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# Pandemic not stopping RRC

## Rock River Center serving county through tough times

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

OREGON – It has been a tough year for everyone, but that doesn't mean organizations that help the public could simply stand by.

That was the case with Rock River Center in Oregon, which continued to serve seniors in the county through a variety of programs – even though there were some changes.

Jamie Nobis, executive director of the Center, sat down to answer some questions about the challenges and how her organization is moving forward.

Question: How has Rock River Center been coping? Are your programs slowly coming back?

Answer: Last year when there was still a great deal of uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus most of

our in-person services were temporarily suspended for the spring and early summer out of an abundance of caution. Rock River Center has been following IDPH guidelines and Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Mitigation plan. As our region has moved through the phases we have gradually expanded our services. Our staff and volunteers have been resourceful in finding new ways to continue to serve the community. Our caseworkers have been taking appointments via telephone and curbside service for assistance with Tax Assessment Freeze, License Plate Discount, and Medicare Open Enrollment just to name a few.

It has required a little extra effort and time but we have been able to continue to provide this much needed assistance. Transportation services have continued throughout as people have



Rock River Center in Oregon serves all of Ogle County with a variety of programs. (Brad Jennings photo)

still required transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other essential trips. To allow for social distancing buses have limited capacity. Thanks to Lee-Ogle Transportation System we have had protective shields

installed in the buses and we have been able to coordinate rides when necessary to get individuals where they need to go. Activities were limited per IDPH guidelines in 2020. Congregate dining remains suspended but Rock

River Center Staff and our outstanding volunteers have served an average of 150 meals during each of our Free Lunch Fridays sponsored by The Etnyre Foundation.

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# Inheritance funds Illinois conservation science

FRANKLIN GROVE – Upon learning of his unexpected inheritance, Keith Anderson of DeKalb County knew he wanted it to go to work in a way that honored his parents and helped the native plants and animals that Anderson cared for through volunteering at Nachusa Grasslands, a 4,000-acre prairie, woodland, and wetland preserve in Lee and Ogle counties.

“I wanted to honor my parents and the values that they knowingly or unknowingly passed on to me,” Anderson said.

Named for his parents, the Robert and Patricia Anderson Grant will permanently fund an annual science grant and grantee at Nachusa Grasslands. Science grants are raised and administered by the Friends of Nachusa Grasslands (“Friends”), the not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing for the long-term care and management of the preserve.

Anderson described his father as someone who worked hard at a leading pharmaceutical company for 37 years.

“Dad was a successful project manager who oversaw the construction of new office and manufacturing facilities in the United States and Puerto Rico for Abbott Labs,” he said. “He lived very humbly and wasn’t interested in the trappings of success.”

His mother was an avid gardener, loved house plants, and owned a retail plant shop in Mt. Prospect for a short time. Anderson relates that as a teenager, he spent many hours with his mother at wholesale greenhouses helping to purchase inventory for her shop.

“Between her houseplants and time at the greenhouses, I think the seed was laid for my interest in the plant world.”

Anderson also credits his love of nature to the menagerie of pets they had as he was growing up, and his many happy hours spent playing in a field behind their house.

“My siblings and I spent a lot of time chasing butterflies, grasshoppers, lightning bugs at night, and the occasional snake, in that field,” he said. “I was particularly fas-

inated by ants and can remember spending countless hours observing them.”

Anderson also recalled that his Dad “planted a pin oak in the backyard of our house when we were kids. He spent untold amounts of time nurturing that oak, he was very protective of it.” Anderson’s father lived in that same house until he passed in December, and Anderson states that to this day, “that pin oak is the most beautiful tree, straight as an arrow and providing lots of shade.”

For more information about conservation science grants funded by Friends of Nachusa Grasslands, visit [www.nachusagrasslands.org/science-at-nachusagrasslands](http://www.nachusagrasslands.org/science-at-nachusagrasslands).

About Nachusa Grasslands  
Nachusa Grasslands is a 4,000 acre nature preserve in Northwest Illinois owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. Nachusa Grasslands is the home to rare and endangered remnant prairie, woodlands, and wetlands, which are being reconnected through habitat restoration to create one of the largest and most biologically diverse grasslands in Illinois, protecting native grasses, wildflowers, birds, insects, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

About Friends of Nachusa Grasslands  
Friends of Nachusa Grasslands (Friends) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 2008 by volunteers dedicated to providing for the long-term care and management of the project. The mission of Friends is to build endowments that will help defray the cost of natural areas management, staff and operating expenses, conduct and encourage stewardship, and support education and scientific activity at the preserve. Over the past thirty years, hundreds of scientists, land management professionals, and volunteers have invested thousands of hours protecting and restoring remnant prairie at Nachusa Grasslands. Although many more years of effort lie ahead, Nachusa is already one of the most successful restorations in the world.



Jaime Nobis is executive director of Rock River Center in Oregon.

## CENTER: What's Cookin' cancelled

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Due to COVID, the Free Lunch Friday has been drive through only since July. Beginning in April we will have a limited amount of indoor dining available in addition to the drive thru option. As positivity rates in our area have decreased, we have resumed many of our regularly scheduled activities and support groups. Rock River Center has seen a significant increase in participation in 2021 following the availability of the COVID vaccination. It is great to see more of our regular groups returning to the center.

Q: What have you heard from the people who use your services?

A: Our clients have been very appreciative for our continued services during the pandemic. Many have expressed that they feel safe returning to Rock River Center due to the precautions put in place such as requiring masks and temperature checks. We are very thankful to the City of Oregon for providing masks, sanitizer and wipes available at Rock River Center to anyone who needs them.

Q: Even when it is over, has the pandemic changed the way you operate permanently? For example, will you offer more Web-based

offerings moving forward?

A: Much good has come from exploring new ways to do business. I hope we are able to return to our roving sites and resume in person appointments with case-workers soon. We will continue to offer appointments via telephone and have become much more efficient at providing assistance in a variety of ways. The Alzheimer’s Association has continued to provide our clients with programming via webinars when meeting in person was not possible.

Q: Is the What’s Cookin’ event cancelled again this year? If so, how do you make up that loss of money you get from that popular fundraiser?

A: Unfortunately, we are still unable to host What’s Cookin’ in 2021. Barnacopia has been excellent to work with and we have a guaranteed date of April 16, 2022. Our staff and volunteers have made items that have been available for purchase to help raise money for Rock River Center in the absence of our two largest fundraisers (What’s Cookin’ and Summer Picnic). Some of the items that have been available this year include Creative Crafts, Christmas Gift Boxes, and Valentine’s Day treats. In January we held a meat bundle raffle

thanks to the generous donation of the meat bundle by Wilmarth Farm. We currently have a beautiful Log Cabin House for sale that was put together and donated by a member of our Wood Carvers, Gary Monnahan. Donors have continued to support our Holiday Appeal and Membership drives. We will also be including a donation envelope in our April/May newsletters for anyone who wishes to continue to support the mission of Rock River Center this spring in the absence of What’s Cookin’.

Q: What do people need to know about the Center currently, and its future?

A: The mission of Rock River Center, Inc. is to provide resources, activities and services that improve the quality of life for Ogle County’s older adults, the disadvantaged, caregivers, and the greater community. Our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers are dedicated to ensuring these services continue despite any challenges we may face. We are blessed to be a part of a community that has come together during difficult times to find new ways of doing business and support each other. Thank you to our seniors who are returning to the Center for activities. We are so happy to see everyone again!

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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 machines, copiers, scanners, VCR/ DVD players, cable and satellite boxes, all remote controls (please remove batteries), radios, stereo equipment, phones, digital clocks,

calculators, holiday light strands, computer power back-ups, rechargeable batteries, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit.

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.

## Local driver named 'Highway Angel'

### Helps fellow truck driver during fire

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Truckload Carriers Association has named John Vesey, of Oregon, a Highway Angel for stopping to help a fellow driver who lost control of his truck during a fire and drove off the road into a corn field.

Vesey was westbound on U.S. 34, near Galesburg on his way to Monmouth to pick up a load. It was late in the morning when another truck driver passed him in the left lane of the 4-lane divided highway.

“As he got out about a quarter-mile ahead of me, he started to lose control,” Vesey said.

“He went into the center median and then careened over to right side, went off in the ditch, and into a corn field.”

Vesey slowed down right away and pulled over.

“Once he got to the corn field, the driver jumped out of the truck while it was still moving,” Vesey said.

“I could see a flash of smoke and fire coming out of the cab.”

He grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran across the field. Vesey continued running toward the truck and emptied his fire extinguisher into the cab.

“I then went back to driver to see if he was alright,” he said. “He ended up having second-degree burns on his hands and his hair was singed on the back.”

Vesey then called 911. He went back and unloaded the driver’s fire extinguisher as well to be sure everything was okay. The fire was contained to the center console area. As Vesey helped the truck driver back across the field to the road, police, fire, and ambulance crews were arriving.

“Another vehicle (driv-



er) across the highway came over to help as well. The whole thing was maybe 10 minutes from start to finish,” he said, “pretty good for a rural community.”

Vesey is trained as a paramedic and has a lot of emergency response experience and training.

I interned and spent the first year as a paramedic and EMT in Chicago and got my paramedic license. It was an awesome experience,” he said. “I spent a year on the private ambulance side and then moved up to NW Illinois and was a paramedic there.”

He was also an Eagle Scout and is a Navy veteran.

He’s been driving for 8 years and also has office experience.

“I choose to be on the road,” he said. “You get a little bit of the road in you and you gotta scratch that itch. I love driving.”

Since the program’s inception in August 1997, nearly 1,300 professional truck drivers have been recognized as Highway Angels for the exemplary kindness, courtesy, and courage they have displayed while on the job.

Thanks to the program’s Presenting Sponsor, EpicVue, and Supporting Sponsor, DriverFacts, TCA is able to showcase drivers like Mr. Vesey.



## Learn how to grow your own herb garden

Do you like to cook with fresh herbs?

You can buy fresh herbs at the grocery store but there is nothing fresher than walking over to your plant and harvesting what you need for that meal. Fresh herbs also taste better than dried varieties. Although growing your own herbs requires a little effort, it is cost saving and you know the plants history, either organic or with fertilizers under your control.

There is no thyme like the present; you can plant your own mixed herb container that keeps on giving

on Thursday, March 25. The Oregon Park District and horticulture staff at Merlin’s Greenhouse have partnered to offer this workshop. Merlin’s will have a variety of herbs at the workshop and will be discussing the different varieties participants can choose from to plant. Gardeners will choose and plant 3 favorite varieties in an oval container. Learn tips and tricks for growing a successful herb garden to include caring for plants and harvesting.

If it is mint to be, register for the March 25th class through the Oregon

Park District. Mark the date on your Kale-ender and register before the March 18 deadline. Upon registration, choose the 6 p.m. class or the 7:30 p.m. class thyme. Classes are held at Cork & Tap. With IDPH guidelines there are limited spaces available. Fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Register online at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or over the phone at 815-732-3101.

It is not too late to try something new. Growing herbs is easy and fun. Not to mention, herbs add variety, great flavor, and texture to your dishes and they bring color to your home.



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# Obituaries

## Phyllis Hillers

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Phyllis Johannah Hillers, age 93, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at her home. She was born at home in Davis Junction on May 9, 1927 the daughter of Joseph and Johannah (Beer) Stucker.



She graduated from East High School Class of 1945. Phyllis married Christopher "Leslie" Hillers on April 8, 1949; he preceded her in death on May 8, 2020. After Leslie's retirement; she enjoyed traveling with him especially to Hawaii and Alaska. She was a woman of faith and attended Kishwaukee Community Church for many years. She enjoyed journalism and worked for The Observer for over 30 years and was known for her Kishwaukee News column in the Tempo newspaper. She had a green thumb and was an avid gardener growing both flowers and vegetables. She also liked to decorate cakes.

Above all, Phyllis was very family oriented and loved being a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She would always make sure to attend all of their events with her husband to cheer them on or show support. She always looked forward to the weekly Saturday morning breakfasts with her family.

She is survived by sons, Dale (Wendy) Hillers of Winnebago, Donn (Barb) Hillers of Rockford, and Doug Hillers of Stillman Valley; siblings, Arlene Adams of Monroe Center,

Milton (Connie) Stucker of Freeport, Fla., and Keith Stucker of Wichita, Kan.; grandchildren, Tim (Melissa) Hillers of Portage, Wis., Tara Hillers of Winnebago, Blair (James) Lemmon of Avon Lake, Ohio, Zachary Hillers of Rockford, Geoffrey Hillers of Shelton, Wash., and Garrett (Kayla) Hillers of Acton, Mass.; great grandsons, Ben and Gage; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brothers Kenneth and Ernest.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic private family services will be with a public celebration of life to be held at a later time. Burial will be at Kishwaukee Cemetery. Memorials are established for Kishwaukee Community Church or UW Ophthalmology Dept.

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## Ronald Warner

Ronald Leonard Warner, 79, of DeKalb, passed away Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, at DeKalb County Nursing Home.



Born Sept. 7, 1941 in Oregon, the son of Leonard and Geraldine Warner. Ron married Eleanor J. Warner on May 21, 1998 in DeKalb.

Ronserved in the National Guard and worked at Del Monte, Cavel and Farmed in Oregon. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Bears.

He is survived by his sons, Roger (Julie) Warner and Brett (Lindsay) Galindo; daughters, Pam Taylor and

Peggy McGinnis; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marilyn Burright; wife, Eleanor Warner; and son, Terry Warner.

A private visitation was from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021,

at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb. A private family funeral service followed and burial at Highland Gardens of Memories, in Belvidere.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks and social distancing will be required at both Visitation and Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Journey Care Hospice in memory of Ronald L. Warner, in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115.

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## Mount Morris Senior Center back to serving meals, fun

Have a meal at the Mt. Morris Senior Center!

Wednesday mornings will have a better start with the popular biscuits and gravy breakfast making a comeback at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Every Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. or until they run out, the Executive Director, Melissa Nicholson will be serving this delicious meal. The biscuits and gravy are prepared in the certified kitchen of the Mt. Morris Senior Center by Melissa who has a food service manager license. The meal will be served in the big rom downstairs and tables will be spread out for your safety. Please wear masks as you enter the building and keep them on when you are not eating or drinking. The Senior Center wants to make sure everyone stays safe. The cost of breakfast is \$2.00 for one biscuit or \$3.50 for two. Have coffee with your meal for only 50 cents more.

Then head on down to the Center for a Birthday lunch featuring free bingo

on Wednesday, March 17. The Bingo will start at 10:30 a.m. with a \$6 lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. This month will be taco salads, cake, and ice cream. Masks are required for all participants, and tables will be spread out to keep everyone safe. Please call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot or if you can't make it and would like a meal delivery.

Join the Center again on Wednesday, March 24 for a Jam Session with local musicians.

The music will begin at 10:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. The cost for lunch will be \$5. All are welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior Center, and masks will be required. Again, please call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot or request a meal delivery.

There is always more to come at the Center, so keep watching the paper or check out the Mt. Morris Senior Center website at [mmse-niorcenter.com](http://mmse-niorcenter.com) for more information or to see what

is on the Horizon.

Donate your plastic bags to the Center

The Mt. Morris Senior Center is working with the Trex Community Recycling Program to recycle plastic bags. In six months, the Senior Center needs to collect 500 pounds of plastic. They will receive a bench from the company if they reach their goal. If you would like to help please bring your clean, dry plastic bags to the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 9 East Front Street in Mt. Morris between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday- Friday. If you need to drop it off at a different time please call the Senior Center at 815-734-6335 to make arrangements. Any plastic that stretches is the right kind of plastic to recycle with this program. They can't take any hard plastic, but plastic bags and plastic wrap will work. Please make sure that all plastic you bring is clean and dry. Thank you so much for supporting the Mt. Morris Senior Center and this project.

## Rock River Center selling greeting cards

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. The registration deadlines can be found in our newsletter or our news releases. Failure to register may result in cancellation. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Check out Rock River Center's greeting cards

We have greeting cards for all occasions. They are from major card manufacturers and cards made by our Crafters here at the Center. St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards are now on display and available for purchase. All cards are \$1 each.

Thank you for making our Christmas and Valentine's Day card sales successful. All proceeds benefit Rock River Center.

### 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.

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

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

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

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## P.E.O. chapter donates money to Byron Schools Food Pantry

BYRON – Nancy Tracy from P.E.O. Chapter NZ, Byron, recently presented a check on behalf of the chapter in the amount of \$940, as well as five bags of groceries, to Nikki Yerly, Susan Freyer and Caryn Hoover from the Byron Schools Food Pantry.

The food pantry provides weekly groceries and vouchers for perishable items to 10-15 families in the School District who

have requested help and qualify due to food insecurity. In addition, the pantry provides snacks and breakfast items to children in all three schools, which amounts to 100-150 snacks per week.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international women's organization of about 230,000 members, with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities

for female students worldwide. There are approximately 6,000 local chapters in the United States and Canada. As of April 2020, nearly \$366 million has been awarded to over 113,000 women from the organization's six educational philanthropies. The organization also owns Cottey College, an independent college for women in Nevada, Missouri.

The food pantry runs on 100 percent dona-

tions. Byron School staff members Freyer, Yerly and Hoover, as well other volunteers, generously donate their time to make up grocery bags and vouchers, and to deliver to families that are quarantined or shut-in for other health reasons. Donations to the Byron Schools Food Pantry program may be sent to: Byron Schools Food Pantry, 696 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010.

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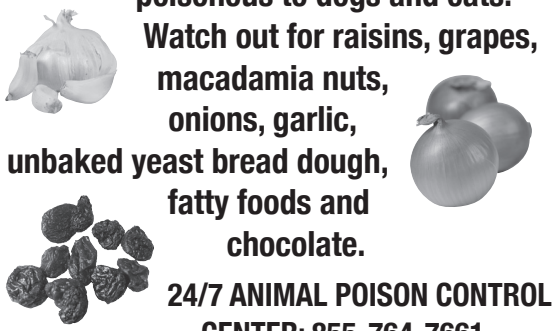
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# Edward Jones financial advisor earns award

BYRON – Mark Peiffer of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Byron recently received the firm’s Edward Jones Sr. Founders Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

Peiffer was one of 2,169 financial advisors to receive the Edward Jones Sr. Founders Achievement Award.

The award is named after Edward Jones Sr., who founded the firm in 1922 under the principle that financial advisors should be treated as business partners rather than employees.

His insistence on always treating others with respect is one of his enduring contributions to the Edward Jones culture.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized for building relationships with those clients we serve,” said Peiffer. “And it is also quite inspirational to receive an award named after a firm legend such as Edward Jones Sr. who was so innovative and recognized the need for quality financial advice for long-term individual investors.”

Peiffer and Branch Office Administrator Barb Koeller can be reached at 815-234-7040. You may also visit Peiffer website at [www.edwardjones.com/mark-peiffer](http://www.edwardjones.com/mark-peiffer).

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

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# Polo Police report

DATE: Jan. 12  
 TIME: 10:01 a.m.  
 REPORT: Eric L. Pratt, 45, Polo, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Pratt was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 2:25 p.m.  
 REPORT: Michele A. James, 48, Chicago, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. James was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 3:03 p.m.  
 REPORT: Brandon M. Fenton, 19, Polo, was arrested on Intent to Deliver Cannabis and an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Fenton was transported to the Ogle County jail.

TIME: 3:03 p.m.  
 REPORT: Kaimen Williams, 19, Mount Morris, was arrested on Possession of Cannabis under 30gm. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Jan. 13  
 TIME: 12:16 p.m.  
 REPORT: Patrick W. Grassnickle, 35, Sterling, was cited for Driving with License Suspended and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Grassnickle was released on an I-Bond.

Jan. 15  
 TIME: 9:48 a.m.  
 REPORT: John M. Arreola, 36, Dixon, was cited for Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle and speeding 44 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Arreola was released on an I-Bond.

Jan. 19  
 TIME: 11:10 a.m.  
 REPORT: A 17 year old male juvenile was taken into limited custody for Possession of Cannabis as a minor. The 17 year old male juvenile was release to a parent.

Jan. 21  
 TIME: 12:56 p.m.  
 REPORT: Douglas V. Mixen, 20, Dixon, was cited for speeding 40 mph in 30 mph speed zone. Mixen was released on an I-Bond.

Jan. 29  
 TIME: 10:51 p.m.  
 REPORT: Gary Schreiner, 41, Stockton, was cited for Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle and a written warning No Turn Signal. Schreiner was released on an I-Bond.

Jan. 31  
 TIME: 5:45a.m.  
 REPORT: Erika Greenfield, Polo, was issued a City Ordinance Citation for Snow Emergency Parking Violation.

TIME: 5:45 a.m.  
 REPORT: Morgan J. Donaldson, 27, Polo, was issued a City Ordinance Citation for Sow Emergency Parking Violation.

Feb. 6  
 TIME: 2 p.m.  
 REPORT: Cody M. Sarantakos, 27, Oregon, was arrested for Battery. Sarantakos was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**General Calls for Service** for the weeks of January 25, 2021 thru February 7, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	13
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Fire/Medical Assist	2
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	4
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	9
County Assist	2

Feb. 14  
 TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
 REPORT: Logan J. Linker, 17, Byron, was cited for Reckless Driving. Linker was given a Notice to Appear.

TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
 REPORT: Shawn L. Warczak, 17, Polo, was cited for Failure to Wear a Seat Belt. Warczak was given a Notice to Appear.

TIME: 3:06 p.m.  
 REPORT: Logan J. Linker, 17, Byron, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Linker was given a Notice to Appear.

Feb. 16  
 TIME: 3:40 p.m.  
 REPORT: Tristan C. Truitt, 17, Polo, was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign. Truitt was released on an I-Bond.

**General Calls for Service** for the weeks of February 8, 2021 thru February 21, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	17
Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	1
Alarm/Open Door	2
911 Hang up	2
Traffic Stops	8

DATE: 2/17/2021  
 TIME: 3:05 p.m.  
 REPORT: Ricky J. Rippey, 22, Polo, was cited for speeding 41 MPH in a 30 MPH speed zone, and Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Rippey was released on an I-Bond.

DATE: 2/25/2021  
 TIME: 3:45 p.m.  
 REPORT: Brandon M. Reynolds, 37, Rockford, was cited for Driving with a Suspended License, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, and No Insurance. Reynolds was released on an I-Bond.

Feb. 26  
 TIME: 4:50 p.m.  
 REPORT: Eric H. Rivera, 61, Legihg Acres, Fl., was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Rivera was released on an I-Bond.

Feb. 27  
 TIME: 8:04 p.m.  
 REPORT: Isabel Emmert, 20, Polo, was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Emmert was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 8:59 p.m.  
 REPORT: Nicholas T. Fullington, 25, Sterling, was cited for Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Registration. Fullington was issued a Notice to Appear.

TIME: 6:40 p.m.  
 REPORT: Mary A. Collie, 54, Polo, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Collie was released on an I-Bond.

## State Police District 1 announces monthly activity

STERLING – Illinois State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced District 1 enforcement figures and activity for February.

Illinois State Police District 1 Troopers issued 324 citations, 362 written warnings, and made 15 criminal arrests during the month of February.

Speeding accounted for 136 citations, 17 citations were issued for occupant restraint violations and 13 citations

were issued for distracted driving violations.

Troopers investigated 38 traffic crashes, assisted 217 motorists, and conducted 148 commercial vehicle inspections, 20 of which were placed out-of-service for safety reasons.

There were 9 arrests for driving under the influence.

District 1, which encompasses Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties, investigated no fatal traffic crashes in February.

## What Does God Mean to You?

We hear the word “God” spoken frequently, and see it written all about us. It’s a word that America is very familiar with, since the founding days of our country. Sadly, though, it’s more often used as a by-word than as a term of respect.

Is God only a word to you? Only a name, an emergency plan, or a last resort when we have run out of other resources? Or is He a real being that sees your daily life and cares about what is happening to you? When was the last time you considered who God is? Do you believe in Him?

God created you and me. The theory of Evolution has tried to deny this fact for many years. This theory attempts to answer the questions “Who are we?” and “Where did we come from?” But one basic question Evolution fails to answer is this: “Where am I going?” “What will happen when we die?” God knows. God’s Word tells us: **“And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.”** (Hebrews 9:27)

God created us for a special reason. He desires that every human being, of every race, nation, and time period have a personal relationship with Him. He gave us a void in our souls that only He can fill. Only God can solve the problems that we find ourselves in. But more importantly, only God can save us from our sin and eternal judgement. **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16)

Do you wonder where to turn in the middle of all the chaos and depravity that grips our country? **“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.”** (James 4:8) God wants you! He needs you!

He will answer if you call out to Him. Study your Bible, find someone to discuss it with, and take courage, because God gives you a reason to live!

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OREGON – Join the Oregon Park District and Lorado Taft to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy a home-cooked traditional St. Patrick's Day meal on Wednesday, March 17 while taking in the gorgeous sunset over the Rock River at Lorado Taft.

Chef Kurt and his amazing kitchen staff always do a fabulous job creating an all you can eat buffet.

Taft is typically closed to the public and these dinners are the perfectly opportunity to see the property and enjoy the ambiance.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., Option for dine in or carry out available. All IDPH guidelines will be followed. Up to 6 people from different families can be seated at a table and up to 8 from the same family upon request.

The fee is just \$15 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents.

Children 10 and under are \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents.

Register by March 12 online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.



## Brooks completes Ag. CDE

On Feb. 4, Abbey Brooks competed in the Agriculture Education CDE which is comprised of two parts.

The first is to design a lesson plan including all the materials needed like a slide deck, activity, and worksheet.

The second part is to teach this lesson to students in front of the judges. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions

and for the safety of all, this was conducted virtually, which lets students see what teaching is like right now.

Brooks placed second and is hard at work preparing for the state competition. She plans to go to Highland Community college and then transfer to a 4-year university to one day become an agriculture instructor and FFA advisor.

## Free Medicare, Social Security program 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 wel-

come. 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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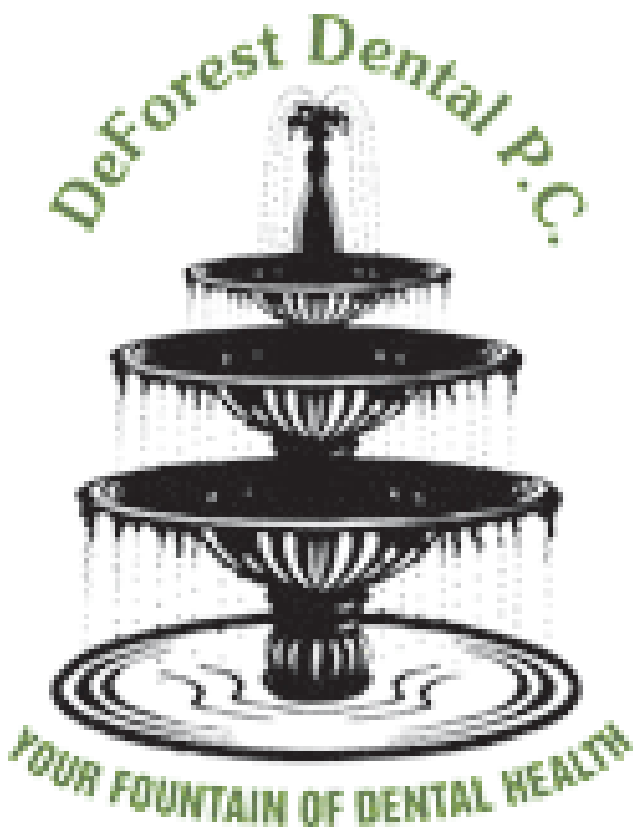
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### Voice of Democracy winner

Sophie Schwartzrock, of Mt. Morris, won state for the Voice of Democracy Award this year. This is an annual scholarship award from the VFW and wrote the award-winning essay this year. The theme this year was, "Is this what our forefathers thought our country would be?" She is now on to nationals, competing against 54 more finalists for a grand prize of \$30,000 in scholarship funds.

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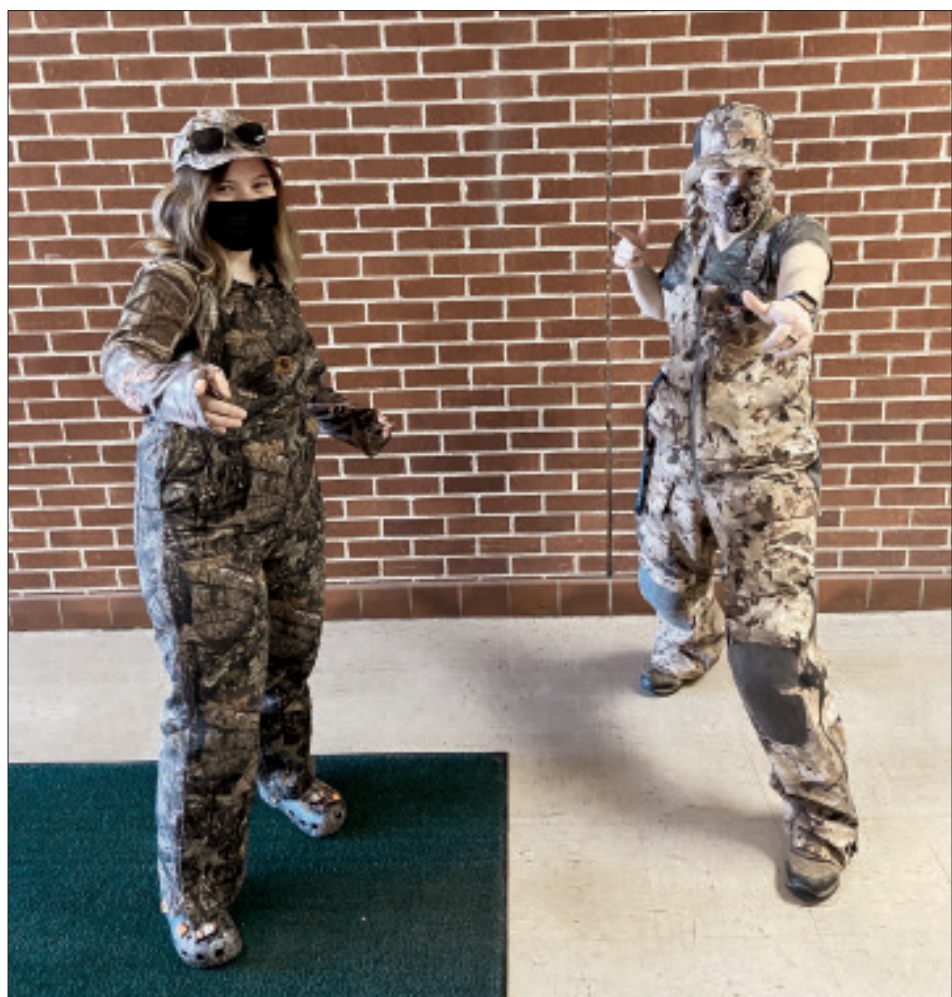
# From the Heart winners

February 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners

- Feb. 1 - Kenny R. Dougherty, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 2 - Lynette Alcock, Monroe Center, \$25
- Feb. 3 - Chris Haas, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 4 - Rotary Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 5 - Ellen Katoll, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 6 - Peggy Holt, Rockford, \$250
- Feb. 7 - Susan Helfrich, Oregon, \$50
- Feb. 8 - Donna Trout, LaMoille, \$25
- Feb. 9 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Feb. 10 - Denise Hoffman-Clark, Sycamore, \$25
- Feb. 11 - Tiffeny Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 12 - Christopher Norkus, Creston, \$25
- Feb. 13 - Roger & Susie Ahlensdorf, Kings, \$25
- Feb. 14 - Judith Faaborg, Rochelle, \$250
- Feb. 15 - Cindy Stumph, Sycamore, \$25
- Feb. 16 - Tom Hartnett, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 17 - Jordan Bernardin, Oregon, \$25
- Feb. 18 - Jeff Hayenga, Kings, \$25
- Feb. 19 - Laura Irk, Glenview, \$25
- Feb. 20 - Michelle Glen, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 21 - John Farris, DeKalb, \$50
- Feb. 22 - Tom Hartnett, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 23 - Rochelle Rotary, \$25
- Feb. 24 - David C. Bills, Port Byron, \$25
- Feb. 25 - Katie Fredericks, Dixon, \$25
- Feb. 26 - Berkeley Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 27 - Steu Znaniecki, \$25
- Feb. 28 - Lucas Miles, Bloomington, \$50

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., March 9

Bread of Life food pantry has a distribution from 3-5 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple, in Stillman Valley. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8814 to register for our next distribution

Thurs., March 11

Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Sunrise II Family Restaurant in Byron. This group is open to all adult bereaved. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register. Limited

seating is available.

Cookbook book club from the Oregon Library, 6:30 p.m. Stock the Crock – 100 Must-Have Slow-Cooker Recipes by Phyllis Good. This group will meet in person and via Zoom. Pick up your copy of Stock the Crock Cookbook at the Library and pick one (or more) recipe to make and discuss during our meeting. Registration required 815-732-2724

Fri., March 12

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2

Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 By 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 to register. Mask are required. Please use the back parking lot and entrance to enter. Limited seating is available.

Sat., March 13

Chana United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Lasagna Dinner Drive Through from 4-6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes: a hearty portion of homemade (from scratch)

noodles and chicken, a generous piece of homemade lasagna and fresh from the oven peach crisp.

Dogwood Inn (Rt. 26/64) Indoor Market, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On March 23, 1839, the initials "O.K." are first published, in The Boston Morning Post. Meant as an abbreviation for "oll korrekt," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.

\* On March 26, 1920, "This Side of Paradise" is published, immediately launching 23-year-old F. Scott Fitzgerald to fame and fortune. While in Europe, Fitzgerald finished his masterpiece, "The Great Gatsby" (1925).

\* On March 25, 1933, the newly commissioned USS Sequoia becomes the official presidential yacht. Previously, the Department of Commerce had used the Sequoia as a decoy to catch Prohibition lawbreakers.

On March 22, 1947, President Harry Truman establishes a sweeping loyalty investigation of federal employees in response to public fears of communism in the U.S. Congress had already launched investigations of communist influence in Hollywood.

\* On March 28, 1958, William Christopher Handy, the famous blues musician known as W.C., dies in New York City. Jazz standards "The Memphis Blues" and "St. Louis Blues" are his most famous compositions, but his musical legacy can be heard in works of composers as varied as George Gershwin and Keith Richards.

\* On March 27, 1973, actor Marlon Brando declines the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in "The Godfather" as a protest against Hollywood's portrayal of Native Americans in film. The first performer to turn down a Best Actor Oscar was George C. Scott, for "Patton" in 1971.

\* On March 24, 1989, one of the worst oil spills in U.S. territory begins when the supertanker Exxon Valdez, owned and operated by the Exxon Corporation, runs aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in southern Alaska. An estimated 11 million gallons of oil eventually spilled into the water, polluting more than 700 miles of coastline.

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## Burial options are fine, but it won't matter to me

A story in the paper last week really got me thinking about death.

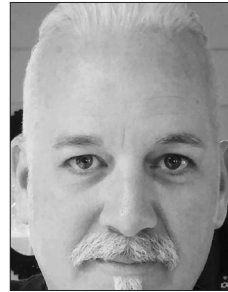
No, it is not a great topic to spend too much time thinking about, but we all have to at some point. And the older we get, the more it tends to pop into our heads at the worst time – like in the middle of the night. Hard to sleep through those thoughts.

But we all need to decide what will happen when we go. Will it be a traditional burial in a coffin? Will it be cremation? If so, will your kids have to cart your ashes around for the rest of their lives, or will your family spread them at your favorite place? And speaking of favorite places, would you prefer your back yard, that magical spot you love to fish or an Applebee's parking lot?

There is also the option of having your cremains mixed in with the soil at the base of a tree near the Rock River, as highlighted in a front-page Life story last week. That seems like a pretty cool option to me.

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I am opting to be cremated when the time comes. My mother did the same, and my dad spread her ashes in a beautiful part of the desert near where I grew up in Arizona. I am not sure where I want my ashes scattered, and I really feel like it doesn't matter. I won't be around to complain if they end up on River Road because my Harley riding friends accidentally spilled them on a memorial ride.

Actually, that would be a great story.

Ultimately, I personally don't really think it matters

how we decide to be sent off to ... wherever or whatever. That is why we are seeing more cremations and options like forest burials.

Traditional burials are becoming less popular as an option for many reasons. They can be costly, of course. But the reality is that we are a much more mobile society these days. Sure, some people stay put, but generations living in the same place is not as common as it used to be.

I think of my grandfather on my mom's side. He died before I met him, and was buried in a cemetery in Jacksonville, Ark. Luckily, I was stationed there when I was in the Air Force and went to visit his grave. I was probably the last person to do so, and that was in 1984. He has no family anywhere near there.

Is that sad? I really don't think so. My grandfather only lives in my memory as stories and pictures. And those are things I will cherish, not a gravesite I will probably never see again.

My dad is moving from

my hometown soon, so I probably won't have a reason to visit again. There will be no real connection there for me. So, I am glad my mom doesn't have a gravesite there that I would worry about. Is it being taken care of? Is it still there?

I am not concerned about what my wife does with my ashes. I love my life, and my wife and children. Hopefully someday I will have a grandchild or two as well. For them, I will only live on in memories and pictures – and a few videos too, of course.

But I don't need a place for them to come and visit. Life is for the living, so I want them to focus on being the best they can be and enjoying everything this beautiful world has to offer. I know that I am.

So, my wife knows she can make the decision on where my ashes will be spread. But I have it in writing what will happen to my beloved guitars. I can't leave that to chance.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*





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## Guest Opinion

# Is our current school system stuck in the past?

The Education system was created to help us build our future, but has the focus of school systems shifted? As someone who has been a student

at the Oregon School District my entire life, I believe the system just doesn't have the same effect it used to. Students sit through classes every day learning information they will most likely never need to know. Schools say they give tests to show that students are ready for their future, and that's just not true. Tests are only showing how well we can retain and memorize random facts. As a 17-year-old student who is thinking about going into the field of funeral services, why should I have to know how to graph the line  $y = -25x + 1080$ ? P.J. Caposey, superintendent of Meridian School District even said, "We have to shed the parts of our process we no longer need, and keep those that are making us

successful and continue to adapt to be successful in our future." Before the internet was created, I can understand having to know certain facts; however, Google can provide me with the answers I need in seconds. It appears the main focus has gone away from learning technical skills and common everyday adult practices.

One of the best ways to get a student to hate reading is to give them a school textbook and tell them they have to read the first 100 pages by the end of the week. This shuts the student down, making them lose interest in the class very quickly. As I sit through classes like history, math, and English, I often wonder if any of this will help me buy a house, pay my taxes, or make sure that I am making enough money to live to the end of the pay period. Classes like personal finance and foods class do not exist at Oregon High School. Classes like account-

ing and home economics, both of which do not exist at Oregon High School, would be beneficial for everyday life. If by chance that I might need to graph the line  $y = -25x + 1080$ , the best way for me to find the answer accurately is to look it up online. The internet is full of resources, some better than others, but at least one of the million websites is bound to have the right answer. Caposey also said, "Society is changing at a logarithmic exponential rate, schools are changing at a linear pace, we're not keeping up." Every person's brain is different, and every scientist and parent of two or more children will confirm this fact. This means that every person will learn things a little differently, so why are we still using this one size fits all curriculum that is pushed into students' heads whether they like it or not? Every student has different strengths and weaknesses,

so why do we continue to use this cookie cutter style of teaching? The current practice that every student will eventually learn and move on is not practical. If every student learns differently, then why don't we teach them differently?

A student's best chance for success is to stop worrying about their grades and start worrying about the skills they will need for their chosen path. Caposey even gave a formula about our changing society, "It's a simple formula, society changes, families change, families change, kids change, kids change, we should change." Creativity is one of the most important skills a leader needs, so why is it that schools continue to focus more on regurgitating information and test taking? Google's senior vice president of people's operations, Laszlo Bock has been quoted in saying "GPA's are worthless as a criteria for hiring, and tests scores

are worthless." This is why it is easy for students to believe that they are stupid. They are taught that the information you learn in school is the only information that will make you smart. Realistically, it is your ability to adapt to changes and new situations that is the more important than anything else. This is why I believe that the education system that we use today is an ancient institution and desperately needs to be updated. If we can update and customize almost every aspect of our lives, why can't we do the same for our education? I once talked to someone who said grades K-8 should be focused on learning that information, but high school should be remodeled to focus more on your future. Personalized education would far benefit students in preparing them for their future.

*Tyler Mowry is a senior at Oregon High School*

# A lot of people have their pictures taken with Trump

Dear Editor,  
Democrat progressive liberals lie as they engage in misinformation. An alleged relationship between porn star Stormy Daniels and Donald Trump which the Main Stream Media reported ad nauseam, is a good example. What they fail to follow up with is the disposition of her allegations and the fact she was ordered by a judge to pay Donald Trump \$293,000. And her attorney, Michael Avenatti? He was found guilty by a Federal jury in New York a year ago. Avenatti attempted to extort up to \$25 million from Nike over threats that he would expose dirt on their company. He faces a potential penalty of 42 years in prison.

The both humorous and disgusting part of this story is common logic holds a multi-billionaire is not going to be in a relationship with a porn star. Donald Trump is known to protect both his health as well as his reputation. Avenatti going from Democratic presidential hopeful to prisoner is beyond hilarious!

Common logic holds that thousands of people have wanted, and gotten, their pictures taken with Donald Trump both before, and after his presidency. He is widely admired as a self-made billionaire as well as one of the greatest presidents of all times. The fact that sexual

deviants like Stormy Daniels and Jeffrey Epstein got their pictures snapped with him is truly meaningless.

All Americans love logic in the leadership of our country as well as equal justice for all. Sadly, both have been missing from both our Democrat's leadership and the MSM reporting. One example is President Biden's recent decision to allow thousands of un-vetted illegal aliens into the country without COVID testing without explanation. The next instance of hypocrisy was when Biden threatened a travel ban on the state of Florida. Governor Ron DeSantis and Senator Marco Rubio slammed the possibility of the White House enacting travel restrictions to Florida. The governor said it would be "a political attack" on Florida's residents. He called out the hypocrisy of Biden's open border policy with Mexico while quarantining Florida.

As far as justice goes... a number of court cases are scheduled to come up about the 2020 election in 2021. Hoping for the best, I hope Biden is recalled from the presidency before the country is trashed. Hoping for the least, I hope people go to jail for Federal election fraud and the system is fixed so my next vote will not be so meaningless.

Mark Schwendau, Byron

# Republican Party is now the party of Trump

Dear Editor,  
Who were those people that sacked our capitol? They claimed to love America but some of them preferred the Confederate flag over the U.S. flag. They managed to do what Robert E. Lee didn't - they flew the Confederate flag at, even inside, our capitol. They claimed to support law and order and to "Back the Blue," but they used anything they could get their hands on, even metal flag poles with the U.S. flag attached, baseball bats and hockey sticks to attack capital police officers, killing one and injuring 140. Four others have died from the melee. Some of them said they were there to kill people. That's law

and order?

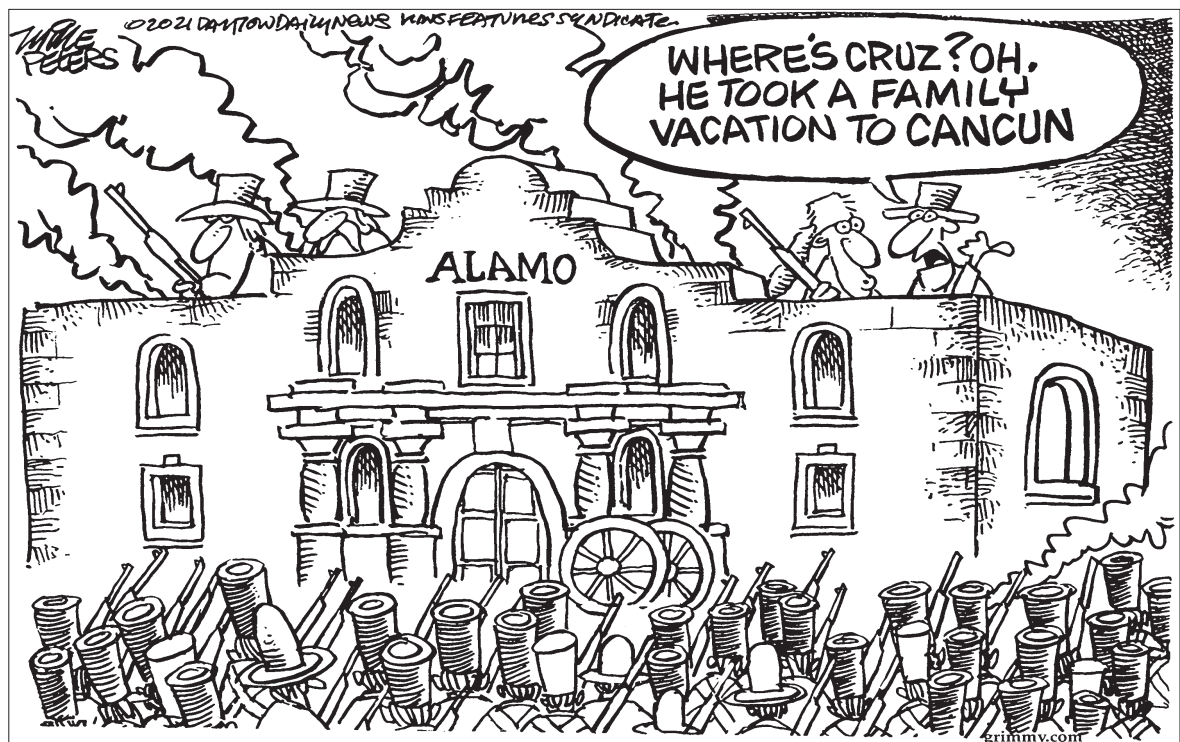
They called themselves patriots as they tried to overthrow the results of the election. Others called them insurrectionists, traitors, terrorists, a mob. They represented groups like Qanon, Oath Keepers, Proud Boys and other white supremacists. A few wore sweatshirts featuring Auschwitz. One thing they nearly all had in common was they were white Republican supporters of the ring leader, Donald J. Trump. (Does anyone really think there were Biden voters in that mob?)

The Republican Party is now the party of Trump, definitely not a party Lincoln would belong to. Trump is still strongly supported by 70 per-

cent of Republicans (USA Today 2/15). 197 House Republicans voted not to impeach the ringleader; 10 voted for impeachment and 4 didn't vote. In the Senate 43 Republicans voted "not guilty" and 7 voted "guilty." Those 10 and 7 are now being attacked by Republican local and state parties across the country.

The Republican party that lost the popular vote in 7 of the last 8 presidential elections is undergoing another purge, this time of those that don't sufficiently support Trump. They attempt to win elections by gerrymandering and voter suppression, not by building a majority.

Curt Freeberg, Byron





# VIEWPOINT

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

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## How can we trust U.S. Rep. Kinzinger to secure our rights?

Dear Editor,

We the People ratified our Constitution, a trust document of limited government. All rights originate with We the People as stated in the Declaration of Independence. We hold these truths to be self evident...

What happened during the Impeachment hearings underscores the lawlessness of our House of Representatives and the lawless "trial" in the Senate. Many people seem to act out of passion and reason becomes an inconvenient guide. We watched as this happened in Congress. House rules were changed to streamline, rush Impeachment proceedings, and with a mere 7 hours of "debate" voted

the one Article of Impeachment.

What is the problem? Due process and individual rights. Congress is now a place where these nuisances are magically denied. You may love the President and the final outcome, you may hate the President and the final outcome, but the expectation for a just verdict is to act on reason. Congress has informed us by their actions that they do not care about freedom of speech, do not measure words uttered to any judicial standard, do not care about the freedom of assembly, nor the right to meet your accusers and confront witnesses - All by-passed by the House. In the Senate we find no

strong consensus regarding the authority to try a man who is not a president. You may look up the definition of Bill of Attainder. Not presided by the Chief Justice. The Senate placed one of their own to preside and have a vote. A video was presented by House Managers heavily edited by cutting out clarifying sections of the President's speech, delivered 2 miles from the Capital, and adding audio that was not concurrent in time. House Manager's knowingly omitted and added parts to fit a preset agenda to find a man guilty, regardless of fact. No time was given to checking if the Capital breach was preplanned by others, now indicated by FBI

investigation.

This paper has published opinions and articles about Rep. Adam Kinzinger - praise and condemnation, but no listed reasoning for those positions. Look at the above written violations of rights due all men, regardless of title or position, the "created equal" part of the Declaration of Independence. Adam Kinzinger voted YES to be an accomplice to this crime and NO to the respect and dignity due every American. If Rep. Kinzinger will not assure the inalienable rights of a President how can we be sure he will secure ours?

John Dickson, Oregon

## Look beyond marketing claims on school referendum

Dear Editor,

The purpose of my letter is to encourage residents to look beyond the referendum marketing campaign and to vote based on the facts. I will be voting NO for the referendum based on the following factors.

The district repeats that it is not asking for more money. That is simply false. The terms of the 2014 referendum have expired and tax rates will return to the agreed upon rate of 2.78 percent. That was the agreement of the referendum and the tax payers fulfilled their obligation. Now, the district wants to permanently increase the minimum rate to 3.48. That would result in changing the rate from 2.78 to 3.48. How is that not an increase? The truth is, it's the very definition of an increase regardless of how many times it's said.

The district's propaganda doesn't allude to county population trends and the estimate for the student population in out years. The district is shrinking and the probable loss of the power plant will accelerate that trend. There are plenty of families that will be forced to move out of the district as a result of the power plant closure. A decreasing district population should be followed with a decrease in teachers and administrative staff. With that in mind, why would a tax paying citizen agree to a permanent tax rate increase? We can't predict the future so why lock ourselves into a permanent arrangement that may not be in our financial interest in the years to come? The answer is, we shouldn't.

The 2014 referendum included the elimination of middle school athletics. That was a dumb idea then and it is dumb and short-sighted today. The truth is, it's an emotional ploy to create leverage. Middle school athletics have a negligible impact on the district's budget. A school district's athletic program is an important factor to attract new families to our community. Developing interest in organized sports at an early age, building fundamentals, and creating a pipeline of talent for high school sports all starts in middle school. The district's not so veiled threats to eliminate middle school sports, if the permanent tax rate hike doesn't pass, is simply an underhanded ploy to hold your kids hostage. Government, including our public schools, never seems to understand that you create more revenue by growing your customer base and charging a fair price for your product or service. Instead, they create circumstances that make us unattractive to new families and they focus on how to extract more revenue out of a shrinking tax base of citizens.

I encourage my fellow citizens to look beyond the pro-referendum campaign marketing claims and consider all the facts and how they fit into what is best for our community's long term interest.

Jay Horton, Stillman Valley

## What are 'high crimes and misdemeanors'?

Dear Editor,

As the impeachment proceedings have ended with a forgone conclusion it seems to me that Republicans and Democrats alike should explore the possibilities of amending the Constitution for updating the Impeachment clause.

As presently constructed the impeachment proceedings are a sham. With a significant number of Senators, even after pledging an oath to be fair and unbiased, before any argument is made, go out in public go out and tell the world that they will not vote to impeach. The oath is a sham also, when the Senator involved are meeting

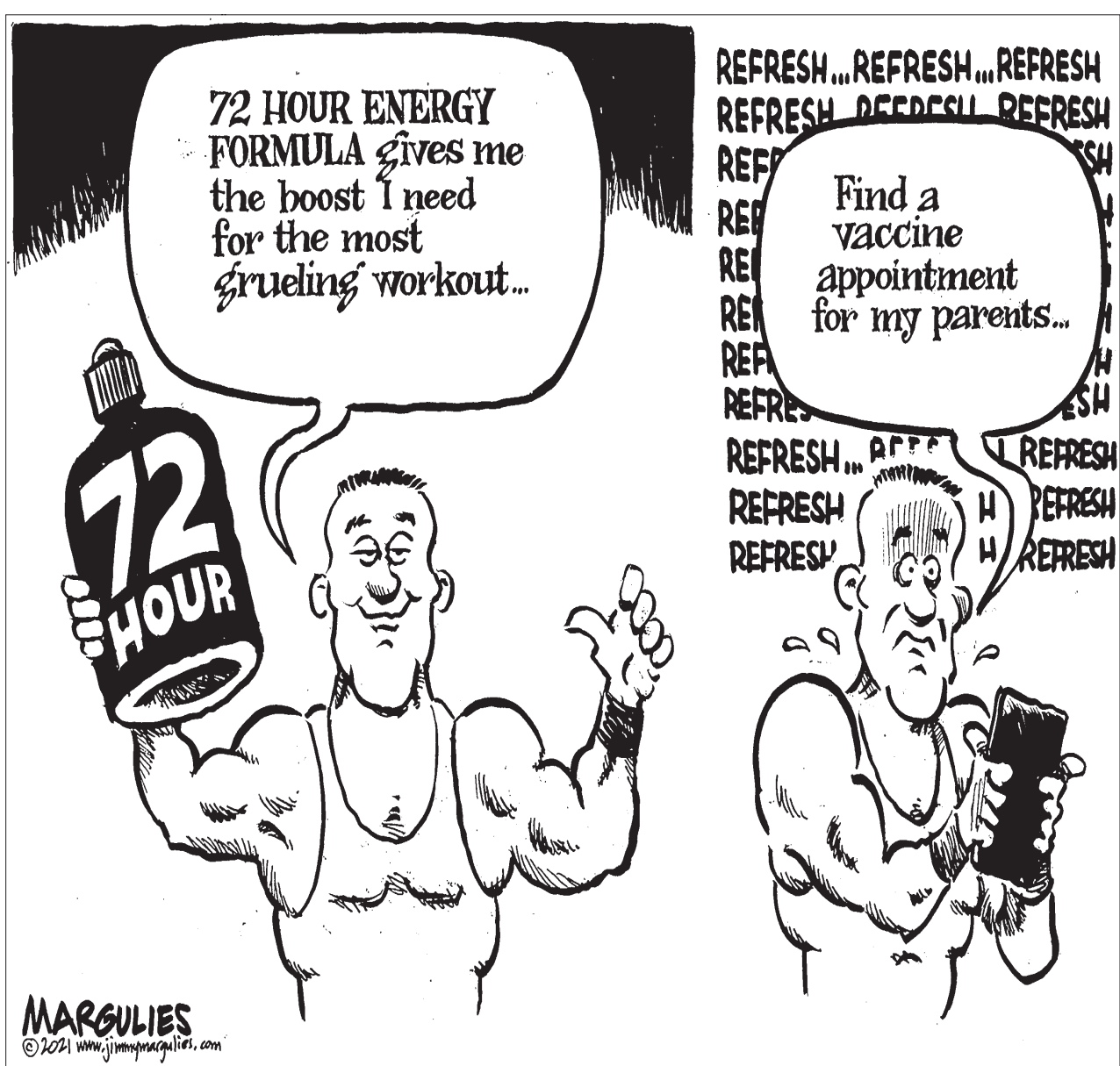
with defense consul and plotting to not convict. The integrity of every Senator that voiced their opinion before ever having heard the evidence is obviously being dishonest and should be excluded from the final vote. For those that are concerned about how their constituents back home would react, a secret vote would certainly at least temporarily resolve that issue.

The argument that the proceeding was in fact unconstitutional because Trump has already left office, then the honorable thing to do was for those that thought he was guilty, was to vote for conviction and let Trump and his allies

challenge the proceeding in the courts. (McConnell sat on the impeachment until the Trump was out of office)

The American people need a definitive answer to this question but even more importantly the Senate needs an answer. This issue will come up again, but probably not in the immediate future. The clause "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" is vague and leaves the question open to the interpretation of whoever is in charge and that person cannot always be trusted to do what is best for the country.

James Gorman, Grand Detour





# Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 6

At 3:35 p.m., Deputies responded to I39 MM 107 SB for a two-vehicle crash. After a short investigation it was determined that a 2014 Chrysler driven by Jazmin Gray, 24 of Jackson, Tenn., was traveling south on I39 and lost control on the snow-covered road. Gray then collided with a 2004 Dodge truck driven by Randall Evans 53 of Onalaska WI. Tyija Walters, 32 of Joliet a passenger of Gray's was transported to Rochelle Hospital for minor injuries. Gray was issued a citation for driving too fast for conditions. Deputies were assisted on scene by LSR Fire and the Illinois State Police.

At 1:16 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of N. Walnut St. for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Shaun Woodard, 53 of Byron was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Shaun was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 5

At 12:43 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Forreston Fire Department, Forreston Ambulance, Polo Fire Department, and the Polo Ambulance responded to a four-car accident with unknown injuries on IL. RTE. 26 at Haldane Road. A white Ford Econoline van was northbound on RTE. 26 when it lost control on the snow-covered roadway. The Ford Econoline van crossed over the roadway striking a white Chevrolet Malibu head on that was southbound on RTE 26. A black Jeep Patriot and silver Toyota Camry were southbound on RTE. 26 following the white Chevrolet Malibu. The Jeep turned into the west side ditch to avoid hitting the Malibu and Econoline van. The Camry turned towards the west side ditch striking the Jeep after experiencing white out conditions. The driver of the Econoline van Eddie J. Mathews, 62 of Oregon, Wis., refused medical treatment. The driver of the Malibu

Micah D. Coffman, 21 of Sycamore, refused medical treatment. The driver of the Jeep Elizabeth M. Strock, 22 of Sterling, refused medical treatment, and the driver of the Toyota Seth M. Nelson, 19 of Forreston, also refused medical treatment. The accident remains under investigation.

Feb. 3

At 12:46 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 3000 block of E. IL Rt. 64 for a vehicle in the ditch. After an investigation, Jake R. Petersen-Rysavy, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jake was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 2

At approximately 9 p.m., Deputies responded to the 300 block of Errett Road in Hillcrest for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon completing an investigation Francisco Reyes, 48, of Hillcrest was placed under arrest for Aggravated DUI, Driving While License Revoked, and Domestic Battery. Reyes was also cited for No Proof of Insurance. Reyes was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting a court appearance.

Feb. 1

At 10:48 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 17,000 of E. Ritchie Road. After an investigation, Deputies cited a 16-year-old juvenile male for driving without a license. The male was not injured due to the accident. The male was given an I-bond for his citation.

Jan. 30

At approximately 4 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in Stillman Valley in reference to a disturbance. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Raul Amador Jr., 32 of Rockford, for Criminal Damage to Property. Amador Jr. was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held

in lieu of bond.

Jan. 29

At approximately 11:03 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle rollover accident with suspected injuries in the 11000 block of N. IL Rte 2. After investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies learned Angie Forgiore,

42 of Crystal Lake, was traveling southbound on N IL Rte 2 and swerved to avoid a deer. Forgiore lost control of her vehicle, traveling into the east side ditch where she overturned. Forgiore was transported to a nearby hospital for her injuries by Byron EMS. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were assisted on scene by By-

ron Fire and Ambulance personnel.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Antonio Escatel, 44 of Mendota, for Domestic Battery. Escatel was released on a \$3,000/10% bond and will appear in court on 02-26-21 at 9 a.m.

Jan. 27

At 9:27 p.m. Ogle

County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at Twombly Road for a traffic offense. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Mario Galeas-Flores, 30 of Cleveland, Texas for No Valid driver's License.

Mario was released on scene with a return court date of 2-10-21 at 9 a.m.



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815-381-6881

**\$265,000** dickersonnieman.com/202000579  
**OREGON!** Byron schools. Riverfront, split floor ranch with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached & 2 car detached garages, garden shed. 4005 N IL. RT. 2, Oregon  
**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619

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**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619

**\$35,000** dickersonnieman.com/201805272  
**Nice bungalow w/huge upstairs BR.** Electrical has been updated. Covered front porch. Spacious LR. Hdwd under some carpet. New roof approx 3 yrs ago. 2218 Mulberry Street, Rockford  
**VICKIE KRUEGER**  
815-243-0293



# Bread of Life has March 9 distribution

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

We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple, in Stillman Valley on the second Tuesday of each month. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Upcoming distribution dates are March 9 and April 13. Distribution is curbside from 3-5 p.m. When Meridian Schools close for weather we do, too. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8814 to register for our next distribution



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**JUST LISTED**

**405 W Mason Street Polo \$245,000 Call Rebecca**  
HOME FOR ALL HOLIDAYS! This grand 1894 Victorian Painted Lady home is located in the infamous Silk Stocking Hill neighborhood of Polo. Featuring many modern updates including a cherry wood kitchen, new quarter sawn oak flooring, and a private master bedroom suite. This 5 bedroom and 3 bath will make the perfect home for raising children in a highly rated school district along with a low property tax rate. The screened gazebo is the perfect oasis to unwind or work from home. In the evening, escape into your private oasis of a master bedroom suite with a spacious full bathroom and walk in closet. The house retains its historic roots with impressive woodwork, pocket doors, and a formal dining room with hand painted silk ceiling covering (this is where the neighborhood earned the name- Silk Stocking Hill). High efficiency furnaces, air conditioners, and updated insulation make this home very energy efficient. The lower level offers a great deal of storage space along with the entrance to the attached 2 car garage. Additional updates include: refinished hardwood floors, cement board siding, roof & windows. Priced to move, this historic and updated home is ready for you!

**JUST LISTED**

**8091 N Ryan Circle Byron \$220,000 Call Rebecca**  
BETTER MOVE FAST! Updated and move in ready 3+ bedroom home on a large .55 acre lot in Byron! In the last year the owners have done a number of updates including: fresh paint throughout, Pergo flooring, granite countertops and many other aesthetic upgrades. Spacious kitchen with eat up granite island, stainless steel appliances breakfast nook and a formal dining space. There are doors to the deck that spans the back of the house from both the kitchen and master bedroom. Large living room with soaring ceilings and wood burning fireplace. 3 bedrooms on the main floor and 2 bathrooms. One of which is off the master suite and includes a large walk in closet area. The master also boasts a sitting area right off of the entrance to the expansive deck. Partially finished lower level with a rec room and potential 4th bedroom. All of these features are situated on a large corner lot with plenty of room to roam in both your back and side yard! An added bonus- this home comes equipped with solar panels, which means huge electric savings for the new owner!

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Open House**  
**March 14**  
**11 am - 1 pm**  
**306 W Front Street Mt Morris**  
**\$109,000**  
**Call Stephanie**

This modern farmhouse style rehab offers all main floor living! Nothing to do but move into this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with spacious eat-in kitchen and living room with new flooring, paint, updated light fixtures, new countertop and stove. Updated previously were the roof in 2016, hot water heater and water softener in 2015. The home has a nice mudroom leading out to the huge backyard, perfect for your pets and family and provides plenty of space for an outdoor shed!

 <b>February Top Listings</b> <b>Merri Cruz</b>	 <b>February Top Closings</b> <b>Andrea Baumann</b>	 <b>February Top Producer</b> <b>Merri Cruz</b>
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**IT'S A SELLERS' MARKET**

Over the past year, homeowners have gained an unprecedented opportunity to win big by selling in today's housing market.

	JAN 2020	JAN 2021
Houses are selling in half the time.	43 days on market	21 days on market
Homes are getting more offers, creating more bidding wars.	2.3 offers	3.7 offers
The median sales price is up 14.1%.	\$266,300	\$303,900

Source: Latest data available from NAR

**JUST LISTED**

**307 N Walnut Street Lindenwood \$155,000**  
**Call Taylor**

On nearly a half acre lot, this home offers over 1700 square feet of living space on the first floor, a large walk up attic, and a partially finished basement which includes a custom built bar ready to entertain the whole family! This home features a modern interior with hardwood floors, granite countertops, and a great deal of cabinet space. The water heater is brand new and the A/C unit was installed in 2019. The water softener is owned and stays. This home will not last long!

**JUST LISTED**

**103 N McKendrick Street Mt Morris \$90,000**  
**Call Carla**

Duplex in Mt Morris Loads of opportunity in this 2 family with recent updates! Rake in the rent with both of these 2 bedroom units. Loads of space with private basements. Great Location with large back yard. Off street parking, newer mechanicals. Call today to schedule your private showing to invest in your future.

**583 Rive Lane Dixon \$649,900**  
**Call Merri**

Opportunity awaits at this Rock River Island Resort! This unique 11.35 acre property has unlimited potential. It features a 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath "home" with an Open Floor Plan, Vaulted Ceilings, Great Room with Fireplace, Gourmet Kitchen with Custom Concrete Countertops, Wrap-around Deck (with handicap accessible ramp), One-of-a-kind, Locally Sourced Woodworking Finishes, AND SO MUCH MORE! Outdoors has 12 Camper Site Hookups, Outhouses, Boat Ramp, and 1 Bedroom Mobile Home that can be worked into the deal! Property is Zoned AG and has been approved to add 10 cabins. Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity of a Lifetime!

**212 N Meyers Avenue Milledgeville \$59,999**  
**Call JD**

Country feels in city limits! Come take a look at this 2 bed/1 bath, 2 story home on the edge of town. Featuring a newer great room addition and large fenced in yard. Let your imagination run wild... Take advantage of this awesome opportunity today!

**1155 Bay Drive Dixon \$9,900 Call Mark**

Lot for sale in a nice neighborhood in Dixon. 1.3 acres that is buildable with room to grow! Well and septic will be needed. Dixon schools. Beautiful location to get stated planning your new home.



# Birthday

## Murray celebrates 99th birthday

Flossie Murray, Forreton, turned 99 on March 3.  
Happy Birthday Flossie Murray!

## UW-Stevens Point undergrads honored

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,600 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is ac-

corded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Students who received honors include:  
Byron:  
Natalie Carlson, Senior, Honors  
Jason McQueary, Senior, Highest Honors  
Eryn Murphy, Junior, Highest Honors  
Leaf River:  
Nolan Edler, Senior, Highest Honors  
Oregon:  
Zachary Stromberg, Senior, Honors

## Katarina Ilkow named to Dean's List

YANKTON, S.D. – Katarina Ilkow of Davis Junction, was recently named to the Dean's List of Mount Marty University (MMU) in Yankton, S.D., for the fall 2020 semester.

The MMU Dean's List comprises undergraduate students completing a full-time load of graded coursework with a minimum term GPA of 3.5. Founded in 1936 by the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Mount Marty University is a Catholic, Benedictine institution of

higher education located along the bluffs of the Missouri River in Yankton, South Dakota, with additional locations in Wafortown and Sioux Falls.

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The Byron High School co-op swimming and diving team earned an 85-84 victory over Belvidere on Thursday, Feb. 25. The JV team scored 20 points in the meet. Above are members of the Byron team.

## Byron swim, dive team wins

BYRON — The Byron High School co-op boys swimming and diving team faced Belvidere co-op on Thursday, Feb. 25. The Tigers edged the Bucs by a score of 85-84 in the varsity meet.

The Byron 200-yard medley relay team of Levi Schamper, Nathan Bell, Carson Faley and Tyson Politsch

won with a time of 1:45.05. Adam Goelitz won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.34 and Bell won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:10.68. Politsch won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.51 seconds and Schamper won the 100-yard butterfly in 57.31 seconds.

Faley won the 100-yard

freestyle with a time of 51.27 and Goelitz won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:17.15. Faley won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.03 and Politsch won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.00. Byron's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Faley, Nolan Stoll, Goelitz and Politsch won with a time of 3:35.60.

## Oregon girls see mixed results on court

OREGON — The Oregon High School girls basketball team fell 56-47 against Mendota on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Hadley Lutz led with 13 points, while Ella Martin added 10 points.

Oregon faced North Boone on Friday, Feb. 26, winning 52-24 behind 19 points from Hadley Lutz and 11 points from Mariah Drake. Ella Martin chipped in nine points in the win.

Oregon hosted Forreton on Saturday,

Feb. 27, defeating the Cardinals 58-47. Hadley Lutz and Mariah Drake each scored 18 points, while Elizabeth Mois added 12 points in the Hawk victory.

Oregon went into overtime with Ashton-Franklin Center on Monday, March 1, falling 70-67 despite 18 points from Hadley Lutz and 14 points from Elizabeth Mois. Ella Martin and Ashlyn Kitzmiller each recorded 12 points in the overtime loss, with Mariah Drake totaling nine points.

## Stillman boys and girls win and lose

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley High School boys basketball team battled Dixon on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The Cardinals fell 70-59 despite 21 points from Micah Johnson and 12 points from Evan Davidson. Grant Ogden added 10 points in the loss to the Dukes. The Stillman Valley girls basketball team edged the Dixon Duchesses on Wednesday, winning 51-50.

Stillman Valley faced Rock Falls on Friday, Feb. 26, with the boys winning 61-53 and the girls losing 43-35.

Stillman Valley took on Mendota on Monday, March 1, with the boys winning 66-48 and the girls downing the Trojans 58-25. Micah Johnson scored 19 points for the boys, while Kaden Viverito added 15 points against Mendota.

Chad Gerig chipped in nine points in the win.

## Oregon varsity boys down Mendota

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys basketball team defeated Mendota 62-58 in overtime on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Oregon JV team fell 46-35. Joey Gelandar led the varsity team with 22 points, while Owen Ketter scored 14 points in the victory.

Oregon hosted Ashton-Franklin Center on Saturday, Feb. 27, downing the Raiders 72-47 behind 25 points from Gelandar and 15 points from Ketter. Oregon's JV team won 40-34.

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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 pickups 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!

ing 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 appointment 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.

## New - 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.

## Try it Tuesdays! Wax Cord Bracelets - Tuesday, March 9

Pick up your free kit and follow a YouTube video to make three different wax cord bracelets.

Colors and charms will vary. Ages 18 and up. Kits are first come, first serve for Oregon Library Card Holders (1 kit per cardholder).

## Maker Modnay March - DIY burlap door wreath

Kits will be available for pick up beginning March 15. 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 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 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Dear Committee Members by Julie Schumacher. The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Stock the Crock by Phyllis Good. 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.

## 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.

## Cookbook book club - Thursday, March 11 at

## 6:30 p.m.

Stock the Crock - 100 Must-Have Slow-Cooker Recipes by Phyllis Good

With things starting to role slowly back to pre-COVID, get some easy recipes for your crockpot. Join us in our newly formed book club, trying various recipes from different cookbooks. For March, this group will meet in person and via Zoom. Pick up your copy of Stock the Crock Cookbook at the Library and pick one (or more) recipe to make and discuss during our meeting. Registration required (815) 732-2724

## 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

The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin (BOCD Fiction)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett (BOCD Fiction)

Bad Medicine: Catching New York's Deadliest Pill Pusher by Charlotte Bismuth (BOCD Non-Fiction 344.74 BIS)

Clanlands by Sam Heughan (BOCD Non-Fiction 941.1 HEU)

The One And Only Bob by Katherine Applegate (BOCD J Fiction)

All This Time by Mikki Daughtry (BOCD Y Fiction)

Coco by Diana Lopez (BOCD J Fiction)

The Rise Of Kyoshi by F. C. Yee (BOCD Y Fiction)

500 Heart-Healthy Slow Cooker Recipes by Dick Logue (Non-Fiction 641.5 LOG)

Humor, Seriously: Why Humor Is A Secret Weapon In Business And Life by Jennifer Aaker (Non-Fiction 152.4 AAK)

## Area students graduate from Iowa State

AMES, Iowa - This fall, 2,001 students earned degrees from Iowa State University. The graduates were recognized in a virtual ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continuing a practice started last spring, Iowa State prepared graduation day gift boxes for all graduating students. It included a cardinal-and-gold tassel, musical card from President Wintersteen that plays "Pomp and Circumstance," diploma cover, streamer tube, I-State car window decal, Iowa State lapel pin, honor cords if applicable and a free introductory membership to the alumni association.

Byron:

Martha Hodapp, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Honors Program Member, Magna Cum Laude

Bryce Miles, Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering

Leaf River:

Mitchell Bratina, Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering, Cum Laude

## Wenberg named to Dean's List at Bethel

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Noah Wenberg, a Sophomore at Bethel University in St. Paul, has been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester.

He is the son of Kurt Wenberg from Stillman Valley.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

Bethel University is a leader in Christ-centered higher education with nearly 4,500 students from 47 states and 22 countries enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and adult undergraduate programs.

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**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801

## Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

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

## 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

# Julia Hull Library News

## **Library Services**

Visit the library for curbside pickup, remote services, and online programming: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Reserve program kits and materials online or by telephone to collect curbside; register and renew library cards via email; and email and drop-off documents for copying, faxing, and scanning. Patrons may also contact library staff to personally shop for them. System-wide interlibrary loan is available. And, as always, digital materials can be accessed 24/7 on our website. For assistance, please give us a call: 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.

## **Pajama Storytime**

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pj's, and bring a cuddle buddy. Second Tuesday of the Month on Zoom: Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Email Miss Kelly at [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message us for a link to the program.

## **DIY Mini Pies**

All teen math whizzes know March 14th is Pi Day, but put your calculators away! This year we're celebrating in a tasty way. Join Kelly on Zoom, Friday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. to learn how to make your own no bake mini pies. Ages 13-18. Call, email Kelly directly, or use our web form to register and request a supply kit: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Registration required.

## **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](mailto:dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com) to register.

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## **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-

## **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 library. Adults.

## **Kids' Leprechaun Traps**

March is the month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and that means one thing: tricky leprechauns! Make your own luck on Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m. by jumping onto Zoom with Miss Kelly to build your very own leprechaun trap. Ages 5-9. Call the library, or use our web form to register and request a supply kit: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Registration required.

## **Tween Reads: The Unwanteds**

Join Zoey on Zoom Tuesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Lisa McMann's novel, *The Unwanteds*. 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.

## **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)

# Mount Morris Library News

## **Virtual Storytime**

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

734-4927) or email [dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com) to get yours!

## **Adult Book Club**

Adult Book Club will be the 4th Monday of every month at 5:30pm. (Currently via Zoom.) Copies of the March book *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion are on their way to the library. Feel free to grab a copy digitally if that is of interest to you! Email Dawn Winters at [dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com) to sign up (Zoom link will be sent via email).

## **Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant**

We were the recipients of a Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant which allows wifi access 24 hours a day. Simply find MMPL Guest, agree to the Terms & Conditions on the login page and enjoy access for up to 8 hours! Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.



# Polo Library News

## Polo Library Building Open to the Public

The Polo Library building is now open for in-person browsing and computer use.

Curbside services will continue to be available during open hours. Masks will be required for entry.

Open hours will be Mondays - 10 a.m.-7p.m., Tuesdays - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays - 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursdays - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## 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.

## Among Us, teen program on Zoom - Wednesday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

Get on Zoom with other teens to play Among Us! Registration is required and capped at 9 participants. Register at pololibrary.org \*Note\* You will need two devices to participate, one that you can use for Zoom, and one on which you can actually play the game.

## 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 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 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

## 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 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.

## Yoga on Facebook - Third Monday of the Month, 6 p.m., Facebook.com/pololibrary

Just because we're taking a break from doing yoga together doesn't mean your yoga practice needs to suffer! On the third Monday of every month at 6pm on facebook.com/pololibrary we will post a yoga video to get you stretching and moving.

## 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 melaniew@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.

## Polo Cycle Yearbooks for Sale

Polo Public Library has 66 Polo Community High School "Cycle" Yearbooks available for sale. They are all withdrawn library yearbooks, so they do have library markings and are in varying conditions. We are asking \$5-\$10 based on condition. If you are interested in finding out what years are available, please give us a call at 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org.

## Did you know that if you live in the Polo School District and are under the age of 18 you qualify for a free library card?

Any person of student age (4-18 years old) living in the Polo School District qualifies for a free Polo Library card, whether you attend Polo Schools, private school, or are homeschooled. Family cards, which parents can use too, are only \$20 a year if you live outside of Buffalo Township and have a student living in your household. As always, if you live in Buffalo Township, you are able to get a Polo Library card for free. Stop by the library today to sign up for a card or, if you've lost your card, pick up a new card. Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org with

questions.

## Instructions for Curbside Pickup

Step 1 - Log in to your PrairieCat/Encore account and request items for pickup. You can also call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org at least one business day in advance of preferred pickup day with a list of items you would like to check out.

Need a suggestion? Library staff are happy to select several books for you to try.

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.

## Long Overdue Items

Do you have an item from Polo Public Library that you've had for a long time? Maybe you've already received a bill notice for it or you're afraid of how much you'll owe when you bring it back. Any library item that is returned, in good condition, will be checked back in and the bill will be removed from your account! No fees! If you have any questions about this, give us a call at 815-946-2713.

## Weather Closure Information

Polo Library does not follow Polo School District weather closures. Please check Facebook.com/pololibrary, WREX (TV), WLLT (107.7 fm - Radio), Sky (95.7 fm - Radio) or call 815-946-2713 before heading to the Library in questionable weather.

## Biblioboard - eBooks available to anyone in Illinois, with or without a Library Card!

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are always available. Potential users of BiblioBoard have easy access to available content through links on libraries' websites, or by going to illinois.biblioboard.com. Content includes local community histories, self-help resources, cookbooks, classics with beautifully reimagined covers, kids' books, community collections by RAILS libraries, books on equity, diversity, and inclusion, graphic novels, and much more.

## A Note on Donations

Due to the need to quarantine items before they can be checked in and put back in their place, we regretfully do not have the space to receive donated items at this time.

## Online Resources

Download Axis 360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and BiblioBoard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at pololibrary.org

## Wi-Fi Access

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

## Questions?

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



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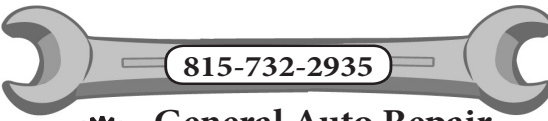
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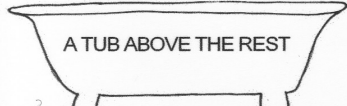
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# Byron Library News

## Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

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## Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at 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, March 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/](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.

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### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Instill a love of reading in your littles. Join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! If you have a child that is in preschool or younger, come in and sign them up! They get a surprise for every 100 books read.

### Family Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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

SignUpGenius 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
- Dead Man Switch by Matthew Quirk
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# Forreston Library News

### Library Hours

The library is open with the following hours: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are required for everyone over the age of 2 and children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible party. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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### Preschool Activities

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### Library Updates

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

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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**  
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"  
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday Services:** Worship 10:30am, Children's time during Worship Service.  
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](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**  
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511  
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

## LEAF RIVER

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

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

**DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
All are welcome here!  
"By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve"  
During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at [www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
In-person communion services, are offered at various times. Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register.  
We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance.  
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

**CROSSWALK MINISTRIES**  
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**EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH**  
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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](http://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  
[polo@crossroadsncn.com](http://polo@crossroadsncn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 9AM service  
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsncn.com](http://www.crossroadsncn.com)

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

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212  
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: [www.faithumcpolo.com](http://www.faithumcpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://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, Childrens  
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am Worship, both onsite and online at [www.facebook.com/VECCofSV](http://www.facebook.com/VECCofSV)  
We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.  
Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.  
Please call or visit the website more info about bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

## WINNEBAGO

**MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Connect with People, Cope with Christ  
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](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 Stitches For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Byron 815-234-5626 Oregon 815-732-7956  
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# Weekly Brain Busters

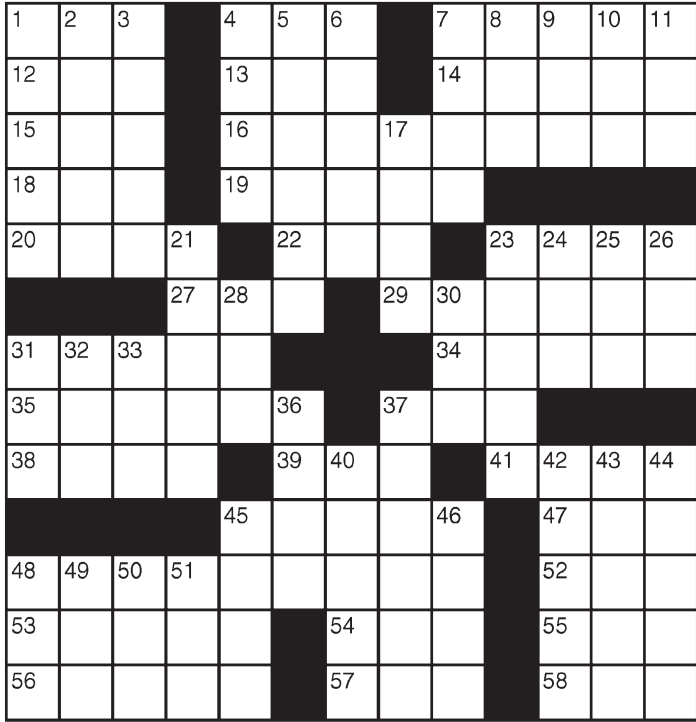
## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE

## "S" COUNTRIES

### ACROSS

- 1 Nightwear, for short
- 4 Rm. coolers
- 7 Fable writer
- 12 Decay
- 13 Prefix with athlete
- 14 Preamble
- 15 Mode lead-in
- 16 Soundly defeated
- 18 Zilch
- 19 Berth places
- 20 Retain
- 22 Away from NNW
- 23 Roundish 'do
- 27 Writer Harper
- 29 Sitting room
- 31 Prepared apples for baking
- 34 Street punks
- 35 Uproar
- 37 Rotating part
- 38 A Great Lake
- 39 Actor Stephen
- 41 Dumbstruck
- 45 Striped equine
- 47 Hockey's Bobby
- 48 Performed to the end
- 52 Gun-lobby org.
- 53 Broadcaster
- 54 Code-



- 9 Pigs' digs
- 10 Metal source
- 11 Group of whales
- 17 Get ready, briefly
- 21 West Point freshman
- 23 Bakery lure
- 24 "Alice" waitress
- 25 Scepter
- 26 Hosp. areas
- 28 College URL ender
- 30 "Eureka!"
- 31 "Evita" narrator
- 32 Owned by us
- 33 MLB stat
- 36 Raised
- 37 Tenor Enrico
- 40 Deep, lustrous black
- 42 Candymaker Willy
- 43 Goofed
- 44 Pulls
- 45 Goose egg
- 46 — impasse
- 48 Bit of butter
- 49 Fib
- 50 Branch
- 51 "Uh-huh"

### DOWN

- 1 Bit of mischief
- 2 "Salt" star Angelina
- 3 Trite
- 4 Perched on
- 5 Vacation at sea
- 6 Locations
- 7 Has a bug
- 8 Disney deer

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

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

- Samoa
- Singapore
- Spain
- Sweden
- San Marino
- Slovenia
- Sri Lanka
- Switzerland
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Syria
- Serbia
- South Korea
- Swaziland

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

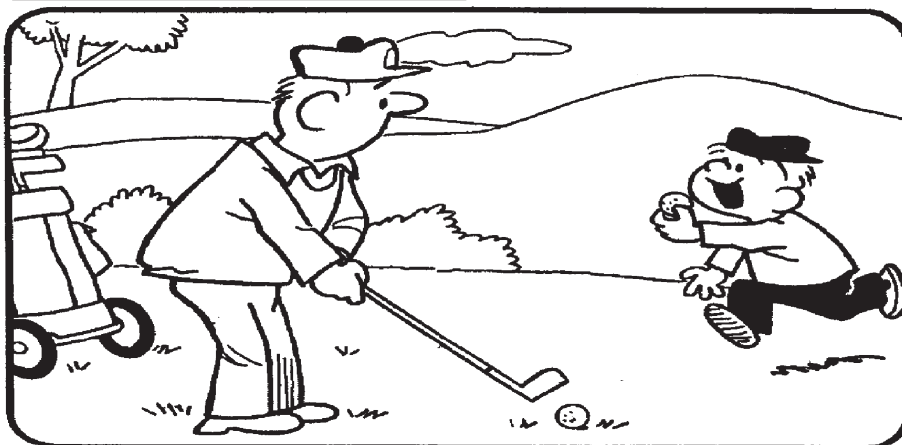
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

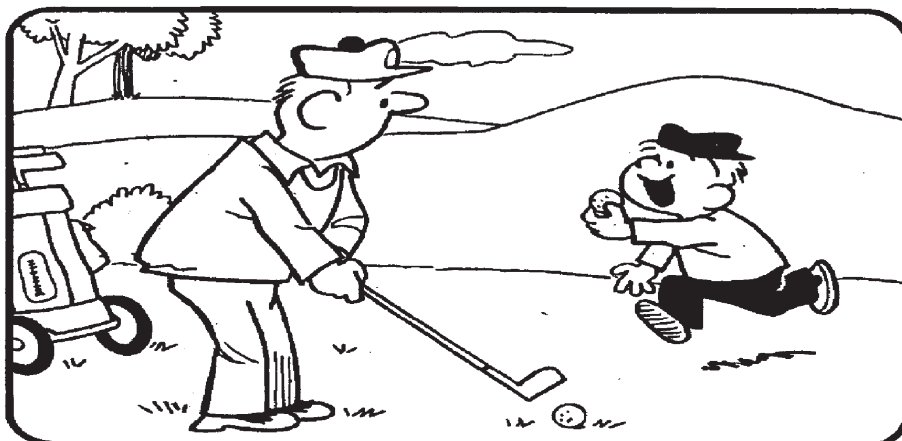
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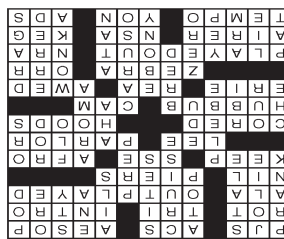
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



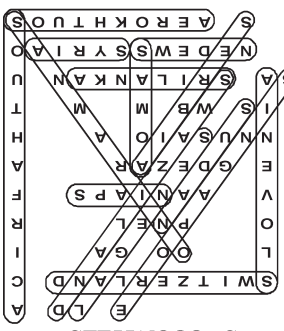
Differences: 1. Boy is moving. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. Tree is added. 4. Golf shoes are different. 5. Hedge is missing. 6. Zipper is added.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

**WHAT KIND OF DESSERT DOES A RABBIT LIKE?**

- |        |     |       |        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| SEARCH | ___ | SHARE | CYPRUS | ___ | SYRUP |
| ALLEYS | ___ | YELLS | REPEAT | ___ | PETER |
| ALERTS | ___ | STEAL | DRAKES | ___ | DARES |
| CAROLS | ___ | COALS | PRASE  | ___ | PARIS |
| ELOPES | ___ | SLEEP |        |     |       |
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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

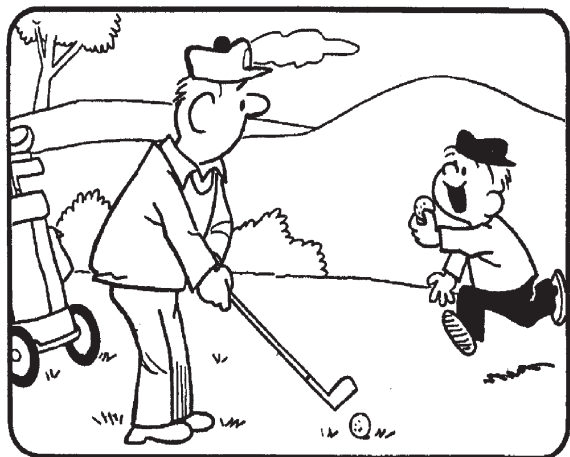
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                      |               |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Saturn or Jupiter | ___ _ _ _ _ T | Leveling tools       | ___ _ _ _ _ S |
| 2. Beer mug          | ___ _ _ I _   | Shock jock Howard    | ___ _ _ R _   |
| 3. Closet accessory  | ___ A _ _ _ _ | Crave food           | ___ U _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Rendezvous        | ___ _ Y _ _   | Have faith in        | ___ _ U _ _   |
| 5. On the mend       | ___ E _ _ _ _ | Sour tasting         | ___ I _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Subsequent        | L _ _ _ _ _   | Thirst quencher      | W _ _ _ _ _   |
| 7. Penny pincher     | ___ _ S _ _   | Gold digger          | ___ _ N _ _   |
| 8. Cavalcade         | ___ _ _ _ O _ | Put into words       | ___ _ _ _ E _ |
| 9. Bestow knowledge  | ___ _ _ A _ _ | Bring into a country | ___ _ _ O _ _ |
| 10. Taut             | ___ _ N _ _   | Mock                 | ___ _ A _ _   |

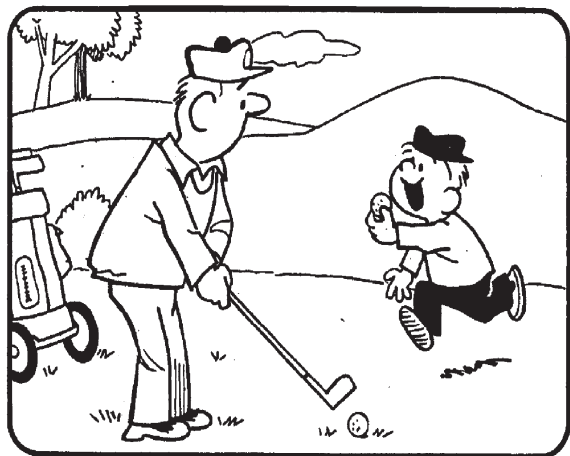
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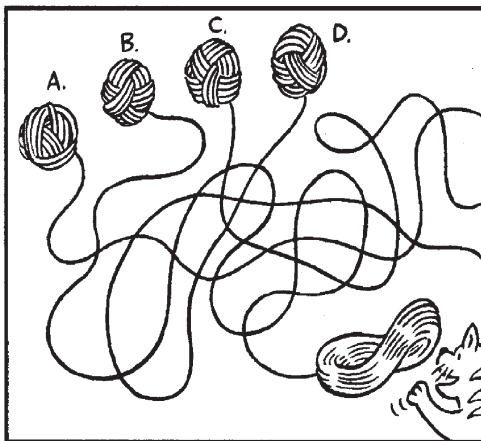


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. Tree is added. 4. Golf shoes are different. 5. Hedge is missing. 6. Zipper is added.

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**A GOOD YARN!** Which ball of yarn was wound from the skein of wool in grandmother's knitting basket?

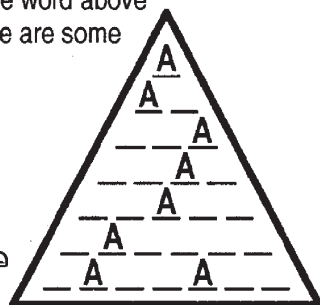
**THINK ROMAN!** Ten sticks are laid out to form an equation using Roman numerals. As you can see, the equation is incorrect. Can you correct it without moving any of the sticks? P.S.: It's tricky.



If you turn this page upside down, the equation will be correct.

**THE "A" PYRAMID!** Pictured at right is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down the pyramid, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the A's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- 1) Indefinite article (given).
- 2) In or near.
- 3) A drink.
- 4) Type of food.
- 5) Intended to.
- 6) In single file.
- 7) An order.



The words are a, at, tea, meat, meant, tandem, mandate.

Illustrated by David Coulson

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

C	N	O	E	M	I	L	S
P	R	E	P	I	N	K	C
V	U	I	E	N	D	B	A
J	I	R	M	R	I	R	R
W	E	O	P	S	G	O	L
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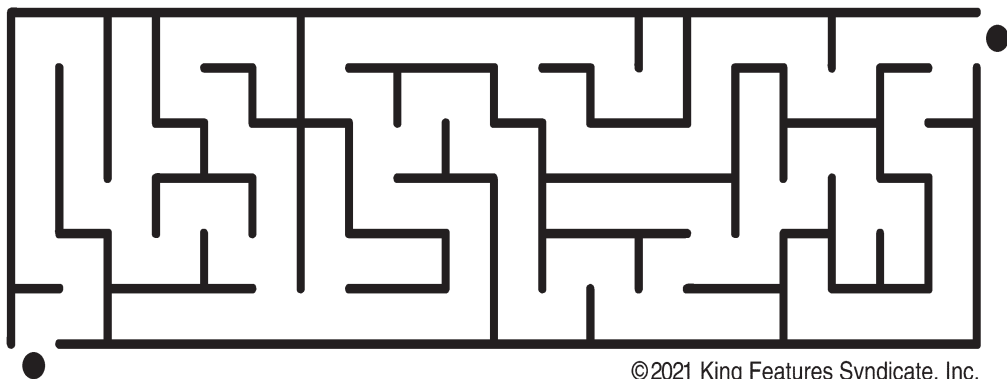
## COLOR SEARCH

HERE'S a colorful find-the-word puzzle for you to work on. Hidden in the diagram at left are the names of 14 colors. They can be read up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Clues are below.

1. Type of sugar.
2. - bean.
3. Deep red.
4. Gardener's thumb color.
5. - snake.
6. Key fruit?
7. Bluish purple.
8. - Panther.
9. Imperial color.
10. - - eye express.
11. "The - Pimpernel"
12. Beach-goer's shade.
13. Type of flower.
14. - jacket (wasp).

Answers: 1. Brown. 2. Coffee. 3. Crimson. 4. Green. 5. Indigo. 6. Lime. 7. Mauve. 8. Pink. 9. Purple. 10. Red. 11. Scarlet. 12. Tan. 13. Violet. 14. Yellow.

## Kids' Maze



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## Kids' Maze Solution

1. Planet, Planes
2. Stein, Stem
3. Hanger, Hunger
4. Trust, Trust
5. Better, Bitter
6. Later, Water
7. Miser, Miner
8. Convoy, Convey
9. Impart, Import
10. Tense, Tease

## Even Exchange

ANSWERS

## Puzzles4Kids

Answer

- |        |   |       |
|--------|---|-------|
| SEARCH | C | SHARE |
| ALLEYS | A | YELLS |
| CAROLS | R | COALS |
| ELOPES | O | SLEEP |
| DRIEST | T | RIDES |
| CYPRUS | C | SYRUP |
| REPEAT | A | PETER |
| DRAKES | K | DARES |
| PRASE  | E | PARIS |



# Oregon Park District announces events, activities

## St Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at Taft Campus

Enjoy a home-cooked traditional St. Patrick's Day meal on Wednesday, March 17 while taking in the gorgeous sunset over the Rock River. Chef Kurt and his amazing kitchen staff always do a fabulous job creating an all you can eat buffet. Taft is typically closed to the public and these dinners are the perfectly opportunity to see the property and enjoy the ambiance. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm Option for dine in or carry out available. All IDPH guidelines will be followed. Up to 6 people from different families can be seated at a table and up to 8 from the same family upon request. The fee is just \$15 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents. Children 10 and under are \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents. Register by March 12 online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

## Spring Ceramic Craft Kit Pick Up for all ages

Have fun painting this cute 6x6 ceramic tile for Spring. The tile will have the Spring themed pattern traced onto the tile making it 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 by drive-up pick-up at Nash Recreation Center on March 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. just in time for Spring! Register for your kit by March 12 online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. The fee is just \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents.

## Spring soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Spring of 2021! Practices will be held during the week starting the week of March 22nd and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning April 2nd in Oregon and surrounding towns. All players will receive their own ball to keep. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org

U6- Born in 2015 \$55/\$66 NR

U7- Born in 2014 \$55/ \$66 NR

U9- Born in 2012 & 2013 \$70/\$84 NR

U11- Born in 2010 & 2011 \$70/\$84 NR

U13- Born in 2008 & 2009 \$75/\$90 NR

U15- Born in 2006 & 2007 (No H.S. Players allowed). \$75/\$90 NR

All government guidelines will be followed. Registration Deadline is March 8th

## 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

Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/5

Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/5

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

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

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,

## Pickleball at Nash

Pickleball is often described as a mixture of ping-pong, tennis, and badminton, all played on a mini tennis court with an oversized paddle and a ball similar to a wiffle ball. This game is fast, fun, addictive, and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities! To learn more about pickleball you can visit the USA Pickleball Association at: usapa.org.

Pickleball is currently offered 5 days a week at Nash Recreation Center. Monday through Friday mornings from 9-11a.m. and on Tuesday evenings from 4-6:30 p.m.

Starting on Saturday March 13, we will also be offering Pickleball on Saturday mornings from 8am-10am. Fee: Nash Membership or punch pass. Ages 18 and older. To reserve your timeslot, please register online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

## Bingo Fun For Everyone

During March and April we will be playing Bingo at Nash from 1:30-2 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).

## Fruita De Crema Ensalada

Learn to make Mexican Fruit Salad at Hector's Cocina on Tuesday, March 16. Michelle Carreno will share her passion for cooking and teach you how to turn sour cream into a sweet cream sauce. You will enjoy making this Mexican sweet tooth treat for fiestas. Upon registration choose between the 5:30 pm class time or the 6:45 p.m. class. Fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 9.

## Yum...A Culinary Herb Garden

Plant your own mixed herb container that keeps on giving on Thursday, March 25. 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 p.m. 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.

## Free Easter Event-Registration Required

Easter is right around the corner! We are excited to offer a fun alternative to the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Sign up to walk the StoryWalk Trail reading The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen. Following the StoryWalk, families can snap a couple pictures with the Easter Bunny (socially distanced) and children will receive a small goodie bag. Time slots are every 5 minutes (limit 2 adults and 4 children per time) starting at 1:30 p.m. and ending at 6:10 p.m.

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

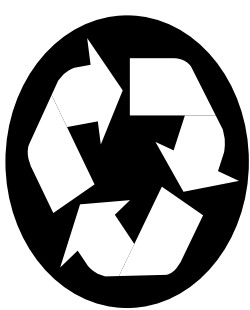
Register for a visit from the Easter Bunny on either Friday, April 2nd or Saturday, April 3rd between 9 a.m. and noon. A text will be sent out 10 minutes before arrival so that you can be ready at your window. The Easter Bunny will leave a goodie bag at your front door which will include a personalized 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.



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**103  
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**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
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**PREVIEW: SAT., MARCH 13th - 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**  
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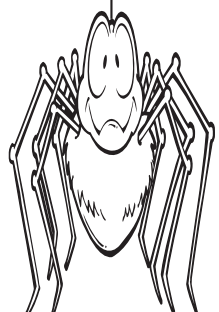
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY

IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )2021  
OF )P 17  
BETTY B. )  
PEARCE )  
Deceased. )

Notice is given of the death of BETTY B. PEARCE, of Stillman Valley, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2021, to BRIAN PEARCE, whose address is 353 E. Roosevelt Rd., PO Box 103, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, and KAREN VALLEM whose address is 2531 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than August 22, 2021, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for BRIAN PEARCE and KAREN VALLEM, Co-Executors of the Estate of BETTY B. PEARCE, deceased  
No. 0222 (Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8)



**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**  
ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS

STATE )  
OF )  
ILLINOIS )  
)SS  
COUNTY )  
OF OGLE )

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Lincoln Township that a Public Hearing will be held March 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed January 22, 2021 of Edward & Alice Pope, 3080 N. Summer Hill Rd., Polo, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Single-Family Dwelling for the spouse of the farm owner on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:  
Part of the Southeast (SE1/4) of the Southeast (SE1/4) of Section 19 Township 24 North,

Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Lincoln Township, Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number(s): Part of 07-19-400-006  
Common Location: 3080 N. Summer Hill Rd.  
DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING STANDARDS, an audio meeting will be made available for all public and non-committee members. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:  
[http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
RANDY OCKEN,  
Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 9th day of February 2021  
#003-21SU  
No. 0309 (Mar. 8)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS

STATE )  
OF )  
ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY )  
OF OGLE )

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Oregon-Nashua Township that a Public Hearing will be held March 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed February 9, 2021 of Eric Zimmerman, 2477 E. IL Rte. 64, Oregon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (cabinet making) on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:  
Part of the Northeast (NE1/4) of the Southwest (SW1/4) of Section 01 Township 23 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Oregon-Nashua Township, Ogle County, IL, 2.31 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number(s): 16-01-300-

005  
Common Location: 2477 E. IL Rte. 64  
DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING STANDARDS, an audio meeting will be made available for all public and non-committee members. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Public Hearing  
ON TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Rockvale Road District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Rockvale Townhall from and after 7:30 P.M. on February 15, 2021. Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:30 p.m., March 15, 2021 at Rockvale Townhall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing. Dated this 26th day of February, 2021.  
Karen Wolber,  
Town Clerk  
No. 0307 (Mar. 8)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Public Hearing  
ON TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Rockvale, in the County of Ogle State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public



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removal, aggregate base course, bituminous materials (prime coat), hot-mix asphalt binder and surface courses, aggregate wedge shoulders, and traffic control and protection. Bidders Instructions Plans and proposal forms will be available for download in PDF format from [www.willetthofmann.com](http://www.willetthofmann.com) for \$15. Click on "Bid Login" and follow the directions. The eBidDoc No. is 7633154. Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. Prequalification is required. The 2 low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57), in duplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and one original with the IDOT District Office. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals, will be required. Bid Bonds will be allowed as a proposal guaranty. No. 0310 (Mar. 8)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed proposals for the improvement described below will be received at the office of Village of Davis Junction Village Clerk, P.O. Box 207, 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020 until 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2021. Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of Village of Davis Junction Village Clerk, P.O. Box 207, 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020 at 10:00 a.m. March 24, 2021.

Description of Work  
Name: 2021 MFT Street Maintenance (N. Junction Road)  
Length: 5,600 feet (1.06 miles)  
Location: E. High Road to north Village Limit (approximately 1/2-mile south of Edson Road)  
Proposed Improvement: The project consists of hot-mix asphalt surface

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

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**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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**113 FINANCIAL**

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

**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Local Trucking Company  
Seeks experienced Class A-CDL Driver for Full time year round employment hauling grain  
**815-938-3644**  
Please leave message

**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 childcare service. A childcare

**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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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 it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

**203 HELP WANTED**

HIRING Bartenders, Servers, Phone Personnel. ALDO'S Downtown Rochelle. (03-10-21)

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

**301 ANTIQUES**

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email [dick-harms@hotmail.com](mailto:dick-harms@hotmail.com)

ANTIQUES WANTED: 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 [dick-harms@hotmail.com](mailto:dick-harms@hotmail.com)

**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**203 HELP WANTED**

**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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**203 HELP WANTED**

**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.

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