bingo sheets when you register for \$1 each. This is a no cash/no contact program. We will play 3-4 games and each person playing will need at least one sheet per game. The person who is registered for a table can bring 5 additional people with them (there will be a max of 6 people per table. Winners will choose from small prizes (no cash prizes).

Paint & Sip Workshop-Swirly Tree

Looking for a fun evening out and the opportunity to paint? No experience required or for those that paint regularly, enjoy another fun paint project at Cork & Tap on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Amy Fenwick, local artist, will walk you through the painting process and you will leave with your own unique swirly tree on 12" x 12" canvas. All supplies are included in the class fee and the best part is, there is no mess at home.

Purchase your favorite beverage from Cork & Tap to sip on while you work. Fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 8.

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 9-11 a.m., Tuesday evenings from 4-6:30 pm and now on Saturday mornings from 8-10 a.m.!

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.

STEM-Zoo

Extend your 5-13-year-olds school day with some enrichment at Nash Recreation Center. On Thursday, April 8 we will lead a STEM activity that will keep children engaged and motivated and be themed around the zoo category. 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

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