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Habitat for Humanity building 13th home

Volunteers, family making house reality

By Andrew heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – While COVID-19 has halted progress on many events and projects this year, it has not slowed down Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County on its 2020 home build in Rochelle.

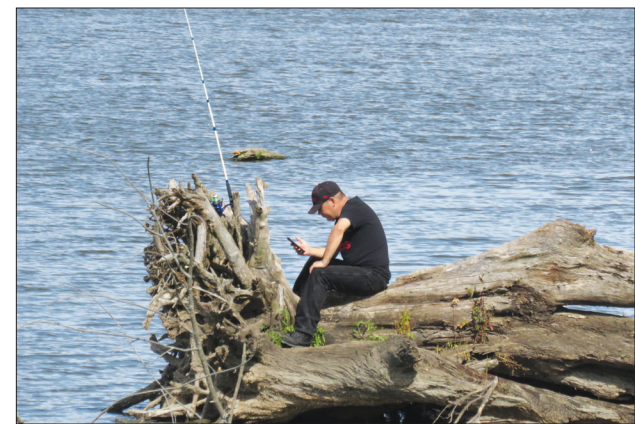
Habitat for Humanity began building its 13th home and second for a family in Rochelle on June 13, for Felix and Tanya Vega and their five children. Since the first shovel was dug into the ground in June, construction has been moving forward at the build site at an average of three to four days a week. While most of the work is done by construction crews and volunteers, the Vega family was required to put in a minimum of 200 sweat hours working at the site. The Vega family has well surpassed their hours and



are continuing to work as the home begins to take shape. "The home build is coming along really well," Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County executive director Vanessa White-Broome said. "We are at the point where we have the frame and roof completely finished. We have gained quite a bit of progress and are a lot farther than we sometimes are at this stage."

The next steps are to start putting up the siding, windows and insulation, then begin the inside work such as cabinets and electrical wiring. While the goal was to have the home finished by Christmas, Habitat is hoping to have the home completed and the Vega family in it by early next year.

(See HABITAT, A-2)



Gone fishin'

Labor Day was a great day to get out and do some fishing on the Rock River, and many people in the Oregon area did just that. (Brad Jennings photos)

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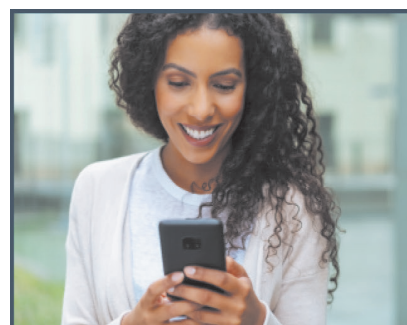
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Annual car show will be held virtually

By Andrew heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – The Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming of Rochelle was forced to cancel its annual car show and parade this year, but it is moving forward with its plan to host the car show virtually.

The car show this year is free to enter and is open to any type of classic old vehicle, whether it be a car, pickup truck or motorcycle. Participants are asked to send in one photo of their vehicle to Jhardin@oglecounty.org.

Contact information such as an address and phone number, as well as the make and model of the vehicle, should also be included in the email. The deadline to send in a vehicle photo was Sept. 10 and there is no limit to the amount of people who can participate.

“We had to cancel the outdoor car show and parade out of concern for the community, but we are very excited to try this out,” Foundation for Focus House President Dave Tess said. “I have been dealing with old cars since my brother got me my first one when I was 16 years old and I have never seen anything like this done.”

Once all photos have been re-

ceived, they will be compiled into one photo album and uploaded onto Facebook. Voting will begin on Sept. 14, with individuals either clicking the like or heart icon on their favorite vehicle in the album. The one that receives the most attention will be chosen as the winner.

Depending on the number of vehicles in the show, either one or two trophies will be given out to the winner or winners. The car show is an annual event that has been taking place for over 20 years in the community.

While the main goal of the show is usually to help raise funds for the Foundation for Focus House, that is not the case this year. The purpose of this year’s show is to help bring awareness to the many sponsors that have supported the foundation over the years.

“It is not about raising money this time, what we are trying to do is give back to our sponsors,” Tess said. “We are going to rotate through all of the sponsors that have been so good to us over the last 12 years and make sure they are getting continuous shoutouts on our Facebook page with this car show. We know that all businesses are struggling during this time and this is our way to give back and say thank you.”



This year’s sponsors include Rochelle Community Hospital, T-Byrd Lanes, Jeff Perry, Berger Law and Ralfie and Lulu’s. All of these businesses and organizations were signed up to be sponsors for the car show before it got modified to be virtual show.

When the outdoor show was cancelled and the businesses were

asked if they wanted a refund, each told the foundation to keep the money as a donation. The foundation and car show rely on fundraisers and donations from both sponsors and the community to function and the foundation would like to thank everybody that has supported them.

“The biggest thing to make sure our community and sponsors

know is how much we appreciate their support,” said Jeni Hardin, executive director for Foundation for Focus House. “Especially during these times, when all of our fundraising events have gotten cancelled our community has stepped up and amazed us with its generosity. We cannot thank them enough.”

HABITAT: Many have rallied to help support the home-building project

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Once the home is completed, it will be 1,200 square feet and include four bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a finished basement. While both Habitat and the Vega family have been working very hard building the home, they could not have

done it without the many supporters and volunteers that have stepped up.

“We have had a lot of supporters that have continued to rally around this project,” White-Broome said. “Between Northern Excavation and Construction, Anderson

Plumbing and Custom Concrete. These are people that have helped with prior builds and have stepped up once again. We wouldn’t be able to do it without their help and all of the volunteers that have come forward.”

While some people have the common misconception that these homes are just

given to the families, Habitat would like to clarify and emphasize that the families are hardworking individuals and will pay a mortgage the same as everybody else. Habitat is also reminding everyone that they are always looking for volunteers for home builds and other projects, no matter the amount of time someone can set aside.

Habitat has also been affected financially by COVID-19. With the cancellation of many of its fundraisers

and events, it is asking the community for donations. Any amount, big or small, is very helpful and appreciated.

“There have been some challenges such as us not being able to have our fundraiser and the cost of material going up,” White-Broome said. “Because our budget has been affected, we could really use some donations from the community. Any amount is appreciated and goes directly into the cost

of the home.”

Anybody that would like to volunteer or donate can do so by contacting White-Broome at 815-440-6598 or by sending donations to P.O. Box 628, Oregon IL, payable to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County.

While Habitat is working hard at the home build it is already planning future projects including a ramp build in Rochelle and a yard cleanup in Mt. Morris for a Korean War Veteran.

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A light luncheon will be held at noon with a Celebration of Life service to follow.

Stronghold Conference Center
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Oregon, IL 61061

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VFW hosting vets breakfast

OREGON The Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be holding a breakfast for local veterans as a “thank you” for their service and to recognize POW/MIA day.

The events will be held on Sept. 19 from 8-11 a.m. The post will be serving biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes and link sausage. Breakfast is free, but donations are accepted.

All veterans are encouraged to attend. A local VA service officer available to answer questions about veteran benefits. Due to COVID-19, there will be a limit of 50 people.

Byron's Family Video store closing

Rochelle also among those also shutting down

By Russell Hodges
Staff Writer/Sports Editor

ROCHELLE – Family Video in Byron is slated to be closed, the company announced last week.

The store in Rochelle, which has been open since 2007, will also be closing at some point in the near future. An exact date for the stores to be closed has not been announced.

The Byron store is located at 611 W. Blackhawk Drive.

All items inside the Rochelle store, located at 497 E. State Route 38 in Rochelle, are on sale.

“We were a little shocked,” said store manager

Brittany George. “Our business has been slower than usual because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were closed for about two and a half months earlier this year because of the shut-down, so people found their entertainment elsewhere. With the pandemic in mind as well, I don’t think many people want to leave their homes too often.”

Family Video currently operates more than 800 stores nationally and more than 100 stores in Illinois. The closest stores to the Rochelle area are located in Dixon, Mendota, Rockford, Freeport and Loves Park.

Customers lined up outside the doors of the

Rochelle store Sunday afternoon after district manager Bri Carlson posted an announcement on Facebook revealing the sale and the store’s closing.

“We were shut down for quite a bit because of COVID-19 and we just haven’t been able to come back,” Carlson said. “The pandemic played a huge part in the store closing and a lot of people have gotten used to getting their entertainment digitally. There are about 100 stores in the entire Midwest that are closing, and I have about eight in my district that are closing.”

George said she was able to keep her employees on staff throughout the pan-



dem, but the slow business limited opportunities to hire new staff members.

The closure of the Rochelle location will be a tough loss for the community, as Family Video participates in local fund-

raisers each year and offers discounts on rentals for children who perform well in the classroom. A sign indicating the store space is for lease was posted outside the business a few weeks ago, but it’s unknown if another

business will take its place. “We do a lot of fundraisers and when kids get As on their report cards, they can earn free rentals,” George said. “Closing the store may not give our kids as many things to do.”

Get off the beaten path for 'Back Roads' market shopping Sept. 19

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for a “Back Roads” market.

Spend your early Fall day traveling country roads amidst corn fields and beautiful scenery making Four stops featuring vintage goods, refurbished furniture, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, food, baked goods, pumpkins, apples, aronia berries, and much more.

Event locations:
Vintage Chicks and Feeds:

700 Route 72 East Leaf River Illinois. 20-plus quality vendors offering local honey, soaps, lotion, antiques, vintage wares, wooden barn quilts, and collectibles. Also concessions will be on site, by The Black Pearl Coffee Shop, Grandpas Sweet Treats, and Benchwarmers Bar and Grill.

Make your way to Funky Junk with White Trash and Curb Finds:

6410 West Grove Road Mount Morris Illinois, refurbished furniture, vintage Christmas, mid-century furniture, retro items, jewelry, vintage goods, rusty junk and just plain fun stuff. While you’re here grab some yummy baked goods by Bobbi’s Country Catering.

Next stop, Berry View Orchard 7504 West Midtown Road Mount Morris:

Drive up the hill to find aronia berries (which are full of antioxidants and help support a healthy immune system), juicy apples, delicious cider donuts, and slushies. Check out the new Farm Store, filled with Jams, giftware, other mouthwatering treats, also featuring Nelson Family Farms Meats and other

goodies. Ralphies BBQ will be serving some fine food.

Next, drive down the Lane to Hough’s Maple Lane Farms 3788 North Mount Morris Road, Mount Morris:

Get your “maple fix” choosing from syrup, candies, maple cinnamon rolls, dog treats, and other goodies. Also available, hosta plants, fabric, name brand clothing, jewelry, and nice “old finds.”

Each market is clean, organized, and spacious. Breathe in some fresh country air with no lines or crowds! No fees charged.

Support our local vendors by getting “on the road again” and driving the backroads all within a short distance from each event. Please respect and follow the Ogle County Health Department social distance guidelines.



Mighty Clovers

The Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, of Monroe Center, collected over 500 pounds of soft plastic in order to have a recycled bench made for the Monroe Center Community Church. The church allows the club to meet at their facility once a month on the second Thursday at 6:15 p.m. and the club members wanted to give something back to them to show their appreciation. It was a fun project. It was also amazing to see that plastic bags and other soft plastics were able to be made into an amazing bench to be used by the church. Pictured are: Sitting – Trinity Feltz, Mallory King, and Kamryn Feltz. Back row – Sydney Tompkins, Allison Tompkins, Clare Montavon, Cole Montavon, Pastor Bob, Anna Hageman, Jessie Hagemann, Maddie Kusnierz and Audrey Kusnierz.



Half Way To St. Patrick's Day!!

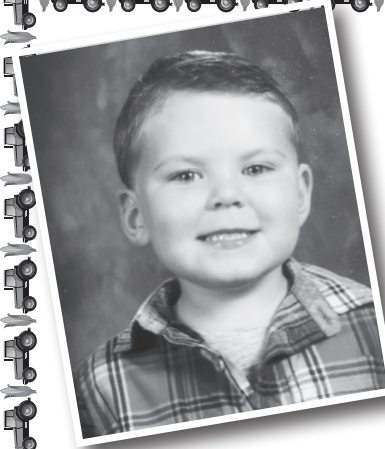
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Great-Grandparents - Richard & Jane Meyer
& the Meyer Family

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Obituaries

Bernice V. Riddle

Bernice V. Riddle, 95, passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, at Heritage Square in Dixon after a long courageous battle with sarcoma cancer.

Bernice was born Sept. 24, 1924, in Milledgeville, the daughter of Reynold (Rex) and Ola (Bellows) Woodin. She graduated from Polo Community High School and married Arthur Riddle on July 17, 1945. Arthur preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1993.

She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker raising three daughters and providing a loving home for her family. Bernice enjoyed hosting family gatherings for holidays, birthdays and for visiting family members with picnics, dinners and enjoying



family time together.

She is survived by her daughters Marcia Riddle of Polo, Diana (Daniel) Glick of Milledgeville and Anita (James) Elsner of Rockford; granddaughters Lisa Elsner of Freeport and Grace Elsner of Rockford; brothers Harold (Lucille) Woodin of Polo, Archie Woodin of Milledgeville, Paul (Shirley) Woodin of Milan; many

Nieces and Nephews

Bernice was preceded in death by sisters and brother-in-laws Ardella (Edward) Ennis, Geneva (Herman) Vicars and Beverly (Jerome) Brown; brothers Gerald and Duane Woodin; sisters-in-law Ethel (Gerald) Woodin and Bernadine (Archie) Woodin

Private graveside services will be held Thursday Sept. 10, 2020 at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Heritage Square in Dixon or Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon in name.

Arrangements are being handled by Polo Family Funeral Home

To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com

Catherine Mayberry

Catherine "Cathy" Mary Mayberry, 62, daughter of Clyde "Pete" Junior Mayberry and Mary Inez Snyder Mayberry was born Sept. 19, 1957 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was raised and educated in Ogle County, Northern Illinois where she graduated from Leaf River High School in 1976. Eventually she moved to Guthrie, Okla., where she obtained her Certified Nurses Assistance license at Guthrie Job Corp. Cathy worked at various nursing homes in Oklahoma City until 1995, when she relocated back to Northern Illinois. She continued to work as a C.N.A. at various nursing homes in Byron and Rockford. In 2014, she moved back to Guthrie, Okla., with her children and grandchildren. She most recently worked at Guthrie Cottages, which she continued her passion of caring for others as she had been for more than 40 years, until she was medically unable to. She quietly



departed this life on Monday, July 27th, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City.

She never married; however, had two beautiful daughters. She enjoyed sewing, working cross word puzzles, taking care of others, she was a very hard worker, enjoyed watching Tyler Perry movies and Little House on the Prairie. She also loved attending her grandchildren's activities and school programs.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her daughters: Melinda D. Harper and husband Markiel, Teresa A. Mayberry both of

Guthrie; grandchildren, Rahmel, Ta'Ryah, Ta'Myah, Jaylen, Justin, Jahvari, Ja'Vion, and Bailey; siblings, Richard Mayberry of Leaf River, Gary Mayberry and wife Belinda of Pecatonica, Vera Mayberry and husband John of Paragould, Ark., Billy Mayberry and wife Sherry of Dixon; nieces and nephews, Dan, Tina, Becky, Sheena, Christina, Mary, Tiffany, Ben, Jake, Casey, Brock, Landon; a host of great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Mary Mayberry; sister-in-law Betty Mayberry.

A homegoing celebration was held in Guthrie, Okla., on Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Another will be held in Rockford on Sept. 19, time TBD. Please contact Teresa for details at mayberryteresa86@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Condolences and Special Memories may be shared with the family online at www.Brown-Cummings.com.

Betty L. Barnes

Byron - Betty L. Barnes, age 90, and longtime Byron resident, died on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at The Atrium in Rockford. She was born on June 15, 1930 in Grand Detour, the daughter of Francis and Mary (Aurand) Newhausen.

She married Winfred H. "Brother" Barnes on June 17, 1949 in Oregon. He passed away on April 4, 2017. Betty worked for many years as a machine operator at Tool Masters in Stillman Valley. She was an avid bowler and a member of the Mt. Morris Moose Club. She attended Cornerstone Family Church for many years. Betty was known for her baking and enjoyed



making cookies and other baked goods for church and school events.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas (Nova Wise) Barnes and Gerald (Bridget) Barnes both of Rockford; grandchildren, Michael Barnes, Nic Barnes, and Sydney Barnes; great grandchildren, Tyuanna and Gunner; and sisters, Lois (Dave)

Miller and Patricia (Rick) Davis both of Byron.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Merle, Harold, and Earl, and grandson, John.

The family would like to thank everyone who helped care for Betty; especially those at Unity Hospice and The Atrium.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a private family service will be held with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Burial will be at the Byron Cemetery. Memorials in Betty's name are established for Unity Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice. To leave an online condolence please visit www.Farrell-HollandGale.com

Jesse Torres

VHANTIS, TAMAULIPAS, Mexico - Jesse Torres, 76, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Aug. 28, 2020 in Vhantis, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Jesse was born Sept. 29, 1943 in Santa Marie Del Rio, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to Gregorio Torres and Brigida Menchaca. Jesse came to Rochelle in the mid-1970s; he worked at Caron International.

He is survived by sisters, Zocorra Torres Menchaca, of Texas, Maria Torres Menchaca and Castula Torres Menchaca, and a brother, Tacho Torres Menchaca, all of Mexico, and a brother,



Hermilo Torres of Rochelle.

He is also survived by his children, Jesus (Olga) Torres Martinez and Rodrigo (Gualupe) Torres Martinez of San Luis Potosi, Mexico,

as well as Susie (Corey) Kreider of Rochelle, Vicki (Alex Campos) Torres of Rochelle, Gregory (Yolonda) Torres of Stillman Valley and Jesse (Kristina) Torres of Rochelle. He is survived by nine grandchildren, Oscar Torres, Rocio Torres, Leticia Alejandra Torres, Josue Torres, Alexander Torres, Jordan Torres, Andrew Torres, Taylor Kreider and Trent Kreider. He also had one great-grandson, Mateo Torres, and several nieces and nephews.

Services and burial were held the same day in Mexico, as his death was due to COVID-19.

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Serenity offering free Dr. Wolfelt course

OREGON - Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce they will be starting an 8-week class entitled, "Understanding Your Grief."

This class will run each Tuesday evening from Sept. 29-Nov. 17. The group will meet at The Serenity Hospice Home located at 1658 S. IL Rt. 2 just south of Oregon from 6-7:30 p.m.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity

Hospice's Bereavement Coordinator. "I am very excited to offer a class like this one," said Warren. "Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end." Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt.

Please be aware that in an effort to contain the spreading of the COVID-19 virus, you will be asked to take your temperature upon entering the building. We will also practice social distancing and protect each other by wearing facemasks. Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class - 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren. Class sizes are limited so call today!

Polo Police report

Aug. 3
 TIME: 5:15 p.m.
 REPORT: Penny s. Burkardt, 55, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County warrant. Burkardt was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of July 27, 2020 thru August 9, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	19
Animal Complaint	6
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	1
Lock Out/Motorist Assist	2
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	10
County Assist	1

Aug. 8
 TIME: 9:25 p.m.
 REPORT: Benjamin Y. Breneman, 26, Franklin Grove was arrested for Criminal Damage to Property. Breneman was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Aug. 16
 TIME: 1:41 p.m.

REPORT: Luis EZ Hernandez, 31, Aurora, was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Hernandez was released on an I-Bond.

Aug. 18
 TIME: 7:19 p.m.
 REPORT: Bradley L. McClendon, 20, Polo, was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. McClendon was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of August 10, 2020 thru August 23, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	20
Animal Complaint	2
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	6
Alarm/Open Door	3
Lock Out	2
Traffic Stops	7
County Assists	4

Aug. 24
 TIME: 11:56 p.m.
 REPORT: Joshua A. Johnston, 42, Polo, was arrested for Aggravated Battery. Johnston was transported to

the Ogle County Jail.
 Sept. 5
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
 REPORT: Jonathan S. Webb, 40, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Webb was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Sept. 6
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 REPORT: George M. Tuft, 47, Sterling, was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Tuft was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of August 24, 2020 thru September 6, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	18
Animal Complaints	3
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	1
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	4
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	20
County Assists	2



Church fire

On Sept. 9, at 9:04 a.m. the Monroe Township Fire District in Monroe Center was dispatched to a reported structure fire in the bell tower of a church located in the 100 block of West St. First fire crews arrived at 9:12 a.m. and reported smoke and flames from the soffit and roof. The first crews on scene deployed a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire slowing the fires growth. Additional crews went into the bell tower and performed overhaul to look for any hidden fire and extension into any void spaces. Other crews were assigned search for any potential occupants that may have become trapped. Fire was declared under control at 9:30 a.m. with loss stopped at 10:30 a. m. Crews from Stillman Valley, Lynn-Scott-Rock and Oregon assisted with the suppression, overhaul and salvage operations at the scene. No civilian injuries were reported and one firefighter received a minor injury from falling debris and was evaluated on scene and released. Damage estimates are not available and the fire is under investigation.

Mount Morris Police report

Sept. 1
 Heather L. Heathcott, Mt. Morris was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Sept. 2
 A Village Ordinance Citation was issued to Robert M. Disch for Furniture in the yard.

Sept. 5
 Tonya R. Cardott, 42, Mt. Morris was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Cardott was transported to the Ogle

County Jail.
 A Citation for speeding was issued to Natali J.O. Garcia, 23, Freeport.

Sept. 6
 A Village Ordinance Citation was issued to Robert M. Disch for Improper storage of Furniture in the yard.

Sept. 7
 A Village Ordinance Citation was issued to Robert M. Disch for Furniture in the yard.

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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Oregon Police report

Aug. 18

At 3 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Leo R. Dempewolf, 28, Oregon, for criminal damage to property that had occurred in the 300 block of Lovers Lane on July 11, 2020. Dempewolf was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Aug. 19

At 4:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Thomas A. O'Neal, 52, Oregon, a complaint/notice to appear for violating the nuisance ordinance re: rubbish. A court date has been assigned.

Aug. 21

At 7:32 p.m., Theresa L. Krueger, 50, Oregon, notified the Oregon Police of her 2017 Jeep being struck by an unknown vehicle within the previous hour, while parked in the Alfano's parking lot, located at 801 S. 4th Street. If anyone should have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

2 parking citation and 1 verbal warning issued from 08/17/2020 through 08/23/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 08/17/2020 through 08/23/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	2	Citizen Complaints	8
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	1	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	10
Disturbance / Dom Battery	1	Lockout Vehicle / Building	5
Alarm Response	1	Ordinance Violations	8
Traffic Stops	5		

Aug. 24

At 2:29 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Keith A. Howells, 49, on an international warrant out of Great Britain. Howells was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 9:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued Philip A. Giuffre, 59, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 56 mph in a 40 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

Aug. 25

At 7:34 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jesus M. Rodriguez, 49, of Milan, IL, a citation for speeding, 52 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

Aug. 26

At 7:47 p.m., Oregon Police were dispatched to a fight in progress that was occurring in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street. The offender, Alexander L. Pierce, 25, Oregon, had left the scene. Upon locating Pierce, he was taken into custody, charged with battery, and transported to the Ogle County jail.

Aug. 28

At 11:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kelli J. Scruggs, 39, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 5th and Monroe Streets.

Aug. 29

At 12:40 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Stacey K. Bielema, 41, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Bielema was transported to the Ogle County jail.

1 parking citation and 3 verbal warning issued from 08/24/2020 through 08/30/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 08/24/2020 through 08/30/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	2	Citizen Complaints	14
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Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	12	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	8
Disturbance / Dom Battery	5	911 Hang-up / Open Line	5
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1	Alarm Response	1
Ordinance Violations	7	Traffic Stops	11

Aug. 30

At 11:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Delylah Sensor, 20, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for domestic battery. Sensor was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Aug. 31

At 3:01 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Chelsie N. Boyer, 29, Oregon, on an outstanding Rockford Police Dept warrant for failure to appear for a possession of controlled substance charge. Boyer was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Sept. 1

At 11:13 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of Webster Street involving a 2005 Dodge driven by Catherine Sobecki, 55, Oregon, and a parked 2019 Chevrolet belonging to Garner D. Stevens, Jr., 72, Oregon. Sobecki was issued a citation improper backing.

Sept. 2

At 2:28 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 900 block of S. 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Anthony J. Balice, 26, Oregon, for reckless conduct. Balice was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Sept. 3

At 11:08 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of N. 4th Street involving a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Chris E. Merrill, 69, Oregon, and a 2013 Dodge driven by Eddie B. Sledge, 35, Roscoe. No citations were issued.

At 12:54 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the McDonald's restaurant parking lot located at 201 S. 4th Street where a 2019 Jeep driven by Jodi J. Whitacre, 50, Oregon, struck a 2005 Dodge driven by Ernest L. Mack, 81, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Sept. 4

At 10:41 p.m., Oregon Police took one male juvenile, 15, Oregon, into limited custody as a runaway. The juvenile was released into his parent's custody.

Sept. 5

At 8:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Katlyn M. Godman, 21, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

Sept. 6

At 2:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bennett G. Williams, 50, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

1 parking citation and 4 verbal warning issued from 08/31/2020 through 09/06/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 08/31/2020 through 09/06/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	4	Citizen Complaints	18
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	8	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	9
Disturbance / Dom Battery	3	911 Hang-up / Open Line	4
Lockout Vehicle / Building	6	Ordinance Violations	2
Traffic Stops	7		



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Rock River Center offers webinar, group meetings

Legal and financial planning for Alzheimer's disease" webinar
Joseph Landmichi of The Alzheimer's Association will present a free webinar on Monday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m.

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease makes planning for the future more important than ever.

Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease is an interactive webinar. You will learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial

resources near you.
Join us via Zoom Webinar or by Phone.

To register for the program, call 815.484.1302 or click the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8154841302>

Caregiver support group
The Caregiver Support Group is for those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. Information, resources,

encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. Meetings back Nov. 3.

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

Diabetic support group
This very informative group

meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Rock River Center. The facilitator of this group offers support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for a different topic each month and enjoy recipes as well. Canceled until further notice.

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 Thursday of the month in March, June, September & December. New meeting time is from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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

Park District offers upcoming pack walks

OREGON—Dogs need to explore just as much as they need food and water.

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these walks.
Dogs must be at least 6 months of age.

Our upcoming hike will be on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. at Lowden Miller Forest. This terrain is challenging.

The deadline for this program is Wednesday, Sept. 16. The fee for each hike is \$5/\$6 Non-Residents. Register for this hike and future ones online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Oregon Library offers new and improved book sale

OREGON – Recently there was an article in this paper about the Friends of the Oregon Library's grab bag books sale.

There will be such a sale, but FOL decided on a few improvements.

First of all, the bag is a classy, navy blue, re-useable tote with Friends of the Oregon Library printed on one side.

Second, there are more books in each bag; 8 to 10

books per bag for adult reading and more books than that for children to read. Each bag will be labeled as to category, for example: fiction, children's, large print, paper backs, etc.

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Pork Chop lunch is Sept. 19

BYRON – Please stop by the Byron Swedish America Clinic parking lot, 230 W Blackhawk Drive, on Saturday Sept. 19 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for the Kiwanis Pork Chop drive through lunch.

The \$8 price includes grilled Eichman’s pork sandwich, chips, cookie and bottle of water. Press the “easy button” and treat your family with a sack lunch to go.

All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Kiwanis is a mosaic of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to uplift our communities and serve children around the world.

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Morgan Elementary, “Builders Club” at Byron Middle School and “Key Club” at Byron High School. We collaborate with other area service organizations and businesses...because together we reach more people and have a greater impact on our community. Some of the programs we support include; Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa, benefitting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Pegasus Riders, Village of Progress, Neuroscience Research Foundation.

Lions holding drive through meal Sept. 26

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions Club will be holding a drive through brat and hot dog meal on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The drive through will be located at the Bertolet Memorial Library parking

lot in front of the new Memorial Gazebo. Cost for the meal is strictly a donation only are there will not be a charge. The Lions feel it is overdue to give something back to the community in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic we are dealing with.

Lion workers will be wearing their masks as they prepare the brats and hot dogs. Just get in your car or truck and drive through, say hello and get a complimentary meal. There will be a donation canister available for anyone that wishes.

Medicare, Soc. Security program offered

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibil-

ity and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron.



Shed celebrates anniversary

The Serenity Shed, which is a full-functioning workshop, retail shop and bereavement center, recently celebrated its 5th Anniversary with a small socially distanced dinner. The Shed looks forward to bigger celebrations next year for their 6th anniversary! The Shed is open to the community and you do not have to be affiliated with hospice in any way. Stop by and see what The Shed has to offer and check out our one-of-a-kind items such as furniture, signs and other decorative pieces. Pictured: Denise Watts, bereavement coordinator (right), serves volunteer Sandy Suslek (left) at the celebratory dinner. If you would like more information about The Shed, contact Cathy Warren at 815-732-2499.

RRC again offering free Lunch Friday

OREGON – Free Lunch Friday, sponsored by The Etnyre Foundation, will be held at Rock River Center on Sept. 18.

Rock River Center prepared and distributed over 80 meals at Free Lunch Friday on Sept. 4 thanks to the generosity of The Etnyre Foundation.

Our next Free Lunch Friday will be Sept. 18. Anyone wishing to attend or receive a carry-out meal must be pre-registered. Special dietary meals are available when requested at time of registration. Lawn games will be set out in

the activity room at 10:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Register now for the next next Free Lunch Friday by calling 815-732-3252 and designating dine-in or carry-out and drive-through. All attendees are required to wear a mask, have a temperature check, practice social distancing, sanitize hands, and be in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines as they enter Rock River Center.

Sept. 18 menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, pumpkin bars and a drink.

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Farmers Market

Byron Farmers Market is open for business next to the Hairy Cow Brewery from 8 am to noon every Saturday morning. We are following Ogle County Health department guidelines due to the virus. Please bring exact change for vendors and you must wear a mask. Last week, we had 30 different booths! Nan Cuppini, Rockford, Makes a variety of Homemade Fabric Adult and Kid Face Masks.

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Baltimore Ravens	at	Houston Texans
Kansas City Chiefs	at	Los Angeles Chargers
New England Patriots	at	Seattle Seahawks

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

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Byron Bank supports Meridian School District with PPE, Remote Learning

STILLMAN VALLEY – As the school year began for the Meridian School District, reimagining education was essential in order to create what was necessary for students in both remote and in-person hybrid learning.

Before the year began, Byron Bank stepped in to offer assistance to the district. Thankfully, Samantha Ciaccio reached out to the district without hesitation. She worked together with Deana Simpson, the principal at Monroe Center Grade school, to search for the needs of both students and teachers.

Byron Bank was able to bring to the district 13 webcams for teachers across the district as well as Stillman Valley Cardinal

PPE for both adults and youth. Brent Baker and Samantha Ciaccio both surprised teachers with this incredible special delivery last week. The webcams have already been sent to all buildings and are being utilized by teachers across the district.

“Byron Bank is a proud supporter of our community school districts and we normally start the school year off with a school supply drive, but COVID-19 led us to a different plan of attack,” said Byron Bank President, Brent Baker.” With more eLearning and technology required this year, Byron Bank reached out to each district to see what their biggest need would be. We were happy to

provide the Meridian School District with webcams to ensure they were prepared for the 2020-2021 school year.”

When presented with a webcam, Mrs. Porter, one of Monroe Center’s special education teachers excitedly remarked, “Getting these webcams helps us connect with our students who aren’t with us in person. Being able to see their faces makes our day and the cardinal PPE will help us show support for our district and help provide a sense of security with a bit of cardinal pride for our students and staff.”

“This is challenging work, certainly, but our teachers and staff have done incred-

ible things for students in the past and will continue to do so. I’m so proud of what the district is doing and the help from Byron Bank only made it better. It’s really great to see the versatility that the webcams offer the teachers and it’s wonderful that they can allow the students to visually obtain more of what a typical classroom experience would be in a virtual setting,” said Mrs. Simpson when asked.

The District would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Byron Bank for their efforts and donation for our students and teachers. This certainly makes what we’re doing in this unique year even more possible.

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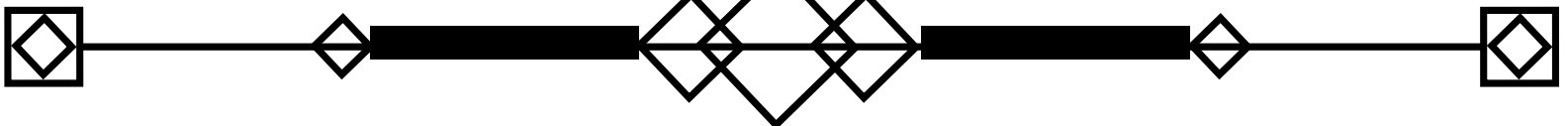
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Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Birding hike
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Looking for owls
Oregon Park District and Taft Campus have partnered up to offer this exciting educational program. Have you heard the familiar whoooo whoooo call in your backyard? Come out to Lorado Taft where we will teach you the difference between the owls that live in this area and how to identify their calls! This program includes a hike, with stairs, in the dark on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:15 p.m. The fee is \$5 and \$6 for Non-Residents and open for all ages. However, children must be accompanied by an adult. Deadline to register is September 21.

History tour
Oregon Park District and Taft Campus partner up to offer a unique tour to patrons. Learn about how Lorado Taft and other Chicago artists started an art colony here as you take a tour of our campus. See the historical buildings and art left behind. During this program, we will be on our feet the whole time and will be walking through our campus. All ages are welcome, but children must come with an adult. This tour will take place on Friday, Sept. 25. The tour is expected to last about 1 hour. This tour will take place at 8 a.m. Deadline to register is September 23. Fee is \$10 and \$12 per Non-Resident adult. Children between the ages of 6 and 13 years are \$5 and \$6 Non-Resident child. Those 5 years and under are free.

After school enrichment programming
Join the Oregon Park District for a new after school mini lesson series including STEM as well as an Arts & Crafts options. This program is for 8-11-year old OCUSD students who are in-school learning. Students will walk directly from in-school learning at 1:15 pm to the Extended Time location at the Blackhawk Center and we will have our packed lunches outdoors at a 6-foot distance. After cleaning up from lunch, we will have a short introduction to our purpose and goal, children will have the opportunity to experiment and walk through the pre-planned activity step by step with the provided materials. Ms. Amanda will be leading students through each activity. Each session is \$25 for Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents. The program is limited to a maximum of 10 students per session. All social distancing guidelines will be enforced. Contact-less pick up procedures will be followed at the conclusion of the program.

S.T.E.M Mini Lesson
* Wednesdays 9/20-10/21 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 23
Arts & Crafts Mini Lesson
* Fridays 10/2-10/23 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 25

State park hike
Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on hikes through our local state parks. Each hike put on by the Oregon Park District, features a different state park with a trail that is often less traveled. Grant will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The group will meet at each park the day of the program. Our upcoming hike will take place at Lowden Miller Forest on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. Fee to register is just \$2 per Resident and \$3 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is Sept. 24.

Flamingo Bingo
We had so much fun playing Bingo in July across from Nash at The Reading Nook. Young and old, everyone seems to enjoy playing BINGO. You asked for more and so we are happy to announce that we will be offering BINGO on Mondays, Sept. 14-28, 3:00-3:30 p.m. or 3:45-4:15 p.m. We will continue to follow all social distancing guidelines. We are moving BINGO to Park West lower shelter for September. You must register one person in your party for a table as space is limited. You can bring 5 other people with you to sit at your table. Register for a 30-minute time slot for \$3 (includes 3 bingo cards). Bring your own dauber! Additional cards and daubers can be purchased at the park for \$1 each to accommodate all that will be playing and for those who like to play on multiple cards. Please bring exact change for touch-less transactions. Please wear a mask to and from the park and while purchasing cards, daubers or picking out a prize. We appreciate your participation as all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.

Farmers market
Buy Fresh & Buy Local at the Farmers Market on Tuesday evenings September, downtown Oregon. It will be an In-and-Out Market with social distancing guidelines at the city property next to Chile Pepper (previously the Harvard Bank Drive-thru) on Washington Street from 5-6:30 p.m. You will find fresh veggies: tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, squash, beets, potatoes, fresh garlic and herbs, flowers, plants, BBQ sauce, and some art and craft pieces. Be sure to stop by and check it out! We would appreciate the shoppers wear masks and social distance.

Paint & Sip Sunflowers on Canvas
Social Art is so much fun. Enjoy an evening out with local artist, Amy Fenwick, while you pain on canvas and sip on your favorite beverage at Cork & Tap in Oregon. Amy will guide you through the painting process on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. All supplies are included. Fee for the class is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Sept 17.

Slice 'N Bake Cookies with Lynnies' Kitchen
Join Lynn Kaufman at Cork & Tap where you will learn to make 2 different types of Slice 'N Bake Cookies: Chocolate Chip Shortbread and Scotcharoos. Take home your two rolls of cookie dough and place in the refrigerator or freezer for fresh baked cookies anytime! Class will be at Cork & Tap on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Class fee is \$29/Resident or \$35/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is Sept 30.

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Mon., Sept. 14

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Tues., Sept. 15

Young Critics Book Club via Zoom, 6 p.m. Offered by the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley. A discussion and activity all about Rita Lor-

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Weds., Sept. 16

A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

Fri., Sept. 18

Free Lunch Friday, sponsored by The Etnyre Foundation, will be held at Rock River Center.

Lawn games will be set out in the activity room at 10:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Sat., Sept. 19

Byron Farmers' Market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St., Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. We are following

COVID-19 guidelines. For information karen_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

The Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be holding a breakfast for local veterans from 8-11 a.m. The post will be serving biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes and link sausage.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 4, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln observes a balloon demonstration near Washington, D.C. Both Confederate and Union armies experimented with using balloons to gather military intelligence, but they proved to be dangerous and impractical.

* On Oct. 3, 1917, the U.S. Congress passes the War Revenue Act, increasing income taxes to unprecedented levels in order to raise more money for World War I. While only 5% of the U.S. population was required to pay taxes, U.S. tax revenue increased from \$809 million in 1917 to \$3.6 billion the following year.

* On Sept. 28, 1941, the Boston Red Sox's Ted Williams plays a double-header against the Philadelphia Athletics and gets six hits in eight trips to the plate, boosting his batting average to .406.

* On Sept. 30, 1962, in Oxford, Mississippi, James Meredith, an African American, is escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. Marshals, setting off a riot that left two men dead. The racial violence was quelled by more than 3,000 federal soldiers.

* On Oct. 2, 1971, "Maggie May" becomes Rod Stewart's first No. 1 hit and tops the U.S. and U.K. pop charts. "Maggie May" was a last-minute addition to the album "Every Picture Tells a Story" and was originally released as the B-side to "Reason to Believe."

* On Sept. 29, 1988, Stacy Allison of Portland, Oregon, becomes the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the highest point on earth. Allison climbed the Himalayan peak using the southeast ridge route.

* On Oct. 1, 1993, Polly Klaas is abducted at knife-point and then murdered by an intruder in Petaluma, California. Her father, Marc Klaas, later lobbied to bring about California's "three strikes" law, which gave life terms to criminals with three felony convictions, even though those committing less serious crimes also could face life in prison.

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What really deserves a celebration?

"It's a man."

It is a story my mom loved to tell. She already had two boys, and I was going to be her last, and she was hoping for a girl. So she jokingly told the doctor not to tell her it was a boy.

And he didn't.

I, of course, loved to strut around when she told this story, acting like a man and not the boy I was. And to be honest, it is still a story I tell, 15 years after my mom died.

That is how it was back then. You found out the sex of your child when he or she made their first appearance. It was a surprise.

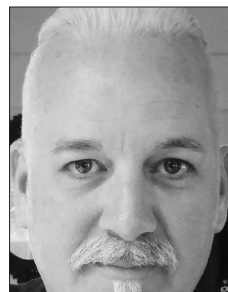
We knew what we were having when my ex-wife and I had children. We were curious so we were open when the doctor said he could tell us.

What we did with that knowledge might seem pretty antiquated these days: we told people. Individually. By phone, or letter.

We did not have a gender reveal party. We had never heard of a gender reveal

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



party. I don't think they even existed.

Gender reveal parties are an event where parents do something big to reveal the gender of their coming child. It can be anything from blue or pink balloons released from a hidden spot to a pink or blue water fountain to an explosion with pink or blue smoke.

Seems excessive, doesn't it? It also seems very 2020. We have to make everything grand, for some reason.

Well, a gender reveal

party in California recently started a huge fire that burned thousands of acres and forced the evacuation of thousands of people. All of this so people could reveal the sex of their baby.

An Iowa woman was killed in an explosion at a gender reveal party last year. They basically made a pipe bomb to spray colored powder, and the woman was standing 45 feet away when she was hit by shrapnel.

Tragic? Yes. Stupid? Certainly.

Why do we feel the need to have these kinds of fairly useless celebrations? This is not for the coming child; it is for the parents and the grandparents. It is also completely unnecessary.

But in the age of graduation parties for kids finishing day care, it doesn't seem weird at all. These days we celebrate everything. And I am not talking about accomplishments. I'm sorry, but your kid finishing kindergarten is not cause for a family party.

When I think back to the Middle Ages, when I was a kid, I can remember some small birthday parties, sure. I can also vaguely remember my going away party when I joined the Air Force after I graduated from high school.

I think that one was for my parents. Those were tears of joy that I was actually moving out. They even let me drink a few beers!

The parties and celebrations have gotten out of hand. Gender reveal parties? Let's just stop that, OK? Let's save the celebrations for real accomplishments. Your kid graduates from college? That is party worthy. Your kid earns early release from jail? That is not party worthy. You earn that promotion you have been working years to achieve? Party worthy. Your kid learns to ride a bike? Not party worthy.

When you find out the sex of your child and want people to know, just send a group text. It is easier and safer.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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A journey into the presidential election's future past

Four years ago, I wrote an article that this newspaper refused to print. They were right in doing so. The problem wasn't in the article itself, which was about the upcoming 2016 Presidential Election, but in its timing. Being new to the newspaper business, I didn't understand the importance of allowing time for people who disagree to respond, and I sent it in too late for that.

That article appears below. In reviewing it, I'm impressed most of all with how little my opinion has changed. You could substitute Joe Biden for Hillary Clinton for the most part and it would represent my position in this election. I invite you to make the same comparison, based on your own opinions then and now.

Election Day, a Presidential one, is upon us. It's time to connect the dots, to fill in the picture, and to

Guest Opinion By Lowell Harp



name names.

In September I reported on a type of leader called the demagogue, one who appeals to emotion at the expense of reason. In October I focused on one of his tools: post-truth politics, defined as promoting ideas that are emotionally appealing but have no basis in fact. The rise of the demagogue presents us with a crisis in our political life, one that demands answers about

what democracy means and about how we must behave if it's to survive.

There are many important issues in this contest, including immigration, terrorism, jobs, and abortion. The beautiful thing about democracy is that it allows us to resolve these concerns peacefully. None of us get everything we want, but we know that there'll be another election and another chance to get people to see things our way.

When passions are at a fever, it's easy to forget this. It's easy to become unyielding, to resist compromise, and to listen to the siren song of the demagogue. We think we're fighting for freedom and democracy when in fact we're weakening it.

The demagogue tells us what we want to hear or what we're willing to believe, with no regard for the truth as shown by the facts. This is a dangerous quality

in a candidate, and even more so in a leader. When a President tells us why we need to take an action, such as sending our troops into combat, we have to be able to believe him if we're to be sure we're doing the right thing.

But the danger posed by the demagogue is about more than honesty. His intolerance, his appeals to dark emotions, and his contempt for the rule of law weaken the foundations of democracy. It's always been so, going back at least as far as the ancient Roman Republic's spiral into mob rule, dictatorship, and, finally, rule by emperor.

It would be hard if not impossible to find a politician who's never employed any of the tactics of the demagogue. In that sense, the term is more of a figure of speech than a real person. In this election, though, the demagogue has a name, and

it's Donald Trump.

He may not be the only practitioner of this dark art, but he's the most notable, a textbook study in the dishonesty, scapegoating, fearmongering, and intimidation that mark the demagogue.

His disregard for the facts is mind-boggling. The Pulitzer Prize winning fact checker PolitiFact rates only 15 percent of his statements during this campaign as true or mostly true. 71 percent are rated as mostly false, false, or "pants-on-fire" false.

When we compare him to Hillary Clinton we find that, in spite of her reputation for dishonesty, her ratings at Politifact are a mirror image of Mr. Trump's: 51 percent true or mostly true vs. 27 percent mostly false to pants-on-fire false. Perhaps Ms. Clinton's evasiveness and secretiveness don't necessarily show up in fact

checking as readily as Mr. Trump's blatant untruths. But the gap between them appears to be unbridgeable.

Ms. Clinton's shortcomings have been examined repeatedly and in detail for all to see during this election. She isn't the best of all conceivable candidates, but we seldom get that choice in an election. And so, I'll vote for her on Election Day.

I'll vote for her with a watchful eye. I'll vote for her because I agree with her on the issues more than I do with Mr. Trump. But most of all, I'll be casting a vote for democracy, and against the demagogue and his post-truth politics.

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

Please protect yourself, others from virus

Dear Editor,
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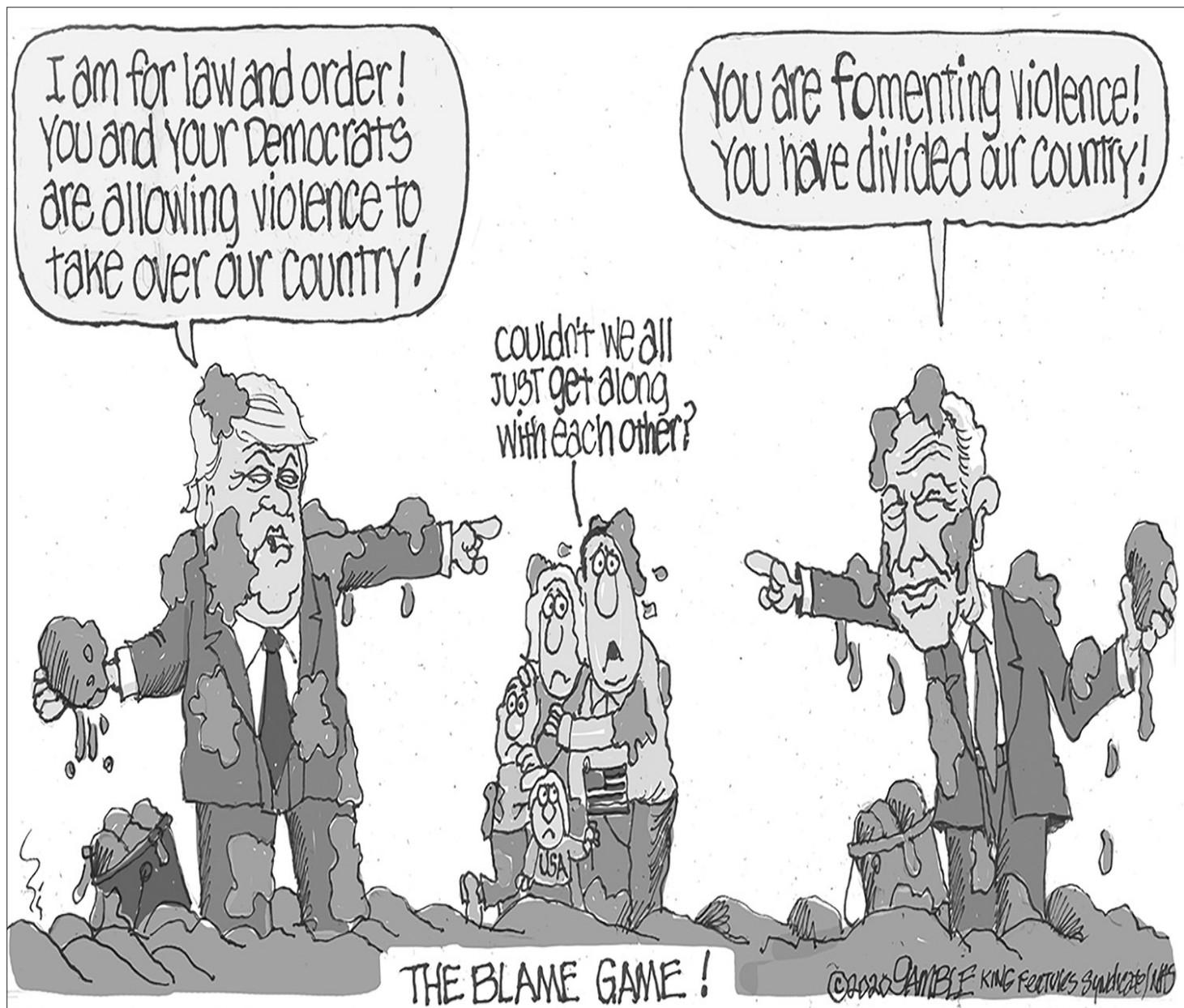
My brother wears a mask and is super cautious but still caught Covid-19 from a coworker who wore a gaiter neck cloth (neck gaiters are too thin to keep the droplets in) who kept coughing all week long. My brother thinks he touched paperwork that had droplets on it then rubbed his eyes.

Here are symptoms my brother has had for over a week and he's still not out of the woods: high fever, wicked headache that won't recede, rash on bottom of his feet causing blisters, chills, nausea, vomiting, severe diarrhea, intense coughing, lots of head and chest congestion, difficulty sleeping, and foggy thinking.

Every single day. Every single symptom. The strain on the body is horrible.

This virus will eventually die out as the Spanish Flu, H1N1, SARS, etc have done. Until it does, protect yourself, your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors, your coworkers. Wear the mask. Wash your hands. Stay safe.

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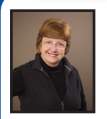
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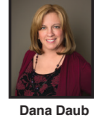
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6323 N River Drive Oregon \$175,000 Call Boone
Rock River Retreat! Enjoy this well maintained, 1581 sq ft, brick home situated on the Rock River. Many updates to this home including: kitchen and bath. New mechanicals and roof. Enclosed porch and outdoor living area added within the last few years. This home is move in ready, and here for you to enjoy!

NEW LISTING



908 W Washington Street Oregon \$114,900 Call Mark
Totally remodeled 1348 Sq Ft 2-3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, newer everything, kitchen has new wood cabinets, granite counter tops, newer stainless steel appliances, new wood flooring throughout the house, first floor laundry and washer & dryer stay. Bathrooms both totally remodeled with jet tub, new water softener. Bring on any government loan.

NEW LISTING



000 W Edgewood Road Dixon \$112,500 Call Stephanie
Your premier hunting ground awaits! Densely wooded 13.5 acres of prime hunting ground. Dry creek bed runs through rear of property, numerous black walnut, red oak & white pine trees - currently a part of the forestry program. Not a hunter? - buildable lot allows for a wonderful view with plenty of privacy! - Currently zoned Ag-1.

NEW LISTING



5338 E Aspen Court Byron \$229,900 Call Carla
Welcome home! Stillman Valley Schools! Over 2600 sq ft finished living space, vaulted ceilings, gleaming white kitchen quality cabinets with soft close doors, granite & stainless appliances. Wood burning fireplace in living room. Sliders to 14x14 deck overlooking the park like backyard. Lower level offers huge rec room with sliders to patio area, 3+ car garage, nice covered front porch. Call today to view this exceptional home in Stillman school district.

NEW LISTING



108 Nancy Street Mount Morris \$117,500 Call Rebecca
MOVE IN READY RANCH! Bursting with curb appeal, this 3 bedroom/2 bathroom home with potential for a 4th bedroom is perfectly situated in a great neighborhood. Upon entering this home, you will fall in love with the charm and updates. Open floor plan from the kitchen to dining and living room. The kitchen appliances and island stay! Large master bedroom with over sized cedar closet! Living room is spacious and has sliders to your private, fenced back yard oasis that includes an additional storage shed. One bathroom on the main floor and one bathroom in the basement- both of which have been updated! Updates include: steel roof, seamless gutters and vinyl windows.

NEW LISTING



8563 Verde Drive Byron \$179,900 Call Boone
Move in ready! This 4 bed, 2.5 bath is ready for you to make your own. Located in sought after Byron Hills subdivision. Many updates completed since 2017: Hardwood floors, carpet, bathrooms, windows throughout upper & main level.

NEW LISTING



000 Orchid Lane Oregon \$33,500 Call Stephanie
Buildable 1.49 acre lot in much desired Marsh Woods Subdivision. Wooded property, outbuildings allowed. No builder restrictions. Minutes from Oregon but in a secluded neighborhood.

NEW PRICE



304 N. Mason Avenue Amboy now \$138,900 Call Andrea
Welcome home! Beautiful 4 bedroom 1 bath home on a large corner lot in Amboy, walking distance to schools and downtown, golf course nearby. Large open concept living room with first floor master. Huge wrap around back deck overlooking the patio and beautiful mature trees. Additional 364 sq ft. covered front porch. 3 car garage with bonus loft. Fully insulated and heated wood shop. Newly remodeled in 2019, interior paint, carpeting, and light fixtures. Newer vinyl windows, house and garage roof in 2016, water heater 2019.

NEW PRICE



11123 W III Route 72 Forreaston now \$255,000 Call Rebecca
200X60 OUTBUILDING AND A POND! Live, work and play on your own 6.28 acres in the country! Located just outside of Forreaston this home is a rare find. 3 bedrooms/1 bathroom with nearly 2,000 sq ft of living space. Gleaming hardwood floors and large rooms make this ranch feel homey and move in ready! The basement offers partial exposure and could easily be finished for more living space. Outside the large 200x60 outbuilding has loads of storage space along with a heated shop area. An added bonus is the .75 acre stocked pond! An interesting piece of history is the old county bridge that is also on the property. Updates include new electrical service, water softener and furnace. Do not miss your chance to own this amazing country escape!

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Byron golf teams down Oregon

OREGON — The Oregon and Byron High School golf teams squared off at Silver Ridge on Thursday, Sept. 3. Byron's girls defeated Oregon 201-206 behind 44 from medalist Paige Bukoski. Tori Marchetti was the runner-up player for Oregon, shooting 47 while Cassie Nyderek added 49. Byron's boys dominated the match, winning 176-214 with medalists Eric Detig and Logan Remhof carding 43 and Maison Brandt adding 44. Jarrett Dietrich shot 48 for Oregon.

Byron's golf teams faced Rockford Christian on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Tiger boys narrowly lost 162-168 despite 39 from Maison Brandt and 40 from Eric Detig. Logan Remhof added 42 and Brogan Griffith chipped in 47. The Tiger girls won 200-212 behind Paige Bukoski's 46 and Shannon McHale's 49. Grace Kultgen added 52 and Ava Kultgen shot 53.

Oregon boys second

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys golf team competed against Rochelle and North Boone on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Silver Ridge. Oregon took second in the meet, carding 205 behind Nick Beitel's 47 and Isaac Kaltenbrun's 49. Isaac Reber and Jackson Werren followed up with 54 and 55, respectively.

Stillman boys, girls pick up wins

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley High School boys golf team defeated Rock Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 1, winning 171-229 behind medalists Griffin Smits and Timmy Marcum. Stillman Valley's girls topped Rock Falls 191-223, with Grace Haas earning runner-up honors.

Stillman Valley's boys and girls teams picked up wins against Lutheran on Thursday, Sept. 3. The girls won 212-225, with Grace Haas earning medalist honors and Ella Challand receiving runner-up recognition. The boys defeated Lutheran 169-198 behind medalist Griffin Smits.

Locals students earn academic honors at UW-Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,660 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the spring semester of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Personalized certificates of scholastic achievement are being sent to those who earned highest honors distinction.

Students who received honors include:

Byron:
Natalie Carlson, Senior, Highest Honors
Eryn Murphy, Junior, Highest Honors
Leaf River:
Jason McQueary, Senior, High Honors
Oregon:
Zachary Stromberg, Senior, Honors

Ahlgrim earns degree from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY — Briana Ahlgrim of Oregon, Ill. (61061) has earned a Bachelor of Science, Nursing degree from Western Governors University (WGU).

The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 178,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which measures learning rather than time spent in class. Designed to meet the needs of working adults, courses allow students to study and learn on their own schedules with individualized, one-to-one faculty support. They complete courses as soon as they demonstrate that they have mastered the subject matter, allowing them to move quickly through material they already know so they can allocate time for what they still need to learn. As a result, many WGU students are able to accelerate their studies, saving both time and money.

Birthday



Anderson celebrates 98

MOUNT MORRIS — Happy birthday wishes to Lorraine Anderson! She will celebrate her 98th birthday on Sept. 24, 2020.

Let's surprise her with cards at 423 S. McKendrie Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

August From the Heart winners are announced

August 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

- Aug. 1 - Janice Prusator, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 2 - Jeff Stevens, Excelsior, Minnesota, \$50
- Aug. 3 - Keith Holland Sr., Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 4 - Joan Woksa, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 5 - Ralfie's BBQ & Catering, Oregon, \$25
- Aug. 6 - Dakota Ames, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 7 - Evi O'Rorke, Steward, \$25
- Aug. 8 - Megan Egyed, Amboy, \$25
- Aug. 9 - Sheena Hessler, Stoughton, Wisconsin, \$50
- Aug. 10 - Alex Hutson, Rochelle (CHS), \$25
- Aug. 11 - John Dreska, Rochelle (CHS), \$25
- Aug. 12 - Melissa Long, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, \$25
- Aug. 13 - Hoover and Mary Mercado, Reno, Nev., \$25
- Aug. 14 - Ken Simandhar, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 15 - Teresa Strum, Dixon, \$25
- Aug. 16 - Joann Orr, Rochelle, \$50

- Aug. 17 - Sharon Duncan, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 18 - Steve Kuhn, Sycamore, \$25
- Aug. 19 - Sherri Drew, Mount Morris, \$25
- Aug. 20 - Cindy Holt, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 21 - Sam Graber, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 22 - Carolyn Neal, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 23 - Katherine Baie, Hinkley, \$50
- Aug. 24 - Tricia Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 25 - Jeff Perry Chevy, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 26 - Rochelle Area Comm. Foundation, \$25
- Aug. 27 - Denise Johnson, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 28 - Emily Whitaker, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 29 - Roger & Susie Ahlensdorf, Kings, \$25
- Aug. 30 - Terry Harvell, Rochelle, \$50
- Aug. 31 - Betty Dearth, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month. 2021 From The Heart Cash Calendars will be available soon.



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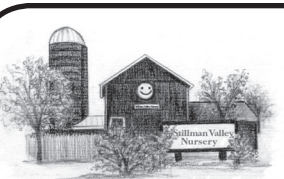
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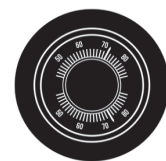
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Polo Library News

Polo Public Library Information

Polo Library is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday. The library building will be open for patrons to come in, browse, and check out items. We will continue to have Curbside Delivery available if you prefer to not enter the building or are unable to wear a mask. You can place an order by calling 815-946-2713, emailing library@pololibrary.org, or through your PrairieCat/Encore account.

Masks are required for patrons to come into the library. We have disposable masks available to purchase for \$1 if you don't have a mask or if you forgot yours at home.

We have two computers available for patron use that are over 6 feet away from each other and cleaned between uses. There is a one hour time limit for the use of either computer. If you'd like to make sure there is a computer available, please call 815-946-2713 to reserve a computer. You can also fax, copy and print as needed.

Returned Books

We ask that you continue to return items, as you are done with them, through the book drop that will continue to be open 24/7. After items are returned, they will still appear on your account while they are quarantined, then they will be checked back in and backdated to when they were returned.

This means that you may receive courtesy notifications (phone calls, texts or emails) close to the due date of your item(s), or even a first overdue notice before your item(s) are checked back into our system even if you have already returned your items.

We are a fine-free library, so you do not need to worry about accruing fines during the quarantine period. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 815-946-2713.

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

Every Saturday morning head over to Polo Library's Facebook page to watch a member of the Library staff read a children's story. They will air each Saturday at 10:30am, but you can watch them any time!

Outdoor Yoga with ADM Studios – Monday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. *Weather Permitting*

We have plenty of space in our yard for social distancing! Bring your yoga mat and come ready to enjoy some fall air. Call 815-946-2713 to register.

Coffee with a Cop – Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. *Weather Permitting* Library Pavilion

Join us for an outdoor, socially distant Coffee with a Cop. If the weather is questionable, please call 815-946-2713 before leaving home to check on the status of this program.

A Note on Donations

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available outside of the library building by joining the Polo Public Library Guest Access network, you do not need a password.

Questions?

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

Local student named to the spring 2020 Dean's List at Aurora University

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

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

Byron: Katelyn Byerley*, Freshman, Undecided; Brandy Spear, Senior, Bachelor of Soc Work

Davis Junction: Maria Ilkow, Sophomore, Elementary Education

Forreston: Caleb Poffenberger*, Junior, Business Admin, BA, Sport Management

Oregon: Annika Wilson, Senior, Biology, BS

Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private school tuition rates in Illinois. Our campus is nestled in a tree-lined neighborhood in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, and located approximately 45 miles from Chicago. The university serves approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation. The university is also committed to giving back to the city we live and work in by offering educational and cultural programming that enriches the larger community. Our dedication to the transformative power of learning inspires all to discover what matters and build a life around it.

Mount Morris Library News

Curbside Pickup and Inter Library Loans

* Curbside Pickup will happen during the hours of 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Starting on Sept. 5, we will again be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

* Please note that hours are subject to change based on demand and public health. We will notify of all changes as they come.

* Inter Library Loans are available.

* Mt. Morris Patrons can place holds through the catalog or by calling or emailing.

* Please update your contact information if needed.

* Library staff is quarantining all returned items for a period of time. Recently returned materials may remain on your account longer than usual. When checked in, library staff will backdate materials. No overdue fines will be charged.

* New library cards:

* Patrons can call or email the library to renew or receive new library cards.

* Contact the library at 815-734-4927 or mmlib@mtmorris-il.org

Browsing By Appointment

This is what everyone has been waiting for! We are now taking appointments for people to come into the library to choose books. Be aware that there are rules and limits. Contact the library to make an appointment. Please follow the guidelines.

* You will be required to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering the

building.

* Children will not be allowed in the library unaccompanied. Consideration will be given to special circumstances, but you must contact the library to discuss that with staff.

* We ask that patrons make their selections in a timely manner. Loitering is discouraged.

Computer Use By Appointment

We are starting to allow patrons to use the computers by appointment. If you would like to reserve a computer please call the library. Please follow the guidelines.

* Only one person per computer. Please do not bring children with you.

* Masks must be worn in the library.

* You will be asked to use hand sanitizer when you enter the building before getting on the computer.

* You will be asked to refrain from browsing. You are here for the computer use only.

* You will not be allowed to stay all day. You are allowed one hour unless approved by the director for job training, job search, or class work.

New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Dawn Winters to our staff. She is our new Program Coordinator. She is working on getting things ready to do story time and take-home kits. Be watching Facebook and our website for more information.

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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
Visiting Nurses Assoc. 971-3755
4223 E State, Rockford

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
Visiting Nurses Association 971-3755
4223 E State, Rockford

Byron Library News

The Library is Open for Browsing!

The Byron Library is now open for book browsing! Patrons are welcome to browse on both floors. Materials can be checked out at our self-check stations on either floor, by a staff member at the first-floor circulation desk, or delivered to patrons outside with our curbside service. Don't forget to wear your mask!

Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at Byron.lib.il.us 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.

Library Playgroup

Wednesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 17

9:30-11 a.m., or 1-2:30 p.m.

Miss playing at the library? You can arrange your own playgroup with the library toys. Program takes place in our enclosed meeting room. Library will set up with toys and sanitize after use. One adult should register and can invite friends and family members to the playgroup. Please note: Only 9 people total (nonmobile babies do not count towards your total) can attend. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

Houseplant Propagation

Monday, Sept. 14, via Zoom, 1-2 p.m.

Christine walks you through how to take clippings from other plants, when to repot them, how to care for them and the benefits of having houseplants. Kit includes a starter plant, soil and plant pot. Additional supplies needed include a hand trowel, watering can and a protective covering for work surface. Please call the library at 815-234-5107 to register.

Meet the Author: Catherine Boyd – From Rancher to Writer

Wednesday, Sept. 23, via Zoom

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Catherine Boyd will share about her life as a rancher and how that life inspired her writings. Catherine is the author of the Windchase Family Saga trilogy and Somebody's Knockin'. There will be time for a Q&A after Catherine's presentation, and we will close with a drawing for a copy of Catherine's book Somebody's Knockin'. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. Zoom meeting information will be emailed to registrants.

Easy No-Knead Artisan Bread

Monday, Sept. 28, on YouTube

Beth will walk you through the simple steps to make a delicious, crusty loaf of bread. It's so easy and sure to become a new family favorite. Kit includes flour, yeast, salt and cornmeal. Additional supplies needed include water, a 5-quart container or large bowl with a lid, a wooden spoon, a cutting board or pizza peel, a baking sheet or pizza stone, and a broiler pan or metal pan. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. Kits will be delivered to Byron residents before the program; non-Byron resi-

dents can pick up their kits any time after Tuesday, Sept. 22.

DIY Bleach Dyeing

Tuesday, Sept. 29, via Zoom

6-7 p.m.

Try out some new bleach dyeing techniques with Kelly on Zoom! We will provide you with a pair of socks to get you started, but feel free to bring your own clothes to dye as well. Kit includes one pair of socks, a bottle of bleach, rubber bands and plastic gloves. Additional supplies needed include paper towels and a protective covering for your work surface. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. Kits will be delivered to Byron residents before the meeting; non-Byron residents can pick up their kits after Monday, Sept. 28.

Recycling Challenge

We're over halfway there! The Byron Public Library District has collected nearly 300 lbs. of plastic in The Trex Company's Recycling Challenge! Please join us in participating by bringing your recyclable plastic to the library! Our goal is to collect 500 lbs. of plastic within the next six months. If our goal of 500 lbs. is met, the Byron Public Library District will receive a 100% recyclable Trex bench to be enjoyed by all! Plastic items that can be recycled include grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bats, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, Ziploc & other resealable food storage bags. Collection bins will be located inside the main entrance.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Read a story with your child while you enjoy the beauty of the Byron Forest Preserve! The Byron Library has set up two StoryWalks in two different areas. Read "Rita & Ralph's Rotten Day" while you hike the Indigo Trail, or take a walk to the Heritage Farm Museum while reading "Cat's Colors". The "Rita & Ralph" StoryWalk runs through Sept. 14, and "Cat's Colors" will be up through Oct. 11. There is no registration required, but you can visit Byron.evanced.info/signup for more information about the StoryWalks and their locations. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Check out our eBooks!

Unable to get out of the house to get to the library? You can still get library books without leaving home! Visit the Byron Library's webpage to access our eBook resources – OMNI, eRead Illinois, Hoopla, and Biblioboard. All you need is your smart device and your library card. Available 24/7! If you need help, give the library a call at 815-234-5107.

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

Julia Hull Library News

Expanded In-Person Services

The library is offering expanded in-person services. Grab & Go Services is now available Monday & Friday (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Tuesday & Thursday (10 a.m.-6 p.m.). Saturday mornings (9 a.m.-noon) will be reserved for Curbside-Only Services. The library will be closed to the public on Wednesdays, alongside the Meridian CUSD 223 for a deep cleaning and disinfecting.

During Grab & Go, all patrons will be limited to 15-minute browsing. Newspapers, children's toys, Conference Room, and study tables are currently unavailable. All staff and patrons are expected to wear a mask and social distance. For more details, please see our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/covid-19-information>.

Library Curbside Expanded

For your safety and convenience, contactless Curbside Pickup will be available 5 Days/Week, including Saturday mornings, by appointment only. For full details, please visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/schedule-curbside-pickup>.

Public Computer Access

Need to use a computer? Public computers will be available in 45-minute time-slots, by appointment only. For your safety, all computers and computer areas will be disinfected after each use. To reserve a computer, please call 815-645-8611.

Register for a Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! 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.

A Song & A Story

Join us every Wednesday at 10 a.m. on Facebook live for a thematic song, story and craft! It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to reserve a craft for your child, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. While supplies last.

Pajama Storytime

Our evening virtual storytime series returns this Fall, starting Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.! 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. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Fall Windsock

Embrace autumn's beautiful colors to create a windsock that perfectly matches the great outdoors. On Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m., Miss Kelly will be on FB Live walking and talking your kids through every step of the process. Call the library to schedule pickup of the supply kit, or use the form on our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Recommended for ages 4-9.

Young Critics Book Club

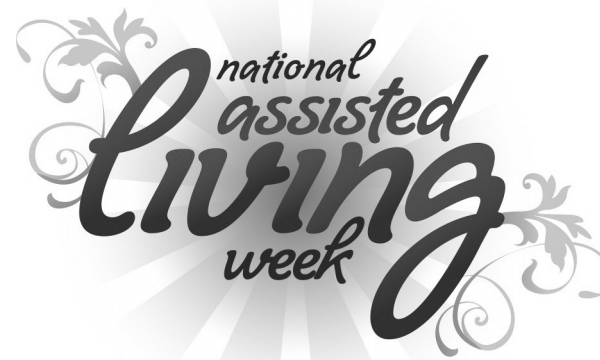
Join Sarah on Zoom, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., for a discussion and activity all about Rita Lorraine Hubbard & Oge Mora's biography, *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned To Read*. Books and activity kit available upon registration. Call the library at 815-645-8611, use our online pickup form, or email Sarah at sloeffelholz@mail.meridian223.org. Ages 7-9.


Short & Sweets

No time to read a novel? Join us for our short story discussion group, Short & Sweets, Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. on Zoom. This month, we'll be discussing Anna Towers' "Jellyfish". Copies available electronically, or in paper for pickup. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the class.

Miss Jamie's Fall Sing-Along

Join us for a virtual show with children's entertainer Miss Jamie as she guides your little ones through a festively fall sing-a-long at her farm. On their imaginative adventure they'll sing, dance, and engage in stories & interactive play. This high energy show is best for 2-8 year olds, but can also be enjoyed by the young at heart. Our exclusive virtual show will premiere the library's Facebook page on Saturday, Sept. 19, and is only available to view for one week, so don't miss out!





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Bertolet Library News

Wednesday WhoDunIt

Are you the kind of person who loves to read mysteries? Do you wish you could discuss a mystery or suspense novel with like-minded readers? Then join us for the 'Wednesday WhoDunIt' book discussion group. It's Reader's Choice Month: Pick any mystery book to read this month and be ready to share your recommendation on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet outside, if weather permits; if not, the discussion will be held, socially-distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required...and bring a friend. No registration is necessary.

Family Story Time

We are excited to announce Family Story Time! We now have time slots available for you to sign your family up for a private Story Time session with our new Youth Director, Jana Schluckebir. These sessions will be held weekly beginning August 6th and will be 20-30 minutes long. Each week will include a story and an art project. Here is what to expect:

* Registration is required by 5 p.m. the Wednesday before to reserve your

time slot each week. Register through the Sign Up Genius link on our website www.bertoletmemoriallibrary.org or by calling 815-738-2742.

* Masks will be required for everyone three and older who is medically able to wear one, and when you show up for your session, we will do a quick temperature check.

* We will be outside when possible or in the back room when the weather requires it. Please dress your kids in clothes that are appropriate for the weather and that can get messy.

* Please have a family member 16 years or older available to assist kids under the age of six with their project.

New Releases

Adult Fiction
Chaos by Iris Johansen
Shadows In Death by J.D. Robb

Young Adult Fiction

Unbirthday by Liz Braswell
Where Dreams Descend by Janella Angeles

Juvenile Non-Fiction

The Eagle Huntress by Aisholpan Nurgaiv

Children's Fiction

Amelia Bedelia Gets the Picture



by Herman Parish
Tractor Mac Worth the Wait by Billy Steers

Weston lets the sun shine through his apple suncatcher at his own personal story time at Bertolet Memorial Library.

We are still collecting soft plastics for recycling. Bring in your clean, dry bread, cereal, zip top, and grocery store bags. We also accept outer package wrap from items such as paper towels and multi-pack items.

We are unable to accept book donations at this time.

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www.oglecountylife.com

Oregon Library News

Now open for browsing!

Come in to pick out your own books. We ask that you sanitize when you come in and please remember to wear your mask.

To best provide a safe environment we are limiting the number of patrons in the library at a time.

Curbside Pick Up will continue indefinitely, but if you wear a mask you may enter the building to pick up your materials, use the computers or copy items. The building is open regular hours. You can put holds on items in our Library through our catalog or by calling the library at (815) 732-2724.

Please continue to return all materials in the outside book drop that is open 24/7. All library materials are quarantined for at least 7 days and then checked in. You will still see these items on your account and still receive notification of overdue until the quarantine period is over. We are fine free, so you will not be charged for overdue items. However, materials that are not returned will result in replacement costs. This bill is generated after materials are 21 days overdue. As long as materials are returned with no damage you will not be charged the replacement fee. Please call for any questions or material requests. Read More ~ Worry Less!

September is Library Card sign-up month

DVDs, books on cd, computer usage, magazines, library of things, hotspots, adult and youth programs and of course books! That is what awaits you at the Oregon Public Library. All you need is a library card! Library cards are free to all residents who pay taxes to their library district. Check your property tax bill and see where your taxes are being spent. If you rent, contact your landlord to see if you are in a library district. To apply for a library card you need a picture ID (Driver's license, state ID, FOID, etc.) with current address. If current address is not correct on license a piece of mail (or rental agreement) is needed to establish proof of residence. Children 6 years old (and able to write their name legibly) through 17 years old need to have a parent present with their photo ID and proof of residence. Anyone getting a new library card this month (September) will be eligible to select some free books! Call the Library at 815-732-2724 to find out more!

Two new online resources

Brainfuse

Brainfuse is one of the nation's leading online tutoring providers serving a diversified client base of libraries, school districts and colleges/universities and is found throughout the country including Dallas, Houston, Seattle, Suffolk, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Sacramento, and San Diego. Brainfuse users receive personalized tutoring via a versatile and user-friendly online classroom.. Brainfuse HelpNow offers a personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. The Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at the library or from any computer with internet connection simply by going to the Oregon Public Library website and logging in with your library card.

Scholastic teachables

Scholastic Teachables provides educator-created & expert-vetted teaching materials. Unlimited online access to the best classroom-tested printables. It has a wide variety of free printable worksheets for grade Pre-K through 8 that span over many different skills! Go to the Library website and log in with your library card number.

Friends of the Library grab bag book sale

Already missing the Friends Annual Book Sale... well you don't have to. The Grab Bag Book Sale has begun! This is an ongoing sale and the bags are in the library labeled by genre. You 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.

It's here!

The Oregon Public Library StoryWalk® at Oregon Park West is now open! What is a StoryWalk®? It is a book that has been disassembled, laminated and presented page by page to promote reading and exercise on a trail, bike path, or in store windows and as you stroll, you are directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Our hope is that this passive program can be used by all ages, groups, families and the Oregon School District. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District, for helping the Oregon Public Library present this unique reading experience. The September story, Apples by Gail Gibbons begins on the path at the main parking lot.

Video story time

We're back! Visit our Facebook page on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and see where Story Time is coming from this week...

Zoom story time

Once a month, beginning Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m., we will have a Zoom Story Time. Register at least a week before in order to receive your craft kit and the Zoom link. Look forward to seeing everyone!

Yoga with Jennifer is back

Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. - only 5 spots available. Registration required (815) 732-2724

Oregon Writer's Group - Second and last Tuesday each month

Meeting will occur via Zoom- Zoom.com

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.

Library book clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. to discuss This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss The Grace Year by Kim



This is just a sample of the items available for the first ever Grab Bag Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Oregon Public Library.

Liggett. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Lady From the Black lagoon by Mallory O'Meara.

DNA and genealogy research: Simplified - Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. via ZOOM

DNA testing has become a popular topic. Did you get your results and now you don't know what to do with them? This program will discuss the different DNA tests and compare the major testing companies. Learn to use your genealogy skills to unravel the mysteries of your DNA results. Join our Zoom call with Steve Szabados, Genealogist. Register at 815-732-2724. Registration required.

1,000 books before kindergarten

Now is the perfect time to start 1,000 Books before Kindergarten! It's very simple to start. Register by coming in, calling or by emailing child's name, birth date, guardian's name, library card number and a phone number to the library email. Then just start recording at home the titles of the books you read to your pre-kindergarten child. We can arrange a pick-up time for you to receive your folder. Children can listen to or read stories on e-book readers, tablet computers, or other devices as well as the old fashioned way. You can even repeat books. Computer games do not count.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." - Jacqueline Kennedy

New releases

- Ready To Trust by Tina Radcliffe (Large Print Fiction)
- Half Moon Bay by Jonathan & Jesse Kellerman (Large Print Fiction)
- Love & Other Crimes by Sara Paretsky (Large Print Mystery)
- Handbook For Homicide by Lorna Barrett (Mystery)
- Never Look Back by Mary Burton (Mystery)
- The Revelators by Ace Atkins (Mystery)
- Stealing Home by Sherryl Woods (Paperback Romance)
- Hometown Hero by Liza Kendall (Paperback Romance)
- Just One Of The Groomsman by Cindi Madsen (Paperback Romance)
- The Friendship List by Susan Mallery (Fiction)
- The Lions Of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis (Fiction)
- Lost Souls At The Neptune Inn by Betsy Carter (Fiction)
- The Hollow Ones by Guillermo del Toro (Fiction)
- The Silent Wife by Karin Slaughter (Fiction)
- The Palace by Christopher Reich (Fiction)
- 1st Case by James Patterson (Large Print Fiction)
- Cry Baby by Mark Billingham (Mystery)
- The Falcon Always Wings Twice by Donna Andrews (Mystery)

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BAILEYVILLE

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303 W. Franklin Street • Baileyville, IL 61007 • Phone: 815-232-6222
 • baileyvillebaptistchurch.org • Pastor Gary W. Branam • Friendly
 Congregation - Traditional Services - Children's Ministries
Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30a.m., Morning Worship -
 10:40a.m., Evening Worship - 6:00p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
 - 7:00p.m.

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277
 Pastor Janet Wold. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Sunday worship
 schedule has changed to one gathering at 9:00 am. A recording of each
 Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website
 following our in-person service. Communion is served every Sunday.
 Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am from September through May. Adult
 Sunday School will be held at 10:00 am. Confirmation studies for 7th and
 8th grade students will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom.
 Wednesday afternoon Bible study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Book club
 and quilters meet in-person monthly. Please visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the office for details.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church • Sr.
 Pastor: Randy Snider, Associate Pastor: Dirk Miller, Children's Ministry
 Director: Kim Miller • **Worship Services** on Saturdays at 5pm and
 Sundays at 10am. **Children's Worship Services** on Sundays
 at 10am. Nursery Available for both Saturday and Sunday Services. •
 Jr. and Sr. High Underground Youth Group Small Groups on Sundays
 at 6:30pm. • Wednesday Night Family Nights with Dinner at 5:30pm.
 Children's Programs run from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and the
 Underground Jr./Sr High Youth Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm and
 there is an Adult Small Group also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.
 • Numerous Adult Small Groups Available throughout the week.
 Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details.
 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard
 Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses:
 May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September -
 April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00
 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

FIRSTBORN REACH

6332 N. Marrill Rd, Byron., PO Box 1013, Byron, Pastor Patrick Featherston II
Service: Sundays at 10:00a.m.
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SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-
 5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15
 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
 701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927. Byron, IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Spellious
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high
 school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & Fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or
 Facebook page or contact the church office.
 Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-
 7683. (E-mail address: chanaumc@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first
 Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open
 Minds-Open Doors.

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.
 Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first
 Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday,
 except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups

meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups
 please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am.
 For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
 14080 Rt. 72 East, Davis Junction (Next to Fritz's Electrical) • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
 OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship
 immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
 AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.
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FORRESTON REFORMED CHURCH

501 Third Ave. Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2424 Pastor Lyle Zumdahl.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.
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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
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 of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service,
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
 Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until
 further notice)
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
 Nursery available
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 9:30 am - Sunday Worship (nursery provided), with social hour following
 10:45 am - Sunday School (children, youth, adults)
www.disciplesumc.org (815) 734-4853
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL Phone 734-4573
 Pastor-Ginny Haney. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (nursery provided)
 Fellowship time Following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School-Nursery
 through adult.

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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 • Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00
 a.m.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

764 Stillman Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 • (815) 732-2424
 Pastor Andrew Kayes • "Sharing God's Love" Service 9 AM • Sunday School
 10:15, Bell Choir Tues 6:30 PM Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays • Women's
 Circles, Hand Bell Choir, Quilting Group, Kids Club

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
 Sunday 10:45 a.m.

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
 • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
 Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
 Christian Education Available

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • www.st-mary-parish.com
 • Fr. Joseph P. Naill • Office Phone: 815-732-7383
 Office Fax: 815-732-4742
Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd
 Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pinecrest
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointment
Baptisms: by appointment, **Wedding Arrangements:** 6 months in
 advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

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polo@crossroadscc.com
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FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available,
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 denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
 Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
 Pastor Brian LeBaron
 Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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(815) 234-8100

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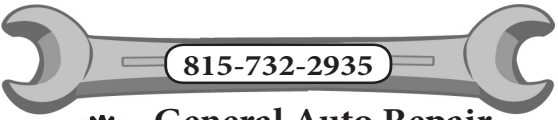

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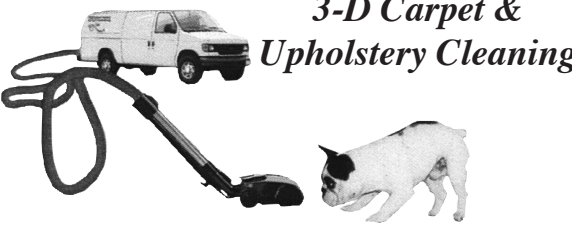
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- 5. Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
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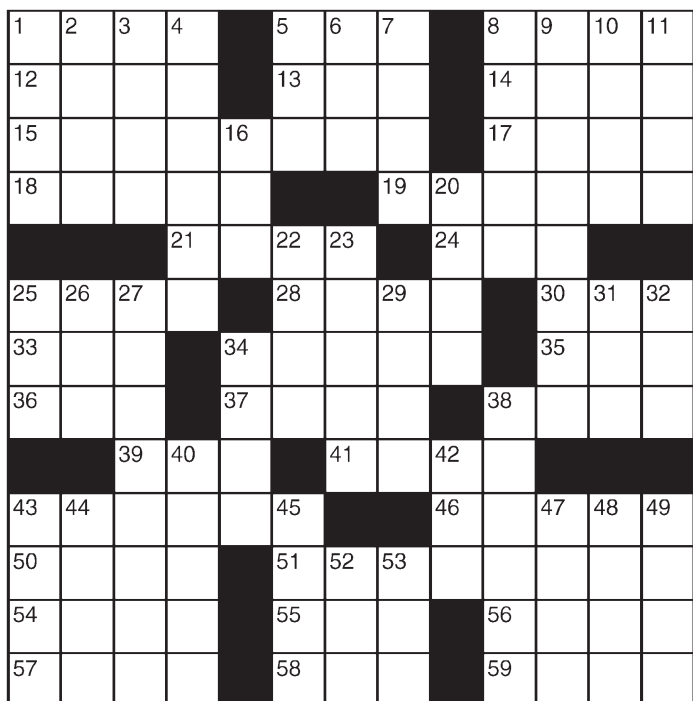


Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Amorphous mass
- 5 Pouch
- 8 Con job
- 12 Portrayal
- 13 Id counterpart
- 14 Actress Jessica
- 15 "The danger has passed"
- 17 Borscht ingredient
- 18 Shelton or Lively
- 19 Chopping spree?
- 21 Breakfast for many
- 24 Jam ingredient?
- 25 Treaty
- 28 Teeny bit
- 30 Cow's chaw
- 33 Ostrich's cousin
- 34 Small chalkboard
- 35 Work with
- 36 Suitable
- 37 Gasp for air
- 38 Impale
- 39 Masseuse's workplace
- 41 Not this way!
- 43 Plot
- 46 Supermarket section
- 50 Cupid's alias
- 51 2,000 pounds



- 54 Legal wrong
- 8 Israeli indigene
- 32 Society newcomer
- 55 "Wham!"
- 9 Unambiguous
- 34 Unwanted email
- 56 String
- 10 Help a hood
- 38 Tattletale
- 57 Gospels follower
- 11 Partner
- 40 Nuisances
- 58 Longing
- 16 Journey segment
- 42 Stratego situation
- 59 Robert of "Airplane!"
- 20 Pinnacle
- 43 — good example
- 22 Big bash
- 44 Gator's kin
- 23 Rise
- 45 Catch sight of
- 25 Pod dweller
- 47 Old portico
- 26 Pump up the volume
- 48 Australian parrot
- 27 Curtail
- 49 Conclusions
- 29 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 52 Weeding need
- 31 NAFTA signatory
- 53 Have

DOWN

- 1 Snatch
- 2 Take to the hammock
- 3 — podrida
- 4 St. Thomas
- 5 Witness
- 6 — Khan
- 7 Stopper

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MAGIC MAZE

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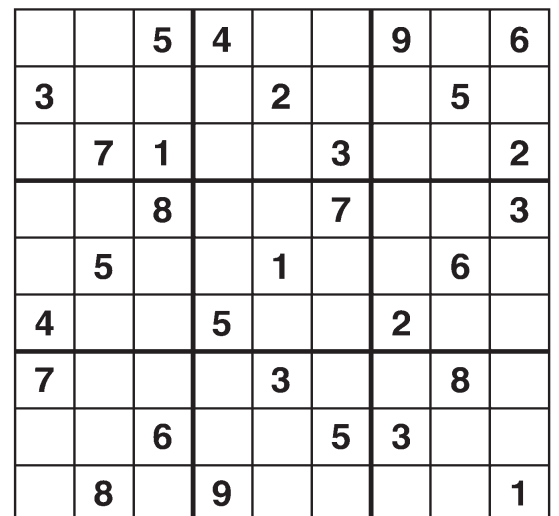
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **After Sunrise, Before Sunset**

- Airtime
- Flextime
- Mistime
- Teatime
- Anytime
- Halftime
- Onetime
- Uptime
- Bedtime
- Lifetime
- Pastime
- Wartime
- Downtime
- Mealtime
- Ragtime

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

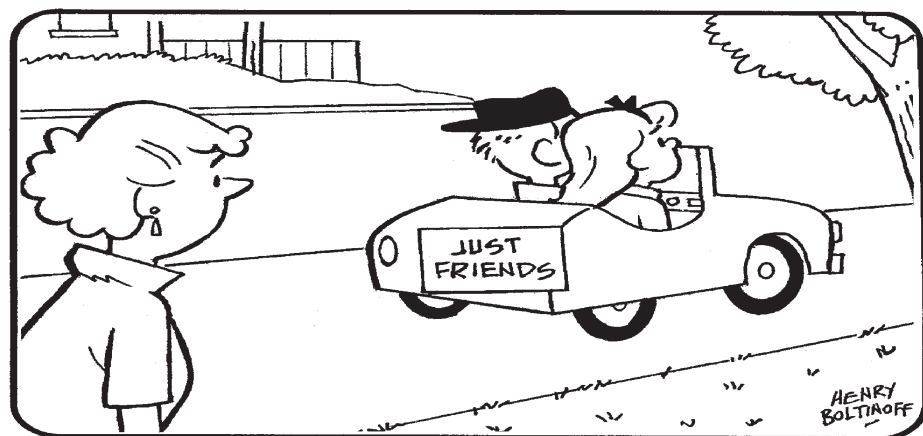
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

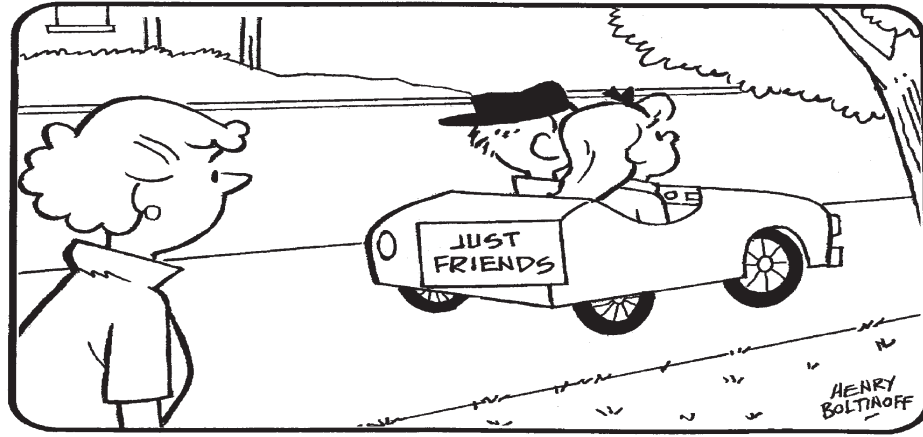
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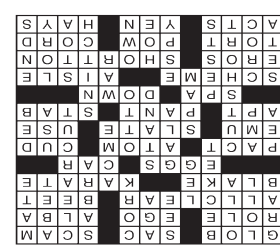
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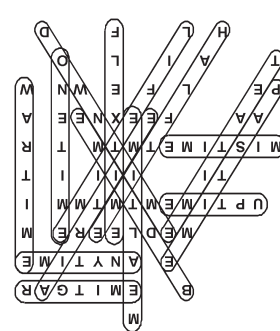
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is larger. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Hubcaps are different. 4. Earring is different. 5. Windshield is gone. 6. Wall has been extended.



Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
— King Crossword —



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Answer
— Weekly SUDOKU —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To Whom It May Concern:

On July 30, 2020, Steward Creek Solar, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, with its principal place of business located at 722 Preston Ave, Suite 102 Charlottesville, Virginia 22903, as lessee of certain real property located in Alto and Willow Creek Townships, Lee County, Illinois, and more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (collectively referred to as "the Property"), filed a Petition for Special Use Permit with the Lee County Planning and Zoning Commission requesting it be granted a special use for the Property, which is zoned Ag-1 Rural/Agricultural District, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar energy system ("SES").

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the proposed petition of the SES at 7 p.m., on October 1, 2020, at the Lee County Old Courthouse Building, 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Please be advised that due to the gubernatorial COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will remain an open meeting but will have limited seating available. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and to ensure public access, the meeting will be streamed online in real time via YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com and through the Zoom Meeting platform.

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The transcripts and minutes of each meeting conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals will be posted on the Lee County website www.leeconomyil.com as they are received.

The officers and shareholder/stockholder owning >20% interest of Steward Creek Solar, LLC, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, Address. Lists Matthew Hantzmon (Chief Executive Officer and Stockholder), Drew Price (Managing Director), and Daniel Bulka (Director of Operations) with their respective addresses at 722 Preston Avenue, Suite 102, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2020.

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EXHIBIT A

Table with 4 columns: PIN/Parcel #, OWNER, Legal Description, Street Address. Lists various parcels owned by BLUE CHARLIE II LLC with detailed legal descriptions and addresses in Lee County, Illinois.

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thence South 01 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 16.70 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 67.58 feet; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 237.42 feet; thence North 88 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 178.29 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM A parcel of land in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 21, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Lee County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Northerly along the West line of said Southeast Quarter

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		line a distance of 2658.64 feet to the Point of Beginning, in Lee County, Illinois; ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 31, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter (1/4); thence West along the North line of said Northeast Quarter (1/4), 384.50 feet, to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence Southerly at a clockwise angle from the last described course of 91 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds, 364.00 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said Northeast Quarter (1/4), 304.37 feet; thence Northerly at a counterclockwise angle from the last described course, 88 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds, 364.00 feet to the North line of said Northeast Quarter (1/4); thence Easterly along said North line, 304.37 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	
01-06-09-400-001	HAMILTON TRUST	The North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING THEREFROM a parcel of land in the North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence North on the West line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), a distance of 1,328.54 feet to the Southwest corner of said North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4), said corner being the point of beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence continuing Northerly along said West line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), a distance of 1,328.54 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Easterly on the North line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), a distance of 174.67 feet to a point; thence Southerly on a line having an angle of 89 degrees 54 minutes 01 seconds as measured counterclockwise from the last described course, a distance of 691.94 feet to a point; thence Southerly on a line having an angle of 179 degrees 56 minutes 31 seconds as measured counterclockwise from the last described course, a distance of 637.17 feet to a point in the South line of said North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence West on said South line of the North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4), a distance of 181.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~359' North of Elva Rd; West of Paw Paw Rd

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21-12-15-100-001	HILLESON JOHN E AND MICHELLE	The West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 15, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	Located on the SE corner of Paw Paw Rd and Willow Creek Rd
21-12-15-100-002	HILLESON JOHN E AND MICHELLE	The Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 15, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,820' West of Locust Rd; South of Willow Creek Rd
21-12-10-300-005	HILLESON JOHN E AND MICHELLE	Tract I: The Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 10, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois; EXCEPTING THEREFROM A part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 10 in Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 10 at a distance of 612 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence Easterly on the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 368 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 994 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 554 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 462 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 186 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 532 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM A part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 10, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, East 612 feet, North 532 feet, West 186 feet, North 462 feet, West 426 feet to the West line of the Southwest Quarter (1/4), South 994 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois. TRACT II: A part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 10 in Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 10 at a distance of 612 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence Easterly on the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 368 feet; thence Northerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 994 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 554 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 462 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 186 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the West line of said Section 10, a distance of 532 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,820' West of Locust Rd; North of Willow Creek Rd
21-12-15-100-003	HILLESON JOHN E AND MICHELLE	The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 15, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,820' West of Locust Rd; South of Willow Creek Rd (landlocked by participating parcel)
01-06-22-200-008	HOG HAVEN LLC	PARCEL 1: The North Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4), the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) AND that part of the East Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 22 lying Northeasterly of the Northeasterly right of way	Located on the SW corner of Perry Rd and Locust Rd

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		line of the Burlington Northern Railroad, all in Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING THEREFROM that part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Northeast Quarter (1/4), described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter (1/4); thence Southerly, along the East line of said Northeast Quarter (1/4), 525.0 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing Southerly, along said East line, 475.0 feet; thence Westerly, at right angle to said East line, 270.0 feet; thence Northerly, at right angle to the last described course, 475.0; thence Easterly, at right angle to the last described course, 270.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that part of the East Half (1/2) of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Northerly, along the East line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), 1195.25 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing Northerly along said East line, 188.17 feet; thence Northwesterly, at an angle of 105 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds measured clockwise from the said East line, 487.0 feet; thence Southerly at right angle to the last described course, 33.0 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 115 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 227.83 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 173 degrees 18 minutes 36 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 149.45 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 160 degrees 51 minutes 47 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 191.88 feet to the Point of	
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		Beginning; all in Alto Township, County of Lee and State of Illinois. PARCEL 2: That part of the East Half (1/2) of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Northerly, along the East line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), 1195.25 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing Northerly along said East line, 188.17 feet; thence Northwesterly, at an angle of 105 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds measured clockwise from the said East line, 487.0 feet; thence Southerly at right angle to the last described course, 33.0 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 115 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 227.83 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 173 degrees 18 minutes 36 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 149.45 feet; thence Southeasterly, at an angle of 160 degrees 51 minutes 47 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 191.88 feet to the Point of Beginning; all in Alto Township, County of Lee and State of Illinois.	
01-06-23-100-005	HOG HAVEN LLC	Part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4), a distance of 2715.15 feet to the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 46 seconds West along the East line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4), a distance of 2654.99 feet to the	Located on the SE corner of Perry Rd and Locust Rd

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		Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds West along the South line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4), a distance of 2703.79 feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the West line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) a distance of 1183.32 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 595.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the West line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4), a distance of 319.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 595.00 feet to the West line of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of said Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said West line, a distance of 1148.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois; EXCEPTING THEREFROM Part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the Township of Alto, Lee County, Illinois, being described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 23; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the West line of said Section 23, a distance of 1467.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 595.00 feet to line parallel with said West line; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said parallel line, 146.42 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 595.00 feet to said West line; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said West line, 146.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	
21-12-03-100-001	HOG HAVEN LLC	Part of the West Half (1/2) of the Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 3, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 3; thence South 0 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West along the West line of said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4), a distance of 2402.94 feet to the Southwest corner of said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds East along the South line of the said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4), distance of 1347.12 feet to a point 10.23 feet (15.5 links) Westerly of the Southeast corner of the West Half (1/2) of said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4), as measured along the South line of said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence North 0 degrees 58 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 2420.59 feet to the North line of said Fractional Northwest Quarter (1/4); thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West along said North line, a distance of 1355.37 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	Located on the SE corner of Herman Rd and Paw Paw Rd
01-06-36-300-001	JOSHUA K WADDELL 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST FBO	The West Half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	1525 Woodlawn Rd., Lee, IL 60530

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01-06-35-400-003	JOSHUA K WADDELL JOSHUA K WADDELL, DECLARATION OF TRUST	The East Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois; EXCEPT that part described as followed: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 59 seconds East, along the East line of said Quarter Section, 1088.12 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said East line 366.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 01 seconds West 238.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 59 seconds West, parallel to said East line, 366.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 01 seconds East 237.86 feet, to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	Located on the NW corner of Woodlawn Rd and Herman Rd
01-06-09-400-007	NELSON CAROLE R; NOEL, ELIZABETH; AND JONES, MARK	The South Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING the following described tract: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Northerly on the West line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4) a distance of 1328.54 feet to the Northwest corner of said South Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence Easterly on the North line of said South Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) a distance of 181.40 feet to a point; thence Southerly on a line having an angle of 89 degrees 58 minutes 05 seconds as measured counterclockwise from the last described course, a distance of 862.83 feet to a point; thence Southerly on a line having an angle of 184 degrees 23 minutes 42 seconds as measured counterclockwise from the last described course, a distance of 437.74 feet to a point; thence Southerly on a line having an angle of 166 degrees 40 minutes 02 seconds as measured counterclockwise from the last described course, a distance of 30.35 feet, more or less, to a point in the South line of said Section 9; thence Westerly on said South line of Section 9, a distance of 216.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPTING The South 186.39 feet of the East 233.70 feet of the South Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois; ALSO EXCEPTING Part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North,	3278 Elva Rd., Steward, IL 60553

Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 9; thence West along the South line of said Southeast Quarter (1/4), 924.39 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing West along said South line, 123.49 feet; thence North 194.00 feet; thence East, parallel with said South line 123.49 feet; thence South 194.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in Alto Township, County of Lee and State of Illinois; ALSO EXCEPTING Part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 9; thence West along the South line of Section 9, 1047.88 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing West along said South line, 102.00 feet; thence North, 194.00 feet; thence East, parallel with said South line of Section 9,

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Description, and Location. Includes parcels 01-06-27-100-003 and 01-06-28-200-005 owned by SCHNORR JAMES H & BILLIE J.

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Description, and Location. Includes parcels 21-12-03-200-004, 01-06-10-200-001, 01-06-34-300-003, 01-06-34-300-004, and 01-06-36-300-002.

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Description, and Location. Includes parcels 01-06-36-400-002, 21-12-01-100-007, 01-06-16-400-004, and 01-06-28-400-002.

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Description, and Location. Includes parcels 01-06-36-400-002, 21-12-01-100-007, 01-06-28-400-002, and 21-12-03-300-006.

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Description, and Location. Includes parcel 21-12-03-300-006 owned by SCHNORR TRUST NO. 101; RAYMOND F SCHNORR.

21-12-04-200-005	AND GLADYS C SCHNORR SCHNORR TRUST, TRUST: 101/102	That part of Lot Two (2) of the James Thompson Plat, as recorded in Book "A" of Plats, Page 41, lying Easterly of the Easterly right of way of F.A. Route 412, more particularly described as: That part of the North Fractional Half (1/2) of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (1/4) of said Section; thence Easterly along the South line of said North Fractional Half (1/2), 3755.4 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 2 for a Point of Beginning; thence Northerly at an angle of 89 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds measured clockwise from said South line, along the East line of said Lot 2, 1877.04 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 95 degrees 30 minutes measured clockwise from the said East line, along the Northerly line of said Lot 2, 544.28 feet to the Easterly right of way line of F.A. Route 412 (U.S. Route 51); thence Southerly, at an angle of 90 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds measured clockwise from said Northerly line, along said right of way line, 1937.59 feet to the South line of said North Fractional Half (1/2); thence Easterly at an angle of 84 degrees 27 minutes 49 seconds measured clockwise from said right of way line, 731.05 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in Willow Creek Township, County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,974' South of Hermann Rd; West of Paw Paw Rd (landlocked by participating parcel to the South)
21-12-04-400-005	SCHNORR TRUST, TRUST: 101/102	Part of the North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 4, said point being 317.58 feet South 00 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence continuing South 00 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West along the said East line, 1011.50 feet to the South line of the North Half (1/2) of said Southeast Quarter (1/4); thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 35 seconds West along the said South line, 2355.24 feet to the East R.O.W. line of F.A. Route 412; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds East along said R.O.W. line, 187.93 feet; thence North 02 degrees 19 minutes 00 seconds East along said R.O.W. line, 998.13 feet; thence North 04 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds East along said R.O.W. line, 144.10 feet to the North line of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 4; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes 28 seconds East along the said North line, 1761.31 feet; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West, 317.58 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes 28 seconds East parallel to the North line of said Quarter Section, 559.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,974' South of Hermann Rd; West of Paw Paw Rd
21-12-09-200-008	SCHNORR TRUST, TRUST: 102	The South Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion deeded to the People of	1357 Paw Paw Rd., Lee IL 60530

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		the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, in Warranty Deed dated June 17, 1977 and recorded August 16, 1977 in Book 7712 at Page 363 as Document No. 420021; ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM Part of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Section 9; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds West along the East line of said Northeast Quarter (1/4), a distance of 102.12 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing North 00 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds West along said East line, a distance of 470.52 feet; thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 318.64 feet; thence South 02 degrees 48 minutes 03 seconds West, a distance of 462.59 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, a distance of 344.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; all situated in the Township of Willow Creek, County of Lee and State of Illinois.	
21-12-09-400-002	SCHNORR TRUST, TRUST: 102	The North Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion deeded to the People of the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, in Warranty Deed dated June 17, 1977 and recorded August 16, 1977 in Book 7712 at Page 363 as Document No. 420021; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~1,471' North of Willow Creek Rd; West of Paw Paw Rd
21-12-10-100-002	SCHNORR TRUST, TRUST: 102	The Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 10, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian; all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.	~2,786' North of Willow Creek Rd; East of Paw Paw Rd

Annual Treasurer's Report for Monroe Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Revenue Summary:

Property Tax	\$	84,924.75
Replacement Tax	\$	4,190.62
Interest	\$	418.39
Misc. Income	\$	2,641.00
Total Revenue	\$	92,174.76

Expenditures:

Compensation under \$10,000

Brian Baxter, Scott Bearrows, Larry Henert, William Hunt, Terra Kirkpatrick, Lincoln Lichty, Thomas Lichty, Joan Morphey & Lynn Warner

Compensation over \$10,000

Larry Baxter

Illinois Dept of Revenue	\$	2,912.30
IRS	\$	12,226.50
TOIRMA	\$	4,337.00
Vendors under \$2,500 each	\$	6,922.04
Total Expenditures	\$	80,953.50

Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe Township

Beginning Balance 4/1/2019	\$	232,248.51
Revenue	\$	92,174.76
Expenditures	\$	80,953.50
Ending Balance 3/31/2020	\$	243,469.77

Annual Treasurer's Report for Monroe Township Road District for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Revenue Summary:

Property Tax	\$	134,798.74
Replacement Tax	\$	8,019.84
Interest	\$	834.37
Misc	\$	962.00
Total Revenue	\$	144,614.95

Expenditures:

Compensation under \$10,000

Kerri Hall, Verlen Morphey Sr. & Jeffrey Payne

Blake Oil Company	\$	4,986.11
Bonnel Industries	\$	2,646.99
Carl Bruder	\$	8,631.00
CIT Trucks	\$	154,890.00
Hoover Horticulture	\$	8,785.00
Johnson Tractor	\$	13,640.12
McVeigh's Truck Center, Inc	\$	6,292.65
Ogle County Hwy. Department	\$	15,079.98
TOIRMA	\$	6,505.00
Vendors under \$2,500	\$	19,047.85
Total Expenditures	\$	245,994.07

Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe Township Road District

Beginning Balance 4/1/2019	\$	515,338.83
Revenue	\$	144,614.95
Expenditures	\$	245,994.07
Ending Balance 3/31/2020	\$	413,959.71

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 STATE OF ILLINOIS
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 OGLE COUNTY
 PUBLICATION NOTICE
 OF COURT DATE FOR
 REQUEST FOR NAME
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 2020-MR-48
 Request of:
 Zachary Russell Long
 There will be a court date
 on my Request to change
 my name from: Zachary
 Russell Long to the new
 name of Zachary Russell
 Smith. The court date will
 be held on October 22,
 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at 106
 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle
 County in Courtroom
 #202.
 /s/ Zachary Long
 No. 0904 (Sept. 7, 14, 21)

Public Notice is hereby
 given that on September
 4, 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: K and K
 Dumpsters, 6621 O'Hare
 Dr., Stillman Valley, IL
 61084.
 Dated: September 4,
 2020
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0911 (Sept. 14, 21,
 28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 United Lost Lake Property
 Owners Association is
 currently seeking requests
 for bids for the 2020/2021

and 2021/2022 Snow
 Removal Season. The
 ULLPOA will choose the
 winning bid at a special
 meeting, date to be
 determined. Contractor
 will be notified the
 following week.

Bid packages will be
 provided on request by
 visiting the ULLPOA
 office located at 903
 Missouri Drive, Dixon,
 IL 61021 during the
 hours of 9AM to 4PM on
 Monday, Wednesday and
 Thursday. All bids will be
 due no later than 4PM on
 Monday, October 5, 2020
 at the ULLPOA office.
 All bids shall be returned
 sealed in the envelope
 provided. Any questions
 should be directed to the
 Roads Co-Chairman
 Mary Sullivan at 815-652-
 2306 or Scott Johnson at
 815-910-0900.
 No. 0915 (Sept. 14)

the death of DAVID L.
 MUELLER of Oregon,
 Illinois. Letters of office
 were issued on August 25,
 2020, to CHRISTOPHER
 M. MUELLER of Dixon,
 Illinois, whose attorney is
 David A. Smith, of Smith,
 Birkholz & O'Brien, 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.
 Ogle County Life
 Newspaper
 CHRISTOPHER M.
 MUELLER
 I n d e p e n d e n t
 Administrator
 No. 0919 (Sept. 14, 21,
 28)

**Pines Road Resale Shop is
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 Sat. and Sun. 10:00 to 4:00
1000's of items at 50% off!
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Garage sale
 332 Hamer Ct., Byron
 Sept. 17-20th, 9:00-5:00
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 A little bit this and a lot of that!
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 dler Boy Clothes, womens clothes.
 Games, Gamer Chair, Jewelry....
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 OF THE)2020
 ESTATE)P-61
 OF:)
 DAVID L.)
 MUELLER,)
 deceased.)
 CLAIM NOTICE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of

Multi-Family Garage Sale
 2666 W Oregon Trail Rd, Oregon
 Sept. 17th, Thursday 8:00-5:00
 Sept. 18th, Fri. 8:00-5:00
 Refrigerator, portable dishwasher,
 Basketball Hoop, Christmas Tree, Desk
 Chair, Lawn Chairs, Antiques, Books - all
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 bies, seasonal & home decorations, dish-
 es, serving pieces, stemware, silverware
 & kitchen misc. Clothing all seasons
 - adult men & women, Jr. Girls formal
 dresses, 24 mo boys, 2T boys, toddler &
 adult shoes.
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**103
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 peace ever
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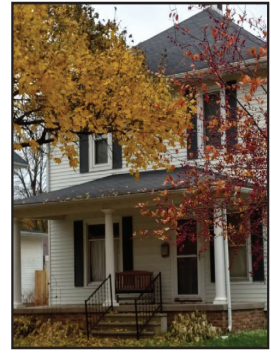


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How to monitor your money when relying on cashless spending

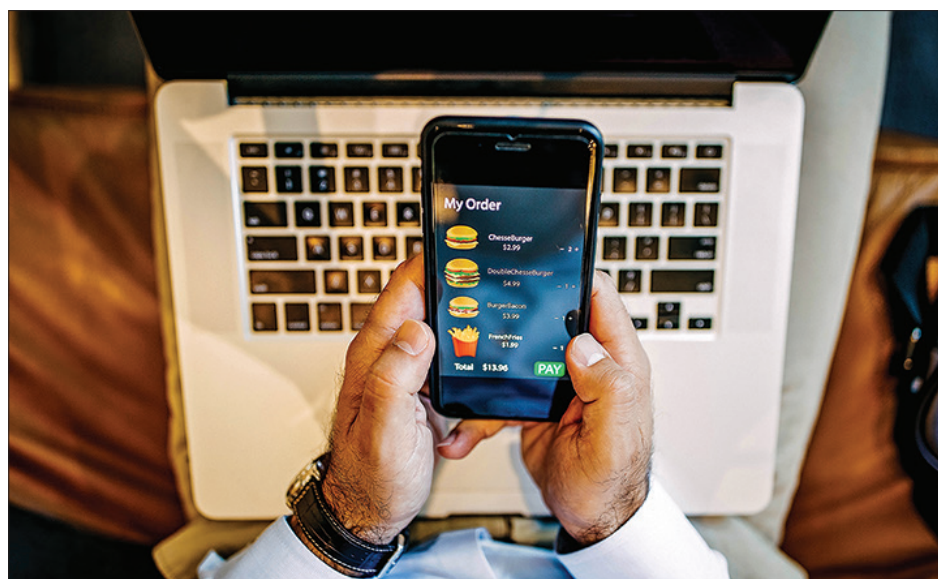
CASHLESS spending has long been a convenient way to make purchases, and that convenience became even more evident in 2020. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in the winter of 2019-20 forced people across the globe to change how they live, and those changes even affected how items are paid for.

According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, touching or handling certain items, including cash, could expose people to the COVID-19 virus. That led many people to rely more heavily on cashless payments, including tradi-

tional options like credit or debit cards, but also relatively new cashless options, including apps such as Venmo. While these options can be very convenient, cashless payments can make it more difficult for people unaccustomed to making purchases without cash to monitor their spending.

The following are some tips to make it easier for consumers to monitor their spending when they're not using cash.

- Use an app to track spending. If you're using an app like Venmo to make purchases, you can just as easily use an app to track that spending. Mint is a free app that



automatically updates and categorizes how your money is spent. Users can see how they're spending their money in real time, making it easy

to know where they stand with their finances.

- Recognize the temptation associated with cashless spending. Studies have shown that cashless spending tempts people to spend more than buying with cash. A recent study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asked business students to bid

on basketball tickets.

Some participants were told they would eventually have to pay with cash, while others were told they would need to use a card. Those who paid by card spent more than twice as much as those who were told they had to pay with cash, which illustrates just how easy it is to spend more on

transactions that do not involve cash. By recognizing that temptation in advance, consumers can better prepare themselves to remain disciplined when using cashless payments like credit cards or mobile apps like Venmo.

- Pay off your balance each month. If your preferred mode of cashless spending is credit cards, then make sure you pay off your balances each month. This not only saves you from potentially hefty interest charges, but the knowledge that you will need to pay off your purchases at the end of each month can help you stay more disciplined with your spending.

Cashless payments have made it easier to purchase goods during the COVID-19 outbreak. But it's imperative that consumers take steps to control their spending when going cashless.



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INDIVIDUALS plan for many different scenarios: buying a home, putting kids through college and saving for retirement, among them. Quite often the concept of making arrangements for one's golden years is placed on the back burner. However, that can be an expensive mistake.

According to AARP, by the time a person reaches age 65, he or she has a 50-50 chance of needing long-term care at some point in the future. Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older in the United States, does not cover custodial care, which is the primary form of care in nursing homes. Therefore, many people must find alternative ways to finance nursing home and other long-term care options. Those who must pay out-of-pocket spend an average of \$85,000 per year on a nursing home in the U.S., and this is often an expense that has not been included in retirement budgets.

Long-term care insurance can be the best option to offset the high costs of nursing home and other care in most instances. It helps cover the costs of services that aren't covered by regular health insurance, namely assistance with routine daily activities like bathing, dressing or getting in and out of bed, advises the financial resource NerdWallet. Such care may be administered at home by a private health aide or in a skilled nursing facility. Most policies also will re-

imburse for services rendered in an assisted living facility or an adult day care center.

According to a study revised in 2016 by the Urban Institute and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, about 14 percent of people age 65 and older will require care for more than five years. Getting the facts about long-term care insurance can help individuals make important decisions for their futures.

- The earlier a person buys a long-term care insurance policy the lower the rates tend to be. The American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance says a 65-year-old couple can typically buy a policy for \$4,800 per year to offer base benefits of \$180,000 plus 3 percent inflation growth. That plan price more than doubles if purchased at age 75.

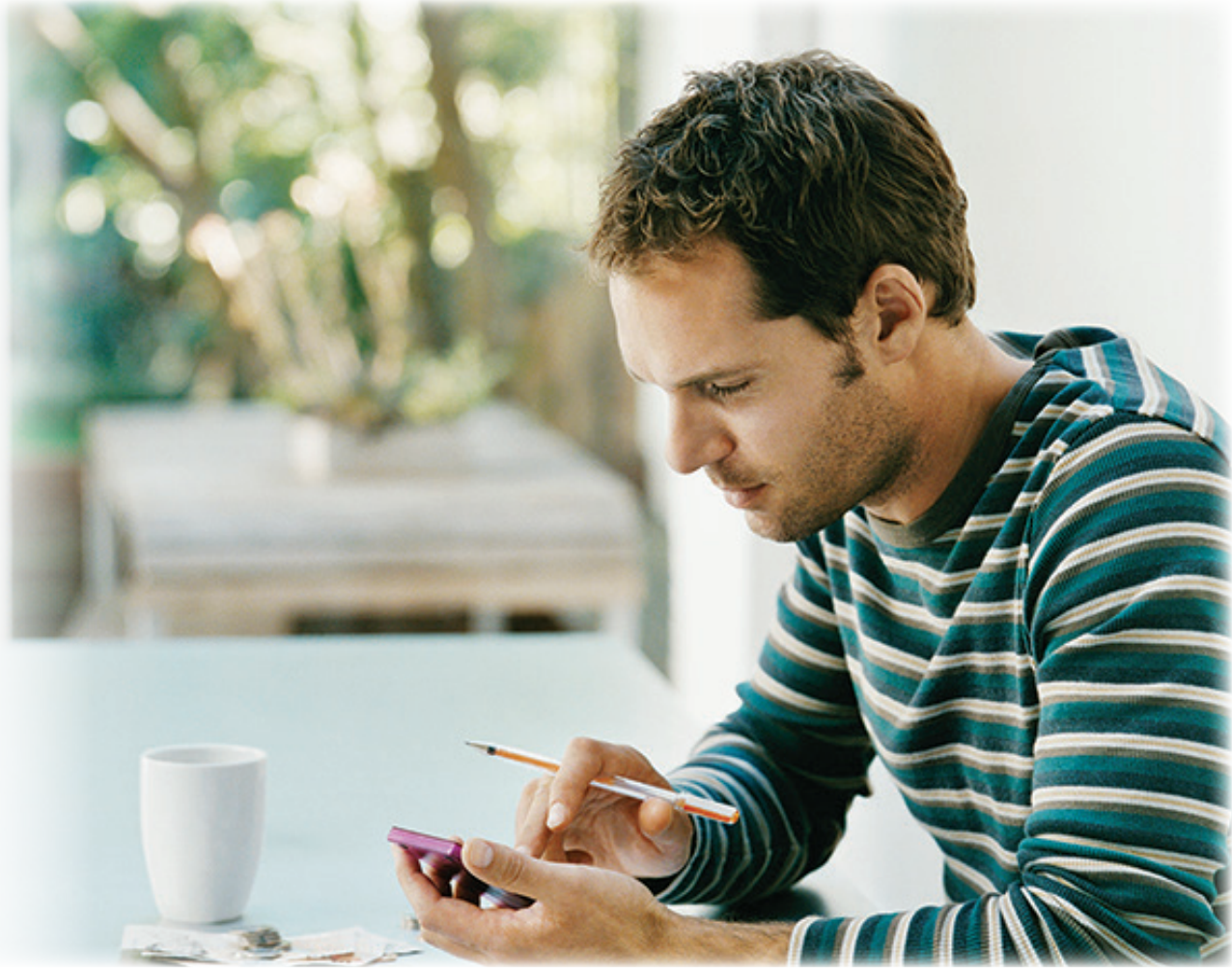
- Cost also is based on the maximum amount the policy will pay per day and the number of years the policy will pay. Many policies limit how long or how much they will pay, some between two and five years, states the Administration on Aging.

- Policies require some medical underwriting, so not everyone will qualify.

AARP suggests seeking out an independent agent who sells policies from multiple companies rather than a single insurer.

Long-term care insurance can be an effective way to pay for the often high cost of skilled nursing care.

Simple ways to save after being laid off or furloughed



THE outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 had a dramatic effect on the global economy. Businesses were shuttered seemingly overnight as public health organizations across the globe embraced social distancing as a means to preventing the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

Few, if any, businesses proved immune to the economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, which forced many employers to lay off or furlough employees. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the week ending April 18 marked the fifth consecutive week that more than three million Americans filed initial unemployment claims. During that period, which for many areas of the United States coincided with the first five weeks of social distancing guidelines going into effect, roughly 26.5 million workers had filed jobless claims. The picture was not any rosier in other parts of the globe. For example, Statistics Canada noted that more than one million jobs were lost across Canada in March, increasing the country's unemployment rate from 5.6 percent in February to 7.8 percent by the end of March.

Many workers were furloughed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and while furloughs differ from layoffs, each situation left people looking for ways to save money. The following are some simple ways to save that can help furloughed or laid off employees make it through the financial uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

- Contact your lenders immediately. Many lenders, including Bank of America and Chase, announced breaks for homeowners and other borrowers in the wake of the COVID-19 out-

break. Lenders may vary regarding the extent of the breaks they offer as well their eligibility guidelines, but borrowers may be able to defer mortgage and auto loan payments for several months. Consumer advocacy groups warn borrowers to learn what the long-term effects of deferring payments may be. In addition, borrowers should know that they must contact their lenders before ceasing monthly home or auto loan payments.

- Consider cutting the cord. Many people have long advocated cutting the cord as a means to saving substantial amounts of money. Cutting the cord refers to forgoing traditional cable television service in favor of less expensive streaming options like Netflix and Amazon Prime. The cut the cord mantra seemed to resonate in the immediate aftermath of the implementation of social distancing, as Netflix reported adding nearly 16 million subscribers in the first quarter of 2020. But before cutting the cord, consumers are urged to see if doing so would actually save them money. Customers who currently bundle their cable with internet and/or phone service may end up paying the same amount of money, if not more, even after canceling their cable subscriptions. Do your homework before cutting the cord, speaking with your provider to learn the true cost of cutting the cord. You may end up saving more by maintaining your cable but removing premium channels and downgrading to basic packages.

- Develop a new budget. Budgeting is an essential component of responsible money management at all times, and especially so in the wake of a layoff or furlough. Do not hesitate to develop a new monthly budget, examining all monthly expenses to de-

termine where costs can be trimmed. The longer you wait, the less you may save during a layoff or furlough.

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Beware of skimmers and shimmers

PERSONAL safety refers to physical and mental well-being, but individuals also must take steps to safeguard their financial well-being.

Thieves have various ways to steal individuals' personal data — everything from hacking into banking or shopping accounts to stealing physical mail. But thieves also have more sophisticated, often hidden ways to steal private financial data. Consumer Reports says the public should be aware of skimmers and shimmers, which are sophisticated devices that steal data when people use public credit and debit

card readers at ATMs, gas pumps and other locations.

A card skimmer is placed on top of the point-of-sale terminal. When a person swipes his or her credit or debit card, the device collects data from it. That data can be used to make fraudulent purchases and to produce counterfeit cards. Among the newest tools scammers use are shimmers, which are tiny types of skimmers that are capable of reading data from new chip-based cards, according to the ATM Industry Association, a non-profit trade organization. Criminals can even retrofit hidden

cameras at ATMs and other locations with card skimmers. Skimmers and shimmers are often Bluetooth-based circuit boards that can transmit stolen card data wirelessly. A thief can drive by a terminal to download card data remotely from a mobile device or laptop.

Devices are getting harder and harder to spot and are turning up in some unlikely places. According to Matt Hayes, a special agent for the United States Secret Service, "You're never going to know the skimmer is installed on the point-of-sale terminal [of a store]." Recent surveillance video from inside an Aldi grocery store in



Pennsylvania showed someone installing a skimming device right in front of a clerk who was unaware of

what was happening.

The ATM Industry Association says about half of the skimmers currently

in use are relatively invisible. The credit scoring company FICO indicates the latest data showed there was a 70 percent increase in the number of debit cards that were compromised in 2016 at ATMs and other card readers used by merchants, and the numbers continue to grow.

Monitoring credit card and banking statements as well as credit reports is the best way to keep on top of scams. Quickly report any unauthorized withdrawals, payments or purchases; otherwise, you may be responsible for charges and face long-term financial repercussions.

Get out and stay out of debt

DEBT can quickly sneak up on a person. However, it can take much longer — sometimes decades — to get out of debt. And that's a big concern when considering just how much debt the average person has incurred.

Northwestern Mutual's 2018 Planning & Progress Study says the average American has about \$38,000 in personal debt, excluding home mortgages. A survey from the insolvency firm MNP Ltd. found that 31 percent of Canadians do not make enough to cover their bills and 46 percent are a mere \$200 or less away from failing to pay debts at month's end.

Researchers in the United Kingdom analyzed data from 1.4 million credit card holders and found that people typically choose ineffective methods to paying off debt. These tips can make it easier to get rid of debt.

Stop the flood

Avoid new debt at all costs. Stop using credit cards, cease taking loans, do not buy any big-ticket items, and scale back on general purchases.

Learn about avalanches and snowballs

The avalanche method is a way to pay off debt. According to NerdWallet, a popular online financial resource, the debt avalanche approach encourages debtors to pay off debts with the highest interest rates first. That seems like an effective way to get out of debt quickly. However, in a 2016 investigation for the Harvard Business Review, researchers

found that the snowball method, which prioritizes paying off the smallest debt balance first and then moving on as debt amounts increase, is the most effective strategy. It tends to have the most powerful effect on people's sense of progress because they gain momentum by watching debts disappear.

Cut back temporarily

Cut back nonessential spending, such as cable subscriptions or gym memberships for the time being. Repurpose that extra money to pay off existing debt.

Get a lower interest rate

Customers can call customer service centers to see if they can lower debt by negotiating a better interest rate, says Credit.com. Since much of a credit card payment goes toward monthly interest charges and not toward the actual balance, this can be a way to get a handle on debt. Some people prefer to use a balance transfer to get a lower rate on another card and try to pay off the balance before the promotional rate expires.

Consolidate or settle

When debt is so substantial that debtors cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel, they might ask a creditor to accept a one-time, lump sum payment to satisfy the debt. Debt consolidation companies also can help by negotiating with creditors and streamlining debt into one payment per month instead of many.

With an effective plan in place, people in debt often can dig themselves out of financial peril.



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How to begin building a credit history

CREDIT scores play a significant role in the lives of millions of adults across the globe. A strong credit history can help people secure more borrower-friendly terms on home and auto loans, potentially saving them thousands of dollars.

Credit scores are not typically on the minds of young adults who are years away from purchasing their first homes. However, young adulthood is a great time to begin building a strong credit history. By laying a strong foundation now, young adults can reap significant rewards when they try to finance major purchases, such as cars and homes, down the road.

- **Open a credit account.** It's important to begin building credit histories once you're eligible, as young people with no credit histories may find it hard to get loans or even apartments of their own. Cosigners can help, but loans secured with cosigners won't do much to improve young people's credit scores. Borrowers want loan applicants who have shown they can pay their own bills, and length of credit history is one of many variables that are used to determine borrowers' credit scores. A long history that documents a young person's track record of paying bills on time is to his or her advantage. Many credit card companies issue credit to applicants as young as 18, so young people should not hesitate to begin exploring their options. The online financial resource NerdWallet notes that young people with no credit history may need to apply for secured credit cards. Unlike more traditional cards, secured cards are backed by upfront cash deposits.

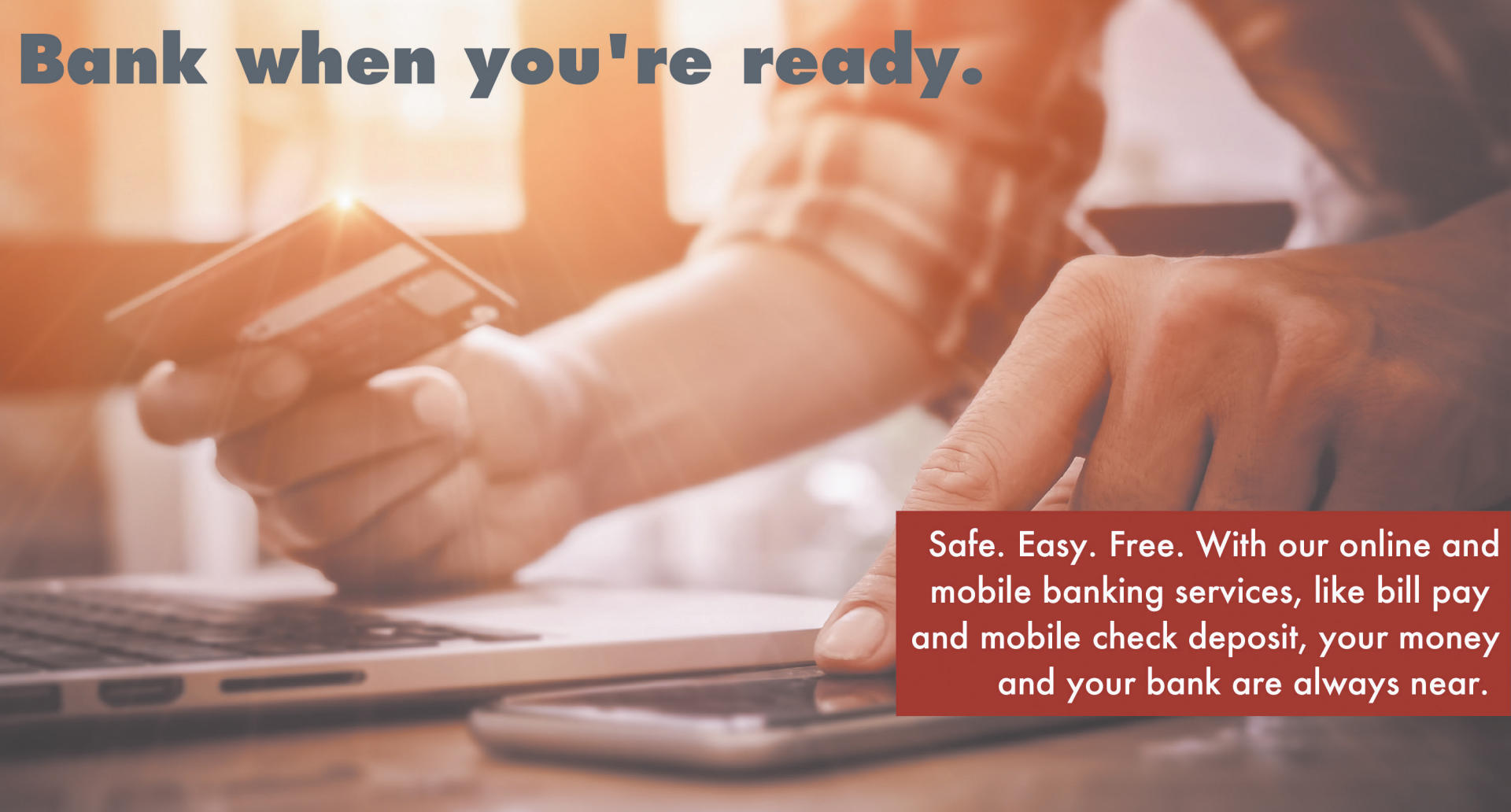


However, secured cardholders must still make payments on time and will still incur interest charges if they don't. These cards can be a great way for young people to begin showing lenders their creditworthiness.

- **Apply for an installment loan.** Installment loans are another great way for young people to build their credit histories. According to the credit reporting agency Experian, auto loans are among the easiest types of loans to obtain. Young borrowers may need cosigners, though some lenders may not require that. Young people who want to buy new vehicles can avoid leaning on their parents to facilitate their purchases and instead take out an auto loan that requires monthly payments. A track record of making installment loan payments on time and in full is a great way for young people to prove their creditworthiness and improve their credit scores.

- **Ask your landlord to help.** Young people who rent and pay their rent on time might finally be able to benefit from that. In the past, the only way rent payments were included on credit reports was if tenants were delinquent with their rent payments and subject to lawsuits or were reported to collection agencies. However, Experian recently started to include positive rental payment information in their credit reports. Young people with histories of making rent payments on time can ask their landlords to report their positive payment histories to the credit bureaus.

Strong credit histories can benefit adults from all walks of life. It's never too early for young adults to begin building their financial reputa-



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Tips when choosing your 401(k) investments

SAVING for retirement is an essential component of financial planning. Adults can save for retirement in various ways, and one of the simplest, most popular ways to do so is to enroll in an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan.

Enrolling in a 401(k) plan can be a wise decision. According to a recent report from Fidelity Investments, the average 401(k) balance rose 8 percent in the first quarter of 2019. Investors seem to be taking notice of such returns, as Fidelity also noted that the average 401(k) employee contribution reached \$2,370 in the first quarter of 2019, marking a 15 percent increase from the year prior.

When enrolling in a 401(k) plan, professionals may wonder how to choose their investments. Such plans typically include an assortment of funds. There are a host of factors to consider when choosing 401(k) investments, and the following are some strategies that can help investors make decisions they're comfortable with.

- Read the enrollment brochure. Brochures might not be the most exciting reads, but 401(k) brochures, which should be provided when employees enroll in a plan, typically include a detailed rundown of the investment options within a given plan. As valuable as these rundowns can be, a recent survey from



Prudential Investments found that 42 percent of investors don't know how their retirement assets are being allocated. Investors who know how their

401(k) contributions are being allocated are in better position to address market fluctuations, giving them more control over their money.

- Involve a financial planner in your 401(k). Financial planners can be an invaluable resource that can help investors in myriad ways. Some investors may be surprised to learn that outside planners can even help them with their employer-sponsored 401(k) plans. Provide a planner with detailed information about your 401(k), including a

rundown of the plan's investment options, and share your retirement goals. A financial planner can then help you choose the funds from your plan that best align with your goals and your comfort levels in regard to risk.

- Monitor your investments. While investors need to recognize that markets fluctuate, they still need to keep an eye on how their 401(k) investments are performing. Keep an eye out for funds that consistently lose money or provide little to no return, as they're likely not

worthy of your investment dollars. Investors should not overreact and immediately move money around when typically strong funds take a dip, but they also should not accept poorly performing funds as part of the risk of investing. It's a balancing act, and savvy investors know to keep their eyes peeled and to make changes when necessary.

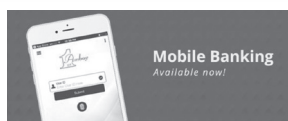
Choosing 401(k) funds is a decision to take seriously, and one that can be made simpler by enlisting the help of a financial planner.

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UNTIL recently, private funds or long-term care insurance have been the only ways to finance long-term care like skilled nursing homes, assisted living facilities or home health aides, which are not covered by traditional health insurance. However, a new option is now available.

According to the online financial resource NerdWallet, for those concerned about the financial risk of buying long-term care insurance and never using it, combination long-term care/life insurance policies may be better options. Depending on the policy, a portion of the funds can be used for long-term care that's equal to several times the premium payments. This results in a reduced death benefit, depending on how much of the long-term care benefit was used.

Some policies even guarantee a small percentage of the death benefit, even if all the money allocated for long-term care was used. The American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance said that more than 350,000 Americans purchased long-term care coverage in 2018 and roughly 84 percent of these purchases were for hybrid or combination life insurance. A much smaller percentage were traditional long-term care policies, showing the trend toward this growing insurance market.

Hybrid products may have lower premiums, and they can be paid in a lump sum or over several years. For those who do not tap into the long-term care savings, the policy will still pay out a death benefit to beneficiaries.

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Three investing tips for beginners

INVESTING is a key component of long-term financial planning. By choosing the right investments, investors can ensure their money outgrows inflation, making it possible for them to realize their retirement goals and live comfortably long after they have stopped working.

Risk is a part of investing, and many veteran investors recognize that. However, the fear of losing their hard-earned money might compel would-be beginners to avoid the markets altogether. That can be a costly mistake, and it's one research suggests millennials are making, choosing to keep their money in savings accounts, which provide very little return in terms of interest, rather than invest in the markets. According to a recent analysis from the online financial resource NerdWallet, a 25-year-old millennial who is not investing today and does not invest until he or she retires at 65 could lose out on more than \$3.3 million in retirement savings.

It can be nerve-racking for novices to begin investing their money, but these three investment strategies can help calm those nerves and pave the way for a bright financial future.

1. Identify your risk tolerance.

Young investors may be told that they're



in prime position to choose risky investments because they have less responsibilities than older investors and more time in the workforce to make up for losses. While that's true, young investors should only be as risky as they're comfortable being. The financial experts at

Principal® advise beginners to identify their risk tolerance before investing. Investments with a high potential for return, which might include emerging markets and limited partnerships, also generally have a higher potential risk for loss, and vice versa. Investors should only accept a level of risk they're comfortable with.

2. Diversify your investments.

Principal® notes that one way to manage risk is choose a mix of investments from various asset classes. For example, stocks and bonds traditionally move in different directions. So when stocks are up, bonds may be down, and vice versa. Investing in different types of assets is known as diversification, which can help investors protect themselves against risk.

3. Make changes as you age.

As investors age, their aversion to risk should grow. The closer you get to retirement the closer you are to needing all the money you have invested and earned over the years. Speak with a financial planner about how to reallocate your investments as retirement draws near.

Investing requires risk, but novice investors should not allow that to keep them on the sidelines.



Security tips to consider before buying online this holiday season

ONLINE shopping has become a wildly popular way for consumers to meet their holiday shopping needs. According to Mastercard, e-commerce sales hit a record high in the 2019 holiday season. Data from Mastercard's SpendingPulse report indicated that consumers spent 19 percent more on online shopping in 2019 than they did in the previous holiday season.

That record may be short lived, as shoppers are expected to spend even more online this holiday season as they continue to confront the global COVID-19 pandemic. A recent survey of 1,000 consumers conducted by the omnichannel technology provider Radial found that two-thirds of shoppers expect

to increase their online purchases this holiday season.

Online shopping may be especially convenient during a pandemic, but online shoppers must take steps to protect themselves from cyber criminals.

- Make your browsing more secure. HTTPS Everywhere is an extension that encrypts shoppers' communications with major websites, thereby making their browsing more secure. Compatible with browsers such as Chrome, Firefox and Opera, HTTPS Everywhere employs technology to ensure websites do not default to unencrypted HTTP sites, which are not as secure as HTTPS sites.
- Don't just use any Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi can make holiday shopping a

breeze, but shoppers should know that unsecured Wi-Fi connections make it easy for cyber criminals to see everything users are doing online. When using Wi-Fi to shop, make sure the connection requires a password and never purchase items from a site that does not. WPA2 AES encryption does not make users invulnerable to hackers or other criminals, but it does provide substantial security that's superior to other encryption technology.

- Use a credit card instead of your debit card. Credit cards provide more protection to consumers than debit cards. Though conditions apply, credit card users are not liable if fraudulent purchases are made with their cards, while debit

card users could face an uphill battle to avoid being on the hook for fraudulent purchases.

- Shop via mobile apps instead of websites. Cyber criminals are less likely to target mobile apps in an effort to access consumer data because apps require hackers to create specific attacks for each app. Websites are vulnerable to general browser attacks, which means hackers don't have to work as hard to access site visitors' sensitive data as they would if they were to target retail apps.

Experts expect online shopping to reach new heights this holiday season, and it's up to consumers to take every step necessary to ensure their sensitive financial information is kept safe from online criminals.

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