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Bills aimed at saving plant

Public asked to be active in effort to keep Byron station open

By Brad Jennings
Editor

A new bipartisan bill aimed at supporting nuclear power in Illinois is working its way through the state Senate and House.

According to a release by the Byron Station Response Committee (BSRC), a version of this bill, called the Climate Union Jobs Act (CUJA), could be passed in the coming weeks. The committee calling on the public's help to generate support and passage of this legislation.

"We are hopeful it will pass out of committee in the near future and be brought to the Senate floor for discussion and action," said Byron #226 Superintendent Buster Barton.

Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27, 2020 that it intends to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021. Byron will close in September 2021. That would mean not only the loss of about 700 jobs, but it will also mean the loss of millions of dollars in taxes locally. Paul Dempsey, Communications Manager of the Byron station, said that the station's 2017 tax bill was more than \$38 million. The taxes went to a variety of taxing bodies, including the Byron School District, Ogle County and the Byron Museum and Library District.

In a release, the BSRC said it supports the Climate Union Jobs Act (CUJA), which is sponsored by Illinois Representatives Lawrence Walsh Jr. (D-Joliet) and David Welter (R-Morris), as well as Senators Sue Rezin (R-Mor-



The Byron Generating Station is slated to be closed by Exelon in September, 2021. (Life file photo)

ris) and Michael Hastings (D-Frankfort).

The legislation aims to preserve the state's nuclear fleet and expand renewable generation, sets labor standards when ratpayer dollars are used, returns to traditional ratemaking, creates a transition plan for communities economically reliant on fossil fuel generation, establishes equity requirements

for clean energy jobs, and increases the diversity of the renewable energy sector with new reporting requirements, to name just a few, the release said.

The committee is encouraging area residents to visit its website, www.saveinnuclearpower.com to see ways to support the drive to save the plants.

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Grant money helps Sheriff's Department get trained K9

OREGON—The Ogle County Sheriff's Office is better equipped to keep all community members safe thanks to a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

The \$13,000 grant has been used to purchase an expertly trained K9, fulfilling a critical need within the department.

"We are committed to helping organizations such as Ogle County Sheriff's Office continue their lifesaving work within local communities," said Robin Peters, executive director, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. "We are honored to be able to award this grant and do our part to ensure that Ogle County is safer for everyone, including first responders."

The K9 will assist in locating

missing/endangered persons, handler protection, criminal apprehension and drug detection.

The grant was one of 96 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation awarded to public safety organizations across the country during the most recent grant application period. The 96 grants total more than \$1.8 million.

To donate and learn more about Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, visit FirehouseSubsFoundation.org.

About foundation

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs Founders established the 501(c)(3), non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides funding resources, lifesaving equipment, prevention education, and train-



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LOCAL NEWS

Concert series receives grant

POLO – Polo Public Library announced it has received a \$3000 grant for the 2021 Outdoor Concert Series. The grant was awarded by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois' Community Grants Program.

There is a great lineup for the third year of Outdoor Concerts at the Polo Library Pavilion. The series will be kicking off with Lyle Grobe & the Rhythm Ramblers playing country classics on May 22. Local acoustic band Burn N' Bush will play on June 19, coinciding with Polo Town & Country Days. July 10th we will host Espinosa & Coffey who plays acoustic covers of old and new favorites. Wrapping up the concert series this year will be Turras, an Irish/Celtic band from the Peoria area.

There will be yard games and fun activities for kids of all ages starting at 5pm and the music will start at 6 p.m. We invite everyone in the community to bring your lawn chair down to Polo Library and enjoy the music! You can find more information at pololibrary.org or by calling the Polo Library at 815-946-2713.

About Polo Public Library:

Since 1871, Polo Public Library has strived to connect people through lifelong learning, generate community involvement, preserve our storied past, enrich present lives, and prepare for an ever-changing future. Board President Marie Monaco and Library Director Ellen Finfrock.

About the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois:

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve, and grow an endowment for current and future needs of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953 CFNIL has granted more than \$73 million for charitable purposes. Learn more about CFNIL's grantmaking and commitment to endowment at cfnil.org.

Polo Lions sponsoring meat raffle

POLO – The Polo Lions Club is sponsoring its first Meat Raffle from April 1 through June 20. Five winners will be drawn on June 20, with prizes including two quarter beef with freezer, two half hogs and a \$100 gift certificate from Polo Fresh Food.

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or three for \$20 and can be purchased a First State Bank in Polo.

Proceeds and donations this year will benefit the Polo Poll concession stand and various other community projects.



New tavern

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Courthouse Tavern to Oregon with a Grand Opening Celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 24. City officials, friends and family were happy to attend. The Courthouse Tavern is a beautifully renovated pub located at 133 S. 4th St in Oregon. They offer a variety of beer and cocktails and a very nice VIP gaming area too. Food is provided by their sister location, Father and Sons of Oregon, which is conveniently located right next door. Place your food order with your waitress and Father and Sons will run it right over to you. They are open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. every day. Be sure to stop in sometime soon for a fun time with friends to welcome them to the community.

PLANT: They believe Gov. Pritzker can support the bill

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If the bills do pass, it will be up to Gov. JB Pritzker to sign them into law.

"In terms of gubernatorial support, we believe that this bill is something Gov. Pritzker can get behind and ultimately sign into law," Barton said. "Among other things, if enacted, the legislation would protect thousands of high paying jobs for Illinois citizens, provide several additional

accountability measures for utilities aimed at protecting consumers, keep the electrical grid stable, and push forward the governor's clean energy efforts within the state."

The Oregon Park District received \$2.7 million in taxes in 2019, with 78 percent of that coming from taxes paid by Exelon. Park District Executive Director Erin Folk has been working with other area officials to help save the plant.

"Over 1,300 witness slips in favor of the legislation were submitted in support of HB1472 and over 1,200 were submitted for SB1100," Folk said. "Witness slips are important each time a hearing is held for the legislation and typically there is very little notice. A real grass roots effort is taking place to garner support for the legislation. Folks interested in more information can visit <https://savebyron.com/>."

The BSRC website, www.saveilnuclearpower.com has easy-to-use links to these Witness Slip forms, as well as additional information on the bill and the groups supporting it, the committee said in a release. Because situations can change quickly in the legislative session, the group is urging all supporters to sign up for emails from the website and is asking them to check the website frequently for updates.

Witness Slips are a first step, but the group expects to move on to letter writing campaigns and telephone call banks. The group's website has resources regarding handwritten letters of support, proposed telephone scripts for those who would rather call, and a complete list of the addresses and phone numbers of lawmakers who serve on the House and Senate Committees debating the proposed bill.

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A celebration of life for Warren G. Reckmeyer

A celebration of life for Warren G. Reckmeyer, who passed away on March 26, 2020, will be held on Saturday May 15, 2021 at 2:30 P.M. at the Warren G. Reckmeyer Band Shell, Mt. Morris, IL.

A reception will be held following the memorial at Band Shell. Seating is limited so please bring a chair please follow Covid-19 restrictions by wearing a mask and social distancing.

To view the service via live stream please use this link
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~ Love from all your family

LOCAL NEWS

Serenity Hospice offering free Dr. Wolfelt Course on grief

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce they will be starting an 8-week class entitled, “Understanding Your Grief.”

This class will run each Wednesday from May 19-July 7. The group will meet at The Serenity Hospice Home located at 1658 S. IL Rt. 2 just south of Oregon from 4-5:30 p.m.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hospice’s Bereavement

Coordinator.

“I am very excited to offer a class like this one,” Warren said. “Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end.”

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt.

Please be aware that in an effort to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus, you will be asked to take your temperature upon entering the building. We will also practice social distancing and protect each other by wearing facemasks. Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class – 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren. Class sizes are limited so call today.

Obituary

Patricia Ann Voth

STILLMAN VALLEY – Patricia “Pat” Ann Voth, 75, of Stillman Valley, went home to be with the Lord on April 23, 2021. Pat was the second oldest of ten children born to Percy and Constance (Aasness) Tharaldson in Fargo, North Dakota on Jan. 12, 1946.



Pat married the love of her life, Vergel Vincent Voth, on August 12, 1964. She was blessed with two children, Tammy Voth and Todd Voth. The family relocated from North Dakota to Loves Park. Pat worked at Walter Lawson Children’s home for many years. She was a competitive and avid bingo player, often playing three times per week. She was a member of Valley Covenant Church in Stillman Valley.

Pat enjoyed spending time with her large fami-

ly. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones.

Pat is survived by her husband, Vergel Voth. Children, Tammy (Dave) Rohrschneider of Winnebago, and Todd (Kristy) Voth of Stillman Valley. Grandchildren, Jordan (Hilda) Reifsteck of Indianapolis, Ind.; Ryan Reifsteck (Maddie) of Minneapolis, Minn.; Allison Voth (Pat) of Lavallette,

N.J.; Amy Rohrschneider (Michael) of Milwaukee, Wis.; Nicole Voth (Brett) of Stillman Valley; Ryan Rohrschneider (Katie) of Rockford; and Courtney Voth (Donny) of Dixon. Sisters, Jean (Wayne) Kranzler of Las Vegas, Nev.; Nancy (Terry) Dunn of Sweetwater, Tenn.. Brothers; Lee Tharaldson of Loves Park; Steven Tharaldson of Loves Park, and Danny (Tina) Tharaldson of Loves Park. Along with many nieces and nephews.

Pat is predeceased by her parents, two brothers (Richard and David Tharaldson), and two sisters (Barb Watkins and Infant).

Celebration of Pat’s life will be with her immediate family. No services will be held. Condolences may be sent to tammyhmls@hotmail.com



Polo Lions donation

On Sunday April 25, during the Polo Fire Departments drive through breakfast fundraiser. Polo Lions Club President Chris Casper presented fireman Yingling with a donation of \$500. This will be used to help buy equipment they need.

Pegasus hosting pork chop dinner May 6

Pegasus Special Riders will be hosting a Pork Chop Pick-up Dinner at Ralphie and Lulu’s in Ashton on Thursday, May 6 from 4-7 p.m.

Because of continued concerns over Covid-19, Pegasus Special Riders has cancelled their annual summer Family Picnic fundraiser and this dinner serves as a replacement for the event.

Meals are \$10 each and include a pork chop sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and Dave’s famous homemade ice cream. Extra pork chop sandwiches are \$3 each. Reservations are preferred but not required. Please make reservations by calling Ralphie and Lulu’s at 815-453-2103.

Pegasus Special Riders is located halfway between Franklin Grove and Oregon. It is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic horseback riding to northern Illinois residence with physical, mental, and/or emotional challenges. Pegasus provides these services with the generous help of individuals, clubs, corporations, businesses, grants, fund raising and in-kind donations.

The organization is staffed by over 46 volunteers who are involved with all aspects of the program from horse care and horse handling during lessons to fund raising and special events. Please come out to support Pegasus in their 24th year of operation.

Family Clothes Closet back to summer hours

Chana Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church returned to Summer Hours starting on May 1.

Summer hours are the first and third Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m.-noon. During the week, the Closet is available from 9 a.m.-noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday if you make reservations by calling 815-732-6783

New clothes selections for spring and summer are available for the entire family (infant through adults). There is a wide variety of styles and sizes with many current and new, never been worn clothing. All of the clothing is offered at no cost, and everyone is welcome.

Visitors must wear face masks. Safe gathering practices must be followed.

Thank You!

We wish to say thank you to all the wonderful people in our community and the surrounding communities. The outpouring of love, prayers, thoughts, visits, food, flowers and kindness was amazing. We feel blessed to be part of the Forreston Community.

We also want to thank our ambulance crew and police officer for their rapid response to our 911 call.

The Family of Ken Green

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Dennis Echelbarger

FRANKLINGROVE – Dennis Echelbarger, age 64, died on Friday, April 23, 2021 at OSF St Anthony Medical Center in Rockford from Covid-19. Dennis was born on Sept. 1, 1956 in Dixon the son of Jesse and Hannah (Essex) Echelbarger.



Alec, Cara, Sawyer, and Max; brothers, David Echelbarger of Rochelle and Roger (Rose) Echelbarger of Merrill, Wis.; brother-in-law Bruce Engelkes, sisters-in-law, Barb (Randy) Shankel, Billie (Doug) Heier, and Vi Echelbarger.

He married Bonnie Engelkes on Nov. 16, 1974 in Payne's Point. Dennis was a lifelong resident of the area and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending time in the garage working on cars and snowmobiles with his son and brothers. He was an amazing husband, father, and loving Papa who was always involved in their lives. He loved being able to coach bas-

ketball. He followed all of his children's activities and never missed a game. He is survived and missed by his loving wife and best friend of 46 years, Bonnie Echelbarger of Franklin Grove; son, Dr. Lee (Jodi) Echelbarger of North Barrington; daughters, Desa Echelbarger of Franklin Grove and Darcy (Chuck) Spence of Forreston; grandchildren,

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, grandson Gavin, and brothers Ralph Echelbarger and Rodney Echelbarger.

A celebration of Dennis's well lived life will be held May 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the Mills & Petrie Building, 704 N 1st St., Ashton Il 61006. Due to the covid-19 pandemic masks and social distancing will be required. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com

Alice Cross

Alice Cross, age 84, went to be with Jesus on April 23, 2021. She was surrounded by her daughters and the caring staff of Serenity House in Oregon.



Alice was born on No. 17, 1936, in Ridott, Ill., to Frank and Gertrude (Krull) Schoenhardt. Like many others growing up in rural Illinois during the depression era, Alice learned to work hard and be thrifty. She grew up working on her family farm, raising chickens, milking cows, tending her garden, and even trapping along the river that ran by her house. She loved exploring the woods around her farm and learning about flowers and birds, which became a life-long passion for her.

After graduating from Forreston High School, Alice attended the Rockford Memorial School of Nursing and became a registered nurse because she loved to help people. In 1956, she met the love of her life, Gene Cross, through his sister, Marilyn, a fellow nursing student. Alice and Gene married on June 2, 1957. They lived and worked together on local farms until Gene's death in 1979.

Alice worked many years at the Byron Clinic and Freeport Clinic as an RN, as well as NIU

Taft Campus as the camp nurse. She also became a certified EMT.

In addition to nursing, Alice enjoyed raising her daughters, teaching them traditional homemaking skills but also teaching them non-traditional skills like how to change oil and tires for the car. She taught them basic medical skills and shared her love of reading and nature. She taught them to identify birds, with cardinals as her favorite, and wildflowers, which she also planted at her home. She was a woman of quiet faith in God, and taught her family through service in church and home. She frequently wrote to missionaries and invited them to her home when they were stateside. She regularly sent homemade greeting cards to local shut-ins.

Alice loved her family fiercely and selflessly. She supported all her daughters through school and attended countless sports, music, and other school events for her

daughters and families. She would remember every birthday and special day with a card. She would drop anything to help them and make time for their needs. She demonstrated strength in service and love in her generous care, always putting her family's needs above her own.

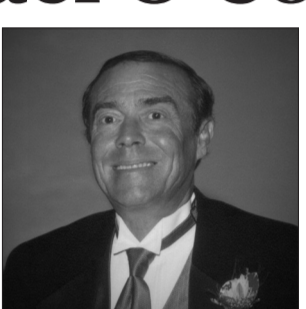
Alice will be lovingly remembered by her four daughters and their families: Peggy (and Bob) Wagner, Ill.; Pam (and David) Elliott, Tenn.; Penny Beverley, Ill.; and Patti (and Jeff) Pederson, Ill.; eleven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sister Lila Thomas, Ariz.; and her sister-in-law, Marilyn (Cross) Myers, Calif.; as well as many others who were touched by her kind and compassionate spirit.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband Gene, her parents, her sister Betty Krull, her brother Frank Jr. Schoenhardt, and her grandchildren Joshua Wagner and Kirah Elliott.

She will be buried in a private ceremony for family only. For those wanting to honor Alice through a gift, please send memorials to Serenity House, Oregon, for the phenomenal care they provided in her last days and/or the Mt Morris Library, for her love of reading.

Michael O'Connell

OREGON – Michael Robert O'Connell, of Oregon, passed away after a long illness Thursday April 22, 2021. Born Feb. 24, 1953 to parents Kathryn (Minehan) and Robert O'Connell in Evanston.



He is also survived by his brother John (Linda) O'Connell, Lafayette, Ind., sister Roberta (Jeff) Hedrich, North Aurora. They also opened their hearts to Jeanine Fuller, Jenee' Jeanblanc, and Joseph Manis to live on "The Farm" assisting them to adulthood.

He spent his primary years in Des Plaines, then moved to Oregon in high school. Mike was a graduate of Sauk Valley College and attended Illinois State University. He was employed as a restaurant manager for many years then employed by HA International in Oregon till his early retirement. Mike was a member of the Mt Morris Moose, Checker Car Club, and Lee County Irish Heritage Society. He spent many hours working on his 81 Checker Marathon.

Mike loved watching Da Bears, birthing of spring calves, elaborate home fireworks. Mike spent many hour reading while the radio played and always with a beloved dog at his feet. Mike is survived by his wife of 35 years Bonnie (Bettner) O'Connell, children Amanda (Steven) McCracken, Dixon, Jennifer Cowden, Lafayette, Colo., Jennifer (Scott) Brown, Dixon, Sedoris John Ferguson, Los Angeles, Calif.; grandchildren Kaitlyn Oliver, Ridley McCracken, Austin Portner, Andrew McCracken and Aidan Brown.

Private family Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Mary Catholic Church in Oregon on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11 a.m. Family and Friends were invited to the farm for lunch following Mass. Public visitation was Friday April 30, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to Heritage Square in Dixon. Online condolences can be sent at www.thejonesfh.com.

Donald W. Wetzel

STILLMAN VALLEY – Donald W. Wetzel, age 91, went home to be with the Lord on April 25, 2021 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born on April 20, 1930 in Rochelle the son of Joe and Edna (Thomas) Wetzel.



He married the love of his life Joanne Kittle on June 25, 1960 in Ashton. She preceded him in death on Aug. 27, 2000. Donald graduated from Ashton High School class of 1949. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War at which time he formed a special lifelong bond with his platoon brothers. This group, the 808 Army Engineers, has had reunions every few years since his honorable discharge in 1955. After returning home he spent his lifetime farming in the Davis Junction area. He is a member of Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Don hosted the Tres Dias Tuesday evening men's group/Bible study for the past 12 years. Since retirement, he enjoyed seeing his

friends multiple times a day, especially his coffee shop friends at Doughboys. He also loved going on long drives and checking the progress of the fields and crops in the area. But, most of all Donald loved his family and being an involved father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He is survived by his children, Karen (Kevin) Pavlik of Stillman Valley, Donald "Pete" (Lori) Wetzel of Lindenwood, Jeani (Brian) Alexander of Monroe Center, and Jodi (Douglas) Glendenning of Davis Junction; very special nephew, Alan (Anne) Wetzel of Lindenwood; special sister-in-law and brother-in-law Carol and Wayne Olson; siblings, Bob (Mary) Wetzel of Ashton and Betty Davis

of Rockford; grandchildren, Clinton (Kayla) Glendenning, Cassie (Tyler) Jennings, Whitney (Joel) Detig, Kaylie (Jacob) Grover, Allison Alexander, Matthew Alexander, Kylee (Josh) Peterson, Nicholas Pavlik, Brandon Wetzel, and Blake Wetzel; great grandchildren, Ava, Joanna, Blake, Nora, Ella, Will, Kadence, and Kinsley; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Joanne, and siblings Rae, Wayne, and JoAnn.

A walk through visitation was held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday April 30, 2021 at Monroe Center Community Church with a funeral service following at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Bob Mellon officiating. Burial followed at Stillman Valley Cemetery. The family would like to thank everyone from Serenity Hospice for their loving care of Donald. Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Margaret Leis

Margaret (Peggy) Anne (Walts) Leis of Pacifica, Calif., died Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 following complications from a variety of illnesses.



Born Nov. 25, 1949, Peggy graduated from high school in Mount Morris, and attended college in Louisville, Ky. On Dec., 31, 1971, she married Robert George Cain (deceased Feb. 12, 2019). Peg and Bob started their family in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., eventually settling in Palo Alto. That marriage ended in divorce in 1979. In 1985, she married Charles Thomas Leis, the love of her life. Chuck and Peggy built a life together in Pacifica, Calif., where she dedicated her heart to being the

best companion, friend, mom, stepmother, and caregiver to many cats and dogs. Chuck passed away on Oct. 28th, 2016. Peggy continued to live in Pacifica.

Peggy will be remembered for her kindness, her love of family, her wit, and a wicked sense of humor when it came to politics. She never missed

sending a birthday card to her family that included the phrase, "Let there be Peace on Earth."

She is survived by her daughters Candice Muntz (Pacifica, Calif.) and Angela (Todd) Collins (Mount Morris.); stepsons Mike Leis (Santa Clara, Calif.) and Dan (Christy) Leis (Kailua-Kona, Hawaii); granddaughters Chloe, Hannah, Mikaela, and Marilyn Leis; grandsons Charlie and Lew Collins, and brother Spencer (Eileen) Walts (Madison, Wis).

Peggy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Chuck Leis, and by her parents, Lew and Frankie Walts of Mount Morris and Brooksville, Fla.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

April 6
At 1:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Meghan R. Kurzac, 28, Byron, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 8:06 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nathaniel C. Anderson, 22, Sterling, on an outstanding Lee County Failure to Appear warrant. Anderson was also issued a citation for possession of cannabis as a driver. Anderson was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the parking lot of Carnation Park.

April 7
At 12:14 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nicholas R. Ellison, 28, Rockford, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for possession of a stolen vehicle. Ellison was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 3:43 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 200 block of N. 7th Street resulting in the arrest of Shauntez D. Coleman, 31, Oregon, for battery. Coleman was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

April 9
At 7:15 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Shane A. Imel, 28, Oregon, on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant. Imel was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 7:59 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Martin Trejo, II, 37, of Machesney Park, IL, for driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance. Trejo was also issued citations for improper lane usage, failure to signal, and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Trejo was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of Daysville Road and E. Washington Street.

At 10:09 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jacob R. Elsbury, 23, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%. Elsbury was issued citations for improper lane usage and illegal transportation as a driver. Elsbury was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 800 block of S. 4th Street.

April 10
At 8:26 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Tanis J.H. Obrien, 21, Dixon, for improper cannabis container as a driver. Obrien was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

April 1
At 3:02 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Damonjio D.D. Acree, 19, of Mound City, IL, for improper cannabis container as a

driver. Acree was also issued a citation for no front registration plate. Acree was transported to the Ogle County jail.

5 parking tickets and 8 verbal warnings issued during the week of 04/05/2021 through 04/11/2021.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 04/05/2021 through 04/11/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	4
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Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	4
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	5
Disturbance / Domestic Vehicle / Building Lockout	5
Open Door / Window	7
Hang-up / Open Line	9 1 1
Ordinance Violations	6
Stops	14
Traffic	

April 13
At 1:46 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Brian F. Hermes, 49, Franklin Grove, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Hermes was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 2:31 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 200 block of Madison Street resulting in the arrest of Dylan R. Pline, 26, Oregon, for battery. Pline was transported to the Ogle County

jail.
April 15
At 6:50 a.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old female, Oregon, into limited custody for being a runaway. The juvenile was released into her parent's custody with the report being referred to Juvenile Probation.

At 9:52 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert D. VanDyke, 40, Oregon, for domestic battery, which had occurred the previous day. VanDyke was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 5:57 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert A. Judge, 45, Byron, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a DUI charge.

3 parking tickets and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 04/12/2021 through 04/18/2021.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 04/12/2021 through 04/18/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	9
Citizen Complaints	17
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	5
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Disturbance / Domestic Vehicle / Building Lockout	4
Ordinance Violations	2
Stops	3
Traffic	10

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., May 4

Young Widows Group from 6-7 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You will need a mask to enter the building. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

Tween Scene: Moss Art at the Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley. This May, Tweens will be celebrating nature by creating their own unique moss artwork 6 p.m. on Zoom. Email Ms. Zoey at zferrari@mail.meridian223.org, or call the library at 815-645-8611 to register and reserve your

program supply kit! Ages 10-12. Registration required.

Weds., May 5

Dog walk with the Oregon Park District, 5:45 p.m. Each walk is led by our dog trainer, Bree Pazera. Training tips will be provided, and questions will be answered. The fee is just \$5 per Resident and \$6 per Non-Resident. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. Park West.

Thurs., May 6

Pegasus Special Riders will be hosting a Pork Chop Pick-

up Dinner at Ralphie and Lulu's in Ashton on from 4-7 p.m. Meals are \$10 each and include a pork chop sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and Dave's famous homemade ice cream. Please make reservations by calling Ralphie and Lulu's at 815-453-2103.

Sat., May 8

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

Kiwanis Sack Lunch Saturday, Byron Swedish America Clinic parking lot, 230 W. Blackhawk Dr., on Saturday,

rom 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$8 and the meal includes grilled Eichman's pork sandwich, chips, cookie and bottle of water. This is a drive-through event.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department is hosting an residential electronics recycling event from 8 a.m. to noon. These events are by advance permit only and will be held at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

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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 May 22, 1455, the battle of England's War of the Roses begins in St. Albans, 20 miles northwest of London. The forces of House of York, whose badge was a white rose, defeated the red-rose House of Lancaster. Both families claimed the throne and the war would stretch on for 30 years.

* On May 23, 1934, famed fugitives Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are killed in a police ambush near Sailes, Louisiana. They died in a two-minute fusillade of over 150 bullets. The Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine police officers.

* On May 21, 1955, then-unknown singer Chuck Berry pays his first visit to a recording studio and cuts "Maybellene." The song became a No. 1 R&B hit and a top 5 pop hit. It helped that DJ Alan Freed played the record for two hours straight during his WINS radio show in New York City.

* On May 17, 1965, after a two-year investigation, the FBI declares the supposedly pornographic lyrics of "Louie Louie" to be officially unintelligible.

* On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, violently erupts. The massive blast killed 57 people and leveled nearly all vegetation as far as 12 miles away.

* On May 19, 1997, a 3-year-old boy dies of avian influenza in Hong Kong. Before the outbreak was controlled, six people were dead and 1.6 million domestic fowl were destroyed. The virus mutated and caused 62 more human deaths in Asia by 2005.

* On May 20, 2007, Fox's long-running animated series "The Simpsons" airs its 400th episode. "The Simpsons" debuted in December 1989 with a special Christmas show, "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire." Its success paved the way for other adult-oriented animated series, notably "King of the Hill," "The Family Guy" and "South Park."

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Senior photos not what they once were

Do you remember your senior photo? Do you remember the horror of looking at yourself in all of your pimple/bad hair/huge features/goofy look glory?

I do. My senior photo was one for the ages ... the Dark Ages. I decided it would be a good idea to get a haircut just before I got my picture taken. The result was a bad haircut captured forever. Thankfully, it is hard to get past my acne and giant nose. Even my Adam's apple seems to be leaping out of the photo.

It was not my finest moment.

Back then we either got a photo taken at school, or we went to a photo studio for the glamorous senior photo. I went the photo studio route, and it is still just a head and shoulders shot that I would like to bury - even all these decades later.

These days, some kids are doing much more than a simple studio shot. I know because I am in the depths of working on our

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



annual graduation section. I will be very honest here and say this is my least favorite thing to do when it comes to my job. It has nothing to do with the students, of course. It is just very labor intensive.

One thing I have to do it edit those elaborately posed photos. Most students still have a traditional shot, and I love that. It saves me a lot of time and worry. Why worry? Because I don't want to mess up anyone's photo.

It can be hard. When a kid decides he wants his

senior picture to be him jumping a motorcycle through a ball of fire while holding his dog and a Bald Eagle flies behind him cradling an American flag, trying to just get a simple pictured out of that can be, well, difficult.

I am kidding, but you would be surprised how not that kidding I am. These can be some elaborate poses. Don't get me wrong, some of them are great; beautifully shot. But I just need a face, not someone laying railroad tracks with fall colors bursting behind them.

I usually getting the best that I can out of most pictures. Thankfully this is on newsprint, so no one is expecting the greatest quality anyways. Sadly, that is just true.

I also marvel at names, and how they have changed over the years. You don't see a lot of Brian's, or Tim's or even John's these days. And remember when you couldn't walk four feet a few years back without running into a Tyler? Well, that fad seems to

have faded as well.

These days, parents are reaching deep for names, and there are some good ones. Brady is a pretty popular boy's name. I saw a few Jayden's as well. Cool name, for sure. Chase, Mason, Logan and even a name I am familiar with, Travis, are all being used.

For the girls, any variety of the name Madison is also still pretty popular. I can honestly say I never knew a single Madison back in my day. Taylor is also pretty popular, and there are also a few Kaitlyn's and Hailey's too.

I do enjoy seeing the evolution of names. And I am glad to see that parents in Ogle County don't go out of their way to give their kids bad names. Hey, I have seen it before.

I keep waiting for the year that "Brad" becomes a cool name. I can't say "again," because it never really has been. Some-day...

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



What happened to common sense, responsibility?

Dear Editor,
A February 2021 ruling by a Canadian court judge in a lawsuit against U.S. gunmaker Smith and Wesson could pave the way for mandatory "smart gun" technology on firearms marketed and sold in Canada.

The case arose from the acts of a criminal who used a stolen Smith and Wesson handgun in a 2018 attack in the Ontario district of Danforth.

It is a basic precept of law that a person or entity is not responsible for criminal acts of third parties.

The plaintiffs in the Canadian lawsuit claim Smith and Wesson re-

sponsible for the crimes committed because of defects in the handgun used in the crimes. The defects they claim arose from the guns lack of "smart gun" technology.

In this country, lawsuits of this sort are explicitly prohibited by the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). Joe Biden has pledged to repeal this law, most recently in statements made earlier in February of 2021.

If this is the path, we here in this country want to go down; then

Suing automobile manufacturers for not preventing an intoxicated driver from driving would be "low hanging fruit"; ignition lock breath-

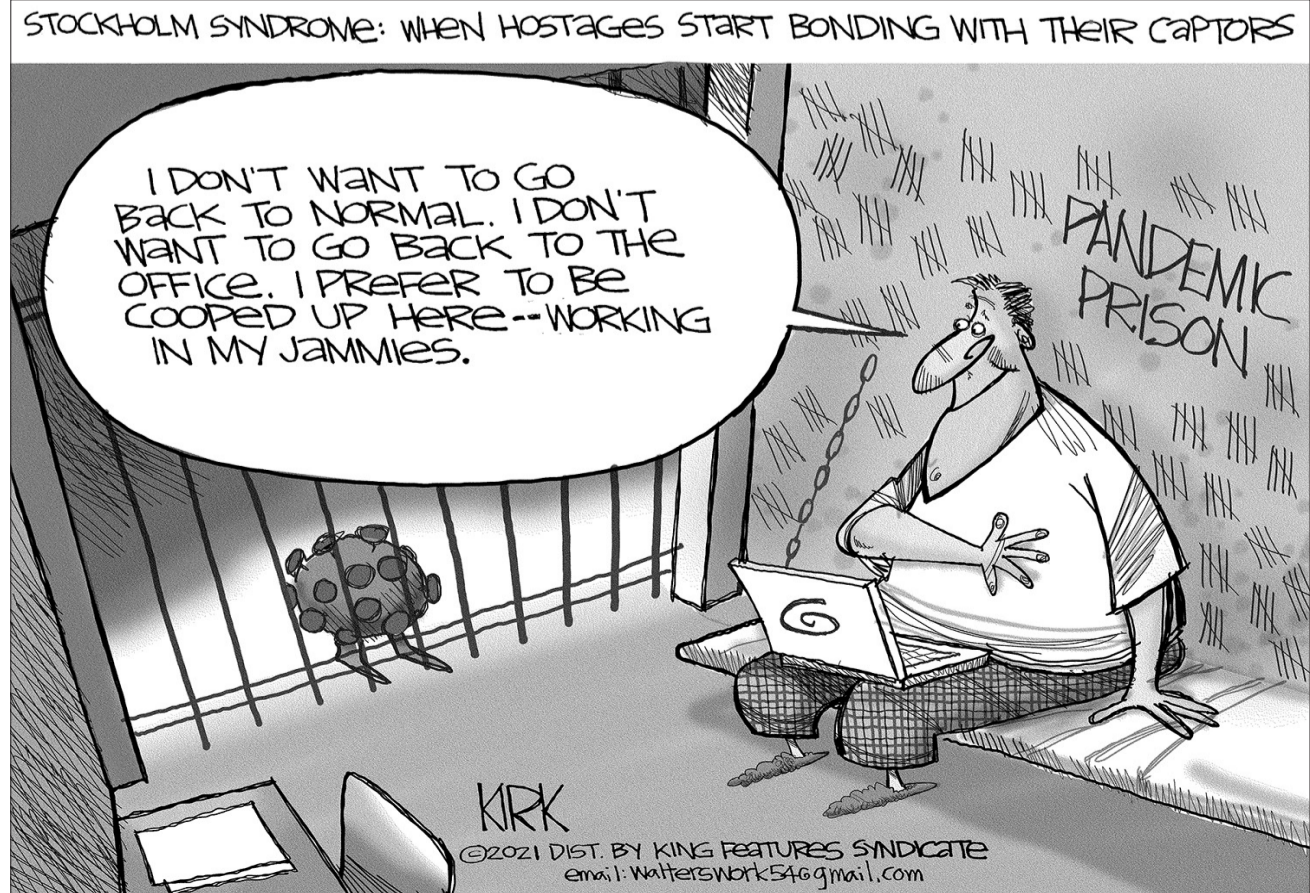
alyzer technology has been around for decades.

And what industries would follow! If a knife, or a baseball bat or a hammer is used to murder someone (which they are all too frequently (see FBI crime data)), do we eliminate knives, baseball bats and hammers from our society?

In just I say; the only real solution is to eliminate the human being or create all future humans without limbs!

What ever happened to common sense, personal responsibility and accountability?

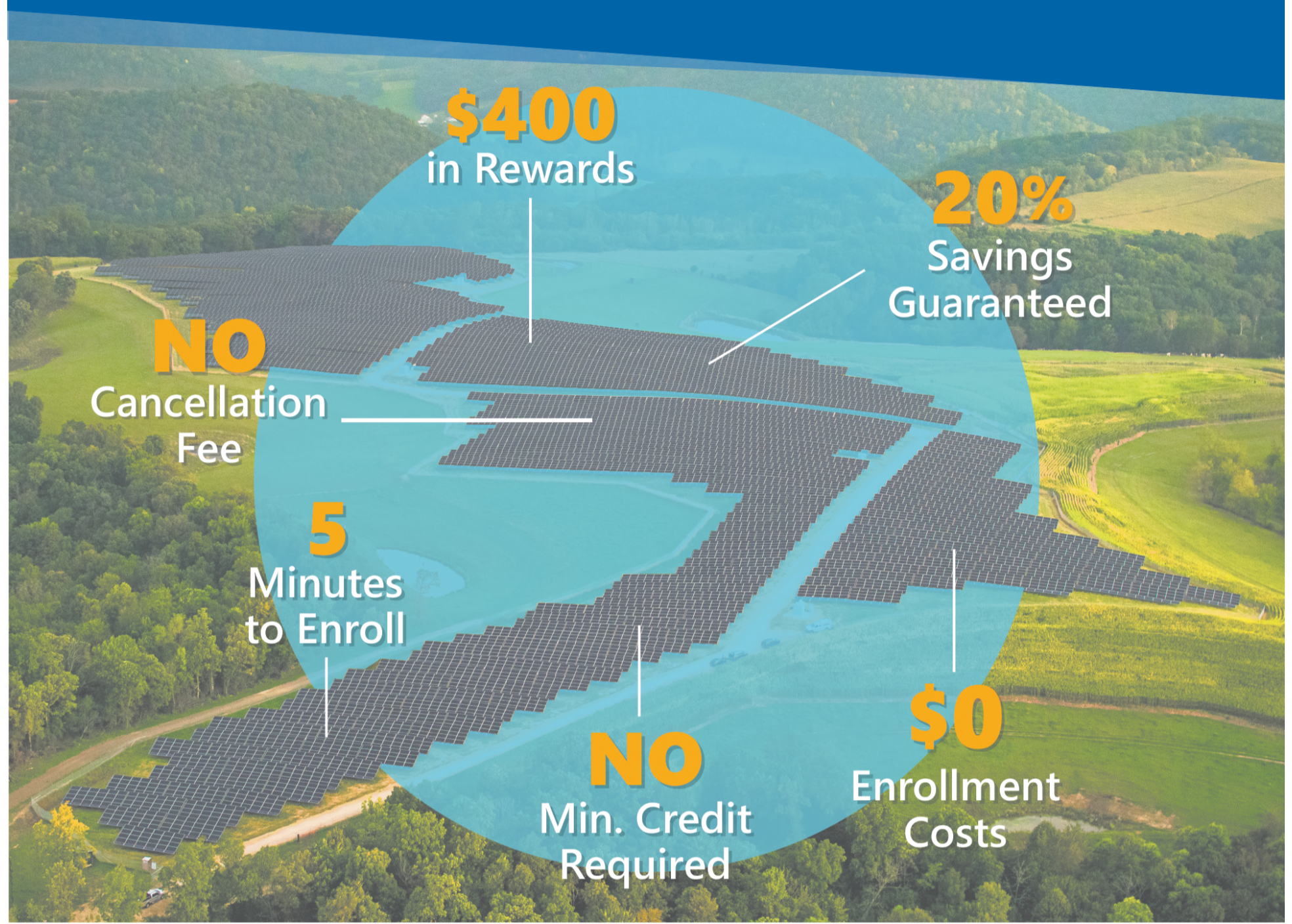
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Lions keep it clean

On Saturday morning, April 24th seven Oregon Lions were kept busy cleaning up the roadside debris that had accumulated over the winter season on Route #2 north of town. Those participating in this event were, from left: Oregon Lions Joanna Cermak, Ed Smola, Grant Afflerbaugh, Jim Hoff, Mike Hoff, Don Fuller and Pat Farraday.

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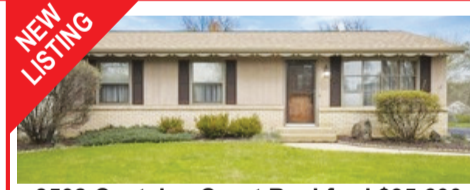
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203 Sunset Lane Mt Morris \$94,900
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Charming 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape Cod boasts a large backyard just walking distance to Sunset Golf Course! This home has many updates including a brand new kitchen with white cabinetry, new stainless steel built in microwave, light fixtures, all new flooring in kitchen/dining room, half bath, upstairs full bath and living room, and all new paint on the main floor. You will love the oversized rooms including a large eat-in kitchen/dining room combo, living room with wood fireplace and office on the main floor could also be a 4th bedroom. Half Bath on the main floor conveniently located off the kitchen and full bath upstairs with a jet tub. French doors from the kitchen lead to a large deck with built-in seating and the spacious backyard. Don't miss this one!



3508 Captains Court Rockford \$95,600
Call Merri

Tucked away in a cul-de-sac is this 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch with newer roof (with transferable warranty) and beautifully maintained backyard. Home features an over-sized 2 car garage and a backyard deck that is ready for a swimming pool to be added for summer fun! Full basement that has potential to add additional square footage. Neighborhood has a hidden secret- a local park that is only 2 driveways down from this darling home! Great for first time home buyers or investors. Call today and see for yourself!



404 8th Avenue Rock Falls \$150,000
Call JD

404-406 8th Avenue.. Great investment opportunity! *Part of larger investment portfolio* This property features 4, 2 story & 2 bedroom townhouses. Each unit has gas heat and central air, as well as washer/dryer hookups. Landlord only access to basement. 1 parking spot per unit, plus off street parking available. Tenants pay all utilities.



902 Timber Trail Dixon \$49,900
Call Carla

Water front lot in Lost Lake. Located on the East side- 2 adjoining lots that would allow for full exposure. Views of the lake from one end to the other! You get the best of both with this double lot there's towering pines with Northwoods feel plus partial clearing. Adjoining community park area offers picnic areas. Annual Association fee \$389 and water bill \$22 every 2months. All with lake access, tennis courts, golf course, community building, beaches, camping and so much more!



403 S 9th Street Oregon \$119,000
Call Rebecca

TURN KEY AIRBNB! This two unit AirBnB is located near downtown Oregon has an excellent rental history with nearly \$25,000 in gross income! Previously listed on both Airbnb and VRBO, this eclectic pad is ready to rent! There is a two bedroom unit downstairs and two bedroom upstairs as well. Both have 1 full bath, full kitchen, in unit laundry and are separate heating and cooling. Rent them together or separately. Weekend rates were \$135/night for the lower unit and \$115/night for the upper. This property is being sold fully furnished including all appliances, furniture, linens and dishware. Many updates were done to this property in 2016. 2 AC units, 2 Furnaces, roof, plumbing, updated bathrooms and exterior paint. Not interested in renting as an AirBnB, this property would also make a great duplex! If you are looking for an investment with excellent cash flow- look no further!



1001 Kane Street Rock Falls \$410,000
Call JD

Cash flowing investment opportunity! 16 total units! Parcel/sale includes 916-918 W 5th St, Rock Falls... *Part of a larger local investment portfolio* ... 1001 Kane includes 8, 1 bedroom units with all exterior access, and 916-918 W 5th includes 8, 2 bedroom units! Each unit includes a fridge, stove, and wall A/C unit. 916-918 new roof in 2014. There is 1 designated carport per unit, as well as off street parking available. All units have electric heat.



610 S 10th St Oregon \$134,900
Call Rebecca

ROOMY RANCH! Well maintained 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with an attached garage. The main floor has beautiful hardwood floors through the living room and dining room space. The kitchen also offers an additional eat in area. On the main floor you will find 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. Along with a spacious mudroom off of the garage. The lower level is finished with a rec room, half bathroom, laundry room and potential for 4th bedroom. Plenty of room for entertaining outside on your inviting and sizeable patio. Storage shed is included!

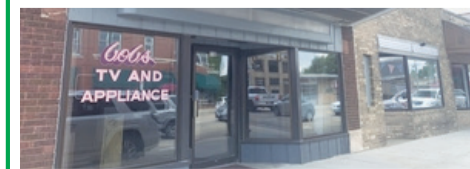


124 E Mason Street Polo \$325,000 Call Lori
This is your opportunity to own a long standing and successful business. The Pinecricket Cafe is a staple in the community and region with a strong reputation for a quality dining experience. Since 2002, the owners have continued to expand and maintain a beautiful facility. The dining room and kitchen were a new construction addition in 2005. Most recently the outdoor terrace adds a new dimension with outdoor fire pit for dining & drinking experience. Second floor has 2 apartments. The larger, luxury apartment, completely remodeled in 2011 includes a fireplace. Owners have been diligent in maintaining the building including a new roof within the past few years. Come make some money, and make new friends in this charming community.



502 Franklin Street Oregon \$85,000
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973 W Devils Backbone Road Oregon now \$269,900 Call Carla

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SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon opens softball season with win

OREGON – The Oregon High School softball team opened its season with a 5-3 win against Fulton on Thursday, April 22. Mia Trampel pitched four innings, allowing one run and one hit while striking out eight batters. Bella Koertner and Reilee Suter each finished with

multi-hit games for the Hawks in the win.

Oregon faced Harvard on Friday, April 23, winning 9-3 behind seven runs in the seventh inning. Mia Trampel struck out nine batters in five innings pitched, while Ava Hackman added two strikeouts in

two innings. Lena Trampel recorded three hits in the win.

Oregon split a doubleheader against Pearl City on Saturday, April 24. The Hawks won the first game 1-0 behind 11 strikeouts from pitcher Mia Trampel. Oregon lost the second game.

Martin leads Oregon volleyball team over Mendota

OREGON – The Oregon High School volleyball team defeated Mendota 25-16, 25-19 on Thursday, April 22. Ella Martin finished with 20 assists and six digs, while Ava Wight recorded five kills and four digs.

Olivia Ankney added seven digs, with Lyndi Kenney totaling five digs. Jenae Bothe had five kills, five aces and two blocks.

The Hawks finished with a 16-3 record.

Stillman softball, baseball open seasons

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Valley softball team fell 6-2 against Hononegah on Thursday, April 22. The Cardinals battled Harlem on Saturday, April 24, losing 2-0. Stillman Valley rebounded with a 19-4 win against Winnebago on Tuesday, April 27.

The Stillman Valley baseball team faced Harlem on Saturday, April 24, falling 13-9. Stillman Valley played Winnebago on Tuesday, April 27, winning 7-5 on a walk-off home run from Micah Johnson. The Stillman Valley girls soccer team faced Dixon on Tuesday, April 27, losing 7-0.

Stillman downs Oregon in finale

OREGON – The Oregon High School football team faced Stillman Valley in its season finale this past week, with the Cardinals defeating the Hawks 38-6. Jacob Sigwards scored three touchdowns for Stillman Valley including two rushing touchdowns and an interception return.

Kaden Viverito added a 35-yard rushing touchdown and Omar Gallardo kicked a 53-yard field goal. Kale Rauman tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Joe Kuthe. Oregon's lone touchdown came on a 2-yard run from Gatlin Good. Viverito led Stillman Valley with 101 rushing yards.

Oregon girls top Mendota in soccer

OREGON – The Oregon High School girls soccer team topped Mendota 1-0 on Wednesday, April 28. Taylor Rufer totaled six saves, while Sophie Stender scored on an assist from Alyssa Mowry.

Byron football team ends season with 3-2 record

BYRON – The Byron High School football team battled Rockford Lutheran on Friday, April 23, losing 6-0 to finish the season with a 3-2 record.

Josiah Featherston rushed for 90 yards in the game, while Chandler Binkley added 40 yards.

Byron Fire Station site of carnival in May

BYRON – The Byron Firefighter's Association will be holding a fundraiser carnival on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, at the Byron Fire Station, 123 N Franklin St.

Advanced ride tickets go on sale Monday, May 24 through Thursday, May 27 from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Friday, May 28 from 8 a.m.-noon. Cost for the advanced tickets are 10 tickets for \$20 (one or two tickets per ride).

Tickets will be sold at 123 N Franklin St., Byron. Tickets at the Carnival will be \$1 per ticket and rides will require 3 to 5 tickets

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

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

Storytime Saturday
 May 1 and 15 at 10:30 a.m. - Virtual Storytime Saturday will post on Facebook.com/pololibrary and on YouTube by searching "Polo Public Library"

May 8, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m. - In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30 a.m. these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft!

Coffee with a Cop - 2nd Wednesday, May 12th, 10:30 a.m., Polo Library Pavilion

Join us for community conversations with a member of the Polo Police Department. Coffee is provided. If the weather is questionable, please call 815-946-2713 before heading out.

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

Are you interested in genealogy but

Mount Morris Library News

Adult Book Club
 Adult Book Club will be the 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. (Currently via Zoom.) Copies of the May book *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes are available for checkout at the library. Feel free to grab a copy digitally if that is of interest to you! Email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to sign up (Zoom link will be sent via email).

To-Go Craft Kits
 We have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Star Wars finger puppets, Teens: Yoda box, Adults: Folding magazine butterfly. We also have "May the Fourth Be With You" buttons for everyone! Stop by the library to get yours!

Summer Reading Program (in-person!)
 We are working on our Summer Reading Program which will be IN-PERSON this year at Dillehay Park. Signups will be Wednesday, June 2nd. Be watching our Facebook page for more information!

May New Books
 The following new books will be available in May: Fiction: 21st Birthday by James Patterson, A Peculiar Combination

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

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2021 Outdoor Concert Series - Lineup Announced

Saturday, May 22nd - Lyle Grobe & the Rhythm Ramblers. Saturday, June 19th - Burn N' Bush. Saturday, July 10th - Espinosa & Coffee. Saturday, August 14th - Turas.

by Ashley Weaver, Final Twist by Jeffrey Deaver, Great Circle: A Novel by Maggie Shipstead, Hidden by Fern Michaels, Lady Has a Past by Amanda Quick, Legacy: A Novel by Nora Roberts, Local Woman Missing: A Novel by Mary Kubica, Newcomer: A Novel by Mary Kay Andrews, Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz, Project Hail Mary: A Novel by Andy Weir, Robert B. Parker's Payback by Mike Lupica, Saboteurs by Clive Cussler, Unforgiven by Heather Graham, Version Zero by David Yoon, Whereabouts: A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri and While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams. Non-Fiction: Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II by Daniel Brown, My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir by Katherine Johnson and War on the Border: Villa, Pershing the Texas Rangers and an American Invasion by Jeff Guinn.

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 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.

Stillman Valley having annual plant sale

After weeks of hard work, we are proud to present this year's plant sale. On May 8, SVHS Greenhouse students and staff are selling a variety of greenery to the general public. Some plants available for purchase are Petunias, Dusty Millers, Heirloom Tomatoes and Peppers. Only vegetables will be available online May 1-7. If you are interested in visiting the SVHS Greenhouse, time slots will be available for sign up on the Stillman Valley FFA Chapter facebook page. For more information on varieties, prices, and available times go to the facebook page or email lworley@mail.meridian223.org. We hope to see you there.

Fish fry and rummage sale fundraiser coming to the Mt. Morris Senior Center

MOUNT MORRIS - On May 14, the Mt. Morris Senior Center will host a Fish Fry Fundraiser at 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris.

All are welcome to come and enjoy all you can eat fried and baked fish, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, and dessert. The fish fry will take place from 5-7 p.m., and you will be able to eat inside, outside (weather permitting), or take your dinner to go. To purchase tickets call the Senior Center at 815-734-6335, email mmsrcenter@gmail.com or contact a Senior Center Board Member. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

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If you would like to donate items to the Mt. Morris Senior Center Rummage Sale please bring them to the Senior Center between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Items need to be brought in before May 12. The rummage sale will be open on Friday, May 14 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, May 15th 8 a.m.-noon.

If you have any questions please call the Senior Center at 815-734-6335.

Chana church hosting blood drive

The Chana United Methodist Church, 606 Main Street in Chana, is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 12.

Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 2-6 p.m. All covid-19 safety measures will be followed. Masks are required and appointments preferred but walk-ins are welcomed.

If you are 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh 110 pounds (minimum), and in good general health you are generally eligible to donate. This year following vaccine shots there is no wait period for the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, but those receiving Johnson and Johnson do need to wait two weeks following their shot before donating.

The RRVBC reports blood supply levels are again becoming low. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life and continue to save lives in our community. Your giving and generosity are greatly appreciated.

To schedule an appointment contact Carole at 815-595-4559 or visit RRVBC.org or call 815-965-8751.

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Oregon Library News

Library procedures
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School's out for summer! Thursday, May 20, 4-6 p.m.

Come start your summer off right at the Oregon Public Library. This event will be held on the lawn with masks required and social distancing guidelines will be followed. A life-size game board around the library,

tie-dye a face mask to take home, and help us COLOR the library sideway and/or street are some of the activities planned to promote the summer reading program theme: Reading Colors Your World. Jason Kollum, Bubble Extraordinaire will be creating larger-than-life bubbles for entertainment, and kids can try creating some of their own bubbles. Tickets available at the Library on May 1st.

This event is FREE but please get your ticket to help us with COVID social distancing. (Rain date May 21st, 4-6 pm.)

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...Kites Sail High

by Ruth Heller.

“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.

Sixth Tour is Saturday, May 8, 2021, 2-3 pm: Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center: Take a docent led tour of the Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition, a place for both those familiar with Holocaust and those learning about it for the first time. Registration required through the Oregon Public Library Website.

Try it Tuesdays!—Tuesday, May 11th

Sticker by numbers
Pick up your FREE kit and create three different sticker by number pieces of art. Great for relaxing and rainy days. Ages 18 and up. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders (1 kit per cardholder).

Introduction to parental rights under special education law – Thursday, May 13th from 6-8 p.m.

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to advocating for services to address regression during remote learning. Presented by Mike Shea, Senior Attorney, Equip for Equality. Mike has been an attorney in EFE's Special Education Clinic for seven years. He is also the father of an IEP student with autism and the husband of a special educator/developmental therapist. This program will be offered in-person and via Zoom at the Oregon Public Library. All COVID guidelines will be followed and in-person seating is limited. Please register with Patti Mook via email: pmook@eastsealschicago.org.

New releases

You Look Like Death: Tales From The Umbrella Academy by Gerard Way (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 WAY)

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What if you never figure out the moral laws of life? "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20) "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." (Galatians 6:8) If you ignore the laws of God, you suffer: emotional pain, guilt, broken relationships, soul darkness, eternal death. If you don't know the law of God, you suffer the same.

Why? Because there are laws you did not make and cannot change that govern every part of your life, whether you know it or not. They have proven themselves over and over again and they never change.

Can we know the truth? Yes! How can we know the truth? Read the Bible. Start with the book of John. John 8:32 says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Galatians 6:8 "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Denying our own selfish wants, and doing what God wants, frees the emotion and the soul. It is a lifelong struggle against sin and the flesh. There are great rewards when you win with the help of Jesus. Emotional rest. Soul peace. Godly relationships. Light in the soul. Eternal Life! Does it matter if we never figure it out? It is a matter of life or death – for eternity. Choose Life!

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Julia Hull Library News

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Tween Scene: Moss Art

This May, Tweens will be celebrating nature by creating their own unique moss artwork! Tuesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Email Ms. Zoey at zferrari@mail.meridian223.org, or call the library at 815-645-8611 to register and reserve your program supply kit! Ages 10-12. Registration required.

Maker Lab: It Can Fly!

The air is fine and we're testing the skies. Young ones will join Miss Kelly on Zoom Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. to make multiple flying contraptions from simple paper airplanes to rockets. Ages 5-9. Call the library, or use our Order Request web form to register and reserve your program kit: <https://www.juliahull.org/order-request>.

Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom, Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m., for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Second Tuesday of the Month on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

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Friday Trivia

Friday, May 7
10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History
Trivia is back! From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Overdue Book Club

Tuesday, May 11
6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
Feel like you missed that one book everyone was talking about? Not sure where to start with so many

amazing reads out there? Overdue Book Club will be tackling buzz-worthy books, just a little bit late. Join Kelly as she discusses this month's book, Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. Recently adapted as a miniseries for Hulu, read before you watch! Books and audiobooks of Little Fires Everywhere are available for pickup at the Library. Space is limited, so please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Share Your Story

Monday, May 17
1-2 p.m. at BPLD Meeting Room
Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Sweets & Treats

Monday, May 17
6-7 p.m. via Zoom
Join Amy Alessio from Vintage Cookbooks for a humorous, nostalgic talk on sweets and treats from the past decades. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. The recipes and Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, May 19
6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Byron Library

Join Penny for a discussion of the book, The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. Space is limited, so register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the Byron Library.

Friday Trivia

Friday, May 21
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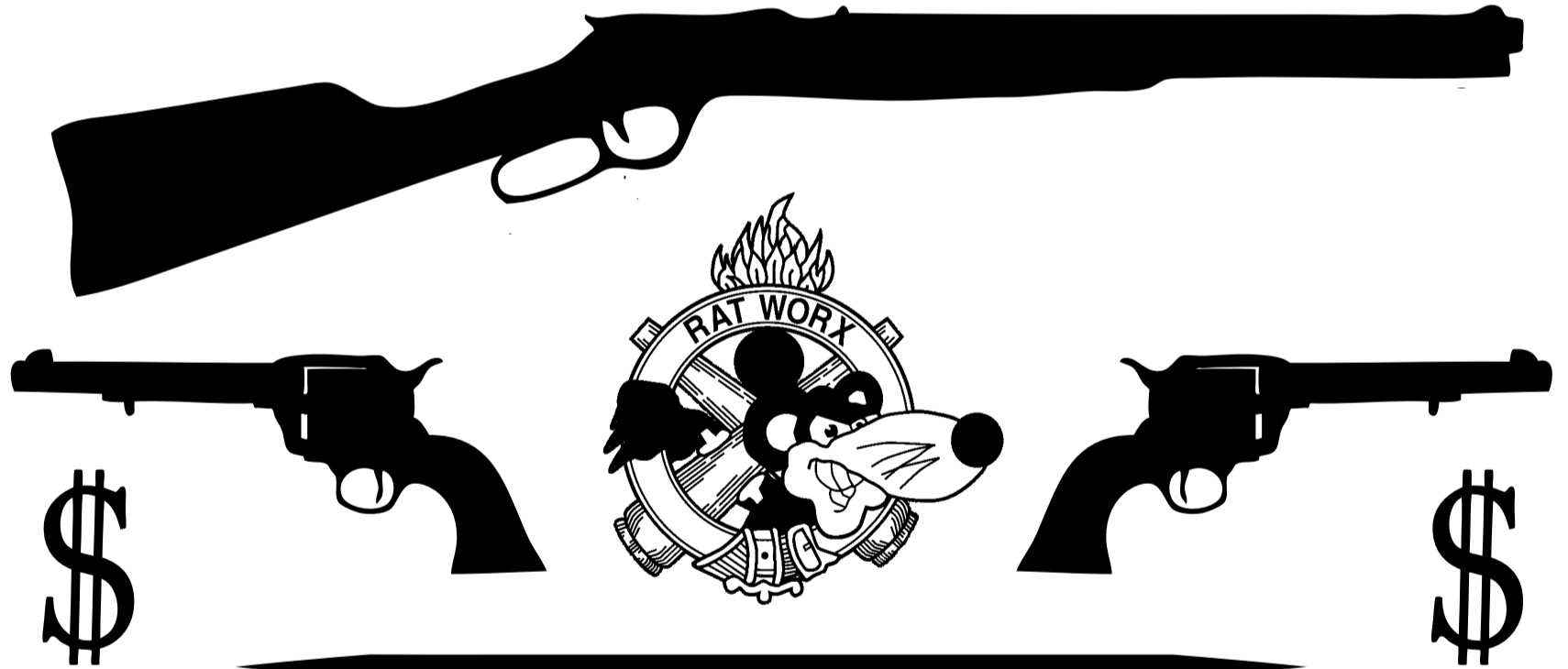
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Wednesday, May 26 at the BPLD parking lot 6-7 p.m.
Grab your bike and ride on over to the library (or drive your car), and learn how to put the chain back on your bike when it falls off or how to fix a flat bike tire. A representative from Kegel's Bicycle Store will be on hand to demonstrate basic bicycle maintenance. All attendees will have an opportunity to win a bike maintenance kit! Please feel free to bring your own chairs and blankets. Space is limited, so please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.
 2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.
 3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.
 4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.
 5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.
- Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

Mother's Day ideas for moms from all walks of life

Mother's Day is a celebration of women who devote so much of their effort and energy to their families. Celebrating Mom on Mother's Day lets her know all of her efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Mothers may perform similar tasks, but no two moms are the same. Finding ways to celebrate Mom's uniqueness can make the day that much more meaningful and memorable.

The Crafter

Mothers who are avid crafters may enjoy a craft-themed Mother's Day. A family crafting project can make for a fun afternoon and produce mementos that Mom will cherish for years to come. Dads and kids can plan the project in advance without Mom's knowledge, arranging all of the materials ahead of time and setting up the crafting station the night before or while Mom is relaxing on Mother's Day morning. Kids can even get a head start on the day by making their own craft for Mom and giving it to her as a Mother's Day present. Dads can keep the craft theme going at dinner and get a laugh out of Mom by pouring her a craft beer when dinner is served.

The Reader

A 2017 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that women read more than men. Women read an average of 19.8 minutes per day, which can make a Mother's Day focused on Mom's love of books an ideal and unique way to spend the day. Kids can write Mom their own books, and Dad can help put them together. Dads can visit rare bookstores and look for original copies of Mom's favorite books that she might not find elsewhere.

The Nature Lover

Fishing and other outdoor activities might have a reputation as predominantly male hobbies, but studies show that's not really the case. A 2016 report from the Outdoor Foundation found that 46 percent of people who participated in outdoor activities were women. If Mom is a nature enthusiast, families can plan a Mother's Day enjoying the great outdoors, even giving Mom a new fishing pole, hiking gear or other items that align with her favorite nature activity.

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The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's

Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in Mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother's love.

Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice



things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral

bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers

will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift gives a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.

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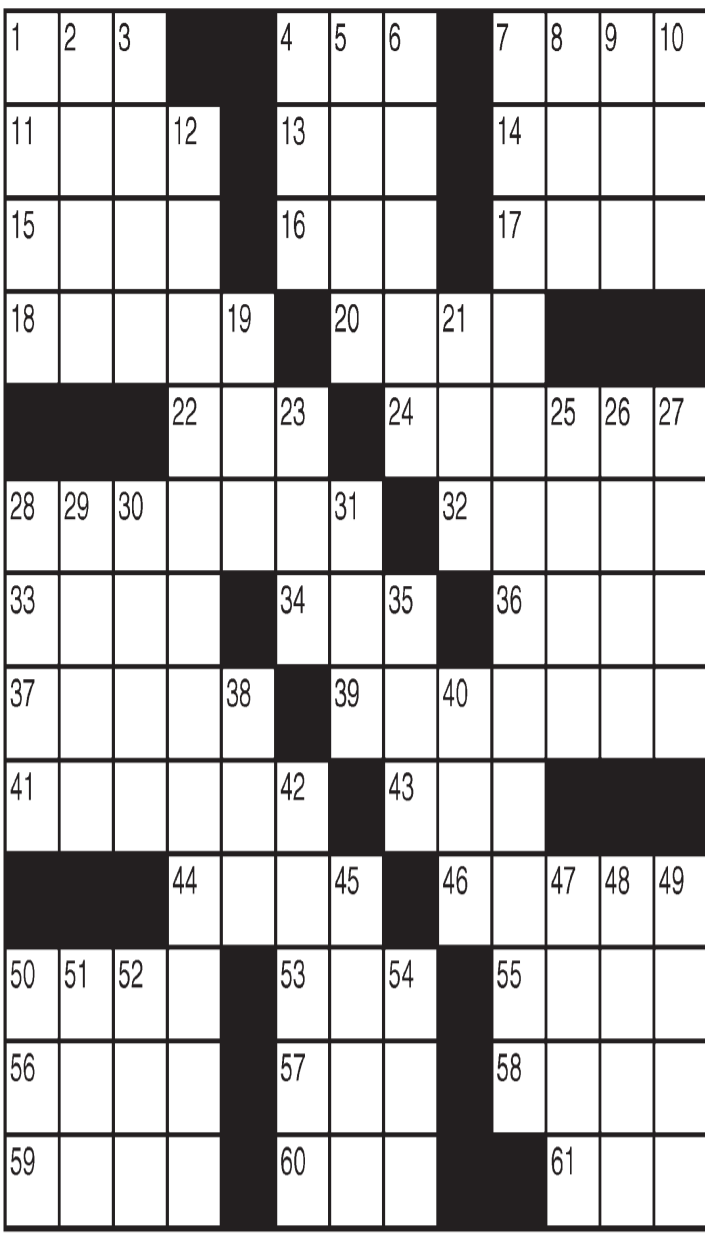
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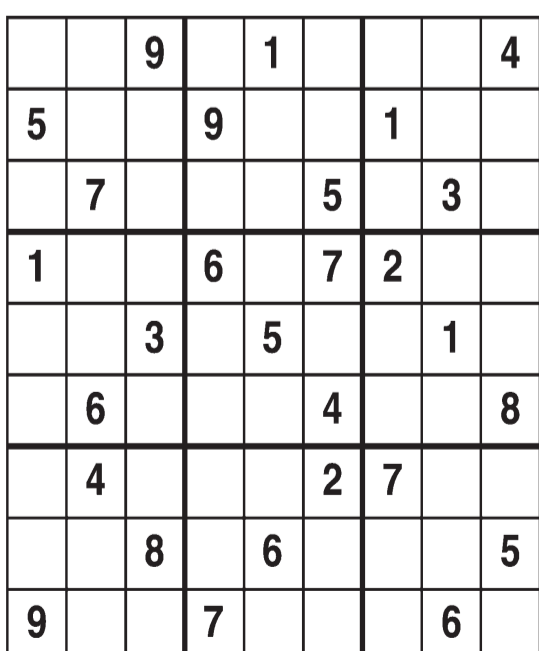
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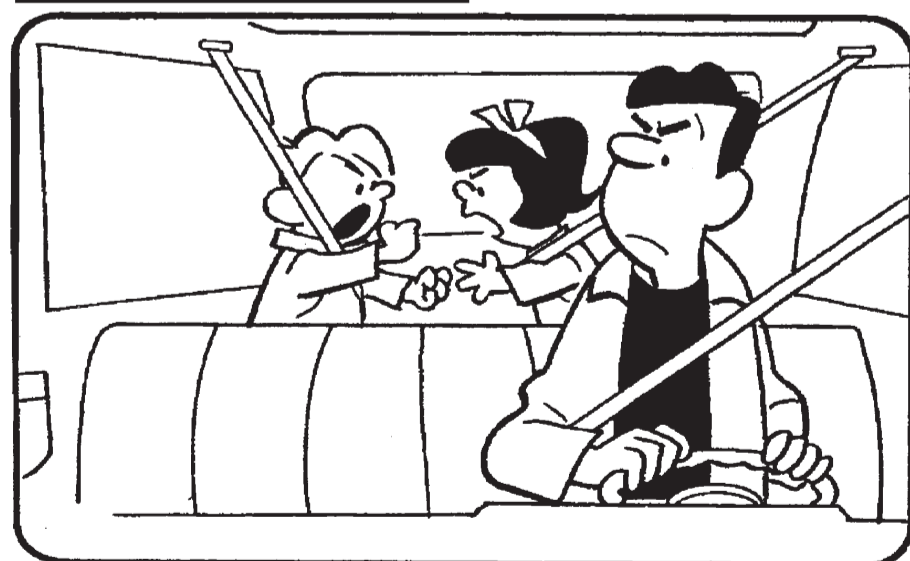
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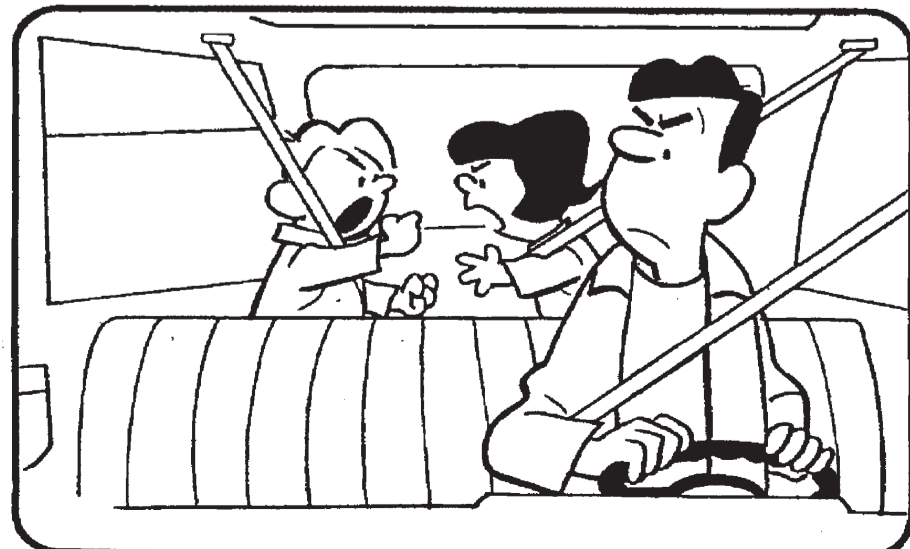
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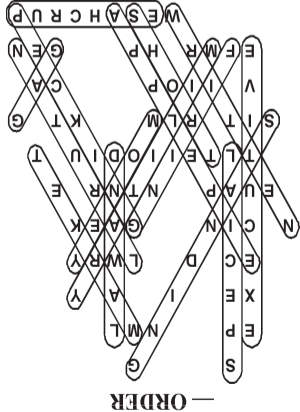
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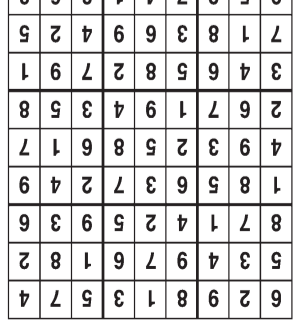
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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Guided State Park Hikes Return

Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on hikes throughout local state parks. Each hike features a different state park with a trail that is often times less traveled. This program is brought to you by the Oregon Park District. Grant will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The group will meet at Castle Rock State Park on Saturday, May 8 at 9:00am for our third 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 May 6. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Pack Walks for dogs and owners alike

Dogs need to explore and social stimulation just as much as they need food and water. Join us as we explore local parks while working on indirect socialization and confidence building with our furry friends. Each walk led by our dog trainer, Bree Pazera so training tips will be provided, and questions will be answered. Our next pack walk will be on Wednesday, May 19 at 5:45 p.m. at Lowden State Park. The fee is just \$5 per Resident and \$6 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is May 12.

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 p.m. 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.

Sand Volleyball

This Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League will be played at our sand volleyball courts at Park West. There will be a regular season and followed by an end-of-year tournament. Teams may have up to 6 players on the court at the one time, but may never exceed 3 males on the court, must be at least 18 to participate. Gather your friends and come on out for some summer fun on Thursday nights! Deadline: 5/13 Fee \$165 per team. Register online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101

DIY Painted Canvas for Kids

Children 5 and up that enjoy art and painting will enjoy painting a turtle on a 11" x 14" canvas. Do not miss out on painting because you have a busy schedule. Register for a DIY kit and paint at your convenience with the help of a YouTube video which will guide you step by step through the painting process. Kits include pre-drawn canvas,

instructions, access to video tutorial and all paint needed for your project. Kit fee is \$17/Resident or \$20/Non-Resident. If you need paint brushes, they too can be purchased for \$5 to be included in your kit. Registration deadline is May 11. Kit pick-up will be May 18.

Growing Perennials

The staff from Merlin's Greenhouse will introduce you to exciting varieties of plants that come back year after year in this educational class on Wednesday, May 19. Learn about a variety of perennials, how to care for them, and what kind of maintenance they require. They will discuss great choices for any landscape situation! Each participant will go home with a voucher for a free perennial (\$12.99 value) and discount for additional perennial purchases from Merlin's Greenhouse. Enjoy this class at Cork & Tap while sipping on your favorite beverage. Class fee is \$23/Resident or \$28/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is May 12.

Paint & Sip

Enjoy an evening out while painting on 11" x 14" canvas Thursday, May 20, 6-8:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Paint a bicycle with a basket of spring flowers. Local artist and instructor, Amy Fenwick will walk you through the painting process. All painting supplies are included. Class fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is May 13, 2021.

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