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## Taste of spring



The region got a taste of spring last week as temperatures climbed to nearly 70 degrees for a couple of days. People took advantage to enjoy an outside lunch at Oregon Park West (top left), some fishing on the Rock River (bottom left) and some much-needed playground time at Oregon's Mix Park (above). Sadly, cooler temperatures moved in for the weekend and highs were forecast to be in the 40s for much of this week. (Brad Jennings photos)

## Requester cards in today's paper for readers

Do you reside in Byron, Oregon or Mt. Morris and receive your Ogle County Life paper each week by local paper carriers and not through the mail?

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### Polo Toy Show

The 36th annual Polo Toy show was held at Centennial Grade School in Polo on Saturday, March 6. People came out to enjoy a wide variety of farm and tractor toys.

# Merlin's & The Other Side Boutique

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# Hagemann Horticulture

**Spring  
Open House**

**March 18-20**  
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Open House  
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Party**

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# County sends reminder on burning waste

As the snow melts and the winter yields to spring, many people will be spring cleaning and cleaning up their properties after the long winter.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) reminds Ogle County residents that the open burning of most types of waste is illegal throughout Illinois. The open burning of garbage, demolition debris, old buildings, furniture, mattresses, tires, plastic, and other forms of municipal waste continue to be problematic for residents and the OCSWMD each spring.

Open burning of waste has been prohibited since the 1970's under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act) and

may be punishable through substantial fines.

Burning of solid waste leads to a variety of problems for area residents, including air pollution from the smoke created, toxic burn piles after the fire, and the real possibility of the fire spreading beyond control. It can result in adverse impacts on your neighbors and your families' health and safety, the local environment, and our local first responders.

The OCSWMD discourages all open burning of waste, including landscape waste. While the burning of landscape waste may be legal in parts of the county at certain times, the OCSWMD encourages other methods of management. Landscape waste, such as leaves, grass clippings, and branches and

twigs can be either composted in a compost pile or mulched up and land applied onto your lawn. In certain municipalities landscape waste is collected by waste haulers so it can be transported to a regional compost site to be recycled into fertile compost.

Residents who choose to burn landscape waste may only do so in unrestricted areas, with materials generated on the property. If you live in or near a municipality, check with their local open burning ordinances prior to any open burning. If you will be burning your landscape waste, the fire must not create nuisance air pollution for others, and may not obscure or interfere with modes of transportation, such as roads or rail lines.

Be sure the fire does not smolder and create excess smoke, and that the fire cannot spread uncontrolled. The fire must be monitored at all times and a water source kept ready.

The OCSWMD discourages residents from burning waste this spring and throughout the year. Eliminating open burning in Ogle County creates a healthier lifestyle, happier neighbors, cleaner air to breathe, and a safer Ogle County. If you have questions about proper disposal of waste, recycling, composting, or other waste management issues in Ogle County, please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org), or go to Ogle County Solid Waste on Facebook.

## Polo COVID outbreak is being investigated

The Ogle County Health Department has been investigating several COVID-19 positive cases with potential links to Chesty P's in Polo.

The potential exposure occurred at an event on Feb. 27. If you visited this establishment on this on Feb. 27, or the days following the event, please consider getting tested for COVID, especially if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms include:

- \* Fever or chills
- \* Cough
- \* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- \* Fatigue
- \* Muscle or body aches
- \* Headache
- \* New loss of taste or smell
- \* Sore throat
- \* Congestion or runny nose
- \* Nausea or vomiting
- \* Diarrhea

The health department continues to contact trace cases and close contacts related to this event, but we are asking for the public's help to pass on this information about potential exposure to anyone who may have visited Chesty P's on Feb. 27.

If you have information about this event, please call 815-562-6976 or email the health department at [health@oglecounty.org](mailto:health@oglecounty.org)

## Former Rochelle employee pleads guilty to wire fraud

ROCKFORD — A former resident and employee of the City of Rochelle pleaded guilty Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston to wire fraud for fraudulently obtaining at least \$150,000 from a non-profit business association.

Scott Koteski, 58, of Rochelle, was an employee of the City of Rochelle and was selected by the

city to sit on the board of directors of a non-profit business association that provided broadband internet technology to smaller municipalities in northern Illinois. According to the written plea agreement, starting in 2011, Koteski was selected as the treasurer of that association. As treasurer, Koteski handled the invoicing and billing of the member municipalities, and as of Febru-

ary 2012, Koteski had signatory authority on the association's bank account.

From September 2012 through April 2018, Koteski fraudulently obtained at least \$150,000 from the association, which he used for his own benefit without the association's knowledge or consent. Koteski wrote numerous checks to himself from the association's bank

account, which he deposited into his personal bank account for his personal benefit.

Koteski concealed his acts by writing false information on the memo line to make it appear the checks were for reimbursement of personal monies Koteski spent for the association when, in fact, Koteski was not entitled to reimbursement.

## Students learn importance of agriculture in Illinois

Abraham Lincoln's birthday was Feb. 12, making February a great month to learn about Illinois.

Due to its location, climate, and soil Illinois is ideal for agriculture. Students throughout Ogle and Carroll counties took a closer look at the Land of Lincoln. Younger elementary students learned about many of Illinois' state symbols including: big bluestem, cardinal, bluegill, monarch butterfly, white oak tree, purple violet, white tail deer, and popcorn. They discovered that Illinois grows more pumpkins and soybeans than any other state. In corn production Illinois is only second to Iowa. They used this information to make their designer license plates.

After looking at Illinois' topography and its role in agriculture, older elementary students made relief maps. They discovered the hills in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties are a great place to raise beef cattle whereas the flat lands in the middle part of the state is ideal for corn and soybeans. Using clay they made a 3d map of Illinois complete with a title, compass, and map key. They included major waterways such

as the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers that are used to transport crops grown in Illinois.

These programs and activities were provided by Ag in the Classroom. Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191 or like us on Facebook @OgleCarrollAgClass.

Theo Garces from Miss. Love's 1st grade class at Mary Morgan Elementary school in Byron created a designer license plate showing many of our state symbols. He included the cardinal, monarch butterfly, big bluestem, white oak tree, bluegill, and purple violet. You will see Abraham Lincoln's black hat as students were learning about Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Illinois is #1 in the production of pumpkins and #2 in the corn production. Theo included both on his license plate.



### Ogle County Permanent Polling Place Change due to COVID-19 Oregon-Nashua 1, 2, 3 & 5 Precincts

Precinct	Old	New
Oregon-Nashua 1	United Methodist Church	Rock River Center
Oregon-Nashua 2	200 S. 4th St.	810 S. 10 <sup>th</sup> St
Oregon-Nashua 3	Oregon, IL	Oregon, IL
Oregon-Nashua 5		

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk

### Ogle County Permanent Polling Place Change Flagg 5, 9 & 10 Precincts

Precinct	Old	New
Flagg 5	First Presbyterian Church	Flagg-Rochelle Park District
Flagg 9	1100 Calvin Rd.	802 Jones Rd.
Flagg 10	Rochelle, IL	Rochelle, IL

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk



## Obituary

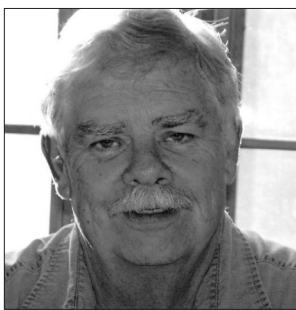
# Carlisle L. Magne

Carlisle L. Magne, 73, of Dixon, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, Dixon. He was born on Jan. 13, 1948 in Oregon, to Charles Hill and Edna (Masters) Magne, who predeceased him.

He married Diane Lynn Miller of Polo on Oct. 18, 1986 at the Church by the Side of the Road in Rockton. Mr. Magne was a fabulous woodworker, loved building, and spending time with his family and grandchildren, and good friends. During his children's time in Lee County 4-H and Troop 93 Boy Scouts, he donated his time and skills.

Mr. Magne attended schools in Polo and Mt. Morris, graduating in 1966 from Polo High. He also attended classes at the University of Illinois at Champaign and Sauk Valley Community College.

Throughout his life he was a member of the Operating Engineers, the Carpenters and Millwrights Union and the IBEW. He worked for N & L Construction of Polo, Curt Weaver Harvester of Polo, and in 1969 he



boomed out with the union to work the timber grounds in Gold Beach, Oregon, cutting fire roads through the timber ground. When work got slow, he again boomed out to Alaska and worked 2-3 years building the pumping stations for the Alaskan Pipeline all the way to the tundra. He came home in the early 70's and started Polo Lumber Company with Robert Groth and together they built homes and apartments throughout the northern, IL area. He eventually went to Byron and helped build the Byron Nuclear Station and in October 1981, went to work for Commonwealth Edison at Byron Nuclear spending 5 years in Operation, and the next 20 years in Mechanical Maintenance, retiring in February 2004.

He is survived by his wife Diane, of Dixon; one daughter, Quinn Caitlin Magne of Dixon; one son Cameron Charles (Cira) Magne of Dixon; 5 grandchildren, Taylor Paige Frost, Parker Rae Magne, Sawyer Cameron Magne, Sailor Jade Magne, Daegan Warren Magne; one brother, Dr. Michael L. (Patricia Spiva) Magne, DVM of Forestville, Calif.; and close family friends, Stanley (Diane) Bush of Byron and their family. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2021, at the Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, Dixon, followed by the funeral service at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Randy Swanson, officiating. Cremation rites accorded following the service. Burial of cremated remains will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo, at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Dixon Rural Fire Department or National Epilepsy Foundation. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

## Medicare, Soc. Security program is March 17

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All

are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron.

The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission. Check us out at [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org). Illinois covid-19 guidelines will be followed for this program

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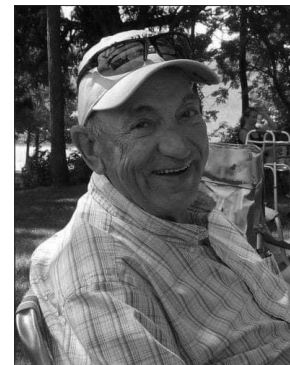
## Obituary

# Kenneth James Green

Kenneth James Green, died Thursday, March 4, 2021 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. He was born July 9, 1937 in Mt. Carroll, the son of Cecil J. and Elnora A. (Kness) Green.

Kenneth graduated from Stockton High School in 1955. He was married to Jane Carroll in 1955 and had four children. He married Shirley Hoffmann Schurbon, and her five boys, in June of 1968 they had another daughter and son.

Kenneth is survived by eleven children, three daughters, Sherry (Bob) Worley, Susan (Tom) Slater, and Renee (Jon) Ludwig; eight sons, Scott (Lana) Green, Eugene (Kathy) Green, Robert (Angie) Green, William Green, Steven (Kathy) Green, Ronald (Laura) Green, Kevin (Sonia) Green, and Patrick Green; two brothers, Jerry Green



and Dennis (Mary) Green; one sister, Carol (Dell) Cross; brothers-in-law, David Kaiser, Joe (Doris) Hoffmann; sisters-in-law Verna Powell, LaVonne Tillis, Janis (Jerry) Burken, and Connie (Julius) Kuberski; 35 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; eleven great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; sister, Connie Kaiser; sisters-in-law, Reta Green, Phyllis Ber-

thel, and Lois McClimon; brothers-in-law, Gerald Hoffman, John Berthel, Gerald Berthel, Jack Tillis, and Lawrence Powell and Rae McClimon.

Kenneth enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening, helping on the farm, going to the casino, Casey's Donuts, sitting at the "Table of Knowledge," and spending time with friends and family.

A private family mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday March 12, 2021 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Freeport. A visitation was held from 3-7 p.m. Thursday March 11, 2021 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston. Burial in St. Wendelin Cemetery in Shannon. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Forreston Lions Club Summer Ball Program and the Forreston New Life Center Food Pantry in Kenneth's memory.

## RRC has upcoming trip, meetings

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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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 care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.



# Forreston honor rolls

1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll  
Forreston High School

Excellent Honor Roll (3.75-4.0):

Freshmen: Samantha Appel, Sydney Badertscher, Letrese Buisker, Bryn Greenfield, Jenna Greenfield, Hannah Harvey, Ella Ingram, Zariah Jenkins, Grant Johnson, Keeli Larson, Shelby Morris, Kaeden Motszko, Micah Nelson, Julia Parra, Autumn Pritchard, Alexander Ryia, Paige Scott, Elizabeth Shenberger, Nikolas Valenzuela, Andrew Wells

Sophomores: Elizabeth Bishop,

Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKenna Crase, John DeHaven, Jace Engbert, Owen Greenfield, Bryonna Harson, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathan Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Natalie Mealing, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Madyson Schoonhoven, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kobe Southerland, Emalee VanDeWarker, Lacie Williams

Juniors: Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Makayla Cole, Kara Erdmann, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Breanna Kloster,

Arriana Koerble, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals, Holly Plock, Kailey Sanders, Joseph Snyder, Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt

Seniors: Ashleigh Alexander, Morgan Baker, Abbey Brooks, Paityn Broshous, Ethan Cain, Alivia Chamberlin, Abigail Derrer, Alexia Derrer, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Mya Greenfield, Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Cora Krigbaum, Braden Politsch, Hannah Schnierla, Ryan Schoonhoven, Madison Sketo, Emma Stevens

Honor Roll (3.0-3.74):

Freshmen: Madison Albee, Elly Bamberg, Ethan Bocker, Tiffany Deen, Kaden Ganz, Xavier Goeddeke, Nevaeh Houston, Allyson Kerr, Olivia King, Brynn Lamm, Kiyan Lynn, Codey Rohdy, Tymon Runkle, Kaleb Sanders, Bailey Sterling, Dylon Timmer, Ava Welch, Kendall White, Patrick Wichman, Madison Zipse

Sophomores: Kristina Bondele, Kayla Denler, Cole DeWall, Drew Dieterman, McKenna Dorthy, Quinten Frederick, Kyler Ganz, Hailey Greenfield, Sydney Greenfield, Daemyn Heslop, Carli Hollis, Cortney Miller, Chloe Reubin,

Dyllan Schreiber, Kaia Stralow

Juniors: Thomas Appel, Cole Becker, Samon Bettner, Carter Daws, Logan Dyson, Dylan Greenfield, Anthony Jenkins, Dylan Lewis, Noah Lindquist, Laci Meyer, Ryan Morris, Nicholas Parra, Faith Pepper, Mary Salins

Seniors: Alayna Crase, Kylee Curry, Mackenzie Engbert, Michael Koehl, Lukas Lingel, Malia Lower, Joel Ludwig, Isabella Maniscalco, Corbin Miller, Montana Pierson, Taylor Robertson, Molly Salins, Ashton Schramm, Jaxon Shuey, Ashley Skoglund, Caylee White, Travis Wilson

Forreston Junior High School  
2nd quarter honor roll  
Excellent Honor Roll (3.75-4.0)

6th Grade: Eli Ferris, Carter Fox, Emma Lenkaitis, Jillian Moore, Kolton Motszko, Daylen Rahn, Nevaeh Scheffner, Addison Shenberger, Henry Warren

7th Grade: Caroline Bawinkel, Danica Fong, Gavin Fox, Emma Hundertmark, Kyla Lamm,

Jeremiah Newill, Jayda Perkins

8th Grade: Ericka Alexander, Ennen Ferris, Evelyn Haller, Brenna Hofmaster, Grace Kaiser, Ayla Kiper, Sophia Lewis, Aspen McGlynn, Lucas Nelson, Jayleigh Newill, Aspen Niesman, Michael Owens, Lacey Politsch, Aubrey Sanders

Honor Roll (3.0-3.74)  
6th Grade: Drue Behrends, Levi Bocker, Mia Cox, Faith

Encheff, Zakary Glick, Alivia Harson,

Alivia Ingram, Madison Jackson, Cammie Kent, Cylee Kirchner, Gage Lawson, Charlie Lindquist, Kyria Mazique, Zoe Menke, Jared Merkel, Jonathan Milnes, Sofia Pacheco, Chloe Pritchard, Mickey Probst, Christopher Rohdy, Breelyn Schneiderman, Erica Tryggestad, Hayden Vinnedge, Hannah Wagner, Brayden Widmer, Maxx Wiltfang, Adam

Wubbena

7th Grade: Carson Akins, Emilee Bocker, Emma Chamberlin, Hunter DeWall, Kylie Dieterman, Kailey Encheff, Noah Genandt, Brady Gill, Darin Greenfield, Audrina Haas, Hayden Harvey, Cadan Hoffman, Min-Jee Johnson, MaKenna Jordison, Jakob Kobler, Elizabeth Ludwig, Ann-Marie Meredik, Hunter Miller, Brooklynn Parra, Trevor Rusnak, Christian Ryia, Kaylynn

Schiesher, Kadin Schreiner, Hailee Vogt, Mackenna Zink, Brady Zipse

8th Grade: Tayton Bandy, Maddie Chesnek, Dausyn Heslop, Coehen Kirchner, Daniel Koehl, Conrad Krigbaum, Colton McGlynn, Joseph Miller, Josiah Newill, Cassie Pals, Ashlyn Rinaldi, Bailee Roop, McKenna Rummel, Jaiden Schneiderman, Alec Schoonhoven, Dane Setterstrom, Alayna Shea, Isabella Thiel, Aidan Yordy

## Deadline is soon for Tri-County Opportunities Council 2021 scholarships

ROCK FALLS – At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income eligible students residing in the agency's service area.

The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds.

All low-income students, racial or ethnic minorities and previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

\* The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.

\* The applicants must be attending

an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2021.

\* Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.

\* Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline is March 26, 2021.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800-323-5434, Ext. 15 or on the website at [www.tcochelps.org](http://www.tcochelps.org).

## Township sets meetings

Rockvale Township has announced meeting dates for 2021-22.

Meetings are always the third Monday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

The dates are: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 18, 2022, Feb. 21, 2022 and March 21, 2022.

The annual meeting is April 13.

### The family of Donald E. Ebens

Would like to thank family and friends for the heartfelt sympathy, phone calls, cards with comforting kind words and the memorial contributions. We would also like to thank Ogle County Sheriff's Dept., Ogle County Coroner and the Oregon EMT's. The supper and friendship was very much appreciated.

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**HOPE of Ogle County** 562-8890 or 732-7796  
**Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs**

## Education

**University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County**  
**421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061** 732-2191

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

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

## Senior Citizens Services

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

## Sexual Assault/Abuse

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling**  
**24-hour hotline** 636-9811  
**412 W Washington, Oregon** 732-0000

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

**Pegasus Special Riders** 973-3177

## Veterans' Services

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

## Wellness Services

**Ogle County Health Dept**  
**907 Pines Rd, Oregon** 562-6976  
**510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle** 562-6976  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499

# Park District announces upcoming events, activities

### Easter Ceramic Craft Kit Pick Up at Nash

This craft kit includes a 6" high ceramic egg to paint. It's perfect for any age. Your kit will come complete with an assortment of paints and a paint brush. The ceramic assembled by Cin's Treasures Art Studio. The perfect at-home craft. Those registered can pick up their kit with a drive-up pick-up at Nash Recreation Center on Thursday, April 1 from 5-6:30 pm just in time for Easter! Register for your craft kit by March 25 online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101. Fee is just \$12 per Resident and \$15 for Non-Residents.

### Bingo Fun For Everyone

During March and April we will be playing Bingo at Nash from 1:30-2:00 p.m. on Monday's. 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 \$1.00 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).

### Yum...A Culinary Herb Garden

Plant your own mixed herb container that keeps on giving on Thursday, March 25, 2021. The staff at Merlin's Greenhouse will have a variety of herbs to choose from. Participants will choose and plant 3 favorite varieties to use regularly when cooking. Learn tips and tricks for growing a successful herb garden to include caring for plants and harvesting. Upon registration, choose the 6 pm class time or the 7:30 pm class time. Classes are held at Cork & Tap. Fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 18.

### DIY Kit-Happy Easter Sign with T+T

Enjoy stenciling a Happy Easter sign with 5 little bunnies on a 10" x 10" canvas. This DIY project is perfect for kids or adults looking for a crafty project. Pick up your kit on Monday, March 29 at Nash. Enjoy creating trendy art pieces with the help of a prepared kit (includes canvas, stencil, and all paint needed) and access to a "HOW TO" video with Charlotte from T+T. Class fee is \$14/Resident or \$17/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 22.

### DIY Canvas Painting Kits for ages 5+

Looking for an art project to enjoy at home but with a great instructional video (almost like being in class)? Painting on canvas is fun for all ages and the beauty of the DIY kit is painting your project when your schedule allows. No experience required. The pattern is already drawn on the canvas for you. Kits will be available for pick up on March 23. Choose between a cute cactus or a Sun, Moon & Stars design. Kits include canvas and paints. Brushes are not provided but can be purchased for \$5. Registration deadline is March 16. Fee is \$17/Resident or \$20/Non-Resident.

### Would you like the Easter Bunny to stop by your house?

Register for a visit from the Easter Bunny on either Friday, April 2nd or Saturday, April 3rd between 9 a.m. and noon. A text will be sent out 10 minutes before arrival so that you can be ready at your window. The Easter Bunny will leave a goodie bag at your front door which will include a personalized cookie! Then if you would like you can come outside for a quick photo with the bunny (socially distanced) or masks must be worn. Visits will be brief as the Easter Bunny will have several houses to visit. Sign up early as space is limited. \$10/house (includes 1 child) and \$5 for each additional child. Registration deadline is March 25.

### Baseball and Softball 2021

Registration is open for all of our Baseball and Softball programs, featuring options for ages 3 years old through 14 years old. Whatever your skill and age level, we have a program that will help develop your skills and ensure that you will have a fun season! Coaches are needed for all levels, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested in coaching.

Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 6/9

T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/26

Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/5

Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/5

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Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/5

Intermediate Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/5

Register at Nash, by calling 815-732-3101 or online at www.oregonpark.org,

E-mail news items to  
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## Senior Center hosting adult Easter egg hunt

MOUNTMORRIS—The Mt. Morris Senior Center and Let Freedom Ring will be hosting an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on the evening of Saturday, March 27.

The event will be held on the Mt. Morris Campus, and tickets are available to everyone over the age of 18. For more information or if you would like to participate please call the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 815-734-

6335 or stop by Mt. Morris Village Hall. Tickets are \$10 each.

There will be egg prizes, golden egg prizes, and a door prize awarded. Everyone will receive candy and a fun time will be had by all. Food is available before the hunt at Mullarkey's Bar and Grill, The Idle Hour, or the Campus Café. Also, you can stay after the hunt to enjoy some music at Mullarkey's.

## Leaf River Lions are holding walk through egg event April 3

LEAFRIVER—The Leaf River Lions will be holding a walk or drive through Easter Egg event on Saturday April 3 starting at 10 a.m. and ending around 10:30 a.m., depending on participation.

The Lions will be lined up on Second Street, in front of the Bertolet Memorial building with their baskets of treats for the children to pass by and make their pick. Masks are requested

to be worn by all. The Easter Bunny will be somewhere along the line for children to see. There will also be a container to put the plastic eggs into once the treats are removed.

If driving through please enter off of Main Street and proceed west on Second to Blaine to help control the flow of traffic and be watchful of any children walking through the line.



## Student of the Month

Nico Giuffre of Oregon High School was named December Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. His parents are Phil and Toni Giuffre.

## Electronic recycling event is March 26

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronic recycling event on Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

Due to building usage that day, participants are required to enter this recycling event on Bennett Drive. Signs will be posted. Bennett Drive is located just east of the County Annex Building main entrance.

A free permit is required in advance to attend this recycling event. Permits are limited and must be requested by

4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24. To obtain a permit call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email the department at [solidwaste@oglecounty.org](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty.org) and provide your name address, phone number and email address. Permits are limited to one per household per month, and allow up to seven (7) items to be brought in for recycling.

This event is for Ogle County residential electronics. Accepted items include all types of televisions and computer monitors, computers and all computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, video game equipment, printers, FAX ma-

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

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



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- Immune disorders



# Tartaglia earns her board certification

Jeanette Tartaglia recently earned her certificate in becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

Prior to earning this certificate, Tartaglia received a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and a Masters of Science in Early Childhood Education with an approval in Early Childhood Special Education. Becoming a BCBA was a rigorous process that involved completing a course sequence that was verified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. As of Jan. 4, 2021, there are only 44,025 individuals holding the BCBA certification.

Tartaglia completed her seven courses through Northern Illinois University from where she earned her certificate in Behavior Analysis. Supervision hours were another requirement of this program. Jeanette

completed 1,500 hours of supervision underneath a certified BCBA. Once the coursework and hours were finished, the last step in her process was passing the BCBA exam. Now that she is certified, Tartaglia is required to adhere to the Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts and must continue to earn specific continuing education hours to maintain her certificate.

Tartaglia provides behavioral services to the schools that belong to the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. These services can include conducting assessments, consulting on specific problems, developing and implementing behavior intervention plans, training staff, and providing continuing support to students and staff.

# Forreston students compete in FFA judging

The section 1 FFA proficiency judging and interviews were recently held virtually.

Forreston had two students compete. Proficiencies are when FFA members compete with their record books over their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects. The SAE fits into the agriculture education 3 circle model which allows students to expand their learning outside of the classroom.

Laci Meyer competed with her swine entrepreneurship record book and placed

3rd at the competition. Abbey Brooks competed in Outdoor Recreation and placed 2nd for her work at White Pines Ranch and received an additional 2nd place in nursey operations with her work at the Forreston FFA greenhouse. Brooks also placed 1st in agriculture education with a record book pertaining to the student teacher program at FHS along with Highland Community College.

She moved on to the district competition on March 10.



# Park District offers painting classes

OREGON – Artist Amy Fenwick, offers fun canvas painting classes through the Oregon Park District.

These classes are held at Cork & Tap in Oregon giving participants a chance to enjoy an evening out, and sip on their favorite beverage. Painting on canvas is fun for all ages and for many it fulfills their creative side and for some it is great therapy.

On April 15, Fenwick will be teaching a Paint and Sip class where participants will paint a Swirly Tree on a 12” x 12” canvas. The registration deadline for the Swirly Tree

Canvas class is April 8.

The beauty of the DIY kits is the ability to paint your project when your schedule allows. Kits are recommended for children 5 years and up and for adults who want to learn the basics of painting on canvas. No experience required. The pattern is already drawn on the canvas for you.

If you want to give painting a try, choose between two DIY kits available March 23 for pick up. Choose between a cute cactus (on 11” x 14” canvas) or mixed image of the sun, moon and stars (on

12” x 12” canvas). If you can’t choose between the two, you are welcome to register for both kits.

Registration deadline is March 16. Fee is \$17/Resident or \$20/Non-Resident. For an additional \$5 three paint brushes can be purchased. Register online at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or by call the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101. Watch for in-person classes coming soon.

For additional information on craft classes through the Park District contact Debbie Leffelman at deb-

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# Oregon Police report

Feb. 17  
At 1:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shirley M. Hoffman, 85, Oregon, a citation for a stop arm violation. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 7:39 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nikolas J. Barnhart, 23, Chana, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th and Webster Streets.

Feb. 18  
At 11:37 a.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old female juvenile, Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of theft less than \$500. The juvenile was released into her parent's custody with a referral to the State's Attorney being filled out.

Feb. 19  
At 7:10 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of Armstrong Street involving a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Jeffrey S. Taylor, 28, Oregon, and a parked 2002 Suzuki belonging to Jacob U. Feiden, 27, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Feb. 20  
At 10:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael D. Ramsey, 29, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the 4th and Washington Street intersection.

Feb. 21  
At 2:18 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Andrew E. Hainzinger, 36, of Arlington Heights, for driving while license suspended, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, and possession of drug equipment. Hainzinger was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper use of

a registration. Hainzinger was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of Monroe Street.

2 parking tickets and 1 verbal warning issued during the week of 02/15/2021 through 02/21/2021

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 02/15/2021 through 02/21/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle 4 Citizen Complaints 6  
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem 6 Assist EMS / Other Dept. 2  
Disturbance / Dom Battery 2 Alarm Response 1  
Lockout Vehicle / Building 2 911 Hang-up / Open Line 1  
Ordinance Violations 2 Traffic Stops 6

Feb. 22  
At 12:27 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Carrie A. Cowley, 29, Oregon on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant. Cowley was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Feb. 28  
At 6:14 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Sarah J. Kirby, 25, Mendota, for an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Kirby was also issued citations for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of S. 4th Street.

5 verbal warning issued during the week of 02/22/2021 through 02/28/2021

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 02/22/2021 through 02/28/2021:

Checking a Subject /

Vehicle 10 Citizen Complaints 5  
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem 7 Assist EMS / Other Dept. 9  
Disturbance / Dom Battery 3 911 Hang-up / Open Line 1  
Ordinance Violations 2 Traffic Stops 5

March 1  
At 9:21 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a dis-

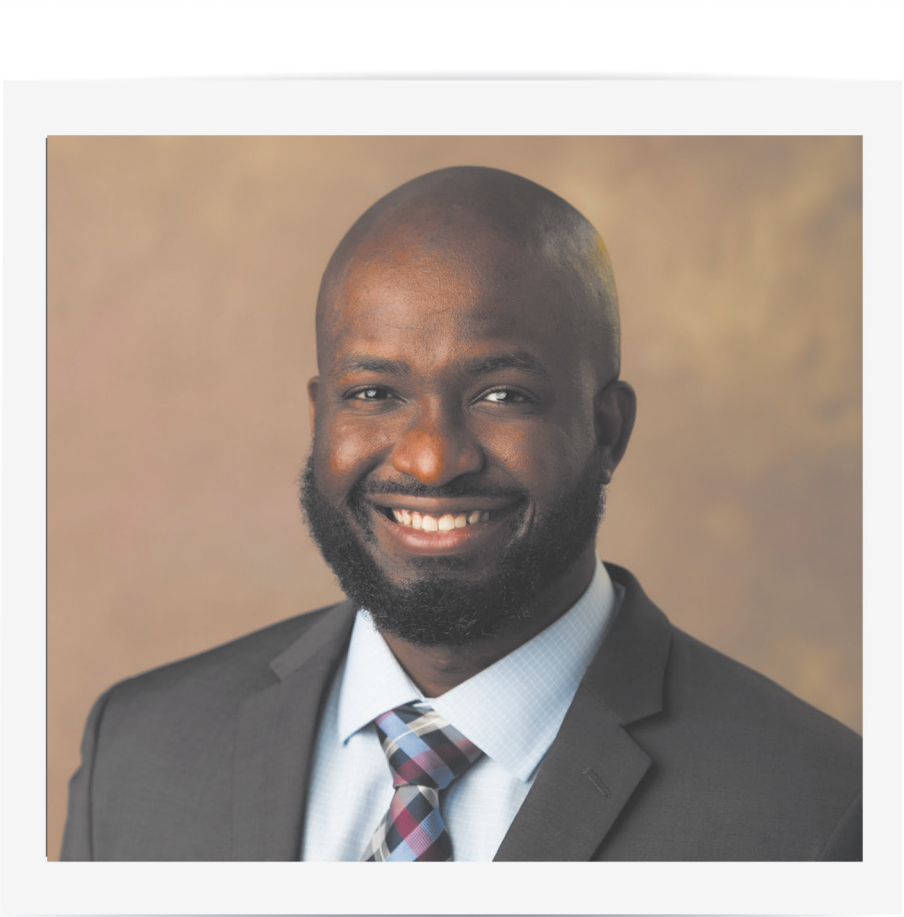
turbance in the 310 building of the Lover's Lane apartment complex resulting in the arrest of Alexander L. Pierce, 25, Oregon. Pierce had left the scene and was subsequently stopped in the 800 block of S. 10th Street where he was charged with domestic battery and interfering with the reporting of domestic battery. Pierce transported to the Ogle County jail.

March 5  
At 6:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christy M. Oleson, 30, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

1 parking ticket and 3 verbal warning issued during the week of 03/01/2021 through 03/07/2021

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 03/01/2021 through 03/07/2021:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle 6 Citizen Complaints 2  
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem 8 Assist EMS / Other Dept. 1  
Disturbance / Dom Battery 4 Vehicle / Building Lockout 3  
911 Hang-up / Open Line 1 Traffic Stops 10



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Mon., March 15

Oregon CUSD is conducting a free Preschool Screening for all children turning 3 or 4 before Sept. 1 interested in attending Oregon Elementary Preschool from 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School.

Share Your Story, via Zoom with the Byron Library, 11 a.m.-noon. Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/](http://Byron.evanced.info/) signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID

will be emailed to registrants.

Tues., March 16

Oregon CUSD is conducting a free Preschool Screening for all children turning 3 or 4 before Sept. 1 interested in attending Oregon Elementary Preschool from noon-6:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School.

Weds., March 17

Oregon CUSD is conducting a free Preschool Screening for all children turning 3 or 4 before Sept. 1 interested in attending Oregon Elemen-

tary Preschool from 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School.

Thurs., March 18

Oregon CUSD is conducting a free Preschool Screening for all children turning 3 or 4 before Sept. 1 interested in attending Oregon Elementary Preschool from 8:20 a.m.-12:40 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School.

Sat., March 21

The Davis Junction Museum I showing the movie "A League of Their Own" at 1:30

p.m. The film was directed by Penny Marshall and stars Tom Hanks, Madonna, Geena Davis and many more. The museum is located at 202 Pacific in Davis Junction.

Dogwood Indoor Market, Rt. 26/64, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. New Vendors Added!

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On April 2, 1513, near present-day St. Augustine, Florida, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon comes ashore and claims the territory for the Spanish crown. Ponce de Leon is credited with the first recorded landing and the first detailed exploration of the Florida coast.

\* On April 1, 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of playing April Fool's jokes. In keeping with the fun, in 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees.

\* On March 31, 1776, future first lady Abigail Adams writes to her husband urging him to "remember the ladies" when drafting a new code of laws for the fledgling nation. Abigail pondered if and how the rights of women would be addressed in an American constitution.

\* On April 4, 1841, only 31 days after assuming office, William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, dies at the White House. At his inauguration, Harrison declined to wear a jacket or hat and made a two-hour speech. Soon afterward, he developed pneumonia.

\* On April 3, 1936, Richard Bruno Hauptmann, convicted in the kidnapping and murder of the 20-month-old son of Charles Lindbergh, is executed by electrocution. In 1932, Charles Lindbergh Jr. was kidnapped from the nursery of the Lindbergh home.

\* On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam as Hanoi frees the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. America's direct eight-year intervention in the Vietnam War was at an end.

\* On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr. Hinckley had a pathological obsession with the 1976 film "Taxi Driver," in which the main character attempts to assassinate a fictional senator.

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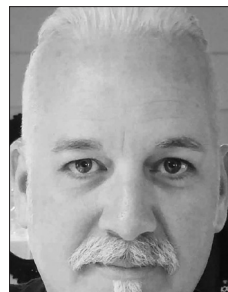
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## Change won't stop just because you don't like it

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I was a big fan of the rock group KISS back when I was in my early teens. I loved the over-the-top nature of the band. The bombastic music and visuals were perfect to attract the love and attention of teen boys.

Hey, we wanted to rock and roll all night and party every day, even though we really didn't party that much and had a set bedtime.

I remember that during that period my uncle from Arkansas came for a visit. He was a great guy and we all loved him. But he was a very religious, conservative guy. So when he launched into an anti-KISS diatribe, I was a bit surprised. To me, they were a living cartoon that played loud music. To him, they were Knight's in Satan's Service (some people really believed that is what KISS stood for) and that they should be banned because they were trying to warp young minds.

After getting over my shock, I ultimately found it sad that my uncle could be that misinformed. I was also surprised he wanted to get

the group banned.

That is what people these days are calling the "cancel culture." Let me tell you, this is not new, and it is not something the political left or the political right own. Everyone does it and always has.

I remember campaigns to cancel TV shows that certain groups found offensive. I remember in the 1980s, a group of Congressional wives had hearings on lyrics to songs they found offensive. This led to warning stickers on albums. Many artists complained of

censorship.

Remember the Dixie Chicks? They were huge until they dared put down the policies of President George W. Bush. They were banned from country radio stations and their career was severely damaged.

How about Colin Kaepernick? The former NFL quarterback decided to take a knee to protest the treatment of minorities in the country. This, in turn, had people accuse him of disrespecting veterans and the flag and it effectively ended his career.

These are all examples of this "cancel culture" we are hearing so much about right now. And why are we hearing so much about it? Because the Dr. Seuss Enterprises has decided to stop publishing six out of the roughly 60 books Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated during his career because of racist and insensitive imagery.

To be clear, the company made the decision, and when I look at the material, I believe they are correct. But if you look at social media or certain 24-hour news chan-

nels, you would believe that people are out burning books and that we are becoming Nazi Germany. We are not. All that is happening is that outdated and offensive depictions of some Americans will not be printed and sold in the future. If you find that offensive yourself, you might be in need of a little self-reflection.

Things change, people grow and cultural items that were once fine become offensive. That is called progress, folks. That has happened forever. Look at the Hays Commission and its effect on movies. It was all about censorship.

I find sloganeering sophomoric, to be frank. "Cancel culture" really means nothing. We change and cancel and morph constantly in this country. If you don't like it, that might mean you are out of step with the current culture, but that doesn't mean the current culture is wrong.

Change won't stop simply because it doesn't fit my world view or yours.

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## Base referendum vote on fact, not conjecture

Dear Editor,  
In response to the previously written letter to the editor by Mr. Horton, I felt it was necessary to address a few points to ensure readers are fully informed.

1. The district states they are not asking for more money.

The district is factually stating they are not asking for more money than a resident would have been paying over the previous seven years. Yes, if the district fails, a property owner would experience a lower tax rate.

2. Population trends are decreasing and so is student enrollment, therefore the district would need less staff and money.

Based on current enrollment,

the school district is already only funded at roughly 70% of adequacy, based on the State of Illinois Board of Education calculations. Over the last seven years, class sizes have consistently ranged between 89-110. Overall, actual enrollment has remained flat.

Alternatively, if the assumption is the district will be potentially overstaffed due to long term population movements, that is not being experienced locally at this time, then it must be pointed out that a failed referendum does not slowly decrease funding over time to match potential population trends. A failed referendum means an immediate end of \$1.3 million in funding to a district that is already underfunded.

Does this mean the district should cut 20-30 staff members to make up for this shortfall in funding and in preparation of a potential exodus in population that may or may not happen over multiple future years?

3. The assertion that previous reductions when trying to balance the budget, such as the elimination of junior high athletics was "dumb" and any mention of that happening again is a "ploy."

To clarify, the meeting in which there were cuts to junior high athletics also involved letting go of 26 staff members. The decisions made in that meeting not only affected the experience of the students in our district but also altered the lives of many Meridian staff members.

The thought that elimination of certain athletics and other extracurriculars as a consequence of the failed referendum is clearly not a threat. It has in fact happened before, therefore reasonable to believe it will happen again, along with many other cuts to meet a new, lower funding level.

4. Public schools do not understand that you can grow a customer base by charging a fair price and delivering high quality product.

Our district is among (if not the only schools in the stateline to be recognized by US News and World Report in each of the last four years as a top high school. This is evidence of a high quality product.

On a per student basis, Meridian

collects less tax revenue per pupil than any district in the county (Rochelle elementary and high school districts combined). This is the epitome of delivering high quality product at a reasonable cost.

It is vital that all citizens in the district take the time to research the funding situation of our district on their own or attend the informational meetings held virtually by the district where they can ask questions and get answers. While each person has the right to vote yes or no, they need to ensure it is based on a decision rooted in fact rather than conjecture and supposition that is being spread by some community members.

Philip J. Moore, Davis Junction

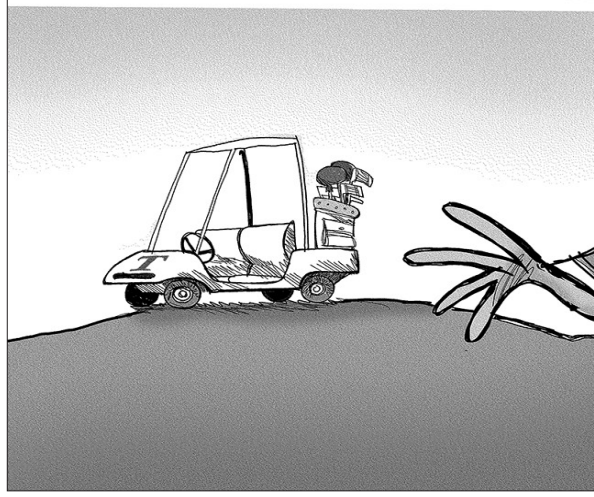
## Vote yes to preserve progress

Dear Editor,  
Vote Yes! On April 6, it is crucial that our community vote yes for the MCUSD 223 referendum. The progress our school district has made over the past 6 years with the money generated cannot stop now. By simply voting yes, MCUSD 223 will be able to continue to provide our students a top ranked education while still spending the least amount of dollars per student in our area. The district has demonstrated and modeled thoughtful spending of money and cutting back where needed.

The most important thing to realize is the opportunities a top-quality education affords to the children in our community now and in their future. We raised 4 children in our community. The opportunities they had both in and out of the classroom are far greater than what many students often get to experience even in a larger district. In the classroom, our children had the ability to take courses that challenged them and were given support when needed all through elementary, junior high, and high school. One of the best opportunities our children benefitted from was the partnership between MCUSD and Rock Valley College's dual credit program by being able to take advantage of receiving college credit for high school courses. Another benefit was the ability for students to take AP courses at the high school. The out of the classroom experiences MCUSD makes available to students is one of the best in the surrounding area. The self-determination, teamwork, and leadership skills our children gained for life by participating in FFA, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, outdoor club, band, chorus, musicals, art, peer tutoring, and NHS is unteachable rather learned through the experiences provided by our school district being able to offer them. We must continue these opportunities for our children in our community.

My hope is children in our community will continue to learn in the classroom and learn the life skills needed to be successful. Our community, our children. They need us and we need them. Vote Yes to preserve the progress!

Carolyn Timm, Stillman Valley



## Supporting school system is vital to community

Dear Editor,

We all have a duty to support the future of our own households as well as the future of our neighbors. This is the basic foundation of community. School systems are the most vital long term service provided to a community. They are an organized and efficient manner to educate and prepare today's children into tomorrow's contributing members of society. Without adequately supporting our schools, the effectiveness of education crumbles.

Look no further than Meridian 223 prior to the temporary tax increase seven years ago. Our district was unable to continue to support the necessary staff needed to educate our children leading to cuts of 26 staff members. Our district was forced to end junior high athletics. We trailed our neighboring districts in technology

provided to our students.

The district successfully passed a temporary Education Fund tax increase to prove to the community that with the added funds, the district could utilize that money to improve our district in a responsible manner. It is in my opinion that the district did in fact demonstrate that this money can be spent appropriately and should be trusted with these added funds permanently.

Examples of how the district used the approximately \$1.3 million in funding are the hiring of enough staff to allow appropriately sized classrooms to ensure all students get the needed attention to be successful. The return of junior high athletics and ability for other extracurricular activities that help develop well-rounded individuals. The ability to purchase enough

devices to meet a one to one student to device ratio so all students, regardless of income level, are able to learn using a computer.

The children of Meridian 223 are already funded at the lowest level per pupil in the county as the tax currently sits. Our district is funded at approximately 70 percent of what the state of Illinois says is adequate for a school system of this size. A \$1.3 million drop in funding if the tax is allowed to lapse will be detrimental to keeping our schools competitive and our children's futures bright. We all have a civic and moral duty to ensure the future of children in Meridian 223 are provided a realistic opportunity to be competitive as adults. A vote Yes for the referendum on April 6th is imperative.

Stephanie Moore, Davis Junction



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## I don't need the government telling me how to live

Dear Editor,

Watching public media, I now have learned that because I voted for Donald J. Trump in 2016 and supported the office of president (as I have under all presidencies), the policies, and the successes, that now I am called a domestic terrorist and need to be purged from society or at the very least in the words of Don Lemon (on his CNN show Tonight with Don Lemon on 8/20/20), Eugene Robinson (Washington Post columnist on MSNBC on 1/12/21), Katie Couric (on Real Time with Bill Maher on 1/15/21), and others be "de-programed."

While you may not have liked the former president's personality (believe me I cringed every time he opened his mouth); he brokered 4 Middle East peace accords; did not

engage us in a foreign war or conflict (the first president since Dwight D. Eisenhower); brought jobs to and lowered unemployment for minorities; succeeded in exposing the raw corruption in our "elitist" "ruling" leadership in both political parties; brought light to how far NATO was from its intended purpose; basically neutralized North Korea; exposed the amount of control China has on the U.S.; brought businesses back into the U.S.; facilitated the growth of retirement accounts; fast tracked the development of COVID vaccines; installed constitutional judges (the very reason I voted for him in 2016); brought us energy independence; and rebuilt the U.S. military. All this while lowering my Federal taxes from a rate of

about 12% to a rate of about 6%.

The former president represented those feeling disenfranchised; roughly 50 percent of the population, and the vanishing middle class.

I do not need elected government officials telling me that I am deplorable, a racist, an ignorant "Trumpite," a cult member, or domestic terrorist, all the while claiming they have superior morals. The hypocrisy makes me want to vomit!

I do not need a government telling me how to live, what I can say, nor when where or how I can say it! We have laws and a First Amendment for that.

And I do not need to be put down, discredited, cancelled, or harassed because I have a

different perspective or view. Come to me with facts that show your ideas are better and lead to positive results; do not come to me with emotional hyperbole.

I take pride in independence, hard work, and being the best person that I can be! And I believe people should be judged based on merit and character! I will take my guidance from a higher power!

And no, I do not need to be "de-programmed"!

I guess I will have to stop watching public media, for all it is doing is frustrating me and dividing society in its attempt to de-program and re-program me and mold how I should think!

Bill Pirnat, Byron

## Please take good care of our democracy

Dear Editor,

One thing nearly all of us can agree on: We'll be glad to see 2020 and early 2021 in our rearview mirrors. First it was Covid that threatened our lives and our livelihoods; then the insurrection at the US capitol threatened our democracy. Include racially motivated demonstrations and the denial of election results, and you have to admit it was no stroll in the park.

Just as alarming is the fact that people seem to be living in two different realities fed by social media and their own favorite news sources. There is middle ground. No one wants true socialism

with no private ownership of business, but neither does anyone want a free market that has gone wild and benefits primarily the very rich. No one wants business so highly regulated that companies cannot survive, but neither does anyone want companies that take advantage of workers, the public, and the environment. Every advanced nation has some form of safety net for those who are in need. Knowing where, when, and how much of it to apply without creating unnecessary dependency is a difficult question. Dilemmas such as these require a great deal of deliberation and compromise.

Sure, the process is messy and contentious, but it must be done with a certain basic level of respect for one another. Name calling and accusing our adversaries of being "flesh eating pedophiles" won't get the job done.

My suggestion is that we use major media sources such

as NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS for our political information, not social media. If we choose to listen to more partisan news sources such as FOX or MSNBC, we should listen to both of them in order to get a balanced viewpoint. These choices may keep us from falling victim to false information such as: the denial of climate change, which is supported by dozens of scientists and governments all over the world; the denial of Covid guidelines that are established by well-respected medical professionals; the denial of election results that were established by all 50 states and over 50 attempted court challenges.

Reputable news sources should also keep us from feeling victimized by conspiracies. Like the "bogyman under the bed," these beliefs have little basis in reality. Those who proffer such notions are simply trying to demonize political views that differ from their own.

Susan Page, Washington Bureau Chief for USA Today and moderator for the 2020 vice-presidential debates, was asked what would be the most important news topic in 2021. Her answer was, "Our Democracy." Democracies don't give each person everything they want, but instead provide everyone with a compromise they can live with – and not fight over. Democracies are light years ahead of any other system of government, and their maintenance is more important than the career of any politician. Please take good care of ours!

Delmar Lohr, Forreston



## Cash bail discriminates against those who can't pay

Dear Editor,

It is a time for celebration! Governor Pritzker signed Illinois House Bill 3653 into law on Feb. 22. Included in the bill is the Illinois Pre-trial Fairness Act which makes Illinois the first state to eliminate cash bond.

Cash bail discriminates against those who cannot afford to post bail, often jailing them for weeks or months, even leading some to agree to a plea deal in order to go free. The majority of people held in jails have not been charged with a crime. The use of cash bail criminalizes poverty. A 2018 study found that people who cannot make bail wait an average of 50 to 200 days for their trial. (In These Times February 2021). Because of this act, they will now be "released back into the community without having to suffer the spiraling, life-changing consequences of being detained for weeks and months while presumed innocent." (WHYY-PBS). The Act will go into effect in 2023.

The \$2 billion a year for-profit bail bond industry has been a vocal opponent of the elimination of cash bail. Many have expressed concern that

this act will put the public at a higher crime risk and lead to a reduction in court appearances. Studies of New Jersey and Washington D.C., bail reforms found "rates of appearance for trial after reforms were implemented are similar or better to rates of appearance before the reforms. Similarly, the rates of re-arrest for people who were released pretrial are comparable to those before the reforms were instituted." (americanprogress.org) "Under the previous system, low-income defendants would see their lives fall apart as they lost their jobs, housing or even their children simply because they could not afford to pay bail." (talkpoverty.org) It is not a crime to be poor in Illinois.

We all want to reduce crime and by turn, jail populations. In New Jersey, the pre-trial jail population, specifically those not charged with a crime, decreased by 44% from 2012 to 2018. In the United States, the use of pre-trial detention increased by 433% from 1970 to 2014. Between the same years, the violent crime rate reached a high in 1991 and has fallen by 51%, nearing 1970 levels.

(brennancenter.org) Crime rates are not going up, they are going down. The detention rate is completely out of sync with the crime rate. This act is a way for fairness to be implemented and jail populations reduced.

Another part of Illinois House Bill 3653 is the requirement for all police officers to be licensed by the state and to wear body-cams by 2025. These are unfunded mandates and much concern has been expressed about how to pay for these. An alternative to increasing property taxes or decreasing the number of police officers to pay for these mandates is to use the funds saved by reducing the costs of guarding, housing, feeding, clothing and providing medical care to the reduced number of (pre-trial) inmates. Additionally, federal and state funds used to help support inmates who have lost their jobs and housing while incarcerated may be saved and redirected to other state and federal programs, such as increasing educational opportunities. It is well-documented that education leads to a decrease in crime.

Cindy Enzler, Oregon



# Donation helps complete renovations

FORRESTON – Believe In The Children recently received a donation from 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County.

The \$1,000 donation served to complete the renovations on the 310 Sibling Home ahead of schedule.

Believe In The Children provides multiple services and programs to assist at-risk families navigating crisis situations. From Parenting and Anger Management classes to supervised visitations and parenting time exchanges, Believe In The Children is dedicated to the children they serve as families work through challenges.

Now 310 Sibling Home will provide temporary non-traditional foster care to sibling groups. The large home will keep siblings together while families work on bettering their family unit.

“There is great deal of need in our community and many very deserving organizations,” said Executive Director Patti Jennings. “We are honored that the 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County selected Believe In The Children as their most recent recipient. This generous gift will be used to complete work on the 310 Sibling Home in Forreston. Thanks to the generosity of these women and many others, we are moving one step closer to providing a safe, comfortable home for sibling groups in times of crisis.”

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# Audubon Society hosting bird watching outing

The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society invites anyone interested to join it for a visit to the Mississippi River south of Savanna to view migrating waterfowl on Saturday, March 27.

Participants will meet at the river overlook across from the FWS Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, 7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson. This field trip is free of charge, but participants must call leader Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 to register.

For more information, visit the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society website at [nwilaudubon.org](http://nwilaudubon.org).



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**000 N 6th Street Oregon \$49,900 Call Carla**  
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Byron wrestler Nolan Baker (far left) with other competitors from the Capitol Cup in Sterling, Va., on Feb. 27.



## Byron native Nolan Baker preparing for Olympic Trials

BYRON — Byron's Nolan Baker is making final preparations for the U.S. Greco-Roman Wrestling Olympic Trials that will be held in Fort Worth, Texas from April 2-3.

The champions from the U.S. Olympic Trials will become eligible to represent the United States at the 2021 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan from Aug. 1-7. Baker qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials at 67 kilograms (147.7 pounds) after placing fourth at the 2019 Senior Nationals in December 2019.

Baker, who is sponsored by the New

York Athletic Club, recently competed in the Capitol Cup held in Sterling, Virginia, on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Baker emerged the champion of the bracket, which featured eight elite senior-level wrestlers.

Baker won a 9-0 quarterfinal technical superiority over Corbin Nirschl, a 2020 U23 Nationals third-place finisher. Baker defeated 2018 U.S. Open runner-up Jessy Williams in the semifinal round.

Baker went on to win the finals by a 13-4 technical superiority over 2019 U23 World Team member Lenny Merkin.

## Stillman boys win two, lose one

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley boys basketball team won 56-44 over Winnebago on Wednesday, March 3. Kaden Viverito led the Cardinals with 16 points, while Chad Gerig added 11 points and Micah Johnson totaled 10 points.

Stillman Valley fell 62-45 against Byron on Saturday, March 6 before winning 57-44 over Rock Falls on Monday, March 8.

## Oregon opens tourney with a win

OREGON — The Oregon girls basketball team faced Dixon on Wednesday, March 3, falling 57-29. Mariah Drake led the Hawks with 12 points, while Elizabeth Mois totaled seven points.

Oregon battled Genoa-Kingston on Friday, March 5, losing 46-24. Ashlyn Kitzmiller led the Hawks with nine points on three first-quarter 3-pointers, while Elizabeth Mois had five points.

Oregon bounced back with a victory over North Boone on Saturday, March 6, winning 47-25 behind 14 points from Hadley Lutz and 11 points from Mois. Lily Gillingham scored eight points.

Oregon opened the Big Northern Conference tournament with a 34-33 win over Mendota on Monday, March 8. Hadley Lutz led the Hawks with nine points and Mariah Drake totaled seven.

## Byron swimmers place third

BYRON — The Byron co-op boys swimming and diving team took third place out of 10 schools in the Rockford Jefferson J-Hawk Invitational on Saturday, March 6. Byron scored 215 points.

Byron's 200-yard medley relay team of Levi Schamper, Nathan Bell, Carson Faley and Tyson Politsch placed second with a time of 1:43.74. Adam Goelitz took third in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.08 and Faley won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:58.58.

Politsch placed second in the 100-

yard butterfly with a time of 55.63 seconds and Faley won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:42.17. Byron's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Caleb Weekley, Nolan Stoll, Kaenan McDevitt and Goelitz finished sixth with a time of 1:46.49.

Schamper took third in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.19 and Bell placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.12. Byron's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Faley, Schamper, Bell and Politsch won with a time of 3:24.12.

## Oregon boys beat North Boone

OREGON — The Oregon boys basketball team lost 72-44 against Dixon on Wednesday, March 3. Joey Gelandar led Oregon with 11 points, while Owen Ketter added eight points in the loss.

Oregon outlasted North Boone 64-58 in double overtime to open the Big Northern Conference tournament on Monday, March 8. Liam Dickson scored 22 points for the Hawks, while Owen Ketter added 19 points in the victory. Joey Gelandar followed with 11 points for Oregon.

## Locals make Highland Dean's List

FREEPORT — Highland Community College proudly announces the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum 3.25 grade point average (GPA), based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list. Highest Honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High Honors is given to students with a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA, and Honors students have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

Leaf River: Bailey Gore  
Oregon: Olivia Hopkins; Elizabeth Oltmanns  
Polo: Parker Taylor

High Honors  
Forreston: Dalton Becker; Natalie Johnson; Sarah Meyers; Madyson Thomas

Leaf River: Jennifer Raum  
Monroe Center: Sophia Lichty  
Mt. Morris: Megan Hagemann  
Oregon: Gavin Bradshaw

Highest Honors  
Byron: Alexandra Buseski  
Forreston: Rachel Metzger; Aaron Wubbena

Honors  
Forreston: Afrdita Aliu; Samantha Greenfield; Hayden Singley  
Polo: Ashlee Griffin

## Oregon's Glowacki graduates from UW-Platteville

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 600 students from its three campuses for the summer and fall of 2020.

A total of 586 students from UW-Platteville, UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County and UW-Platteville Richland earned either their bachelor's or

associate degrees.

Because of COVID-19, no ceremonies were held, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

Oregon — Joseph Glowacki, Health and Human Performance

For more information on the university, located in Southwest Wisconsin, visit [www.uwplatt.edu](http://www.uwplatt.edu).



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# Birthday

## Harp celebrates 101st birthday

Viola Harp was born to Jessie and Louis Burd on March 8, 1920 on a tobacco farm near Mt. Sherman, Ky. She was the youngest of seven children, five of them children from a mother who had died.



Her mother, Louie came from England to Canada shortly before World War I. Soon afterwards she answered a notice in a religious publication from Jessie, who was in need of a wife to help raise his children after the death of their mother. Louie and Jessie married shortly afterwards.

Together, Jessie and Louie had two daughters, the youngest of which was Viola. She was named after Jessie's first wife. Viola's nickname among her friends was "Piggy."

She married Carl Harp on July 4, 1942. Their first child, Jason, died soon after birth. They had two more sons, Lowell, April 4, 1947 and Gary, born June 23, 1948.

The family moved to central Illinois, settling within a few years in the small town of Secor, until after the boys graduated from high school.

They lived for several years in Maggie Valley, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and then

returned to Illinois to live in the Maple Lawn retirement community in Eureka.

Carl died in 1994.

Viola remained at Maple Lawn until 2014, when she moved to The Meadows assisted living facility in Franklin Grove, where she could be near her children and grandchildren.

She moved to the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center in 2018.

Her son, Gary died last summer in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Viola has five grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

In Eureka she was active in her retirement center community. She assisted the beautician. Her faith has been very important to her all of her life and she enjoyed reading the Bible.

Happy 101 Birthday, Viola!

# Byron Library News

### Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

Read more and worry less, for the Byron Library has gone fine free! How does it work? There will still be a due date for items checked out and returned to the Byron Library, but patrons will no longer be charged a fee for bringing materials back late. Just remember to bring your materials back, because you will receive a bill for items that are overdue by 21 days or more. As a bonus, we've also waived all of those old late fees. Start a new chapter at the Byron Library!

### Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at [byronlibrary.org](http://byronlibrary.org) or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

### Check out our eBooks!

Our digital books are available 24/7! Check out Hoopla, Libby, Axis 360 and Biblioboard for free with your library card at <http://byron.lib.il.us/resources/>.

### Print Wirelessly with Princh!

Did you know that there is an app that allows you to print from your smartphone to the Byron Library printers? Just download Princh from the iTunes or Google Play Store. You can also use Princh to wirelessly print at the library from your computer. Just visit <http://byron.lib.il.us/> and select "Wireless Printing" from the Services menu.

### Share Your Story

Monday, Mar 15

11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom

Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. A journal will be provided to new registrants and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Friday, March 12. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

### Creating Family Rhythms

Wednesday, Mar. 24

6-7 p.m., via Zoom

Join Beth as she creates seasonal family rhythms using watercolors! These guidelines help to structure your family routine and spark seasonal new traditions. Kit will include watercolor paints, watercolor paper, paint brushes and a Sharpie. Please return the paint brushes and Sharpie to the library in the provided bag. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants. Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Saturday, March 20.

### 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](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling the library at 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

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# Mount Morris Library News

## Teen Volunteers Needed

The Mount Morris Public Library is offering a new volunteer program for area 'teens' (youth in grades 6 - 12). Volunteer activities could be in-person (summer reading program) or virtual, for now. This program offers local teens volunteer opportunities they may not be able to obtain elsewhere due to COVID, and will also provide the library with a new pool of volunteers. It's a great way to connect with the community and other teens in addition to providing experience for college or work. (Additionally, might lead to future employment here at the library should a position become available.)

Volunteer opportunities include some of the following activities: book, game or movie reviews, creating Facebook & Instagram content such as library / literary memes, book lists, etc., hosting/co-hosting online programs, creating art or fan-art, and book-spine poetry. There are also

opportunities to brainstorm and assist with programming and "to-go craft kits" and community projects.

Contact Dawn Winters at dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com or 815-734-4927 for more information.

## Virtual Storytime

Virtual Storytime will be at 11:15 a.m. via Facebook Live every Wednesday.

## Family Storytime {In-person}

In-person family storytime is available on Fridays by appointment and for one family at a time. It will last approximately 30 minutes and will include books, rhymes and a craft. Masks will be required for ages 3 and up and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entry to the library. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to register.

## 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.

## To-Go Craft Kits for All Ages

We have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Paper plate shamrock hat. Teens: Paper roll shamrock. Adults: Shamrock coloring page. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to get yours!

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# Bertolet Library News

**Wednesday WhoDunIt: March 24 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us Wednesday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, a slice of pie, and a chat about crime solving Flavia de Luce, the delightful 11 year-old sleuth in Alan Bradley's book *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*. Pick up a copy of the book at Bertolet Library. Discussion will be held, socially distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required. Registration is not necessary. Questions? Call 815-738-2742.

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Family Story Time is back! Each Thursday at 10 a.m., join Miss Jana for your family's own personal story time. Call to register for your family time slot or follow the SignUp-Genius link found on our Facebook page. Masks are required for ages 3 and up. Miss Jana

can't wait to see all of you! Extra storytime crafts will be available on Thursdays while supplies last.

**New Releases**

- Adult Fiction
- Little Wishes by Michelle Adams
- Adult Non-Fiction
- Delay, Don't Deny by Gin Stephens
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- Aurora Teagarden
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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BYRON

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277  
Pastor Janet Wold. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Sunday worship schedule has changed to one gathering at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website following our in-person service. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am from September through May. Adult Sunday School will be held at 10:00 am. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. Wednesday afternoon Bible study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Book club and quilters meet in-person monthly. Please visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the office for details.

**CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH**  
205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://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](mailto:ucb@comcast.net) Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Pastor: Tyler Spelious  
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: [chanamc@gmail.com](mailto:chanamc@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**  
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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](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION**  
Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceisforyou.com](http://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.  
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**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## LEAF RIVER

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

**LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Billy Hardy  
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](http://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](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

## LINDENWOOD

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS**  
[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@goelimchurch.org)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org)  
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

## MOUNT MORRIS

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815-734-4853  
[secretary@disciplesumc.org](mailto: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](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

**MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.  
Email: [mtmcb@frontier.com](mailto:mtmcb@frontier.com)

**MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler  
**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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3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.  
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://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 month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

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

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

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

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

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Pastor: Rick Tomlison  
Website: [www.stpaul13.com](http://www.stpaul13.com) Email: [stpaul13@frontier.com](mailto:stpaul13@frontier.com)  
Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more information, call the church office.

## POLO

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

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

## STILLMAN VALLEY

**RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)**  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W. Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://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](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM  
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children and Families  
Sunday Mornings: 9am traditional service, 10:30am contemporary service and Kids' Club  
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**  
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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## Library Hours

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## Community Read

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

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Instill a lifelong love of reading in your babies and young children with this easy incentive program. Just sign up at the library to receive information and a book log and then start reading! Prizes are awarded at various levels of completion.

## Preschool Activities

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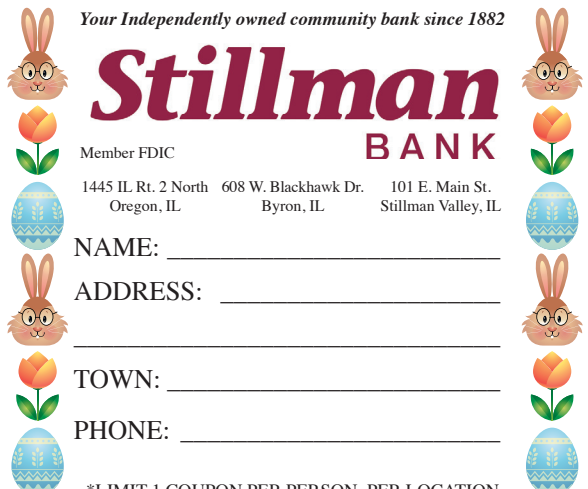
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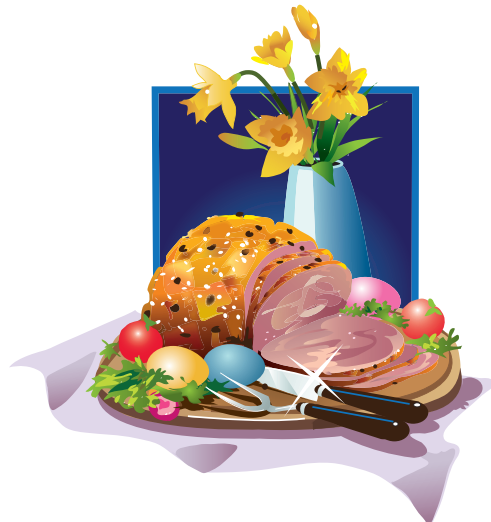
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## VFW

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 1310 W. Washington St.  
 Oregon, IL  
 815-732-6851

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RERUNS

**120 W. 2nd St., Byron, IL**  
 815-406-8060

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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104 E Main St,  
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 815-938-2240

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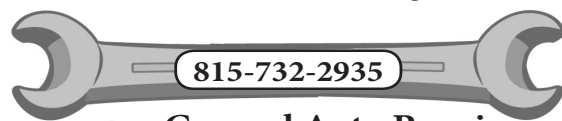
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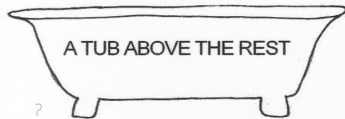
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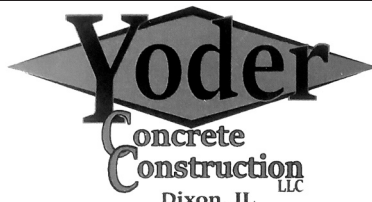
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# Julia Hull Library News

## 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](http://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. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to schedule a curbside

pickup for March craft kits, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. January kits now available. While supplies last.

## Young Critics Book Club

Join Miss Sarah Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. on Zoom for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about Jonas Hanway's *Scurrilous, Scandalous, Shockingly Sensational Umbrella*, by Josh Crute. Program supply kits available at the library upon register. Call the library or use our online order form to register for the class: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 7-9.

## Short & Sweets

Join Joanna on Zoom, Wednesday, March 17 at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of T.C. Boye's short story, "The Apartment." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org). Paper copies available at the li-

brary. Adults.

## Tween Reads: The Unwants

Join Zoey on Zoom Tuesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Lisa McMann's novel, *The Unwants*. Ages 10-12. Call the library or email Zoey at [zferrari@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:zferrari@mail.meridian223.org) to register and reserve your program supply kit.

## Easter Closures

The library will be closed Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 for Good Friday and Easter.

## Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Homeira Qaderi's new memoir, *Dancing In the Mosque* on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available at the library. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for a link to the program.



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# Oregon Library News

## 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 three different ways: Log into your library account with your library card number and PIN (last four digits of the library card number) 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. Once your requested items are available for pick up you will receive the automated notification from PrairieCat. 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!

## COVID-19 vaccine notification form

Oregon Public Library can help with completing the Ogle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form. Ogle County Health Department released a form for community members to express interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This will help them determine which phase of the vaccination plan you are in and when you may be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Library has computers available by appointments and staff is able to assist with completing the form. Call the Library(815-732-2724) during regular business hours and Library staff can also register you over the phone if you do not have access to a computer.

## 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 know in the comments where you think the video was filmed.

## OPLD Dial-A-Story

Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear a story! Stories will be changed out. Let us know if you like them or have any requests.

## Maker Monday March – DIY burlap door wreath

Kits will be available for pick up beginning March 15th. Registration deadline is March 8th. Kit includes all materials to make one wreath. Colors will vary. Registration required and only one kit per OPL patron. Limited supply. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

## Take and make: Mini basket craft – Monday, March 29

Pick up your free kit at the Library and make a mini basket. Kits are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE while supplies last and are available on Monday, March 29. Limit one (1) kit per Oregon Public Library card patron.

## 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 Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane. Books on Tap Book Club meets at Cork N Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, on Thursday, March

25 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

## New library app

You can now check your library account, search for items, place holds, see library events all from your mobile device! Download the PrairieCat Mobile app today! Search for PrairieCat Mobile on your device's app store, connect with your Oregon Public Library card and you are all set!

**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 Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins.

## Oregon writer's group – 2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

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

Mike Nichols: A Life by Mark Harris (Biography BIO NIC)

Walking With Ghosts by Gabriel Byrne (Biography BIO BYR)

Chicago's Great Fire by Carl Smith (Non-Fiction 977.311 SMI) Fight of the Century edited by Michael Chabon & Ayelet Waldman (Non-Fiction 323.060 FIG)

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# Polo Library News

## Do you need help registering for your COVID-19 Vaccine?

Polo Library can help! Call 815-946-2713 to register over the phone with one of our staff members, or stop in during our open hours and use one of our two patron computers to register.

## I Heart Polo Family Program – Saturday, March 13, Saturday, April 17

Learn about the history, places, and people of Polo, IL together as a family! Get the whole family together and join Ms. Melanie as she kicks off "I Heart Polo" with a special LIVE Storytime Saturday on Saturday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. at [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) On Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m., join Ms. Melanie on Zoom for a Family Trivia Night, all about Polo! There will be more "I Heart Polo" programs happening in April, so keep watching [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

## Creating a Shady Garden Respite, via Zoom – Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Join Polo Public Library as we host Master Gardener, Carl Monk, who will share how to create a Shady Garden Respite. Perfect for that area of your yard that doesn't get a lot of sun!

Register in advance at [Pololibrary.org](https://www.pololibrary.org)

## Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

The book subscription box contains one book to read and some goodies. You pick the genre, we supply the book! Email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) and ask for a Book Subscription Box form, fill it out, and we'll call you to set up a pickup time when your box is ready! Read the book while you enjoy some treats, then return the book in the book drop.

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

Every Saturday morning head over to Polo Library's Facebook page to watch Ms. Melanie read a children's story. They air each Saturday at 10:30 a.m., but you can watch them any time! Stop by the Library to pick up a bag with a fun craft to go along with the book that was read. If you have a book you'd like to hear read for Saturday Storytime, email Ms. Melanie at [melanie@pololibrary.org](mailto:melanie@pololibrary.org)

## Book Clubs

Polo Library currently has two traditional book clubs meeting via Zoom, one on the second Friday of each month and one on the fourth Monday of each month, both at 1:30 p.m. There is also a third book club that is a books to movies group that meets on Zoom

on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested in joining any of the book clubs, please email [carlap@pololibrary.org](mailto:carlap@pololibrary.org).

## Polo Cycle Yearbooks for Sale

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Step 2 - When you receive the alert that you have a book ready to pick up, call 815-946-2713 to set a pickup day and time. At your scheduled pickup time, please drive to the Library door facing Congress Street and call 815-946-2713 to let a staff member know you are there.

Step 3 - Drop items off as you are finished with them. Our book drop, located to the left of the Congress Street door, will continue to be open 24/7. As always, Polo Library is a Fine Free Library.

## Additional Curbside Services

We are still offering copy/print (.25/Black and White .50/Color) and fax (\$1/page). We also offer home delivery at no extra charge for patrons who are unable to use curbside pickup. Please call 815-946-2713 for more information and to schedule an appointment or home delivery.



# Weekly Brain Busters

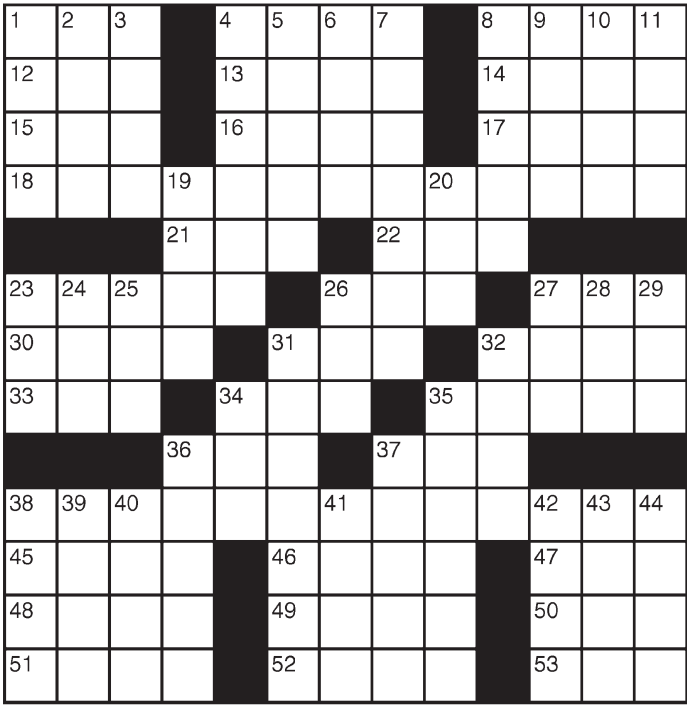
## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE

## RELATED TO BODY PARTS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Gearwheel tooth
- 4 Baby elephant
- 8 Bar bills
- 12 Coffee vessel
- 13 — about (circa)
- 14 Panache
- 15 Salty expanse
- 16 Chills and fever
- 17 — avis
- 18 Driver's aid
- 21 Superlative suffix
- 22 Inlet
- 23 Protractor measure
- 26 Actress Lucy
- 27 "See ya!"
- 30 Old salts
- 31 "The Bells" author
- 32 Edge
- 33 Sea, to Henri
- 34 Periodical, for short
- 35 Belt holders
- 36 Summer cooler
- 37 "Alice" waitress
- 38 Fortress on the Thames
- 45 Pearl Harbor site
- 46 Stage show
- 47 Docs' bloc



- 48 Alum
- 49 Give temporarily
- 50 Use a ray gun
- 51 Bygone jets
- 52 Talks nonstop
- 53 Before
- 7 Giveaway array
- 8 Towel material
- 9 Jai —
- 10 Hoedown site
- 11 Unforeseen problem
- 19 Morays
- 20 Vichy water
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Scot's denial
- 25 Spike's warning
- 26 Journal
- 27 Buddy
- 28 Shrill bark
- 29 Type measures
- 31 Magnificent
- 32 Benefit
- 34 Ruin the veneer
- 35 British insurer
- 36 Vendettas
- 37 Be on either side of
- 38 Raiments
- 39 Rowboat needs
- 40 "Huh?"
- 41 Dog bane
- 42 Stupor
- 43 Actor Epps
- 44 Scruff

**DOWN**

- 1 Point
- 2 Sandwich cookie
- 3 Chew (on)
- 4 Sandpaper type
- 5 Uneasy feeling
- 6 LummoX

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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: — GREASE

- Bear arms
- Belly up
- By a nose
- Chin-wag
- Cold shoulder
- Evil eye
- Hair-raising
- Handout
- Knee-deep
- Knee-jerk
- Leg up
- Nosedive
- Shake a leg
- Thumbs up
- Up in arms

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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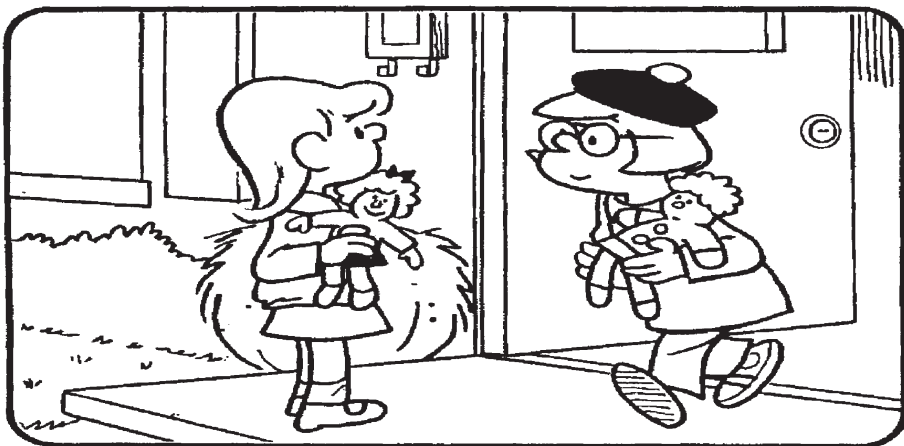
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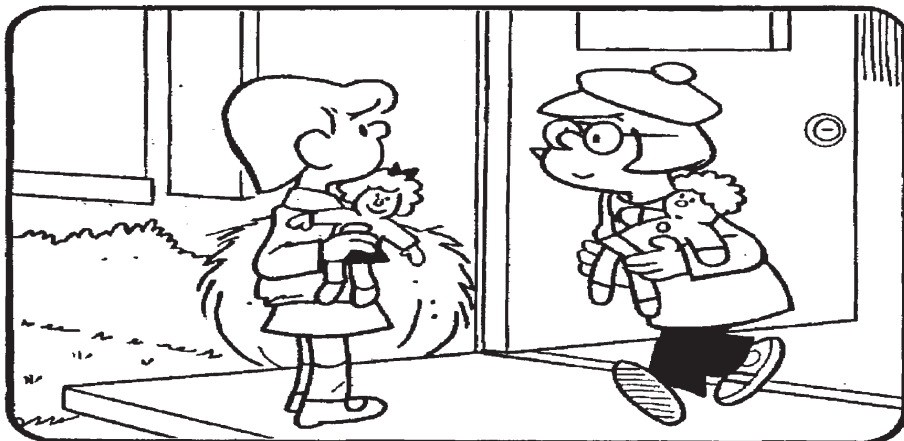
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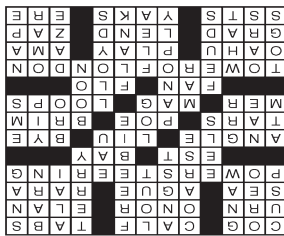
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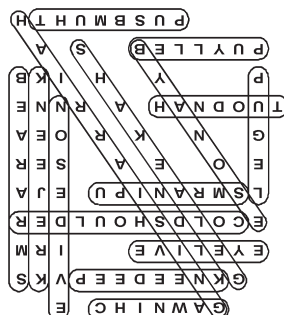
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Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Socks are higher. 3. Button is missing. removed. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Pants are different. 6. Mailbox is missing.



Solution time: 21 mins.  
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**109**  
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**103**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF )No.  
THE )2021  
ESTATE )P 14  
OF: )  
GEORGE )  
A. )  
WRASSE, )  
deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of George A. Wrasse of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 2, 2021, to JAMES D. WRASSE and JULIE A. STUKENBERG, 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.  
JAMES D. WRASSE & JULIE A. STUKENBERG  
Co-Executors

No. 0301 (Mar. 1, 8, 15)  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE )Case  
THE )No.  
ESTATE )2009  
OF: )P71  
CLYDE )  
TINSLEY ),  
DECEASED )  
PUBLICATION  
Leave of Court having been granted: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU Edward Tinsley of 8581 Trudy Road, Rockford, IL 61108 the Independent Administrator, that a Motion has been filed in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois, by the Attorney of the Independent Administrator, Maria N Berger against you for a: MOTION TO WITHDRAW.  
and for other relief; that summons duly issued against you as provided by law, and such Motion is still pending.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless you EDWARD TINSLEY, the Petitioner, file your Response to the Motion, in the office of the Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court, at the Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois on or before: \* April 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., the relief requested therein may be entered against you at any time after that date.  
Kimberly A. Stahl,  
Clerk of the Fifteenth Circuit Court  
No. 0312 (Mar. 15, 22, 29)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR

REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY  
Request of:  
Hannah Elizabeth Welden

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Hannah Elizabeth Welden to the new name of: Martin Jay Welden.  
The court date will be held on April 30, at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom 304.  
/s/ Hannah E. Welden.  
No. 0313 Mar. 15, 22, 29)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE  
MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on March 4, 2021, passed Ordinance No. 2021-1, an Ordinance Fixing Charges for Life Support Emergency Ambulance Service. Provided by the Monroe township Fire Protection District, Ogle County, Illinois. Ordinance 2021-1 is available for public inspection at the Monroe Township Fire Protection District Station, 104 West Street, Monroe Center, IL 61052  
MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
No. 0316 (Mar. 15)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )2021  
OF: )P 22  
DAVID )  
E. )  
WESTFALL, ) deceased.



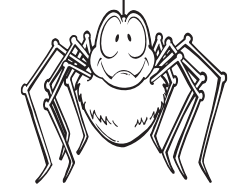


**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DAVID E. WESTFALL of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 5, 2021, to CHELSEA L. MILLER of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 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.

Ogle County Life Newspaper  
CHELSEA L. MILLER  
Independent  
Administrator  
No. 0315 (Mar. 15, 22, 29)

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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**

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/ Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which

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Full time year round  
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**203 HELP WANTED**

**Byron CUSD #226 has the following Immediate Openings:  
High School Head Girls Track Coach  
Substitute Bus Drivers**

Interested individuals should apply online At [www.byron226.org](http://www.byron226.org) under the 'About Us' tab In the Employment Opportunities Section

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**Part-Time Seasonal Entry Level General Laborer for Public Works Department**

The Village of Davis Junction is seeking qualified candidates for a part-time seasonal entry level general laborer in the Public Works Department.

Duties include but are not limited to: street and ditch repair and maintenance, minor service and repair on equipment, some water and sewer responsibilities, ability to perform manual tasks involving physical strength and endurance under variable weather conditions, ability to effectively work independently, as well as with co-workers and the general public.

The minimum requirements for this position: must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent; must be available to work weekdays, with some evening/weekend hours on an as needed basis; upon employment, must possess a valid Illinois driver's license; and must successfully pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening and background check.

Pay starts at \$12.00/hour.

Interested candidates should submit a completed application for employment via email to [finance@davisjunction.com](mailto:finance@davisjunction.com) or drop in the utility drop box at Village Hall, 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois. Applications available at [www.davisjunction.com](http://www.davisjunction.com). No phone calls please.

Application deadline is March 29, 2021.

The Village of Davis Junction is an equal opportunity employer.

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**Byron CUSD #226 has the following Openings:**

Middle School  
2nd Shift Custodian  
High School 3rd Shift Custodian

Middle School  
Assistant Boys Track Coach

If interested, please fill out an online application On the school website [www.byron226.org](http://www.byron226.org) Under the 'About Us' Tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

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**Full Time Position Available Skilled Parks Laborer**

The Oregon Park District is accepting applications for a Full Time Skilled Parks Laborer position. Position requires approximately 40 hours weekly. Qualified applicants will have a valid driver's license, an acceptable driving record, experience using equipment and tools required for the position or similar equipment and tools; experience driving a truck and trailer; experience working in park and/or turf maintenance preferred. Salary range for position is \$43,000-\$46,000 and includes an excellent benefit package.

Full job description and application is available at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) and accepted at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. 5th St., Oregon. Further information and job description questions may be attained by contacting Andy Egyed @ (815)732-3101 or [andy@oregonpark.org](mailto:andy@oregonpark.org).



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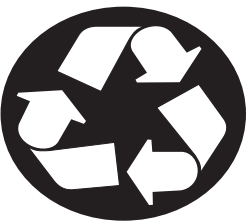
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I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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2018 RAM 2500 HD 4X4, CREW CAB, CUMMINS, DIESEL, LOCAL ONE OWNER, 16K MI.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2018 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LT, CREW CAB, Z71, 4X4, LOADED, ONLY 25K .....	\$38,149
2017 DODGE DURANGO GT, AWD, HEAT SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER.....	\$16,766
2017 GMC ACADIA SLE 2, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, QUAD SEATS, ONLY 23K .....	\$25,990
2017 FORD ESCAPE AWD, SE, HEAT SEATS, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$16,990
2017 CHEVY VOLT, HYBRID, ONE OWNER, FUN TO DRIVE .....	\$12,959
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ALLOY WHEELS, POWER LIFT GATE .....	\$14,953
2016 JEEP WRANGLER 4 DR., OCSCAR MIKE, FREEDOM EDITION, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START .....	\$26,854
2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, QUAD SEATS .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2016 CHEVY COLORADO LT CREW CAB, 4X4, ONE OWNER, 58K.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2016 BUICK VERANO PREFERRED, 4 DR., REMOTE START, PEARL WHITE.....	\$12,389
2015 JEEP PATRIOT, 4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF .....	\$12,990
2014 FORD F150 XLT, CREW CAB, 4X4, CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$17,990
2012 FORD FUSION SEL, LEATHER, MOON, HEAT SEATS, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$8,990
2005 DODGE DURANGO, 5.7 HEMI, LEATHER MOONROOF, DVD, HIGH MILES, RUNS GOOD .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2004 CHEVY SILVERADO, 2500 HD, EXT CAB, 4X4, LEATHER, EXTRA NICE.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2002 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, PREMIUM, LEATHER, ONLY 55K MI .....	\$13,743
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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

We want to update you on a couple changes that you will see happen with TNT Motors. Many people know that I was in the restaurant business for over 15 years. While working there I really tried to help the owner be more profitable in his business. I would suggest smaller portion sizes to make it more profitable, buying cheaper ingredients and still make the same food just will cost you less. His response to me was we would never sacrifice the QUALITY of our food for money. I appreciate his values and have learned so much from my old boss that I plan to Steal the ingredients for success.

Here are some changes we will be making to make TNT Motors a better place for you to come to when purchasing a car!

- We will no longer be purchasing our vehicles from Northern IL. We are turning our main focus on purchasing cleaner cars with no rust from the South. We want to make sure our customers are getting a quality car with no rust. We recently have purchased 17 cars from California and will be posting these all next week. We want customers to feel great when coming to us for a nice used vehicle.
- We will be transitioning to asking for a higher down payment but please note that these cars are a better quality and more expensive but will give you a peace of mind with how well they have been taken care of. Our main Focus is making sure our customers are driving a quality used vehicle and are happy with the purchase.
- We have partnered with CarFax to make sure EVERY VEHICLE has a CarFax. We want you to be able to see the History of the vehicle and how it was maintained.

We hope you will see that we have made many changes to make sure our customers counting to have a great experience with us. We Hope you Continue to Think of TNT MOTOR SALES for your next quality used car and we look forward to earning your business!

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