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# Welcome to Zoom Town

## County's housing sales boom in 2020

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

OREGON – Nationally, there has been an increase in people moving out of cities and into more rural areas thanks to COVID-19 and the work-from-home environment.

People making that move have created something called a “Zoom town,” a take on boom town named after a popular video conferencing platform that has seen its use rise during the pandemic.

And you can add Ogle County to the areas being affected by this phenomenon. Home sales in the county have spiked, with one company in Oregon having a record year in 2020.

Rebecca Hazzard, Managing Broker/Owner with RE/MAX of Rock Valley in Oregon, said their sales in 2020 were about \$75 million total. That is \$25 million more than the total sales in 2019.

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# Voluntary pay envelopes in newspaper this week

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

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

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

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

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

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# HOUSING: They are facing inventory shortage

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“We really had a perfect storm of crazy world events that you thought would have slowed people from wanting to move,” she said.

But the opposite proved to be true. After COVID initially slowed business to nearly a stop, Hazzard said by the middle of April, “Our phones were ringing off the hook.”

She said they saw a “huge” influx of people from the Chicago area moving to the county. She said some bought a second home, while others relocated their families to the area permanently.

There were also local people looking to move as well.

“Local people are wanting to move up into bigger spaces, suburban people are wanting to come out to areas that are less congested,” she said of the buyers.

She said some would call and tell her how much cash they wanted to spend and say that they wanted

to close in two weeks and asked her to find them a home.

She said there are many things that people find attractive about the area.

“Lower taxes, parks, space, great schools,” she said.

Of course, they also wanted to make sure the area had good Internet connectivity.

Hazzard said that not one area of the county was more popular than another. She also said that they sold homes in all price ranges. The most expensive would have been the \$600,000 to \$800,000 range.

The sales have, of course, affected the prices of homes. In 2019, Hazzard said the median home price in Ogle County was about \$135,000. Now it is nearly \$155,000.

And all of this was accomplished in a very different environment to sell and buy a home. Hazzard said they used Zoom calls, FaceTime for showings and did a lot of electronic signings. She said more

than once people called about a home and bought it without even touring it in person.

Hazzard said the entire staff of 14 agents at RE/MAX of Rock Valley worked hard for those great numbers in 2020. She said 2021 has started a bit slower, and that can be linked to the success of 2020.

“We need listings,” she said. “We have buyers who lost out in the bidding wars from the 2020 season who have not bought a home.”

That low inventory means people are still looking, and prices could continue to climb. That is great for those who are retiring to Florida and selling their homes. But it is not so great for those who are still looking.

She said they will send our mailers and use referrals and other techniques to find more homes to sell. For anyone looking to sell in Ogle County, Hazzard does have a little advice.

“It is a great time to sell,” she said.



## Pizza making class is Feb. 12

OREGON – Sure, you can order delicious pizza from any number of great restaurants in Oregon, and some might even offer a heart shaped pizza for Valentine’s Day.

But if you are looking for a fun night out and you want to learn to make your own delicious pizza and homemade crust, the Oregon Park District has the class for you.

The Park District has partnered with Lynnies’ Kitchen to offer a fun class for couples to make a delicious heart-shaped pizza that you can take home and bake to celebrate Valentines’ Day weekend. Sign up with your

sweetheart, “special someone,” or friend and make a two-topping pizza from scratch.

Class will be held at Cork & Tap in Oregon from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. The fee is \$35/Resident Couple or \$42/Non-Resident Couple. To register visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101. Space is limited and masks are required for participation. Register by the Feb. 8 deadline. For more information on this Pizza Making class and other cooking classes offered through the Park District with Lynnies’ Kitchen, contact [debbie@oregonpark.org](mailto:debbie@oregonpark.org).

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We would like to say thank you to those who gave cards, kind words of sympathy, flowers, fruit, and memorial donations upon the passing of our daughter, Samantha due to complications of Dysmotility & Gastroparesis. We were overwhelmed with all your generosity during this extremely difficult time.

Thank you for all your kindness.

Patrick & Nancy Gilmour  
Timothy, Claire, Beatrice & Ephram Gilmour  
Danni & Melissa O’Shea Gilmour

## Bread of Life sets distributions

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food Pantry serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District.

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

Upcoming dates are Feb. 9 and March 9. Distribution is curbside from 3-5 p.m. When Meridian schools close for weather we do, too. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872 to register for our next distribution.

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# Obituary

## Owen Lee Howard

OREGON – Owen Lee Howard, 63, of Oregon, died Jan. 20, 2021 in his home surrounded by his family. Born June 30, 1957 in West Plains, Mo. Son of Robert and Omega (Owen) Howard.

Grew up in Rockford. Moved to Oregon Illinois in 2004. Owen married Karen L. Posey on Feb. 12, 1977. He worked as a custodian for the Rockford Public Schools for 28 years. He also was a custodian for Belvidere Schools, Oregon High School, and an event staff supervisor at BMO Harris Bank Center/Metro Center. He enjoyed playing cards, 4 wheeling with the family and playing bags but mostly loved spending time with his grandkids. He was a wonderful family man

and friend. He never met a stranger, always had time for everyone.

Owen is survived by his wife Karen; daughters Alicia (Tommy) Swisher, Tiffany (Dan M) Howard, and Trina (Dan) Nelson; daughter-in-law Misty Gear; grandchildren Jessica (Adam) Stafford, Jaime Bull, Tyler Crowell, Leland Howard, Trinity Howard-Nelson, Aubrey Gear, Zackery White, Julianna Bull, Jazmyne Bull, Kaitlyn Nelson, and Alyssa Nelson; great-grandchildren Athena Stafford, Jack Stafford, Tonieo, Madison, Malani, Kyron, and River; siblings Tricia Posey, Joanna (Marc) Whitmore, and James Howard; Brother-in-laws Lee Guerra and Sam (Carol) Powell, Steve (Gloria) Posey sister-in-law

Gayle Posey several special nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents Robert and Omega Howard, in-laws Norman Dale and Dorothy Posey; son Norman Dale Posey III, and sister Rose King, Brother-in-law Harry (Elvira) Powell, Gary Posey, Sister-in-law Cheryl (Rulon) Hemingway.

A Memorial Service was 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 in Cornerstone Church, 205 N. Peru St., Byron, IL 61010 with Rev. Randy Snider officiating. Visitation was from 1 p.m. until time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers you may give memorials to the family. Stateline Cremations is assisting the family, 712 Windsor Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111.

# Obituary

## Gloria Schniepp

Gloria Anderson Schniepp passed away on the morning of Jan. 12th. Gloria is survived by her 4 children Shelley, Jerry (Ruth), Jill (Bob) and Jack (Stacy), 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandkids. She courageously battled Parkinson's disease for many years.



Gloria grew up in the small town of Forreston where her brother Keith "Andy" and his family, and a few childhood friends still reside. Gloria and her late husband Jerry Sr. moved to La Mesa permanently in 1973 where she remained until just weeks before her passing.

She was a nurse at Grossmont Hospital for over 30 years serving mainly in the emergency room, as a paramedic radio nurse, and as a teaching coordinator. In her final year before retirement she was honored as the nurse of the year for the entire hospital. Her warm smiles and laugh along with her "loud" presence were known well and loved by coworkers and patients alike.

Gloria and Jerry volunteered at LM Nat'l LL for over a decade. She filled many roles from official scorekeeper to team mom. She may have been best known as the loudest fan in the stands! A die-hard Padre fan, she held season

tickets for many years and was in the stands during the Padres' 84 post-season, Game 3 of the '98 World Series and the '78 All Star game. She enjoyed the "new" Padres as well with one of her favorite players being Fernando Tatis Jr.!

Her house was a museum of antiques, trivets, birdhouses, baskets and everything Amish or PA Dutch. She enjoyed gardening and birdwatching, Robert Frost poetry, Gladys Taber novels, the art of Norman Rockwell and Grandma Moses, Penn State football, and telling and retelling the stories and events of her adult children and their families to anyone who would listen!

She almost always had a positive outlook even after enduring the loss of her husband and then a little over a decade later

after reconnecting with her HS sweetheart, Lowell Wilson, losing him as well just months before their planned wedding.

In her 70's she began attending church at Fletcher Hills Presbyterian where she, in her own words, "came back to her childhood faith". At FHPC, she made many new friends through her involvement in various groups and ministries. She also served as a Deacon from July 2012 through 2015.

Gloria was a fighter, a talker, and a fierce defender of anyone related to her. She was a completely devoted and self-sacrificing mother. We'll always remember her special sensitivity with tears flowing easily over sappy tv commercials or goodbyes of any length. Known for her warm welcomes and baked goodies, she was the quintessential grandma with a home where all felt welcomed and none departed hungry.

We mourn the loss of our mother but celebrate a life well lived! We are comforted knowing she is at peace now and no longer suffering.

To honor Gloria and her passion for youth sports, donations in her name can be sent to La Mesa Nat'l LL. We are hoping to plan a memorial later in the year.

## Mount Morris Senior Center is again open for cards, activities

Weekly card games are now set again at the Mount Morris Senior Center.

The Senior Center in Mt. Morris has been basically shut down for months, but they are happy to welcome seniors back in the building again. The center will be opening like a sunrise starting with cards in February and bringing back a few meals in March and even more as we get further into spring.

Come down to the center right in downtown Mount Morris to play Hand and Foot on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Bridge on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The address is 9 East Front Street and the players are happy to teach if you've never played the game before. Also, if you have a group or would like to create one to play cards, dominoes, dice, or any other game the Senior Center is excited to provide you with a safe place to play.

Masks and as much distance as possible will be required for every game, and the center is disinfected often. Simply show up for an existing game or contact the director Melissa Nicholson at 815-734-6335 or mmscenter@gmail.com to start something new.

There are other things on the horizon too. The new Highland Community College sponsored exercise class starts on Wednesday, Feb. 10 and is open to everyone. The class costs just \$40 for 30 sessions and meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.

In March, the center will bring back their delicious biscuits and gravy on Wednesday mornings from 8-10 am, their popular birthday lunch featuring free bingo, and their wonderful Jam Sessions with local musicians. Keep watch in the paper or check out the Mount Morris Senior Center website at mmseniorcenter.com for more information.

Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday. Email releases to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)



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# Obituaries

## Patricia K. Oltmanns

OREGON – Patricia K. “Pat” Oltmanns, age 79, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Nov. 12, 1941 in Dixon, the daughter of William “Albert” and LaVonne “Babe” (Frey) Schmidt.



She graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1959 and then attended Beautician School in Sterling. She married Richard K. Oltmanns on June 9, 1962 at the Emmanuel United Brethren Church in Polo. He preceded her in death in Nov. of 2009.

avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. Most of all she loved to spend time with her family.

Pat operated her own Beauty Saloon out of her home for many years and also helped operate the family farm with her husband Richard. She was a longtime member of the Ebenezer Reformed Church where she also participated in the Ladies Aid of the church. She loved to garden and was an

Besides her husband she was also predeceased by her parents and her brother Ron Schmidt.

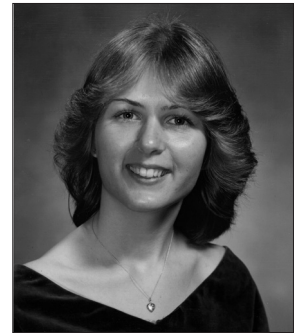
She is survived by her loving children; Kenneth Oltmanns of Dixon, Kevin (Heidi) Oltmanns of Byron, and Kathy Snodgrass of Chana, 2 brothers; Richard Schmidt of Mt. Morris and Gary (Ann) Schmidt of Sterling, 5 grandchildren;

Amber (Timm) DeVries of Davis Junction, Zachary (Erika) Oltmanns of Davis Junction, Molly (Josh) Matatus of Omaha, Nebraska, Mathew Oltmanns of Oregon, and Brandon Snodgrass of Dixon, and 7 great grandchildren; Thea, Arlo, Jace, Remington, Kinley, Cooper, and Daxton.

Funeral service was 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at the Ebenezer Reformed Church, 2997 North German Church Road Oregon, IL 61061 with the Rev. Josiah Youngquist pastor of the church officiating. Visitation was 1 hour prior from 1-2 p.m. at the church on Thursday. A memorial fund is established for the Oregon Health Care Center. Burial in the Ebenezer Cemetery following the service. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon is assisting the family.

## Jane Miller

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jane Miller on Jan. 21, 2021. Jane was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Aug. 30, 1960, and lived in Connecticut before settling in Mt. Morris 28 years ago. She was the daughter of Robert and Edna Miller and loving sister to her siblings Joan, George and Tom.



Jane’s life philosophy was that it was always better to give than to receive. She had a heart of gold, a bright smile, and a quick wit and sense of humor which she willingly shared with all. Jane was famous for her baking skills which especially around the holidays she shared with everyone.

She took great pride in her home and garden and delighted in each bloom. She worked at Kable for 28 years and was well loved by her co-workers.

The family would like to thank all of her dear friends, neighbors and co-workers for their care and concern throughout her

illness, especially the love and support of her dearest friends Sherry and Charlie. We also wish to thank the staff at FHN Ferguson Cancer Center and most recently the staff of Serenity Hospice in Oregon for providing Jane with excellent care and support.

Due to the Covid pandemic a memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. The family suggests that donations be made in the name of Jane Elizabeth Miller to Serenity Hospice, FHN Ferguson Cancer Center or to a charity of your choice.

## Betty Adams

Betty Adams, 92, of Oregon, Passed away on Jan. 22, 2021 in Oregon.



Born Betty Jean Petefish on Nov. 20, 1928 in Jacksonville, Ill., to Ethel and Ivan Petefish. She was raised on a farm and attended a one room school house until high school. She attended Illinois Normal University Teachers College where she met her husband, Richard Adams at the Methodist fellowship leaf-raking day. They married Sept. 5, 1948 and she worked to put him through his bachelor’s degree at Normal University. He took various jobs as an industrial arts teacher and print shop operator while she spent long hours working office jobs and being a dutiful housewife.

person than a book, although education was a huge priority. She went back to college at Northern Illinois University to complete the needed 2 years for her bachelor’s in education in her 40’s. She joyously and passionately taught 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th graders in Ashton for several years.

When Richard was sent to Japan during the Korean War Betty stayed alone working for a year and then decided to join him. She crossed the Pacific to Tokyo on a freighter and the two of them lived in the upstairs of a traditional Japanese family home in Higashi Nagasaki, miles from the military base. Betty loved learning about people, and made lasting friendships with the Japanese. She taught English to employees at a Japanese bank.

At retirement age Betty decided the best use of her skills was to promote and run a children’s wilderness camp on her own 11 acres. Believing in nature as the best healer and teacher, she recruited staff and campers, raised scholarship money, set up activities and curriculum, tents and cook fires, and ran a successful camp for 6 years.

After the army they resided for a while in Madison Wis., faithful members of Trinity Methodist Church there. Richard then purchased a print shop in Minot, N.D., where they lived for 6 years. They then moved to Oregon, where they made their permanent home in the wooded countryside.

She then turned her attention to promoting the arts and founded along with Richard The Fields Project, an annual retreat for artists who stayed with farm families that encompassed field art and an art show. For her service to the arts, she was awarded the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council in 2002.

Whenever Betty cared, she found a way to take action, making a difference through leadership in Rochelle’s Community Action Network, to mental health as

member of the Ogle County Mental Health Association, to children as board chair of Oregon’s first nonprofit day care center and as a faithful Sunday school teacher through the years. She served as executive director of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and together with her husband Richard was recognized as an Oregon Citizen of the Year.

Betty is preceded in death by husband Richard H. Adams, Mother Ethel Walker Oliver (Petefish), father Ivan Petefish, brother Wendell Petefish.

She is survived by son Jeff Adams (Kathy), daughters Martha Bohrer (Timothy) and Linda Adams (Charlie Schleevogt), 5 grandchildren (Jacob Adams, Greg and Anna Bohrer, Michelle and Karl Schleevogt) and 2 great grandchildren (Solweig and Magnus Bohrer). She found great joy in raising a family and in entertaining and educating her grandchildren. She cared deeply for those she loved, and the circle was wide.

Betty’s most recent concern was for hungry families in the midst of the pandemic. To address that concern the family will appreciate memorials to Lifeline Food Pantry of Oregon in lieu of flowers.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, private family services will be held at Oregon United Methodist Church with Pastor Megan Smick officiating. The service can be viewed at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 on Facebook live at the OUMC Facebook page. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family.

## James N. Heckendorn

OREGON – James N. “Jim” Heckendorn, age 86, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at the Oregon Living and Rehab Center. He was born March 10, 1934 in Punxsutawney, Pa., the son of Doyle Heckendorn and Flora (Fetterman) Heckendorn.



He graduated from Punxsutawney High School. He served his country for 22 years in the U.S. Navy including the Korean War, aboard the nuclear submarine Proteus, and later as a meteorologist. He also worked for Com Ed over 22 years in Byron. Jim married Virginia L. Balle on January 27, 1991

in Oregon. He enjoyed music, the theater, traveling, working on his computer, and anything to do with electronics.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Judy London.

He is survived by his loving wife Virginia of Oregon, daughters; Lynda Gernat of Chantilly, Virginia, Alana Bell of Saluda, North Carolina, and Donna Kesler of Punxsutawney, Pa., son, Dr. Jeffrey Cates of Oregon, grandchildren; Soren Cates and Eric Cates.

Private funeral service are being held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 South 7th Street in Oregon. Private burial will take place at the Byron Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Jim’s name for the Parkinson’s Research foundation.

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# Ogle County Sheriff

Jan. 22

At 10:54 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Rochelle Police Department were dispatched to Rt. 251 at Twombly Rd. for a Hit and Run accident. After an investigation, it was determined that Anselmo Carranza-Sanchez, 22 of Rockford was driving southbound in the northbound lane on Rt. 251 just north of Twombly Rd. Anselmo struck a vehicle while in the other lane, and continued southbound. Anselmo was located driving southbound on 7th St. in Rochelle, and was arrested for Driving on a Revoked license, Driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of a crash, and other traffic citations. Anselmo was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. No injuries were reported in the crash.

At approximately 11:22 a.m. Ogle County Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of S. IL Rte. 26. After investigation, Deputies issued Charles Alba, 34 of Forreton citations for Driving While License Suspended, No Valid Registration, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Alba was released on an I-bond to appear in court at a later date. Also arrested was the passenger Caitlynn Johnson, 24 of Forreton for a Lee County Contempt of Court Warrant. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 7:10 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a check welfare in the 11000 block of E. Rt. 72 for a vehicle parked on the side of the road with a women walking in the area. After an investigation, Susan Buntjer, 50 of Oregon was arrested

for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Buntjer was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 21

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Nancy Lopez, 48 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Lopez was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I39 near Rochelle after being stopped for speeding. Lopez was released on an I bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Shayvonne Lewis, 27 of Rockford, for Driving With No Valid License. Lewis was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on Hwy 251 near Edson Rd after being stopped for a lane violation. Lewis was released on an I bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Jan. 19

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Javier Salinas, 41, of Beloit, Wis., at the Ogle County courthouse. Salinas was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Driving While License Suspended. He was unable to post 10% of the \$3,000.00 bond and will appear in court on 1/19/21 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 17

At approximately 11:27 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle rollover accident in the 7000 block of East IL Rte 38. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies learned that a 2017 Subaru driven by Savannah Siron, 20 of Dixon, was traveling westbound on IL Rte 38 when she lost control and entered the north ditch and overturned. Siron received minor injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital by

Ashton Ambulance. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were assisted on scene by Ashton Fire and Ambulance.

At approximately 12:58 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 100 block of N. Walnut St in Stillman Valley in reference to a disturbance. After investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Danielle M. Miller, 28 of Stillman Valley, for Aggravated Domestic Battery. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held with no bond.

Jan. 16

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Evan Keeton, 18 of Rockford, for Driving While Unlicensed. Keeton was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for Speeding. Keeton was released on an I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Jan. 15

At approximately 7:46 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the 4500 block of S. Lowell Park Road. Upon further investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Christina Galvan, 29 of Sterling, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) and Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe. Galvan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to the Correctional Deputies

Jan. 9

At 3:40 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I88 at mile marker 78 east bound. After a short investigation deputies arrested Christopher Hayes, 19 of Bettendorf, Iowa for driving while license suspended. Hayes

was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date. His passenger Jakob Burke, 19 of Bettendorf, Iowa was cited for possession of cannabis.

At 4:50 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I88 mile marker 78 east bound. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Anietra Johnson, 24 of Chicago for Driving While License suspended. Johnson was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

At 7:13 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at 5th and 10th in Rochelle. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Laurel Hayes, 52 of Rochelle for DUI. Hayes was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 8

At 10:05 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Rte. 251 / Rte.64 for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Jose Rocha Maldonado, 26 of Rockford was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jose was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 7

At approximately 11:08 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at N. IL Rte 2 and Kathryn Road. After investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Shane M. Muncy, 47 of Tampico, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis Driver (Improper Container). Muncy was also cited for Speeding, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Equipment Violation. Muncy was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held with no bond.

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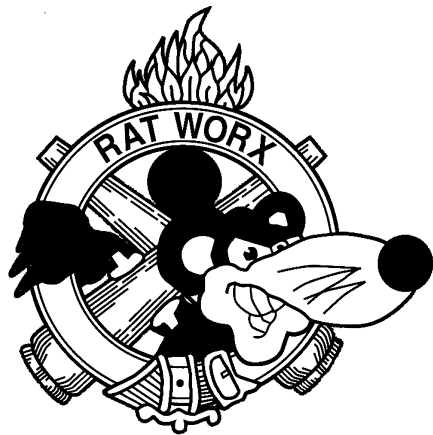
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# VILLAGE OF PROGRESS



## Lenkaitis earns VOP scholarship

For 23 years the Village of Progress Foundation has presented educational scholarships to folks in Ogle County.

Applicants must be a resident of Ogle County and a high school senior or full-time college student who either has a disability or is majoring in an area that serves those with disabilities.

One of the scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 is made through a gift from Larry Young & Friends Charities. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with the foundation to help make its annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

This year a scholarship through the Larry Young & Friends Charity was given to Sofia Lenkaitis.

Sofia is a senior holding an above-4-point GPA at Rochelle Township High School. Sofia will be pursuing a degree in Nursing.

Sofia wrote about her desire to make a difference in her community and how she discovered a passion for nursing during her volunteer service.

Each of Sofia's references commented on the countless volunteer hours she donates to numerous community events.

To learn more about scholarships opportunities visit the news and events section at [www.villageofprogress.org](http://www.villageofprogress.org).

Sofia Lenkaitis, Rochelle Township High School Senior with Brion Brooks, Village of Progress Executive Director receiving a check for \$1,000 from the Village of Progress Foundation made possible by Larry Young & Friends Charity.

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# Oregon School District sets preschool screenings for March

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

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

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

The dates and times are:  
Monday, March 15, 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
Tuesday, March 16, noon-6:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
Wednesday, March 17, 8:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
Thursday, March 18, 8:20 a.m.-12:40 p.m., at the Oregon elementary School  
Please call the Oregon Elementary School at 815-732-5300 to schedule your appointment.



# Wellness work space opens in Oregon

The Oregon Area of Commerce welcomed Locus Coworking and Wellness Space to 217 W. Washington St. in Oregon with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 22.

Locus is the very first wellness coworking space in our area.

Locus Coworking and Wellness Space's mission is to curate a wellness-oriented experience for the new workforce of digital professionals, entrepreneurs, and creatives who value flexibility, freedom, focus, and mental and physical well-being.

At Locus you can reserve

a desk in this beautiful space several different ways. Some options are by one, five, 10 or 20 day reservations. Member plus subscription includes a dedicated desk, and several great membership perks and discounts with partnering local businesses. Owner Elizabeth Priller offers multiple workshops that are mainly centered around men and women's health and wellness.

Hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. but can be available at other times if requested.

Priller has been a registered nurse for more than 20 years. Her focus in the

past was always on the "post problem." She said she has since realized that there's so much that can be done for people's health by focusing on illness and sick care related to stress. Now her focus is on prevention with multi-modality practices such as nutrition, sleep, meditation, mindful movement, and helping others thrive in life.

Priller is a certified health coach, registered yoga teacher with yoga alliance, and certified ayurveda and meditation specialist. She also currently teaches Anatomy for Information Technology at Highland Community College in Freeport.

# Program for young widows starts Feb. 2

OREGON – Serenity Hospice's bereavement program is starting a new group for young widows (age 55 and under).

The group will meet on the first Tuesdays of the month from 6-7 starting Feb. 2. The group will meet at Serenity Home and recom-

mended safety precautions will be used such as face-masks and social distancing.

The group will be facilitated by a trained bereavement coordinator and it will allow young widows to share if they so desire or to just listen as other widows share.

Younger widows face a different set of circumstances than an older adult and the group will be a safe place to be surrounded by others dealing with the same issues.

For more information, call Cathy Warren at Serenity 815-732-2499.

# State Police release statistics for 2020

STERLING – Illinois State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced activity and enforcement figures for the calendar year 2020.

Troopers in District 1, which includes Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties, recorded 9,836 incidents during the year.

In addition, enforcement figures totaled 4,313 citations and 3,686 written warnings, including 2,529 speeding citations, 51 DUI arrests, 303 occupant restraint citations, 201 distracted driving citations, 48 move over (Scott's Law) citations, 1,015 written warnings for speeding, and 142 criminal arrests.

Troopers conducted 628 Motor Carrier Safety Inspections with 74 being placed out of service for safety violations. Additionally, troopers conducted 78 portable scale details, which resulted in 70 overweight citations and 86 overweight warnings being issued. District 1 handled 233 traffic crashes and assisted 1,253 motorists.

During the year, 3,084 citations were issued for "Fatal Four" violations. These violations are most associated with fatal traffic crashes and include Speeding, DUI, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt and Distracted Driving.



# 2021 FROM THE HEART VIRTUAL EVENT

7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021  
on our From The Heart Facebook Page  
PLUS Online Auction at [www.Bearrows.Hibid.Com](http://www.Bearrows.Hibid.Com) -  
Auction ends on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021

### Featured Auction items include:

- 26 Centerpieces created by Rochelle florists Colonial Flowers and Cypress House. Winner of each centerpiece auction will be entered into a separate drawing for the Centerpiece Necklace which is a 4 Kt White Gold Diamond Fashion Necklace .95ct., exclusively designed by Busch Jewelers in Rockford, and valued at \$3,000. The drawing for the Centerpiece Necklace will take place during our Virtual Event.
- Elvis limited edition numbered collector photographs from concert in LaCrosse, Wis., on May 14, 1956
- Chicago Bears framed photo montage of Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers, autographed by both players
- Framed photo montage of former Chicago Cub Ryne Sandberg, featuring his autograph
- Ladies 10kt White Gold Dancing Shimmering Diamond Pendant .90ctw, retailed at \$2,400
- Ladies 10 kt Yellow Gold Diamond Fashion Heart Pendant .95ctw, retailed at \$1,500
- Mac Sport Utility Wagon filled with white wine
- Mac Sport Utility Wagon filled with red wine
- Yeti Tundra 65 Cooler filled with craft beer

This is just a taste of the auction items up for grabs  
Visit [bearrows.hibid.com](http://bearrows.hibid.com) to see the full list of items available

From The Heart is still accepting tickets for its Virtual Event. For \$100 per ticket, you will have an entry into a drawing to win one of five Virtual Event Prizes: 1/2 Hog and Processing; 1/4 Beef and Processing; LG UHD 75 Inch TV; Apple Watch Series 6; and a KitchenAid 5 Quart Bowl Lift Stand Mixer. Plus you will receive a \$25 voucher for the Flight Deck. Additional chances to win one of the five prizes are available for \$20 each, once the initial \$100 ticket is purchased.

Please mail your Virtual Ticket payment to From The Heart, PO Box 202, Rochelle, IL 61068.

For more information, call Dave at 815-562-2220.

Online purchases of Virtual Tickets can be made at [fromtheheartrochelle.org](http://fromtheheartrochelle.org).



# Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

## Tumbling at Nash

Our tumbling program has proven effective. Kids Spot Inc. utilizes interactive tumbling instructors to provide your child the best experience possible. We offer a variety of class offerings from Tiny to Intermediate classes at 2-time frames of 4:45 and 6 p.m. for 3-year old and up. Our February classes run for 4 weeks and are Wednesday evenings beginning 2/3 through 2/24. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 1.

## DIY Kit-Happy Valentine's Day Sign with T+T

Enjoy stenciling a Happy Valentine's Day sign on a 10" x 10" canvas. This DIY project is perfect for kids or adults looking for a crafty project. Pick up your kit on Monday, January 8 at Nash. Enjoy creating trendy art pieces with the help of a prepared kit (includes canvas, stencil, and all paint needed) and access to a "HOW TO" video with Charlotte from T+T. Class fee is \$14/Resident or \$17/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 1.

## Valentine Succulent Planter

Join the staff from Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers for a hands-on workshop planting your very own little succulent garden. The workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on Wednesday, February 10. Choose between the 6-7 p.m. or the 7:30-8:30 p.m. class time. There are so many fun varieties of succulents and you will be choosing 5 to plant in your decorative planter. Give as a Valentine or keep for yourself because succulents are so fun, easy to care for, and make great décor to display year-round. Class fee is \$44/Resident or \$53/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 3.

## Zoom with Beth Shenberger-Salad In A Jar

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

## Pizza Lovers Night-Cooking with Lynnies' Kitchen

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

## Snowman building contest

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

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

## Spring soccer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 6th grade girls competitive volleyball

The season was moved from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021, due to the new IHSA sports schedule. 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. A volunteer coach is needed for this team. Please contact [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if interested. Season is scheduled March 8th-April 16th. All government guidelines will be followed. If IHSA cancels the season, we will offer a skills based program to ensure players still develop their skills. Registration Deadline: 2/15/2021. Registration Fee \$75

## Zombie survival camp

Want something fun to do outdoors over President's Day? Look no further! Lorado Taft is offering a Zombie Survival Camp on Feb. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will build our own hideouts, learn how to survive in the wild, and play a zombie inspired tag game! We will become zombies ourselves and stumble through the woods looking for brains while learning how to make our own fires and getaway cars! This program is \$20/\$24 NR per person for ages 7-13, we will provide lunch, and will be outside for most of the day! So dress warm! Drop off and pick up is at Lorado Taft. Registration deadline is Friday Feb. 5. Masks must be worn (no gators or bandanas). All government guidelines will be followed.

## Byron Police report

Jan. 4

Byron Police arrested Kelly McKeown, 23 of Rock Falls, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Endangering the Life and Health of a Child. McKeown was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 7

Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred at the intersection of Blackhawk and Washington. Involved were Stanley Lemiesz, 65 of Byron, and Madeline James, 21 of Stillman Valley. Lemiesz was issued a citation for Failure to Yield/Stop.

Jan. 14

Abigail Szwiec, 20 of Rockford, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Jan. 20

Medrano, 19 of Pecatonica, was issued a citation for Speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Jan. 21

Bethany Kopp, 31 of Mt. Morris, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and No Proof of Insurance.

Jan. 22

Byron Police arrested Michael Iozzo, 53 of Byron, for Disorderly Conduct and Solicitation of a Sexual Act. Iozzo was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Byron Police investigated an accident with minor injuries that occurred at the intersection of Union and Blackhawk. Involved were Dylan Joens, 26 of Forreton, and Nevaeh Ballard, 17 of Rock Falls. Joens was issued a citation for Failure to Yield Turning Left.

# 2021 waste reduction and recycling grants available

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants for 2021 are available to Ogle County businesses, schools, churches and non-profit groups wanting to establish or improve on waste reduction and recycling programs and services.

The grants are up to \$2,000, and funds are limited, so they will be awarded on a competitive basis in amounts from \$100 - \$2,000, in three rounds or until funds are depleted. Applicants must provide a minimum 20 percent match of the total project cost. The deadline for submittal of applications for the first round of grants is 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

The application for the grants is simple and flexible. Businesses could use grant funds to help purchase waste reduction and recycling materials and equipment such as collection bins, carts, balers and storage containers. Equipment needed to switch from disposable packaging to reusable packaging for products and supplies could also be considered. Businesses are encouraged to consider projects to reduce food waste or implement food waste recycling programs.

Waste hauling companies could use grant funds to improve the quantity and quality of materials collected in their curbside recycling collection programs. This could be done through promotional efforts, instructional stickers for carts and bins, direct mail, and other educational

efforts.

Schools may seek funds for special projects that will further a student's understanding of how to reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill. The requests may be for materials and equipment, such as recycling bins/carts, videos, books, worm (vermicomposting) bins, composters, or other waste reduction or recycling equipment.

Municipalities seeking to improve commercial, curbside, or multifamily recycling programs are encouraged to apply. Grant applications for equipment and materials needed to improve electronics recycling options in Ogle County are also encouraged since most electronics have been banned from landfills since 2012.

These are just examples, and applicants are encouraged to find innovative ways to reduce waste and increase what is recycled. The grants may not be used to pay for ongoing expenses such as staffing, collection, and hauling costs. Priority will be given to new applicants.

All applications will be reviewed by the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and the Ogle County Board Solid Waste Committee.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, solidwaste@oglecounty.org, or visit www.oglecounty.org.

# Rock River Center has upcoming activities, meetings

Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers-Late Stage - Part 2

Listen by phone, Tuesday, Feb. 9, noon-1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

### Valentine's Day Craft Class

Come to Rock River Center on Wednesday, Feb. 10 for a Valentine's Day Craft Class. Class begins at promptly at 11 a.m.

Debbie Clark will be the facilitator of this class. Join her as she provides instruction, materials and fun making Valentine's Day Gnomes for Valentine's Day. Everyone goes home with a completed gift!

### Registration Information:

\* Register by Feb. 5 by calling 815-732-3252.

\* 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 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Rock River Center.

#### Caregiver Support Group

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

#### Diabetic Support Group

Sheryl 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.

#### Low Vision Group

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

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

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# Soil and Water District will hold election on Feb. 9

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual election for directors of the District Board on Feb. 9.

The election will take place at the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 421W. Pines Road, Oregon. Voters must use the south entrance nearest the auditorium. Covid-19 protocol of wearing a mask and social distancing will be enforced.

Ballot voting will take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone who owns or occupies land within Ogle County is eligible to vote.

There are five directors on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Directors serve 2-year

terms and must be owners or occupiers of land within Ogle County. This year two director positions are up for election. The following candidates have been placed on the ballot to fill the two open positions: incumbent Marcia Heuer of Oregon, incumbent Jon Pearson of Mount Morris and Paul Priester of Rochelle.

The other three director positions are currently held by Cade Bushnell of Stillman Valley, Cody Considine of Byron and Kayse Rushford of Oregon.

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District is a not for profit, local unit of government in Ogle County, formed

in 1942, to help provide landowners technical and educational assistance in applying conservation practices. Today, the Ogle County SWCD has the responsibility to inform the public on the wise use of natural resources, addressing nutrient management, the application of conservation practices, wildlife habitat, forest uses, water quality, natural resource education, construction and zoning uses.

If you would like more information about the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District, please feel free to contact any of the directors or the district office at 815-732-6127.

# Byron High School Honor Roll

## All "A" Honor Roll Semester 1

### SENIORS:

Abel, Benjamin R. 12  
Bell, Allison C. 12  
Bukoski, Paige M. 12  
Buser, Jaeden A. 12  
Collins, Elizabeth K. 12  
Cornett, Hope L. 12  
Detig, Eric S. 12  
Dunham, Ashley M. 12  
Groharing, Hailey N. 12  
Johnson, Joshua R. 12  
Kuehn, Kaitlyn M. 12  
Kuehn, Matthew J. 12  
Mondello, Lauren F. 12  
Palmer, Kalley H. 12  
Reed, Devin L. 12  
Tucker, Zachary D. 12  
Whitmer, Grace K. 12  
Wieck, Jessica L. 12  
Wrede, Emma C. 12

### JUNIORS

Baker, Elle I. 11  
DeHahn, Jennifer L. 11  
Ebersohl, Addison K. 11  
Jarrett, Riley N. 11  
Jones, Estelle D. 11  
Julian, Alana M. 11  
Mc Kinley, Isabelle G. 11  
Roush, Anika M. 11  
Schilling, Kate S. 11  
Starwalt, Rebekah K. 11  
Stickler, Sadie L. 11

### SOPHOMORES

Baker, Brayden A. 10  
Bargren, Hunter F. 10  
Duncan, Jasmine R. 10  
Grundstrom, Ella G. 10  
Henert, Kennedy R. 10  
Kilmer, Audrey G. 10  
Kultgen, Ava J. 10  
Mc Hale, Shannon P. 10  
Politsch, Tyson J. 10  
Shank, Lauryn R. 10  
Smith, Sydney R. 10  
Swartz, Hayden J. 10  
Swiech, Lily S. 10  
Whitmer, Brooke M. 10

### FRESHMEN

Baker, Abigail L. 09  
Braithwaite, Denise E. 09  
Dolan, Taryn M. 09  
Fish, Brianna L. 09  
Freedlund, Andrew R. 09  
Groharing, Madison L. 09  
Little, Reese E. 09

## "High Honors" Honor Roll Semester 1

### SENIORS

Abrahams, Grace L. 12  
Atkinson, Wyatt C. 12  
Beckman, Bradley S. 12  
Bitz, Samantha M. 12  
Buttram, Abigail M. 12  
Camling, Amanda S. 12  
Christian, Ryer J. 12  
Coffey, Aydin R. 12

Dyck, Nathaniel A. 12  
Ebens, Olivia R. 12  
Fetherston, Josiah S. 12  
Fredrickson, Rachael B. 12  
Freedlund, Anna I. 12  
Gautier, Oliver K. 12  
Gehrke, Renee N. 12  
Gorman, Brandon J. 12  
Grobe, Lauren A. 12  
Grundstrom, Braden R. 12  
Hardy, Collin D. 12  
Ingram, Eli U. 12  
Johnson, Brody J. 12  
Keefe, Alexandria R. 12  
Klein, Kylee M. 12  
Knapik, Anna L. 12  
Kotajarvi, Kahl T. 12  
Kultgen, Grace G. 12  
Kultgen, Rachel E. 12  
Lambert, Aydin M. 12  
Larson, Ean M. 12  
Lawver, Corbin J. 12  
Lewis, Samuel D. 12  
Lynde, Jayne K. 12  
Morgan, Tanner N. 12  
Mundt, Brynn N. 12  
Murphy, Alex P. 12  
Nogaj, Kyleigh A. 12  
O Sullivan, Alicia J. 12  
Palmer, Katlyn N. 12  
Parsons, Samantha A. 12  
Pifer, Kailey M. 12  
Remhof, Logan T. 12  
Rundle, August T. 12  
Rundle, Hutton W. 12  
Salisbury, Morgan L. 12  
Schmidt, Jacob R. 12  
Smith, Josanne E. 12  
Squires, Alyssa R. 12  
Vvanti, Alexia L. 12  
Whitmore, Carissa M. 12  
Wilson, Elizabeth K. 12  
Wombacher, Kathryn A. 12

### JUNIORS

Benidt, Kassandra 11  
Bianchi, Joshua S. 11  
Binkley, Chandler S. 11  
Birkholz, Andrew A. 11  
Bowers, Keirney N. 11  
Brass, Nicholas J. 11  
Cassens, Alexandria L. 11  
Clodfelter, Alyssa J. 11  
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Buser, Carson P. 09  
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Carson, Rachel K. 09  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 2

Serenity Hospice's bereavement program is starting a new group for young widows (age 55 and under). The group will meet on the first Tuesdays of the month from 6-7 p.m. The group will meet at Serenity Home and recommended safety precautions will be used such as facemasks and social distancing. For more information, call Cathy Warren at Serenity 815-732-2499.

Tween Scene: Friendship Fortunes via Zoom with the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley. Join us at 6: p.m., to create some beautiful paper

fortune cookies with your own personal message; then share with all your friends! Ages 10-12. Registration required. To register, contact the library or email [zferrari@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:zferrari@mail.meridian223.org) to reserve a craft kit and receive a link to the class.

Weds., Feb. 3

The Great Backyard Bird Count with the Byron Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join the Great Backyard Bird Count this year that runs from February 12 – 15. We will meet on Zoom to go over how to participate, and create two bird feeders.

The Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Saturday, Jan. 30. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

Sat., Feb. 6

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

Virtual Storytime at 10:30 a.m., [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.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](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org)

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Feb. 20, 1792, President George Washington signs legislation renewing the United States Post Office as a cabinet department led by the postmaster general, guaranteeing inexpensive delivery of all newspapers, stipulating the right to privacy and granting Congress the ability to expand postal service to new areas.

\* On Feb. 21, 1885, the Washington Monument, built in honor of America's revolutionary hero and first president, is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Three years later it was opened to the public, who could climb to the top of the monument by stairs or elevator. By District of Columbia law, it remains the tallest building in the nation's capital.

\* On Feb. 18, 1929, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announces the winners of the first Academy Awards, which were printed on the back page of the academy's newsletter. A few days later, Variety published the information -- on page seven.

\* On Feb. 19, 1945, the U.S. Marines' invasion of Iwo Jima is launched. When the American flag was finally raised atop Mount Suribachi, the image was captured in a famous photograph that later won the Pulitzer Prize.

\* On Feb. 15, 1965, in accordance with a formal proclamation by Queen Elizabeth II of England, a new Canadian national flag is raised in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. The search for a new national flag began in 1925.

\* On Feb. 17, 1972, the 15,007,034th Volkswagen Beetle rolls off the assembly line, breaking a four-decade record held by the Ford Motor Company's iconic Model T. The VW Beetle dates back to 1930s Germany.

\* On Feb. 16, 1984, Bill Johnson becomes the first American man to win an Olympic gold medal in downhill skiing, a sport long dominated by European athletes. Johnson quickly became a national hero, but never again competed in the Olympics.

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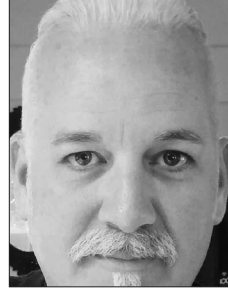
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# Kinzinger did the right thing

## Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Politicians that people can look up to are pretty few and far between these days. My go to is always John McCain, the former U.S. Senator from Arizona.

McCain was a great American and a good man. He always put his country before his party, which is the way things should be.

Well, recently another politician did the same thing, and he has gotten a mixture of praise and grief for it. I am talking about U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, the Illinois Republican who represents our area.

When insurrectionists stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, Kinzinger was there. He locked himself in his office and said he felt, "a real dark and evil sense coming over the place."

Anyone watching the horrific events on TV probably felt the same.

He also said he felt a "profound sadness" that day as events unfolded. That is also something most of us felt. Shock, sadness, horror and concern for this great nation.

But Kinzinger is an elected official and he had the platform to speak out against these events, and he did. On social media that day, he referred to the event as a "coup." He also supported the impeachment of President Donald Trump for inciting the unrest.

I understand that some Republicans are not happy with Kinzinger because of this. I know that they think elected officials should stick with their party and their leaders no matter what. Kinzinger put his own professional future in jeopardy

by being vocal in his opposition not only of the events of Jan. 6, but also the actions of President Trump.

But here is the thing that people seem to forget, no matter where they fall politically. Elected officials like Kinzinger swear an oath to protect the Constitution, not a political party. As a veteran myself -- like Kinzinger of the U.S. Air Force -- I understand that our great nation is what he must protect, not politicians.

But we live in an age of raging partisanship, where politicians have to pass some litmus test to show how "pure" they are for the loudest voices in their party.

In my mind, Kinzinger passed the test that mattered when it came to the events of Jan. 6 and the aftermath. He chose country over party.

He chose to do what he felt was the right thing. He did not apologize for it, and he did not ask for forgiveness. He did what he felt was his Constitutional duty.

I also believe this is a Constitutional question, not a political one. Again,

Kinzinger's oath is to the nation and its Constitution, not any single president or party. And he let that be his guiding principle.

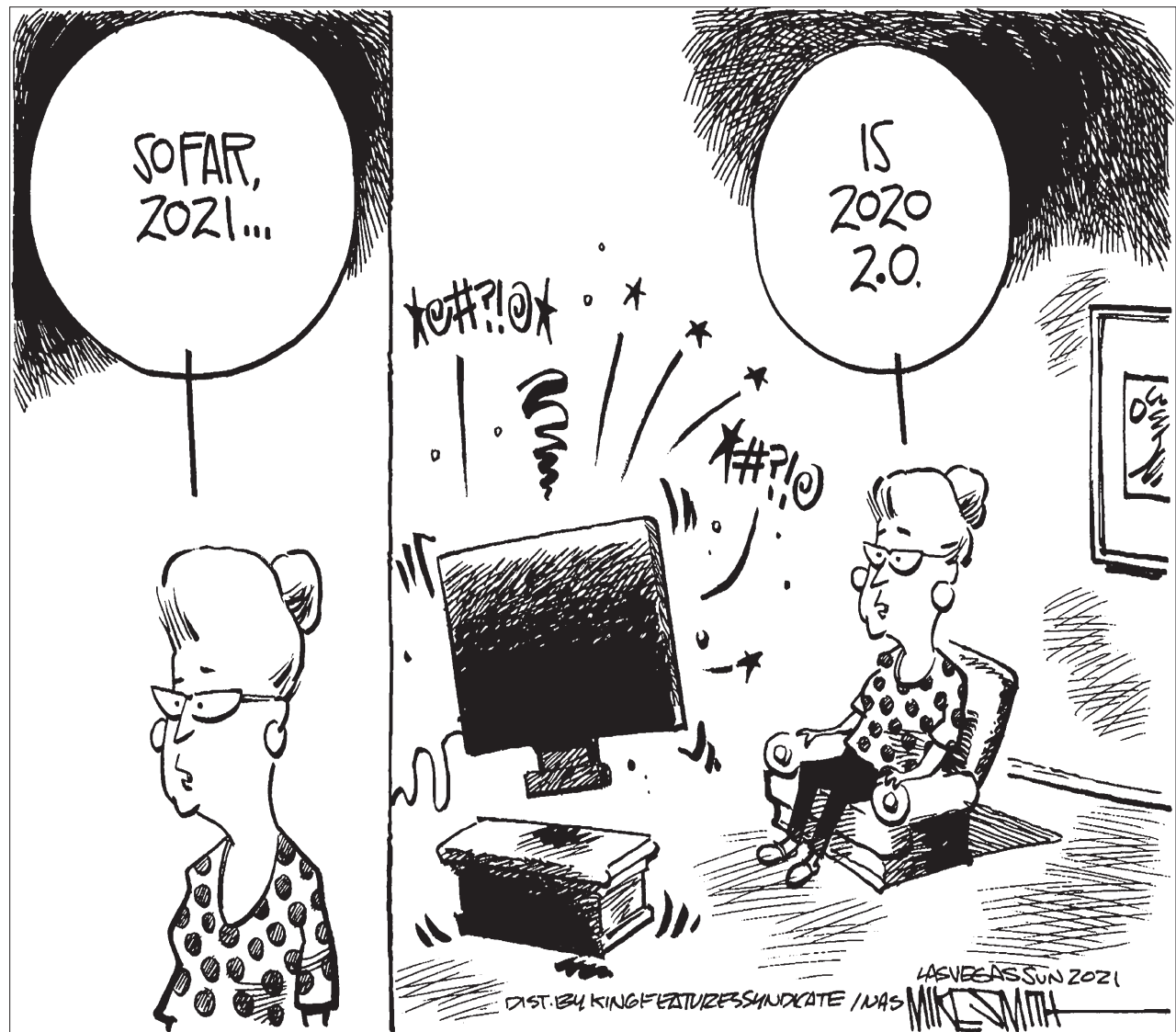
Now people can disagree with him, clearly. And they can also vote against him when the next election rolls around.

But I think if you look at his actions with political parties pushed to the side, he did exactly what he is charged with doing. Isn't that what we hope all of our elected officials will do?

Time will tell if this will help or hurt his political career. But doing the right thing, even when it means going against your party or its leadership, never hurt McCain. In fact, even though he was a staunch conservative, it never hurt him in an election in his home state as he won votes across the political spectrum.

The highest praise I can give any elected official is that his or her actions were McCain-like. Kinzinger has earned that praise.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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## Why the power company transfer in Pine Creek Township?

Dear Editor,  
If you live in Pine Creek Township you recently received a letter advising you unless you sent a letter to AEP Energy, Inc., denying them the authority to transfer your electric account it will automatically be transferred to them.

I sent the letter denying them the right to my electrical account and also sent a copy to the Pine Creek Township supervisor. Today I received a letter from Commonwealth Edison advising me that my account had been transferred to AEP Energy, Inc.

The way AERP Energy and the Township supervisor do this makes you think of scheming. Why should I have to send a letter to not buy their product?

Until whoever voted to participate in this program (?) or the Pine Creek Township supervisor starts paying my

electric bill, they can keep their hands off my money. It makes you think about kickbacks.

A few years ago we had the same thing, where is that company now?

Harold McMichael, Oregon

## Suggestion for man of the year

Dear Editor,  
In case you haven't yet selected your choice for "Man of the Year," I have an outstanding suggestion. "Man of the Year" doesn't necessarily mean the person who did the most good.... rather who had the greatest effect on the world.

In 1940, it might have been Adolf Hitler.

In 2020, it must be President XI of China. Not only did he successfully spread the dastardly Covid-19 (or Corona) virus to the rest of the world, he lied about its origin and inhibited the specialists from the rest of the world from studying it there in Wuhan. Then he was able to watch its devastating effect of the rest of the world's economies. AND he was able to help get rid of the one world leader who could effectively stand up to China ... President Donald Trump of the United States!

From all of the above, he will also likely become China's "Citizen of the Year."

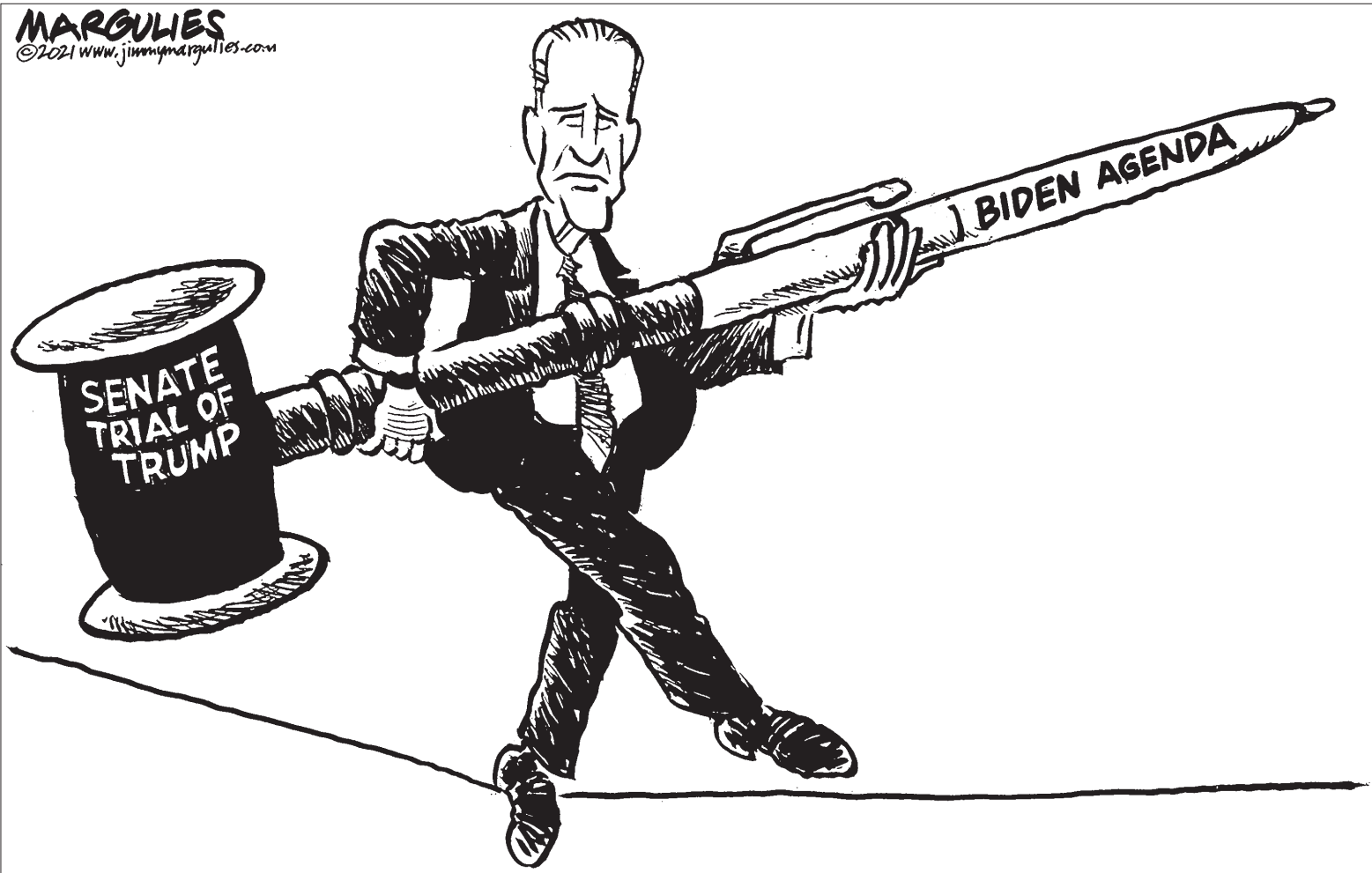
Bill Brod, Byron

## Reader thanks ambulance crew for actions

Dear Editor,  
My heartfelt thanks are being extended to the Oregon ambulance crew who undoubtedly saved my life on Dec. 23rd when I dialed 911 for help.

They were prompt, knowledgeable and efficient and I will be forever grateful to them.

Sincerely,  
Marine Kuethe, Oregon



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Thank you,  
Mike Feltes, General Manager



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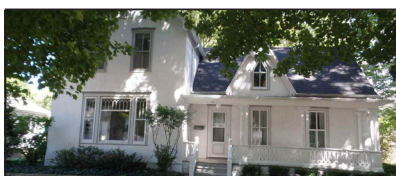
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**LOTS OF CHARACTER!** 3 bedroom, 1.5 story home with newer roof (6 years), all appliances stay and are as is. N/w floors, first floor 2 window air conditioners stay. Large lot w/2 car detached garage. Main floor master. Great location. 307 N 6TH Street, Oregon  
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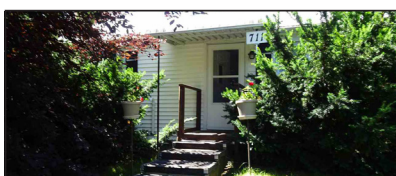
\$148,900 dickersonnieman.com/202004887  
**TRUE COUNTRY LIVING!** In this 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a large wooded lot w/wood burning fireplace & newer furnace. Home features FF laundry & large living room w/ large deck off the living room. All appliances stay. 26x15 shed. 598 S RED OAK Lane, Chana  
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MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB  
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835



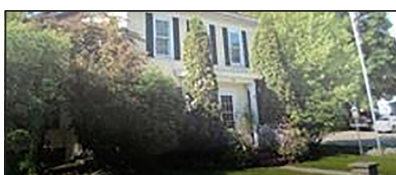
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**AMAZING RIVER VIEWS!** 2 bed, 1 bath ranch situated on the Rock River. Great place to bring your water toys and enjoy river living. Approximately 300 ft of riverfront. Laundry room could be turned into third bedroom. Freshly painted in 2017. 7632 RIVER Road, Byron  
TANYA VINCER  
815-703-6118



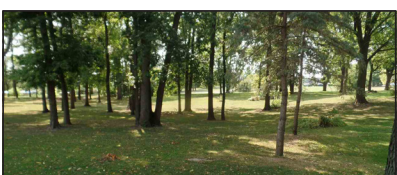
\$265,000 dickersonnieman.com/202000579  
**OREGON!** Byron schools. Riverfront, split floor ranch with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached & 2 car detached garages, garden shed. 4005 N IL. RT. 2, Oregon  
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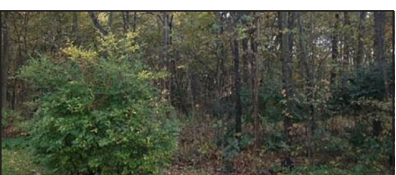
\$639,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906894  
**HOME ON 14 ACRES!** 4 bedroom ranch with open floor plan. Oak floors, custom built hickory cabinets, 2 fireplaces, finished LL, a 100 foot pond off of deck, hot tub, and 3 car detached garage. Property also contains a guest house. Zoned Ag 1. 6820 W SPRING Road, Oregon  
SHARON BOWERS  
815-757-7462



\$141,700 dickersonnieman.com/201906262  
**BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY!** Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon  
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**BYRON SUB!** Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$66,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer. Impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. 000 HARVEST Drive, Byron  
CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI  
815-494-7857/ 815-262-5212



# Church hosting blood drive Feb. 8

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

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

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**216 Smith Drive Oregon \$34,000 Call Lori**

This lot is just what you want if you are looking for; views and potential for walk out basement. Highest lot in the subdivision with views of the cupola of the Ogle County Courthouse. More than 3/4 of an acre site with city water and city sewer already stubbed into the property. Low traffic location has it all.



**8022 S Green Street Dixon \$249,000 Call Carla**

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**407 N 4th Street Oregon \$119,900 Call Stephanie**

Income Alert! 2 family home with tenants in place. Both units recently updated, each consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 bath with a large backyard. Don't miss this great opportunity!



**508 S 3rd Street Oregon \$79,900 Call Boone**

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this amazing opportunity - make an appointment today!



NEW LISTING

**413 E Wayne Street Mt Morris \$65,000 call Mark**

Many nice UPDATES have already been made in the last 5 years to this very spacious 2 story home in Polo, IL! 3-4 bedrooms and 1 bath will provide plenty of options for your large family!! Very close to schools for easy commute. Newer furnace, windows and vinyl siding. Central air and gutters are 2 years old. Everything was rewired 3 years ago. Roof is 10 years old. Newer beautiful tiled backsplash and counter tops in the kitchen,

laminated flooring throughout most rooms, newer bathroom sink, toilet and vanity & newer paint to name a few. Gas stove, microwave both stay. 1st floor laundry. This corner lot home has a large, chain link fenced backyard for the dogs and the kids! Newer glass French doors lead out to a small deck/BBQ area. 2 car detached garage at back of property.



**246 N Mason Avenue Amboy \$143,500 Call Jenny**

You won't believe the space this beautiful 2-story has to offer both inside and out!! There are 3 spacious bedrooms upstairs with a master suite including a full bath and walk-in closets. Another room on the main floor could be a large bedroom or an additional family space. 2 1/2 baths make mornings easy. The kitchen is perfect for entertaining. It is full of gorgeous solid oak cabinets and a huge breakfast bar. Back door entry has a

fantastic mudroom and main floor laundry has a great space for sorting and folding. Doors are 6-panel and solid wood and there are tall ceilings throughout the main floor. Outside, there are two heated garages- a detached one car and an additional detached 2 car with 230 amp service, and workshop area with extra storage above. The side of the home has plenty of room for entertaining and pets. This house is waiting for you to call it HOME!! Call today



**515 N Hennepin Dixon \$169,900 Call JD**

Historic charm collides with modern farmhouse in this beautiful 3+1 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home directly across from John Dixon Park in the heart of Dixon. This property features over 3,000 square feet offering a main floor master bedroom & bathroom combo, main floor laundry hookups, 2 living rooms, open kitchen & dining, secondary kitchen space upstairs, 2 sunrooms, full basement, office

space, & an attic great room & bedroom which offers plenty of additional potential to this already HUGE home. Within your beautiful modern kitchen you are sure to enjoy the updated Corian countertops, double farm sink, soft closing cabinets, and island for all of your hosting needs. Classic wood flooring and updated paint can also be seen throughout the entire main floor. Have we even talked about the exterior? You are sure to also appreciate the massive 6 CAR garage, swimming pool, jacuzzi hot tub, and fenced yard, perfect for pets. Schedule a showing today!



**Rebecca Hazzard**  
Manager Broker/ Owner  
815-509-8432



**Carla Benesh**  
815-985-6235



**Mark True**  
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815-291-6308



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815-262-5555



**Carrie Rowland**  
815-677-8656



**Jenny Kirchner**  
815-440-2145



**Andrea Baumann**  
815-245-7549



**Josie Kuss**  
815-994-1079

# 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 visit 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](http://forrestonlibrary.org). If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at [forreston-publiclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:forreston-publiclibrary@gmail.com), or through Facebook messaging.

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## Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for October. Pictured from left are: Faith Rakowski (9th Grade), Lauryn Shank (10th Grade), and Aydin Coffey (12th Grade). Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement. Not pictured is Addie Ebersohl (11th Grade).

# Bertolet Library News

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

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

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

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

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

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

## New Releases

- Adult Fiction
- The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin
- Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
- The Russian by James Patterson
- Adult Audiobook
- Hello, Summer by Mary Kay Andrews
- Children's Fiction
- The Forgotten Rabbit Tale by Christy Garnhart

**Reminder: We are unable to collect soft plastics at this time. Also, we regretful**

ly 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.

# 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.

## Register for a Library Card

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

## PrairieCat Library App

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

## A Song & A Story

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

## 2021 Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read books, and complete fun chal-



*A group of adult makers, crafters, and artists joined Zoey on Zoom for Appy Hour, complete with mocktails and talk about maker apps for art classes, crafting supplies, design ideas and more (Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley).*

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

## Tween Scene: Friendship Fortunes

February marks the season of love and fortune! Join us on Zoom, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6: p.m., to create some beauti-

ful paper fortune cookies with your own personal message; then share with all your friends! Ages 10-12. Registration required. To register, contact the library or email [zferrari@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:zferrari@mail.meridian223.org) to reserve a craft kit and receive a link to the class.

## Teen Crafternoon: Art Rhythms

Let your stress and winter blues drift away by joining Kelly on Zoom for some relaxing doodling to music and conversation with friends. Call or use our online form to register and receive your supply kit: <http://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 13-

17. Friday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m.

## 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 (Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.). Email [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message us for a link to the program.

## Young Critics Book Club

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

## Fun Day Monday: Mardi Gras Masks

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

## The Mystery of Nancy Drew

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

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

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

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

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

## Senior Citizens Services

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

## Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

**Pegasus Special Riders** 973-3177

## Veterans' Services

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

## Wellness Services

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

# Polo Library News

## **Polo Library building to re-open to the public on Monday, Feb. 1**

We are excited to announce that the Polo Library building will be open for in-person browsing and computer use starting on Monday, Feb. 1.

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

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

### **Instructions for Curbside Pickup**

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

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

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

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

### **Additional Curbside Services**

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

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

This winter, travel through reading!

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

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

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

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

Join with other members of the community to watch a short TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) Talk together and share in discussion of the topic presented. No one will be required to share their thoughts or have their camera on in this no-pressure, laid back setting. Register in advance at pololibrary.org

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

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

### **Book Subscription Box – Grades 6-12**

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

# Mount Morris Library News

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

Wednesday, Feb. 17th from 4-4:30 p.m. via Zoom. This techno-space-dance-party for kids is designed to help them learn and have fun at the same time. Each song in Space! The Cosmos for Kids includes dancing, music technology, and information about our universe delivered with a thumping beat. Meet aliens from outer space, sing about the solar system, participate in a rap battle with the sun, and learn the difference between revolution and rotation ... and still be home in time for dinner. Registration Required. Contact the Mount Morris Public Library (815-734-4927) or dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to register. You will need to provide an email address where the Zoom link can be sent.

### **Healthy Kids Out of School**

This program is geared toward 3rd - 5th graders. Healthy Kids Out of School, with the U of I extension office focuses on how to be healthy and active. We will have a discussion, an art project and a fun way to

be physically active. Thursday evenings from 6-6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com for the link to join.

### **Adult Book Club**

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

### **Browsing & Computer Use By Appointment**

We are open for browsing and computer use by appointment; call the library to schedule a time. Masks are required and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. No unaccompanied children are allowed in the library at this time (please do not bring your children if you will be using the computer). Browsing is limited to 30 minutes and computer use to one hour.

# Oregon Library News

## Library procedures

The Oregon Public Library is currently offering curbside pick-up and appointments for browsing, computer use, printing or faxing. Please call 815-732-2724 to schedule pick-ups or appointments. Holds can be placed three different way:

Online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>

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

Log into your library account with your library card number and PIN (last four digits of the library card number).

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

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

## COVID-19 Vaccine notification form

Oregon Public Library can help with completing the Ogle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form. We have computers available by appointments and staff are able to assist with completing the form. Ogle County Health Department released a form for community members to express interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This will help them determine which phase of the vaccination plan you are in and when you may be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

## Where in the world is video story time?

We're back and with something new! Let us know in the comments where you think the video was filmed. Oregon Public Library cardholders have 4 days from the posting to guess and then your guess will be eligible to be entered in a drawing for a children's book from our free book selections! Congratulations to Lily for correctly guessing where StoryTime was at on January 7th!

## New – Dial-A-Story

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

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

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

## Library book clubs

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

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

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

## Try it Tuesdays!

DIY cookie decorating, Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

## Maker Monday February

DIY paint on canvas

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

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

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

## New Library APP!

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

Friends of the Library grab bag book sale

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

## New releases

The Scorpion's Tail by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child (Fiction)

Before The Ruins by Victoria Gosling (Fiction)

Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner (Fiction)

The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin (Fiction)

The Last To See Her by Courtney Evan Tate (Fiction)

The Librarian Of Boone's Hollow by Kim Vogel Sawyer (Large Print Fiction)

Better Luck Next Time by Julia Claiborne Johnson (Large Print Fiction)

The Liar's Dictionary by Eley Williams (Large Print Fiction)

Disunited Nations: The Scramble For Power In An Ungoverned World by

Pete Zeihan (Non-Fiction 909.83 ZEI)

Modern Warriors: Real Stories From Real Heroes by Pete Hegset (Non-Fiction 355 HEG)

A Swim In A Pond In The Raid by George Saunders (Non-Fiction 891.708 SAU)

No Time Like The Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality by Michael J. Fox (Biography BIO FOX)

The Forever Sea by Joshua Phillip Johnson (Science Fiction)

Remote Control by Nnedi Okorafor (Science Fiction)

Her Kind Of Cowboy by Dylann Crush (Paperback Romance)

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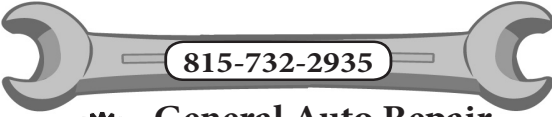

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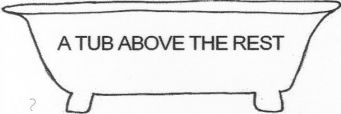
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# Byron Library News

### Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

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

### Curbside Delivery

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

### Check out our eBooks!

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

### Winter Reading Challenge!

Jan. 1-Feb. 28

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

### The Great Backyard Bird Count

Wednesday, Feb. 3

6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join the Great Backyard Bird Count this year that runs from February 12 - 15. We will meet on Zoom to go over how to participate, and create two bird feeders. Kit will include toilet paper rolls, shortening, birdseed, a plastic knife, and twine. The Zoom meeting ID

will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Saturday, Jan. 30. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Macrame Keychain

Thursday, Feb. 11

6-7 p.m. via Zoom

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

### Share Your Story

Monday, Feb 15

11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom

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

### Beaded Mask Keepers

Wednesday, Feb. 24

6-7 p.m., via Zoom

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

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



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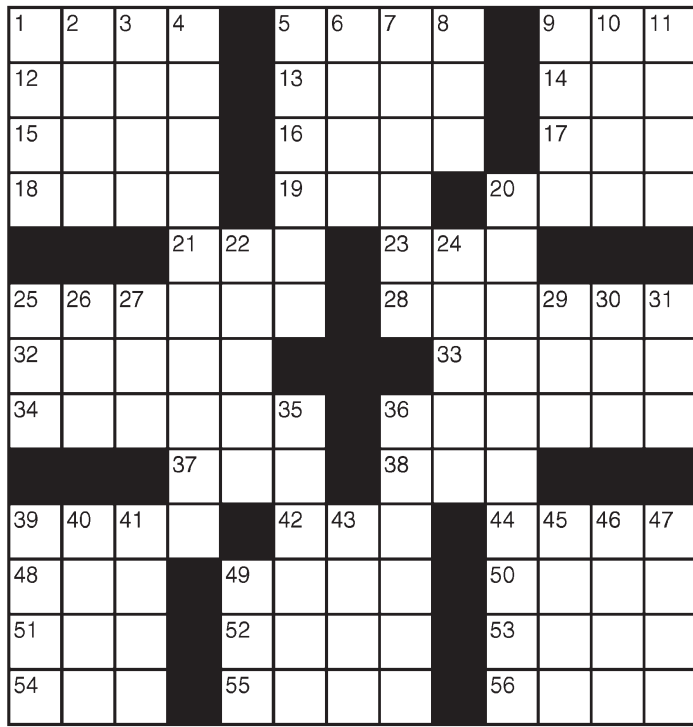
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● — DEGREE

### ACROSS

- 1 Saudi native
- 5 Job-safety org.
- 9 Old CIA foe
- 12 Mentor
- 13 Err
- 14 Shoe width
- 15 Secondhand
- 16 Watch chains
- 17 Away from SSW
- 18 Slightly
- 19 And so on (Abbr.)
- 20 Tackles weeds
- 21 Longing
- 23 Hearty quaff
- 25 Ex-hausted
- 28 Castor's twin
- 32 Silents star



- 52 Tale teller
- 53 Maui meal
- 54 Golfer Ernie
- 55 Track circuits
- 56 Holler
- muscles
- 9 Vegas game
- 10 Hereditary unit
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 20 Louis Armstrong song
- 22 Haunting
- 24 Hotel area
- 25 "Humbug!"
- 26 "Suits" network
- 27 Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
- 29 Young fellow
- 30 Guitar's kin
- 31 Ballot marks
- 35 Aslan's land
- 36 Oscar contenders
- 39 Notoriety
- 40 Russian river
- 41 Some wines
- 43 Crisp cookie
- 45 Libertine
- 46 Mideast airline
- 47 Author Bellow
- 49 100%

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: HE WAS GIVEN THE — DEGREE

- |            |          |          |         |
|------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Academic   | College  | Honorary | Science |
| Advanced   | First    | Law      | Second  |
| Associate  | Graduate | Master's | To some |
| Bachelor's | Highest  | Nursing  |         |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

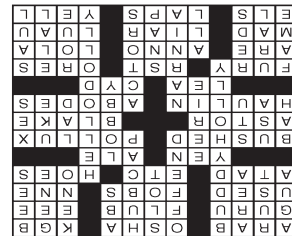
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

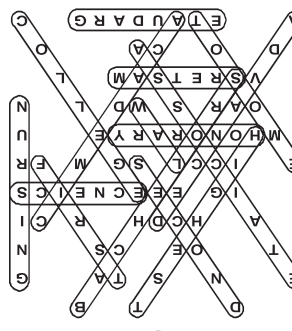


Differences: 1. "Danger" sign is bigger. 2. Jersey numbers are different. 3. Stars are black. 4. Fewer people in crowd. 5. Hockey stick is missing. 6. Arena wall is taller.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers  
 — King Crossword —



— DEGREE

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

Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH - THE OLYMPICS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do snowmen win at the Olympics?**

CHAMPION	C	O	M	P	E	T	E	N	R	M
COMPETE	C	H	O	L	D	S	V	A	O	A
EVENT	G	O	A	L	Y	D	E	T	W	E
GOAL	S	U	M	M	E	R	N	I	I	T
HOST	P	T	B	L	P	M	T	O	N	S
NATION	O	O	S	S	K	I	I	N	G	O
POLO	L	R	E	P	D	Y	O	U	T	H
ROWING	O	C	A	O	S	I	N	N	E	T
RUGBY	L	H	S	R	O	S	N	O	P	S
SKING	W	I	N	T	E	R	U	G	B	Y
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SUMMER										
SYMBOL										
TEAM										
TENNIS										
TORCH										
WINTER										
YOUTH										

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Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- |                        |           |                      |           |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Blackeye            | ___ N ___ | Get goosebumps       | ___ V ___ |
| 2. In need of practice | R ___     | In need of a polish  | D ___     |
| 3. Infuriate           | ___ R ___ | Place behind bars    | ___ C ___ |
| 4. Rosie's bolt        | ___ T     | Danube or Po         | ___ R     |
| 5. Chalkboard material | S ___     | Cause happiness      | E ___     |
| 6. Skin blemish        | ___ U ___ | Stew in a closed pan | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Puff up with pride  | ___ W ___ | Turtle's "house"     | ___ H ___ |
| 8. Wall hanging        | ___ S ___ | Worker on a train    | ___ R ___ |
| 9. West Indian dance   | ___ O     | Arms and legs        | ___ S     |
| 10. Tent dweller       | ___ M ___ | Friendly apparition  | ___ S ___ |

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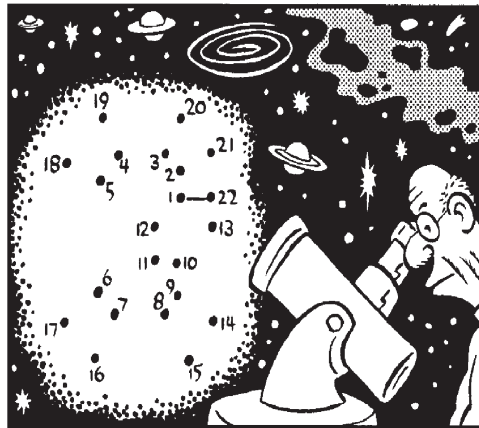
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what the end of everything is.

Answer: The letter "G," of course, is at the end of "EVERYTHING."

**DON'T SLIP UP ON THIS ONE!** Try solving this AlphaMath puzzle over a nice cup of hot cocoa. You must replace the letters in the sign with the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



Our answer: I=6, C=3, E=8, R=9, N=4, K=0, S=1, A=2, T=7, (638 + 9640 = 10278)

**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 6 through 15 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row, vertical column and even the four corner squares must total 55. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error - and a good eraser!

	16	20	
19			17
	22		
			21

Answers: First row: 13, 16, 20, 6. Second row: 19, 7, 12, 17. Third row: 8, 22, 14, 11. Fourth row: 15, 10, 9, 21.

## SIGNS OF WINTER!

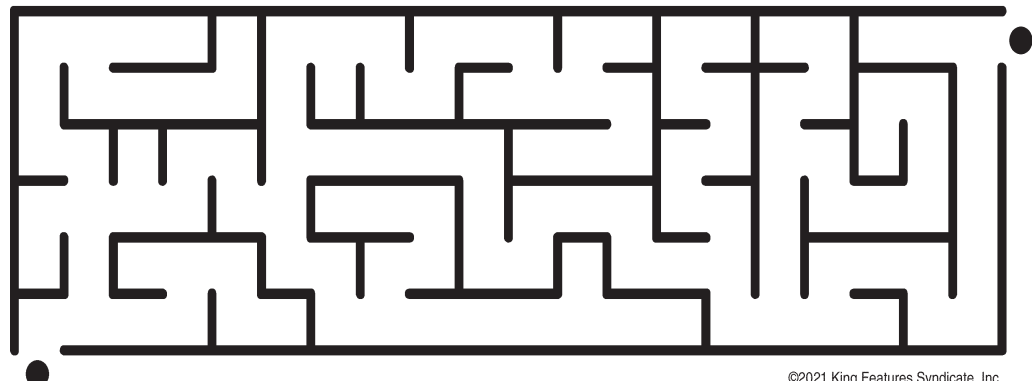
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S	T	N	E	S	E	R	P	Z	W	T	H	R	V
L	F	Z	E	N	A	G	G	O	B	O	T	R	E
E	I	E	T	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S	I	L
E	R	B	G	N	I	D	D	E	L	S	S	E	S
T	D	G	D	R	A	Z	Z	I	L	B	E	S	H



Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with winter. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you're looking for.

- |           |           |          |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Blizzard  | Lights    | Sleet    |
| Christmas | Mistletoe | Snowball |
| Drift     | Presents  | Toboggan |
| Fireplace | Salt      | Toys     |
| Flurries  | Shovels   | Trees    |
| Holidays  | Sledding  |          |

## Kids' Maze



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## Kids' Maze Solution

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Shiner, Shiver | 6. Bruise, Braise  |
| 2. Rusty, Dusty   | 7. Swell, Shell    |
| 3. Enrage, Encage | 8. Poster, Porter  |
| 4. Rivet, River   | 9. Limbo, Limbs    |
| 5. Slate, Elate   | 10. Camper, Casper |

## Even Exchange answers

Riddle Answer: Cold medals.

Answer

# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** In the early '70s, Goldie Hawn hosted a few specials. I seem to remember Laurence Olivier appearing on one where he sat on a staircase and recited something. I would love to know what it was. I hope I am remembering correctly. Any help you can give is appreciated. -- B.J.S.

**A:** I found four TV specials hosted by Goldie Hawn: "Pure Goldie" (1971), "The Goldie Hawn Special" (1978), "Goldie and Liza Together" (1980) and "Goldie and Kids" (1982). Unfortunately, I couldn't find Sir Laurence Olivier as a guest on any of them, but my sources might be incomplete. I even checked YouTube.com for clips of Olivier on TV. There's a wonderful one of him reciting Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 ("Let me not to the marriage of true minds ...") as a guest on "The Dick Cavett Show."

In Hawn's specials listed above, Ruth Buzzy and Johnny Carson were guests on the first one; George Burns, Shaun Cassidy and John Ritter were guests on the second; Ron Field and Larry Grossman appeared with Goldie and Liza (Minnelli); and Barry Manilow is listed as the only adult guest on "Goldie and Kids."

If anyone else out there remembers Olivier reciting some kind of monologue on a staircase, please write me at [newcelebrityextra@gmail.com](mailto:newcelebrityextra@gmail.com), and we'll get to the bottom of this mystery.

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**Q:** Whatever happened to actress Stephanie March from "Law & Order"? She was married to one of the famous chefs on The Food Network, but I haven't seen her in anything since "L&O." -- F.D.

**A:** Stephanie March is best known as ADA Alexandra Cabot on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." She's played the role on and off over the years and also in its short-lived spin-off, "Conviction." She married chef Bobby Flay in 2005, but divorced him 10 years later. She remarried in 2017 to investor Dan Benton.

You can see March in the upcoming Beyond the Headlines Lifetime TV movie "A House on Fire." It's based on Ann Rule's true crime book "Bitter Harvest," and will air Saturday, March 13, on Lifetime on at 8 pm ET/PT.

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**Q:** Netflix has two seasons of "Heartland" being shown in worldwide markets, but has not released them in the USA. Can you investigate as to why the delay in the U.S.? -- P.S.

**A:** I think a lot of people are becoming impatient for another batch of Canadian "Heartland" episodes. Fortunately, there may finally be some good news. In the New and Popular section of Netflix, under the subsection of Coming Next Week, "Heartland" was one of the series listed. So although Netflix has not confirmed it as of this writing, it appears season 12 and perhaps season 13 will be available for streaming on Netflix in the U.S. starting Feb. 1. Season 14 recently premiered in Canada.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
2. THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
4. LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's aftershave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
7. MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
8. GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
9. MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?

Answers

1. A neutron has no charge.
2. "A Streetcar Named Desire"
3. Aristophanes
4. Emily, Charlotte and Anne
5. Hazelnut
6. Hai Karate
7. "Lust for Life"
8. Sonic the Hedgehog
9. "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
10. Rhodesia

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:  
C and A tire service  
416 N. Peru Street  
Byron, IL 61010  
Dated: December 2, 2020  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0111 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN) STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY REQUEST OF: NICHOLAS ALLEN ANTCZAK TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN CASE NUMBER 2020MR74**

I ask the court to enter change the names of of the minor children listed below, and state:

1. Current Names  
Christopher Michael Rojas-Kirmse to the new name of Christopher Michael Kirmse Antczak.  
**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COME TO COURT DATE AND OBJECT TO YOUR NAME CHANGE.**  
1. Court Date Information  
a. February 18, 2021 as 9:00 am  
b. 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL, Ogle County, Courtroom: 2020  
Kimberly A. Stahl  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
No. 0112 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

“ EVERY MORNING MY HUMAN SHAVES OFF HIS FACE FUR, HE’S FUNNY LIKE THAT. ”

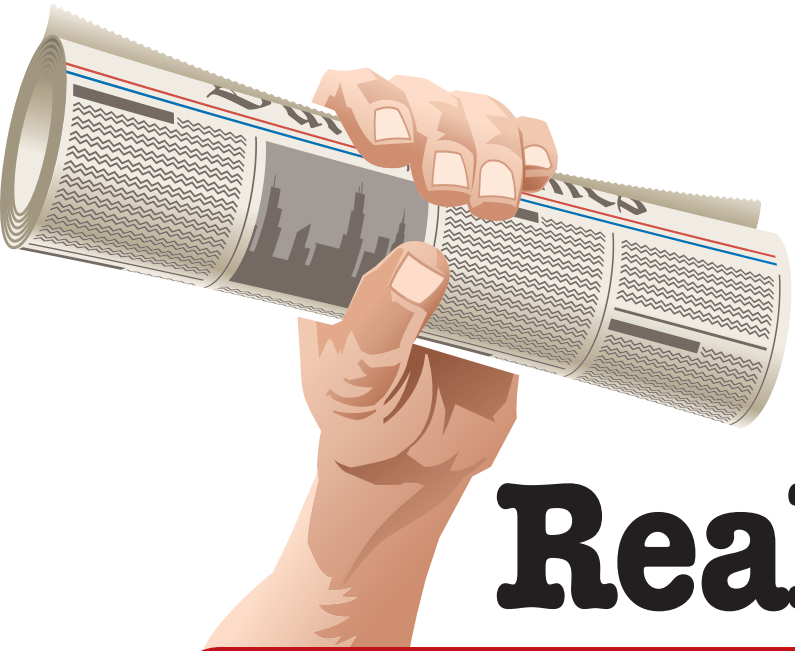
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Top End Products, 701 Oaks Ln., Byron, IL 61010. Dated: January 12, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0115 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

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.

Dated: December 30, 2020  
/s/ Amy Adkins,  
Representative  
By: /s/ Edward J. Mitchell, Attorneys  
No. 0118 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
IN PROBATE  
IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )NO.  
ESTATE )2020  
OF )P 95  
DELORES )  
A. )  
PRINTZ, )  
Deceased )  
NOTICE FOR  
PUBLICATION  
CLAIMS

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

Victoria L. )  
Mishler )  
Plaintiff )Case  
vs. )2020  
Daniel J. )D-98  
Mishler )  
Defendant )  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN  
YOU, Daniel J. Mishler  
defendants, that this case  
has been commenced in  
this Court against you and  
other defendants, asking  
for a divorce and for other  
relief.

UNLESS YOU file your  
answer or otherwise  
file your appearance in  
this case in the office of  
the Ogle County Circuit  
Clerk, Ogle County  
Judicial Center, 106 S.  
5th Street, Suite 300,  
Oregon, IL 61061 on or  
before Feb. 25, 2021,  
A JUDGMENT OR  
DECREE BY DEFAULT  
MAY BE TAKEN  
AGAINST YOU FOR THE  
RELIEF ASKED IN THE  
COMPLAINT.  
Witness: January 7, 2021  
Kimberly A. Stahl,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Megan Hauten

Deputy  
No. 0120 (Jan. 25, Feb.  
1, 8)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT

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

CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of  
the death of JEANE.  
BOLTHOUSE of Oregon,  
Illinois. Letters of office  
were issued on January  
11, 2021, to GARY H.  
BOLTHOUSE of Oregon,  
Illinois, whose attorney is  
David A. Smith, of Smith,  
Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at  
129 South Fourth Street,  
P. O. Box 10, Oregon,  
Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the  
estate may be filed in the  
office of the Clerk  
of the Court at Ogle  
County Judicial Center,  
106 South 5th Street,  
Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or  
with the representative,  
or both, within 6 months  
from the first publication  
of this Notice, or within  
three months from the  
date of mailing or delivery  
of Notice to creditors,  
if mailing or delivery is  
required by Section 18-3  
of the Illinois Probate  
Act, 1975, as amended,  
whichever date is later.  
Any claim not filed within  
that period is barred.  
Copies of claims filed with  
the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the estate  
legal representative and  
to the attorney within 10  
days after the claim has

been filed.  
GARY H. BOLTHOUSE  
Independent  
Administrator  
No. 0121 (Jan. 25, Feb.  
1, 8)

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

IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )  
ESTATE )2021  
OF )P1  
JOHN )  
HENRY )  
KLINGER, )  
Deceased )  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors  
of the death of JOHN  
HENRY KLINGER of Ogle  
County, Oregon Illinois.  
Letters of office were  
issued to Barbara Ann  
Klinger of 802 Jackson  
Street, Oregon, IL 61061,  
as Independent Executor,  
whose attorney of record  
is David W. Badger,  
Ehrmann Gehlbach  
Badger & Considine, LLC,  
215 E. First Street, Dixon,  
Illinois 61021.  
The estate will be  
administered without  
court supervision,  
unless under section  
28-4 of the Probate  
Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4)  
any interested person  
terminates independent  
administration at any time  
by mailing or delivering a  
petition to terminate to the  
clerk.  
Claims against the estate  
may be filed in the office  
of the Clerk of the Court  
at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite  
#300, Oregon, IL 61061,  
or with the representative,  
or both, on or before  
the date which is six (6)

months after the date of  
the first publication of this  
Claim Notice, or, if mailing  
or delivering of a notice  
from the representative  
is required by section  
18-3 of the Probate Act  
of 1975, the date stated  
in that notice. Any claim  
not filed on or before  
that date is barred.  
Copies of a claim filed  
with the clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to the  
representative and to the  
attorney within 10 days  
after it has been filed.  
By: Barbara Ann Klinger,  
Independent Executor  
No. 0122 (Jan. 25, Feb..  
1, 8)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby  
given that on January  
21, 2021, a certificate  
was filed in the Ogle  
County Clerk's Office  
setting forth the names  
and post office address  
of all of the persons  
owning, conducting and  
transacting the business  
known as: Boone County  
Classic  
5870 N. Hales Corner  
Rd., Stillman Valley, IL  
61084  
Dated: January 21, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 0125 (Feb. 1, 8, 15)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby  
given that on January  
22, 2021, a certificate  
was filed in the Ogle  
County Clerk's Office  
setting forth the names  
and post office address  
of all of the persons  
owning, conducting and  
transacting the business  
known as: Abeadles  
1096 N Etnyre Terrace  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Dated: January 22, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 0126 (Feb. 1, 8, 15)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS

STATE )  
OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY )  
OF OGLE )  
Public Notice is hereby  
given to all persons in  
Byron Township that a  
Public Hearing will be  
held February 25, 2021 at  
6:00 P.M. to consider the  
request filed January 8,  
2021 of Rene Rodriguez  
Barbeitia & Ma. Gabriela  
Razo Salazar, 12688  
N. Kennedy Hill Rd.,  
Byron, IL for a Special  
Use Permit in the AG-1  
Agricultural District to  
allow a Banquet Hall on  
property described as  
follows

and owned by the  
petitioners:  
Part of the Southeast  
(SE1/4) of the Northwest  
Quarter (NW1/4) of  
Section 04 Township 25  
North, Range 11 East  
of the 4th P.M., Byron  
Township, Ogle County,  
IL, 2.78 acres,  
more or less  
Property Identification  
Number(s): 05-04-100-  
011  
Common Location: 12688  
N. Kennedy Hill Rd.  
DUE TO THE LIMITED  
AMOUNT OF SPACE  
TO ACCOMMODATE  
PUBLIC MEETINGS AND  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
STANDARDS, an audio  
meeting will be made  
available for all public and  
non-committee members.  
All persons in attendance  
at the hearing shall have  
an opportunity to be  
heard. Any person who  
also wishes to appear as  
an interested party with  
the right to cross-examine  
others at the hearing  
must complete and file  
an appearance form with  
the Ogle County Planning  
& Zoning Department  
no later than five (5)

business days before  
the date of the hearing.  
The application for this  
special use is on file with  
detailed description and  
available for examination  
at the Planning & Zoning  
Department, 911 Pines  
Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at  
the following URL:  
[http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).  
ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS  
RANDY OCKEN,  
Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois  
this 8th day of January  
2021  
#001-21SU  
No. 0201 (Feb. 1)

**101  
LEGAL NOTICE**

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not knowingly accept  
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investigate all ads, espe-  
cially those asking for  
money in advance.

**105  
BUSINESS  
OPPORTUNITIES**

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**113  
FINANCIAL**

NOTICE Advance Fee  
Loans or Credit Offers  
Companies that do busi-  
ness by phone can't ask  
you to pay for credit be-  
fore you get it. For more  
information, call toll-free  
1-877-FTC-HELP. A pub-  
lic service message from  
your hometown newspa-  
per and the Federal Trade  
Commission.

**119  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**121  
LOST AND FOUND**

Lost dog. Small Male  
Terrier. Tan/Brown with  
White Spots. Micro-  
chipped. Lost in the Vicin-  
ity of Dimmick (Mendota  
& LaSalle-Peru) on North  
35th Road. Call 815-252-  
1797. Between Missing  
since Christmas day. Call

**103  
AUCTIONS**

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DIRECTORY**

**Lenny Bryson**  
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Service, Inc.**  
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**103  
AUCTIONS**

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Hacksauction.hibid.com  
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BIDDING CLOSES: THURS., FEB. 4<sup>th</sup> – 7 P.M.  
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**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

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**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

**VILLAGE GREEN APARTMENTS**

**100 Blanchard Court  
Byron IL 61010**

Immediate openings for 1 bedroom apartment homes. Must be 62 years of age or older; disabled regardless of age. Included in rent; water, sewer and trash. All units have washer-dryer, stove, refrigerator & a/c units. Family pet welcome with a deposit.

Interested parties, please contact:  
**815-234-2620**

Contact us today to receive an application for your new home.

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**VILLAGE GREEN APARTMENTS**

**502-506 Barbara St.  
Mount Morris, IL**

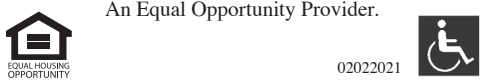
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Seeks experienced Class  
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Full time year round  
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ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques;

**203 HELP WANTED**

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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*Do you have clientele but don't have anywhere to perform your services?*  
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Interested Individuals should apply online at [www.byron226.org](http://www.byron226.org) Under the "About Us" tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

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Small office needs detail oriented, self-starter to do computer work, bookkeeping, digital photo work, typing, data entry, phones, filing, and other clerical/support work.  
For job description & requirements visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org)  
To apply, send resume and cover letter by February 16, 2021 to:  
Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department  
909 Pines Rd., Oregon, IL 61061  
815-732-4020  
Or email to [srypckema@oglecounty.org](mailto:srypckema@oglecounty.org)

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

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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**203 HELP WANTED**

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The Ogle County Life is updating its list of individuals interested in a carrier route in Oregon, Byron & Mt. Morris

- Deliver just once per week on Sunday afternoons
- No collecting
- Good extra cash for kids or adults

Anyone 10 years or older who would like to earn some extra money by delivering the Ogle County Life should call **815-732-2156** and leave your name and phone number, and you may be contacted in the future when a route becomes available.

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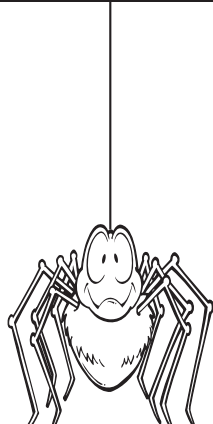
Charming 1 bd. Apt. in Oregon. No pets. Appliances, water/garbage included. \$425 per mo/+ deposit. Call 815-440-0373

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**601 VEHICLES FOR SALE**

**409 LOTS AND ACREAGE**

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3.7 Acres - Corner of Pines & Rt. 2 Oregon, IL - Zoned Commercial \$250,000

**NEW ACREAGE**  
South Edge of Oregon

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  
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**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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**601 VEHICLES FOR SALE**

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LOCAL TRADE, 113K, 33MPG  
**\$6,995\***  
\$700 DOWN/\$75 WEEK



**2013 CHEVY VOLT ELECTRIC**  
\$87,000 MILES, WARRANTY AVAILABLE  
**\$7,995\***



**1994 FORD AEROSTAR**  
82,000 MILES, FITS THE ENTIRE FAMILY, AFFORDABLE  
**\$3,995\***  
\$99 DOWN/\$65 WEEK



**2008 HONDA CIVIC COUPE**  
ON SALE, GREAT GAS MILEAGE, MANAGERS SPECIAL  
**\$400 DOWN/\$75 WEE**



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

2018 CHEVROLET SILVERADO \$38,149



2018 CHEVROLET COLORADO \$32,881



2017 DODGE DURANGO \$26,956



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2019 GMC SIERRA SLE 4 DR., 4X4, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2019 CHEVY SILVERADO LT. 4 DR., 4X4, ONE OWNER, ONLY 22K .....	\$32,861
2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, LEATHER, MOON, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2019 CHEVY CRUZE RALLY SPORT, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONLY 3,500 MI.....	\$15,821
2019 GMC SIERRA SLE, 4 DR., 4X4, REMOTE START, LOADED, ONE OWNER .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2018 CHEVY COLORADO CREW CAB, ZR2, 4X4, LEATHER, ONE OWNER.....	\$32,881
2018 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LT, CREW CAB, Z71, 4X4, LOADED, ONLY 25K .....	\$38,149
2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFT GATE .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS, 2 DR., LOADED, ONLY 21K MILES.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 DODGE DURANGO GT, AWD, HEAT SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START .....	\$26,956
2017 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD, REMOTE START, NAV, HEAT SEATS, PANORAMIC ROOF.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER.....	\$16,766
2017 CHEVY VOLT, HYBRID, ONE OWNER, FUN TO DRIVE .....	\$12,959
2017 CHEVY BOLT PREMIER, LEATHER, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 CHEVY BOLT LT, ALLOY WHEELS, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, FACTORY WARRANTY.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 FORD EDGE AWD, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, X-CLEAN .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ALLOY WHEELS, POWER LIFT GATE .....	\$14,953
2016 FORD F150 CREW CAB XLT SPORT 4X4, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2016 JEEP WRANGLER 4 DR., OCSGAR MIKE, FREEDOM EDITION, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START ..	\$26,854
2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, QUAD SEATS .....	\$19,827
2016 BUICK VERANO PREFERRED, 4 DR., REMOTE START, PEARL WHITE.....	\$12,389
2015 GMC SIERRA, 4 DR. 4X4, LOADED, ONE OWNER .....	\$27,473
2015 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS 4X4, LOADED LOCAL OWNER, ONLY 18K .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2013 BUICK LACROSSE, LEATHER HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, LOCAL TRADE .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2012 CHEVY EQUINOX LS, CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2002 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, PREMIUM, LEATHER, ONLY 55K MI .....	\$13,743
2000 FORD RANGER SPORT S BOX 4X4, LOW MILES, VERY CLEAN .....	<b>SOLD</b>

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