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New take on resting place

Oregon site will offer forest burial alternative

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – There is a new concept in burials and remembering loved ones, and it has come to Ogle County.

Better Place Forests recently completed the purchase of 60 acres of land on the Rock River just north of Lowden State Park and the Lorado Taft NIU Campus on River Road. Better place Forests creates conservation memorial forests, where remains are spread beneath a tree purchased by an individual or family.

Sandy Gibson, who started the business in 2015, said this is a sustainable alternative to a traditional cemetery. A family can have all members together in a forest area that will

always be protected from development.

“We have to buy and permanently protect land from development forever,” Gibson said.

He said that the Better Place Forests site near Oregon will be a conservation memorial area, not a cemetery. There will be a maintained space for family members to come and visit and enjoy nature. Each tree that is purchased by a family will include a marker. He said families can purchase more than one tree.

And there are a variety of trees to choose from. The area includes red and white oak, black walnut, shagbark and bitternut hickories, basswood, red elm, hackberry and black cherry.

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Sandy Gibson, left, said his Better Place Forests site near Oregon will offer a sustainable alternative to a traditional cemetery. The 60-acre site is on the Rock River north of Lowden State Park. (Submitted photos)

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County announces new COVID vaccine schedule

Ogle County Health Department had to cancel and reschedule all second dose appointments from Wednesday, Feb. 17 through Wednesday, Feb. 24, as our shipment of vaccine had not arrived. That shipment has arrived and the Health Department is now catching up with all of those that had to be rescheduled from the last week.

The department is still not able to schedule any new appointments for the first dose as it works through getting caught up with second doses. It will continue to provide updates as it has them.

To add your name to the pre-registration list online, please go to health.oglecounty.org. You can also register by phone by calling any of the organizations listed below. If you have already registered, you do not need to register again.

Hub City Senior Center, 815-562-5050
Flagg-Rochelle Public Library, 815-562-3431

City of Rochelle, 815-562-6161
Hispanic residents call LULAC, 815-570-3111

Rock River Center, 815-732-3252
Oregon Public Library District, 815-732-2724

Univ. of IL Extension Office, 815-732-2191

Mt. Morris Senior Center, 815-734-6335
Polo Senior Center, 815-238-8645
Polo Library, 815-946-2713

Bertolet Memorial Library, 815-738-2742

You will be called to schedule an appointment as we work our way down the list based on vaccine availability.

Oregon Pub Crawl back on March 13

OREGON – Tickets are now available for the Second Annual ShamROCKIN' Oregon Saint Patrick's Pub Crawl sponsored by Martin & Co.

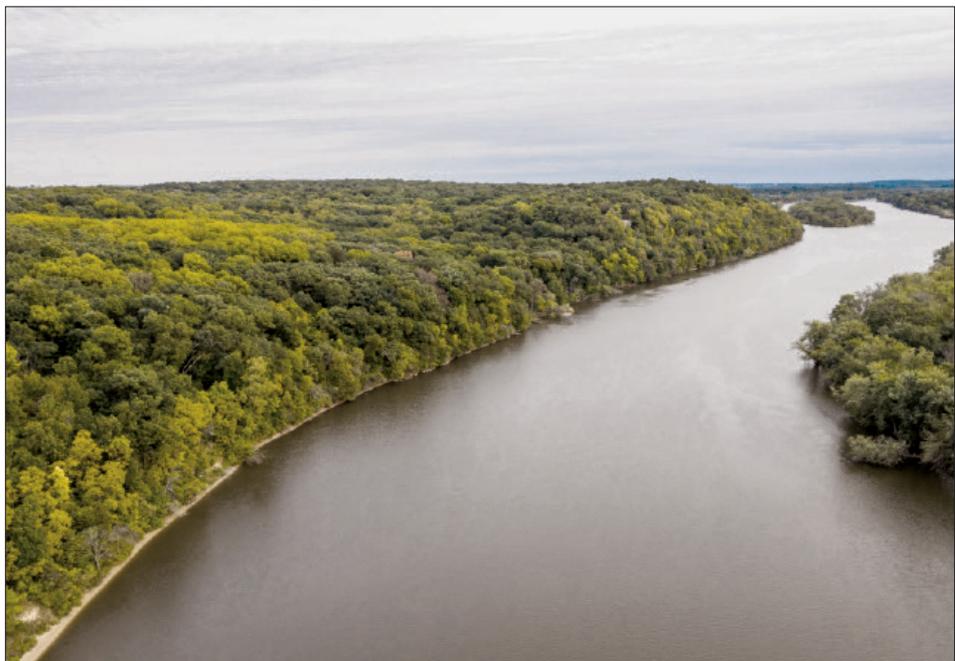
The shenanigans begin in Oregon on Saturday, March 13 with nine participating pubs featuring games, contests, prizes, food and drink specials, a T-Shirt, an Oregon coupon book and a free shuttle bus for participants.

This year for the first time there will be fireworks to celebrate at the end of the

night sponsored by Bad Ash Cigars, Ogle County Brewery, Illinois Auto Repair and Tire and the City of Oregon.

Get your tickets in person or online today at www.exploreoregonil.com/ events and find us on Facebook at Explore Oregon, Illinois.

Participating pubs: Breakers Saloon & Eatery, Chile Pepper Grill & Bar, Cork & Tap, Franklin Street Pub, Messie's Bar & Grill, Ogle County Brewery, Sledgehammers, The Hunt Club and The Topsy Hog.



BURIAL: More choosing cremation

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Gibson said the site was chosen for three reasons: the natural beauty of the area, accessibility from areas like Chicago and Milwaukee and community support.

"We've had great support," he said, adding that support from the County Board was unanimous.

Better Place Forests opened its first memorial forest in California in 2017. There are also forests in Arizona, Minnesota and new ones coming to Massachusetts and Connecticut. This is the first one in Illinois.

"This is a new concept for placing cremated remains with established trees in a long-term natural setting," said Mark Herman, superintendent of education with the Byron Forest Preserve District. "There

will be trails through the forests, but the land will be returned to native species of plants, wildflowers and not mowed lawns like most cemeteries or parks. It will provide another way to protect large sections of native forest ecosystems."

Gibson said that the time is right for this type of burial option. He said 80 percent of baby boomers are expected to choose cremation, and many are not buying plots in traditional cemeteries. This is a great option for people who are lovers of nature.

The memorial forest will have a local staff of arborists and foresters. There will also be people dedicated to the care and support of families who choose to bury cremated remains on the site.

Online deposits for private trees are now being accepted, and online tours

begin in April. And in-person forest opening is scheduled for later in 2021.

"We have just started to announce this property, so we're starting to see people put down deposits for tours and to choose their trees first," Gibson said.

Rick Ryland, who was a caretaker on the land for 14 years, said he was happy to see Better Place Forest purchase the land.

"When I found out that Better Place Forest would take over the property, I was thrilled," he said in a release.

"All of those trees could have easily been cut down and turned into farmland or developed. Knowing that Better Place Forests will conserve the land and help more people connect with the natural beauty of this unique forest makes me incredibly happy."

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Meridian to seek tax rate extension

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education seeks to maintain the current Education Fund rate and will ask voters to consider this question on the April 2021 ballot.

Meridian has said that the extension of the tax rate would be permanent, but would not increase the education fund tax rate from its current state.

Meridian did ask this question of the voters in November of 2020 and was defeated.

District Superintendent, Dr. PJ Caposey, said that he recommended putting the question back on the ballot.

“If the referendum fails, we will be forced to make reductions that significantly impact the student experience,” he said. “Whenever I can protect or enhance the student experience I feel compelled to at least ask that question.”

Caposey noted that his job during the referendum is to provide information. First and foremost, he said any vote can always reach out directly to him at pcasey@meridian223.org for additional information.

Also, the district website has a significant amount of information on the referendum available at: <http://bit.ly/M223referendum> (link is case sensitive).

In addition, the district will also host a Facebook Live Town Hall meeting from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday in March (with the exception of March 31) on the MCUSD Facebook page.

Also, on Saturday March 6 there will be a face-to-face

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– PJ Caposey, Superintendent

town hall meeting (all COVID mitigations enforced) at 9 a.m. at the Stillman Valley Fire Department, 11 a.m. at the Monroe Center Fire Department, and 1 p.m. at the Davis Junction Fire Department.

The district also recognizes that the ballot language is confusing. In order to ease some of the confusion the district is sharing the language as much as possible, including below.

A “yes” vote is for the tax rate to stay at its current level and “no” vote is for the tax rate to return to its 2013 level.

Ballot language

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Meridian Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, be

established at 3.48 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for levy year 2021 and the years thereafter, instead of 2.78 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the taxes to be extended in said years for said purposes?

(a) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is \$6,686,863.

(b) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is \$6,686,863.

(c) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is \$21,230,109; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is \$21,230,109; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District, if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 0 percent.

(d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 0 percent.

Byron High graduate publishes her first book

Anna Gouker, from Byron, recently self-published her first book on Amazon titled, “Don’t Ask Permission to Fly.”

In this collection of essays about her life, experiences, and some of the people she has learned from the most, she shares what she has come to understand and how it is true for us all; there is a distinction between who you are and the person others perceive you to be. Internalizing the projections of others, allowing the world to impose its own idea of your truth and potential, that’s the fastest way to diminish the possibilities for your future. Focusing on the positive qualities that our unique traits bring and doing what we can to cultivate new skills, these are actions we

must take for our true selves to soar.

Gouker is a graduate of Byron High School and Rock Valley College. She received her bachelor’s degree in Psychology from NIU and her master’s in Rehabilitation Psychology from UW-Madison. She began her career in social services using her motivational interviewing skills and passion for advocacy to collaborate with individuals with disabilities in pursuit of their employment goals. Through professional speaking, her podcast “Lead The Way with Anna Gouker” and other work, Anna maintains her professional focus to promote employment and other quality of life solutions on behalf of people with disabilities.



Chana church holding annual drive through dinner

Chana United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Lasagna Dinner Drive Through on Saturday, March 13 from 4-6:30 p.m.

Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes: a hearty portion

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

Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant.

Polo Lions selling flowers

POLO – The Polo Lions Club and Chamber members are selling roses and carnations.

The roses cost \$20 per dozen and carnations are \$10 per dozen. The Lions and chamber members will deliver to those that buy on March 20.

Pre-orders are encouraged.

NOTICE
Ogle County – Consolidated Election

EARLY VOTING and GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION & VOTING will be conducted at the Ogle County Clerk’s Office located in the courthouse at 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 104, Oregon, IL.

February 25 – April 5, 2021
Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED – Friday, April 2, 2021

Saturday, March 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Grace Period Registration & Voting
March 10 – April 6, 2021
Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 6, 2021 – Election Day
6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
www.oglecounty.org

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the Consolidated Election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Meridian CUSD #223, County of Ogle, State of Illinois:

Public Question

**PROPOSITION TO INCREASE
MAXIMUM ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL
TAX RATE**

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Meridian Community Unit School District Number 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, be established at 3.48 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for levy year 2021 and the years thereafter, instead of 2.78 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the taxes to be extended in said years for said purposes?

YES
NO

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(d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 0 percent.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 a.m. and will continue to stay open until 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021.

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

Obituaries

Theresa L. Zipse

LEAF RIVER – Theresa L. Zipse, age 69, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 in her home with her family by her side. Theresa was born on June 14, 1951 in Sugarland, Texas, the daughter of Wilton and Lucille (Lamb) Trahan.



Theresa married Kenneth Zipse on July 4, 1968 in St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugarland, Texas. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School Class of 1969, and she was the first married woman to graduate from Mt. Morris.

Theresa worked as a clerk for the Leaf River Mini Mart for many years, and she was a homemaker raising her family. She loved to sew, quilt, she made blankets for family and friends, she en-

joyed camping, babysitting, but most of all she enjoyed raising her children and her time with her family.

Theresa is survived by her husband: Kenneth Zipse, Leaf River; children: Elizabeth (David) Bruss, Cortland, Jeffrey

(Christine) Zipse, German Valley, Richard (Jennifer) Zipse, Leaf River; 10 grandchildren: Austin and Phillip Bruss, Rees, Cole, Lily, and Luke Zipse, Dalton, Breanna, Madison, and Brady Zipse.

Theresa is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Bubba Trahan; and sister: Marie Acker

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at 7: p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. Burial will be held in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport, at a later date. Visitation was held on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 from 6: p.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Natural Balance.

Shirley A. Garrett

STILLMAN VALLEY – Shirley A. Garrett, 82, of Stillman Valley passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021. She was born Feb. 6, 1939 in Maynard, Ark., the daughter of Leo and Gladys (Williams) Spray.



She met her husband, George Garrett when his family moved in next door to her family. She loved to tell the story about all of the neighborhood girls eyeing him up as a great catch, so she set out to get his attention and succeeded in doing just that. They were married July 13, 1955 and shared almost 64 years together before his death in May of 2019. Shirley worked for GTE Automatic Electric in Genoa for 23 1/2 years before her retirement in 1993. An active member of the Davis Junction community for over 40 years, she was proud of the time she served as a trustee

on the Village Board.

She and George spent their golden years traveling all over the U.S. in their motor home. She was an avid reader who enjoyed many types of books as well as doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles. A gifted cook, no one could ever get enough of her hush puppies at the many fish fry/birthday celebrations or her amazing corn bread stuffing at Thanksgiving. The epitome of a green thumb, she had a gorgeous

flower garden and the uncanny ability to make plants bloom that others had given up on.

Shirley is survived by her brother Jack (Shirley) Spray and her children, Hazel (Greg) Hayton, Bob (Diane) Garrett, Gerald Garrett, Paul (Pat Brenz) Garrett, 9 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, husband, George, Sister, Carolyn (Ernest) Vanderver, and grandson Jacob Garrett.

Memorials may be made to the family. Cremation rights have been accorded with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Funeral Arrangements entrusted by Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 South Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL, 61108.

Barbara A. Bowen

MOUNT MORRIS – Barbara A. Bowen, 89, of Polo, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.

Barbara was born Feb. 22, 1932, in Beloit, Wis., the daughter of Emmons and Mildred Knudson. On Nov. 22, 1950, in Polo, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Bowen. Barb was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

in Polo and taught kids golf at Edgewood Golf Course. She enjoyed playing cards, watching the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox games. Barb retired from Polo Community School District after years of bus driving.

Survivors include grandchildren Chris, Shawn, Shane, Matt, Shane and Crystal Lee; many nieces and nephews.

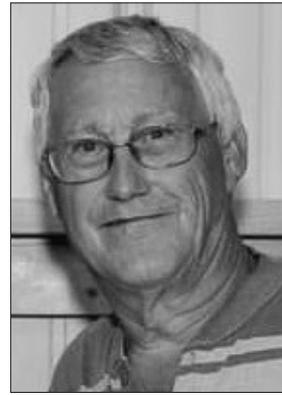
She was preceded in death by her husband Kenny; son Milton "Pete;" 4 brothers Pete, Jim, Bob and Norm; 3 sisters Marge, Gail "Buzz" and Jean.

Services will be held at a later date. Barb will be laid to rest next to her husband at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo

Visit www.polofamily-funeralhome.com to send condolences.

Ronald P. Bahr

FORRESTON – Ronald "Ron" P. Bahr, 74, of Forreston, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021. He was born Sept. 8, 1946 in Guilford Township, Ill., to Menno and Carolyn (Paul) Bahr.



Ron was employed at Kelly Springfield for over 34 years upon retiring in 2003. On May 6, 1979 he married Cynthia Koeller at Faith United Methodist Church in Freeport. Ron was a member of First United Methodist Church in Forreston. He enjoyed gardening and attending farmers markets. Ron was also an avid Chicago Bears fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife Cindy of Forreston; children Jeff Bahr of Freeport, Daniel (Stephanie) Bahr of Mason City, Iowa, Christina (Jason) Tillery of Forreston, Ryan Bahr of Forreston, and Cari (Ben) Modlinger of Forreston;

siblings Charles (Mary) Bahr of St. Robert, Mo., Carol Pitman of Erie, Ill., and Vicki Stilson of Scales Mound, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding Ron in death is his parents, three sisters, and one brother.

A walkthrough visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston. Social distancing and face masks will be required at the visitation. Private family services will be held the following day. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established in Ron's memory.

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Bank part of Charity Challenge

People Helping People, "PHP," has been nominated by employees of Sterling First Federal Bank to compete in the Fourth Annual Sterling Federal Bank Employee Charity Challenge.

For the month of March people can visit the Sterling Federal Bank's Facebook page to cast their vote in the Charity Challenge. On the Facebook page there will be a list of charities that will be in the competition. PHP will be on the list. You can check PHP'S box and sub-

mit your vote. Persons will be able to vote once a day thru the end of March. The votes will be tallied up the beginning of April. The first prize winner will receive \$20,000. Second place receives \$10,000. Third place receives \$5,000.

PHP assists families in and around the Byron area. Food is distributed to needed families on the second and fourth Monday's of the month. During the holiday season the need for PHP's assistance grows

every year.

PHP depends on food and monetary donations to help meet the needs of the less fortunate families in and around the Byron area. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic situation the need for PHP's assistance has grown immensely.

Let's help PHP win this Charity Challenge. This would be a great win for not only PHP, but it will help meet the needs for all those who receive assistance from PHP.



Brewery opens in Oregon

The grand opening celebration for Oregon's newest attraction, the Ogle County Brewery, was held on Saturday, Feb. 20. The brewery is located at 400 W. Washington St., on the corner of Route 2 and 64 in Oregon. The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce was there to welcome the business to the community with a grand ribbon cutting. Several local business owners, city officials, family, and friends were in attendance to celebrate. The Ogle County Brewery is open every day of the week from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. The menu offers a variety of craft beers brewed in house and a carefully curated menu of tasty pairings.

Byron Police report

Jan. 27
Christina Smith, 53 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Improper Use of an Electronic Communication Device.

Jan. 29
Byron Police arrested Taylor Opsahl, 24 of Byron, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Opsahl was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Opsahl was also issued citations for Failure to Carry Driver's License,

Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, and Improper Left Turn.

Feb. 3
Quinlin Tofa, 22 of Rochelle, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Feb. 4
Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred in the 100 block of S. Union.

Involved were Bradley Dieterman, 48 of Forreton, and Patrick Featherston III, 23 of Byron. Dieterman was issued a citation for Failure to Yield Turning Left.

Feb. 6
Frank Spielman, 65 of Byron, was issued a citation for Improper Backing.

Feb. 12
Latrese Holliman, 26 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driv-

ing While License is Suspended.

Feb. 13
Matthew Johnson, 45 of Sycamore, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Scott Redosevich, age 45 of Oak Lawn, was issued a citation for Speeding 49 in a 30 mph Zone.

Ignacio Arellano, age 65 of Chicago, was issued a citation for Speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Feb. 20
Robert Adolph, 59 of Byron, was issued a citation for Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device.

Feb. 21
Byron Police arrested Michael Singley, 21 of Forreton for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Singley was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Singley was also issued a citation for Leaving the Scene of an Accident - Vehicle Damage.

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District hosts lecture March 5

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting Chicago historical actress Leslie Goddard portraying scientist and writer, Rachel Carson on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

In her groundbreaking book *Silent Spring* (1962), Rachel Carson warned the world about the environmental impact of chemical pesticides most notably DDT. In this living-history program, Carson shares stories about her love of nature, her passion for writing, her three books about ocean life and her work to awaken the world to the beauty and fragility of nature. Carson was not only an early environmental activist but was also a gifted writer whose words revealed the power of language to change how we view our place in the world.

To access this lecture, email the Byron



Forest Preserve District at info@byronforestpreserve.com to register and receive the link and password for this Zoom program by Friday, March 5. Call 815 234-8535, Ext. 200 for more information. This Zoom Winter Lecture in sponsored by Exelon Generation Byron Station.

Park District Bingo returns March 1

OREGON – Beginning March 1, the Oregon Park District will be offering Bingo Fun For Everyone.

Register to play Bingo at Nash Recreation Center from 1:30-2 p.m. each Monday. Social distancing will be followed and masks will be required.

Bingo is fun for all ages and all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Participants must register for a table in advance to help control participation numbers and social distancing. Participants should bring their own daubers.

Register one person in the household (for a table). Purchase Bingo sheets when

you register for \$1 each. This is a no cash/no contact program. We will play 3-4 games and each person playing will need at least one sheet per game. The person who is registered for a table can bring 5 additional people (there will be a max of 6 people per table) whose names must also be included with registration. Winners will choose from small prizes (no cash prizes).

Spaces are limited each Monday so register soon online at www.oregonpark.org or register over the phone by calling the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.

The Park District follows CDC and IDPH guidelines for the safety of all.



Center registration March 6

OREGON – Registration for the Oregon Park District's Children's Center for the 2021-22 school year is Saturday, March 6.

Due to priority registration for returning students only 6 slots will be available for our 4 year old program and 14 slots for our 3 year old program.

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-refundable 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., March 1

Beginning today, the Oregon Park District will be offering Bingo. Register to play Bingo at Nash Recreation Center from 1:30-2 p.m. each Monday. Social distancing will be followed and masks will be required. Spaces are limited each Monday so register soon online at www.oregonpark.org or register over the phone by calling the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.

Tues., March 2

Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL

RT 2 Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

It's Bingo Night for tweens with the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley. Get ready to laugh and learn about your friends – and yourself. 6 p.m. on Zoom. Email Ms. Zoey at zferrari@mail.meridian223.org to sign up for the game night and receive the bingo sheet printables. Ages 10-12.

Thurs., March 4

Video story time with

the Oregon Library. New story times will be posted on Facebook every Thursday at 10 a.m. Crafts or activities relating to the story will also be posted. Let us know in the comments where you think the video was filmed.

Sat., March 6

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

Sun. March 7

The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting Chicago historical actress Leslie

Goddard portraying scientist and writer, Rachel Carson at 2 p.m. via Zoom. To access this lecture, email the Byron Forest Preserve District at info@byronforestpreserve.com to register and receive the link and password for this Zoom program by Friday, March 5. Call 815 234-8535, Ext. 200 for more information.

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 March 20, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln's sons, Willie and Tad, are diagnosed with the measles. The boys recovered, but in 1862 Willie contracted typhoid fever and died. Tad died at age 18 in 1871. Of Lincoln's four boys, only the first child, Robert, lived to an advanced age; he passed away at age 82 in 1926.

* On March 18, 1911, Irving Berlin copyrights the biggest pop song of the early 20th century, "Alexander's Ragtime Band." The song was easier to play than Joplin's "The Entertainer," which encouraged sheet music sales. Those topped 1.5 million copies in the first 18 months after publication.

* On March 16, 1926, Robert Goddard successfully launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts. The 10-foot-tall rocket traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away.

* On March 19, 1953, for the first time, audiences are able to watch from their living rooms as the movie world's most prestigious honors, the Academy Awards, are given out at the RKO Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, California.

* On March 15, 1968, construction starts on the north tunnel of the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel on I-70 in Colorado west of Denver. At more than 11,000 feet, the project became the world's highest vehicular tunnel when it was completed in 1979.

* On March 21, 1971, "The Andromeda Strain," the first movie to use computer animation, opens. Based on a Michael Crichton book, the sci-fi thriller featured scientists racing against time and an alien virus.

* On March 17, 2000, Julia Roberts becomes the first actress ever to command \$20 million per movie when "Erin Brockovich" is released. At the time, \$20 million was the standard paycheck for Hollywood's male stars.

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Series shows destructive power of Internet

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I enjoy a good real crime movie or limited series. Ah yes, the limited series. A series where they take a topic that could have been told in two episodes and make it six.

My wife and I recently watch one on Netflix that has a lot of people talking. It is called "Crime Scene: The Vanishing at the Cecil Hotel." It is about the disappearance and death of a young woman at a notorious Los Angeles hotel.

This happened in 2013, and I remember seeing the haunting video of this woman in the hotel from the night she disappeared. The video came from a hotel elevator, where she looked like she was hiding from something or someone, then talking to someone and generally acting very strange.

This documentary, told over four episodes even though it really only needed two, goes in depth about the case and the hotel (Spoiler alert: She was bipolar and off her medication. She had some sort of psychotic break, went to the roof of the hotel, climbed into a water tank and drown. Very

sad case).

The core story is interesting and the police work is always fascinating for me. But this show was about something more than that – something that truly disturbs me. It was about people on the Internet taking an acute interest in the case and running wild.

Here's the thing about the Internet... It makes everyone feel like an authority on nearly every topic. It is also a place that too many people fall down the digital rabbit hole and get caught up in conspiracy theories. Look at the rise of Qanon as an example of this, a theory

so ridiculous that I have a hard time understanding how anyone could believe it.

Well, the case of the missing woman – her name was Elisa Lam and she was a Canadian student visiting California – took the Internet by storm back in 2013. People who apparently had not much else to do starting blogging about and discussing her case. It was a couple of weeks between the time she disappeared and when her body was found. In that time, these Internet sleuths became convinced she was murdered, they even accused one person who wasn't even in the country at the time of doing it, which nearly destroyed the man's life. They saw conspiracies in every new development. They blamed the police, the coroner's office, the hotel's owners – pretty much everyone.

This is what the Internet can do best – create fiction out of reality. Once one person starts pushing a theory that they came up with, others start to grab on and before you know it there is a feeding frenzy of misinformation.

This is why I have time and time again spoken out against the rampant conspiracies that we see these days. The Internet has allowed people to spread false information in the blink of an eye. And as we know, the world is full of not only gullible people, but also people who think they know everything. And for some reason, both groups of people feel the need to let everyone know what they think.

This one case shows the destructive power of the Internet when it is used to spread false information. The show called these people "web sleuths," but to me they were just sadly pathetic people with no lives of their own.

"Crime Scene" was worth a watch for people who enjoy true crime shows, but the real crime was clearly perpetrated by the "web sleuths" who ultimately got pretty much everything wrong and spread that bad information across the globe.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Our Opinion

Bill bad for newspapers, communities they serve

Every year, an Illinois legislator proposes a bill to remove public notices from being published in newspapers and allow units of government to post them to their websites. They must think they are saving taxpayers money, and that newspapers no longer are relevant.

This year is no different. House Bill 811 has been filed but not yet been assigned to a committee. As other bills that have come and gone before it, HB 811 is a bad idea. Lawmakers should reject it, as they have in the past.

Newspapers have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 150 years. Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run by Illinois newspapers, noti-

fying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful. Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site are at no additional cost to government and is intended to provide even greater public access to these notices.

Conversely, there are nearly 7,000 units of government in Illinois. Only about half have a website. How efficient and effective would that be?

Units of government are required by statute to post meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Yet, many don't. There are more than 1,400 townships in Illinois, and the vast majority don't have a website but for the ones that do only 53% comply with the required posting of meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Why would different results be expected from the same government units if they control the posting of

public notices?

We all know there is money to be saved by being more efficient. How about taking a realistic look at eliminating the seemingly redundant units of government? Illinois has far more units of government than any other state. Florida has more than 7 million more residents than Illinois but fewer than a quarter the number of government units. Drainage districts, road districts and mosquito abatement districts could and should become part of the function of county governments. The largest mosquito abatement district in Illinois is the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District and it spent less than \$100 in 2020 on public notices, which is far less than the \$25,000 it spent on memberships and conferences. The cost of public notices is one of the smallest expenses of government entities.

So, it's not surprising that eliminating public notices from newspapers won't reduce taxes. Realistically no unit of government is going to lower its tax levy. So, if the Legislature really wants to lower public notice expense and ultimately property taxes it should address the number of governmental entities in the state.

Newspapers across Illinois provide access to public notices and verify compliance by government units. They also serve as a permanent record of public notices.

The majority of the more than 400 newspapers in Illinois are small businesses. Like every other small business, newspapers have been hit hard by the pandemic. Removing public notices will make it even harder for newspapers to do what they do best – serve and inform their communities.

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Jobs, the environment and the Byron Power Plant

Time is running short for the twin reactors at the Byron nuclear power plant. Parent company Exelon will close it in the fall if the state doesn't come up with additional funding this spring.

The case for saving the plant is compelling. A Northern Illinois University study featured in the October 22 Rockford Register Star lays out the losses that closure would bring to the area: 2,300 jobs that directly or indirectly depend on the plant, \$97.5 million per year in economic activity, and \$38 million in yearly tax revenues.

We can hope that this will fall on sympathetic ears in Springfield, but economic arguments alone may not save nuclear power in Byron or anywhere else in then long run. The reason comes down to concerns about safety.

Guest Opinion
By Lowell Harp



Steven Pinker, in his book, "Enlightenment Now," argues that nuclear power is actually safer than fossil fuels and ethanol, even taking into account the accidents at Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima: Natural gas kills 38 times as many people through pollution and accidents as nuclear energy

does per kilowatt-hour of electricity. The comparative tolls from the rest run higher still: ethanol and other biomass sources 63, petroleum 243, and coal 387 times as many deaths.

Nevertheless, concerns about radioactive waste and catastrophic accidents have produced huge regulatory burdens and costs for nuclear power. An otherwise cheap source of energy has become too expensive to compete in the open market. Nuclear power is declining throughout the Western World.

Nuke's ace in the hole is its tiny carbon footprint. Over its life cycle, it produces about the same amount of planet-warming carbon dioxide per unit of electricity as wind power, and less than solar, ethanol, and hydroelectric, according to the

World Nuclear Association.

This is no small advantage at a time when the public as well as the scientific community are increasingly concerned about climate change. Two thirds of respondents to a 2019 Pew Research survey said the government isn't doing enough about it. The worldwide scientific consensus on the reality of global warming is overwhelming, 97% or above in surveys such as the one reported at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's website (climate.nasa.gov/faq/17).

As the severity of the problem becomes ever clearer, many environmentalists have come to believe that nuclear energy is a valuable if not indispensable part of the effort to hold down climate change. The Union

of Concerned scientists, traditionally no friend of nuclear power, warns that when plants like Byron's are shut down, carbon emissions increase because the electricity they produce is largely replaced by natural gas and coal instead of renewables. Pinker revealed in his 2018 book that the loss of 11 plants that were threatened or had recently been closed "would cancel the entire carbon savings from the expanded use of solar and wind."

He cites a prediction from the Deep Carbonization Pathways Project: The US, it says, needs to get 30 percent to 60 percent of its electricity, instead of the current 20 percent, from nuclear power by 2050 if it's to do its part in holding global warming to the internationally agreed upon goal of 2 degrees cen-

tigrade.

Nuclear power's future lies in this linkage to the global warming crisis. Jobs and the economy will surely loom large in the thoughts of politicians in Springfield this year, but in the long run, government support for plants like Byron's will likely depend on public acceptance of two propositions.

The first is that human-caused climate change is a threat to humanity. The second is that nuclear power is an essential part of the solution.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

Business owner thanks Chamber

Dear Editor,
I am happy to be celebrating 4 years as a small biz owner in Oregon and I would like to thank the Oregon Chamber of Commerce for their part in my success. As a member of the Chamber, I was welcomed with a ribbon cutting ceremony, which was featured in the local newspaper. It immediately helped me network with other chamber members and put my face and business name out to the community. It remains one of the most memorable and proudest moments of my life.

The chamber has continued to be a resource for my business in continually offering trainings on valuable topics such as how to market my business and the legal aspects of owning a business. The Chamber has a wealth of opportunities to connect with other business owners and become a part of fun and enriching community events that help showcase Oregon and bring visitor to our community. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the resources they continually provide, my business truly feels woven into the fabric of this community.

I would encourage any business owner, no matter the size or type of business, to join to Chamber of Commerce.
Amanda Bordner LCSW

Reader agrees on Trump

Dear Editor,
This letter is in response to Ken Kielsmeier's letter in the paper of Feb. 8. Mega MAGA dittos. It's about time someone fearlessly stands up for righteousness and the truth.

Thank you, Ken. And yes, we do need a savior and His name is Jesus.
Michael and Linda Cain, Mount Morris

Some people don't understand 'unconstitutional

Dear Editor,
After reading some of the recent letters, I'm convinced that some readers believe that "unconstitutional" means whatever they think should or shouldn't be in the Constitution, regardless of what actually is: It is not unconstitutional to impeach a former official. Richard Nixon specifically resigned from office before the Articles were voted on to avoid being ineligible for a pardon.

John Quincy Adams—who was alive when

the document was written—said, in 1846, "I hold myself, so long as I have the breath of life in my body, amenable to impeachment by this House for everything I did during the time I hold any public office." Senate rules state that the body must hold a trial; notice that the word "must" is not followed by "if the official is still in office." And finally, former officials have been impeached in the past. Sen. William Blount in 1798; federal judge West Humphries in

1861; and Secretary William Belknap in 1876. These trials were never in dispute. At the end of the day, given the conservative view that a sitting president is both immune to prosecution and exempt from impeachment proceedings after their term(s), it appears as if some Americans just want their party's president to be able to actually get away with murder.

Chris Rozakis, Stillman Valley

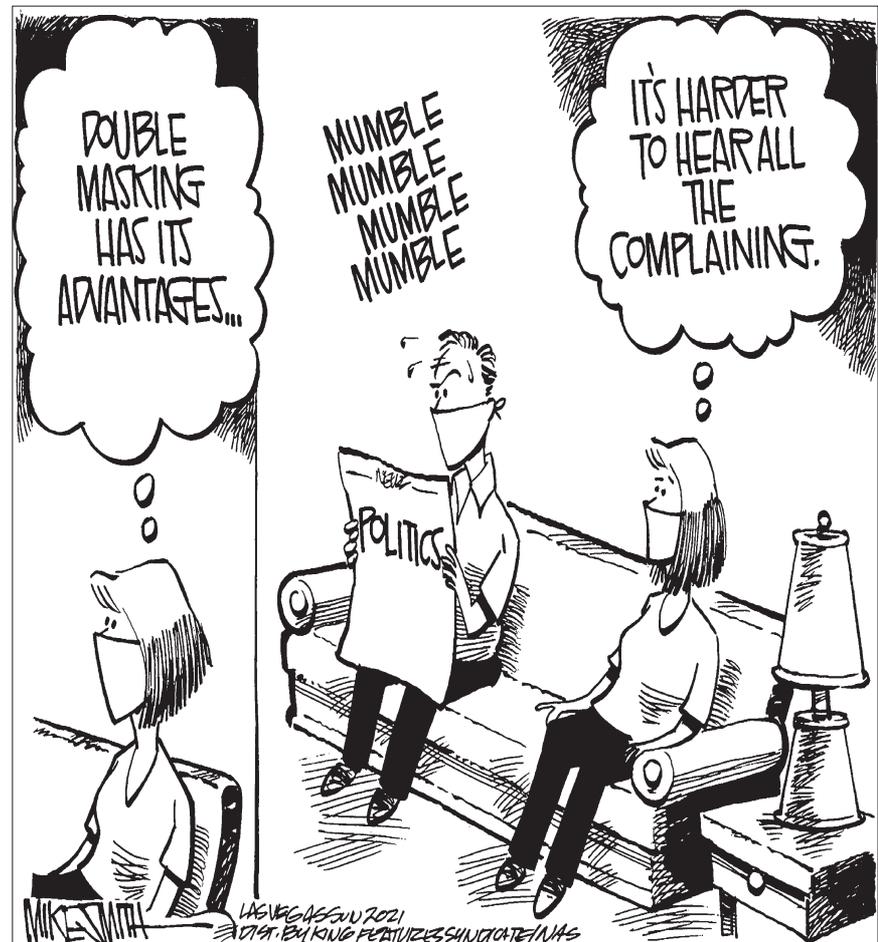
Reader thankful for former president

Dear Editor,
Thank You Donald Trump – for being the first "non-politician" to become President of our "Great Country." Thank you for showing us what our political machine has become – a tribe of greedy, power-hungry bureaucrats who have (for the most part) been telling us voters what we wanted to hear, but doing just the opposite! Thank you for trying to "drain the swamp" – only to find out that the Washington D.C. swamp was much deeper and corrupt than you'd imagined!

Thank you for opening our eyes to what these career politicians have turned this country into! Thank you for all the good you've done for our country and having the guts to stand up to the left-wing radicals and fake news who have been trying to crucify you for over 4 years.

I know there are at least 74,000,000 others out there that feel as I do. I can only hope and pray that God will inspire our new leaders to do what's best for our country, our citizens, and our businesses – I don't see that happening so far – hope I'm wrong. God look after us all, keep us strong, open the eyes of those people in Washington D.C. who have been elected by us – who should have the courage to stand up for their constituents and do what's right.

Noralee Gray, Polo



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What must the former Vice President be thinking?

Dear Editor,
At the conclusion of the impeachment trial on Feb. 13, my reaction was, "What was he thinking?"
I don't mean what was Donald Trump thinking when he saw his supporters desecrating the Capitol on Jan. 6 and was implored by Congressmen and White House staffers that only he could end the carnage. Even after being in-

formed that Vice President Mike Pence was being evacuated, he did nothing. I don't mean Mitch McConnell who, after voting not to convict Trump for inciting the riot, laid out a detailed description that in fact, our former President was guilty of all the charges brought forth in the impeachment trial. I do mean Trump's loyal Vice President, Pence, who was asked by his President to do

something that would have violated his oath of office. Our Vice President refused. Taking an oath when being seated in Congress doesn't mean you are promising to be loyal to your party's policies. It means you vow to uphold the Constitution of the United States. On Jan. 6, what was Mike Pence thinking when the mob was yelling, "Hang Pence!" Was he thinking, "Why isn't my President concerned about my safety, the safety of

my family and the members of Congress assembled here to do their Constitutional duty?" And then after the final vote for or against impeachment, most of the members of his own party refused to hold his President accountable for his words and actions on that day. What must he be thinking?

Sincerely,
Bonnie Mueller, Oregon

School district referendum deserves support

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter as a former Board of Education member, 1987 graduate of SVHS, current parent of MCUSD graduate(s), business owner, and taxpayer. I urge you to support the upcoming Meridian 223 Education Fund referendum. Everyone is concerned about the taxes they pay, particularly in this economy and with the direction of the state of Illinois. I am encouraging you to support and to sustain the funding we previously approved in the 2014 referendum.
It is important to note: This is a sunset clause currently in place, that is set to expire in June-September this year!
Your taxes will not go up, they will remain the same!
This referendum is crucial to preserve and maintain what is the biggest industry for our community, our school district. Our district, the staff, administrators are always faced with making tough decisions that no one wants to throw a hand in the air to make. The people and programs that our district offers are worth every penny I can personally and will give. Much of our community strength is our schools. A great amount of community pride is derived from the success of our schools and its graduates. I believe that schools maintain property values and the overall success of the community.
This referendum supports our views and values, while having no additional impact on the pocketbook, that is why I am asking for your support.
Please vote Yes for the MCUSD 223 Referendum!
Steve Pierce, Stillman Valley

Taxes will not increase with a 'yes' vote

Dear Editor,
I'm writing to urge my fellow District #223 voters to vote "yes" in April. We have a second chance to keep our District funded to preserve the school district at the level we have come to expect. From our educational curriculum to our extra-curricular activities, our kids deserve the same opportunities that previous classes have enjoyed.
I haven't found anyone who didn't agree that the language on the ballot in November was confusing. A "yes" vote means no tax increase but only that the tax rate for the schools will not drop. I believe our current administration has fulfilled their pledge and should be granted the extension of the same rate. The pandemic costs factored in, there is no way that we can expect the schools to be maintained without the extension of the current funding. Please reach out for any questions/clarification needed and vote yes!
Thank you,
Donna Arnold, Davis Junction

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Oregon community finds a way to come together

Dear Editor,
After realizing the impact of social distancing on people my own age, I began to wonder about our elderly population that live in our local nursing home. How can a little cheer be brought to them during a time of social distancing? I just wanted to let them know that there is still a part of the community that is thinking about them during this difficult time.
During the pandemic, when everyone feels so distant from each other and businesses are lacking customers, the Oregon community still found a

way to come together. I appreciate the support that I have received from local businesses who have decided to be part of this organized effort after I pitched my idea to them. This month, in honor of Valentine's day, each resident at the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center recently received a handmade Valentine. The members of the Ogle County Carefree 4-H Club invested time during their monthly meeting to make colorful cards to give to the residents. The valentines were numbered 1 through 50. After the valentines were handed out to the residence, a number was drawn

from a lottery. One sweet resident received the winning prize. The prize this month was delicious chocolate covered strawberries. Thank you Jenny Cahill from Hazel's Cafe for donating the winning prize.
Shop Hazel's in downtown Oregon where you can find delicious sandwiches, chocolates, and coffees. My recommendation is their croissant breakfast sandwich, and blended chai drink.
Thank you to all who were part of this month's drawing!
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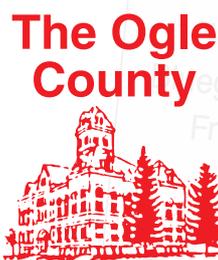
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The Byron High School co-op boys swimming and diving team sits for a group photo after the team's road meet against the Sterling Golden Warriors earlier this season.

Byron swim, dive team has good week in pool

BYRON — The Byron High School co-op swimming and diving team faced Harlem on Thursday, Feb. 18. The varsity team won 91-74 while the JV team won 8-4.

Byron's 200-yard medley relay team of Levi Schamper, Nathan Bell, Carson Faley and Tyson Politsch won with a time of 1:45.71. Adam Goelitz won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.03 while Faley won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.29. Bell took second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.32 seconds.

Schamper won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.58 and Goelitz won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.23. Caleb Weekley placed second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:09.77 and Faley won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.31.

Bell won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.76. Byron's 200-yard freestyle relay of Faley, Goelitz, Bell and Politsch won with a time of 1:36.92 while Byron's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Goelitz, Schamper, Nolan Stoll and Kaenan McDevitt won in 3:57.14.

The Byron High School co-op swimming and diving team battled Rockford Christian and Rockford Guilford on Saturday, Feb. 20. Byron topped both teams, winning 105-52 over Christian and 100-72 against Guilford.

Carson Faley won the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 27.35 seconds and Adam Goelitz won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:59.23. Nathan Bell won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:12.33 and Faley won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.01.

Bell won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 29.90 and Faley won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.57. Tyson Politsch won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.58 and Goelitz won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:21.83.

Bell won the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 58.64 and Faley won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.88. Levi Schamper won the 50-yard butterfly in 25.70.

Oregon Boys fall to Winnebago

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys basketball team lost 90-43 against Winnebago on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The JV Hawks fell 53-23. Owen Ketter led Oregon with 12 points, while three players including Isaac Reber, Joey Gelandar and Jamison Caposey scored six points.

The Oregon boys faced Hinckley-Big Rock on Saturday, Feb. 20, falling 56-28 while the JV Hawks won 48-20. Ketter recorded 13 points and Gelandar added seven points for Oregon.

Oregon girls suffer three losses

OREGON — The Oregon High School girls basketball team fell 64-29 against Winnebago on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Ashlyn Kitzmiller scored nine points for the Hawks, while Hadley Lutz totaled seven points and Ella Martin chipped in five points.

with the win. Byron's JV team won 31-19. Ava Kultgen led the varsity Tigers with 17 points and Alana Julian recorded 12 points. Elizabeth Mois led Oregon with nine points.

Oregon took on Rock Falls on Monday, Feb. 22, losing 71-18 while the JV girls fell 41-10. Hadley Lutz recorded 10 points for the Hawks and Ella Martin added five points.

Byron tops Stillman Valley on court

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley and Byron High School basketball teams battled on Monday, Feb. 22. The Byron girls topped Stillman Valley 48-34 behind 20 points from Ava Kultgen. Faith Fowler scored 11 points for the Cardinals and Payton Barger added eight points. Byron's boys defeated Stillman Valley on the road, winning 59-48 over the Cardinals.

The Stillman Valley girls defeated Rockford Lutheran 49-43 on Friday, Feb. 19, with Lexi Lichty reaching the 1,000-point career mark in the victory. Faith Fowler led the Cardinals with 19 points in the win, while Lichty chipped in eight points. Stillman Valley's boys lost 73-44.

Brandt King recorded 11 points in the game. Stillman Valley's girls defeated Genoa-Kingston on the road, winning 40-29.

The Stillman Valley boys suffered a 66-41 loss to Genoa-Kingston on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Micah Johnson led the Cardinals with 18 points and

Stillman Valley's basketball teams faced Rockford Christian on Monday, Feb. 15, with the boys winning 44-43 and the girls earning a 48-36 victory. Stillman Valley's boys basketball team battled North Boone earlier this month, winning 62-35 on Wednesday, Feb. 10.



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Pastor Rodney Caldwell and wife, Denise with children, Kathryn, William, Rebecca, and Larry.

Church to install new pastor

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mount Morris Church of the Brethren will hold a Service of Installation on Sunday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. for their new Pastor, Rev. Rodney Caldwell.

Rev. Jonathan Shively, a representative of the Illinois & Wisconsin District of the Church of the Brethren will officiate.

Caldwell grew up on a farm in West Central Illinois and is a graduate of Western Illinois University. While studying agriculture he felt called to ministry through experiences in campus ministry and a short-term mission trip to East Central Africa. He attended Moody Bible Institute and earned

his Master of Divinity Degree from Denver Seminary, Denver, Colorado. He has been an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren for 30 years and has served several churches in Northern Illinois. He also has experience in social services, having been an addiction counselor for many years. He has served as Chaplain of Pinecrest Community (formerly Brethren Home) in Mt. Morris for the past six years and will continue in that position.

Caldwell has a passion for the church as the body of Christ and seeks to share with others the good news of God's love and grace proclaimed in the Bible

and experienced in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Mount Morris Church of the Brethren is pleased to welcome Pastor Caldwell his wife Denise and their children, Katherine, Larry, William and Rebecca to the church and the community. The community is invited to share in the March 7 Service of Installation in-person or via online presentation.

The church is located at 409 W. Brayton Road in Mt. Morris. You may contact the church at 815-734-4573 for more information. Pastor Caldwell may be contacted via email at: mmcobpastor-rodney@gmail.com.

RRC has upcoming classes, groups

Due to Covid-19, registration is required if you plan on attending a scheduled program, activity or class at Rock River Center. The appropriate registration deadlines can be found in our newsletter or our news releases. Failure to register may result in cancellation. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Spring Arrangement Class

On Wednesday, March 10, River Center is holding a Spring Craft Class that begins promptly at 11 a.m. Everyone is ready for spring and this class is filling up quickly.

Debbie Clark looks forward to you joining her as you work together to design beautiful Spring and Summer Floral Arrangements.

All materials will be provided. Your creation will be complete and ready to take home!

Registration Information:

Registration is required by March 5 – (call us at 815-732-3252 to sign up).

Class size is limited due to social distancing.

Masks and temperature checks required.

Support groups

Cancer Support Group

“Facing the Challenge” is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about

the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver Support Group

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

Diabetic Support Group

Sheryl Roche, 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.

Polo Library News

Polo Library Building Open to the Public

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get on Zoom with other teens to play Among Us!

Registration is required and capped at 9 participants. Register at pololibrary.org

Note You will need two devices to participate, one that you can use for Zoom, and one on which you can actually play the game.

Creating a Shady Garden Respite, on Zoom – Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

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

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

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

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

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

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

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

Book Clubs

Polo Library currently has two traditional book clubs meeting via Zoom, one on the second Friday of each month and one on the fourth Monday of each month, both at 1:30 p.m. There is also a third book club that is a books to movies group that meets on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested in joining any of the book clubs, please email carlap@pololibrary.org.

Polo Cycle Yearbooks for Sale

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

Instructions for Curbside Pickup

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

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

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

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

Additional Curbside Services

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

Long Overdue Items

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

Weather Closure Information

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

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

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A Note on Donations

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

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.

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.

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Bertolet Library News

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

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

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

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

Family Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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

days while supplies last.

New Releases

Juvenile Non-Fiction

- Finding a Way Home by Larry Dane Brimner
 - The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog by Paul Janeczko
 - Mighty Justice by Dovey Johnson Roundtree
- ### Picture Books
- Spencer's New Pet by Jessie Sima
- ### Easy Non-Fiction
- My Bed by Rebecca Bond

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. We ask that you refrain from depositing your plastics and book donations unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Spring Ceramic Craft Kit Pick Up for all ages

Have fun painting this cute 6x6 ceramic tile for Spring. The tile will have the Spring themed pattern traced onto the tile making it perfect for any age. Your kit will come complete with an assortment of paints and a paint brush. The ceramic assembled by Cin's Treasures Art Studio. The perfect at-home craft. Those registered can pick up their kit by drive-up pick-up at Nash Recreation Center on March 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. just in time for Spring! Register for your kit by March 12 online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. The fee is just \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents.

Spring soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Spring of 2021! Practices will be held during the week starting the week of March 22nd and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning April 2nd in Oregon and surrounding towns. All players will receive their own ball to keep. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org
 U6- Born in 2015 \$55/\$66 NR
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 U9- Born in 2012 & 2013 \$70/\$84 NR
 U11- Born in 2010 & 2011 \$70/\$84 NR
 U13- Born in 2008 & 2009 \$75/\$90 NR
 U15- Born in 2006 & 2007 (No H.S. Players allowed). \$75/\$90 NR
 All government guidelines will be followed. Registration Deadline is March 8th

6th Grade Girls Volleyball

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 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 if interested. Registration Fee \$50, Registration deadline is Friday March 5th.

Baseball and Softball 2021

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

Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 6/9
 T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/26
 Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/5
 Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/5
 Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/5
 Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/5
 Coach Pitch Girls Softball (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/5
 Minor Girls Softball (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/5
 Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/5
 Intermediate Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/5
 Register at Nash, by calling 815-732-3101 or online at www.oregonpark.org,

Bingo Fun For Everyone

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

with them (there will be a max of 6 people per table. Winners will choose from small prizes (no cash prizes).

Fruita De Crema Ensalada

Learn to make Mexican Fruit Salad at Hector's Cocina on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Michelle Carreno will share her passion for cooking and teach you how to turn sour cream into a sweet cream sauce. You will enjoy making this Mexican sweet tooth treat for fiestas. Upon registration choose between the 5:30 p.m. class time or the 6:45 pm class. Fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 9.

Yum...A Culinary Herb Garden

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

DIY Kit-Happy Easter Sign with T+T

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

DIY Canvas Painting Kits for ages 5+

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

Mount Morris Library News

Have a Collection or Hobby to Share?

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

We are open

We are open for browsing and computer use. Appointments for computer use are suggested as only a limited number are available due to space requirements. Masks are required and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. No unaccompanied children (ages 16 and under) will be 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 service will remain available. Library staff is continuing to quarantine all items for a period of time. Recently returned materials may remain on your account longer than usual. No overdue fines will be charged.

Services Offered

We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page)! We fax (\$2 for the first page and 50 cents each additional page)! We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document)! Come visit us and let us help you!

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 March book The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion are on their way to the library. Feel free to grab a copy digitally if that is of interest to you! Email Dawn Winters at dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to sign up (Zoom link will be sent via email).

Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant

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

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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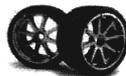


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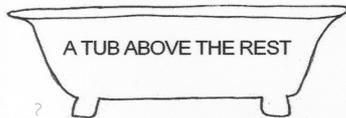
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Many years ago, when God gave me a revelation of His promise for my life in John 10:10, it was literally life-changing. The truth that Jesus came "that they may have life, and have it to the full" (NIV) gave me a determination to no longer settle for just barely getting by in my everyday life.

As I became more serious about my relationship with God and discovered

how to really "do life" with Him, the more I experienced the peace and joy that only Jesus can give. And it made me passionate about helping others take hold of everything God has for their lives, too.

So many people are hurting, struggling to find joy, peace and fulfillment. They're missing out on the good plan God has for them because they don't know that He wants them

to have life in Christ "to the full" now, in this life. Sadly, many who get this realization often settle for less than God's best because it requires determination and diligence to get there.

Hard Things Can Bring Good Results

These days, with all the modern technology we have, it's easy to be lazy and expect to just glide through life. Some people don't have the tenacity to

press through challenges because so much of life is automated and convenient.

I remember when simply making a phone call required some effort. And when I first started studying the Bible and teaching, it was quite a job to put even one message together because we didn't have the Internet to get all of our information from.

We like things to be easy, but when things are too easy, it isn't necessarily good for us because we lack perseverance and determination to press through them. When hard times and challenges come (and they will come), we will need to do some pressing or we'll give up.

Never Give Up!

When I talk about "pressing," what I mean is we have to press against the pressure that's coming against us, holding us back from doing what God is leading us to do. For example, maybe you've experienced rejection, betrayal, abandonment, injustices, discouragement or disappointment. You need to forgive someone, but it

feels impossible to do it and move on.

In His Word, God says, "If you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:15 NIV). And in John 13:34, Jesus says, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Romans 12:21 clearly says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

You may be thinking, "Joyce, it's too hard. You don't know what they did to me!" I understand. And I know it's not easy to press through your pain and fear to do what God is showing you to do. It took time and determination for me to forgive my father for abusing me and my mother for not having the courage to get me out of that situation. But God helped me to do it, and ultimately, it set me free to move forward in His call on my life to minister to people all over the world.

Press Past Feelings and Put Your Trust in God

The key to getting your breakthrough is making

a determined decision to press past the pain of feelings and do what you know you should do even while you're hurting. In other words, you can't wait until you feel like doing what is right.

If you're struggling with this, let me encourage you. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose...]" (AMP). And 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV) says that God's "divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

Whatever your challenge may be—getting out of debt, strengthening your marriage, pursuing a new job, getting in better physical health, etc.—God's grace can empower you to do it. Ask Him to help you. Trust Him to be with you, and start taking steps of faith, doing what you know you can do today. Press on to the great things Jesus came to give you!



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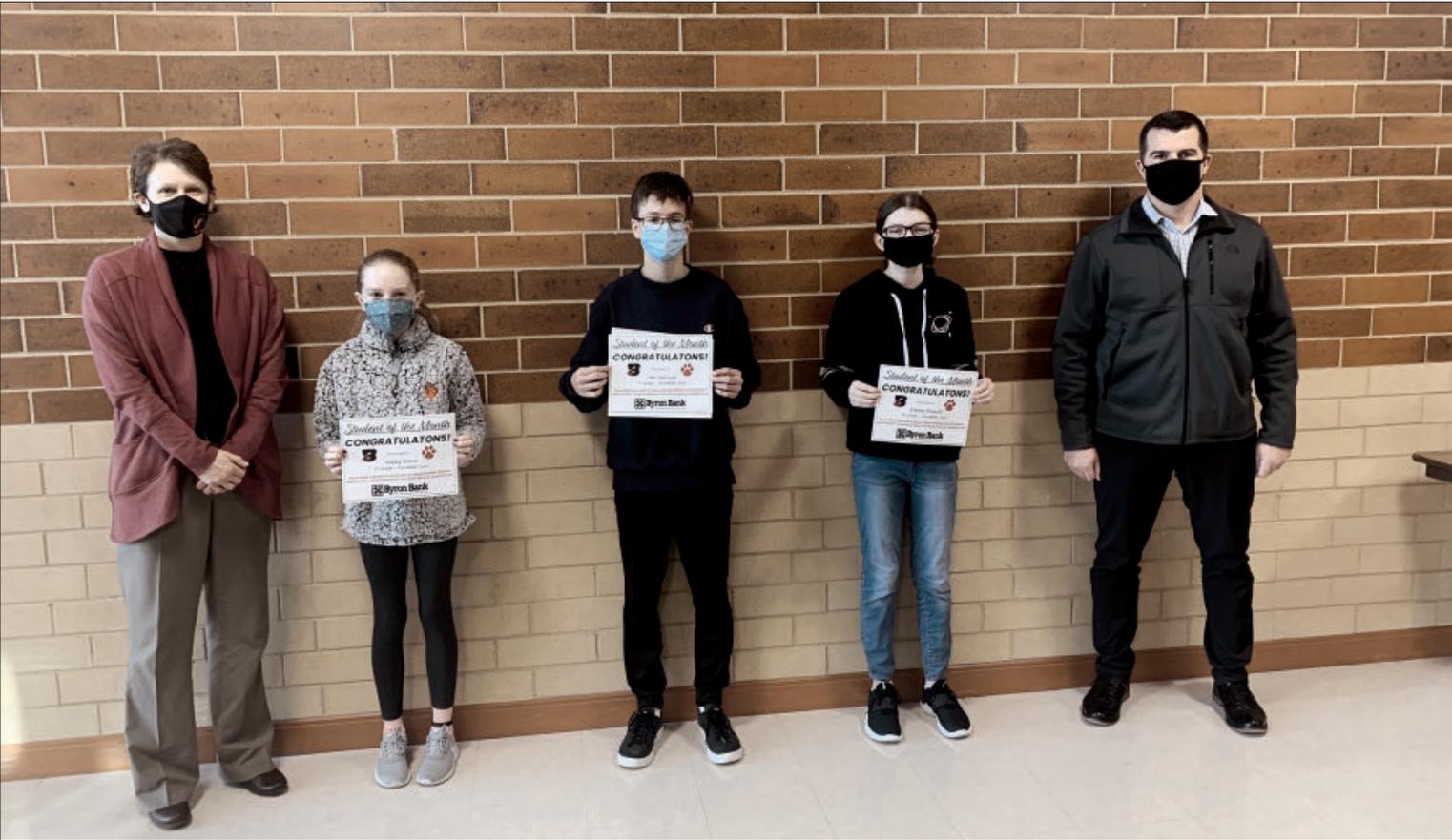
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 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM
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Oregon Library News

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COVID-19 Vaccine notification form

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

Video story time

New story times will be posted on Facebook every Thursday at 10 a.m. Crafts or activities relating to the story will also be posted. Let us know in the comments where you think the video was filmed.

New – Dial-A-Story

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

Yoga with Jennifer is back

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Saturday mornings at 9:30am. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

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

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Library book clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Dear Committee Members by Julie Schumacher.

The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Stock the Crock by Phyllis Good. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane. Books on Tap Book Club meets at Cork N Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, on Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate.

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

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

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StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District for helping the Oregon Public Library offer this unique reading experience at Oregon Park West. Current story being presented...Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod by Robert J. Blake.

Two online resources!

Brainfuse and Scholastic teachables

Brainfuse HelpNow offers a personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. The Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at the library or from any computer with internet connection simply by going to the Oregon Public Library website and logging in with your library card.

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New releases

We Keep The Dead Close by Becky Cooper (Non-Fiction 364.152 COO)

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Divided We Fall: America's Secession Threat And How To Restore Our Nation by

David French (Non-Fiction 306.2097 FRE)

Ten Lessons For A Post-Pandemic World by Fareed Zakaria (Non-Fiction 303.19 ZAK)

Wintering: The Power Of Rest And Retreat In Difficult Times by Katherine May (Non-Fiction 155.93 MAY)

Till Murder Do Us Part by James Patterson (Non-Fiction 364.152 PAT)

Murder Of Innocence by James Patterson (Non-Fiction 364.152 PAT)

Bag Man by Rachel Maddow (Non-Fiction 973.924 MAD)

Uncomfortable Conversations With A Black Man by Emmanuel Acho (Non-Fiction 305.8 ACH)

A User's Guide To Democracy: How America Works by Nick Capodice (Non-Fiction 320.473 CAP)

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles (Fiction)

The Power Couple by Alex Berenson (Fiction)

The Vineyard At Painted Moon by Susan Mallery (Fiction)

The Burning Girls by C. J. Tudor (Fiction)

The (Other) You by Joyce Carol Oates (Fiction)

Let Her Lie by Bryan Reardon (Fiction)

The Witch's Heart by Genevieve Gornichec (Fiction)

Zorrie by Laird Hunt (Fiction)

Byron Library News

Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

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

Curbside Delivery

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

Check out our eBooks!

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

Print Wirelessly with Princh!

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

Share Your Story

Monday, Mar 15

11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom

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

Creating Family Rhythms

Wednesday, Mar. 24

6-7 p.m., via Zoom

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

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!

Julia Hull Library News

Library Services

Visit the library for curbside pickup, remote services, and online programming: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Reserve program kits and materials online or by telephone to collect curbside; register and renew library cards via email; and email and drop-off documents for copying, faxing, and scanning. Patrons may also contact library staff to personally shop for them. System-wide interlibrary loan is available. And, as always, digital materials can be accessed 24/7 on our website. For assistance, please give us a call: 815-645-8611.

A Song & A Story

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

Tween Scene: Would You Rather BINGO?

It's Bingo Night, Tweens! Come for the prizes! Stay for the fun! This month we're doing a fun twist on bingo with a special "Would You Rather?" version. Would you rather have super strength or be able to turn invisible? Would you rather have your favorite book or your favorite movie on a deserted island? Get ready to laugh and learn about your friends--and yourself! Tuesday, March 2 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Email Ms. Zoey at zferrari@mail.meridian223.org to sign up for the game night and receive the bingo sheet printables. Ages 10-12.

March Craft Bomb

What will it be? Find out when it drops on Facebook & Instagram: sometime Saturday, March 6. Then, follow the instructions for reserving your kit. Adults only. One kit per person. While supplies last.

Pajama Storytime

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

DIY Mini Pies

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

Young Critics Book Club

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

Kids' Leprechaun Traps

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

Tween Reads: The Unwanteds

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

Weekly Brain Busters

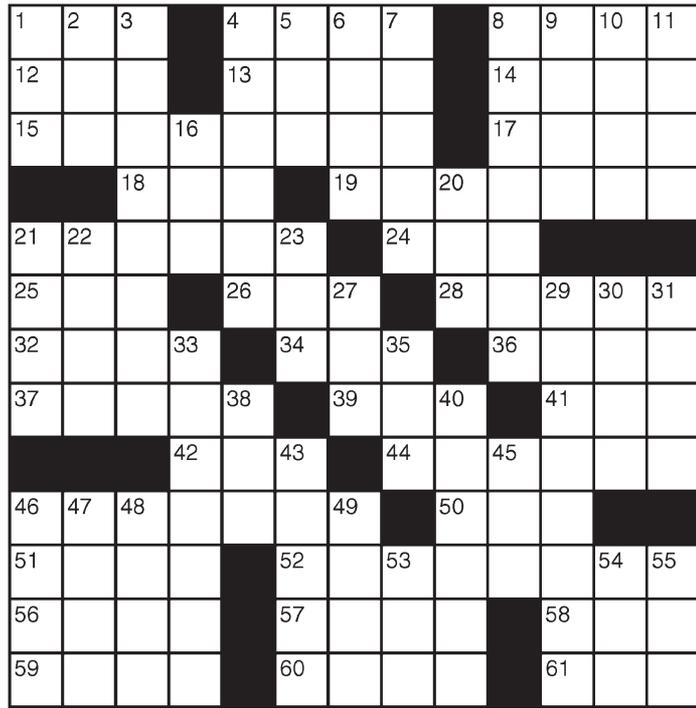
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MAGIC MAZE

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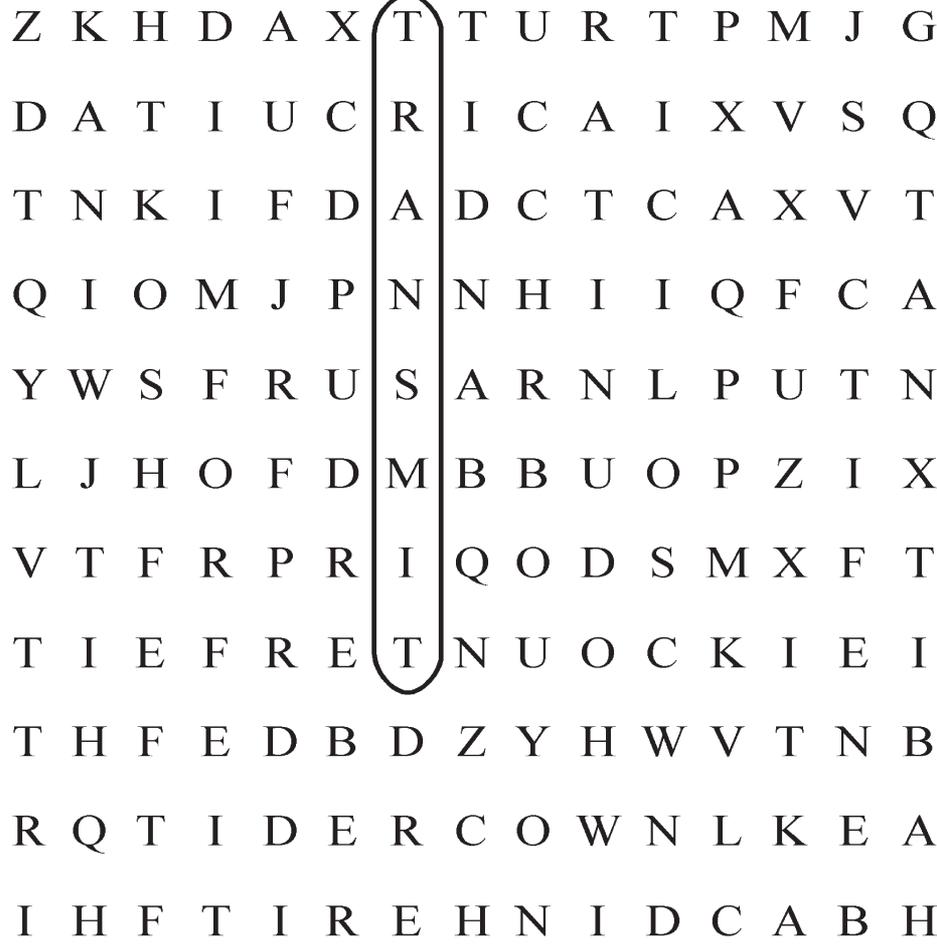
- 1 Peruke
- 4 Touse
- 8 Labyrinth
- 12 Altar constellation
- 13 Isaac's eldest
- 14 Modern taxi alternative
- 15 World of organized crime
- 17 Dross
- 18 Earth (Pref.)
- 19 Poetic feet
- 21 Ohio city
- 24 Actress Long
- 25 Mentalist Geller
- 26 Candied veggie
- 28 Knight wear
- 32 Stagger
- 34 Gaiety
- 36 Flintstones' pet
- 37 Seoul setting
- 39 Fawn's mom
- 41 Dol. fractions
- 42 Bearded beast
- 44 Salsa scoopers
- 46 "La Mer" composer
- 50 4, on a phone
- 51 Pre-diploma hurdle
- 52 Ruffian
- 56 Church area
- 57 Rochester's



- love
- 8 Hot dog condiment
- 31 Colonial seamstress
- 58 Citrus drink
- 9 With skill
- 33 Lentils, for example
- 59 Privation
- 10 Gusto
- 35 Dijon denial
- 60 Source
- 11 Work units
- 38 Reply (Abbr.)
- 61 At once
- 16 "Gosh!"
- 40 Aerie newborn
- 20 "Homeland" org.
- 21 Ankara resident
- 43 Leading man?
- 22 Crunchy cookie
- 45 Greek X
- 46 Transaction
- 47 Big fair, for short
- 23 Klutz
- 48 Striped fish
- 27 Wet dirt
- 49 Vacillate
- 29 State made of two peninsulas
- 53 Spanish gold
- 54 Hubbub
- 30 Aware of
- 55 Just out

DOWN

- 1 Witty one
- 2 A Gershwin brother
- 3 More like a string bean
- 4 Tune
- 5 "Born in the —"
- 6 Grit
- 7 Egypt's neighbor



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

- Acquit
- Bandit
- Benefit
- Circuit
- Counterfeit
- Credit
- Deposit
- Explicit
- Forfeit
- Inherit
- Profit
- Solicit
- Transmit
- Unit
- Whodunit

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

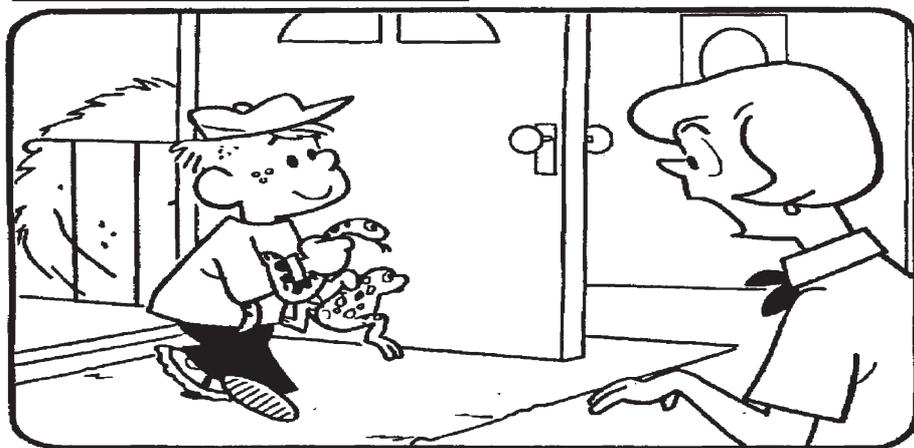
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

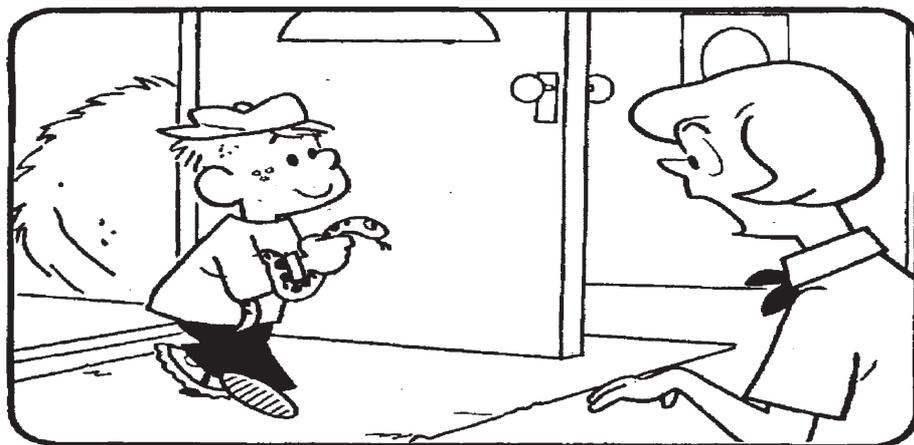
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



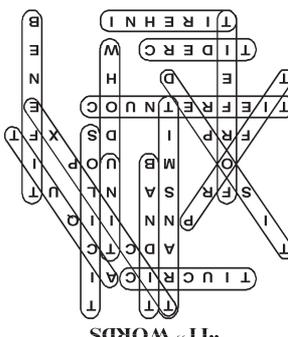
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is different. 2. Frog is missing. 3. Door knob is higher. 4. Failing is different. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Earring is missing.



Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
King Crossword



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

Weekly SUDOKU

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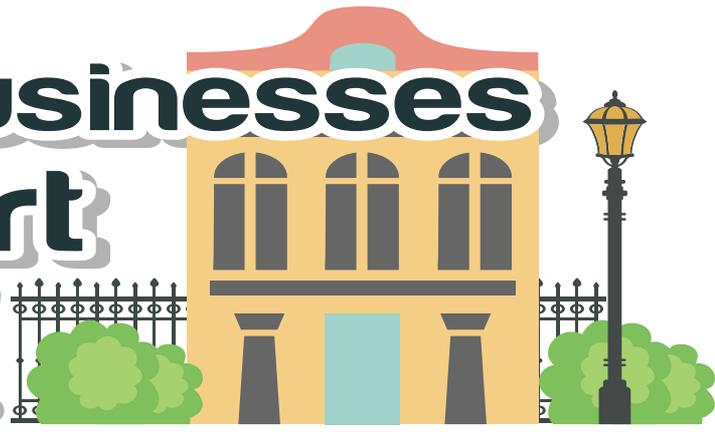
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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Did the actress who plays the witch Sarah Bishop on “A Discovery of Witches” once play a doctor on “ER?” Also, what-ever happened to the actor who played Dr. Greene on “ER?” I always thought he was one of the best actors on television. -- W.B.

A: Yes, British actress Alex Kingston used to play Dr. Elizabeth Corday on “ER” from 1997 to 2009. It’s easy to recognize her because she doesn’t seem to have aged, sporting the same beautiful red curls as she did more than a decade ago.

“A Discovery of Witches” will wrap up its second season on the Sundance Now channel on Saturday, March 13. It’s part of the fantasy genre, based on the “All Souls Trilogy” books by Deborah Harkness. It’s about a scholar, played by Teresa Palmer, who rediscovers her powers as a witch after finding an ancient manuscript in the library. She joins forces with another professor, a vampire played by Matthew Goode.

As for Anthony Edwards, who played Dr. Mark Greene on “ER” from 1994 to 2004, he’s starred in a few TV series since, but none have achieved the ratings success and pop culture phenomenon as “ER.” Most notably, he played the judge in a “Law & Order True Crime” about the Menendez Brothers, and he was a regular opposite Kiefer Sutherland in the third season of “Designated Survivor.” I don’t think it will be very long before Edwards lands another TV show, if he wants it.

Q: I’ve always wondered: Was the Jack

Russell dog in the sitcom “Frasier” the same dog for the entire series or was there a double? -- P.B.

A: No, there were two different dogs that played adorable Eddie on “Frasier.” Moose was the original, and then his real-life son, Enzo, took over in later years. Moose lived to be 16 years old and Enzo 14. Moose was reportedly very mischievous on the set. Recognizing talent when he sees it, Grammer thanked the original Eddie in his Emmy acceptance speech in 1994, stating “Most importantly, Moose, this is for you.”

Q: I’ve been enjoying the Marvel series “WandaVision,” especially the first few episodes that parodied sitcoms from the 1960s and 1970s like “The Brady Bunch.” “WandaVision” can be hard to follow now that it’s gotten more complicated, but I think the lead actress in it is just fabulous. I know she’s a sibling of the Olsen Twins, but is she older or younger? -- G.F.

A: Elizabeth Olsen is younger than her twin sisters Mary-Kate and Ashley, who were very successful child stars on the sitcom “Full House” and are now fashion designers. Elizabeth just turned 32 and the twins will soon be 35. Elizabeth once appeared on her sisters’ sitcom when she was 6 years old, but her acting career really took off in the 2011 independent film “Martha Marcy May Marlene.” She became a box office success when she joined the Marvel franchise as Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch, the same role she’s wowing



everyone with these days in “WandaVision” on Disney+.

KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-'90s sitcom featured the Conner family?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix “pan” mean in English?
3. MOVIES: Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title “Pretty Woman”?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first primary color that babies can see?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world’s longest cave system?
6. MEDICAL: What is a fasciculation, the medical term for a common ailment?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the only one to be elected a U.S. senator after leaving office?
8. GEOLOGY: Emerald and aquamarine are types of which mineral?
9. U.S. STATES: What was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What dosing measurement (metric) is used to administer liquid medication?

Answers

1. “Roseanne”
2. All
3. Roy Orbison
4. Red
5. Mammoth Cave, Kentucky
6. Involuntary muscle twitch
7. Andrew Johnson
8. Beryl
9. Delaware
10. milliliter or ml

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An Advertising Proverb

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."

Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of BARBARA A. HOLDER. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2021 to JOSHUA J. HOLDER of 7415 N. Crestview Road, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is Derek B.N. Seyller of HOWARD, HARDYMAN & DIVERDE, LLP; 124 N. Water Street, Suite 100, PO Box 1616, Rockford, Illinois 61110-0116.
Any claims against the Estate may be filed on or before August 15, 2021, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) 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 by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.
Claims against the Estate must be filed with the Office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED: February 9, 2021
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Attorneys for the Estate of Barbara A. Holder, Deceased
No. 0212 (Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
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IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)No.
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OF)P 17
BETTY B.)
PEARCE)
Deceased.)
Notice is given of the death of BETTY B. PEARCE, of Stillman Valley, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2021, to BRIAN PEARCE, whose address is 353 E. Roosevelt Rd., PO Box 103, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, and KAREN VALLEM whose address is 2531 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than August 22, 2021, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for BRIAN PEARCE and KAREN VALLEM, Co-Executors of the Estate of BETTY B. PEARCE, deceased
No. 0222 (Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8)

305 GARAGE SALES

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CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of George A. Wrasse of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 2, 2021, to JAMES D. WRASSE and JULIE A. STUKENBERG, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkho

& Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.

JAMES D. WRASSE & JULIE A. STUKENBERG Co-Executors
No. 0301 (Mar. 1, 8, 15)

melodyjackovich@gmail.com
No. 0303 (Mar. 1)

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

Request of:
Katelynn Elise Grobe
Case Number 2020MR70
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Katelynn Elise Grobe to the new name of: Tate Excel Grobe.
The court date will be held on March 25th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #202
Katelynn Grobe
No. 0302 (MAR. 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Marion, in the county of Ogle, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Marion Township Hall from and after 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2021.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30, Monday, March 22, 2021.
No. 0304 (Mar. 1)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED

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

SENIOR COUPLE Seeks Mature/Respon-

sible Person(s) for Picking up Groceries, Light Housekeeping, Cooking, Kitty care, & Some Personal Care Duties. NEED ASAP! 815-243-1130. Rochelle (03-03-21)

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

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

NOW HIRING!
Lube Technician position available.
Must have previous professional auto service experience and own your own tools.
Apply within at **Byron Quick Lube & Tire, Inc.**

205 SITUATIONS WANTED

LOOKING to LEASE Deer Hunting Property for 2021, In Ogle or Stephenson County. Please Contact Bob Kunesh 630-306-7454. (02-28-21)

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vin-

Be Your Own Boss!!

You choose the hours you work.

Do you have clientele but don't have anywhere to perform your services?

Downtown Amboy salon has chair rental/space available for Barber, hair stylist, and/or nail technician.

Call Kirsten at 815-994-6323.

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3rd Shift Production Supervisor position

The Production Supervisor, with limited supervision, will oversee and direct hourly employee work performance to accomplish daily production and shipping requirements consistent with quality control and safety/health policies and procedures.

Candidate must have previous supervisory experience, preferably in mining, manufacturing or a related industry.

Please apply online,
No walk-ins will be accepted.

Apply to:

<https://www.coviacorp.com/careers/> Look under Oregon, IL

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NOW HIRING COVIA CORPORATION

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General Laborer positions start at \$24.09.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Shift Positions in Sand Mining Quarry.

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Competitive Wages & Excellent Benefits Package

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Byron CUSD #226 has the following Openings:

Middle School
2nd Shift Custodian

High School 3rd Shift Custodian

Middle School
Assistant Boys Track Coach

If interested, please fill out an online application
On the school website
www.byron226.org
Under the 'About Us' Tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

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203 HELP WANTED

Seasonal Park Maintenance

The Village of Davis Junction is seeking qualified candidates for part-time seasonal entry level general laborer in the Parks Department. Approximate season is March - November.

Duties include but not limited to: mowing, landscaping, concessions, athletic field maintenance, cleaning, miscellaneous projects, ability to perform manual tasks under variable weather conditions, ability to effectively work independently, as well as with co-workers and the general public.

The minimum requirements: Be at least 16 years of age and currently enrolled or possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Work on weekdays, weekends and holidays. Possess a valid IL Driver's License. Pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening and background check.

Pay starting at \$11.00 based on experience.

Interested candidates should submit a completed application for employment with resume via email to nhill@davisjunction.com or in person to Village Hall at 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois. Full job description and applications are available at www.davisjunction.com or at Village Hall. No phone calls please.

Application deadline is March 31, 2021.

The Village of Davis Junction is an equal opportunity employer.

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Position available at Village of Progress for nurse to work with adults having developmental disabilities. RN preferred but LPN will be considered.

We are an experienced and dedicated staff serving the needs of adults with developmental disabilities in the Oregon area. You will be working in a team setting, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Primary responsibilities include: direct care and nursing which includes monitoring dietary needs and restrictions, blood pressure checks, med pass as needed, hoier and standing lifts, safety orientation for new individuals, safety in-services, MSDS paperwork, case record paperwork, and charting.

Submit resume and two letters of reference to Village of Progress, P.O. Box 418, Oregon, IL 61061 EOE

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Stage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dick-harms@hotmail.com

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

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUNDLED Newspaper - \$3 per Bundle. End Roll-Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rockchelle News-Leader.

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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509 HOUSES FOR RENT

1 bedroom, 1 bath house for rent in Oregon near downtown. \$500 per mo/\$500 dep. Available April 1st. 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

K&P SELF STORAGE
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage)
815-247-8518
OUTSIDE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE
Storage Unit Sizes:
5' x 10' 10' x 10'
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

409 LOTS AND ACREAGE

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3.7 Acres - Corner of Pines & Rt. 2 Oregon, IL - Zoned Commercial \$250,000
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33.7 - Acres South of Railroad and West of Rt. 2. 33 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial \$9,500 Per Acre
45.4 Acres South of Pines Road Between the Railroads. 19.4 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial. \$6,535 Per Acre
Daniel J. Boehle, Managing Broker
510 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL
815-732-6050 815-751-0037



303 APPLIANCES

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601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

Green's Motor Company
We Buy Cars
Mon-Fri 8-5PM
Sat 9-2PM
SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

 2015 JEEP PATRIOT, 4X4, \$12,990	 2019 CHEVY SILVERADO CUSTOM CREW CAB 4X4 \$39,963
 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE \$14,953	 2002 FORD T-BYRD CONVERTIBLE \$13,743

FINANCING AVAILABLE - Rates as low as 3.95% APR to well qualified buyers

2019 CHEVY SILVERADO CUSTOM CREW CAB 4X4, LIFT KIT, ALL BLACK.....	\$39,963
2019 CHEVY SILVERADO LT. 4 DR., 4X4, ONE OWNER, ONLY 22K	\$32,861
2018 CHEVY COLORADO CREW CAB, ZR2, 4X4, LEATHER, ONE OWNER.....	\$32,881
2018 RAM 2500 HD 4X4, CREW CAB, CUMMINS, DIESEL, LOCAL ONE OWNER, 16K MI.....	SOLD
2018 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LT, CREW CAB, Z71, 4X4, LOADED, ONLY 25K	\$38,149
2017 DODGE DURANGO GT, AWD, HEAT SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START.....	SOLD
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER.....	\$16,766
2017 GMC ACADIA SLE 2, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START, QUAD SEATS, ONLY 23K	\$25,990
2017 CHEVY VOLT, HYBRID, ONE OWNER, FUN TO DRIVE	\$12,959
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ALLOY WHEELS, POWER LIFT GATE	\$14,953
2016 JEEP WRANGLER 4 DR., OCSCAR MIKE, FREEDOM EDITION, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START .	\$26,854
2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, QUAD SEATS	\$19,827
2016 CHEVY COLORADO LT CREW CAB, 4X4, ONE OWNER, 58K.....	SOLD
2016 BUICK VERANO PREFERRED, 4 DR., REMOTE START, PEARL WHITE.....	\$12,389
2015 JEEP PATRIOT, 4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF	\$12,990
2012 FORD FUSION SEL, LEATHER, MOON, HEAT SEATS, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$8,990
2005 DODGE DURANGO, 5.7 HEMI, LEATHER MOONROOF, DVD, HIGH MILES, RUNS GOOD	SOLD
2004 CHEVY SILVERADO, 2500 HD, EXT CAB, 4X4, LEATHER, EXTRA NICE.....	SOLD
2002 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, PREMIUM, LEATHER, ONLY 55K MI	\$13,743
2002 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT, POWER MOONROOF, ONE OWNER	SOLD

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