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## Winter reminder



Winter recently gave everyone in the region a reminder that it is not going away anytime soon. After up to 6 inches of snow fell at the end of January, more came last week. And it was all followed by an arctic blast of cold air that looks like it will stay with us for much of the week, with low temperatures forecast to be below zero until the end of the week. (Brad Jennings photos)



## Did you get your voluntary pay envelope?

**OGLE COUNTY** – The Ogle County Life is offering readers a chance to become honorary staff members of the paper by participating in the annual Voluntary Payment promotion.

Envelopes were inserted into our Feb. 1 issue. If you didn't receive an envelope or have any questions, call our office at 815-732-2156. Also, 10 percent of any money donated in February will be donated to our local senior centers.

For 36 years, we have been providing the Life to readers free of charge. We expect to continue to be able to do this for many years to come.

However, newsprint and postage costs do continue to rise, and any contributions that readers can make greatly help defray these costs and enable us to provide the best product possible.

“Our readers’ generosity has played a big part in helping us achieve our goals, including adding an e-edition, which we continue to offer for free for our loyal readers,” said Life general manager Mike Feltes.

In addition to helping out the paper, anyone making a voluntary payment will also be helping our local senior citizens, as we in turn make a donation to area senior centers on your behalf.

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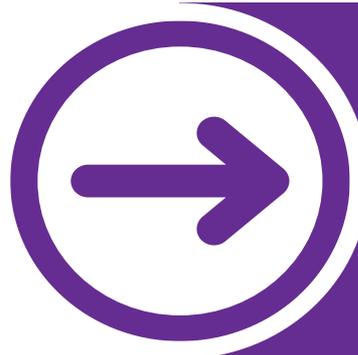
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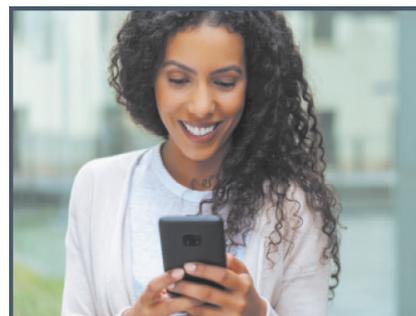
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Brion Brooks, Village of Progress Executive Director receives award from Diane Bausman, Blackhawk Waterways Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director recognizing the Village Bakery as an Illinois Maker.

# Village Bakery earns honor

## Unique Oregon business recognized as an Illinois Maker

OREGON – This fall the Village Bakery was selected as one of 30 business this year to be recognized as an Illinois Maker.

On Jan. 14, The Blackhawk Waterways Convention & Visitors Bureau presented the Illinois Maker award to the Bakery.

In presenting the award, Diane Bausman, Executive Director of the Bureau, said that the Bakery now joins only 175 business in the State of Illinois to receive a similar honor.

“Makers like the Village Bakery represent the pinnacle of local businesses,” Bausman said.

Among the requirements to become an Illinois Maker, a business must offer an excellent customer experience, place a strong emphasis on its Illinois roots, and have a captivating story to tell.

“One of the great things about small town Americana is their ability to repurpose their buildings,” said Oregon Mayor Ken Williams.

Williams explained that the 100-year-old building that houses the Bakery was originally a movie theater before becoming a hardware store and then a video store.

“You are a leader in redoing this building as a bright spot for other merchants in Oregon to follow,” he said. “And they have.”

Brion Brooks, Executive Director of the Village of Progress, Inc., which owns and operates the Bakery, received the award.

“It’s gratifying to receive recognition for what we’re trying to accomplish – giving persons with developmental disabilities the confidence and competence to work in a real-world business,” he said. “And giving others a chance to witness what they can do.”

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# County to offer COVID shot registration over phone

The Ogle County Health Department has announced that it has partnered with several organizations who will pre-register members of the population age 65 years of age and older for their COVID-19 vaccination by phone.

This is a new option for people who do not have access to register online. If you are age 65+, please call one of the contacts listed beginning Monday, Feb. 8 to add your name to the vaccination list.

**In Oregon:**  
Rock River Center at 815-732-3252. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oregon Public Library District at 815-732-2724. Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-732-2191. Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**In Rochelle:**  
Hub City Senior Center at 815-562-5050. Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flagg-Rochelle Public Library at 815-562-3431. Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City of Rochelle at 815-562-6161. Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**In Mount Morris:**  
Mount Morris Senior Center at 815-734-6335. Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**In Polo:**

Polo Senior Center at 815-238-8645. Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You do have the ability to leave a message with any of these organizations and your call will be returned.

When you register, please know this is not an immediate appointment but the list will be used to schedule vaccination appointments based on the supply of vaccine received. Please note that it is only necessary to call ONE of the organizations to be added to the list. Multiple registrations will not move a person's name up on the list and actually creates additional work. Be assured, you will receive a call back to schedule your appointment. When you receive your call, appointments will be scheduled for both your first and second

doses of the vaccine.

The on-line pre-registration is also available by logging into [health.oglecounty.org](http://health.oglecounty.org). Please note: when typing the address into your browser, do not use "www" as you will receive an error; simply type in the web address as listed to complete the pre-registration process.

If you need transportation to your scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointment, both the Hub Senior Center and Rock River Center can help with scheduling a ride. In addition, the Lee-Ogle Transportation Systems is available by calling 815-288-2117.

At this time, the demand is higher than the supply of vaccine so we continue to ask for patience as appointments are scheduled in the upcoming weeks and months

## Rock River Center announces upcoming events, support groups

**President's Day Holiday Hours**  
Rock River Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of President's Day. No activities, programs or transportation will take place during this time.

We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

**Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers-Late Stage - Part 2**  
Listen by Phone  
Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Noon-1:30 p.m.

In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. In this 2-part series, you'll hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families.

Northern Illinois Hospice will follow with a talk about grief, and how to prepare and ways to deal with grief.

Advance registration is required. Call 815-484-1302 to register. Once you are registered, you will receive the link and or phone number to call in on the day of the event.

### Support groups

**Cancer Support Group**  
"Facing the Challenge" is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to

offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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

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

**Low Vision Group**  
This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm at Rock River Center.

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

## Mercyhealth provides in-network care to Zing Health Medicare Advantage plans

ROCKFORD – Mercyhealth is making in-network access available to all Zing Health Medicare Advantage members in Boone, McHenry, Ogle and Winnebago counties at all Mercyhealth facilities, including Javon Bea Hospital–Riverside and Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford.

Eligible Zing Health plans include Zing Choice IL (HMO), Zing Open Access IL (HMO-POS) and Zing Essential Wellness IL (HMO C-SNP) plans.

"With open enrollment for 2021 underway, I'm glad we can provide in-network access to Mercyhealth's quality healthcare options in our zero-dollar premium Medicare plans," said Zing Health CEO Dr. Eric E. Whitaker.

"Zing Health plans provide personal care for seniors at no or low co-pays for members, including patients with cardiovascular disease or other chronic special needs."

Zing Health's care model is designed to give members easy access to the services they need, including Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

Plans include dental, vision, hearing and fitness programs to provide members holistic care. Many of these benefits would require out-of-pocket payments or a supplemental plan for patients on original Medicare.

This will be Zing Health's first year providing coverage in north central Illinois. Options for 2021 open enrollment include a traditional HMO; an HMO-POS, a point-of-service plan with out-of-network options; and a Chronic Special Needs HMO C-SNP plan for patients with cardiovascular disease, chronic heart failure or diabetes.

Zing Health also is licensed to provide Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) options in 2021 to select retiree groups.

Medicare open enrollment ends Dec. 7. To enroll, visit [myzinghealth.com](http://myzinghealth.com) or call 1-833-TRY-ZING (1-833-879-9464).

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)  
Please send photos in the jpeg format.

The Family of Gretel Anne Jones would like to thank everyone for your visits, gifts of food, cards, flowers, memorial contributions and expressions of support and sympathy during her illness and her recent passing. Your support and friendship at this time was very much appreciated and a comfort to the family.

Leonard Jones, Kim Kruse, Winston Hines  
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# Obituaries

## Larry G. Adamson



Larry G. Adamson, 80, known by many as "LA" passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 with his family by his side at his daughter's home in Rochelle after a short battle with cancer.

Larry was born on Nov. 11, 1940 in Rochelle, the son of Grant and Anna (Hayenga) Adamson. Larry's mother, Anna passed away when he was four. His father then remarried Lorraine Theander (stepmother). Larry has three siblings, two sisters and one brother: Sue Wick, Gloria Svanda and Dan Adamson. Larry married Joann (Friday) Adamson on Febr. 23, 1963. They had two children, Deborah Ann and Craig Allen. Although they later divorced, they continued a true friendship and always lent a helping hand to each other. They also enjoyed spending holidays together with their children and grandchildren until the very end.

Larry was self-employed all of his life. He ran a crane in his early days. We were told by many that "he was one of the best." He has built a couple of houses, including the family lake house that has been enjoyed by many with lots of family memories to be cherished forever. Farming, landscaping, snow removal, wood working, welding and tinkering around his shop fixing lots of different machines is how he stayed young and active. There wasn't anything Larry could not fix. If he ran into a problem, he would fabricate whatever was needed to get the job

done. He recently told a family member that the one thing he would do over again and truly loved was the crane. His kids, grandkids, family members, and friends will walk away with so much knowledge that was learned from him that they otherwise would not have known.

Larry enjoyed hunting and shooting guns; he was an avid bowler and some will remember his love for racing snowmobiles competitively. He always loved spending time on the lake starting at a young age having his dad pull him and his brother, Dan, behind the pontoon. He loved riding a saucer with a chair on top, and since that wasn't enough, he would stand on the chair. This might have been the beginning of Larry becoming a daredevil. Making fishing lures and attending fishing tournaments with his son, Craig, was something they both enjoyed doing together. Larry has passed his love for fishing and the outdoors down to his grandchildren, as well. For years, he spent summers pulling his kids and grandkids behind the boat, giving ski lessons and wild tube rides.

Larry is survived by

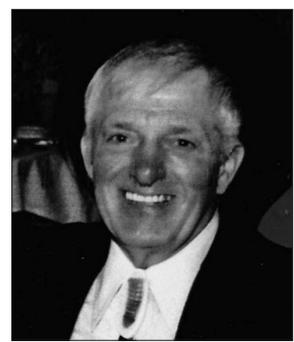
his two children: Deborah (Mark) Klouse of Rochelle, Craig (Rose) Adamson of Palmento, Fla.; seven grandchildren: Todd (Tiffany) Adamson of Burlington, Briana Adamson of Machesney Park, Branden Adamson of Rockford, Amber (Kyle) Putzstuck of Rochelle, Jake (Alexa) Simmons of Rochelle, Amanda Moreland (Darren) of Stillman Valley, and Matt (Jennifer) Ames of Roscoe; 15 great-grandchildren: Tate, Easton, Hayes, Marlee, Emmitt, Pearson, Theo, Brooks, Ryder, Gabrielle, Chase, Jacob, Emmitt, Ryan and Bryce; one nephew, Jeffery McCarren, and one niece, Tracy Svanda-Morse. He also had a very special relationship and shared many special memories with Jennifer La Rosa, Julie Pool, Michael Phillip and Sharon.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Grant and Anna Adamson, and his stepmother, Lorraine Adamson.

Our family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, acknowledging Katie, and the Unger-Horner Funeral Home for their dedication and compassion. We have been touched beyond words. Both have made this difficult time more bearable. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation Care has been provided by Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Richard A. Lenz Sr.



MOUNT MORRIS – Richard A. Lenz Sr., age 92, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Richard was born on Oct. 17, 1928 in Oak Park, the son of Charles and Bessie (Zajicek) Lenz.

He graduated from Oak Park River Forest High School and he attended Michigan State University. Richard served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Richard married Joanne B. Davis on Feb. 13, 1954 in Oak Park, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 2014.

Richard was the owner operator of Charles Lenz and Sons, Cicero, and he retired on Jan. 1, 1992. He was a

member of the Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge #1551 and the VFW.

Richard is survived by his children: Sandra (Charles) Zimmerman, Warrenville; Richard A. (Keith) Lenz Jr., Marengo; Sally A. (Ray) Carter, Blue Grass, Iowa; Thomas W. (Sandy) Lenz, Rhinelander, Wis.; 8 grand-

children: Dwayne A. Zimmerman, Kyle M. Zimmerman, Lindsay A. Traore, Brooke A. Zimmerman, Amanda Carter, Trevor Carter, Colton Carver, and Wyatt Lenz; 12 great grandchildren: Aiden Padilla, Gabriella Carter, Noah Allen, Elijah Carter, Madelyn Carter, Alaina Carter, Lana, Jenna, Kara, Paxton, Grayson, and Camden Zimmerman.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, wife: Joanne; great grandchild: Paris Arnold; brothers: Charles, Larry, and Walter; sisters: Lucy and Dorothy.

Cremation rights have accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Helen B. Schell

OREGON – Helen B. Schell, 79, longtime Oregon resident, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford. Born June 3, 1941 in Anderson, Mo., the daughter of Carroll and Helen Chaplin.

Married to Charles Schell Jan. 18, 1958 in Belvidere. Helen enjoyed sewing, yard work and gardening.

Survived by her husband Charles Schell of Oregon;

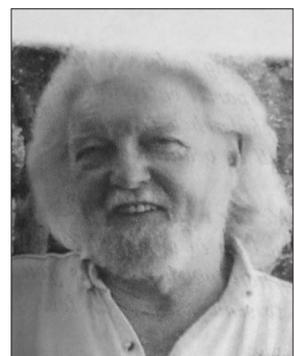
daughters, Debbie Scoles of Freeport, Jackie (Brad) Hollandsworth of Rockford and Mary Dwyer of Leaf River; grandchildren: Christopher McCause, Holly (Mike) Banghart, Charles McCause, Brittany Hollandsworth, Jennifer (Travis) Hall, Lukas (Meg) Dwyer, Derek (Jennifer) Dwyer, Cecil Revels and Ashley Schell; and 5 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her

parents; son, Mike Schell; son-in-law, David Dwyer; 3 brothers; and a sister.

A walk-through visitation was held 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon. Guidelines of social distancing and wearing facemasks will be practiced. Private burial will be in Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

## Gerald I. Moats



FORRESTON – Gerald I. Moats, age 85, formerly of Oregon, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 17, 1935 in Oregon, the son of John and Dorothy (Woodrick) Moats.

He grew up in Byron and attended Byron schools. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960 where he was honorably discharged. He married Diane Sabin on Oct. 15, 1960 in Loves Park. He worked for Barber Coleman in Rockford for 42 years. Gerald served as an Ogle County Reserve Sheriff Deputy. He also served on the Byron Fire Dept. from 1953-1967 as a fireman, was the Assistant Chief from 1967-1968, and Fire Chief from 1968-1974.

He was a proud member of the Patriot Guard. He served on the Blackhawk Area Council and was Den Leader for Troop # 147. He also coached boys baseball and girls softball in Byron. Gerald was a founding member of the Blackhawk Rod & Cus-

tom Car Club. He enjoyed traveling to parades with the Byron Fire Department's Old Truck # 1. He also enjoyed camping, riding motorcycles, working on hot rods, going to car shows, cruise nights and spending time with his family and friends. He loved his wife's Native American Heritage and taking their teepee to rendezvous along with fried potatoes over the campfire. He was known around the area as "The Bike Guy" who sold and refurbished bikes on Route 2 just north of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Diane, his son-in-law Craig Anderson, and many good friends.

He is survived by his 4 children: Michelle Anderson of Oregon, Shannon (Kenny) Spangler of Byron, Dannielle (Tom) Hahn of Two Rivers, Wis., and Jared (Alicia) Moats of Forreston, his favorite sister Jean Van Kampen of Beloit, grandchildren: Sabin, Brittany, Nick, Braunson, Graceon, Rachael, Kentrick, Rylee, Renée, and Kelden; great granddaughter Gracelynn, and his furry companions Carl, Nemo, and Annabelle.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at the Cornerstone Family Church, 205 N. Peru St., Byron, with the Pastor Randy Snider of the church officiating. A walk-through visitation was held at the church from 10-11 a.m.

A memorial fund is established for the Darkhorse Lodge peaceful retreat for combat veterans located at 1951 Swor Rd, Springville, TN 38256. Visit [darkhorselodge.org](http://darkhorselodge.org). Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Byron is assisting the family.

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# Obituaries

## Clyde E. Anderson

BYRON – Clyde E. Anderson, age 75 of Byron passed away at PA Peterson at the Citadel in Rockford on Jan. 29, 2021. He was born in Chana on July 13, 1943 the son of Gilbert and Lorraine (Waters) Anderson.



(Leslie) Anderson of Tenn., Ann (Bill) Redig of Fla., Gene Anderson of Byron and Carl Anderson of Byron; daughters, Lorraine Haroldson of MN and Becky Pestigaurd of Calif.; and several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

He married Renee who preceded him in death. Clyde enjoyed being outdoors riding motorcycles and fishing. He also enjoyed bowling and shooting pool.

Linda Cane-Snyder, and Gilbert Anderson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and siblings, Art Anderson,

Clyde is survived by his siblings, Betty Anderson of Rockford, Audrey (Gazi) Abuhassan of Jordan, Jerry

There will be no services held at this time. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family at P.O. Box 930, Byron, IL 61010. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.FarrellHollandGale.com](http://www.FarrellHollandGale.com).

## Donald R. Cates

OREGON – Donald R. “Don” Cates, age 56, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at his home near Oregon. He was born May 25, 1964 at the Martin Army Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga., the son to William R. “Bill” and Jayne L. (Hay) Cates.



his maternal grandparents H. Donald and Louise Hay.

He graduated from St. Charles (East) High School in 1982, De Pauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1986 with a degree in Sociology, and obtained his MBA from the University of Wisconsin in 1992. Don was a business analyst consultant. Don was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. He loved to collect baseball cards and different beer cans. He had a passion for music and loved a good trivial quiz about music or sports. He loved the band Rush. He had a great interest in genealogy and

He is survived by his parents William and Jayne Cates of St. Charles, his 2 children Claire Cates of Chicago, Ian Cates of Aurora, and their mother Jennifer Obrecht, his sister Leanna (Keith) Hershey and nephews Kyle and Zach Hershey and other extended family.

was known for being inquisitive, a handyman, and was an organizer and planner. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and previously served on the Twin Rivers Council in St. Charles. He enjoyed traveling. His favorite candy was M&M’s.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents Raymond and Judy Cates, and

A private graveside service will be held at the Lighthouse Cemetery near Oregon with the Rev. Matthew Smith pastor of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church officiating. There will also be a Celebration of Life gathering this summer in memory of Don. A memorial fund is established in Don’s name. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon assisted the family.

## Children's Center registration open now until March 6

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is excited to announce registration for the 2021-22 school year will begin on Saturday, March 6.

Nash Recreation Center doors will open at 8 a.m., numbers will be passed out and registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. Social distancing practices will be observed. The facility will be closed to the public during registration.

The order for registration is as follows: resident annual members, non-resident annual members, residents then followed by non-residents.

A non-refund deposit is required at registration. The deposit amount will be the first month of tuition for the respective class and will be applied to the September payment. A copy of the child’s birth certificate is also required at registration.

The Oregon Park District Children’s Center program is designed to help prepare your child for kindergarten. Children will learn both indoors and outdoors utilizing both of our classrooms. Mrs. Crandall and Mrs. Teresa have developed a curriculum to assist your child’s social and emotional development as well providing kindergarten readiness skills.

Drop-off and pick-up will occur at our Children’s Center entrance located at School Street and South 6th Street. This location allows for you to drop your child off at the entrance from your car directly to our teachers. This procedure, enacted during COVID, has been successful and

will continue in the 2021-22 school year. Our students and staff are able to be independent from Nash Recreation Center with their own kitchen, bathroom and both indoor and outdoor classrooms. The separation has allowed for easier transitions at drop-off and much less contact than entering through the traditional Nash Recreation Center entrance. Pick-up will allow parents to park on School and 6th Street and enter our back patio for dismissal.

The Tuesday/Thursday class is geared towards 3 year olds and younger 4-year olds. Class meets from 8:15-10:45 a.m. two days per week. Children must be at least 3 years old to attend the two-day class.

The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class is structured for 4 year olds and younger 5 year olds. Children must be at least 4 years old by Sept. 1 to attend. Class will meet on Monday and Friday from 8:15-11 a.m. Wednesday class will meet from 8:15-11:30 a.m. Children will bring a packed lunch each Wednesday and enjoy lunch with their teachers to help prepare them for school lunches in Kindergarten.

Children must be potty trained by the first day of class.

For more information on registration or to schedule a classroom visit and meet the teachers prior to registration contact [tina@oregonpark.org](mailto:tina@oregonpark.org) or phone 815-732-3101 and speak with Tina Ketter, Superintendent of Recreation.

## Grand Detour sets meeting dates

GRAND DETOUR – The Grand Detour Township would like to invite everyone to attend its monthly meetings.

They are held the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Detour Town Hall. Except the April meeting which the annual meeting and held on the second Tuesday at 7:30. p.m. If the date or time of the meeting should change it will be posted outside the town hall.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lowry, town clerk, at 815-652-4543. Dates are: Feb. 10, March 10, April 13, May 13, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, and Jan. 12, 2022.

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# Program will inform students about health careers

OREGON – High school students in Oregon will have an opportunity to learn more about health careers thanks to a new collaboration between the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford and Oregon High School.

The new Rural Healthcare Explorers Program is made possible by a \$16,806 grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois' Dr. Louis and Violet Rubin Fund.

The Rural Healthcare Explorers Program

will be a six-week introduction to the field of healthcare and the preparation necessary to pursue a degree in the health sciences. 30 students will be accepted into the program and will learn about such fields as medicine, pharmacy and nursing through hands-on activities, panel discussions with local healthcare professionals and a health topic exploration project.

The program will start accepting applications in February and the program will begin in April.

"There is a need for healthcare professionals, especially in rural areas," says Hana Hinkle, Ph.D, the associate director of the college's National Center for Rural Health Professions that works to address healthcare disparities in rural Illinois, nationally and globally. "These kinds of programs prepare students who may not know about certain health careers to enter those fields and, hopefully, consider practicing in their hometown or another rural area because they better understand the needs."

Oregon High School serves the rural communities of Oregon, Mt. Morris, and Chana.

"This is a great opportunity for our students at Oregon High School," said Shannon Cremeens, dean of students at OHS, who is helping to build the program. "Each year we have students who identify an interest in health-related careers. This program will greatly support these students in providing a unique opportunity to connect and learn about an incredibly important career field."



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## Making pillows

The Oregon Park District recently held a social distanced Valentine pillow party. Participants were able to create a new sew heart pillow to take home. They choose fabric, cut, stuffed and tied their creations.

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## Food distribution Feb. 9

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

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

Upcoming dates are Feb. 9 and March 9. Distribution is curbside from 3-5 p.m. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872 to register for our next distribution

## VFW post hosting blood drive

OREGON – Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be doing a Blood Drive on Feb. 18 from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

All donating will receive a gift card for \$5 to be used at the VFW bar and grill. Blood supplies are in short supply please help us help those needing. Remember one pint can save three lives.

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# Forest Preserve District offering free lecture on feral swine Feb. 14

BYRON—The Byron Forest Preserve District will be offering a free Winter Lecture on Sunday, Feb. 14 starting at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Peggy Doty, Environmental and Energy Educator, University of Illinois Extension will talk about feral swine, also known as Eurasian boar or feral hogs. These invasive

animals are not native to North America and pose a huge threat to native ecosystems and agriculture operations. While there are no known feral hog populations currently in Illinois, increasing feral swine populations in neighboring states and climate change is making their appearance in Illinois more and

more likely in the future.

This program will provide information about the history of feral swine in America and the concern regarding their impacts on Illinois land, fish, wildlife and farming if these animals arrive. The talk will also cover current research on feral swine and successful

methods of removing them.

To access this lecture, email the Byron Forest Preserve District at [info@byron-forestpreserve.com](mailto:info@byron-forestpreserve.com) to register and receive the link and password for join this Zoom program. Call 815 234-8535, Ext. 200 for more information.

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“On behalf of LPL and Byron Bank, I congratulate Steven on reaching this milestone in his professional career,” said Brent Baker, Byron Bank President. “Business owners, American investors and industries at large faced extraordinary challenges throughout 2020. In the advisor-mediated financial advice market, investors showed how much value they place on a trusting relationship with a financial advisor. We applaud Steven for his commitment to his clients and we are inspired by his dedication to making a meaningful impact in our community. It is an honor to support Steven and wish him and the entire Byron Wealth Management Team continued success as they continue to add value for clients and in their business in the years ahead.”

Scholl 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 in their work to enrich their clients’ financial lives.

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## Build-A-Barn Committee sets shows for 2021

The Build-A-Barn Committee is going ahead with plans for the 2021 Horse Show season – let’s make this the year that we reach our goal to get this barn built.

We are taking the proper precautions pertaining to Covid-19, and are looking forward to seeing you at the Ogle County Fairgrounds for the following events: May 16 Fuzzy Show, June 26 All English Show, June 27 All Western Show, Aug. 2 Harlan Holm Memorial Horse Show, Aug. 28 Open Fun Show, Oct.16-17 Spooktacular.

On July 17, we will have a Tack and Craft Sale at Stagecoach Pass Farm, 14377 Trask Bridge Rd., Durand.

Check out our Facebook page for more information and showbills, or shadowboxerarabians@gmail.com.

## Tri-County Opportunities Council scholarships available

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

The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds. All low-income students, racial or ethnic minorities and previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

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

\* The applicants must be attending an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2021.

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

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

Application deadline is March 26, 2021. Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800-323-5434, Ext. 15 or on the website at [www.tcohelps.org](http://www.tcohelps.org).

## Rock River Center has Valentine cards for sale

OREGON – Roses are red, violets are blue Rock River Center has Valentines for you.

Stop in to Rock River Center, 810 10th St. in Oregon, to check out our Valentine’s Day card and gift selection. We have greeting cards for all occasions at \$1 each. Our Christmas gift and card selections sold out fast, so come on in Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

All proceeds go towards Rock River Center activities and programs. While you are here, be sure to get a copy of our newsletter and check out what is happening at the center. We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing services to senior citizens and much more.

For more information, call 815-732-3252.



## Class on growing greens is Feb. 25

OREGON – In cooperation with Merlin’s Greenhouse/Hagemann Horticulture, the Oregon Park District is offering a fun opportunity to learn a new method of growing a healthy bounty of greens indoors, year-round that is simple and nearly fool proof.

This is a hands-on workshop, Thursday, Feb. 25 with instructors discussing how to grow micro greens, baby greens and herbs. Participants will learn how to care

for their plants growing in jars under artificial light and they will learn tips and tricks so that their plants will thrive for months, even in winter! Never buy leafy greens or herbs at the store again when you can enjoy fresh and ready to use greens whenever you need them right from your own indoor garden!

Workshop fee includes a 4” state of-the-art grow light and a jar growing kit. You will have the ability to upgrade to a larger light

and kit at the class. Fee is \$55/Resident or \$65/Non-Resident. This workshop will be held at Cork & Tap, Oregon. Choose between the 6-7 p.m. or the 7:30-8:30 p.m. class time. The registration deadline is Feb. 18.

Those interested in planting an indoor garden should register through the Oregon Park District on line at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or register over the phone by calling Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101.

## Oregon offering free preschool screening

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

The purpose of the screening is to provide parents with an indicator of their child’s readiness for school and identify children who may benefit from early childhood services.

All children must be screened and qualify in order to attend the Oregon Elementary Preschool.

The dates and times are:  
 Monday, March 15, 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
 Tuesday, March 16, noon-6:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
 Wednesday, March 17, 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
 Thursday, March 18, 8:20 a.m.-12:40 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School

Please call the Oregon Elementary School at 815-732-5300 to schedule your appointment.

## Stillman Bank makes donation to United Way

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank was thrilled to make a donation of \$19,346.00 to the United Way of Rock River Valley towards their 2021 area-wide campaign.

This monetary gift came from a variety of bank-wide initiatives including Casual Days, individual employee donations, and a corporate contribution. Collective employee donations were up 4 percent compared to last year.

“With so many in our communities feeling the effects of COVID-19, the services of the agencies supported by United Way have taken on critical importance

to many individuals and families in our area,” stated Marty Larson, Stillman Bank Chairman & CEO. “As a local community bank, we are proud of our employees’ strong support of this essential community effort.”

Over the past 20+ years, Stillman Bank and its employees have contributed over \$360,000 to United Way.

The United Way of Rock River Valley, fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. For more information, go to [www.unitedwayrrv.org](http://www.unitedwayrrv.org) or call 815-968-5400.

## Bank has holiday giveaway

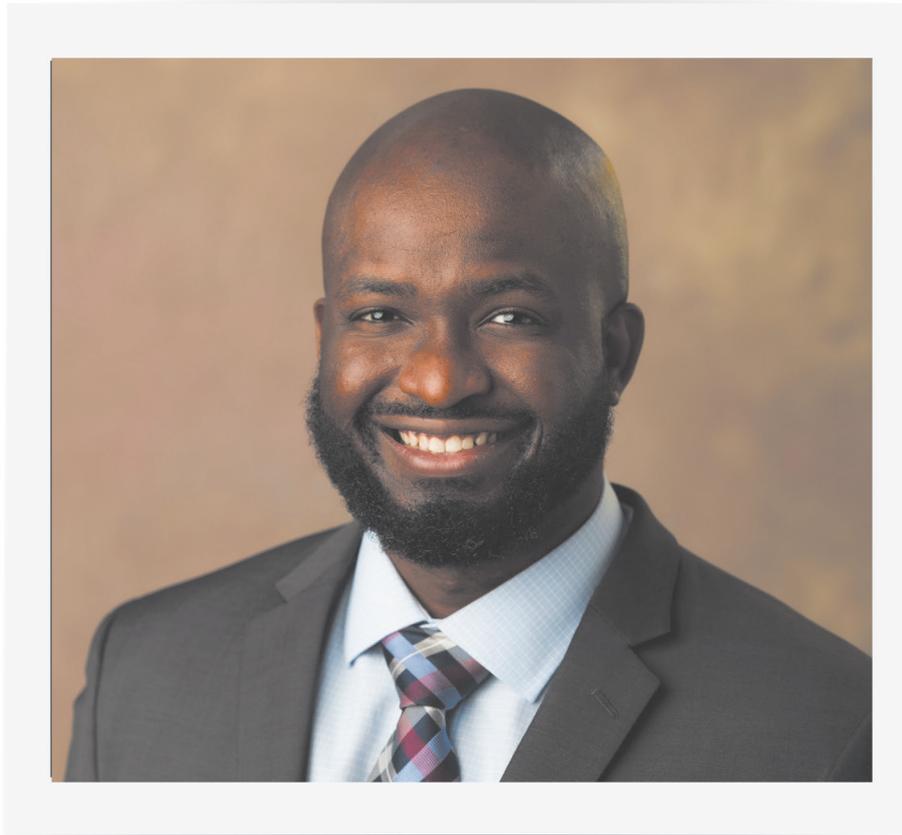
STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank held its annual Holiday Giveaway drawing on Dec. 23.

The bank had a total of 6 winners throughout its six locations. The winners received either a beef quarter or pork half.

The winners of the beef quarters were: Debbie Miller (Byron), Breana Frewin (Oregon), and Nancy Pfab (Lindenwood).

halves were: Kellie Stien (Roscoe), Dean Johnson (Stillman Valley), and Dennis Streid (Rockford)

The annual Holiday Giveaway is one of the many ways the bank gives back to the local communities it serves, officials said. For more information on the 2020 Holiday Giveaway or to find out more about Stillman Bank’s products and services, please contact or visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).



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## VFW honors

Sophia Schwartzrock won the Oregon VFW Voice Of Democracy for 2021. She also won District 6 which includes 17 other Post in Northern Illinois. Schwartzrock will now compete against all VFW Post in Illinois. We all wish he the best. Her essay followed the theme (Is this the country the founding fathers envisioned) perfectly. Schwartzrock is pictured with Sr. Vice Aaron Yocum of Post 8739 Oregon.

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## Byron arts program gets donation

BYRON – The Byron High School Theater and Choir department have been given a donation of \$3,000 from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

The donation in honor of Megan, from the Clift family, has been used to support many activities and events that the groups participate in. Here are several ways the donation has been used this last school year:

Byron Chamber Choir participates annually in the Augustana Chamber Choir Festival. Twelve schools were selected to be a part of this festival. This overnight event involves the choir members from those twelve schools coming together to create a mass choir. This mass choir learns two chamber style pieces under the direction of Dr. Jon Hurty and Dr. Michael Zemek, college choir directors. The students also attend master voice classes put on by the voice faculty on staff. Another aspect of this event is a private workshop with one of the two college directors. Each choir gets 15-20 minutes for the college choir director to listen to their songs and give cri-

tique and suggestions what they can do to improve the sound of those songs. A final event of the weekend is a public performance where the Chamber Choir sings two songs by themselves and also members of the college choirs and public. All expenses for this event were covered by the Megan Clift monies.

Byron Choir students also applied to be part of the Millikin Vocal Festival. Seven students were selected to be a part of this event. The students worked with Millikin's director Brad Holmes and Beth Holmes, learning several concert pieces in a large group setting. Students were selected for this event from all over the State of Illinois. It is one of the top vocal festivals in the State. The students who attend always learn so much from these directors and they have a very enjoyable time singing with advanced singers from each selected choir. Donated funds helped pay the registration fee, housing, music, and private vocal lessons.

Byron Theater Troupe used their donation of funds to pay for ten students to attend the Illinois State The-

ater Fest. The students spent several days in Bloomington/Normal attending workshops on various details of acting. They also attend musical performances of high schools who were accepted to have their musical performed at State Convention. Another performance the Byron students attend is the production put together by the State Musical Group. Students send in audition tapes in the summer and are selected to be a part of the Illinois State Musical.

Each year the Shining Star Award is presented to the outstanding theater and choir students, typically from the senior class. This year the theater award was given to Madie Libman and the choir award was given to Cece Clodfelter. The success of the Shining Star donations and other donations from "Friends of Megan" help to continue the assistance that is given to the Byron Theater and Choir and its membership.

The choir and theater students are very appreciative of the support from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the friendship of Ed and Beth Clift.

# Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

## Zoom with Beth Shenberger-Salad In A Jar

Enjoy a hands-on workshop in the comfort of your own kitchen! Register for this Zoom workshop scheduled for Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Receive your very own Pampered Chef Make & Take Mason Jar with secret salad dressing compartment. Learn about meal prep and assemble a salad with your favorite fresh fixings using your jar. Kits will be picked up at Nash prior to class and will include jar, recipes, and list of ingredients needed. If you cannot make the zoom time, the class will be recorded for you to watch later. Class fee is \$26/Resident or \$31/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 8.

## Pizza Lovers Night-Cooking with Lynnies' Kitchen

Lynn will teach couples how to make a delicious heart-shaped pizza that you can take home and bake to celebrate Valentines' Day. Class will be held at Cork & Tap on Friday, Feb. 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Learn to make homemade crust too! Bring your sweetheart, "special someone," or just a friend for an evening of fun, maybe a cocktail, and enjoy a night out. Class fee includes all ingredients to make a two-topping pizza. You will need to bring a few kitchen tools from home. Class fee is \$35/Resident couple or \$42/Non-Resident couple. Last day to register is Feb. 8.

## DIY Kit – Happy St. Patrick's Day Sign with T+T

Enjoy stenciling a Happy St. Patrick's Day sign on a 10" x 10" canvas. This DIY project is perfect for kids or adults looking for a crafty project. Pick up your kit on Monday, March 1 at Nash. Enjoy creating trendy art pieces with the help of a prepared kit (includes canvas, stencil, and all paint needed) and access to a "HOW TO" video with Charlotte from T+T. Class fee is \$14/Resident or \$17/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 22.

## Growing Greens and Herbs at Home with Merlin's/Hagemann Horticulture

Never buy leafy greens or herbs at the store again! Learn to grow a healthy bounty indoors, year-round that is simple and nearly fool proof. Enjoy fresh and ready to use greens whenever you need them. Class will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at Cork & Tap. Choose between the 6p.m. class or the 7:30 p.m. class when you register. Fee is \$55/Resident or \$65/Non-Resident. Fee includes a 4" state of the art grow light and a jar growing kit. Registration deadline is Feb. 18.

## T+T Stenciled Wooden Tags

Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe. These fun trendy wooden tags will look great on your wall or front door. Choose from 10 different sayings for your tags. This class will be held at Cork & Tap on Friday, March 5, 2021 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Fee for the class is \$45/Resident or \$54/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 25.

## Empanadas De Carne Con Queso

Learn to make authentic Beef & Cheese Empanadas from Michelle Carreno at Hector's Cocina. In this hands-on class participants will learn to make the dough as well as learn how to fill, fold and crimp the dough before baking. The class is on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Hector's Cocina. Class fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 16.

## Snowman building contest

Time to find the best snowman of 2021! Build a snowman between now and Feb. 15. Email an unedited photo to [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org), and please include your email address, name and phone number. Winning entry will receive a prize! This contest is FREE and open to all.

Email your submission to [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) by February 15th to be eligible to win prize.

## Spring soccer

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

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

## 6th Grade Girls Competitive Seasons

With the recent IHSA changes to sporting season, both Girls 6th Grade Competitive Basketball and Volleyball Seasons have been adjusted. These seasons will not overlap, but have been condensed and fees have been restructured accordingly.

### 6th Grade Girls Basketball:

Open to 5th and 6th Grade Girls. Games start week of March 8th- Season ends March 26th. This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Due to low enrollment, this program is open to 5th Grade girls also. All Government guidelines will be followed. A volunteer coach is needed, please email [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if interested. Registration Fee \$50, Registration Deadline Friday Feb. 12.

### 6th Grade Girls Volleyball:

Games start the week of April 5th and season ends April 27th. The 6th Grade volleyball program focuses on skill development and is an introduction to volleyball. The program will help prepare participants for the Jr. High level of competition. Practice dates and time will vary depending on the preference of the head coach. Home games are played at the Nash and travel to away games is provided by OCUSD buses. Tryouts may be required if the max number of participants is reached. This program is only open to 6th Grade girls currently. All government guidelines will be followed. A volunteer coach is needed for this program, please contact [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if interested. Registration Fee \$50, Registration deadline is Friday March 5.



## Decorating contest

Members of the Ogle Jolly 4-h club participated in the annual Christmas Tree decorating contest held by the Stillman Bank. The theme of their tree was "There is no place like 4-h". They used Wizard of Oz themed 4-h ornaments that they created. Members also signed Christmas cards and made ornaments that they delivered to the Neighbors Nursing Home in Byron for the residents.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 9

ian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Please call 815-732-4111 to register. Limited seating is available.

includes all ingredients to make a two-topping pizza.

Bread of Life food Pantry has a curbside distribution from 3-5 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S. Maple, in Stillman. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872 to register.

Weds., Feb. 10

The new Highland Community College sponsored exercise class starts today at the Mount Morris Senior Center and is open to everyone. The class costs \$40 for 30 sessions and meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.

Fri., Feb. 12

C.A.F.E. will meet at 9 a.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 in Oregon, IL. Please call 815-732-4111 to register. Limited seating is available.

Sat., Feb. 13

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

Pajama Storytime with the Julia Hull Library, 6:30 p.m. The whole family is invited to our evening storytime series. Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Email khaas@mail.merid-

Thurs., Feb. 11

Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Byron at the Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 101 W 2nd Street.

Oregon Park District present Pizza Lovers Night – Cooking with Lynnies' Kitchen at Cork & Tap from 6-7:30 p.m. Last day to register is Feb. 8. Class fee of \$35/resident couple or \$42/non-resident couple

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Germany. The Grimm collection of folk and fairy tales includes "Hansel and Gretel" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

\* On Feb. 25, 1862, the U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing paper notes to pay the government's bills. It ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions.

\* On Feb. 26, 1919, the Grand Canyon National Park is established. The chasm, home to more than 1,500 plant and 500 animal species, is more than a mile deep, and 15 miles across at its widest point.

\* On Feb. 22, 1959, Lee Petty edges Johnny Beauchamp in a photo finish to win the first-ever Daytona 500 in Florida. Beauchamp was initially named the winner, until Petty challenged the results using news photos.

\* On Feb. 27, 1964, the Italian government begins accepting suggestions on how to save the Leaning Tower of Pisa from collapse. The top of the 180-foot tower was hanging 17 feet south of the base. The tower's lean is caused by the remains of an ancient river estuary under the building.

\* On Feb. 23, 1980, speedskater Eric Heiden captures the 10,000-meter race at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, in world record time to win an unprecedented fifth individual gold medal. Heiden had overslept and rushed to the rink after eating just a few slices of bread.

\* On Feb. 28, 1993, in Waco, Texas, federal agents launch an unsuccessful raid against the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives by the Christian cult. On April 18, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno approved a tear-gas grenade assault on the compound. A fire erupted and at least 80 people died.

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## My hair experiment went very wrong

The great hair experiment is over. Done. Finished.

Lockdown has changed a lot of things for all of us. Eating at home more than ever for sure. Also, doing smaller loads of laundry because those sweatpants are good for a week. And we have all learned to either accept or simply keep quiet about the habits of the loved ones we live with. This has certainly taught us patience.

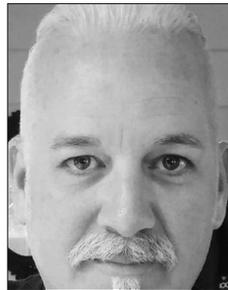
I also decided sometime last year that I was going to take one final run at growing my hair. Why not? Sure, I still go out and do interviews and see people, but not every day. I don't have to drive into the office and force my mop on unsuspecting people who are simply trying to get through the day.

OK, I do that to my wife, but I believe we have a contract that says she has to deal with it.

So instead of getting my hair cut every three weeks I just stopped getting it cut. My hair grows surprisingly fast, so it did not take long

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



before I started to see some results.

Here is the thing – I have always been pretty hair-centric. I had the typical long hair in the late 70s and until I graduated in 1981. The military took care of that for four years, but after I got out, I grew it again. For years I had many different styles, but I always had a style. I never didn't care about my hair.

I would say the last time I let it grow was probably 1990, in college at Northern Arizona University. I am

not sure I got a haircut that year at all.

By 2000, I had short, spiky hair and I kept it like that for a long time – probably too long.

A few years ago, I noticed that the crown of my head was not exactly sporting a full crop of hair. Sadly, my always thin hair was abandoning ship at the crown. I contacted a witch doctor and tried a few spells, but nothing seemed to work.

I did the only thing I could – after falling to my knees and screaming "WHY ME?!" to the sky a few times – I changed my hair style.

I grew it longer on top and combed it back but kept the sides short. That changed during lockdown when I decided to go all in on length.

While I will say I gave it a good try, I was losing the battle. Yes, my hair was growing. The top was longer, the back was longer and the sides were much longer.

But it was driving me crazy. My simple morning

routine had turned into a nightmare of hair products, blow dryers and hair spray. And no matter what, it still looked, well, bad.

My wife, bless her heart, did the best she could do during this time. And the best she could do was to say nothing, which I know was hard for her. The few times I asked her opinion and she gently gave it, I acted like a toddler melting down at Target.

I went to my trusty stylist last week and said give me the old cut back, and that is what she did. It is still long on top – probably too long if you ask my wife, but the sides are buzzed and I feel much better about myself.

I have decided to focus on something new. In 2021, I am going to run a marathon. Considering I can already walk from the couch to the refrigerator without getting too winded, this should be a raging success.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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## Trump had many accomplishments during presidency

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Myrna Hart's comment a few weeks ago when she felt President Trump's presidency brought "carnage" to our country.

I know President Trump's personality brought controversy about him. He wasn't a smooth-talking politician. He let you know exactly what he was thinking, but that was the promise he made to the country leading up to the election of 2016. He didn't look like a politician, nor sound like one, nor did he talk or act like one. So love politicians or hate them, President Trump was not one of them which is why I believe he was elected in 2016 and also why so many hated him.

He fought against the carnage of job loss with the unprecedented economic boom in our country's history. Seven million new jobs added in just four years. He did more

for the lower and middle class citizens than any President in my 62 years, going back to Eisenhower. His policies did more for minority groups of Americans than any other President in my lifetime including two-term Presidents like the previous administration. (How did your 401K's look that last four years?) Even for those who hated him. There are not enough inches on this page of the newspaper to list all of his economic gains for the American people.

President Trump fought against the carnage of political fraud, voter fraud, and decades of establishment fraud in our political system ultimately to his demise.

President Trump fought against the carnage of gross bias and hypocrisy in much of the news media. While the media has always had its biases, I have never witnessed such loathing and hatred for a sitting President

beginning with his first day in office.

President Trump fought for the freedom of religion and second amendment rights and against the carnage of those who would like to wipe those rights clean from our American heritage.

President Trump fought for and achieved energy independence knowing you have to have a strong America in a world where others hate you and want to see your failure and defeat. (Anybody want to go back to the Biden/Obama days of gas at \$4.50/gallon?)

President Trump fought against the carnage of ISIS and won in short order. (Anyone miss the daily news cycles of ISIS marching people out on beaches and beheading them on video?)

And the one issue that most epitomizes our American carnage and devaluing of life in our beloved country is every American's (ev-

ery human's) right to life. President Trump fought politically and publicly against this true carnage. By the end of the day of this writing 3,000 American lives will be snuffed out and that will happen every day this year as is has since January 1973. This reality is because we have abandon our foundational biblical values as a nation. We are made in God's image (Gen 1:27) and only God has the say in this matter. (Psalm 139) I cringe at the potential carnage and values this next administration will bring.

So President Trump, love him or hate him, he was and is not a perfect man. Nor are you and I. We are all broken. We live in a broken world full of carnage that cannot be fixed totally by a politician.

We ultimately need a Saviour!

Ken Kielsmeier, Oregon

## Thank you to bus drivers

Dear Editor:

The Forrestville Valley School District would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our bus drivers for ensuring the safe transport of students. The drivers' dedication to safety and commitment to the community are truly appreciated.

Therefore, please help us to celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation Week in the Forrestville Valley School District, Feb. 8 through Feb. 12, by a kind word, a note of thanks or a gesture of appreciation to our drivers.

Sincerely,

Sheri Smith, Superintendent Forrestville Valley School District

## Reader appreciates b-day cards

Dear Editor,

I want to say thank you to all my loving family and friends for the beautiful cards and good wishes I received in honor of my 90th Birthday. They just keep coming long after my birthday, which I really enjoy.

Thanks again,  
Lorraine Untz

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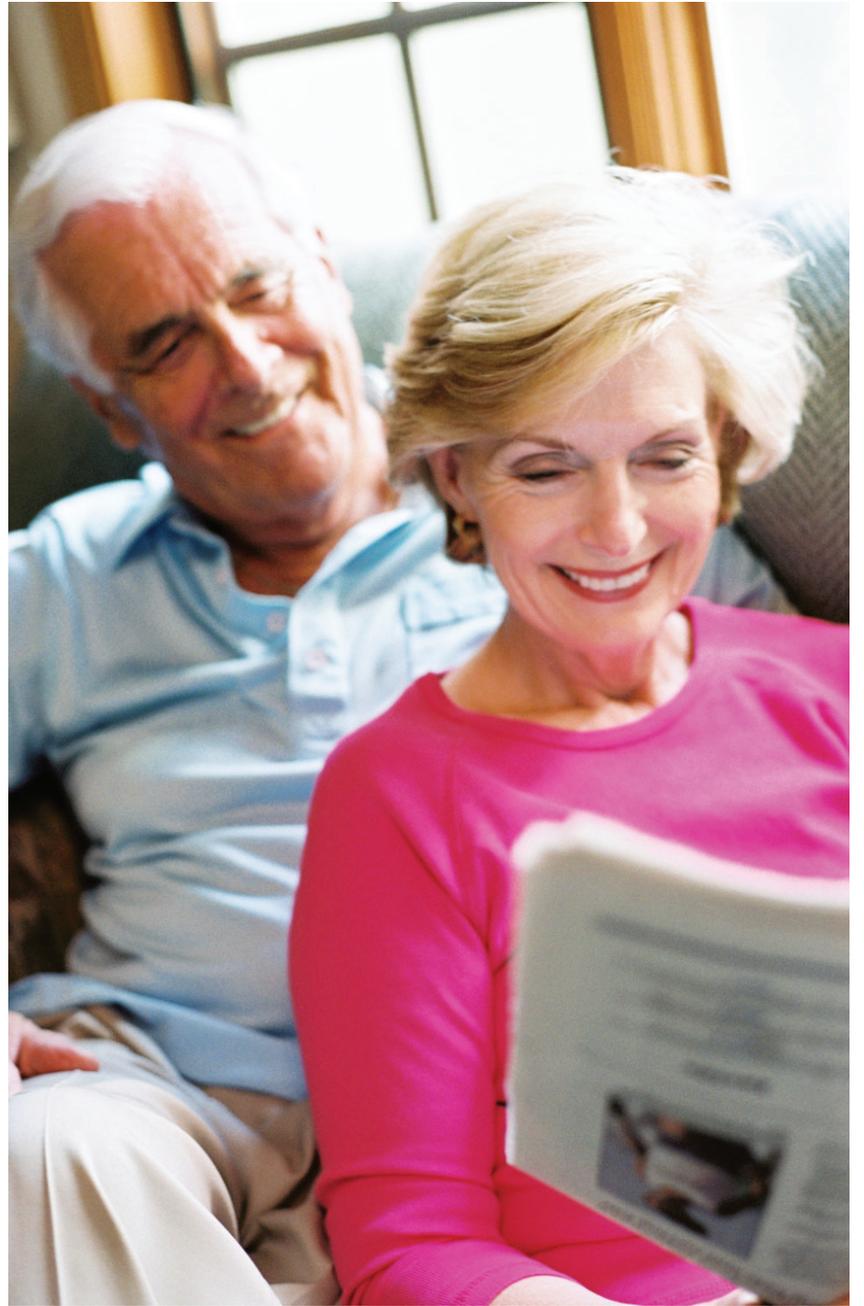
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Mike Feltes, General Manager



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# Church hosting blood drive Feb. 8

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, Feb. 8. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon-6 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, you can find the Leaf River United Methodist Church on Facebook or contact Laura at 815/276-5773, or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815-965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org. For other locations where you can donate, go to www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar.

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*Welcome Merri Cruz*  
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Representing Northern Illinois homeowners and future homeowners, Merri is committed to her clients while utilizing her negotiation skills to ensure a successful transaction. Raised in Northern Illinois and having lived in Winnebago, Ogle, and Lee Counties throughout her life, she has a unique understanding of the Rock River Valley area and its natural beauty and amenities. She is a proud wife and mother to 2 beautiful children. She and her husband purchased their first investment property shortly after getting married, which only grew her passion for real estate. Merri is dedicated to ensuring her buyers and sellers get the best possible deal and experience throughout the entire process. Merri has past marketing experience, excellent customer service skills, and has owned several investment properties, all of which are reasons why she is the realtor for you!

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<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>583 River Lane Dixon \$649,900</b> Call Merri</p> <p>Opportunity awaits at this Rock River Island Resort! This unique 11.35 acre property has unlimited potential. It features a 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath "home" with an Open Floor Plan, Vaulted Ceilings, Great Room with Fireplace, Gourmet Kitchen with Custom Concrete Countertops, Wrap-around Deck (with handicap accessible ramp), One-of-a-kind, Locally Sourced Woodworking Finishes, AND SO MUCH MORE! Outdoors has 12 Camper Site Hookups, Outhouses, Boat Ramp, and 1 Bedroom Mobile Home that can be worked into the deal! Property is Zoned AG and has been approved to add 10 cabins. Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity of a Lifetime!</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>1006 Monroe Street Oregon \$219,000</b> Call Rebecca</p> <p>STUNNING 4 BEDROOM HOME! Located a short walk from historic, downtown Oregon this tastefully updated and decorated home boasts 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms situated on a .66 acre lot! You will feel at home the minute you walk into the bright and cheery space with gleaming hardwood floors and loads of windows. Fall in love with this updated kitchen featuring an eat in area, new appliances including a double oven, backsplash &amp; countertops. There is plenty of space on the main floor with a large dining room, spacious living room with wood burning fireplace &amp; sunroom that currently serves as a perfect, office space! Upstairs you will find 4 bedrooms, an remodeled bathroom and an en suite bathroom for the master. Lower level has been finished and has a wood burning fireplace along with full bathroom. The outside has so much to offer as well: patio, new retaining wall &amp; fencing! Updates on this property also include: new roof, countertops, carpet, paint, fencing &amp; appliances.</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>13740 N Chapel Road Rock City \$589,000</b> Call Merri</p> <p>One of a kind 2000 Custom built farm home on 23 acres. Home features exposed barn beams &amp; refurbished barn wood floors, an open loft overlooking the main floor, &amp; beautiful views from the exposed main level with large, covered deck &amp; walkout basement. Kitchen has been remodeled w/ granite counter tops &amp; new cabinetry. Home is equipped w/ a wood burning stove that keeps the entire home warm &amp; cozy or you can use the LP gas furnace for heat. Main level boasts a spacious Master Suite w/ whirlpool tub. This farm is the perfect setup for your animals w/ 6 different paddocks w/ automatic waters to each, 16 horse stalls, indoor riding arena, &amp; 13 acres of hayfield (approx. 3 cuttings/ year ~1,500 bales of hay.) Hay barn, lean-to buildings, chicken coop, greenhouse, "she-shed" &amp; 2 horse barns w/ horse shower, tack room, &amp; even a Guest Quarters w/ a full bathroom &amp; kitchen along w/ an entertainment/ sleeping area. This farm is set up complete for you &amp; your animals' comfort or bring in a cash income by boarding a few horses &amp; raising your own beef. The Farm is all set up &amp; ready for you- All that's left to do is to move in!</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>306 W Front Street Mt Morris \$109,000</b> Call Stephanie</p> <p>This modern farmhouse style rehab offers all main floor living! Nothing to do but move into this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with spacious eat-in kitchen and living room with new flooring, paint, updated light fixtures, new countertop and stove. Updated previously were the roof in 2016, hot water heater and water softener in 2015. The home has a nice mudroom leading out to the huge backyard, perfect for your pets and family and provides plenty of space for an outdoor shed!</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>8081 S III Route 2 Dixon \$319,900</b> Call Merri</p> <p>Your Rock River Island Resort awaits! Call this vacation home pays for itself as it is currently rents out on VRBO. It features 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths- a main floor master and laundry. Enjoy the many amenities of this home, such as the fireplace in the living room, lower lever rec room with bar and fireplace, or the river life in the shallow water surrounding! The potential of this property is endless and is zoned AG.</p>
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# Oregon boys, girls bowling teams open seasons

OREGON — The Oregon boys and girls bowling teams faced Rockford Christian for their season-opening matches on Friday, Jan. 29. The Hawks fell to the Royal Lions 3,734-3,589 despite a 670 series from Jacob Smith and a 661 series from Kyle Strite. Styler Klapp rolled a 605 and Brandon Rowe scored a 606 for Oregon. Zach Joiner shot 751 with a 300 in his final game for Rockford

Christian, while Jacob Hulstedt scored 668 and Brock Wentz recorded 600 in the match.

Oregon's girls team competed unopposed Friday. Alysa Conley rolled a team-high 640 series, while Sammantha Meyers added 628 and Rebbecca Meyers totaled 602. Hannah Kaltenbrun scored 549 and Mackenzie Brodkowicz chipped in 520 to round out Oregon's girls.

# Byron's Rose earns Dean's List honor

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Anna Rose, of Byron, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran College, has been named to the college's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Rose is a graduate of Stillman Valley High School.

To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6

or higher.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent, nationally ranked Christian college located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The college, which prepares students for lives of Christian leadership, is recognized for its academic excellence and superior student experience.

# Polo Library News

## Polo Library Building Open to the Public

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

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

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

## Instructions for Curbside Pickup

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

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

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

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

## Additional Curbside Services

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

## Weather Closure Information

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

## Winter Reading Programs, all ages – Jan. 4-Feb. 28

This winter, travel through reading! There is a "Passport to Reading" program, recommended for kids and students ages 0 - 6th Grade, or the "Travel the World through Reading" program for everyone else, 7th grade and up! For more information about the programs and to register, Visit pololibrary.readsquared.com. If you have any questions, or are unable to register online, please call 815-946-2713.

## Teen Trivia Night on Zoom, Grades 6-12 – Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Get on Zoom with other teens to play trivia games on Kahoot! We will do Hamilton, Mean Girls, and Lasagna Making trivia games. First place winner gets a candy bar of their choosing! Register at pololibrary.org or on facebook.com/pololibrary

## TED Talk and community discussion on Zoom – Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Join with other members of the community to watch a short TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) Talk together and share in discussion of the topic present-

ed. No one will be required to share their thoughts or have their camera on in this no-pressure, laid back setting. Register in advance at pololibrary.org

## Kids Trivia Night on Zoom, grades K-5 – Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:30-7 p.m.

Come to the Library after February 1st and pick up your "Trivia Night" kit then join Ms. Melanie on Zoom for some fun trivia. Everyone who participates will receive a prize!

## Book Subscription Box – Grades 6-12

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

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

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

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

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

## Book Clubs

Polo Library currently has two traditional book clubs meeting via Zoom, one on the fourth Monday of each month and one on the fourth Friday of each month, both at 1:30 p.m. In January, we will be starting a third book club that will be a books to movies group that will meet on Zoom on a weekday evening (exact day and time to be decided by people interested in joining the book club). If you have any questions or are interested in joining any of the book clubs, please email carlap@pololibrary.org.

## Polo Cycle Yearbooks for Sale

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

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# Forreston Library News

### Library Hours

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

### Tax Forms

Can't wait to start your taxes? Illinois 1040 forms and instructions and federal 1040 and 1040-SR forms are now available at the library. Additional forms may also be printed here.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

### Preschool Activities

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

### Library Updates

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

# Mount Morris Library News

### Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant

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

### To-Go Craft Kits for All Ages

We have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Pipe Cleaner Paper Clip Monster; Teens & Adults: Book Folding Heart. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to get yours!

### Adult Book Club

Adult Book Club will be the 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. (Currently via Zoom.) Copies of the February book *A Higher Call* by Adam Makos are available from the library. Or feel free to grab a copy digitally! Email Dawn Winters at dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to sign up (Zoom link will be sent via email).

### Space! The Cosmos for Kids: The Sun, The Earth, the Moon and Revolution & Rotation

Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 4 - 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. This techno-space-dance-party for kids is designed to help them learn and have fun at the same time. Each song in Space! The Cosmos for Kids includes dancing, music technology, and information about our universe delivered with a thumping beat. Meet aliens from outer space, sing about the solar system, participate in a rap battle with the sun, and learn the difference between revolution and rotation ... and still be home in time for dinner. Registration Required. Contact the Mount Morris Public Library (815.734.4927) or dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to register. You will need to provide an email address where the Zoom link can be sent.

### Healthy Kids Out of School

This program is geared toward 3rd - 5th graders. Healthy Kids Out of School, with the U of I extension office focuses on how to be healthy and active. We will have a discussion, an art project and a fun way to be physically active. Thursday evenings from 6-6:30 via Zoom. Email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com for the link to join.

### Browsing & Computer Use By Appointment

We are open for browsing and computer use by appointment; call the library to schedule a time. Masks

are required and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. No unaccompanied children are allowed in the library at this time (please do not bring your children if you will be using the computer). Browsing is limited to 30 minutes and computer use to one hour.

### Curbside Pickup, Interlibrary Loans, Library Cards

Curbside Service and Interlibrary Loans are available during regular business hours. Mt. Morris Patrons can place holds through the catalog, by calling or emailing. Library staff is quarantining all returned items for a period of time. Recently returned materials may remain on your account longer than usual. No overdue fines will be charged. New library cards: Patrons can call or email the library to set up an appointment to renew or receive new library cards. Please bring a photo id and a second form of id with current address. Contact the library at 815-734-4927 or mmlib@mtmorris-il.org.

### Join Our Email List

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

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**Oregon** 732-3157  
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## Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

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

## Senior Citizens Services

**Hub City Senior Center** 562-5050  
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## Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

**Pegasus Special Riders** 973-3177

## Veterans' Services

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

## Wellness Services

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

# Bertolet Library News

### **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!**

This week we are kicking off our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! If you have a child that is in preschool or younger, come in and sign them up! They get a surprise for every 100 books read.

### **Wednesday WhoDunIt: Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m.**

Working out of a Lincoln Town car, lawyer Mickey Haller defends the worst of society – rug dealers, thieves, and gang members. But the client he finds to be the scariest is the “innocent man.” Come to Bertolet Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Michael Connelly’s suspense novel, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, with other mystery lovers. No registration required.

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

Family Story Time is back!! Starting Thursdays at 10 a.m., join Miss Jana for your family’s own personal story time. Call to register for your family time slot or follow the SignUpGenius link found on our Facebook page. Masks are required for ages 3 and up. Miss Jana can’t wait to see all of you again! Extra storytime crafts will be available on Thursdays while supplies last.

### **New Releases**

*Sophomores* by Sean Desmond  
*Faye, Faraway* by Helen Fisher  
*Blink Of An Eye* by Iris Johansen  
*Serpentine* by Jonathan Kellerman  
*The Frozen Crown* by Greta Kelly  
*Consent* by Annabel Lyon

Reminder: We are unable to collect soft plastics at this time. Also, we regretfully cannot accept book donations right now. We apologize for the inconvenience.

# Byron Library News

### **Byron Public Library is Fine Free!**

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

### **Curbside Delivery**

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

### **Check out our eBooks!**

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

### **Winter Reading Challenge!**

Jan. 1-Feb. 28  
 Beat the winter boredom by registering for our all-ages online Winter Reading Challenge! Participating readers can earn chances to win prizes for reading, just like in the summer! Prizes include Beanie Babies, play kits, several gift cards (adults & teens), or a gift card of your choice (older children). There will also be a grand prize drawing for the finishers in each category! The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Register online at [byron.beanstack.org](http://byron.beanstack.org) or via the Beanstack Tracker App. If you participated in our summer reading club, you can use the same login.

### **Macrame Keychain**

Thursday, Feb. 11, 6-7 p.m. via Zoom  
 Join Kelly as she creates a stylish macrame keychain. Perfect for beginners! Kit will include one keychain toggle and macrame rope. Additional supplies needed include scissors. The Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Monday, Feb. 8. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### **Share Your Story**

Monday, Feb. 15  
 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom  
 Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. A journal will be provided to new registrants and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Friday, Feb. 12. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

### **Beaded Mask Keepers**

Wednesday, Feb. 24  
 6-7 p.m., via Zoom  
 Join Beth as she beads mask keepers for the residents at Generations at Neighbors. Kit will include beads, string and alligator clips. Additional supplies needed include scissors. The Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning on Saturday, Feb. 20. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

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!



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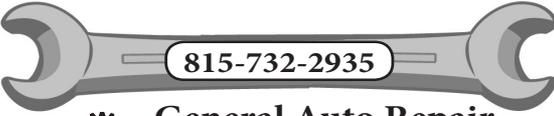
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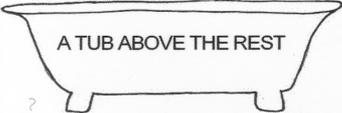
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## Register for a Library Card

Do you, or someone you know, live in our District and need a library card? Apply online in 4 easy steps: 1) Take a selfie; 2) Take a picture of your Driver's License; 3) Take a picture of a current utility bill (name and address must match DL); and 4) Email everything, along with a telephone number, to [librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org).

## PrairieCat Library App

Manage your library account, search our catalog, discover upcoming programs, and more...all from the palm of your hand! Just visit your favorite appstore, search for "PrairieCat," then select "Julia Hull District Library."

## A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft on Facebook Live. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to schedule a curbside pickup for February craft kits, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. January kits now available. While supplies last.

## 2021 Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read books, and complete fun challenges and activities for a chance to win prizes! Use the Beanstack App to register and track your reading and badge progress. Prefer paper and pen? No problem. Ask us for a paper review form. Prize drawings held weekly. Complete 10 review forms, or earn 10 badges by February 28, and be entered to win our Grand Prize: a gift certificate to Lino's Pizza in Rockford! Now thru February 28. Participants can join anytime.

## Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to our evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom

for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Second Tuesday of the Month on Zoom (Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.). Email [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message us for a link to the program.

## Young Critics Book Club

Join Miss Sarah for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity of Ben Clanton's *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea*. Program supply kits available at the library upon register. Call the library or use our online order form to register for the class: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 7-9.

## Fun Day Monday: Mardi Gras Masks

School's out for the day! Join us online for some creative play! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom, Monday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m., and let the good times roll. We're embracing green, purple, and gold to create one of a kind Mardi Gras masks! Call or use our online form to register and reserve your supply kit: <http://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 4-9.

## Short & Sweets

Join Joanna Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. on Zoom, for an engaging discussion of Daniel Mason's short story, "Death of the Pugilist." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org). Adults.

## The Mystery of Nancy Drew

Ninety years ago, a plucky detective stepped out of her blue roadster and into the hearts of readers. The brainchild of publisher Edward Stratemeyer, Nancy Drew proved that a strong heroine with style and bravery could win huge popularity. Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. on Zoom, to explore the history of America's favorite girl detective. Who was Carolyn Keene, author of the series? Why did this girls' book series, more than any other, captivate generations of readers? Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register.

## Tween Reads

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



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# Oregon Library News

## Library procedures

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Over the phone with Library staff at 815-732-2724, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile.

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Once your requested items are available for pick up you will receive the automated notification from PrairieCat. Please call us at (815)732-2724 after you receive this notice to schedule your curbside pick up.

Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases! You can also talk to the librarians for book recommendations and to place items on hold!

## COVID-19 Vaccine notification form

Oregon Public Library can help with completing the Ogle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form. We have computers available by appointments and staff are able to assist with completing the 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.

## Where in the world is video story time?

We're back and with something new! Let us know in the comments where you think the video was filmed. Oregon Public Library cardholders have 4 days from the posting to guess and then your guess will be eligible to be entered in a drawing for a children's book from our free book selections!

## New – Dial-A-Story

Just added...call 1-630-397-0912 to hear a story! New children's stories every week. Let us know if you like them or have any requests.

## Yoga with Jennifer is back

Notice: 4 spots available due to COVID regulations

Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Registration required 815-732-2724.

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

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

## Library book clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 10 at noon to discuss Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Mosley. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss Educated by Tara Westover. Books on Tap Book Club meets at Cork N Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Guest List by Lucy Foley.

## Newly formed book club – Cookbook book club, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Need some quick, easy and healthy meals for the New Year. Join us in our NEWLY formed book club, trying various recipes from different cookbooks. For February, this group will meet via ZOOM. Pick up your copy of Sheet Pan Suppers: 120 Recipes for Simple, Surprising, Hands-Off Meals Straight from the Oven by Molly Gilbert at the Library and pick one recipe to make and discuss during our Zoom discussion. Registration required 815-732-2724

## Try it Tuesdays!

DIY cookie decorating, Tuesday, Feb. 9

Pick up your free kit at the Library and decorate sugar cookies for Valentine's Day. Kits are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE while supplies last. Kits prepared by Oregon's own O's Bakery and provide all supplies needed. Limit one (1) kit per Oregon Public Library card patron.

## Maker Monday February

DIY paint on canvas

Kits will be available for pick up beginning Feb. 15. Registration deadline is February 8th. Kit includes all materials to make either a cute Bunny 12 x 12 Canvas or an inspiration Globe message on 16 x 20 Canvas. Limited supply. One kit per Oregon Public Library patrons. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

## Take and make craft: Valentine gnome – Wednesday, Feb. 10

Pick up your free kit at the Library and make a gnome for Valentine's Day. Kits are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE while supplies last and are available on Wednesday, February 10. Limit one (1) kit per Oregon Public Library card patron.

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

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## New Library APP!

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

Friends of the Library grab bag book sale

Friends Annual Book Sale... The Grab Bag Book Sale continues! This is an ongoing sale and only 11 bags left! You can purchase a bag for \$5. There are approximately 8-10 books in each bag. Don't miss out on this awesome deal! Please call the Library at 815-732-2724 if you have any questions

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Current story being presented...Night Tree by Eve Bunting.

## New releases

The Law Of Innocence by Michael Connelly (Fiction)

The Wrong Family by Tarryn Fisher (Fiction BOCD)

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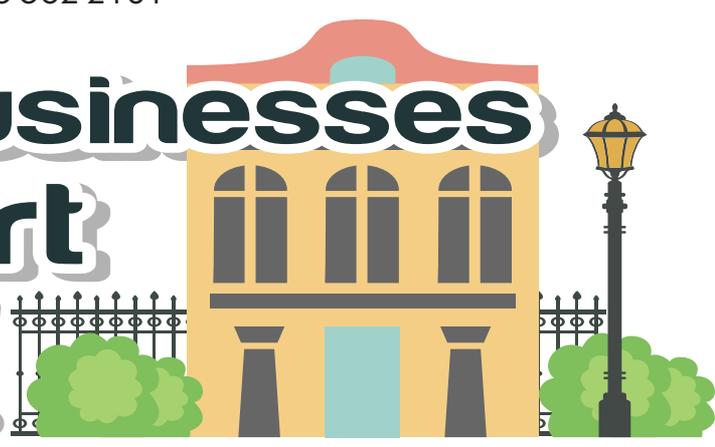
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**DAVIS JUNCTION**  
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## FORRESTON

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380  
 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
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 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.  
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Pastor Billy Hardy  
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 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)  
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.  
 Nursery available  
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047  
 815-738-2205 [leafriverbc@gmail.com](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

## LINDENWOOD

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

## KINGS

### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn  
 Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [office@goelimchurch.org](mailto:office@goelimchurch.org)  
 Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org)  
 Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

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 815-734-4853  
[secretary@disciplesumc.org](mailto:secretary@disciplesumc.org)  
 102 N. Maple Ave.  
 Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 [www.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
 Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## OREGON

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[www.EBENZERREFORMED.com](http://www.EBENZERREFORMED.com) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

### FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Karyn Kost • (815) 661-6315  
 Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>  
 Sunday Evening Worship at 5:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S 5th St to 200 S 4th St in Oregon. Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

### Lighthouse United Methodist

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061  
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860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • [riverstonecc.com](http://riverstonecc.com)  
 Sunday 10:45 a.m.

### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## POLO

### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[polo@crossroadsncn.com](http://polo@crossroadsncn.com)  
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### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel: 815-946-3212  
 Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
 Pastor Brian LeBaron  
 Website: [www.faihumcpolo.com](http://www.faihumcpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faihumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faihumcpolo)

## STILLMAN VALLEY

### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
 815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)  
 Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.  
 Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.  
 Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
 See website for all activities or contact the church office.

### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872  
 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
 Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children and Families  
 Sunday Mornings: 9am traditional service, 10:30am contemporary service and Kids' Club  
 We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.  
 Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.  
 Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

## WINNEBAGO

### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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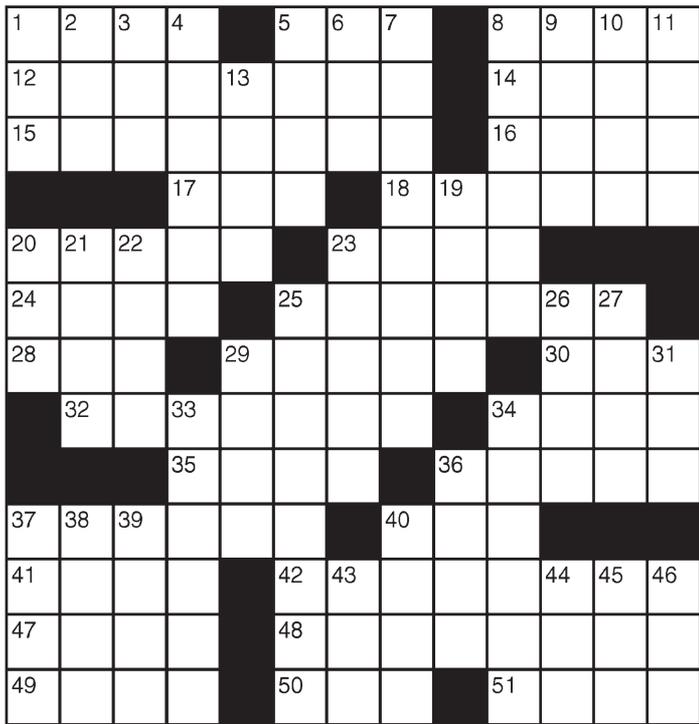
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 Fax: 815-732-6154

# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 To boot
- 5 Tummy muscles
- 8 Writer Rice
- 12 Appeared suddenly
- 14 Earth
- 15 Regatta
- 16 Pout
- 17 "— a Camera"
- 18 Decisive moments
- 20 A Musketeer
- 23 Prejudice
- 24 Reddish horse
- 25 Lake activity
- 28 CCV x X
- 29 Pre-diploma hurdles



- 30 Dig in
- 32 Straw hats
- 34 Carton sealer
- 35 School orgs.
- 36 Used a sponge
- 37 Stir-fry veggie
- 40 Crony
- 41 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 42 Yacht lover's event
- 47 French 101 verb
- 48 Veteran
- 49 Easy targets
- 50 Ballot marks
- 51 Whig's rival
- 10 Egyptian river
- 11 BPOE members
- 13 Historic times
- 19 "Phooey!"
- 20 Branch
- 21 Pyramid, maybe
- 22 Saintry ring
- 23 Wild pigs
- 25 Challah holder
- 26 Tide variety
- 27 Be slack-jawed
- 29 "Beetle Francis Bailey" dog
- 31 Danson of "Cheers"
- 33 Granny Smiths
- 34 Mild cheese
- 36 Bulb measure
- 37 Slapstick arsenal
- 38 Jazzy James
- 39 Seniors' org.
- 40 Cushions
- 43 Flamenco cheer
- 44 Med. plan option
- 45 Not 'neath
- 46 Like some humor

### DOWN

- 1 NYPD alert
- 2 Brit's restroom
- 3 Hotel amenity
- 4 Choice
- 5 Leading man?
- 6 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 7 Dishes not on the regular menu
- 8 Home of St. Francis
- 9 Entre —

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## MAGIC MAZE

## COMFORT FOODS



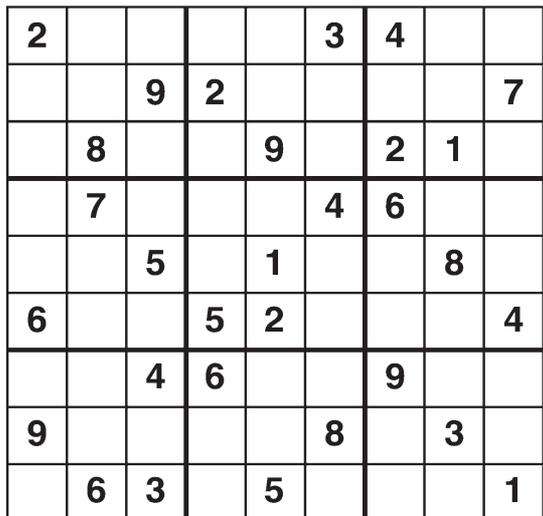
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: BISCUITS AND —

- Apple pie
- Chocolate
- Hamburgers
- Pizza
- Baked beans
- Cornbread
- Ice cream
- Pot roast
- Casseroles
- Custard
- Meatloaf
- Roast beef
- Chili
- Dumplings
- Pasta

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

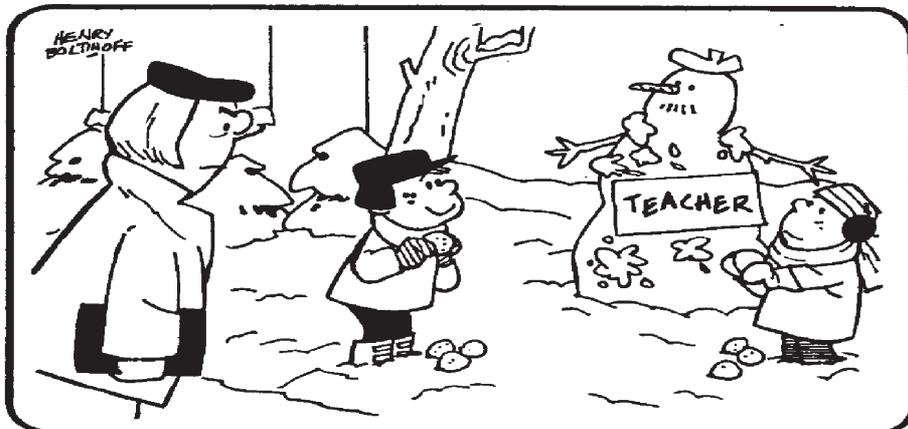
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

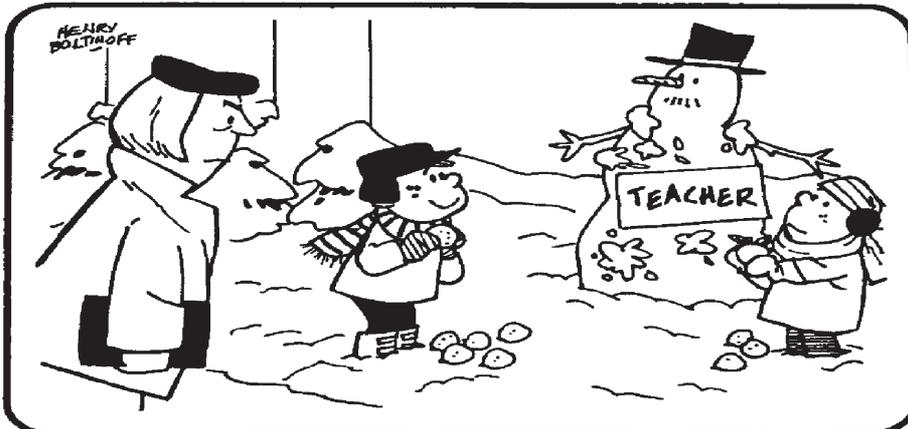
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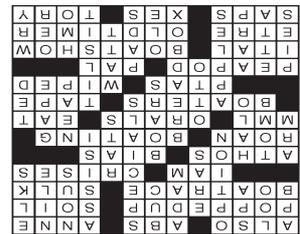
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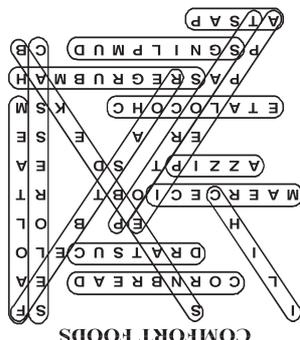
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.



Solution time: 22 mins.  
Answers  
— King Crossword —



COMFORT FOODS  
Answer  
Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

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

**WHAT DO HAMBURGERS GIVE THEIR VALENTINES ON FEBRUARY 14TH?**

FLOODS ___	FOLDS ___	ALERTS ___	LEAST ___
ATHENS ___	HATES ___	RAISED ___	DARES ___
SERBIA ___	BARES ___	KNEELS ___	LEEKS ___
STORES ___	RESTS ___	RAGING ___	GRAIN ___
ENTERS ___	STEER ___	BASSET ___	BEAST ___

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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

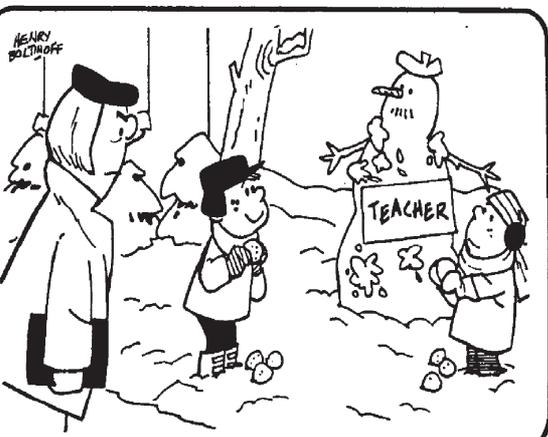
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Show up	___ _ _ _ _ R	Legal petition	___ _ _ _ _ L
2. Party beverage	___ U ___ _ _	Salt measurement	___ I ___ _ _
3. Revel in	___ _ J ___ _	Messenger	___ _ V ___ _
4. Portugal's capital	___ _ _ B ___	Boxer Sonny	___ _ _ T ___
5. Modify	___ F ___ _ _	Fall flower	___ S ___ _ _
6. Viennese dance	___ _ _ _ Z	Whitman and Disney	___ _ _ _ S
7. Bugs Bunny's treat	C ___ _ _ _ _	Pirate's bird	P ___ _ _ _ _
8. Brim	___ _ _ _ K	Fetch	___ _ _ _ G
9. Wriggle like a worm	___ _ _ _ M	Knight's attendant	___ _ _ _ E
10. Courtroom hearing	___ _ _ A _	Sparrow's song	___ _ _ L _

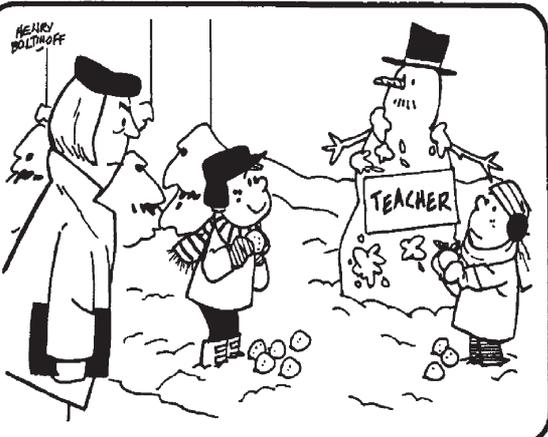
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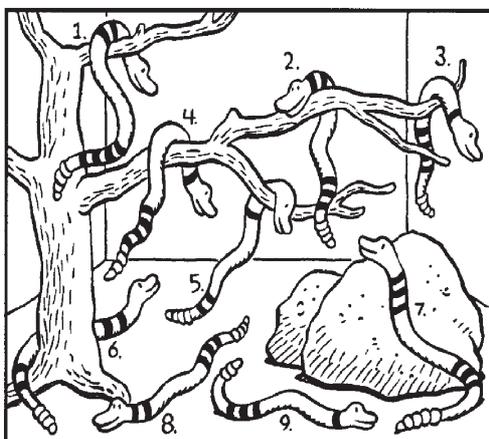
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.



**SNAKES ALIVE!** Two of the above slinky serpents are exactly alike. Can you find them in 30 seconds?

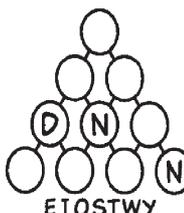
Answer: Snakes 2 and 8.

**SEE IF YOU CAN** make this math expression correct by rearranging the nine digits to the left of the equal sign. The two new numbers can include fractions.

$$1\ 2\ 3\ 4 + 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9 = 100$$

Our answer is:  $47\ 3/6 + 52\ 9/18 = (47\ 1/2 + 52\ 1/2 = 100)$ .

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

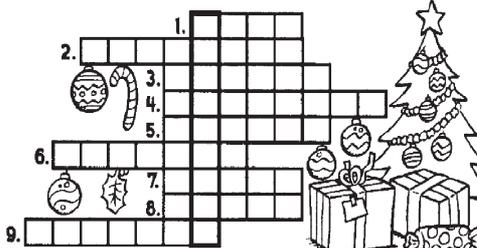


Answers: top to bottom, left to right: tidy, tide, time, tins, tone, tons, tows, town.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE BIG DAY IS ALMOST HERE!



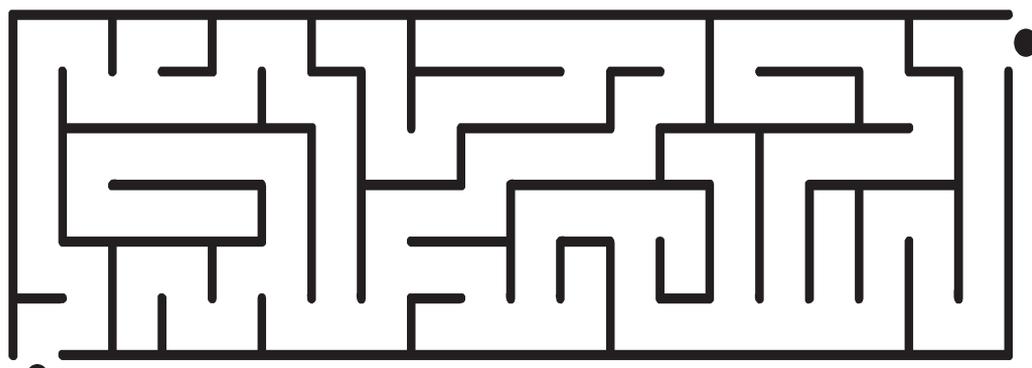
Soon Santa will be racing the morning sun around the world. In our grid, we have room for nine words associated with Santa. The following hints should help:

1. Santa goes up the chimney when he lays his finger next to his ...?
2. Santa's other name.
3. Santa would never go to his house.
4. Santa's presents end up here.
5. Santa's physical description.
6. Santa's most important helper.
7. Santa's disposition.
8. Santa's associates.
9. Santa's other last name.

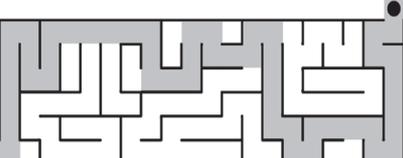
There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out Santa's last stop on Christmas Day.

Answers: 1. Nose. 2. Nicholas. 3. Grinch. 4. Stocking. 5. Chubby. 6. Rudolph. 7. Jolly. 8. Elves. 9. Kringle. The dark-framed column spells "North Pole."

## Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution

1. Appeal, Appeal
2. Punch, Finch
3. Enjoy, Envy
4. Lisbon, Liston
5. Alter, Aster
6. Waltz, Waits
7. Carrot, Parrot
8. Brink, Bring
9. Squirm, Squire
10. Trail, Trill

## Even Exchange

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Answer

FLOODS	O	FOLDS
ATHENS	N	HATES
SERBIA	I	BARES
STORES	O	RESTS
ENTERS	N	STEER
ALERTS	R	LEAST
RAISED	I	DARES
KNEELS	N	LEEKS
RAGING	G	GRAIN
BASSET	S	BEAST

# Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

There's something about a man of danger that gets the heart beating -- expert marksman, insanely intelligent, catlike reflexes, trained in hand-to-hand combat, gadgets at the ready as he single-handedly repels the forces of evil. Superspy was certainly on my list of fantasy jobs, and I'm not alone. The notion of the government-sponsored high-tech hero is a popular one in books, TV series and films. But the really great agents, those who rise above the rest, are portrayed time after time. I present this list of five spy franchises to shake you and stir you.

**James Bond:** Six sexy leading men (Connery, Lazenby, Moore, Dalton, Brosnan, Craig) have filled Agent 007's shoes, in a whopping 26 films since his debut in 1962's "Dr. No." Author Ian Fleming's slick British secret-agent archetype always gets the bad guy (and the girl), but the films also rake in the gold, and awards, to boot -- with Oscars for sound editing, special effect and original songs.

**Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan** -- In our own backyard, we have the central character of Tom Clancy's books: Jack Ryan, a CIA analyst who just can't stay out of trouble. Over five films, led off by "The Hunt for Red October" in 1990, we've seen four actors as Ryan (Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck and Chris Pine -- that's not counting John Krasinski in Amazon's streaming series). They've collectively fought off the Russians, Irish terrorists, a drug cartel, the Russians again, and then also, the Russians.

**"Mission: Impossible"** (1996) -- It all began (in movie land) when IMF agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) was framed for the murder of his team and a botched attempt to steal government secrets. Naturally, his only recourse is to band together with other disavowed agents (Jean Reno, Ving Rhames) to actually steal the secrets -- an impossible feat -- and flush out the real traitor. After agent Hunt redeemed himself, Tom Cruise went on to make seven-plus films grossing over \$3.5 billion.

**"The Bourne Identity"** (2002) -- Based on the books of Robert Ludlum, this franchise centers around Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), an expertly trained CIA sleeper agent. In the opening salvo, Bourne awakens on a boat with amnesia and launches a desperate search to unlock his past. But his path turns violent when the agency attempts to snuff him out. Spoiler alert: They do not succeed. Five films (and talks for a sixth) later, the Bourne future is going strong.

**"Kingsman: The Secret Service"** -- Taron Egerton is Eggsy, an underprivileged British youth brought into an esteemed organization of gentlemen who, you know, fight worldwide threats to humanity. Eggsy is mentored by the very dapper Harry Hart (Colin Firth). It's a young franchise with the inaugural in 2014, followed by its sequel "The Golden Circle" in 2017, but a third is on the way.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What is the hardest substance in the human body?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?
5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?
6. U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?
7. ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
10. LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

Answers

1. Tooth enamel
2. California's
3. Woodrow Wilson, March 1913
4. About 23,000
5. "Batman Forever" (1995)
6. Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
7. Stone mason
8. Q
9. A tower
10. "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL  
 CIRCUIT  
 OGLE COUNTY

Victoria L. )  
 Mishler )  
 Plaintiff )Case  
 vs. )2020  
 Daniel J. )D-98  
 Mishler )  
 Defendant )

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN  
 YOU, Daniel J. Mishler  
 defendants, that this case  
 has been commenced in  
 this Court against you and  
 other defendants, asking  
 for a divorce and for other  
 relief.  
 UNLESS YOU file your

answer or otherwise  
 file your appearance in  
 this case in the office of  
 the Ogle County Circuit  
 Clerk, Ogle County  
 Judicial Center, 106 S.  
 5th Street, Suite 300,  
 Oregon, IL 61061 on or  
 before Feb. 25, 2021,  
 A JUDGMENT OR  
 DECREE BY DEFAULT  
 MAY BE TAKEN  
 AGAINST YOU FOR THE  
 RELIEF ASKED IN THE  
 COMPLAINT.  
 Witness: January 7, 2021  
 Kimberly A. Stahl,  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Megan Hauten  
 Deputy  
 No. 0120 (Jan. 25, Feb.  
 1, 8)

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

IN THE )  
 MATTER )No.  
 OF THE )2021  
 ESTATE )P-3  
 OF: )  
 JEAN E. )  
 BOLTHOUSE, )  
 deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of  
 the death of JEANE.  
 BOLTHOUSE of Oregon,  
 Illinois. Letters of office  
 were issued on January  
 11, 2021, to GARY H.  
 BOLTHOUSE of Oregon,  
 Illinois, whose attorney is  
 David A. Smith, of Smith,  
 Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at  
 129 South Fourth Street,  
 P. O. Box 10, Oregon,  
 Illinois, 61061-0010.  
 CLAIMS against the  
 estate may be filed in the  
 office of the Clerk  
 of the Court at Ogle  
 County Judicial Center,  
 106 South 5th Street,

Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or  
 with the representative,  
 or both, within 6 months  
 from the first publication  
 of this Notice, or within  
 three months from the  
 date of mailing or delivery  
 of Notice to creditors,  
 if mailing or delivery is  
 required by Section 18-3  
 of the Illinois Probate  
 Act, 1975, as amended,  
 whichever date is later.  
 Any claim not filed within  
 that period is barred.  
 Copies of claims filed with  
 the Clerk must be mailed  
 or delivered to the estate  
 legal representative and  
 to the attorney within 10  
 days after the claim has  
 been filed.  
 GARY H. BOLTHOUSE  
 Independent  
 Administrator  
 No. 0121 (Jan. 25, Feb.  
 1, 8)

**PROBATE**  
 IN THE )  
 MATTER )  
 OF THE )  
 ESTATE )2021  
 OF )P1  
 JOHN )  
 HENRY )  
 KLINGER, )  
 Deceased )  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 Notice is given to creditors  
 of the death of JOHN  
 HENRY KLINGER of Ogle  
 County, Oregon Illinois.  
 Letters of office were  
 issued to Barbara Ann  
 Klinger of 802 Jackson  
 Street, Oregon, IL 61061,  
 as Independent Executor,  
 whose attorney of record  
 is David W. Badger,  
 Ehrmann Gehlbach  
 Badger & Considine, LLC,  
 215 E. First Street, Dixon,  
 Illinois 61021.  
 The estate will be  
 administered without  
 court supervision,  
 unless under section  
 28-4 of the Probate  
 Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4)  
 any interested person  
 terminates independent  
 administration at any time  
 by mailing or delivering a  
 petition to terminate to the  
 clerk.  
 Claims against the estate  
 may be filed in the office  
 of the Clerk of the Court  
 at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite  
 #300, Oregon, IL 61061,  
 or with the representative,  
 or both, on or before  
 the date which is six (6)  
 months after the date of  
 the first publication of this  
 Claim Notice, or, if mailing  
 or delivering of a notice  
 from the representative  
 is required by section  
 18-3 of the Probate Act  
 of 1975, the date stated  
 in that notice. Any claim  
 not filed on or before  
 that date is barred.  
 Copies of a claim filed  
 with the clerk must be  
 mailed or delivered to the  
 representative and to the  
 attorney within 10 days  
 after it has been filed.  
 By: Barbara Ann Klinger,  
 Independent Executor  
 No. 0122 (Jan. 25, Feb..  
 1, 8)

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: Boone County  
 Classic  
 5870 N. Hales Corner  
 Rd., Stillman Valley, IL  
 61084  
 Dated: January 21, 2021  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
 County Clerk  
 No. 0125 (Feb. 1, 8, 15)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Public Notice is hereby  
 given that on January  
 27, 2021, an Amended  
 Assumed Name  
 Certificate 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: Addition of  
 Names:  
 Legacy Lanes, 116 E.  
 Main St., Stillman Valley,  
 IL 61084.  
 Dated: January 27, 2021  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
 County Clerk  
 No. 0203 (Feb. 8)

**103 AUCTIONS**

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTIONS**  
**Maury & Darline Johnson Estate Auction**  
[Hacksauction.hibid.com](http://Hacksauction.hibid.com)

**BIDDING OPENS: WED., FEB. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 A.M.**  
**PREVIEW: WED., FEB. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 to 5 P.M.**  
**3849 Barley Ridge Tr., Cherry Valley, IL**

**Antiques & Collectibles:** Primitives; Fine China &  
 Glassware; Artwork by Darline; Figurines; Lighting;  
 Linens; Good Clean Furniture; Electronics & Small  
 Appliances; Household Furnishings; Lawn &  
 Garden; Tools; **Much More!**

**Valdene Snodgrass Jewelry & Antiques**  
**Collection**

**BIDDING OPENS: FRI., FEB. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8 A.M.**  
**PREVIEW: SAT., FEB. 20<sup>th</sup> - 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**  
**Hack's Auction Antique Center**  
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 Gems & Pearls; Pocket & Wrist Watches; Victorian  
 Jewelry & Smalls; Oak & Unique Jewelry Cases;  
 Silver Coins & Mint Sets; Sterling Silver Plates &  
 Ornaments by Kirk-Reed & Barton-Etc.; Sterling  
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 Barbie Original Fashion Doll; **Many Desirable**  
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**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 OF THE FIFTEENTH  
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
 ILLINOIS  
 OGLE COUNTY, IN

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**103 AUCTIONS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Public Notice is hereby  
 given that on January  
 22, 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: Abeadles  
 1096 N Etnyre Terrace  
 Oregon, IL 61061  
 Dated: January 22, 2021  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
 County Clerk  
 No. 0126 (Feb. 1, 8, 15)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice to Bidders -  
 Tillable Farmland for  
 Lease

The Byron Fire Protection  
 District is accepting  
 Sealed Cash Bids for the  
 lease of approximately  
 37 tillable acres located  
 on the East side of the  
 intersection at Tower and  
 Water Road, commonly  
 known as the Emery  
 Property, parcel id #05-  
 19-326-004. Lease will  
 run from March 1, 2021  
 thru February 28, 2022.  
 Sealed cash bid on  
 dollars per acre are due  
 by Thursday, February  
 18th, 2021 no later than  
 3:00 pm. Sealed bids  
 will be opened at the  
 Byron Fire Protection  
 District Board Meeting  
 on the 22nd of February  
 at approximately 7:15  
 pm. Sealed bids will be  
 accepted at Byron Fire  
 District Headquarters  
 located at 123 N. Franklin  
 Street. Persons interested  
 in viewing the property,  
 please contact the Fire  
 District at 815-234-4911.  
 No. 0202 (Feb. 8, 15)

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

IN THE )  
 MATTER )No.  
 OF THE )2021  
 ESTATE )P 4  
 OF: )  
 MARGARET )  
 HESS, )  
 deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of the  
 death of MARGARET  
 E. HESS of Oregon,  
 Illinois. Letters of office  
 were issued on January  
 12, 2021, to RICHARD  
 ALLEN KAUTZ of Elgin,  
 Illinois, whose attorney is  
 David A. Smith, of Smith,  
 Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at  
 129 South Fourth Street,  
 P. O. Box 10, Oregon,  
 Illinois, 61061-0010.  
 CLAIMS against the  
 estate may be filed in the  
 office of the Clerk  
 of the Court at Ogle  
 County Judicial Center,  
 106 South 5th Street,  
 Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or  
 with the representative,  
 or both, within 6 months  
 from the first publication  
 of this Notice, or within  
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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.  
 RICK ALLEN KAUTZ  
 Independent  
 Administrator  
 No. 0204 (Feb. 8, 15, 22)

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**



**103 AUCTIONS**

**FARMLAND AUCTION**  
**Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021**  
 at 11:00 A.M

**Sale to be held via: Tele-Auction Call**  
 (call 815-946-4120 Monday between 1pm-4pm  
 March 2nd to obtain a bidders number &  
 call in information)

**80 Acres +/- ONE PARCEL:**  
**Section 36 of Woosung Township in Ogle, IL**  
 For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info, and  
 terms & conditions, etc. visit  
[www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com](http://www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com)  
**For Information Contact:**  
**Lenny Bryson - Auctioneer**  
**Mark Ebert - Auctioneer**  
**11749 West Judson Road**  
**Polo, IL 61064**  
**Ph) 815-946-4120**  
**Owner, Janice & Kevin Deets**  
**Attorney, Rebecca Rodriguez Ward, Murray,**  
**Pace & Johnson, P.C.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Public Notice is hereby  
 given that on February  
 1, 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: Sign Gypsies  
 Byron, 5370 E. Nordic  
 Woods Dr., Byron, IL  
 61010.

Dated: February 1, 2021  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
 No. 0205 (Feb. 8, 15, 22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Union Savings Bank, an Illinois-chartered savings bank operating with its main office located at 223 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois 61032 has made an application to relocate a branch to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"), Chicago Regional Office 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3447, for permission to relocate a branch office currently located at 2 West Main Street, Mount Morris, Illinois 61054, to 5 West Hitt Street, Mount Morris, Illinois 61054.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office Chicago Regional Office 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3447 not later than February 23, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

No. 0208 (Feb. 8)

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

**113 FINANCIAL**

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers

**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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

**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**121 LOST AND FOUND**

Lost dog. Small Male Terrier. Tan/Brown with White Spots. Micro-chipped. Lost in the Vicinity of Dimmick (Mendota

& LaSalle-Peru) on North 35th Road. Call 815-252-1797. Between Missing since Christmas day. Call 815-252-1797Mendota & LaSalle-Peru (02-07-21)

**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

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

**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be

**203 HELP WANTED**

published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

**203 HELP WANTED**

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC is seeking an insurance professional to add to our Rochelle, IL office. Our ideal candidate is P&C licensed and experienced servicing personallines clients. Candidates with strong customer service experience are encouraged to apply, but will be required to become P&C licensed within 60 days of hire. We offer an attractive compensation and benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, short/long term disability, life, voluntary life, Teledoc program, EAP, vacation, personal time and 401(k) with company match. Please send your resume with detailed work history and salary requirements to:

**Steph Shobe,**  
 Director of Human Resources  
 Dimond Bros Insurance LLC  
 928 Clinton Road, PO Box 1090  
 Paris, IL 61944  
 steph.shobe@dimondbros.com

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Byron Forest Preserve District  
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Year-round part-time hourly position – Averaging 35 hours per week during the school year. Benefits include sick leave, vacation, paid holidays and IMRF retirement.

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When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

Which Reflect the Daily Financial Transactions of the School District. The Candidate will be Expected to Have Working Knowledge of Basic Cash-Based Accounting Principles and Have Experience in Synchronizing Bank Statements with Monthly Financial Activities. The Candidate Must be Able to Effectively use MS Office Suite Programs and Must Have Excellent Organizational and Time Management Skills. They Should Work Collaboratively with Team Members and Must Possess Excellent Written and Verbal Communication Skills. To Apply and for More Detail Information go to: [afc-schools.net](http://afc-schools.net) (02-07-21)

**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

Chest of Drawers and Dresser W/Mirror, Excellent Condition. \$150 Call 815-857-2149 McCracken (02-07-21)  
BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll-Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

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Home for sale in Byron. 4 bd, 3 bath, all new inside. 3941 E. Whippoorwill Lane. \$249,000. [www.firstchoice rentals.net](http://www.firstchoice rentals.net)

**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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ROCHELLE: Clean, Quiet. No Pets/Smoking. Parking in-Rear. Coin Laundry. 630-858-4180. (02-07-21)

Studio Apt in Byron. \$430+deposit. Call 815-234-8199.

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**509 HOUSES FOR RENT**

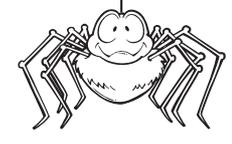
3 bdrm, 2 bath, house for rent in Oregon near downtown. \$500 mo/\$500 dep. If interested call 815-973-6274.

**511 STORAGE UNITS**

**CAROL'S SELF STORAGE IN OREGON**  
Reasonable Rates  
Sizes 10'x24' & 6'x10  
Call 732-2466

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10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

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2019 CHEVY SILVERADO LT. 4 DR., 4X4, ONE OWNER, ONLY 22K .....	\$32,861
2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, LEATHER, MOON, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER .....	<b>SOLD</b>
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# Binge drinking among women and girls

**B**INGE drinking is a dangerous behavior but is not widely recognized as a women's health problem. Drinking too much – including binge drinking\* – results in about 23,000 deaths in women and girls each year. Binge drinking increases the chances of breast cancer, heart disease, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, and many other health problems. Drinking during pregnancy can lead to sudden infant death syndrome and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

About 1 in 8 women aged 18 years and older and 1 in 5 high school girls binge drink. Women who binge drink do so frequently – about 3 times a month – and have about 6 drinks per binge. There are effective actions communities can take to prevent binge drinking among women and girls.

\*Binge drinking for women is defined as consuming 4 or more alcohol drinks (beer, wine, or liquor) on an occasion.

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Women's and girls' bodies respond to alcohol differently than men's. It takes less alcohol for women to get intoxicated because of their size and how they process alcohol.

Binge drinking can lead to unintended pregnancies. It is not safe to drink at any time during pregnancy.

If women binge drink while pregnant, they risk exposing their developing baby to high levels of alcohol, increasing the chances the baby will be harmed by the mother's alcohol use.

Drinking is influenced by your community and your relationships.

Alcohol use in a community is affected by alcohol's price and availability.

Underage drinking is affected by exposure to alcohol marketing.

Underage drinking is also influenced by adult drinking, and youth often obtain alcohol from adults.

## Which women and girls are most likely to binge drink?



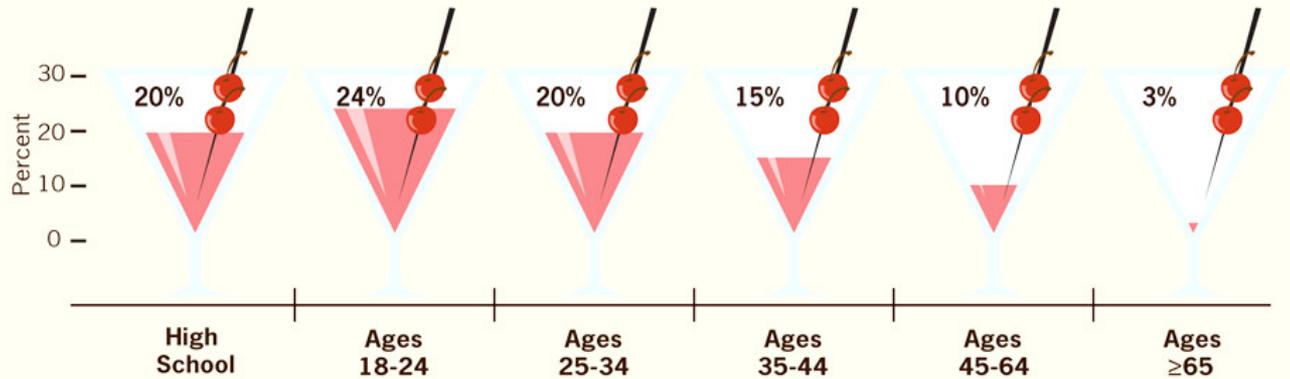
Women aged 18-34 and high school girls

Whites & Hispanics

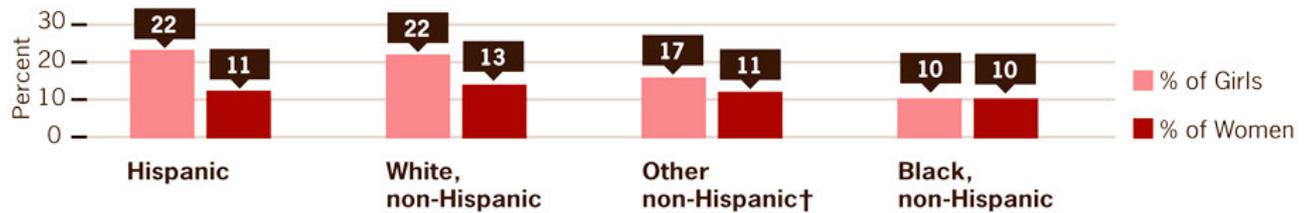


Women with household incomes above \$75,000

## Binge drinking\* among women and high school girls by age group



## Binge drinking\* by race/ethnicity among women and high school girls



†Other non-Hispanic includes Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and multiracial.

## Binge drinking\* among high school students reporting current alcohol use\* by grade



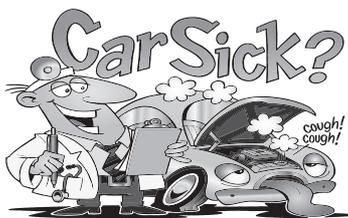
SOURCES: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), 2011. \*reported behavior in the past 30 days

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# Risks for women and girls

**Injuries**  
Motor vehicle crashes, falls, drowning

**Violence**  
Homicide, suicide, intimate partner violence, sexual assault

**Chronic diseases**  
High blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease

**Cancer**  
Of the breast, liver, mouth and throat

**Reproductive health**  
Unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV

**Alcohol dependence/alcoholism**

**Learning and memory problems**

**If pregnant**

- Miscarriage, stillbirth, premature birth, and low birth weight
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) which include physical, behavioral, and learning disabilities
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

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# What teens should know about vaping and e-cigarettes

**T**EENAGERS confront a considerable amount of peer pressure as they navigate their way through adolescence. One of the more challenging situations teens confront is the pressure to smoke. Thankfully, anti-smoking campaigns have made great strides in preventing the number of young people who smoke tobacco products.

According to the American Lung Association, in 2015 9.3 percent of high school students reported smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days. That's a remarkable 74 percent decline from 1997. That's encouraging news, though there's still a lot of work to do to help teens avoid smoking entirely.

Modern teens face challenges regarding tobacco that are entirely different from those faced by their parents decades ago. Back then, cigarettes were the primary, most readily available tobacco product. But teens now must also confront e-cigarettes and the mountain of misinformation about them. The ALA highlights the following facts about e-cigarettes to help teens make healthy choices.

- E-cigarettes are not safer than traditional cigarettes. E-cigarettes, an umbrella term that includes vapes, hookah pens or JUULS, have not been proven to be a safe alternative to cigarettes. Like traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes are inhaled and the products produce an aerosol cloud of nicotine or other substances.

- JUUL pods contain nicotine. The ALA notes that every JUUL pod contains nicotine, and some even claim to have as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes. According to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, regularly smoking products that contain nicotine is considered a major preventable cause of premature death and disability.

- JUUL smoke may look different, but it's very similar to regular cigarette smoke. The ALA notes that the aerosol cloud produced by JUUL smoke tends to look different from the smoke clouds produced by other e-cigarettes and even traditional cigarettes. However, JUUL smoke contains many of the same chemicals as traditional cigarettes. The American Cancer Society notes that some of the chemicals found in tobacco smoke include formaldehyde, lead, arsenic, carbon monoxide, and ammonia.

- Even "nicotine-free" e-cigarettes likely contain nicotine. According to the ALA, there are no rules governing how e-cigarettes or e-juice are made, so



there's no way for consumers to know exactly what these products contain. But the ALA says virtually all e-cigarettes contain nicotine, even those that imply they don't.

- The adolescent brain is sensitive to the effects of nicotine. A 2012 study published in Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives in Medicine found that the adolescent brain is especially sensitive to the effects of nicotine. Studies of people who smoked during

adolescence concluded that such people were at increased risk of developing psychiatric disorders and cognitive impairment later in life.

Modern teens may not feel the same pressure to smoke traditional cigarettes as teens did in recent decades. But the pressure to try harmful e-cigarettes can be significant, and teens who learn about these dangerous products may be better equipped to resist them.

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# Alcohol Use and Your Health

Drinking too much can harm your health. Excessive alcohol use leads to about 88,000 deaths in the United States each year, and shortens the life of those who die by almost 30 years. Further, excessive drinking cost the economy \$249 billion in 2010. Most excessive drinkers are not alcohol dependent.

## What is considered a "drink"? U.S. Standard Drink Sizes



## Excessive alcohol use includes:



### Binge Drinking

For women, 4 or more drinks consumed on one occasion

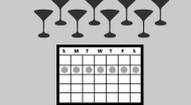


For men, 5 or more drinks consumed on one occasion



### Heavy Drinking

For women, 8 or more drinks per week



For men, 15 or more drinks per week



### Any alcohol used by pregnant women



### Any alcohol used by those under the age of 21 years



## If you choose to drink, do so in moderation:



**DON'T DRINK AT ALL** if you are under the age of 21, or if you are or may be pregnant, or have health problems that could be made worse by drinking.

**FOR WOMEN, up to 1 drink a day**



**FOR MEN, up to 2 drinks a day**



**NO ONE** should begin drinking or drink more frequently based on potential health benefits.

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# Excessive alcohol use and risks to men's health

**M**EN are more likely than women to drink excessively. Excessive drinking is associated with significant increases in short-term risks to health and safety, and the risk increases as the amount of drinking increases. Men are also more likely than women to take other risks (e.g., drive fast or without a safety belt), when combined with excessive drinking, further increasing their risk of injury or death.

Approximately 58 percent of adult men report drinking alcohol in the last 30 days.

Approximately 23 percent of adult men report binge drinking 5 times a month, averaging 8 drinks per binge.

Men are almost two times more likely to binge drink than women.

Most (90 percent) people who binge drink are not alcoholics or alcohol dependent.

About 4.5 percent of men and 2.5 percent of women met the diagnostic criteria for alcohol dependence in the past year.

## Injuries and deaths as a result of excessive alcohol use

Men consistently have higher rates of alcohol-related deaths and hospitalizations than women.

Among drivers in fatal motor-vehicle traffic crashes, men are almost twice as likely as women to have been intoxicated (i.e., a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or greater).

Excessive alcohol consumption increases aggression and, as a result, can increase the risk of physically assaulting another person.

Men are more likely than women to commit suicide, and more likely to have been drinking prior to committing suicide.

## Reproductive Health and Sexual Function

Excessive alcohol use can interfere with testicular function and male hormone production resulting in impotence, infertility, and reduction of male secondary sex characteristics such as facial and chest hair.

Excessive alcohol use is commonly involved in sexual assault. Also, alcohol use by men increases the chances of engaging in risky sexual activity including unprotected sex, sex with multiple partners, or sex with a partner at risk for sexually transmitted diseases.

## Cancer

Alcohol consumption increases the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, and colon in men.

Information from [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

# What is a standard drink?

In the United States, a standard drink contains 0.6 ounces (14.0 grams or 1.2 tablespoons) of pure alcohol. Generally, this amount of pure alcohol is found in:

12-ounces of beer (5% alcohol content).

8-ounces of malt liquor (7% alcohol content).

5-ounces of wine (12% alcohol content).

1.5-ounces of 80-proof (40% alcohol content) distilled spirits or liquor (e.g., gin, rum, vodka, whiskey).

# What is excessive drinking?

Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or people younger than age 21.

Binge drinking, the most common form of excessive drinking, is defined as consuming:

For women, 4 or more drinks during a single occasion.

For men, 5 or more drinks during a single occasion.

Heavy drinking is defined as consuming:

For women, 8 or more drinks per week.

For men, 15 or more drinks per week.

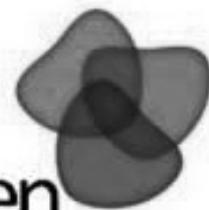
Most people who drink excessively are not alcoholics or alcohol dependent.



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# Prescription opioids: The basics

**P**RESCRIPTION opioids can be used to treat moderate-to-severe pain and are often prescribed following surgery or injury, or for health conditions such as cancer. The most commonly prescribed opioids include the following:

- Hydrocodone (Vicodin®)
- Oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®)
- Oxymorphone (Opana®)
- Morphine (Kadian®, Avinza®)
- Codeine
- Fentanyl
- Hydromorphone
- Tapentadol
- Methodone

## When the prescription becomes the problem

In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in the acceptance and use of prescription opioids for the treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain, such as back pain or osteoarthritis, despite serious risks and the lack of evidence about their long-term effectiveness.

In addition to the serious risks of addiction, abuse, and overdose, the use of prescription opioids can have a number of side effects, even when taken as directed:

Tolerance—meaning you might need to take more of the medication for the same pain relief

Physical dependence—meaning you have symptoms of withdrawal when the medication is stopped

Increased sensitivity to pain

Constipation

Nausea, vomiting, and dry mouth

Sleepiness and dizziness

Confusion

Depression

Low levels of testosterone that can result in lower sex drive, energy, and strength



## Know the Facts About Opioids

**41 PEOPLE DIE EVERY DAY**

Every day in the United States, 41 people lose their lives to prescription opioid overdose.

Prescription opioids—like hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine—can be prescribed by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain but can have serious risks and side effects.



**ANYONE CAN BECOME ADDICTED**

Opioids are highly addictive. Research shows that if you use opioids regularly, you may become dependent on them.

That's because opioids change how the brain and nervous system function. **You can't know how your brain will react to opioids before taking them.**

## Talk With Your Doctor

Your doctor may talk to you about prescription opioids for pain treatment. Ask about the risks and benefits so that you can work together to decide what is best. You can also ask your doctor to help you find other safer ways to manage pain.

## It Only Takes a Little to Lose a Lot

**Opioids can be addictive and dangerous.**

Risks include misuse, addiction, and overdose.



**Opioids affect the part of the brain that controls breathing.**

If you take too high a dose, it can slow your breathing and cause death.



**Combining opioids with alcohol and other drugs—**

like sleeping pills or cough medication—**increases your chances of death.<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>[fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm518473.htm](http://fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm518473.htm)



Itching and sweating

Overdose deaths involving prescription opioids were more than four times higher in 2018 than in 1999. In 2018, almost 32 percent of all U.S. opioid overdose deaths involved a prescription opioid. Even though the number of overdose deaths involving prescription opioids decreased in 2018, more than 232,000 people have

died in the United States from overdoses involving prescription opioids since 1991. Overdose is not the only risk related to prescription opioids. Anyone who takes prescription opioids can become addicted to them.

## Talk to your doctor

Talk to your doctor

about ways to manage your pain that do not involve prescription opioids. Some of these options may actually work better and have fewer risks and side effects. Depending on the type of pain you are experiencing, options may include:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil®)
- Cognitive behavioral

therapy—a psychological, goal-directed approach in which patients learn how to modify physical, behavioral, and emotional triggers of pain and stress

Exercise therapy, including physical therapy

Medications for depression or for seizures

Interventional therapies (injections)

Exercise and weight loss

Other therapies such as acupuncture and massage

Your health and safety are important. Start the conversation with your doctor and work together to set pain management goals and develop a treatment plan that will help you. Follow-up if your pain is not resolving as quickly as expected.

*(Information from [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))*



## Various medications can be dangerous for drivers

**I**MPAIRED driving claims thousands of lives every year. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 30 people die in drunk driving crashes every day in the United States.

Drivers no doubt recognize the dangers of driving after consuming alcohol, but consuming other, seemingly less threatening substances also can put drivers in danger, even during times of day when drivers would otherwise think the roads are as safe as possible. In its 2013-14 National Roadside Study of Alcohol and Drug Use, the NHTSA found that 10 percent of week-day, daytime drivers surveyed tested positive for prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs. Many people recognize that prescription drugs tend to be stronger than OTC drugs, and that recognition may naturally compel them to be extra cautious

before driving after taking prescription meds. But the potential side effects of OTC drugs also merits caution on the part of drivers. It's vital that drivers recognize certain facts about OTC and prescription drugs and keep them in mind before getting behind the wheel.

- The side effects of OTC drugs can be serious. It's easy to write off the side effects of medications that can be purchased as easily as a candy bar. However, the NHTSA notes that OTC medications can induce drowsiness, cause nausea, cloud drivers' judgment, and adversely affect drivers' hand-eye coordination. Each of those effects can make it dangerous for drivers to get behind the wheel, so it's imperative that drivers avoid driving if any of the aforementioned symptoms appear.

- Some prescription medications have been

linked to higher risk of crashing. According to the NHTSA, opioids, sedatives, muscle relaxants, and some antidepressants have been associated with increased crash risk. When prescribed such medications, patients should discuss how to approach driving with their physicians.

- Mixing medications can impair driving ability. Medications that do not cause side effects on their own may still prove harmful if mixed with other drugs. Mixing drugs with alcohol also can produce side effects that impair driving ability, even for drivers who do not feel as though they consumed an amount of alcohol that would normally compromise their ability to drive safely.

Recognizing the ways prescription and OTC medications can impair driving ability is a vital component of safe driving.

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# Effects of underage drinking

**A**LCOHOL is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States.

Excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year, and cost the U.S. \$24 billion in economic costs in 2010.

Although drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, people aged 12 to 20 years drink 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States. More than 90 percent of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinks.

On average, underage drinkers consume more drinks per drinking occasion than adult drinkers.

In 2013, there were approximately 119,000 emergency rooms visits by persons aged 12 to 21 for injuries and other conditions linked to alcohol.

## Drinking levels among youth

The 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that among high school students, during the past 30 days:

- 30 percent drank some amount of alcohol.
- 14 percent binge drank.
- 6 percent drove after drinking alcohol.
- 17 percent rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol.

## Other national surveys

In 2016, the National Survey on Drug Use and HealthExternal reported that 19 percent of youth aged 12 to 20 years drink alcohol and 12 percent reported binge drinking in the past 30 days.

In 2017, the Monitoring the Future SurveyExternal reported that 8 percent of 8th graders and 33 percent of 12th graders drank during the past 30 days, and 2 percent of 8th graders and 19 percent of 12th graders binge drank during the past 30 days.

## Consequences of underage drinking

Youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience:

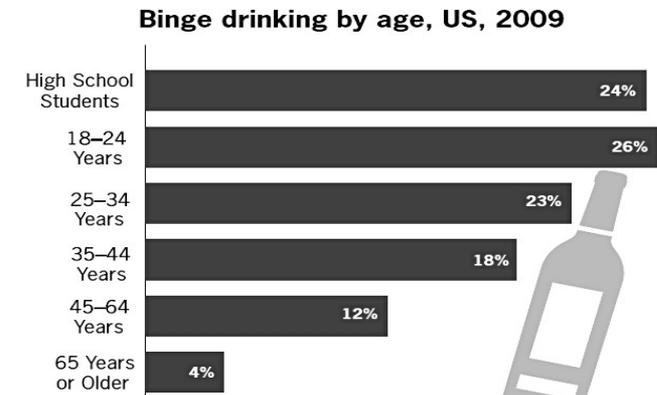
School problems, such as higher absence and poor or failing grades. Social problems, such as fighting and lack of participation in youth activities.

Legal problems, such as arrest for driving or physically hurting someone while drunk.

Physical problems, such as hangovers or illnesses.

Unwanted, unplanned, and unprotected sexual activity.

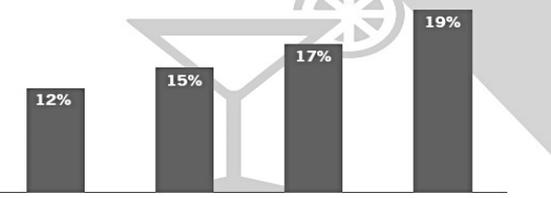
Disruption of normal growth and sexual development.



SOURCE: High school binge drinking values: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, US. Adult binge drinking values: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, US.

## Who Drinks Too Much?

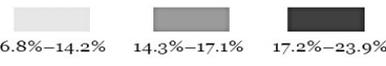
### Binge drinking increases with household income, US, 2009



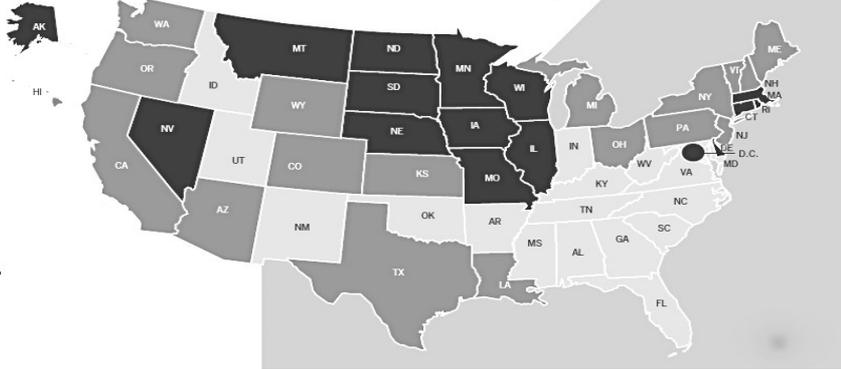
SOURCE: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, adults aged 18 and older, US.

## US State Info

Binge drinking varies from state to state, and estimates of adults who binge drink range from 6.8% in Tennessee to 23.9% in Wisconsin. Binge drinking is most common in the Midwest, North Central Plains, lower New England, Delaware, Alaska, Nevada, and the District of Columbia. Comparing 2009 to 1993, binge drinking among adults increased significantly in 20 states, stayed the same in 29 states, and declined significantly in 2 states.



Prevalence of Binge Drinking Among Adults, 2009 – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, US.



Physical and sexual assault.

Higher risk for suicide and homicide.

Alcohol-related car crashes and other unintentional injuries, such as burns, falls, and drowning.

Memory problems.

Abuse of other drugs.

Changes in brain development that may have

life-long effects.

Death from alcohol poisoning.

In general, the risk of youth experiencing these problems is greater for those who binge drink than for those who do not binge drink.

Early initiation of drinking is associated with development of an alcohol use disorder later in life.

## Prevention

Reducing underage drinking will require community-based efforts to monitor the activities of youth and decrease youth access to alcohol. Recent publications by the Surgeon General1 and the Institute of Medicine5 outlined many prevention strategies for the prevention

of underage drinking, such as enforcement of minimum legal drinking age laws, national media campaigns targeting youth and adults, increasing alcohol excise taxes, reducing youth exposure to alcohol advertising, and development of comprehensive community-based programs.

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