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COVID positive rate up

Ogle County sees spike due to several outbreaks

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – Ogle County's COVID-19 positivity rate was up to 4.7 percent, the Ogle County Health Department administrator told the County Board at its March 16 meeting.

Kyle Auman said while the positivity rate in the region was 2.6 percent, it was up in Ogle County. He said the reason was due to "several outbreaks" in the county. One was a large outbreak that was related to athletics at an area school. He did not say which school.

One was related to a nursing home and the other one to a local business.

The week before, the Ogle County Health Department sent out a release saying it was investigating several COVID-19 positive cases with potential links to Chesty P's in Polo.

The department said the potential exposure occurred at an event on Feb. 27.

(See COVID, A-2)



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Items sought for annual sale

March means "Spring Madness" – even if you're not a basketball fan, you can go mad cleaning out that clutter and unused items for the 2021 annual sale to benefit the 1883 Chana School Museum.

We have been stuck at home for months during the pandemic. Now get your mind off 2020 and focus on the positive idea of making space at your home by sorting, organizing, and gathering of unwanted items for this year's annual rummage sale.

Your donated items may be a treasure to others.

Start in a bedroom or hall closet and slowly go through your house, apartment, and garage separating items that you use from those items that don't fit anymore, that are out of date, or just aren't wanted or needed anymore. Put these things in bags or boxes and store in a corner of a room, porch, garage, or basement.

You will feel so much better cleaning out all the

unwanted items that are taking up space.

This year's benefit sale will be held on May 28th and 29th at the Oregon Coliseum. This annual fundraiser brings in usually enough funds to pay the expenses for the museum for a year. After this past year where the museum was forced to be closed to visitors, funds are greatly needed. You can make a difference by donating big and small items for this fundraiser.

We are not able to pick up items right now. We ask that you focus on cleaning out your home and garage. If you haven't worn an article of clothing in the last 10 years most likely you won't ever again so get rid of it. If you haven't used those extra tools, bikes, lamps, furniture, dishes, etc. then consider donating them to help the old schoolhouse museum.

Large entertainment centers, large appliances, microwaves, blinds, and a few other items will not be accepted for the sale. If you have any questions

about items for the sale please call Ray at 815-979-2903.

Your support is past years have helped to save the old school, restore it, and presently maintain the museum and its programs. If you would like to volunteer to help with this year's sale and have a lot of fun with others please Connie at 815-732-2447.

The 1883 Chana School Museum is on the National Register of Historical Places since 2005. It is open by appointment. The school is available for programs, weddings and special meetings.

The school is the location for many school field trips where the students dress in 1800s style clothing and experience a whole day of education and traditions from that era in rural Illinois.

More information concerning this year's annual sale to benefit the Chana School Museum will be posted closer to the May sale date.

Thank you all for your continued support.



American Pickers returning to Illinois

The American Pickers are excited to return to Illinois.

They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in May 2021. We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in Illinois this May, we will continue to reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the

way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to:

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COVID: More doses being received

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It encouraged anyone who visited this establishment on Feb. 27, or the days following the event, to consider getting tested for COVID, especially if they were experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms.

"(We are) working on those and trying to contact trace those the best we can," Auman told the board.

He said in the last year, the county has had 5,184

total COVID cases, with 77 deaths. He said the county has administered 15,286 vaccines, and that 11.9 percent of the county's population is vaccinated.

After some shortages, Auman told the board that the vaccine allocations have improved. He said the week before, the county had received 1,400 doses, and 1,200 the week of the meeting. This week another 1,200 doses were expected.

"We seem to be making

pretty good headway in our mission," he said of vaccinating the population.

Auman said the county is also working on several "breakthrough" cases, which is when a fully vaccinated person becomes positive. He said the Centers for Disease Control is being involved in those cases.

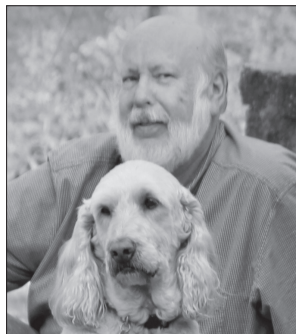
As for when people under the age of 65 will get the vaccine, that is unclear.

"I can't give an exact date," Auman said.

Obituaries

Al Watson

Al Watson has begun his "next great adventure" after passing peacefully from pancreatic cancer. He passed at home with his life partner, Claudia, beside him. True to his word, he left this world just after his buddy Magee, who passed away two days before.



Al was the son of Richard and Helen, and brother to Jim and Bill. He grew up in Mt. Morris, where he found his passion for music. For the majority of his career, Al worked at Knight Mfg (Kuhn) where he ganged up with his best pals Ernst Saunders and Doug Williams. He finished up his career with Atlas IED, retiring in January 2020.

Al most enjoyed playing bass with great friends, many

of which are considered his music family. He also loved providing sound for many music festivals where he will be greatly missed by many.

Special to him was Willow Folk Festival, which he was a part of for over 40 years and where he and Claudia were married in 1988. He will be remembered as a big guy in a Hawaiian shirt with a crazy

sense of humor. He loved his dogs, his family, and his friends very much.

Predeceased by his dog, Magee by two days, parents, brother Bill, brother-in-law, Claude Yoakum.

Survived by his wife, Claudia, children Angela Watson and Cristi (Erik) Gretebeck, Grandchildren Sydney, Ethan, Grant, Ki-ersten, Skylar, Macy and Chance, and his sisters in law, Pat Watson and Cindy Yoakum

A Celebration of Life will be planned for the future. In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation to the UW Carbone Pancreatic Cancer Center in his name. U.W. Foundation (supportuw.org/give)

Gary R. Larson

STILLMAN VALLEY – Gary R. Larson, age 77, died peacefully at his home in Stillman Valley surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 10, 1943 in Rockford, the son of Alfred and Wilma (Johnson) Larson.



He graduated from Rockford East High School. Gary married Julia Friday on May 1, 1964 at the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley. He worked many years for the Teamster's # 325, and also later worked for the Meridian School District in Stillman Valley and the Village of Davis Junction. Gary was a fireman for the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District and was the first EMT for the department. He loved to coach baseball and softball for all his children

and grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, and 2 sisters Janet Henson and Carole Larson.

He is survived by his loving wife Julie of Stillman Valley, daughter Bethani Larson of Monroe Center, sons; Brad (Stacy) Larson of Rockford, Brian (Karen) Larson of Leaf River, and Brett (Gina) Larson of Roscoe, sister Diane Veitch of

Stillman Valley, 7 grandchildren; Camryn, Kinsey, and Carsyn Lauer, Zoey Larson, Micah Larson, Jack and Lucas Koeller, and one more on the way; and dog, Gabby.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private funeral service will be held at the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley with the Rev. Chris Brauns officiating. Burial will be in the Stillman Valley Cemetery. A walkthrough visitation will be held Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 from 2-4 p.m., face mask and social distancing are required. A memorial fund is established in Gary's name.

Telepharmacy coming to Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – A pharmacy, telepharmacy, one of the earliest innovations in telemedicine, is coming to Mount Morris later this year.

Telepharmacies operate the same way as other pharmacies, except that the licensed pharmacist is not onsite.

The patient takes their prescription to the local telepharmacy or it's received electronically from the healthcare provider. A registered pharmacy technician prepares the prescription and sends several digital images to the monitoring pharmacist. The pharmacist reviews the patient's medication profile for drug interactions and other potential problems before examining the prescription images for accuracy, via videoconferencing. After the pharmacist has approved the prepared prescription it's ready for pick up. It's all done in a few minutes. Patients picking up their prescriptions can speak directly with the pharmacist via videoconferencing to receive instructions

and ask questions. The pharmacist is ultimately responsible for properly preparing and dispensing the medication.

This model has worked successfully for owners Kip and Karrie Sabinson from Warren, Ill. In addition to their traditional pharmacies in Warren and Lena, they own telepharmacies in Polo, Lanark and Elizabeth. Mt. Morris will be their latest site. The Mt. Morris Pharmacy will be located at 117 S. Wesley Ave., formerly the office of Jerry Griffin Insurance, and before that, Light's Jewelry. It will be a full-service Health Mart brand pharmacy, fully-stocked with medications, over the counter (OTC) items and a few gifts.

"We were approached by a group from Mt. Morris Economic Development about a year ago," Kip Sabinson said. "The size of Mt. Morris is ideal. We believe this is a good opportunity." "Until we're able to open our doors, people can move their prescriptions to the Polo Pharmacy and we will deliver in Mt. Morris."

The phone number for Polo Pharmacy is 779-226-1129.

The Sabinsons hire local people to staff their pharmacies and intend to hire a pharmacy technician from Mt. Morris or the surrounding area for this location.

The next step is to apply for the pharmacy license, followed by building reconstruction. They hope to open later this year or early 2022.

Kip and Karrie Sabinson have owned and operated Warren Drug Store for twenty years. Through telepharmacy they saw the opportunity to get medications and pharmacies to people in rural communities. In 2015 they opened Lanark Pharmacy, with Karrie as the licensed pharmacist. Elizabeth Pharmacy and Polo Pharmacy were opened shortly after that. They purchased Lena Drug Store in 2018 and it will be the "home store" for Mt. Morris Pharmacy.

Learn more about the economic development opportunities in Mt. Morris at mtmorrissil.net.

Byron Forest Preserve District offering hunter safety class in April

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting a free Hunter Safety Education Class on April 24 and April 25 at their Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron.

The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 25. Class participants must attend both class days and be able to pass a final written test.

This Illinois Department of Natural Resources class will cover firearm and bow hunting safety, hunting laws and hunting ethics and is required in order to obtain an Illinois hunting license. The class is free, but advance registration is required as space is limited. Class participants will be required to wear a mask in the building. To register contact the Byron Forest preserve District by calling 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

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Obituaries

Kenneth C. Knaub

BYRON – Kenneth C. Knaub, age 78, of Byron, died on Monday March 8, 2021 in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born on Dec. 22, 1942 in Avoca, Wis., the son of Kenneth and Florence (Bus-sie) Knaub.



He served his country with the Army during the Vietnam War. He married Diane Gorst on February 19, 1972. She preceded him in death in 2016. Kenneth worked as a welder for Greenlee in Rockford until his retirement. In his spare time; he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and boating. He also liked to enter trap shooting competitions. Kenneth and his wife were Nascar fans and would winter together in Arizona.

He was a history buff who enjoyed watching TV and the news and eating big breakfasts and fresh donuts. He was a classic car enthusiast and proud member of the Elk's Lodge #335. He is survived by his daughters, Dianna (Chris Lange) Miller of Rockford, Deb Gilroy of Machesney Park, and Jenny (Kevin) Lochhead of Phoenix, Ariz.;

sons, Fred (Michelle Miller) Kastning of Forreton and Steve Knaub of Tulsa, Okla.; sister, Ramona (Doug) Freimuth of Chana; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Diane, and brother Gary Knaub.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday March 18, 2021 at Cornerstone Family Church in Byron, with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHolland-Gale.com

Daniel H. Reilly

BYRON – Daniel H. Reilly, age 57, passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family on March 9, 2021. Although Dan was born in Petersburg, Virginia on Nov. 1, 1963, he grew up in Africa and it never left his soul.



Dan learned to love nature, animals, and open spaces. His love of travel and deep desire to learn eventually brought him to the U.S. He earned three undergraduate degrees before earning his master's degree as well. Dan served in the Army and later joined the Illinois Air National Guard, currently serving as First Sergeant; a job he loved. His adventurous spirit took him to Alaska where he met his wife, Martha Kobel, whom he married on March 13, 2003. He joined her in Byron where Dan learned to cherish the four seasons and felt it was home. Dan was a member of Legion Post 209, Byron's City Council, and served in the Color Guard for Byron's Memorial Day Parade. Dan was a planner

and was always adamant that his family be prepared for anything; which inspired him to own and operate his own business, Resilience International. In his spare time, he enjoyed being outdoors; especially having a braii and hiking.

He is survived by his wife, Martha of Byron; father Ed Reilly and his wife Karla of Swakopmund, Namibia; brother, Michael Reilly of Windhoek, Namibia and niece and nephew Patrick and Alexa both of Germany; Aunt, Doris Tourville of Avon, Conn.; cousin, Patrick (Betty) Tourville of Simbury, Conn.; father-in-

law, Chet Kobel; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Larry) Rose, Mary (David) Behling, Liz (Chuck) Fleddermann, and Meggan (Jeff Milburn) Franklin; nieces and nephews, Kari (Ryan), Adrienne (Josh), Kristi (Nick), Kyle, Lauren (Nick), Rachel, Whitney, Drew, Madi (Daniel), Kathryn, Madison (Taylor), and Ava; great nieces and nephews, Mason, Noah, Addison, Chet, Stella, Lucy, Maverick, and Gus; and many friends and brothers in arms. As Dan always said Drive fast – take chances! Cheers!

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday March 20, 2021 at the SM&SF Club; 7625 Kishwaukee Road, Rockford, with a time for fellowship to follow. Masks will be required and an outdoor space will be provided for those that would prefer. If you wish to give a memorial, please donate to a charity of your choice in your community. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Roger Dale Garrison

POLO – Roger Dale Garrison, 71, died on October 2, 2020, with his family by his side. Roger was born to Esther and Clay Garrison on Feb. 16, 1949, and lived the majority of his life in Polo. He was married to Patricia "Pat" Lawson of Ashton on Oct. 10, 1981, in an outdoor ceremony at Camp Emmaus. Together the couple raised three children, Jo (Larry "Ben") Bittinger of Polo, Keith (Katie) Chesnut of Polo, and Molly Sides of Rockford. He was affectionately known as "Pa" by his six grandchildren, who were his absolute pride and joy.

Quebecor Printing in Mt. Morris. In retirement, he enjoyed working part-time at Smokin' Gun Worx in Forreton. Throughout his life he frequented antique shows and flea markets as a vendor in the Northern Illinois area, and was widely respected as an expert in the field of antique traps, tools and firearms. Over the last several years, Roger converted his expertise into educational outreach, dressing as a "Mountain Man" and teaching area youth about pioneer life and survival. He was a lifetime member both of the National Rifle Association and the Tri-County Gun Club.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Melvin. He is survived by his wife Pat, his three children, brother Bob (Rose) Gar-

risson of Roseville, Calif., brother Bruce (Penelope) Garrison of Morton, Ill., and grandchildren Hayden and Garrett Bittinger, Cole and Knox Chesnut, and Raine and Ila Sides, along with nieces, nephews, and twin grand-nephews, who will all dearly miss their Pa and Uncle Yup-Yup.

A celebration of his life will be Saturday, April 3, 2021 from Noon to 3 p.m. at the Barnacopia, 2570 N. West Branch Road in Polo. Please join the family for a casual time of remembrance with a lite lunch being served. A memorial is established at the Tri-County Gun Club. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Pat Garrison, at her home in Polo. Arrangements have been completed by Polo Family Funeral Home.

Kenneth Vanbuskirk

DIXON – Kenneth Earl Vanbuskirk, age 75, passed away on March 14, 2021 at home of Cancer surrounded by his family. Ken was born on April 17, 1945 in Whiteside County, the son of Henry and Margaret (Miller) Vanbuskirk. Ken married Deloris Mailand on May 24, 1980 in Rock Falls, and they just celebrated their 40 year anniversary.



going to Bluegrass festivals, camping, helping friends and neighbors, but most of all his time with his grandchildren.

He worked at Kable Printing Company, Laborers Local 727, Haas Roofing, and Drew Excavating. He loved to restore old cars and trucks, dirt track racing,

Ken is survived by his wife: Deloris; daughters: Peggy (Paul) Miskell, Joann Payne, son: Kenneth (Nikki) Vanbuskirk Jr; 8 grandchild-

dren; 13 great grandchildren; brothers: David and Jack; sisters: Linda, Sharon, Pam, and Karen.

Ken is preceded by his parents; great grandson: Edward; brothers: Donald and Henry.

Funeral services took place on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at noon in Egan Cemetery, Egan, with Rev. Frank Lay officiating. Visitation was Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 11 a.m. until service time in Egan Cemetery, Egan.

In lieu of flowers memorials to be established.

Kimberly Jane Young

Kimberly Jane Young, 55, of Rockford, died in her home on March 11, 2021. Born March 13, 1965 in Rockford; daughter of James Smith and Lougerald Bonham.



Kim enjoyed spending time outdoors, cooking, crafting, and spending time with her family. She was a wonderful artist and the life of any party.

Kimberly is survived by her children Nicole (Joshua Bismark) Foss, Randi Suter, and Cody (Kirstyn Maavich) Suter; grandchildren

Evelyn, Emerald, and Elliot Winterton, Sofie, KJ, Coda, and Jada Suter and Gabe Maavich; step father Robert Stone; step mother Cheryl Smith; grandma

June McNaughton; siblings Gary Smith, Jon and Josh Stone, and Amy and Jennifer Smith; aunts Donna Nading, Neva (Chuck) Gustafson, and Linda (Curt) Daniels; great uncle Dale Carlson; great aunt Janet Carlson; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her parents.

There will a celebration of life at a later date and will be announced at that time. Stateline Cremations is assisting the family, 712 Windsor Rd., Loves Park.

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Rock River Center plans musical trip

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.

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A '60s Flashback That's Sealed With A Kiss

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

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



Rock River Center held a Spring Arrangement Class on March 10, led by Debbie Clark. Pictured above are the attendees with their unique arrangements created during class.

If you like 50s and 60s music, BEEHIVE The '60s Musical will have you dancing in your seats and coming back for more!

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

Reservation Information

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

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

* Reservation and payment deadline: Friday, April 28

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

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



St. Patrick's Day fun

The Oregon Park District celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with a fun afternoon of slime making, bingo and cookie decorating. Visit www.oregonpark.org for more activities weekly from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for ages 5-13.

The family of Donald E. Ebens

(Corrected)

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

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ALL men/women are born with the sin nature. (Romans 3:23) says; *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* Then comes the question, how or who has the power and ability to forgive sins?

Secondly, you must believe that **Jesus died to save you from sin.** (Romans 5:8) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* Although we cannot fully comprehend how God takes away our sin, we need to **believe it by faith.** Jesus died, but did not stay dead. He rose again from the grave. He was victorious over death. When you believe Jesus died and shed His blood, so you can live, it will lead you to repentance.

Thirdly forgiveness requires **Repentance.** (Acts 17:30b) *"but now (God) commandeth all men everywhere to repent:"* Repentance means to show sorrow for the sinful life that you have been living up until this point. It also means you will turn away from sin and express the fruits of repentance. Repentance will affect your life in a very practical way. God's forgiveness (or Grace) does not give you the liberty to continue in sin. If you are saved it does NOT mean that you will always remain saved. You must continue to choose repentance to remain free from sin.

Jesus also taught that to experience forgiveness from God, we must be willing to forgive those who have wronged us.

If you truly repent and want to be forgiven, you will by God's help change your sinful ways and live as a "Born Again" disciple of Jesus. The things that you do and say will reflect your choice to repent. Repentance calls for a change of heart and practice. Galatians 5:22-25 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.* As you make these choices, you can experience peace and forgiveness.

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District able to operate safely through COVID

FORRESTON – With the guidance and direction of the Ogle and Stephenson county health departments, Forrestville Valley School District has been able to safely operate our schools throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Ogle County has visited the school district on two separate occasions to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to Forrestville Valley staff. A total of 81 immunizations were administered during immunization clinics held in January and February.

On Saturday, March 13, Ogle County Health Department was on site at Forreston High School to provide free COVID screenings. It was determined to utilize this extra safety precaution prior to the first practice after several students returned from quarantine. Kyle Auman, Ogle County Public Health Administrator, and Forreston school nurse, Jennifer Nelson, administered 21 COVID screenings to football players and coaches.

“I am grateful to Mr. Auman and Ogle County Health Department for assisting us in our return to play process,” said Superintendent Sheri Smith. “Our goal was to ensure all student-athletes provided a negative result before we resumed our athletic activities. This is an extra step in our attempt to keep everyone as safe as possible.”

Easter Worship Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Holy Week Services -

Palm Sunday Service

March 28 11:30am

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

April 2 7:00pm

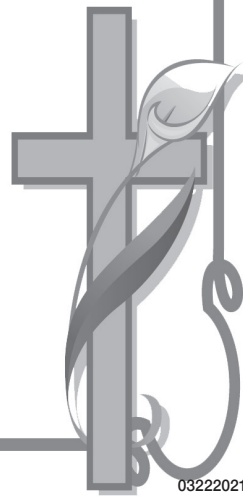
Easter Services

Hallelujah! He is Risen!

April 4 11:30am

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PALM SUNDAY :
March 28th

9:15am – “Gather”
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10:15am – Worship Service
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MAUNDY THURSDAY :
April 1st

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This is an interactive experience to learn about and reflect on holy week as a small group or family unit. Time slots are in late afternoon and evening. Reserve a time for your group or family by calling Pastor Rick Lindholtz at: 281.389.7518

EASTER SUNDAY :
April 4th

9:00am – Easter Breakfast
A “by-donation” meal supporting our Kids Club Summer Adventure program. Limited seating and carry-out’s will be available by request
10:15am – Worship Service
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VFW hosting breakfast for Vietnam veterans

OREGON – On March 29, the Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be holding a Vietnam era veterans appreciation breakfast.

If you served from 1955 to 1975 in any branch of the U.S. military, you will be more than welcome for a free breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns and biscuits and gravy, coffee, lemon aid or water. Casey's will also donate some breakfast pizzas. Serving starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 11:30 a.m.

Doug Wean (Navy), a Silver Star winner, and John Tuttle (Army, a Bronze Star veteran, are expected to attend. Both are Vietnam veterans.

Please feel free to bring your memorabilia and stories to share. There will be

an opening prayer from the VFW chaplain and Post 97 Commander Tuttle.

Other than breakfast, the VFW offers many ways to help veterans. Most veterans may be eligible for VA benefits they are not aware of.

The Post is planning on having a person from the Veterans Assistance Commission on hand to answer questions.

There will be a barber available from the Patriot Barber Shop in Oregon who has offered to give free haircuts for veterans during the lunch.

There is also a blood drive on April 27 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the VFW.

The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St., in Oregon.

Mobile food pantry will be March 29 in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Monday, March 29, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry, sponsored by Tyson, is open anyone in Ogle County. Mark your calendar – there will also be a Mobile Pantry on Tuesday, April 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Loaves & Fish Food Pantry, 409 W. Brayton Road.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is open on the first

and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone in the Mt. Morris/Leaf River area experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. The Mobile Pantries are an extra food distribution. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

The pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris.

If you have any questions, call 815-734-4250 or 815-734-4573 and leave a message.

Leaf River reunion planning committee sets meeting

2021 brings new hope for the many events that were canceled in 2020, including the Leaf River All-School Reunion.

So your calendars for June 5, 2021. In conjunction with Leaf River Daze the reunion will be held at the Barn on the Hill as it was in 2019.

Anyone interested in helping plan this year's reunion are asked to come to a planning meeting Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m. at the Barn on the Hill.

Decorating committee can view the area, program committee can create ideas, invitation committee can organize the out reach, food committee can decide "food trucks" and other available foods and fund raising committee can determine the needs of the party.

All are invited to the planning meeting.

If you cannot meet but would like to be a part of the organizing please e-mail Joy Bennett Wirth at wirthjoy@hotmail.com or Dori Meinheit Wellington at dori.wellington@gmail.com.

Watch for additional updates in the Ogle County Life or Leaf River Reunion Facebook page.

Electronic recycling will be on March 26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Polo Police report

March 5
TIME: 8:32 p.m.
REPORT: Mark T. McCoy, 59, Aurora, was cited for No Valid Registration. McCoy was released on an I-Bond.

March 6
TIME: 11:13 p.m.
REPORT: Matthew Rey Martinez, 25, Sterling, was cited for Driving With a Suspended License, Using a Cell Phone while Driving, Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Martinez was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of February 22, 2021 thru March 7, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	19
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	5
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out/Motorist Assist	6

Traffic Stops 31
County Assists 2

March 9
TIME: 6:28 p.m.
REPORT: Nataly M. Kalafus, 34, Freeport, was cited for speeding 38 MPH in a 35 MPH speed zone. Kalafus was released on an I-Bond.

March 11
TIME: 7:39 p.m.
REPORT: Curtis T. Akins, 18, Forreston, was cited for Disobeying Stop Sign and Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Akins was given a Notice to Appear.

March 13
TIME: 8:16 a.m.
REPORT: Kamerin A. Mcglowin, 18, Rock Falls, was cited for speeding 48 MPH in a 35 MPH speed zone. Mcglowin was released on an I-Bond.

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Byron Police report

Feb. 25
Byron Police arrested Nicole Lind, 50 of Byron, on an Ogle County warrant. Lind was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 26
Mario Mendoza, 18 of Beloit, Wis., was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance, Speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph Zone, and Driving While License is Suspended.

Feb. 27
Veronica Brown, 51 of Rockford, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and No Proof of Insurance.

Feb. 28
Byron Police arrested David Saldecki, 59 of Byron, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving While

License is Revoked. Saldecki was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

March 1
Byron Police arrested Adam Jordan, 37 of Byron, for Domestic Battery. Jordan was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held without bond.

March 3
Byron Police arrested Christian Bryant, 24 of Iowa City, Iowa, on a Rockford warrant. Bryant was released on a recognizance bond. Bryant was also issued a citation for Speeding, 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

March 6
Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred at the intersection of W. Blackhawk and Washington. Involved were Carla Trommer, 71 of Byron, and

Lorenza Thompson, 60 of Rockford. Trommer was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

March 11
Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred in the 700 block of W. Blackhawk. Involved were Anjelica Brockman, 26 of Mt. Morris, and Mark Vironda Jr., 29 of Oregon. Brockman was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

March 16
Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred in the 600 block of E. Blackhawk. Involved were Jessica Smith, 36 of Byron, and Francisco Miramontes, 59 of Evansville, Wis. Smith was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

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Byron High School music students selected for state festival

BYRON – Eight Byron Music Students were selected to participate in the 2021 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Festival.

The dates of the festival are currently being planned. ILMEA sponsors District and All-State competitions for the State of Illinois. Illinois is divided into nine districts. Byron is located in District 8, which includes the Western edge of the North-West Chicago suburbs, to the Mississippi River, and from the Wisconsin border down to I-88.

The process begins when students prepare an audition for the District Festival. Students in band prepare an etude, scales and they will sight read at the audition. Students in choir prepare 2 pieces of music and also have to perform scales and sight singing at the audition. The students audition for a judge, by themselves, and are scored out of 100 points. From these scores the ensemble is selected. Top scores from each section are selected for the District ensembles, approximately 2000 students audition for the

district band, orchestra, and choir ensembles. This year's process looked a bit different. The student's audition was in virtual format. The students prepared their material and had to video record themselves playing it and then submit it to the District to be judged. Students worked hard and did this preparation all with knowing the District event was not going to be held in person. Each District Festival was a virtual session of college and professional directors leading master classes and workshops.

After the District Festival the student scores are then looked at again. In band and orchestra top players are chosen from each instrument. Once down at state the instruments will need to audition again for their place in the All-State or the Honors All-State Band or Orchestra. In choir the top 8 scores from each voice part are chosen to attend the All-State festival. The highest four scores are placed in the Honors All State ensemble and the next four scores are placed in the All-State ensemble. The All-State music experience is unlike any other musical experience

these students will have. Top musicians from across Illinois come together and prepare a concert of challenging music in less than three days. It will be an experience these kids will never forget. We are hoping the All State Festival is able to be held, in May, in person or virtually.

The eight Byron musicians who qualified for the All-State Ensembles this year are:

Amanda Camling is a senior who is in Chamber Choir. Her parents are Joni and Nathan Camling. Camling made it into the All-State ensemble as an Alto 2. Camling's future plans are to play college basketball and major in psychology. She has been involved in softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and choir while at Byron High School. Her thoughts on making All-State: "I am extremely excited about making All-State." Her favorite memory from choir would be all the madrigal performances. She loved getting dressed up and singing the songs to those in the audience.

Hope Cornett is a senior who was selected to the



Pictured in the front row are: Kaci McKnight, Hope Cornett. Middle row: Sophie Tucker, Tyler Mrozek, Amanda Camling. Back row: Alaina Haas, Isaac Mondello, Nate Dyck

Honors All State ensemble as a Soprano 2. Hope is in Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chamber Choir. Her parents are Tisha and David Cornett. She plans to go to college for music education. In high school she is very active in Theater, Speech, Band, and Choir. Hope was at All State last year in the Future Music Educators Seminar. "I think that making All-State is really cool, especially because I've gone for FMES. When I went last year, I got to sit in an All State rehearsals. This year, I get to participate in them, which is a huge honor!" Cornett's favorite memory of choir is singing at the Colorado Theater freshman year, recording for WTVO Sounds of the Holidays production.

Nathaniel Dyck is a senior who is in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. Nate's parents are Bryan and Raina Dyck. Last year Nate made it into the All-State Orchestra on French Horn. This is his second year selected to an All-State Ensemble. Dyck is planning on studying criminal justice when he attends college. He keeps himself busy with band, jazz band, and basketball. His thoughts on making All-State: "I'm beyond thrilled I made it for the second year in a row." His favorite memory from band is in 8th grade playing "Light it Up," a pep rally song, so loud it shattered the basketball backboard.

Alaina Haas is a sophomore who is in Symphonic Band. Her parents are Natalie and Nate Haas. Alaina was selected to the All-State Ensemble on the French horn. She would like to go to college to become an elementary school teacher. Haas has been involved in Volleyball and Speech, Cross Country, and Band. Her thoughts on making All-State are: "When I first heard I had made it, I did not believe it and it did not actually sink in that I had made it until a few days later. I was not expecting to make it, especially consider-

ing I'm only a sophomore, but I was very excited and proud of myself." One of her favorite memory from band was going to ISU for their band day and getting to march and play with the college band. Another favorite memory was playing at the State football game during her freshman year. "Even though it was freezing, and rainy, and our team lost, it was still a cool experience and I loved marching on the big college field."

Kaci McKnight is a junior at Byron High School. She is involved in Concert Band and Chamber Choir. McKnight was selected to the All State Choir as an Alto 1. Kaci's future plans include to continue her track career. McKnight participates in Track and Field, Cross Country, Band, and Choir. Her thoughts on making All-State are: "I am very proud and always satisfied with my accomplishments. Music has always come naturally to me and the choir program here is phenomenal!" Her favorite memory of choir is singing/competing at solo and ensemble contest.

Isaac Mondello is a junior in Chamber Choir and Symphonic Band. His parents are Jason Mondello and Mellissa Mondello. Isaac will sing Bass 1 in the All-State Choir. Mondello is a second year member of the All-State Ensemble, he made it last year as a sophomore. His future plans are to attend college, but he is undecided on his major. Mondello has participated in Cross Country and Track and Field. He has been involved in both Band and Choir. His thoughts on making All-State are: "I am so excited! This is my second year going, and the experience last year was so great." His favorite memory of choir is making All-State last year: "Just because it showed that I was having huge success with the class and it made me really happy and excited to continue."

Tyler Mrozek is a senior

this year. Mrozek was selected to the All-State Choir as a Tenor 2. His parents are Kathy and Ken Mrozek. He has participated in Chamber Choir and Show Choir while in high school. Mrozek has also been involved in the Byron Theater Troupe's productions. Tyler's thoughts on making All-State are: "I was so happy to make it because I have been working for it the past two years, and I finally made it." He is interested in working on virtual reality modeling. His favorite memory of choir was Augustana Chamber Choir festival.

Sophie Tucker is a junior who is involved in Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. She made the Honors All-State Ensemble as a 1st soprano. Her parents are Jill and Jeff Tucker. Her future plans include majoring in Musical Theater or Music Business in college. She is involved in Theater, Speech, Swim Team Manager, Byron Thespian Troup, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National English Honors Society, Chamber Choir, and Concert Choir. Her thoughts on making All-State: "I'm very excited that I've made All State Honors Choir because it is a huge accomplishment and reflects my love for music!" Tucker's favorite memory was when the Chamber Choir visited Augustana College and sang with a lot of different schools! It was amazing to learn with students all over Illinois.

While the students are at the All-State Festival they will attend numerous rehearsals, attend workshops, panel discussion and master classes. They also will perform a final concert at the Peoria Civic Center. They will be accompanied to the festival by their teachers, Natalie Haas, band director, and Amy Harn, choir director. The students are grateful for the financial support from the Byron School District to make it possible for them to attend the All-State Festival.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., March 23

Tween Reads: The Unwants with the Julia Hull Library. Join Zoey on Zoom at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Lisa McMann's novel, The Unwants. Ages 10-12. Call the library or email Zoey at zferrari@mail.meridian223.org to register and reserve your program supply kit.

she creates seasonal family rhythms using watercolors. 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 for 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.

Club meets at Cork N Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, at 6 p.m. to discuss The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate.

Creating a Shady Garden Respite, via Zoom, 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

Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronic recycling event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

Sat., March 27

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

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

Weds., March 24

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 5, 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, marries English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. The marriage ensured peace between the settlers and the Powhatan Indians for several years.

* On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the American Civil War. The two generals met in the parlor of the Wilmer McLean home at 1 p.m. Grant arrived in his muddy field uniform, while Lee turned out in full dress attire, complete with sash and sword.

* On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short story collection, "The Four Million," is published. It includes one of his most beloved stories, "The Gift of the Magi," about a poor but devoted couple who each sacrifice their most valuable possession to buy a gift for the other.

* On April 6, 1968, Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" debuts in theaters. The film went on to win an Oscar for Best Visual Effects. Today it is regarded as one of the defining films of the 20th century.

* On April 7, 1970, legendary actor John Wayne wins his first -- and only -- acting Academy Award, for "True Grit." Wayne played a drunken, foul-tempered but endearing U.S. marshal named Rooster Cogburn.

* On April 11, 1988, actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Moonstruck" (1988). Cherilyn Sarkasian first became famous as the taller, female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and Cher.

* On April 8, 1990, "Who killed Laura Palmer?" was the question on everyone's mind when David Lynch's surreal TV drama "Twin Peaks" premiered on ABC. The body of the blonde homecoming queen was found washed up on shore wrapped in plastic in the show's opening episode.

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Always keep a light on government

It sure didn't feel like it, but last week was Sunshine Week.

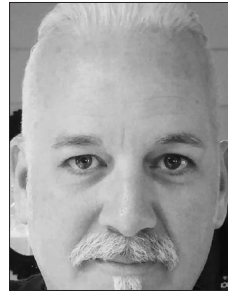
No, that is not a week of warm, wonderful sun. Sunshine Week is a week set aside annually to celebrate how important open government is to our democracy, and how freedom can die if the business of government is done in secrecy.

As a journalist, Sunshine Week has been something we used to show the public how they can keep the government – local, state and national – honest and open. You want minutes from a board meeting? They are available to you. Do you want to know the salaries of all of the people who work for the county? This is also an open record. Want to know if your crazy cousin Al got arrested last week? You can find out.

People love to hate on the press these days even more than usual. I know in my 30 years in the field, I have gotten used to people whining about "the media." That is especially true of politicians, because they hate it when

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



journalists ask them tough questions. They prefer the backroom deals while we want them done in the light.

Contrary to what some elected officials tell you, journalists are not your enemy. Quite the contrary, they work tirelessly to keep you informed. Sure, some national news media people are more about personality than journalism, but there are people across the country right now working hard to cover local governments for little pay, almost no glory and are getting a lot of grief for it. I salute them now, and I

will always salute them. Our democracy depends on them.

When I was editor of daily newspapers, we would use Sunshine Week to shine a light on how our local governments were doing their jobs. For example, we would use an open records request to ask the county government to supply salaries for all employees. Or we would send a citizen to the city clerk and request all travel expenses for council members for that calendar year and report on their experience. These are all open records and should be available to everyone.

We would write about our experiences and tell the public how they can access these records and more. It was a wonderful exercise in democracy.

Sometimes there would be pushback, and we would report on that too. When we requested the salary information from the local power supplier – a public entity – its manager balked. We reminded him, and the entities lawyer, that these were public records. Eventually, they came around before we

had to file suit.

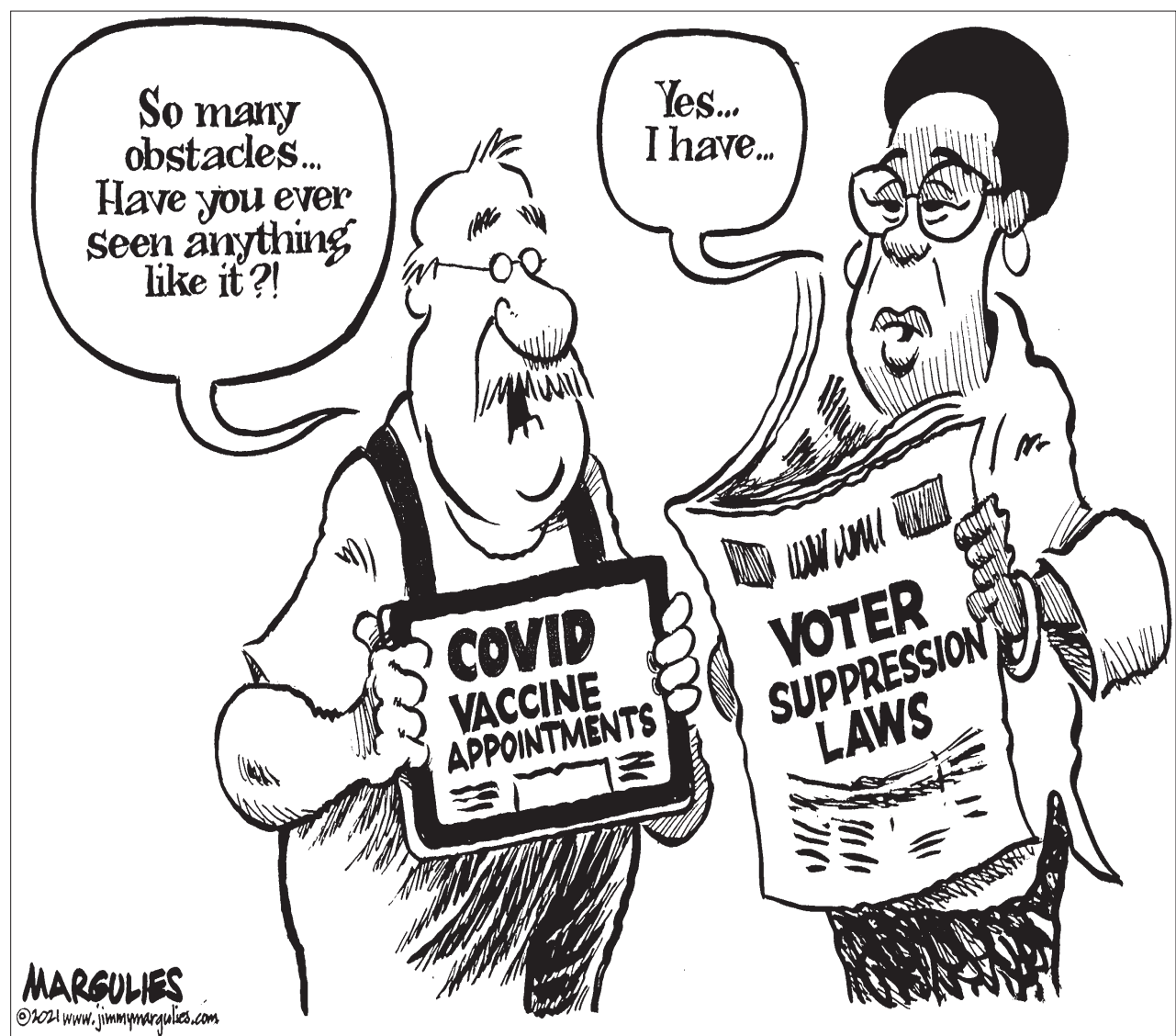
One paper I worked at had the salaries of all public workers – schools, county, local municipalities – available on a database on our Website. If you think that made us popular with public workers, you would be wrong. If you think it was a popular feature with the public, you would be right.

Also, if you think only national elected officials can be dirty, you are wrong. The guy you have known since grade school who is now on the local school board could be as crooked as they come. And do you know what your local county board is doing with your money?

Well, I do. I am at every County Board meeting (via Zoom for the last year). And if you ever wonder, you can go to the county and ask for any record you want to see. You have that right.

So, let's celebrate our democracy and those who help preserve it. We should always keep the heat on government.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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VIEWPOINT

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Retiring road commissioner endorses Nelson for job

Dear Editor,
Thank you for supporting me for 36 years as the Byron Township road commissioner. I am retiring at the end of May and it has been an honor to serve you through the years.

There are three candidates running for this position in the consolidated elections on April 6. Brad Nelson is the only candidate who will be committing to this as a full-time position. He will be available 24/7 in case of emergencies.

Many community members have asked

for whom I will vote. I confidently support Brad Nelson for the position. Brad is already working for you. He has been a part-time township road department employee for the last 9 months. It has been a pleasure to have him on my team. He is eager, takes pride in his work and is proficient in operating all township equipment including the grader, sweeper, dump truck, backhoe and skid loader. He snowplows, hauls hot asphalt mix and gravel to repair roads and provided maintenance on all equipment. He has an

easy and professional rapport with township vendors and feedback on his work is excellent.

As a native to Byron, Brad has quickly recognized the different needs of the seasons. Byron Township road commissioner is a self-driven position. The person is responsible for 236-square miles and 46 miles of road, responding to calls from the community, sheriff's department and other townships.

Byron Township Highway Department has a great working relationship with

other townships and intergovernmental agreements including Byron Schools, Byron Parks District, City of Byron, Ogle County Highway Department, all Ogle County Townships, Winnebago Township and Rockford Township.

If elected Byron Township road commissioner, I feel confident that Brad Nelson will maintain high levels of service to the Byron community and continue to keep our roads clean and safe for your families.

Gratefully,
Ron Gibson

Labash most qualified to serve Mount Morris

Philip Labash is the most qualified candidate for President of Mount Morris Village Board, based on his years of holding several volunteer positions and elected offices in the community.

Labash has been a member of the Mt Morris Economic Development Group, bringing new businesses to town. He has held an elected position on the Mt Morris Library Board managing finances for our Library. He has also volunteered at Loaves and Fish food pantry, the Mt. Morris Encore Group, and is currently serving on the Mt Morris Library Foundation Board.

Most importantly, Labash is currently in his third term as Trustee on the Mt. Morris Village Board, serving as Finance Chair and President Pro-tem, where he has helped create and manage the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District which has aided several current and new businesses in downtown Mt Morris.

All eligible voters should make their voices heard on April 6. When casting your ballot for Mt Morris Village Board President, please consider the most qualified candidate, Philip Labash.

Stephen Opalka, Mount Morris

Make sure to get out and vote on April 6

Dear Editor,
A very important election is just around the corner. You probably haven't received requests for donations or seen a lot of television ads but you and your neighbors are going to be asked to vote on the future of your community soon. People have stepped up to run for many local positions. They are our neighbors and we need to educate ourselves and support them by voting!

The November elections

drew record crowds of voters and people's votes made a difference. Make sure your voice is heard on April 6th. The positions of Village President, trustees for the Village Board, library, fire district and township all need to be filled. Educate yourself! Most of all make sure you vote. Let's have another record turnout and show our candidates that we appreciate their dedication to local politics!

Denise Cheek, Mount Morris

Readers seek support for Thibodeau for road commissioner

Dear Editor,
We would like to take this opportunity to endorse Justin Thibodeau for Monroe township road commissioner. Justin has a reputation as a good mechanic, and careful caretaker of his rural

Monroe Center property. We could benefit from his varied skills in the care our township roads, property and equipment. Let's give Justin a chance to serve on April 6.

Burdette and Mary Bonne, Monroe Center

Nelson would be asset as new road commissioner

Dear Editor,
Residents of Byron Township have a chance to vote for a new Road Commissioner this April, and I would like to recommend Brad Nelson. He has been working for the present commissioner, Ron Gibson, for several years, and is familiar with what needs to be done, when it should be done, and how to do it.

Brad has lived here all his life and graduated from Byron High School, so he is familiar with the area and its roads. He plans on making this a full time job, so that he would be available 25/7 if you have a problem.

I have lived here for over 50 years, and I think Brad Nelson would be an asset to our Township.
Audrey Hildebrand, Leaf River



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Students says district needs referendum support

Dear Editor,
What we risk losing without the referendum is staggering.

In freshmen year, I had zero self-confidence; I supposed that my peers thought I was hopelessly awkward and uninteresting. But I loved to be around other people because they emit a myriad of personality traits/characteristics I believed I lacked. And to better myself, I chose to study their origins/activities.

I signed up for every school activity I could freshmen year, learning a new quality with each one. I took in the steeled determination of a cross country runner, the concentrated focus of a chess player, and the natural charisma of a theatre kid. And soon, I began feeling at home with my teams.

Where before I cringed at interaction, I now thirsted

for it. Downtime in classes turned from avoiding conflict to making inside jokes about cross country and musical memories. A special bond was created during 11 p.m. in the buffet line at Pizza Ranch before Chess State or answering Academic Bowl questions at Chick Fil A.

About a year ago, I stopped listening to the voice in my head that tells me I should shut up and not be involved. It was so out of touch with reality that it couldn't take hold of me anymore. The way people looked at me as a natural leader and true friend showed me I am not alone.

Without the referendum, we lose the good Meridian 223 did for me and countless other students. Vote yes in April.

Nate Youman, Stillman Valley

Maintain tax rate with 'yes' vote on April 6

Dear Editor,
The purpose of this letter is to provide information and encourage a "Yes" vote for the upcoming Meridian School District referendum.

After the failed referendum back in 2013, the idea of placing a time limit on the proposed Education Fund tax rate increase was floated to the school board and district administration. The reasoning was simple: Give the school board / district a chance to demonstrate that they will utilize the additional tax revenue wisely and efficiently. The subsequent referendum passed, but with a 7-year time limit.

Well, those seven years have passed, and I believe the school board / district has lived up to the task. There is no better proof of this

than the fact that students in the Meridian school district perform very well relative to other schools in the area, as well as across the state and the nation. Better yet, look at the cost per student and you'll find our school district does not spend frivolously. Just the opposite, in fact. Simply put, we have high performing students at a lower cost per student than all comparably sized surrounding school districts.

For the benefit of students now and in the coming years, and to simply maintain the tax rate that has been in effect for the last seven years, please vote "Yes" on April 6th for the Meridian school district referendum.

Jim Durand, Davis Junction

Kinzinger never reader's choice

Dear Editor,
Adam Kinzinger was not my choice for U.S. Congressman. I didn't want him to run unopposed back in 2016 and haven't voted for him since. Prior to 2020, any time I saw a criticism leveled at him, the response from his supporters was always one along the lines of how the congressman is a war hero, and that 'we should be so lucky' to have him. Now, that opinion has turned and the very people who anointed him have bastardized him in

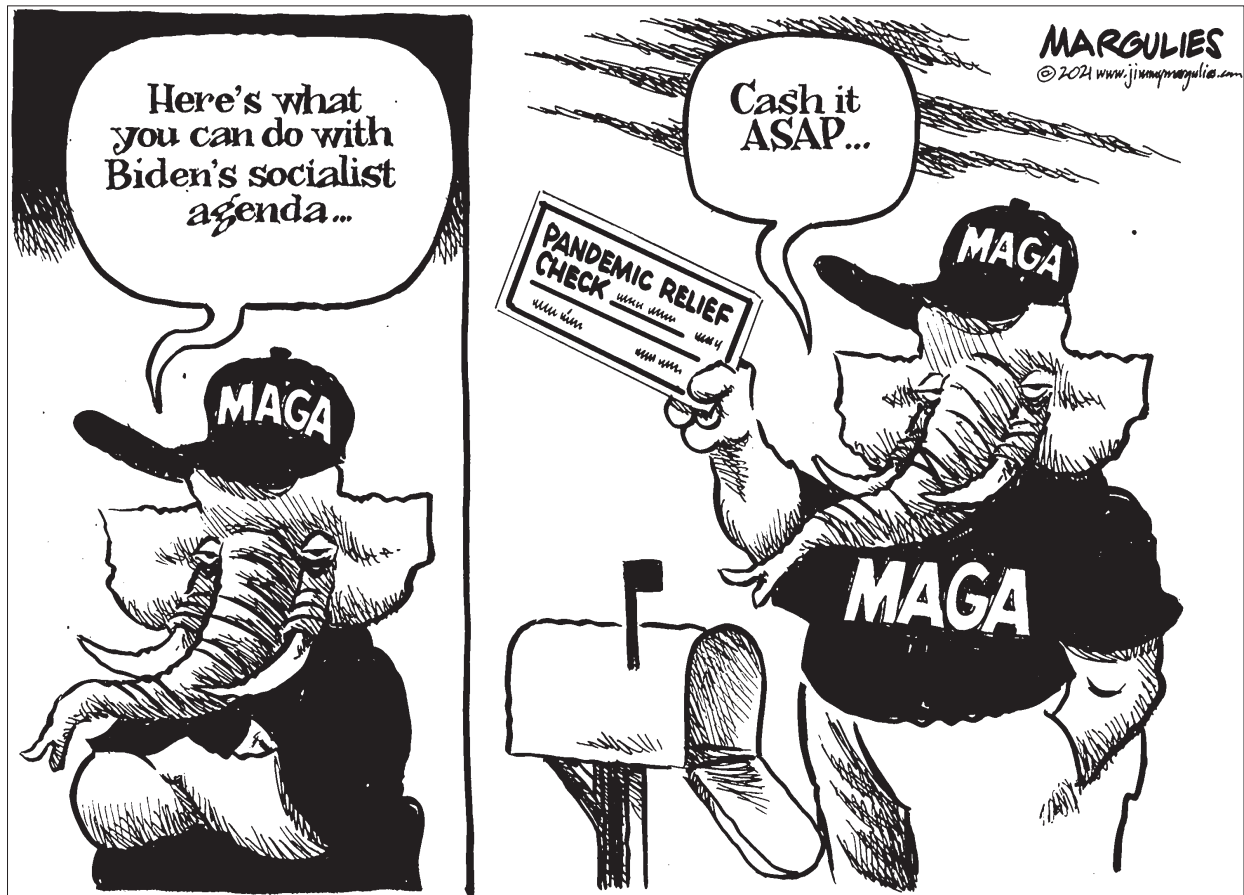
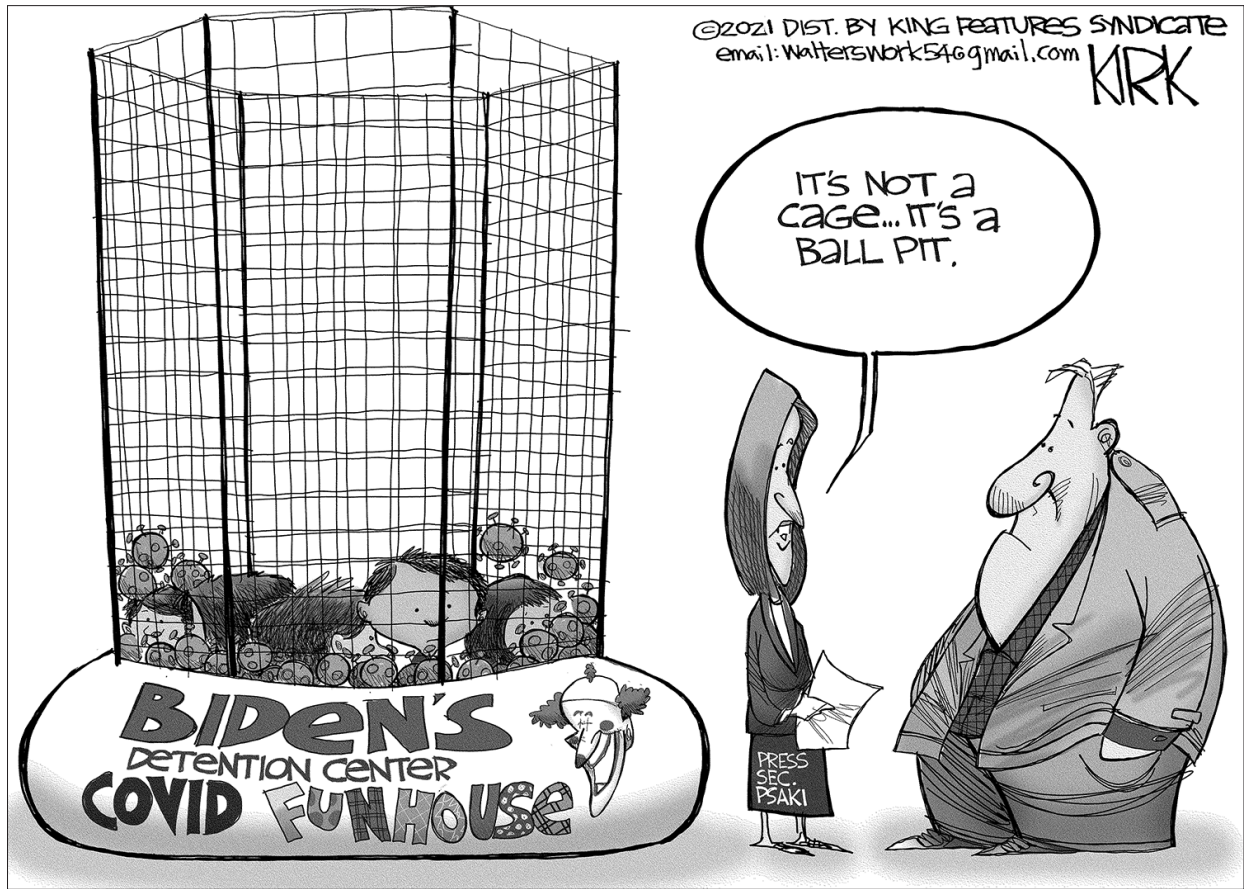
an attempt to paint him as an opposing force to their vision for Illinois.

But he was always opposed to mine. It didn't take me four years to realize that he wasn't representing me. It also appears that the worst infraction he's committed is to follow the House rules for impeachment. I've even seen the concept of a bill of attainder tossed around in those regards... that is absurdly incorrect. Bills of attainder are quite literally a bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the

president which deems a party guilty of criminal penalties. An impeachment trial not only isn't a bill, but it also isn't a criminal trial. Dr. David Adler, an expert on constitutional law, has written on this topic so you don't have to take my word for it.

Congressman Kinzinger was never my choice. Perhaps, if you're only now arriving late to that same party, you shouldn't also be trying to lead the way on who should replace him.

Chris Rozakis, Stillman Valley



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Saar promoted to vice president

SHANNON – Robin Wilhelms Saar announced Cassandre Mlakar has been promoted to Vice President of Wealth Group.

Mlakar has been a member of the FSB banking team focusing on the Wealth Group for over 11 years. She also serves as a First State Bank Director. Mlakar continues to bring a wealth of knowledge, and provides a full range of financial services, including retirement and financial planning, individual money management, individual stocks and bonds, mutual funds, annuities, and more.

Mlakar is affiliated with LPL Financial, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer** and a leader in the retail financial advice market. LPL provides the resources, tools and technology that support advisors

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Mlakar is available by appointment in all FSB locations, Shannon, Polo, and Lake Carroll.

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Democrats donate dinner money to food pantries

December usually sees Ogle County Democrats gather for their annual holiday dinner, but because of the pandemic and with food insecurity at a record high, instead of gathering together, members voted to help feed those in need.

The vote was unanimous; money that members typically spend on that dinner

has been donated to Ogle County Food Pantries.

"This is a difficult time for many of our friends and neighbors and we hope that these donations to Ogle County Food Pantries will help relieve some of the burden to our local community," said Christine Ballard, chair of the Ogle County Democratic Central Committee.



New officers

The Mighty Clovers 4-H Club elected their new officers for the 2020-2021 year. Members pictured: Clare Montavon - Vice President, Aubrey Craig - President, Jackson Craig - Treasurer, Jessie Hagemann - Secretary, Anna Hagemann - Recreation, Maggie Eden - Recreation, Cole Montavon - Reporter. Members not pictured: Caelen Janesak - Historian, Maddie Kusnierz - Sentinel, Trinity Feltz - Sentinel, Mallory King - Recreation. If you're interested in joining the Mighty Clovers or want to attend a Zoom meeting to see what we're about, please contact Jenny at 847-815-9182. Submitted by: Cole Montavon, Club Reporter



RCH Welcomes New Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Gadini Delisca!

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Visit rochellehospital.com to learn more.



900 N. 2nd St., Suite 200, Rochelle, Illinois


















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Referendum town hall is March 31

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Fire Protection District will be hosting an informational Town Hall regarding the upcoming referendums on the April ballot at 7 p.m. on March 31.

This Town Hall will cover the frequently asked questions, facts about the referendum needs and offer the chance to ask questions. The Town Hall will take place in the training rooms at the Firehouse in Stillman Valley 200 S. Rural Street in Stillman Valley.

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5 Reasons to Sell Your Home this Spring

1. There's high demand from homebuyers. Buyer demand is strong right now, and buyers are active in the market. ShowingTime, which tracks the average number of buyer showings on residential properties, recently announced that buyer showings are up 51.5% compared to this time last year.

2. There aren't enough houses for sale. Purchaser demand is so high, the market is running out of available houses for sale. Recently, realtor.com reported: "Nationally, the inventory of homes for sale in February decreased by 48.6% over the past year.

3. You have a lot of leverage in today's market. Clearly, many more people are interested in buying than selling this spring, creating the ultimate sellers' market. When this happens, homeowners in a position to sell have the upper hand in negotiations.

4. It's a great way to use your home equity. According to the latest data from CoreLogic, as of the third quarter of 2020, the average homeowner gained \$17,000 in equity over the past year, and that number continues to grow as home values appreciate

5. It's a chance to find a home that meets your needs. So much has changed over the past year, including what many of us need in a home. Spending extra time where we currently live is enabling many of us to re-evaluate homeownership and what we find most important in a home.

Bottom Line

Today's housing market belongs to the sellers. If you've considered making a move but have been waiting for the right market conditions, your wait may be over. Contact a real estate professional so you'll be positioned to win when you sell your house this spring.



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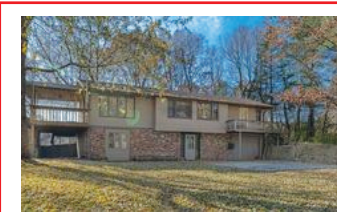
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8 W Hitt Street \$54,900
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3 family apt building with great income potential or could easily be turned into a single family. Main floor has 1 bed/1 bath, Upstairs has 3bed/ 1 bath and eat in kitchen, and there is an efficiency apt in back of the home currently rented for \$350.00. Each unit is offered a 1 car garage and on site washer and dryer access. Landlord currently pays all utilities. Upstairs unit has new carpet, linoleum and paint. All appliances stay.

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A lush, green lawn is a sight to behold. Many variables are involved in growing and maintaining grass, and water and fertilizer are among the most important components.

Knowing how much water and fertilizer to apply and when to apply it can make a big difference in the appearance and health of a lawn. That's because a well-fed and watered lawn will develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors like drought, mowing, foot traffic, and heat, according to the Scotts® company.

Fertilize

There is no magic formula governing when to fertilize a lawn. The type of grass and how well-established a lawn is must be considered. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that over-feeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

Water

The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m.



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Should you do it yourself?



A do-it-yourself mentality has taken hold in millions of households across the globe. Popular television channels like HGTV and DIY Network as well as accessible home improvement content on apps like YouTube has inspired many homeowners to tackle renovation projects around their homes. Taking such initiative is admirable, though it also can prove costly if homeowners end up biting off more than they can chew.

Home improvement videos and television shows have a tendency to oversimplify renovation projects, potentially giving homeowners a false sense of confidence in their DIY abilities. A concerted effort on the part of homeowners to determine if it's best to renovate on their own or hire a professional should always be the first step of any renovation project. No two homeowners are the same, but the following three questions can help homeowners determine if DIY is their best option.

1. Can I afford to DIY?

Professional home improvement projects are costly for a variety of reasons. Materials can be costly, but so are the tools and labor necessary to do the job right. Homeowners may not have the tools necessary to complete complicated projects. Specialty tools can be expensive to purchase or even rent, and the cost of acquiring such tools should be included in any DIY project cost estimates. Labor also factors heavily into professional projects, and for good reason. Talented contractors have unique

skills that have been developed and perfected over many years. Those skills can ensure projects are completed quickly and correctly. Labor may seem costly, but such costs may ultimately prove to be a bargain compared to the cost of fixing DIY mistakes. Projects that are minor in scope and don't require the use of potentially costly specialty tools may be better suited for weekend warriors than more complicated renovations.

2. Do I have the time?

Homeowners must determine how much time they have to complete a project before deciding to do it themselves. No one wants to spend months staring at an unfinished renovation project. Homeowners who are already pressed for time may not be able to complete projects in a timely fashion, which can make homes less comfortable and even less safe.

3. Can I pull this off?

DIY projects can instill homeowners with a sense of pride in their homes, but it's imperative that homeowners considering the DIY option conduct an honest assessment of their skills. A lack of renovation experience does not necessarily mean a homeowner cannot successfully complete a DIY project. But in such instances, it may be best to start with small, straightforward projects and then gradually move up to bigger, more complicated projects as skills are fine tuned.

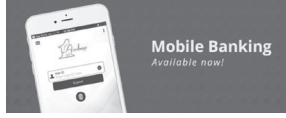
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Hello Spring

5 outdoor projects that add value

Exterior renovations can enhance the appearance of a property and make it more enjoyable for homeowners. Certain renovations have the potential to add value to a home, while others may do the opposite. Learning which one have the largest return on investment can help homeowners select features that will have the most positive impact.

Curb appeal goes a long way toward attracting potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, first impressions of a property have a strong influence on buyers. Landscaping

and external features can do much to influence such impressions.

• **Lawn care program:** Investing in a lawn care program that consists of fertilizer and weed control application and can be transferred over to a subsequent home owner is an attractive feature. NAR says such a care program can recover \$1,000 in value of the \$330 average cost, or a 303 percent ROI.

• **Low-maintenance lifestyle:** When choosing materials for projects, those that offer low-maintenance benefits can be preferential. These include low-maintenance

patio materials, composite decking, vinyl fencing, and inorganic mulched beds.

• **Fire pit:** A fire pit can be used for much of the year. In the spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy

retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals says that most can recoup about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 average price tag.

• **Softscaping:** Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements

of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees, shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can do wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

• **Pool or water feature:** In certain markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor

time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

Outdoor improvements can improve the marketability of a home, as well as enhance its appearance and function.



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Stillman boys, girls 5th in conference tourney

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley boys and girls basketball teams each finished fifth in the Big Northern Conference tournament this past week.

Stillman Valley's boys edged Dixon 50-48 on Tuesday, March 9 behind 19 points from Micah Johnson and 14 points from Chad Gerig. The Stillman Valley girls defeated

Rockford Christian 45-36 on Tuesday, March 9, with Payton Barger scoring 13 points and Lexi Lichty adding nine points for the Cardinals in the victory.

Dean's List

University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 13,128 students enrolled during the fall 2020 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Amanda Williams of Byron was named to the Deans List.

Kenzie Britnell of Stillman Valley was named to the Deans List.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education.

Aurora University

AURORA — Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

Byron:
Alivia Bradford*, Nursing
Katelyn Byerley, Undecided
Brandy Spear*, Bachelor of Social Work

Davis Junction
Tamra Kubly*, Pre-Nursing

Forreston:
Caleb Poffenberger*, Business Administration, BA, Sport Management

Oregon:
Breanna Dehaan*, Criminal Justice

Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private school tuition rates in Illinois. Our campus is nestled in a tree-lined neighborhood in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, and located approximately 45 miles

from Chicago. The university serves approximately 6,200 undergraduate and graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation. The university is also committed to giving back to the city we live and work in by offering educational and cultural programming that enriches the larger community.

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Byron Library News

Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

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

Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org 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!

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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.

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 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.

DIY Stress Ball

Thursday, April 1, via YouTube

Create your own stress ball for National Stress Awareness month and learn how to use a stress ball to relieve anxiety. Kit will include balloons, flour and a plastic bottle to use as a funnel. Additional supplies needed include scissors. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Thursday, March 25.

Carpool Cinema

Thursday, April 8
 8:15 – 10 p.m., at the BPLD parking lot

Join us for a fun movie night at the library from the comfort of your car as we screen Men in Black (1997)! BYO snacks and drinks. Space is limited, so please register in order to reserve your parking spot. Rating: PG-13. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

A Fireside Chat with John Sandford

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

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

Share Your Story

Monday, April 19
 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 Thursday, April 15. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

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

Mount Morris Library News

Teen Volunteers Needed

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

Volunteer opportunities include some of the following activities: book, game or movie reviews, creating Face-

book & Instagram content such as library / literary memes, book lists, etc., hosting/co-hosting online programs, creating art or fan-art, and book-spine poetry. There are also opportunities to brainstorm and assist with programming and "to-go craft kits" and community projects.

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

Virtual Storytime

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

Have a Collection or Hobby to Share?

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

To-Go Craft Kits for All Ages

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

Julia Hull Library News

Library Services

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A Song & A Story

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Join Zoey on Zoom Tuesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Lisa McMann's novel, *The Unwanted*. Ages 10-12. Call the library or email Zoey at 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 to register for a link to the program.

Tween Scene: Tie-Dye Face Masks

This April, Tweens are invited to join us on Zoom for this on-trend wearable craft! Head to the library to register and pick up your tie-dye kit and masks, then join Ms. Zoey for a fun craft tutorial! Tuesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Geode Pour Coasters

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

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Ag Week

How farmers are using drones to monitor crops, plan

The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as

technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

• **Monitor crops:** According to senseFly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before those issues es-

calate into something larger.

• **Soil analysis:** Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertilization.

• **Reduce waste:** SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can pre-



vent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result.

• **Planning:** Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and

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The benefits of organic agriculture

Modern consumers have more choices than ever before. Whether they're buying appliances, books, clothing, or any of the myriad necessities of daily life, consumers have a wealth of products to choose from.

An abundance of options also is available at the grocery store. That's especially true in the produce aisle, where many stores have expanded their fresh fruit and vegetable offerings. That expansion reflects a growing preference among consumers for fresh products, including fresh produce. A 2018 report from the market research firm IRI and the Food Marketing Institute found that sales of fresh foods comprised just under 31 percent of food industry sales in 2017.

Customers who prefer fresh fruits and vegetables to frozen alternatives may wonder if they should be even more selective when purchasing their favorite foods in the produce aisle. That decision may come down to whether or not to purchase organic produce.

Organic produce can be significantly more expensive than non-organic fruits and vegetables, so it's understandable if budget-conscious consumers cannot afford to go entirely organic. However, it's im-

portant that consumers recognize the many ways that organic agriculture is having a positive impact on the health of humans and the planet they call home.

• Organic produce reduces exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. UC Davis Health notes that organic produce has been proven to reduce consumers' exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. That's a significant benefit, as pesticide exposure has been shown to lead to neurodevelopmental issues and has been linked to higher cancer risk. Consumers shopping on budgets can pick and choose which organic foods they purchase, as UC Davis Health notes that certain foods have been shown to have higher pesticide residues than others. Apples, celery, grapes, spinach, strawberries, and tomatoes have high levels of pesticide residues, so choosing organic versions of these foods may be a wise choice. Avocados, broccoli, cabbage, and cantaloupe are some of the foods that typically have low levels of pesticide residue.

• Organic agriculture reduces environmental degradation. The Organic Trade Association notes that synthetic pesticides and fertilizers used on some conventional farms can deplete the soil of valuable nutri-



ents and increase environmental degradation. Organic farmers do not use such pesticides or fertilizers, instead utilizing such practices as composting, cover cropping and crop rotation, each of which can have positive, long-term effects on soil quality.

• Organic agriculture benefits local wildlife. A 2015 study from researchers in Argentina that was published in the journal Agriculture, Ecosystems & Envi-

ronment found that small mammals were more abundant around organic farms than conventional farms. That's not just good for those mammals, but also the farmers, as small mammals can feed on insects that would otherwise adversely affect crops.

Many grocery stores are increasing the availability of organic fruits and vegetables. Such foods can benefit human health as well as the health of the planet.

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COVID-19 vaccine notification form

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

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

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Library book clubs

Books on Tap Book Club meets at Cork N Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, on Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Clean and Hungry* by Lisa Lillien. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiaasen. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 21 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict.

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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.

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Four Hundred Souls: A Community History Of African America-1619-2019 edited by Ibram X. Kendi (Non-Fiction 973.04 FOU)

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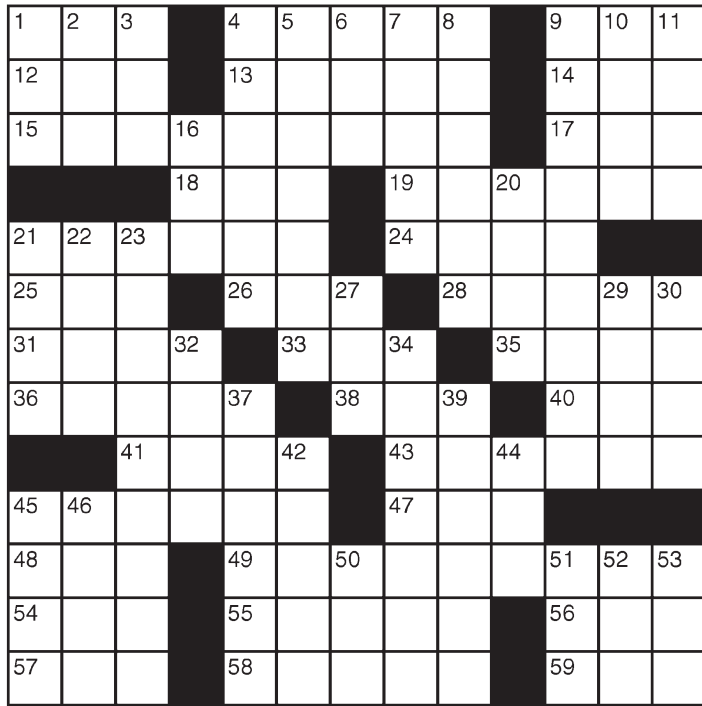
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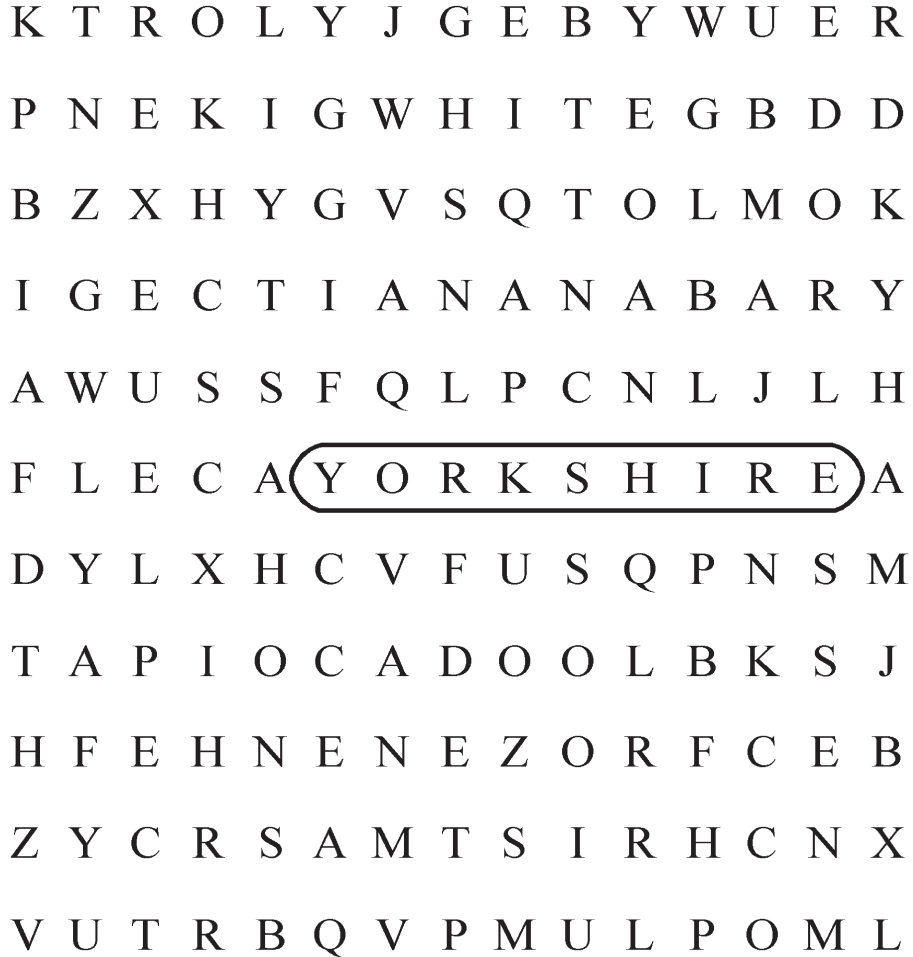
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- 4 Carries
- 9 "Blue Bloods" network
- 12 Fireplace residue
- 13 WWII sub
- 14 "2001" computer
- 15 William and Kate's daughter
- 17 Lawyers' org.
- 18 Cato's 502
- 19 Noah's landfall
- 21 Summaries
- 24 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 25 Berliner's cry
- 26 Hog haven
- 28 Quartet doubled
- 31 Ella's style
- 33 Congeal
- 35 iPhone voice
- 36 King of Judea
- 38 Dazzle
- 40 Right angle
- 41 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
- 43 Sneaky sort
- 45 Secret matters
- 47 Request
- 48 Perched
- 49 Fraud
- 54 Candle count



- 55 Violin piece
- 56 Bird (Pref.)
- 57 Standard
- 58 Wimp
- 59 Poke
- DOWN**
- 1 Buddy
- 2 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 3 "Caught ya!"
- 4 Dutch exports
- 5 Woodwind players
- 6 Youngster
- 7 Really annoy
- 8 Sound system
- 9 Donor's beneficiaries
- 10 Rum cake
- 11 Venetian-blind part
- 16 Vitamin stat
- 20 Story lines
- 21 Impetuous
- 22 Caesar's "Behold!"
- 23 Role
- 27 Evergreen tree
- 29 Perry's creator
- 30 Cash drawer
- 32 Forum wear
- 34 In the direction of
- 37 Does the mambo
- 39 "Blade" actor
- Snipes
- 42 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
- 44 Alias abbr.
- 45 Now, in a memo
- 46 Sitar music
- 50 Ger. neighbor
- 51 Mahal pre-ceder
- 52 Gardner of film
- 53 Pen tip



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

- Banana
- Christmas
- Nesselrode
- Vanilla
- Black
- Figgy
- Plum
- White
- Blood
- Frozen
- Proof of the
- Yorkshire
- Chocolate
- Hasty
- Tapioca

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
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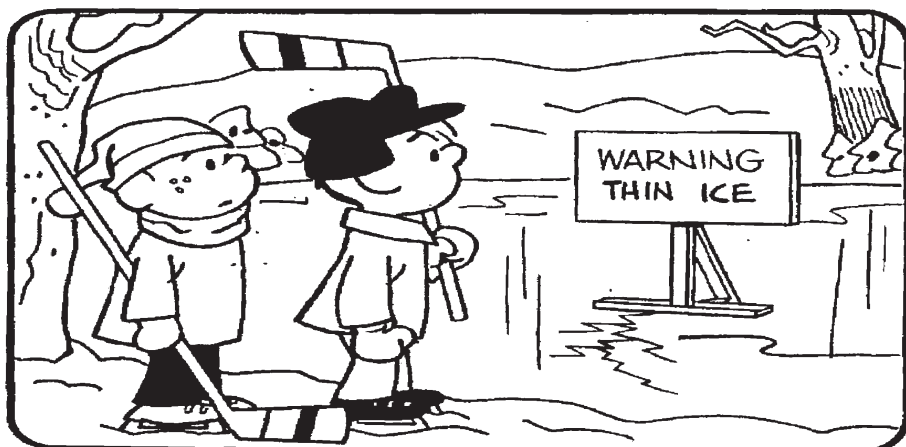
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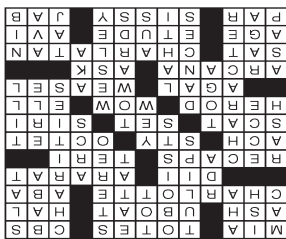
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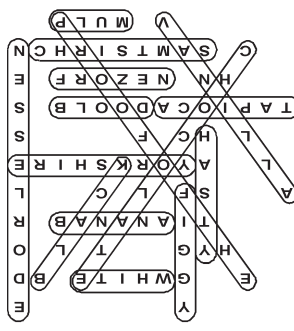
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Stick is shorter. 3. Earmuffs are gone. 4. Mitten is shorter. 5. Skates are different. 6. Cracks in ice are added.



Solution time: 22 mins.
Answers
— King Crossword —



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Answer
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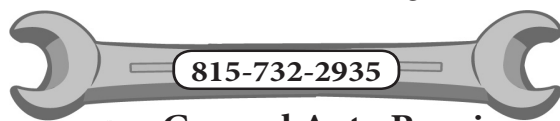
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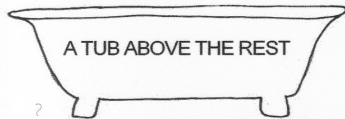
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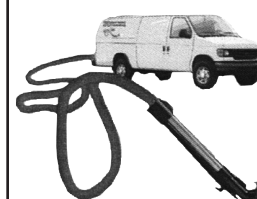
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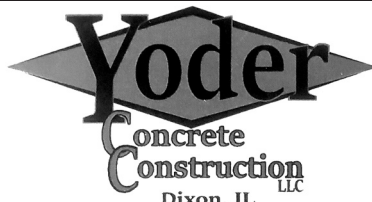
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Community Read

Our friends at Freeport Public Library have invited interested patrons to participate in their annual community read, One Book, One Freeport. This year's selection is "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. Several activities, some virtual and some in person, are planned for March. If you are interested in reading this book and/or receiving a schedule of events, please call the library or stop in for more information.

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Polo Library News

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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

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

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

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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 6 p.m. 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.

Bertolet Library News

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

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

Family Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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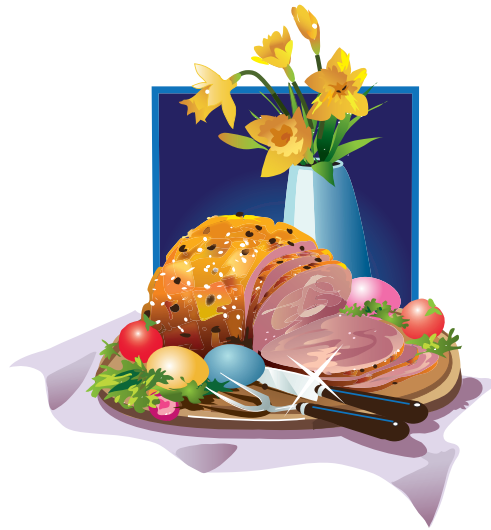
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Easter Ceramic Craft Kit Pick Up at Nash

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

Bingo Fun For Everyone

We will be playing Bingo at Nash from 1:30-2:00 p.m. on Mondays through April. Bingo is fun for all ages and all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Participants must register for a table in advance to help us control participation numbers and social distancing. Please bring your own daubers. Register one person in the household (for a table). Purchase Bingo sheets when you register for \$1 each. This is a no cash/no contact program. We will play 3-4 games and each person playing will need at least one sheet per game. The person who is registered for a table can bring 5 additional people with them (there will be a max of 6 people per table. Winners will choose from small prizes (no cash prizes).

DIY Stenciling Kits-Happy Easter & Hello Spring with T+T

Enjoy stenciling fun seasonal designs on a 10" x 10" canvas. These DIY projects are perfect for kids or adults looking for a crafty project. Pick up your kits at Nash approximately 1 week after registration deadline. 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 for the "Happy Easter" stencil with 4 little bunnies. Registration deadline is April 12 for the "Hello Spring" stencil with spring flowers.

Paint & Sip Workshop-Swirly Tree

Looking for a fun evening out and the opportunity to paint? No experience required or for those that paint regularly, enjoy another fun paint project at Cork & Tap on Thursday, April 15, from 6-8:30 p.m. Amy Fenwick, local artist, will walk you through the painting process and you will leave with your own unique swirly tree on 12" x 12" canvas. All supplies are included in the class fee and the best part is, there is no mess at home. Purchase your favorite beverage from Cork & Tap to sip on while you work. Fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 8.

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.

Get your PUPS PICTURE taken with the Easter Bunny!

You can register for a time slot to have your pups picture taken with the Easter Bunny at Wiggly Field on Saturday, April 3 between 9-10 a.m. Fee is \$10/family. Park District staff will take pictures and you are welcome to bring your camera for photos. You will have 5 minutes to take multiple pictures of your dog(s). You can even put the family in a photo. Face covering must be worn if within 6' of the Easter Bunny. Registration Deadline is April 1.

Coctel De Camaron at Hector's Cocina

Shrimp lovers will learn to make Mexican Style Shrimp Cocktail from Michelle Carreno. This makes a yummy appetizer or a great meal. Choose between the 5:30 pm class or the 6:45 p.m. class on Tuesday, April 13. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident and includes all ingredients needed to make 32oz of Shrimp Cocktail and of course you will get a bag of Hector's Signature Chips. Registration deadline is April 6.

Friday Fun in the Gym!

Join us on Friday afternoons this Spring for fun activities in the gym! Starting on March 26th through April 23rd, we will be offering indoor activities in the gymnasium to burn off some energy from 1:30-2:30 in the afternoon! Reservations for each week are required. Members are free, residents are \$2 per event and non-residents \$3. Masks must be worn while in Nash and please remember to bring a water bottle!

- March 26th- Gaga Ball and Basketball
- April 2nd- Dodgeball
- April 9th- Volleyball and Basketball
- April 16th- Basketball
- April 23rd- Gaga Ball and Basketball

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

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
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 OGLE COUNTY,
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IN RE)Case
 THE)No.
 ESTATE)2009
 OF:)P71
 CLYDE)
 TINSLEY),
 DECEASED)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PUBLICATION NOTICE
 OF COURT DATE FOR
 REQUEST OF NAME
 CHANGE (ADULT)
 STATE OF ILLINOIS
 CIRCUIT COURT
 OGLE COUNTY

Request of:
 Hannah Elizabeth
 Welden

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

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

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

CLAIM NOTICE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of
 the death of MARY C.
 KIRSCHER of Oregon,
 Illinois. Letters of office
 were issued on March 5,
 2021, to Susan M. Dedi
 Norton of Goodyear,
 Arizona, whose attorney
 is David A. Smith, of
 Smith, Birkholz & Morrow,
 P.C. at 129 South Fourth
 Street, P.O. Box 10,
 Oregon, Illinois, 61061-
 0010.
 CLAIMS against the
 estate may be filed in the
 office of the Clerk
 of the Court at Ogle
 County Judicial Center,
 106 South 5th Street,
 Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or
 with the representative,
 or both, within 6 months
 from the first publication
 of this Notice, or within
 three months from the
 date of mailing or delivery
 of Notice
 to creditors, if mailing or
 delivery is required by
 Section 18-3 of the Illinois
 Probate Act, 1975, as
 amended, whichever date
 is later. Any claim not
 filed within that period is
 barred.

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

CLAIM NOTICE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of
 the death of DAVID E.

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 Kimberly A. Stahl,
 Clerk of the Fifteenth
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 No. 0312 (Mar. 15, 22, 29)

WESTFALL of Oregon,
 Illinois. Letters of office
 were issued on March
 5, 2021, to CHELSEA
 L. MILLER of Oregon,
 Illinois, whose attorney is
 David A. Smith, of Smith,
 Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at
 129 South Fourth Street,
 P.O. Box 10, Oregon,
 Illinois, 61061-0010.
 CLAIMS against the
 estate may be filed in
 the office of the Clerk
 of the Court at Ogle
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 106 South 5th Street,
 Oregon, Illinois, 61061,
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 or both, within 6 months
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 if mailing or delivery is
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 of the Illinois Probate
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 Any claim not filed within
 that period is barred.
 Copies of claims filed with
 the Clerk must be mailed
 or delivered to the estate
 legal representative and
 to the attorney within 10
 days after the claim has
 been filed.
 Ogle County Life
 Newspaper
 CHELSEA L. MILLER
 Independent
 Administrator
 No. 0315 (Mar. 15, 22,
 29)

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- 2. Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.
- 3. Local businesses sell a wide range of great products** at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.
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- 5. Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6. Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7. Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Ogle County's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8. Shopping Local invests in community services and county economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Ogle County. When shopping locally, you create funds for more county and county services through sales tax. In turn, these funds are invested in neighborhood services including police, fire and ambulance as well as park and library improvements.
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Saturday, April 24, 2021**

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Owner: Marjorie Griffis**

(Personal Property beginning at 10:00 A.M.)

Real Estate (offered at 9:30 A.M.): A great 12 +/- Farmette with a multitude of possibilities (8 acres tillable). The Farmhouse is a Two Story, 3-4 bedroom home; the original structure features hand hewn beam framework. Attached to the home is an oversize 2 car garage with workshop area. Outbuilding improvements include: Two Story wood frame barn w/steel roof, Concrete Block Building (once a milking parlor), Machine Shed/Corn Crib, Tool Shed/Garage.

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**Sports Card, Memorabilia & Collectible Auction
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**BIDDING OPENS: SATURDAY, MARCH 20th
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**PREVIEW: SUNDAY, MARCH 21st –
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**Zanco Framing Inc. Business &
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**BIDDING OPENS: FRIDAY, MARCH 26th
@ 8:00 A.M.**

**PREVIEW & REAL ESTATE OPEN HOUSE:
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**Zanco Framing Inc. Commercial
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SATURDAY, APRIL 10th – 10 A.M.

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**Hack's will accept bids in writing until Thurs-
day, April 3rd. The highest bona fide bid over
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& Details, 815-239-1436.**



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Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
Susan M. Dedi Norton
Administrator
No. 0318 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN**

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Pine Creek in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday April 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of the said month at the hour of 7:30 P.M. at 5527 West Pines Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. P. P.E. guidelines (wear a mask) and social distancing must be followed. Dated March 8, 2021.
Gloria Newcomer, Pine Creek Township Clerk
No. 0319 (Mar. 22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
BUDGET HEARING
& ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of MONROE TOWNSHIP, Ogle County, Illinois, that tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for Town and Road District

Funds for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2021 and ending March 31st, 2022, will be conveniently available for public inspection at the Monroe Center Fire Station, 104 West St., Monroe Center, IL 61052 from and after 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021. Notice is further given that a Public Hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be held at: 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, at the Monroe Center Fire Station, and that final action on these ordinances will be taken at the Public Hearing. Notice is also hereby given that immediately following the Budget Hearing, the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at the Monroe Center Fire Station, 104 West St., Monroe Center, IL 61052 for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said Township and after a Moderator being elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, especially to consider and decide the following agenda and order of business: Nomination, Election, and Swearing In of Moderator Reading of Previous Year's Annual Meeting Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Highway Commissioner's Annual Report Motion to adjourn Dated this 10th day of March, 2021
Submitted by Joan Morpheu, Monroe Township Clerk

No. 0320 (Mar. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lynnville Township Notice is hereby given that the Annual Town Meeting for Lynnville Township in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 13, 2021 @the Lynnville Township Building in Lindenwood, Illinois. The meeting agenda is listed as follows:
CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY TOWN CLERK AT 7:30 P.M.
ELECTION OF MODERATOR
OATH OF MODERATOR
MINUTES READ FROM 2020 ANNUAL MEETING
READING OF FISCAL REPORTS FOR EACH FUND
OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS
SET TIME AND DATE FOR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING
ADJOURNMENT
Ali Harms
Town Clerk
No. 0321 (Mar. 22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MARION TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN**

To the legal residents of the Township of Marion in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of said month. The town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said town will be held at the hour of 7 :00 P .M. on said day at the Marion Township Building and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to

hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:
* Annual Supervisor's Report
*Road Commissioner Annual Report
*Miscellaneous Business
Dated this 15th day of March, 2021
Candy S Beck
Clerk
No. 0322 (Mar. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY
Request of:
Gabriel Antonio Garcia
Case Number
2021 MR 13
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Gabriel Antonio Garcia to the new name of: Gabriel Paul O'Brien.
The court date will be held on May 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #304.
Gabriel Garcia
No. 0323 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS**

**Village of Davis Junction
Ogle County, Illinois
OWNER** - The Village of Davis Junction acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received by the Office of the Village Clerk for the following described project.
PROJECT The work shall consist of upgrades to the process controls and

SCADA system at the Davis Junction water and wastewater treatment plants.
Bids will be received on the following Contract(s):
Contract No. D0707-09-20-00788Wastewater Treatment Facility Controls Upgrade
TIME Sealed Bids will be received until **10:00 A.M.**, local time, on **April 12, 2021**, in the Davis Junction Village Hall, 106 N Elm Street, Davis Junction IL 61020, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
BIDS All Bids shall be addressed to Sandie Maahs, Davis Junction Village Clerk, 106 N Elm Street, PO Box 207, Davis Junction IL 61020. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.
EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.
PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBid-Doc™.
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BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Davis Junction.
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1. The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes.

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1. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

Minimum Wage

1. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER.

2. Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Illinois Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the Contract Documents. Published by the authority of the Village of Davis Junction acting through its Board of Trustees. Sandie Maahs Village Clerk Village of Davis Junction Run:Ogle County Life Date:March 22, 2021 No. 0325 (Mar. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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County Sealcoats, 3. 21-21000-00-GM Rockvale Twp Paving, 4. 21-06000-01-GM Flagg Twp Paving, 5. 21-26000-00-GM Oregon-Nashua Township Paving 6. 21-06000-02-GM Flagg Township Micro-surfacing 7. 20-00329-00-RS Flagg Road Resurfacing

Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0330 (Mar. 22, 29)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the town of Eagle Point in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois. that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 7:00 P M at Eagle Point Town Hall in Hazelhurst, Illinois. Submitted by: Eagle Point Township Clerk Linda Shank No. 0326 (Mar. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Publication Notice (Cease Doing Business) Public Notice is hereby given that on December 22, 2020, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Ceased doing business as: Little Digger Services 11395 N Woodburn Rd. Byron, IL 61010 Dated: March 16, 2021 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0327 (Mar. 22)

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Public Notice 1s hereby given that on March 16, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Woodburn Road Woodworks 11395 N Woodburn Rd Byron, IL 61010 Dated: March 16, 2021 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0328 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

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November thru March @ 7:30 P.M. Held at 7074 West Penn Corner Rd. Polo, Il. Annual Town Meeting held Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 7:30 P. M. at 5527 West Pines Rd., Oregon, Il. Regular monthly meeting to follow. Submitted by Gloria Newcomer, Pine Creek Township Clerk. No. 0329 (Mar. 22)

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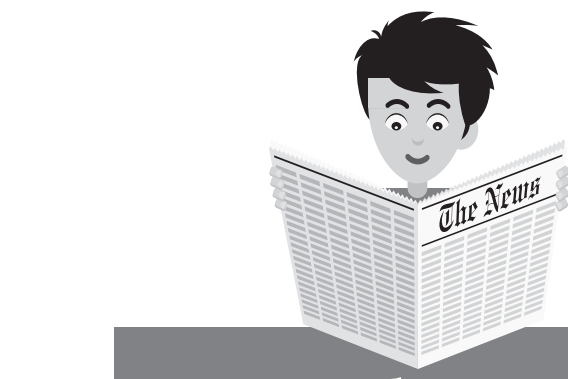
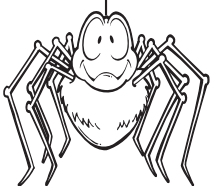
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