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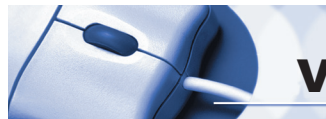
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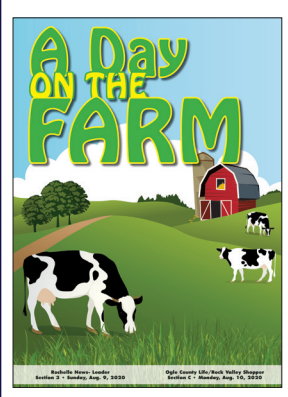
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Forest Preserve adds more land

40 acres added to Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District recently added an additional 40 wooded acres to its Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve, located at 12749 Weldon Road, Rockford in the very northeast corner of the District's boundaries.

The 40 acres of oak-hickory forest was purchased from Rob Funderburg Jr. of Funderburg Farms, Inc. on July 14, 2020. The cost was \$4,400 per acre, over \$2,000 per acre below the land's assessed value. The money for this new addition to the preserve came from the District's Capital Land Fund.

The new property will be called the R. Robert Funderburg Forest Preserve in honor of the former longtime president of Funderburg Farms, Inc. The site is located in northern Ogle County, just south of the Winnebago County border.



"It has been a pleasure working with Rob Funderburg and the staff at Funderburg Farms, Inc. on this land acquisition project", said Todd Tucker, executive director of the Byron Forest Preserve District. "This

wooded section of land is an important addition to the remaining natural areas located adjacent to our Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve."

The woodlands of the Howard Colman Hall Creek

Preserve have become a popular destination for area families and individuals who hike and explore the miles of trails located along Hall Creek. The site is home to a wide variety of birds and many rare species of plants

and animals. For more information regarding the Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve and other Byron Forest Preserve District preserves and facilities call 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

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Big sale, big success

Jack of all Trades and Jill's too! Barn Sale, held July 30-Aug. 2, was a big success. The event raised more than \$10,000 for Serenity Hospice and Home. Organizer Karen Virnoche said she was amazed by the support the event received. (Brad Jennings photos)



Census workers will soon be going door-to-door

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – Beginning in mid-August, Census workers will be going door-to-door to homes that have not yet responded to the 2020 United States Census count.

Households that have not responded to the census count can expect census workers to begin showing the week of Aug. 10, between 9 a.m., and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anybody 16 years or older may answer the census questions for the residence. If nobody is home when the census taker visits, a notice of visit will be left with information on how to respond online or by phone. Census takers will return several times, but if a household responds online or by phone the census taker will be likely to revisit the home. All census workers will have a valid government badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date on it as well as a handheld device to help the household respond on. If an individual would like further proof, he or she can call 844-330-2020 to speak to a Census Bureau representative for further identification.

Census self-response invitations were sent out in late March and community members have had the opportunity to respond online since. The final day to respond to the census count is Oct. 31 and the community is slightly behind pace compared to last year.

“The City of Rochelle is currently just under 71 percent as a

whole that has responded,” assistant to city manager/city clerk Sue Messer said. “The self-response rate at this same time in 2010 was 73.5, so we are still running a little behind.”

The city suspects that COVID-19 is playing a role in the slightly lower response rate this year. Pending the COVID-19 situation, the city is also planning on holding census events leading up to the response deadline with more details being announced soon.

“Barring COVID, we still have plans to do several events throughout the remainder of the response time up until Oct. 31 when it closes,” Messer said. “These events will really be targeted at the hard to count populations or specific areas of town that are not responding as quickly.”

Responses to the United States Census are very crucial in determining the amount of state and federal funds a community receives. Every person not counted is a loss of approximately \$1,800 per year, for 10 years, which is approximately \$18,000 in funding per person.

The city is hoping it will be able to host census events in the coming months to help boost response rates and ensure the community doesn't miss out on valuable funding. The city even has plans to sponsor a gift card drawing for those who attend and respond at one of the events.

“The city is going to sponsor a drawing for a gift card and we hope that will help bring people out as well,” Messer said. “Just as one more reason for people to come out and respond.”

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Duane Meyer appears in court on a video screen at a hearing on Aug. 6. (Photo by Alex T. Paschal)

Man accused in fatal fire appears in court via video

Duane Meyer accused of killing wife, son in 2016

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON—After months of no new court dates due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Byron man accused of killing his wife and son in 2016 was back in court via video on Aug. 6.

Duane Meyer appeared on a video screen in the courtroom from the Ogle County Jail. His attorney, Christopher Derango, agreed to Assistant State’s Attorney’s Robert Schuman’s request for more time to consider analysis from a cellphone expert and other data.

Judge John Roe set the next pre-trial status hearing for Monday, Sept. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse.

Meyer is accused of setting the Oct. 19, 2016 fire in Byron that killed his ex-wife Maggie Meyer and 3-year-old son Amos Meyer.

He was charged on Oct. 9, 2019 with four counts of first-degree homicide, two counts of aggravated arson and one count of concealment of a homicidal death. He is currently being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond.

Meyer last appeared in court – in person – at a hearing on March 4.

Ogle 4-H livestock judging team participates in online state contest

The Illinois State 4-H Livestock Judging contest looked a little different this year as the Stock Pavilion sat idle.

Meanwhile county teams and individuals participated from home using the livestockjudging.com website, which hosted this year’s event. The format remained the same regarding Senior and Junior divisions, questions, and oral reasons that participants filmed themselves and uploaded to the platform. It was a first for many of us and I’m sure most of us will be eager to get back to evaluating live animals up close and face to face next year.

Two Ogle County 4-H members competed in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held online this year.

The Junior Livestock Team included Kade Boatman and Kendall Boatman; BY-Badgers 4-H Club of Byron. Kade placed 8th overall in the contest and Kendall placed 16th overall.

The State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is the premier event of education and competition for youth involved in livestock evaluation programs. Senior participants will get a chance to try out for the State 4-H Team later in the summer. The Illinois State 4-H Livestock Judging Team will represent Illinois 4-H at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville KY in November.

Livestock judging is more than just selecting what animal looks best in the ring.

In livestock judging, youth must rank four animals from best to worst based on their physical traits, such as bone structure and mobility; their performance data, such as growth rate or calving ease; and their potential profitability. Their ranking is compared to the official placing to determine part of their score.

In addition, youth must remember specific characteristics of each animal presented and respond to random questions about each animal, such as which was the bolder-ribbed, stouter-made heifer. 4-H members not only have to know the right answer; they have to remember it long after the class leaves the ring. Older members must then provide reasons for their selections orally to a panel of judges and defend their placings in the class.

“Livestock judging teaches decision making and public speaking,” said Dan Jennings, U of I Extension animal science educator. “It forces youth to quickly recall facts, make a choice based on what they know and what they see, and then defend that choice to industry leaders.”

Anyone wishing more information about judging opportunities through the 4-H program should contact the Extension Office. 4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension staff at 815-732-2191.

Straw sculpting competition starts soon in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – The Fifth Annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition is being presented on the Mt. Morris Campus through Aug. 23.

Five new straw sculptures are entered in the competition for 2020. All are built by returning sculptors/teams; Steve and Michele Lentz, Doreen White (Polished Hair & Nails/Hair on Main), Chris, Cecilia and Ellen Mann, Danica and Mark Rogers, and Fran Volz. Sculptures from previous years representing the same sculptors, and past Mt. Morris Big Build are also on display. The sculptures are spaced for comfortable social distancing.

Voting is on-line at StrawUSA.com

through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Unfortunately, there will be no StrawFest day, normally scheduled for the closing weekend. View the virtual display at StrawUSA.com and look for smaller side events to be announced.

We thank ComEd for their continued support in sponsoring the US National Straw Sculpting Competition.

Encore strives to safely provide art opportunities; and continues their mission of making Mt. Morris a rural destination for the arts. Visit EncoreMtMorris.com for more information on all events, or call Village Hall at 815-734-6425 to leave a message.

Leaf River blood drive is Aug. 24

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, Aug. 24.

Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 1-6 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.

Join us in sharing the Gift of Life. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we must limit the number of people that are arriving throughout the blood drive, so please call to schedule an appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Laura at 815-738-2508 (call) or at 815-276-5773 (call or text), or email leafriverumc@gmail.com. Or you can contact the Rock River Valley Blood Center directly at 815-965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org.

For other locations where you can donate, go to www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar.

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Obituaries

Mary Lynn Gilmour

Mary Lynn Gilmour (Buck) died 83, on July 25, 2020 at Mariposa Point Assisted Living, after a long fight against Alzheimer's. She was born Feb. 5, 1937 in Mt. Morris, the daughter of John and Zelda Buck.



Mary Lynn grew up as a farm girl in northern Illinois, teaching at the local schoolhouse. She met her first love, Rae Rothermel of Polo, and spent her time working on the farm and raising their three children. She was a spiritual woman and followed her heart. She retired in Mesa, Arizona, residing there for over 30 years. She met her husband Jack Gilmour of Mt. Morris, Illinois after her late husband Bill Cline of Boulder, Colorado passed away. She and Jack found comfort in one another after losing a spouse.

She became a proud member of the Carriage Manor Community. She was a member of book club and the prayer circle. She was an avid story and poet writer, using her life experiences to create works of art. You could always find Mary Lynn writing a story, drawing, or painting, particularly Winnie the Pooh and Snoopy. She lived her life to the fullest, traveling, seeing the world with her husband. Her favorite vacations were going on cruises to Alaska and

Ireland. Her kind heart, unconditional love, infectious smile and laugh, brought joy to everyone she was around.

Surviving in addition to her husband Jack, are her brother Arden (Betsy) Buck, her three children Vicky (Bob) Bray, Brian (Karen) Rothermel, Nancy (Pat) Gilmour. Mary Lynn was fortunate to have seven grandchildren, JR (Ki Ley) Bray, Erin (Josh) Moffit, Michael Rothermel, Rachel (Brent) Wagner, Dani Gilmour, Timothy (Clair) Gilmour, Samantha Gilmour. She is also survived by six great grandchildren.

Mary Lynn wished to be cremated. A private family service will be held at a later date for a celebration of life. Special thanks to Mariposa Point and Hospice staff for all of their support and taking good care of Mary Lynn.

Bonnie R. Hinkle

OREGON – Bonnie R. Hinkle, 84, passed away on August 1, 2020 at Serenity Home, Oregon. She was born Sept. 9, 1935 in Elmhurst, the daughter of Frank and Ruth (Obrecht) Bolwahn.



After living most of her childhood in Glen Ellyn, Bonnie's family moved to Oregon, where she graduated high school. She then attended Northern Illinois University for 2 years and, after moving to Houston, Texas, graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in elementary education.

While in Houston, Bonnie met Andrew (Andy) Hinkle and they were married in Oregon, on June 14, 1959. After living in Houston for 4 years, they moved to Illinois, living at times in Oregon, Mt. Morris, Polo, and Forreton.

After receiving her teaching certificate, Bonnie taught elementary and special education in Oregon, Byron, Mt. Morris, and Polo. She then worked for the

State of Illinois at Highland Community College and for the Department of Human Services.

Bonnie and Andy were long-time members of Disciples United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris. Bonnie enjoyed sewing and knitting, skills that she passed down to her children and grandchildren. She and Andy traveled throughout much of the country, visiting 46 states. Toward the end of their travel days, they planned their trips around visiting lighthouses. Around home, they enjoyed watching the geese and pelicans on the Rock River. One of Bonnie's favorite annual events was singing Handel's Messiah with the Rockford

Lutheran Choral Union. She also performed The Messiah with other choirs in Houston, Polo, Freeport, Mt. Morris, and Chicago.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Andy; daughters Cindy (Tim) Webster, Forreton; Denise (Allan) DeGuzman, Hoffman Estates; grandchildren Laura Webster, Leaf River; Carla (Chris) Pope, Forreton; Adam DeGuzman, Evanston; DeGuzman, Nick Lucas, all of Hoffman Estates; Steve Webster and family, Milledgeville; loving niece, Julie Tracy, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and other nieces and nephews.

Due to covid restrictions, a private invitation-only funeral will be held. A walk-through visitation will be held 1-1:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020 at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon. Social distancing and face coverings will be required.

Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home in memory of Bonnie.

Betty Joanne Good

Betty Joanne Good, 83, of Mt. Morris, passed away Friday, July 31, 2020, at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.



Betty was born Oct. 13, 1936, in Maryland Station, Ill., the daughter of John and Emma Marie (Magne) Hanna. On Oct. 7, 1961 in Polo, she was united in marriage to Russell Good. She graduated from Polo High School in 1954.

Betty was a waitress, worked in the kitchens of the Mt. Morris schools, wrote the "Good News" column for the Mt. Morris Times. She was a loving and proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Betty

enjoyed writing poetry, her home in the country, a good cup of coffee, swinging on her porch swing, friends and neighbors, and, most of all, spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include sons Gregory (Karolyn) Good of St. Augustine, Fla.,

Brent (Angie) Good of Mt. Morris; daughters Lonna (Rick) Schuler of Oregon, Eden (Larry) White of Mt. Morris, and Shaye (Jim) Tate of Minot, N.D.; 21 Grandchildren, 27 Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband Russell in 2008; brother Charles Hanna; sister Donna Page; 2 grandchildren Devin Marie Schuler and Dalton Austin Schuler.

A private graveside service will be held at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo where she will be laid to rest next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial to be established.

Philip L. Wessels

Philip L. Wessels, age 88, passed away on Thursday July 30, 2020 in his home with his family by his side. Philip was born on Dec. 23, 1931 in Ridott, the son of George and Arvilla (Sluiter) Wessels.



Philip was a "jack-of-all-trades" and "master of many" ... a tool and die maker, metal and welding instructor, amazing woodworker and refinisher, landscaper, and a do-it-yourselfer on everything.

One of his biggest attributes was passing on to his boys the value of a "job well done" through hard work and dedication.

His vocation was in education, teaching industrial trades at the high

school, vocational, and junior college levels. Before retirement he served as Ogle County Asst. Superintendent of Schools.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and on Church Council.

He is succeeded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters, and

two sons (Thaddeus and James).

He is survived by wife Salley; son Seth; sisters Arlene, Charlotte, and Dorothy; four grandchildren Stephanie (Cameron) Craddick and Brett Wessels, and Lauren and Lexie Wessels; and one great grandson Anderson Craddick.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Josh Ehrler officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery. A drive through visitation was held on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 from 10 a.m. until service time in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, IL.

Marsha Jean Hansen

Marsha Jean (Woodworth) Hansen, 69. Went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2020. She is survived by her children Keith (Trisha), Greg (Amy), Chris (Jaime), 9 Grandchildren, and 1 Great

Grandchild. She is preceded in death by a daughter Brenda Shumash and her parents Marshall and Loraine Woodworth.

Graveside services will be held on Aug. 15 at 11

a.m., St. Mary's Cemetery in Oregon. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home of St. Charles, 630-584-0060 or visit us at www.yursfuneralhomes.com.

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Rock River Center has performance set for Aug. 11

'Timeless' performs on Aug. 11
Our local duet "Timeless" featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt will be returning to Rock River Center on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Denny, a regular on the "Pride of Oregon" Paddleboat. He enjoys performing at various local facilities as well. Denny will share a wide variety of guitar music and has an easy listening voice.

Mike Bratt, from Stillman Valley, has been performing for many years. He plays 6-string guitar and bass, and sing vocals. Currently, Mike is in two bands; Backroads Trio and Bluegrass Reunion Bands. His specialty is 50's, 60's and cowboy range music. We look forward to their return and hope you will join us. Refreshments will be served.

Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending. Reservations are required as seating is limited.

Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Caregiver support group
Patti Kilmer, MSW from Generations @ Neighbors, leads the Caregiver Support Group. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call Patti Kilmer at 815-234-2511 or 815-

298-7004. Cancelled until further notice.

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

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. New meeting time is from 11 a.m.-noon.

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.

Holcomb Bank promotes Miles

ROCHELLE – Holcomb Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Brittani Miles to Branch Manager at our Byron location.

Miles joined Holcomb Bank with significant retail management experience providing her a great background for handling the responsibility of a community branch. In her banking career, Miles has gained knowledge and experience in both the teller area and relationship banking. Brittani is looking forward to being more involved with the local community and cultivating customer relationships in this Branch Manager role.

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Stillman Bank welcomes Davidson

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Diana Davidson as Mortgage Lender, according to Martin C. Larson, Chairman & CEO.

In her position, Davidson will primarily be involved with sales and origination of residential real estate loans. She will work out of both the bank's Stillman Valley office located at 101 East Main Street and the bank's Rockford office located at 8492 East State Street.

Born and raised in Rochelle, Davidson earned her Associate's Degree in Business Management from Kishwaukee College and attended financial management school at UW Madison where she earned an executive financial designation.

Prior to coming to Stillman Bank, Davidson served as the Community Projects Coordinator for Ogle County and was once the Executive Director of Foundation for Focus House. She also has 23 years of previous financial experience serving as a loan officer, branch manager, and Assistant VP of Lending.

Davidson currently lives in Stillman Valley with her husband and two children. She is actively involved with their sports



and activities through the Meridian School District and serves as team mom.

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Oregon Police report

July 22

At 1:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Genevieve I. Wurster, 50, Stillman Valley, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

At 8:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jake A. Sutton, 27, Chicago, for criminal trespass to residence. Sutton was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 330 building of the Maple Lane apartment complex on Lovers Lane in Oregon.

July 23

At 6:18 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Gerald L. Otten, 62, listed as homeless, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a DUI charge. Otten was transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 24

At 4:43 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of N. 4th and Monroe Streets involving a 2014 Chevrolet driven by Michael L. Ballard, 68, Dixon, and a 1965 Ford driven by Michael R. Meeks, 51, Rockford. Ballard was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 4:51 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of North 3rd and Washington Streets involving a 2005 Volkswagen driven by Melody R. Breckenfelder, 19, Dixon, and a 2012 Chevrolet driven by Nadine A. Kerwin-Dutka, 30, Rochelle. No citations were issued.

At 5:40 p.m., Oregon Police was dispatched to a disturbance call at the 330 building of the Maple Lane apartment complex on Lover's Lane in Oregon, resulting in the arrest of Jake A. Sutton, 27, Chicago, for a bond violation, criminal damage to property, and domestic battery. Sutton was transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 25

At 6:08 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kim L. Bauer, 62, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Bauer was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Bauer

was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 800 block of S. 3rd Street.

2 verbal warnings issued from 07/20/2020 through 07/26/2020.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 07/20/2020 through 07/26/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	7	Citizen Complaints	8
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	8	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	8
Disturbance / Dom Battery / Open Line	5	911 Hang-up	8
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1	Alarm Response	2
Traffic Stops	4		

July 30

At 3:31 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash that occurred at the intersection of Clay and S. 10th Streets involving a 2005 Ford driven by Austin S. Portner, 17, Dixon, and a 2017 Nissan driven by Austin R. Klapp, 18, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

July 31

At 4:30 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a citizen complaint in the 100 block of S. 4th Street, resulting in LeAnn Grace, 22, Oregon, and Stephen M. Dexter, 25, Oregon, both being issued city citations for violating the noise ordinance.

At 10:29 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Valent Majercak, 23, of Burbank, IL, for driving while license suspended. Majercak was also issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. Majercak was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of Monroe and Washington Streets.

August 1

At 4:11 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Isaias M. Gutierrez, 33, Chicago, for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Gutierrez was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Gutierrez was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 700 block of E. Washington Street.

At 5:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued Judy C. Sayles, 82, Oregon, citations for no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1000 block of Monroe Street.

At 8:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Matthew J. Stevens, 22, Oregon, a citation for illegal operation of an all-terrain vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

August 2

At 7:37 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jennifer A. Larson, 46, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 50 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of Daysville Road.

At 8:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jill L. Huber, 59, Stillman Valley, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road.

At 7:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Damonta A. Collins, 22, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

2 verbal warnings issued from 07/27/2020 through 08/02/2020.

General Calls for Service
Through dispatch during the week of 07/27/2020 through 08/02/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	6	Citizen Complaints	11
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	7	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	3
Disturbance / Dom Battery / Open Line	5	911 Hang-up	3
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1	Open Door/Window	1
Alarm Response	1	Ordinance Violations	1
Traffic Stops	11		

Local churches hosting Byron Day for Justice on Aug. 23

BYRON – In recognition of persistent inequalities and injustices across our nation and in our community, you are invited to join the Byron Justice Car Procession on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The Byron Day for Justice has been organized by local churches in support of racial, food, educational, environmental, and voting justice.

The procession will begin at 1:30 p.m. in support of Racial Justice with a memorial bell

ringing and moment of silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Prior to departure, starting at 1 p.m., cars will gather in the parking lots at the United Church of Byron, 701 W. Second St., where participants can deposit cash, checks or goods to help redress local inequities and injustice as follows:

Food Justice: donate to People Helping People (cash preferred, but canned fruit, spaghetti sauces, tuna, crackers and jelly always needed)

Educational Justice: donate PPE support to Byron Public Schools (cash or check to Byron Public Schools, or cloth face masks, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes)

Environmental Justice: deposit plastic bags and film to be recycled into a bench for the Byron Public Library

Voting Justice: Voter registration available at the parade's terminus at UCB

Cars will be escorted by the Byron Police Department. Participants are encouraged

to make and carry relevant signs and to act and donate in support of these issues. Please practice safe social distancing by wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart when making donations, and keeping in or near your car during the bell-ringing and procession.

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Rail expansion complete

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – The City of Rochelle recently completed its three-part, \$7 million Rochelle Railroad expansion project.

The project consisted of building the new Rochelle Trans Loading Center, a four-track wide bridge with an adjacent detention pond, and expanding the old track to create new unit change interchange tracks.

Construction on the project began in August 2018 and was expected to take nine months, but due to an excess amount of rain last spring and an early winter, the project took about two years.

The railroad system serves many industrial businesses and was in need of expansion since it had reached its capacity. The railroad is one of the main driving forces behind economic development in the community and the city hopes the new expansion will attract even more businesses to Rochelle.

“The City of Rochelle railroad is an economic development engine,” economic development director Jason Anderson said. “It drives industrial development because of the many benefits of having easy access to two class one rail-

roads. And what the city of Rochelle has uniquely done is being able to create its own railroad and from that, attract industry that creates jobs, tax base, and customers for RMU.”

When train cars are loaded at the Rochelle Trans Loading Center, they then connect to either the Union Pacific Railroad or the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to reach their final destination. Having access to two Class 1 railroads doubles the amount of business the city is able to serve.

This also helps provide leverage to businesses who use the railroad over the railroad companies because it forces the railroads to place bids rather than choosing a set price. In addition to the railroads and loading center, Rochelle also has the resources businesses are looking for when choosing a new location.

“When it comes to economic development, a community needs to have every utility that is needed for a business,” Anderson said. “You may have an abundance of water and that is great, but do you have the sewer treatment or enough power to support it. A community needs to have it all and Rochelle has all of the infrastructure in place to attract new businesses and

industries.”

In addition to the Trans Loading Center, the city built a new four-track-wide bridge and extended the old railroad by laying three new tracks, each 3,300 linear feet in length. This extension provides the Rochelle Railroad with additional space that is currently used for storage, but will eventually be utilized by new businesses.

These tracks were built with the end goal of extending the railroad to Elva Road in Steward and eventually looping it back around. When building the bridge and unit change interchange track, a 3,300-by-160-foot detention pond also had to be dug to prevent flooding. New drainage tiles also had to be placed under the farmers field next to the pond.

“Whenever we do a big industrial project like this, we always look at the impact it will have on the environment,” Anderson said. “When laying the tiles under the farmers field, they actually made the land more rich and valuable, so it was a win-win situation for both of us.”

The City of Rochelle is currently working on more economic development projects around town and more details will be released in the coming future.

Rock River Valley Blood Center joins national call for plasma donors

ROCKFORD – The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) joins national leaders and America’s Blood Centers in asking more individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma to help others affected by the virus.

The White House made an urgent plea for convalescent plasma during today’s presidential press briefing. To be eligible to donate convalescent plasma, individuals must meet all regular blood donor requirements (be in general good health and weigh at least 110 pounds), be completely symptom-free for at least 14 days, and have a laboratory-confirmed test for COVID-19.

America’s Blood Centers is the national trade association for independent community blood centers. RRVBC and other members are responsible for nearly 60 percent of the nation’s blood supply and have been at the forefront of convalescent plasma collections in the U.S. during the past four months (responsible for nearly 80 percent of convalescent plasma collection so far). To date, independent community blood centers (non-American Red Cross) have distributed more than 100,000 units of convalescent plasma to patients in need.

“There is an ongoing need for plasma and blood donations, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues

to cause cancellations of mobile blood drives and restrict access to places like schools and businesses,” said Heidi Ognibene, director of operations for the Rock River Valley Blood Center. The Rock River Valley Blood Center has collected 106 units of convalescent plasma so far and is actively seeking recovered COVID-19 patients who had a positive nasal swab test and would be willing to donate. Those interested should call 815-965-8751 or visit rrvbc.org.

There is also a need for convalescent plasma donors to keep giving. These individuals can donate plasma every 28 days, which is more frequent than whole blood (every 56 days).

Oregon Rotary offering scholarship

OREGON – The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited to offer its 38th annual College Scholarship opportunity which is open to all college students meeting the criteria below.

Please keep in mind that the financial need or status of candidate will not be a factor. Application résumés will be accepted until Sept. 22, 2020.

* Applicants must be residents of the Oregon Community Unit School District.

* Applicants must have completed at least one year at a college or university or one semester at a trade school.

* Applicant must submit an email in-

cluding the following:

- * name and contact information of student
- * name of school
- * major area of study
- * class standing (sophomore, junior, senior)
- * cumulative grade point average
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Paint, oil, antifreeze take-back event is Aug. 15

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be having a recycling event for household latex paint and used oil and antifreeze on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pines Road Annex located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only.

Illinois Recovery Group (IRG) will be on hand with their vacuum truck to collect used motor oil and antifreeze. Used oil filters will also be accepted for recycling. Residents will be able to bring up to 200 gallons of used motor oil to the event. For quantities greater than 200 gallons call the OCSWMD for more information. Small containers as well as oil drums may be brought to the event. Oil containers will be returned for either re-use or proper disposal. No mixed automotive fluids, cooking oil, fuel, tires, or other household hazardous waste will be accepted.

Latex paint will also be collected at this

event and recycled through EarthPaint. Residents may bring up to 10 containers of liquid latex paint in for recycling. The cost for recycling is \$2 per gallon container, \$1 per quart container, and \$6 for each five gallon container of paint. The remainder of the cost to recycle the paint will be subsidized by the OCSWMD. Residents may bring more than 10 containers, but will pay the full price for additional containers over 10. Full recycling cost for gallon containers is \$5 each, quarts are \$2.50 each, and \$12 for each five gallon container of paint. Payment may be made via cash, credit/debit card, or check payable to EarthPaint. EarthPaint is a non-profit organization from Wood Dale, Illinois that works with people with special needs to recycle paint into new paint.

Only liquid latex paint in the original containers will be accepted. Please do not bulk paint together as the mixed paint cannot be recycled properly. No oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, paint thinners, or other household hazardous waste will be

accepted. Small amounts of latex paint can be dried, solidified, and disposed with regular trash service rather than recycled at this event.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the protection of workers and residents, the following guidelines have been put in place by the OCSWMD for this recycling event:

* Participants must stay in their vehicles at all times with the windows closed, or wear a face mask if windows are open.

* Residents must show their I.D. to county staff through vehicle window (drivers license, voter registration card, or recent utility bill accepted).

* Containers of paint, used motor oil and antifreeze must be loaded into trunk, truck bed, trailer, or rear of a van or SUV, to maintain social distancing.

* This event is limited to latex paint and used motor oil, antifreeze, and used oil filters. No other types of material will be accepted at this event. Paint must be liquid and in original containers.

* If a resident or their family member(s) are feeling ill it is advised that they stay at home and recycle their latex paint and/or used motor oil at another future recycling event.

* If latex paint and/or used motor oil have been in a residence with a positive COVID-19 individual, it is advised to not bring these items in for recycling until a future recycling event.

The OCSWMD reminds residents that recycling events may be cancelled or abruptly ended due to weather conditions, available resources and staffing, events related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other uncontrollable and unforeseen reason.

This event is for residential materials. No business or contractor materials will be accepted.

Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, go to oglecounty.org, or visit Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about this recycling event.

Two earn Woman's Club scholarships

OREGON – Megan Buttons and Elizabeth Villarreal, 2020 graduates of Oregon High School, have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships to continue their education by the Oregon Woman's Club.

Buttons will be attending Kishwaukee Community College, where she will be studying agriculture with the goal of becoming a teacher of agricultural subjects. Villarreal will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her goal is to become a neurosurgeon.

E-mail news items to
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Changes made to electronics recycling event procedures

In response to overwhelming attendance and volumes of electronics received at recent recycling events, the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is implementing some changes in the procedures to attend these events.

The next Electronics Recycling Event and subsequent events will now have a limit of 250 county households, will require pre-registration, and will have a strict limit of 5 items per household. These changes are to insure the safety of workers and participants at the events and to reduce the wait times for those attending.

The next Residential Electronics Recycling event will be held on Friday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. The parking lot will open at 9 a.m. for residential electronic recycling. OCSWMD staff requests that people do not arrive early.

To register for this event please call or email the OCSWMD by noon on Aug. 26 (or the Wednesday before the event) to request a free Electronics Recycling Permit. Information needed: your name, address, town, and email. Requests received after this time or when the 250-permit limit has been filled, will have the option to be registered for the next monthly event. A permit will be emailed or sent by mail to each approved household. Permits are limited to one residential address per month, and are valid for one specific event. Registration will be limited to Ogle

County residents only, and addresses and identification will be verified.

Participants must show their permit and identification with proof of Ogle County residency when they arrive at the event. This event is for electronic items from Ogle County residents only; residents of other Illinois counties should check with their local government or electronic retailers for electronic recycling options where they reside. People without a valid permit will be denied service.

"All of these changes were necessary to insure the safety of our staff and workers at these events," said OCSWMD Director Steve Rypkema. "We had over 350 cars at each of our last two collection events and we just couldn't keep up with that many cars and the volume of TVs and other electronics people are bringing in. People were lined up an hour before we began, so we struggled to catch up. We are hoping these changes will result in safer, more efficient events."

The Illinois Consumer Electronics Recycling Act limits the number of electronic items accepted up to seven, however, the OCSWMD will now only allow up to five (5) items to be brought in for recycling. Accepted electronic items which are counted each as one (1) item include all televisions, computer monitors, computer towers, laptop computers, printers, FAX machines, scanners, electric typewriters, DVD/VCR players, cable or satellite receivers, stereo equipment, video game consoles,

and microwave ovens, which are \$5 per microwave.

Smaller items such as computer cables, e-mice, keyboards, tablets, cell phones, home phones, calculators, digital clocks, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs and printer cartridges may be bulked together and will count as one (1) item in the total of five accepted items. Please check with the OCSWMD to verify what items are accepted and what is not accepted if you are unsure.

The OCSWMD commends residents for their recycling efforts, but states that these changes are needed due to record turnouts, long lines of vehicles on the roadway, and limitations of County resources to handle increasing volumes of electronics the last two months.

"We are happy that people want to recycle so much, but with our limited staff and workers, COVID-19 restrictions, and the large numbers of people attending the event, we had to change the way we run the event. It's about safety, and we that hope people understand and adapt to the new ways of participating in these events," said Rypkema.

Please call 815-732-4020 or email the OCSWMD at solidwaste@oglecounty.org to register for the August 28, 2020 or future electronics recycling events, and check the county website at www.oglecounty.org or Facebook for more information on these important changes to this recycling program.

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Meteor shower viewing

The Byron Forest Preserve District's Weiskopf Observatory will host outdoor viewing of the annual Perseid Meteor Shower on Tuesday, Aug. 11, Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 13 from 9 p.m. until midnight at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve, 7993 North River Road, Byron. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and binoculars for this free outdoor event. The Weiskopf Observatory will also be open on Tuesday, Aug. 11 for sky viewing programs using their 11-inch Celestron telescope. In case of cloudy skies, the meteor shower and observatory programs will be cancelled. For more information call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

Ogle County Sheriff

Aug. 4

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of East 3rd street in Leaf River. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Jessica Davis, 30, of German Valley, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Davis was also issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

At 8:21 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on 7th St. at Carrie Ave. in Rochelle on a white Ford Taurus. After a brief investigation, Brandon Kluesner, 33 of Lindenwood, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Kluesner was given a \$2500 I-Bond and released from the scene with a future court date.

Aug. 3

At about 4:54 p.m., Deputies responded to Illinois Rte. 64 east of Oregon for a report of a driver traveling in the center of the roadway. Deputies located the vehicle at IL Rte. 64 and German Church. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Bambi L. Blanco, 53 of Davis Junction, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Blanco was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At 9:17 p.m., Deputies responded to Illinois Rte 64 and Grandview for a single motorcycle crash. During the investigation it was learned that Chad Chojnacki-Puffer, 25 of Sycamore, was traveling east on his 2014 Harley-Davidson when he failed to negotiate a curve causing him to lose control of the motorcycle and enter the south ditch. Chad sustained minor injuries and was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon Fire. Chad was subsequently charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Chad was released at KSB on an I-Bond and will appear in court on 9/09/20 at 9a.m. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Fire. The crash remains under investigation.

At approximately 4:55 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of IL Rte. 2 and Canal Street in Grand Detour. After investigation, Deputies learned that Rebecca Gray, 41 of Dixon had a Suspended IL Driver's License. Gray was later released on an I-Bond and also issued a citation for No Valid Registration.

Aug. 2

At approximately 6:41 a.m. Ogle County Deputies along with the Oregon Fire department responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian accident in the 3900 block of South Ridge Road. The pedestrian was transported to Mercy Hospital for his injuries. This accident remains under investigation.

Aug. 1

At 3 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to the railroad crossing in Chana Il in regards to a motorcycle accident involving a truck. upon arrival it was determined that Brian L Balch, age 43, of rural Chana was southbound on Chana Rd. in his work truck. Balch struck the rear of a motorcycle driven by Thomas Thompson, 76, of Rochelle. Thompson was taken to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment. Balch was not injured. Balch was cited for failing to reduce his speed to avoid an accident and Thompson was cited for violation of classification (no Class M).

July 31

At 2:10 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle accident in the 8300 block of N IL Rte 251. While in route, witnesses report the offending car had left the scene and it was reported the only occupant was injured. The vehicle was located and stopped in near the intersection of Il 251 and Il 72. The driver, Jonathon R Levertson, 27, of Monroe, Wis., was transported to Swedish American by New Milford Ambulance. He was arrested at the hospital for DUI (drugs), Driving While Revoked, and numerous other charges. He was released with a September court date.

Mum sale to benefit the KB Fund

The annual KB Fall Mum Sale has started. Beautiful fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each.

Orders will be taken through Aug. 21. These plants are grown in Northern Illinois and will arrive just in time for fall decorating. Mums are field grown in natural conditions, leading to a more hardy robust plant. Plants arrive in a number 2 pot (that's about a 2-gallon pot) and are measuring approximately 16-18 inches wide by 14-16 inches tall with buds ready to bloom throughout the season. There are 5 colors to choose from this year.

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Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund, PO Box 374, Oregon, IL 61061 no later than August 21st. Mums will be available for pick up from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 19 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon, IL (Just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit). Please contact



Julie Cain with any questions that you may have or to place an order 815-519-2593.

All proceeds from the sale will support the KB Fund. The fund has been established to support those in our community that have been burdened by a medical crisis. To learn more about the KB Fund and our fundraising efforts visit our website; www.KBToughRun.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Church hosting showing of 'Frozen 2' in Byron

BYRON – Join the United Church of Byron at the Byron Museum Theater for a presentation of the Disney smash hit Frozen 2 on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 3 p.m.

Concessions will be available, and Candy Cloud Company will also be there that day with offerings of cotton candy and Hawaiian shaved ice.

This event is limited to 50 people. A suggested donation for each family is \$10 (for St. Vincent DePaul) or canned goods

for People Helping People.

Please pre-registration for this event is required using the ticket link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frozen-2-at-byron-museum-tickets-115893054245>

Folding chairs will be available, but you are welcome to bring something of your own that is comfy to sit on! Face masks and social distancing required.

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Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

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Farmers market

Buy Fresh & Buy Local at the Farmers Market on Tuesday evenings in August, 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 5:30-7:30 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.

Make your own flautas

If you love Flautas, you can learn to make them from Michelle Carreno of Hector's Cocina on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Flautas are sometimes called rolled taco's or taquito's and are an easy Mexican dish to throw together for dinner. In this class you will learn how to prepare and roll flautas, making twelve to cook during the week. Bonus is you will receive 6 flautas to take home, ready to eat, with Crema, Salsa Verde and Cojitia cheese to enjoy. All ingredients are included in the class fee. Register through the Oregon Park District at www.oregonpark.org. Class times are 5-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class fee is \$12/Resident or \$14/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Aug. 19.

Fall porch pot

Do you love to decorate for fall? Plant a fall porch pot which will include a mum, flowering cabbage and decorative grasses in a basket. You will also learn about watering and care for your new fall basket. Class will be held on Thursday, September 10 at Cork & Tap with Merlin's Greenhouse providing the plants and knowledgeable staff. Choose between the 5:30-7 p.m. or the 7:30-9 p.m. class. Fee is \$43/Resident or \$52/Non-Resident. Sign up today as space is limited. Registration deadline is Sept. 3. For more infor-

mation, contact the Oregon Park District at 732-3101 or debbie@oregonpark.org.

Wiggly wag & walk

Dog lovers are invited to join us for the 8th Annual Wiggly Wag and Walk Wednesday on Sept. 16, at Wiggly Field Dog Park from 5-7 p.m. This is a great event for you and your dog! Take your pooch on the Hound Hike for fun, exercise, and a chance to win a prize. All dogs will receive a goodie bag. The Hound Hike fee is \$4/Resident or \$5/Non-Resident. Additional dogs in a family are \$3/each. The hike starts at staggered times to allow for social distancing. You do not have to have a Wiggly Field membership to participate in the fun. It is only required for dogs entering the enclosed runs at the park. Dogs do need to have current rabies vaccination. Register for a start time at www.oregonpark.org. Interested pet vendors should contact debbie@oregonpark.org for more information.

Batting cage rental with pitching machine

Hey Batter Batter!! Ready for some batting practice? We are excited to offer rentals for our Batting Cage with a pitching machine at our new cage at Oregon Park West. A staff member will be onsite to assist with the pitching machine, and there will be a sanitation station on site. You must bring your own bat and helmet. Reservation must

be made by the prior Thursday. Available in 30 min intervals, but you can certainly book more than one! Need a different day/ time? Please email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Batting cage is open to the public to use for free unless reserved. Dusk to dawn, with the L-Screen but without pitching machine. Monday evenings 4-8 p.m., Fee \$10/R or \$12/NR for 30 minutes.

Junior High cross country

Junior High athletes will develop endurance, improve their running technique, and build team camaraderie. Practices will be held multiple days of the week and meets will be held similar to the high school schedule. Transportation to meets is not provided. Sign up early to ensure you maximize practices before the meets begin! Deadline is Aug. 20 but early practices are scheduled to begin earlier in August. Fee \$75. Register online today at www.oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101 if you need help registering.

Toro Tuesday

Join us for Toro Tuesdays for 2 v 2 games at the new courts at Park West. Sign up is for teams of 2 who will compete against other teams in no contact exciting games in the first Toro Court in the United States. These games combine elements of soccer, strategy and teamwork! Each time slot will feature 45 minutes

of playing time, with 15 minutes transition times between games. All players will receive a league T-shirt. There will be a 5-week regular season followed by an end of season tournament. Ages for the leagues are 10-14 and 15-18 years old. The 10-14 league will be played between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., with the 15-18 league 4-7 p.m. An OPD staff member will be present at all times. There will be a hand sanitizer station on site and spectators should social distance. Registration deadline is Aug. 20 and games start on August 25th. Registration fee is \$30 per team. Register online at www.oregonpark.org.

16" Softball High School League

16" Softball (sometimes referred to as slow pitch softball) was created in Chicago in 1887. The large ball helped where space was limited in the city as it restricted flight. Because of the "softness" of the ball no glove is needed to play. Join us this fall as we play a High School Co-Ed League on Friday evenings. A sanitation station will be onsite, and players must bring their own bats. Balls will be cleaned frequently, and teams will social distance on bleachers. Spectators should bring their own chairs to watch on the sides of the fields. Registration deadline is Aug. 20, with games scheduled to start on Aug. 28. Register online at www.oregonpark.org.

Local students earn award, scholarship

Elijah Ruffer and Megan Buttens have been awarded the Ed Rimmer Senior Bronze Star Memorial Award and Scholarship.

This annual award and scholarship has been presented to these individuals from Oregon and Mt. Morris for outstanding civic, athletic, and scholastic performance; whose character represents the true meaning of the Bronze Star. Their names are inscribed on a plaque that stays in the Oregon High School trophy case and each winner received a scholarship and a Bronze Star challenge coin with their name and date engraved on it.

Ed Rimmer, who was a member of both Oregon and Mt. Morris high schools, won the Bronze Star for Valor in Vietnam in 1970. He stood for unselfish commitment to community and country. This is the 13th year this award and scholarship has been presented.





Byron market

Byron Farmers Market is once again open for business next to the Hairy Cow Brewery from 8 a.m. 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. Karen Finch, Byron, makes and sells Fleece Blankets and homegrown fresh vegetables.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 11

Thurs., Aug. 13

Sat. Aug. 15

Sun., Aug. 16

Local local duet “Timeless” featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt will be returning to Rock River Center at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending.

Serenity Hospice Lunch Group at Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. 101 W 2nd Street, Byron. A limited amount can attend, so please call 815-732-2499 to Register.

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.

Join the United Church of Byron at the Byron Museum Theater for a presentation of the Disney smash hit Frozen 2 at 3 p.m. This event is limited to 50 people. Please pre-registration for this event is required using the ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frozen-2-at-byron-museum-tickets-115893054245>

Weds., Aug. 12

Fri., Aug. 14

Coffee with a Cop, 10:30 a.m. at the Polo 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.

C.A.F.E. at Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You will need a mask to enter the building. Please call 815-732-2449 by 4 p.m. on Aug. 13 to Register. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

Ogle County Pork Producers pork chop dinner is a drive-thru, take out dinner held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau from 5-7 p.m. Look for our sign and smoke on Pines Road by the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

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

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VIEWPOINT

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 30, 30 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, takes her life following the defeat of her forces against Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome. She may have committed suicide by means of an asp, a poisonous Egyptian serpent and symbol of divine royalty.

* On Aug. 29, 1876, Charles F. Kettering, inventor of electric self-starter, is born in Ohio. Kettering's inventions spread far beyond the automotive industry: He helped develop the refrigerant Freon and an incubator for premature infants.

* On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau, an uninhabited volcanic island west of Sumatra in Indonesia. The explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air, created 120-foot tsunamis and killed 36,000 people.

* On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution. The amendment was the culmination of more than 70 years of struggle by woman suffragists.

* On Aug. 25, 1944, after more than four years of Nazi occupation, Paris is liberated by the French and the U.S. infantry. Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz, commander of the German garrison, defied an order by Adolf Hitler to burn Paris to the ground and instead signed a formal surrender.

* On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets, while the Democratic Party falls apart over its stance on Vietnam.

* On Aug. 24, 1981, Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles. After the shooting on Dec. 8, 1980, Chapman stayed at the scene, reading "The Catcher in the Rye," a book he was obsessed with, until the police arrived. His requests for parole have all been denied.

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U.S. doesn't do too well in recent survey

One thing I have done a lot of during this pandemic—besides eat, obviously—is read. I am always reading at least one book. I also read a couple of online magazines faithfully. I also daily read news from the Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and even check out Forbes.

I sometimes read some interesting things, like a piece that was recently on the Forbes site. It was about the 35 best and worst places in the world to raise a family.

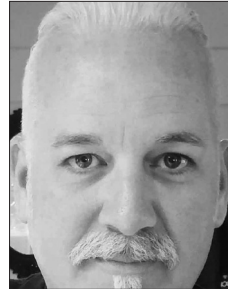
Now, any piece like this is going to look at certain data to reach a conclusion, and we can all argue over what the best data is to reach a certain conclusion. That is noted before I even start to read a piece like this.

But this one was pretty interesting, and the authors—after considering 30 statistics from international sources—landed on six. Those six were safety, happiness, cost, health, education and time.

Of the 35 countries on the list, Iceland came in at No. 1. Why is it the best place

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



to raise a family? Well, it is the safest country in the world, and it ranks high when it comes to cost. It is also a world leader in human rights.

Not bad, Iceland.

The rest of the Top 5 includes Norway, Sweden, Finland and Luxembourg.

At the bottom of the list is our neighbor to the south, Mexico. Poor Mexico, a country that is the most dangerous in the world, worst when it comes to health and education, and rates very low on the happiness scale.

In Mexico's defense, I

think they have the best food in the world.

I am sure you are wondering where the U.S. ranked. I was too and as I eyed the list, I was surprised how low I had to go to find our country. In fact, it was just above Mexico at No. 34.

Yes, 34.

OK, sure, this is just one study based on certain data, but 34? It is not a good showing. But when you look at the reasons why, it does ring true to a certain extent.

We have more homicides than any country other than Mexico. Our country also scores very low when it comes to human rights. That makes me pretty sad, but all we have to do is read the headlines.

Cost is also a big problem, with the U.S. placing last. One big thing that hurts us in that area is the cost of childcare. Anyone with kids knows this to be true. I remember when my kids got old enough to go to school and leave childcare. It was like getting the biggest raise ever.

In the U.S., parents with

an average household income pay nearly 32 percent of their income on childcare. In Scandinavian countries, the same household pays 4 percent to 10 percent. Huge difference.

Healthcare is also a problem. Did you know that American mothers are twice as likely to die in childbirth than mothers in Canada?

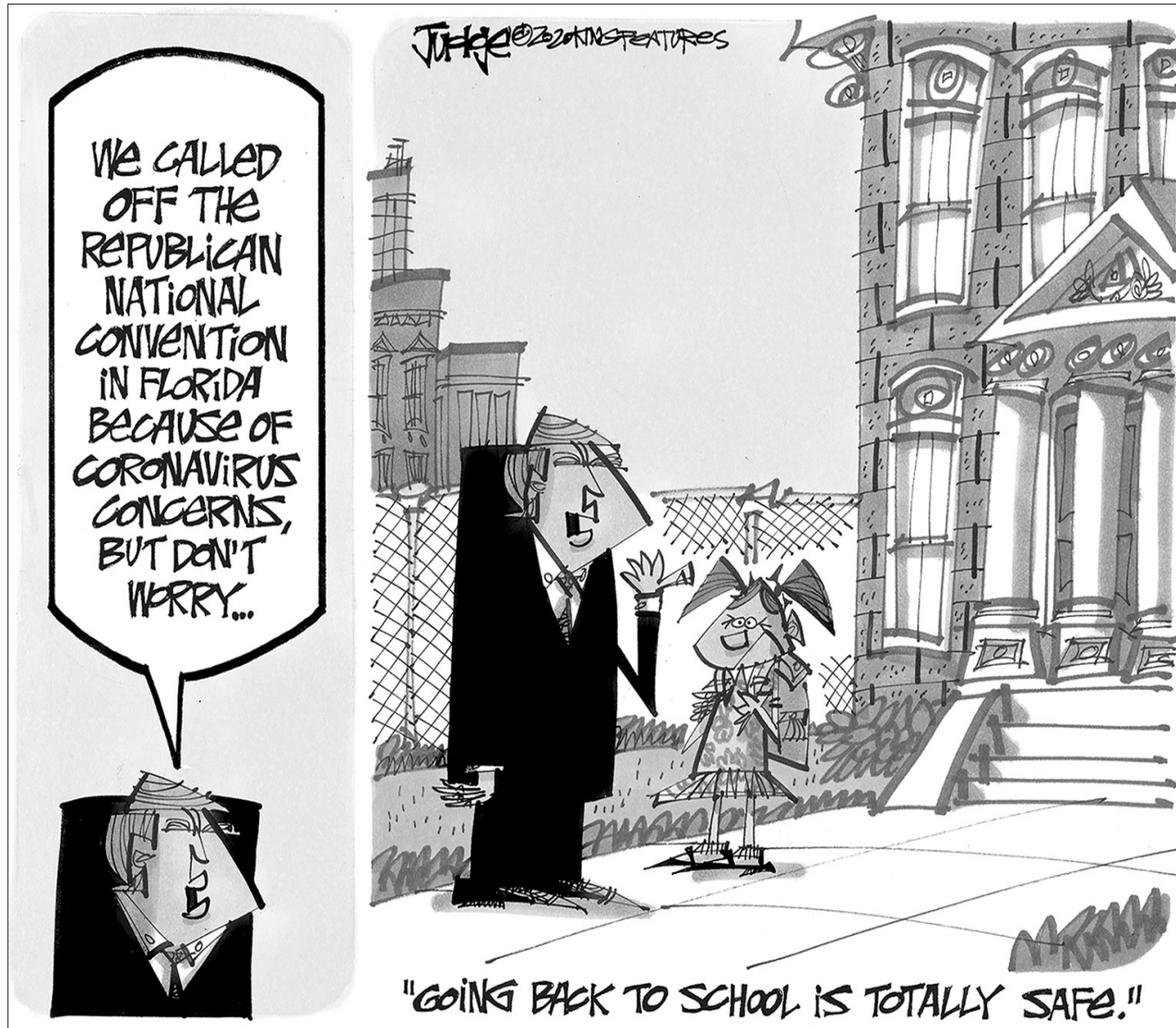
Time? We ranked poorly there too. We work longer hours with less vacation time. And no other country in the study gave zero paid maternity leave or zero paid vacation time.

Finally, we ranked low on the happiness scale. Mental illness rates here are high, as are suicide rates.

This one study does not paint a pretty picture but take it any way you want. I see a country that struggles daily and needs a lot of work. We also need better leaders with a goal of helping and lifting all Americans.

Ultimately, I do have hope. We are Americans, after all.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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Corrupt voting could destroy our way of life

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk's article telling voters to consider voting by mail due to COVID-19. Voting by mail along with voting early has always been an option to registered voters of Illinois, and normally used by military, overseas citizens and persons who were going to be out of state during election time. This represents a very small percentage of the voting population for which a less secure method for voting

takes place. If you voted in person early, a physical verification was made prior to giving you a ballot.

Laura Cook is not saying anything wrong when she states you may reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19, what she does not say is how we risk the validation of our vote and election. Mass mailing for voting is not legal in all states for a reason, but has gained popularity in recent years in large socially progressive states. The reason your vote is potentially diminished is there is no easy way

to verify mass voting by absentee balloting. This is only done by voting in person with a valid picture id. At a time in our country, when we are so divided by Marxists, Socialists and Conservatives battling for control, it is extremely important to have a verified election process. The election judges are not qualified forensic experts who can validate signatures, and some political bosses and elected officials have proven they are ethically challenged. Who will give us a trustworthy election?

I know Ogle County may not be a problem with this, but what about Chicago? Vote early and vote often may be taken to a whole new level, and we are going along with it. Covid-19 may be a danger to our health, but corrupt voting and non-valid elections could destroy our country and our way of life. So why take a chance and change things now? I am not afraid of voting in person. It is my right and my duty, and yours as a citizen to cast your individual vote.

Steven G. Sorenson, Polo



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Polo Police report

July 7

TIME: 6:12 p.m.

REPORT: Brandon m. Fenton, 18, Polo, was arrested for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, No Valid Driver's License, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, Non-Highway Vehicle on Roadway, and Possession of Cannabis Under the Age of 21. Fenton was transported to the Ogle County Jail. The investigation is still ongoing.

July 8

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

REPORT: Robert W. Edwards, 36, Polo, was issued a City Citation for Accumulation of Liter.

TIME: 2 p.m.

REPORT: Logan M. Johnson, 24, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail

July 10

TIME: 8:26 p.m.

REPORT: Deryl L. Donaldson, 20, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Donaldson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of June 29, 2020 thru July 12, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	25
Animal Complaint	3
Ordinance Violation	1
Disturbance/Domestic	4
Fire/Medical Assist	3
Alarm/Open Door	5
Lock Out /Motorist Assist	2
Traffic Stops	16
County Assists	2

July 20

TIME: 8:56 p.m.

REPORT: Skyler James Barncord, 24, Shannon, was cited for Illegal Squeeling of Tires and Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Barncord was released on an I-bond.

July 25

TIME: 6:35 p.m.

REPORT: Robert S. Bridges, 43, Glenwood Springs, Co, was arrested for driving with a Suspended Driver's License, No Registration and Speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone and No Valid License for a Motor Cycle. Bridges was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

July 26

TIME: 1:59 p.m.

REPORT: Sydney J. Gunder, 20, Polo, was cited for Failure to Yield at an Intersection. Gunder was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 11:36 a.m.

REPORT: Kassondra A. Bruder, 24, Polo, was cited for Improper Use of an Electronic Device. Bruder was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of July 13, 2020 thru July 26, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	19
Animal Complaint	5
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assist	3
Lock Out	1
Traffic Stops	11
County Assists	1

July 27

TIME: 3:14 p.m.

REPORT: Ivan A. Medina, 21, Rock Falls, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Medina was released on an I-Bond.



Pre-COVID fun

On March 2, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club visited Laser Quest in Rockford and played laser tag while also learning about reflection, refraction and the visible spectrum. 4-H members present were Xanna, Lizzie, Logan and Lucas Armbruster, Grant Johnson, Sara and Lucy Miller, Kaeden Motszko, Derek Shallow and Dylan Timmer, Abigail, Micah and David Wehler, and Ashely and Lacie Williams. This was the group's final activity before the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order came into effect. Though the club's members are now staying safe at home, the club has met using online platforms, determined that the fun and learning won't stop.

- Submitted by Abigail Wehler, LRSE Club Reporter

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BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME! 4 bed, 3 bath home w/2,700 sq ft of finished living space. Open floor plan offering dining room, updated kitchen w/eat-in area, FF laundry, living room, Master Suite w/jetted tub & walk in closet. Finished LL. Oregon Schools. 504 TROTTER COURT, Oregon
ALISA PATTERSON
815-719-0020



Kayla Heslop
222-9771



Sean Hosseini
978-0018

\$169,900 dickersonnieman.com/202002948
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING CONDO! 3 bed, 3 bath recently remodeled condo w/private patio & tree lined backyard. Finished LL w/rec room, fireplace & theatre room. Kitchen granite to be installed the end of the month. THIS IS A TRUE MUST SEE! 1427 STONE BRIDGE Crossing, Rockford
TIFFANY CRAVATTA
815-988-4388

\$129,900 dickersonnieman.com/202002887
NEW PRICE! COZY 2-STORY! Interesting architecture abounds in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Open front porch with columns and swing. Large living room, formal dining room, well planned kitchen, & screened in porch. FF laundry. 2 car detached garage. 406 N 4TH Street, Oregon
JOHANNA HAHNE
815-978-1847

\$44,500 dickersonnieman.com/202002676
INVESTORS DREAM! 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Large living room. Full basement. Large yard with trees and fenced garden area. 1 car detached garage. 407 W CENTER Street, Mount Morris
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835

\$99,000 dickersonnieman.com/202002424
2-FAMILY IN THE HEART OF BYRON! Main floor features 2 bedrooms and a bathroom, access to laundry and a bonus room in the basement, plus a large front porch. Upper unit is a 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Could easily be converted to single family home. 201 S UNION Street, Byron
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747



Tom Oracki
262-5212



John Orlando
234-7309

\$120,000 dickersonnieman.com/202001874
LARGE 2 STORY W/AMAZING CHARACTER! 4 bed, 1 bath home in the heart of Oregon. Home sits on a nice lot with fenced in yard & wide porch on the front of the home. Beautiful hardwood floors, original trim, doors are in great condition. Lots of potential! 203 S 7TH Street, Oregon
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747

\$575,000 dickersonnieman.com/202001611
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! 3 bed, 2.5 bath restored stone home nestled in the woods outside of Oregon on over 32 acres. Property is zoned ag with 2 barns and a pond. Home has tons of old character with updated amenities. A true must see! 4972 W HENRY Road, Oregon
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747

\$549,900 dickersonnieman.com/202000912
CUSTOM HOME ON 35 ACRES! 4 bed, 3.5 bath 2 story w/ barn. Formal living room and formal dining room. Main floor master w/master bath & walk-in closet. Barn has large shop/ storage area & 2 stalls. Pasture w/electric fencing & more! 7339 E WILDWOOD Road, Stillman Valley
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747

\$289,900 dickersonnieman.com/202000579
OREGON! Byron schools. Riverfront, split floor ranch with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached & 2 car detached garages, garden shed. 4005 N IL. RT. 2, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835



Kelli Wensky
543-7657



Jerre Woodworth
494-2237

\$109,900 dickersonnieman.com/201907871
DAVIS JUNCTION! 3 bed, 1 bath house w/attached garage on nearly an acre. Legally, non-conforming as a single family residence. Current zoning C3. 5699 N US HWY 251, Davis Junction
HEATHER MANIS/ BRAD SHIELDS
815-871-1269/ 815-227-5900

\$59,900 dickersonnieman.com/201907166
COZY 2 STORY! Over 2,000 square feet of living space. 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home. Main floor laundry. Main floor open space. Kitchen, living room, dining room. Needs TLC. 101 BLAINE Street, Leaf River
ALISA PATTERSON
815-719-0020

\$639,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906894
HOME ON 14 ACRES! 4 bedroom ranch with open floor plan. Oak floors, custom built hickory cabinets, 2 fireplaces, finished LL, a 100 foot pond off of deck, hot tub, and 3 car detached garage. Property also contains a guest house. Zoned Ag 1. 6820 W SPRING Road, Oregon
SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

\$85,000 dickersonnieman.com/201906671
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Great location! Lots of great updates! 3 bed, 1.5 bath. Updated kitchen! New roof & windows! Nicely landscaped lawn. Forrester Schools. Truly a must see! 201 W WILLOW Street, Forrester
KAYLA HESLOP
815-222-9771

\$320,000 dickersonnieman.com/201906618
10+ AC WOODS & RIVER FRONTAGE! Unique & private on 10 wooded acres overlooking Rock River with gorgeous views. Window wall brings the outside beauty to your chairside, yard & patio. If you like to hunt or fish this is the home for you. Ranch 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage. 5709 N IL RT. 2, Oregon
CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI
815-494-7857/ 815-262-5212

\$79,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906406
BEAUTIFUL HOME! This 4 bedroom 2-story sits on a cul-de-sac in great area! Sunroom looks over fenced in backyard with mature landscaping. All 4 bedrooms are upstairs, with a full bath. Hardwood floors, great neighbors and close to everything. 704 LARKFIELD Circle, Rockford
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747

\$137,700 dickersonnieman.com/201906262
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
815-622-4619

LOTS & ACREAGE

OREGON! Two buildable lots in Oregon. Perfect for single family or duplex. Lot size 132x132. City sewer & water at street. \$35,000. dickersonnieman.com/201905097
Mike Long 815-761-4741

BYRON SUB Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$69,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer. Impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. dickersonnieman.com/201701914 \$69,000. Chris Snyder 815-494-7857 & Tom Oracki 815-262-5212

OREGON! Stunning 1.7 acre parcel just outside of Oregon. Gorgeous, tranquil setting w/ample privacy. Riding & walking trails. Established subdivision to build your dream home. Large common area in cul-de-sac. A must see! \$34,900 dickersonnieman.com/202000416
Tiffany Cravata 815-988-4378

Pork chop dinner will be Aug. 15

OREGON – Have you been missing or craving a pork chop dinner prepared by the Ogle County Pork Producers this year? Here is your chance to take advantage of that.

A drive-thru, take out dinner will be held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 5-7 p.m. For \$10 you will get two bone-in pork chops (just like the ones we serve at the Ogle County Fair) a bag of chips and cookies.

Look for our sign and smoke on Pines Road by the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

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3478 Francis Avenue Forreton \$79,000 Call Lori

Great corner lot. First floor has wood french doors between dining room and living room and pocket doors between living room and family room. Vinyl siding on the exterior. 2 enclosed porches! 3 bedrooms and den on the upper level. Full bathroom has a vaulted ceiling. Den at the top of second floor stairs. Polo schools.



8 W Hitt Street Mt Morris \$69,900 Call Stephanie

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



107 Sunset Lane Mt Morris \$64,000 Call Mark

768 Sq Ft 2 bedroom house in the North part of Mt. Morris. All new vinyl plank flooring throughout. Big lot with a 1 car garage and shed. New lighting and updated bathroom. Would go government loans.



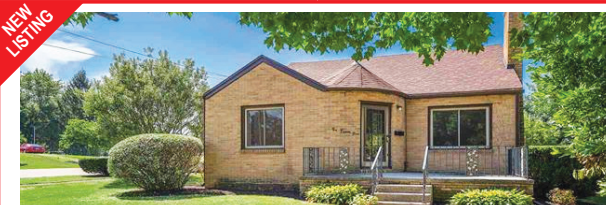
310 N Franklin Ave Polo \$169,900 Call Stephanie

Treasure tradition by living in this one of a kind fully rehabbed/restored 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Oversized rooms, modern amenities and some old charm. Eat in kitchen first floor laundry, beautiful Brazilian tigerwood flooring and ceramic tile master suite w/ tiled walk in shower and closet. 2nd floor laundry hook up, brand new cement patio and large back yard. Additional lot available.



5680 E McCormick Road Stillman Valley \$449,000

SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE! Once in a lifetime opportunity to own 32.64 acres adjacent to the Camp McCormick Girl Scouts Camp. Locally known as a deer haven, this property is wooded and located near the Rock River and hundreds of untouched acres. In 2014 an outbuilding was constructed consisting of 3 overhead doors, living space, kitchen, bedroom, loft and full bathroom. The 80x40 building was designed with attention to detail and top of the line materials: constructed with steel & framing above local standards for wind and snow, 12 ft over head doors with windows, 36" of insulation in the attic, 8" of bat insulation with vapor barrier, 5" concrete floor, knotty pine trim & 6 panel doors. With over 820 trees planted in recent years, this land is in the Forestry Program which aids in keeping property taxes lower. There are numerous food plots throughout and 10 deer stands that are also included in the sale. 2 Car garage provides additional storage for toys and hunting equipment.



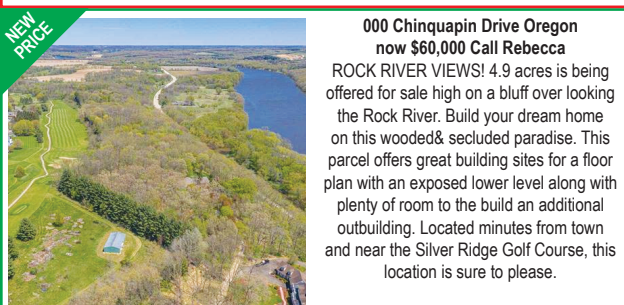
1025 E 4th St Belvidere \$134,900 Call Rebecca

Brick Beauty on a Double Lot! 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on a .40 acre large corner lot. In addition to the recently landscaped and spacious yard, there is an attached 4 car garage with ample parking space and room for hobbies or toys. Inside the home you will find gleaming hard wood floors throughout the main floor. The galley kitchen has a formal dining space attached that is also open to the living room with large picture window & wood burning fireplace. Main floor bathroom features a large, tile walk in shower. Many updates including newer vinyl windows, roof on both garage & house, exterior doors. Tank less hot water heater & 200 amp service are bonus amenities that this property offers



1272 Franklin Road Amboy \$229,900 Call Andrea

SPACE! Sprawling updated open concept country ranch, solid surface flooring throughout. 2 bedroom and 3 bath on 2 acres, zoned AG. Interior has been freshly painted and is well maintained. Easily converted into 3+ bedrooms with 2,318 sq ft of unfinished basement with bonus rooms. Watch the sunrise in your backyard and sunsets on your 280 sq ft covered front porch! Approx. 900 sq. ft outbuilding perfect for a hobbyist, storage or animals. Don't let this one get away!



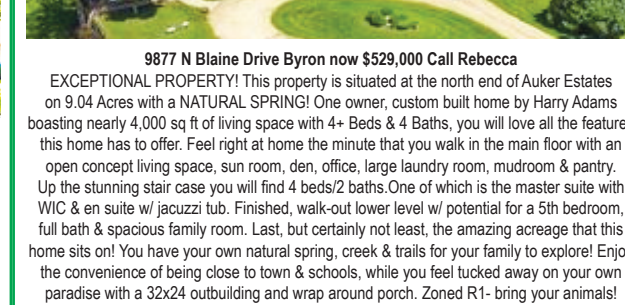
000 Chinquapin Drive Oregon now \$60,000 Call Rebecca

ROCK RIVER VIEWS! 4.9 acres is being offered for sale high on a bluff over looking the Rock River. Build your dream home on this wooded & secluded paradise. This parcel offers great building sites for a floor plan with an exposed lower level along with plenty of room to build an additional outbuilding. Located minutes from town and near the Silver Ridge Golf Course, this location is sure to please.



2436 S Ridge Road Oregon now \$165,000 Call Rebecca

COUNTRY LIVING! Unique home offering two separate living spaces situated on 1.63 acres with a NATURAL SPRING! The main house has 3 bedrooms/2 full bathrooms with a main floor laundry space. Above the spacious 3 car garage you will find an additional living space, full bathroom with laundry, full kitchen and bedroom. Amazing country views from both areas including views of your own creek fed by a natural spring! The spacious garage is insulated and heated. The perfect set up for a mother in law or guest suite. Or you could live in one space and rent the other while your tenant pays your mortgage!



9877 N Blaine Drive Byron now \$529,000 Call Rebecca

EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY! This property is situated at the north end of Auker Estates on 9.04 Acres with a NATURAL SPRING! One owner, custom built home by Harry Adams boasting nearly 4,000 sq ft of living space with 4+ Beds & 4 Baths, you will love all the features this home has to offer. Feel right at home the minute that you walk in the main floor with an open concept living space, sun room, den, office, large laundry room, mudroom & pantry. Up the stunning stair case you will find 4 beds/2 baths. One of which is the master suite with WIC & en suite w/ jacuzzi tub. Finished, walk-out lower level w/ potential for a 5th bedroom, full bath & spacious family room. Last, but certainly not least, the amazing acreage that this home sits on! You have your own natural spring, creek & trails for your family to explore! Enjoy the convenience of being close to town & schools, while you feel tucked away on your own paradise with a 32x24 outbuilding and wrap around porch. Zoned R1- bring your animals!



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Darrell and Cleo Bauer celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. Darrell James Bauer and Cleo Velma Scharr were United in marriage Aug. 6, 1955 in Lima Wis., at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Shortly thereafter they moved to Oregon for work on the railroad, and to raise their family. They were blessed with 8 children, a foster son, and their spouses, also 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Their home has always been filled with love. Family, or not, anyone is welcomed by them.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater announces spring semester Dean's List

WHITEWATER, Wis. – The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester.

Davis Junction: Andrew Abitua
 Stillman Valley: Amanda Childers
 Forreston: Liz Gronewold
 Stillman Valley: Brody Kunce
 Polo: Lance Pearson; Lauren Strauss
 Oregon: Conner Young

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

“Dean's List honorees have shown an outstanding dedication to their academic pursuits - from their work in the classroom to notable projects in our research laboratories and out in the field,” said interim Provost Greg Cook. “These hardworking students can take pride in the fact that they are living the Warhawk values of learning and academic excellence. They are deserving of our congratulations.”

The Registrar's Office reports 4,264 students were selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester.

About 12,400 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

July From the Heart winners

- July 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners
- July 1 - Harper Hogan, Leaf River, \$25
 - July 2 - Sarah Morris, CHS-Rochelle, \$25
 - July 3 - Judith Faaborg, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 4 - Chris Haas, Rochelle, \$1,000
 - July 5 - Tom Hill, \$50
 - July 6 - James Liberator, Rockford, \$25
 - July 7 - Tom Kane, Byron, \$25
 - July 8 - City of Rochelle, \$25
 - July 9 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 10 - William Fawkes, Sterling, \$25
 - July 11 - PJ O'Rorke, Steward, \$25
 - July 12 - Heidi Melton, St. Simons Island, Georgia, \$50
 - July 13 - Joe King, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 14 - Jim Truckenbrod, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 15 - Anita Bowers, Byron, \$25
 - July 16 - Ed Rice, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 17 - Chad Scott, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 18 - Gisela Clayton, Compton, \$25
 - July 19 - Zac Gill, Rochelle, \$50
 - July 20 - Rosie Herebia, Davis Junction, \$25
 - July 21 - Darlene Reynolds, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 22 - Lois Hayes, Steward, \$25
 - July 23 - Tessa Sturgeon, New Albany, Indiana, \$25
 - July 24 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 25 - Delilah Melton, St. Simons Island, Georgia, \$25
 - July 26 - Mike Dale, Edgerton, Wis., \$50
 - July 27 - Dennis Stewart, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 28 - Dakota Ames, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 29 - Lynette Alcock, Monroe Center, \$25
 - July 30 - Shirley LeMar, Rochelle, \$25
 - July 31 - Carter Shaw, Amboy, \$25
- Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

Local students named to Bradley's 2020 spring Dean's List

PEORIA – More than 2600 students were named to Bradley's Dean's List for Spring 2020.

To be eligible for the Dean's List a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Local residents include:

Alison Poole of Polo is majoring in Chemistry ACS Certified
 Marshall Winstead of Stillman Valley is majoring in Criminology
 Mykenzie Beitel of Mount Morris is majoring in Elementary Education ESL Endorsement

Jordan Drolema of Polo is majoring in FCS Dietetics
 Abigail Ganong of Stillman Valley is majoring in Health Science
 Kaylee Benton of Oregon is majoring in International Business
 Aidan Blassage of Monroe Center is majoring in LAS-Economics
 Cori Roth of Byron is majoring in Nursing

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students the resources of a larger university and the personal attention of a smaller university. More than 185 academic programs are offered in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

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2020 Fair winners

Poultry Department

Top of Class American Hen – Kate Costello, Stillman Valley
 Top of Class American Cock – Logan Armbruster, Polo
 Top of Class American Pullet – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Top of Class American Cockerel – Brooke Hammond, Oregon

Grand Champion American – Logan Armbruster, Polo
 Reserve Grand Champion American – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Top of Class Asiatic Hen – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Asiatic Cock – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Asiatic Pullet – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley
 Top of Class Asiatic Cockerel – Josie Hammond, Oregon

Grand Champion Asiatic – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion Asiatic – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Top of Class English Hen – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Top of Class English Pullet – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley

Grand Champion English – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion English – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley

Top of Class Mediterranean Pullet – Kate Costello, Stillman Valley

Grand Champion Mediterranean – Kate Costello, Stillman Valley

Top of Class Continental Hen – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Top of Class Continental Pullet – Grey Haenitsch, Dixon
 Grand Champion Continental – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion Conti-

ental – Grey Haenitsch, Dixon

Bantam Classes

Top of Class All Other Bantam Hen – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Top of Class All Other Bantam Cockerel – Tristin Williams, Stillman Valley

Grand Champion All Other Bantam – Tristin Williams, Stillman Valley
 Reserve Grand Champion All Other Bantam – Levi Eden, Oregon

Top of Class Feather Legged Bantam Hen – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction
 Top of Class Feather Legged Bantam Cock – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction
 Top of Class Feather Legged Bantam Pullet – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Feather Legged Bantam – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction
 Reserve Grand Champion Feather Legged Bantam – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction

Egg Production & Meat Pen Classes

Top of Class Production/Commercial/Hybrid Female – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Production Pen of 3 – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Grand Champion Production Pen – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion Production Pen – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Top of Class Broiler/Fryer Pen of 3 – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Top of Class Roaster Market Pen of 3 – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Grand Champion Meat Pen – Alex-

ander Williams, Leaf River
 Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Duck Classes

Top of Class Heavy Weight Old Hen – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River
 Top of Class Heavy Weight Young Hen – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River
 Top of Class Medium Weight Young Drake – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Light Weight Old Hen – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River
 Top of Class Light Weight Young Hen – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River
 Top of Class Bantam Ducks Old Drake – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Bantam Ducks Young Hen – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Top of Class Bantam Ducks Young Drake – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Grand Champion Duck – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River
 Reserve Grand Champion Duck – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Geese Classes

Top of Class Medium Weight Young Hen – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Top of Class Light Weight Old Gander – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Grand Champion Goose – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Reserve Grand Champion Goose –

Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Turkey Classes

Top of Class Turkey Young Hen – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Top of Class Turkey Young Tom – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Grand Champion Turkey – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Reserve Grand Champion Turkey – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Champion Pair of Other Fowl – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Reserve Champion Pair of Other Fowl – Mason Zabran, Byron

Champion Backyard Bird – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Champion Backyard Bird – Levi Eden, Oregon

Top of Class White Chicken Eggs – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Top of Class Brown Chicken Eggs – Lucas Armbruster, Polo
 Top of Class All Other Eggs – Logan Armbruster, Polo

Grand Champion Egg Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion Egg Exhibit – Lucas Armbruster, Polo

Best of Show – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction

Quality Meats Department

The Ogle County 4-H Fair Carcass Show took place July 27 at Eickman's Processing Company. Last week the 4-H members dropped off their animals to be weighed and processed. Usually, the exhibitors attend judging to view their entries and receive their results. However, this year, due to the current situation, the members could not attend in person. To view the results please visit the public viewing site at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/14015>.

Quality Meats Department

Champion Beef Carcass – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Beef Carcass – Brandon Albano, Polo

Champion Goat Carcass – Alexander Williams, Leaf River
 Reserve Champion Goat Carcass – Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Champion Lamb Carcass – Samantha Bowers, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Lamb Carcass – Brooke Ewald, Byron

Champion Pork Carcass – Levi Eden, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Pork Carcass – Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River

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Medical Transportation 677-6515

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Visiting Nurses Association 971-3755
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Polo Library News

Return to Normal Hours – Aug. 1

Starting Aug. 1, Polo Library will be 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.

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. We are a fine-free library, so you do not need to worry about accruing fines during the quarantine period.

Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers at the 2020 Outdoor Concert Series – Sept. 12, 6 p.m., Polo Library Pavilion

On September 12th we'll be wrapping up our 2020 Outdoor Concert Series with Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers, who performs covers of Neil Diamond and more. The concert starts at

6pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. You're welcome to bring a picnic to eat while you enjoy the music! There is plenty of room to practice safe social distancing.

Coffee with a Cop – Aug. 12, 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.

Story Time with Ms. Phyllis

At 10:30 a.m. every Saturday in August, Ms. Phyllis will be reading a picture book on Polo Library's Facebook page - facebook.com/pololibrary Swing by the library to grab a bag of supplies so your kiddo can do a small craft that goes along with each story! One bag has the supplies for the whole month.

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.

Forreston Library News

Library Closure and Appointments

While the library is still closed, anyone needing to send a fax, make copies, or use a computer for taxes, employment, etc. may call the library and schedule an appointment to come in. Also, you may call or message us to schedule a half hour time slot to come in and check out materials. Only members of one household may come in at the same time and everyone over the age of 2 must wear a mask. Please call the library for more information or if you have any questions.

Curbside Pickup

We will continue to offer curbside pickup. Pick up times will be scheduled when you place a request. Interlibrary loans have resumed so you may also request items from other libraries. Due to quarantine policies, delivery may take longer than usual. Please call, Facebook message, or email us at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com for assistance or if you have any questions.

eBooks/WiFi

As always, you may still enjoy eBooks through Axis 360 and Biblioboard. If you would like more information on creating an account, please let us know and we'll be happy to help you get set up. You may also access the internet outside the library by connecting to our WiFi. No password is required.

Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our summer activities. Also, if you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us through email, Facebook messenger, or by phone.

Julia Hull Library News

Library Curbside

Julia Hull District Library is happy to offer curbside pickup by appointment only. Patrons place holds on items in Encore (the library's online catalog). Alternately, library staff will be available limited hours, Monday-Friday if you'd like to say "hi" and ask staff to help you select materials. We're here to help: call 815-645-8611. Please note: Wait times for holds placed online may take longer than usual for pick up as we have a large backlog while items are in quarantine. Please note: because of quarantine, you may also receive an automated late notice for items you returned on time. No fines will accrue for items while they are in quarantine.

Fax & Copy Service

Need to send a fax? Make copies? We're here to help. Give us a call and we'll take care of your copy and faxing needs curbside: 815-645-8611.

Register for a Library Card

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

Renew Your Library Card

During this Spring's Statewide Shelter-In-Place, library cards were automatically renewed to July 1. So, it may be time to renew your card. You can do so remotely in 3 easy steps: 1) Take a picture of your current library card (barcode side up); 2) Take a picture of your Driver's License; 3) Email both, along with a telephone number, to librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org. Non-resident cardholder? Give us a call for more information: 815-645-8611.

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comic books and graphic novels, digital magazines, music, language learning tools, and more! Visit our website (www.juliahull.org) to learn more.

Teen Photo Contest: ReCreate Famous Art

Our Teen Photo Contest is BACK & trying a new trend! This time teens will use their resourcefulness & originality to set up a living (not painted or drawn) recreation of a famous work of art, then take & submit a digital photo of it to us. Have fun thinking outside the box! For more information, check out our FB Events page. To register, and see full-contest rules, e-mail Kelly at khaas@mail.meridian223.org. Begins Monday, Aug. 3. Photos due to Kelly by Monday, Aug. 24. Ages 13-17.

Remembering Route 66 with Leslie Goddard

The name evokes images of gas stations, mom-and-pop motels, quirky attractions, and adventure on the open road. In this nostalgia-packed lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the mid-1980s. Learn why Route 66 remains so indelibly associated with the lore of the American road trip. What was Route 66 like at its pinnacle – and what is it today? Join us on Zoom, Monday, August 31 at 6:30 PM. FB Message us, or email jluever@mail.meridian223.org to register, and for a link to the program.

More Virtual Programming

Join us for a social distance session! From book clubs, to craft programs, storytime, to hands-on learning, visit us on Facebook and Instagram for video tutorials and links to access live, face-to-face online programming via Zoom and FB Live. Some book club books and program activity kits (for crafts and more!) are available for curbside pickup. Visit our FB Events page, or website for more information: <http://www.juliahull.org/event-calendar>.

Byron Library News

The Library is Open for Browsing! We are excited to announce that 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.

Recycling Challenge

The Byron Public Library District is excited to announce that we are participating 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.

Online Storytimes

Drop by the Byron Library Facebook page every week for virtual story time! Join Miss Cathy at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for Virtual Baby Boogies, or Miss Julie

at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Virtual Story Time. Virtual story times will run weekly. No registration needed!

Parking Lot WiFi

Don't have reliable internet at home, but don't want to come into the building? Our WiFi extends outside of the building and is available 24/7!

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.

Introducing Creativebug!

We now offer Creativebug to our library patrons! It is a go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. With your membership, you'll enjoy award-winning instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily. All you need is your library card to gain free access: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/byronlib>

Local History

Are you interested in local history? The library has several resources to get you started in your search. Check out the library's local history page at <http://byron.lib.il.us/services/local-history/>. Available 24/7!

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!

Raine earns Dean's List

CEDARVILLE, Ohio – Cedarville University student Heidie Raine of Byron, majoring in English, was named to the Dean's Honor List for Spring 2020. This recognition required Raine to maintain a 3.75 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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* Registration is required to reserve your time slot each week. Register through the Sign Up Genius link on our website 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.

* There will be two projects for you to choose from, one project per family please, as we will not have time to do both. There will be a craft project and a painting project. Crafts are perfect for kids 3 & up; painting projects are best for kids 6 & up.

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

SSET 4 School would like to express their thanks for all the generous donations for this year's school supply drive. Your donations will help many students start school on the right foot!

New Releases

Adult Fiction

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1st To Die by James Patterson
Choppy Waters by Stuart Woods

Juvenile Fiction

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure by Jeff Kinney

Children's Fiction

Pinkalicious: Dragon to the Rescue by Victoria Kann

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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Oregon Library News

Library Update

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All materials should be returned in the outside book drop that is open 24/7. All library materials are quarantined for at least 3 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 contact us at (815) 732-2724 if you have any questions or want to request library materials!

Read More ~ Worry Less!

Video story time

We'll be taking a break in August, but watch for new Story Times in September.

Adult summer reading program ends – Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

Please have your reading logs completed on Readsquared or turned in to the library by the close of business on Monday, August 10th. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, August 12th.

Absolute science videos

Absolute Science is an amazingly fun and educational program aimed at children of all ages to become engaged in the world of science through their demonstrations and experiments. They offer a variety of fun virtual shows that you can view again and again anytime from now until Aug. 31 by clicking on the links posted on the Library website or in your Readsquared account. Two new videos will be available on Aug. 4 and Aug. 13.

Library book clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Charbonnet. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead.

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The collage application process and COVID 19 – Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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The organized family – Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Tips for families with busy active school aged kids. We'll discuss making organizing a family commitment and not just something Mom does! You will learn how to handle the daily paperwork, extra-curricular paperwork and artwork. Suggestions on setting up routines and schedules, plus how the kids can help with chores. Registration required – 815-732-2724.

New releases

The Beatles-Up Close And Personal: The Early Years (Rated Non-Fiction 782.42 BEA)

Love On Iceland (Rated G)

A Mile In His Shoes (Rated PG)

Trolls World Tour (Rated PG)

Going In Style (Rated PG-13)

Just Mercy (Rated PG-13)

The Windermere Children (Rated PG-13)

Watchmen (Rated R)

The Recall (Rated R)

Battle Of The Bulge-Wunderland (Rated R)

Reunion At The Shore by Lee Tobin McClain (Paperback Romance)

The Summer House by Jenny Hale (Paperback Romance)

Smooth Moves by Marie Harte (Paperback Romance)

Rebel by Beverly Jenkins (Paperback Romance)

The Trouble With Cowboys by Victoria James (Paperback Romance)

Cowboy Strong by Carolyn Brown (Paperback Romance)

Return To Magnolia Harbor by Hope Ramsay (Paperback Romance)

Restless Hearts by B. J. Daniels (Paperback Romance)

Unexpected by Kelly Rimmer (Paperback Romance)

The Chiffon Trenches: A Memoir by Andre Leon Talley (Biography BIO TAL)

A Black Women's History Of The United States by Daina Ramey Berry (Non-Fiction 305.48 BER)

The Last Book On The Left by Ben Kissel (Non-Fiction 364.152 KIS)

Outsider by Linda Castillo (Mystery)

Muzzled by David Rosenfelt (Mystery)

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.

* 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

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.

Honor JoLynn Ward

At the end of the school year, a number of long-time employees retired. At the end of a normal year, there would have been parties and recognition ceremonies, but 2020 is not a normal year. JoLynn Ward has been an instructional aide with the Oregon School district for a long time. She was in Mount Morris at the elementary school until the fire, and went with her students to Oregon. In the time I have known her, she has been an instructional aide for the English Language Learners. For the library, she has been a Trustee for a long time, helped when the new addition was being built, and is currently our board secretary. Mrs. Ward, as the children know her, has spent her time recently making masks for people in the community, including library staff. We want to honor her in her retirement, and for her good works. A fund has been established in her name. We will be purchasing library materials in her honor. If you would like to join us in thanking her for her service to the children of the district and her work in the community, you may send a donation with the notation that it is in her honor.

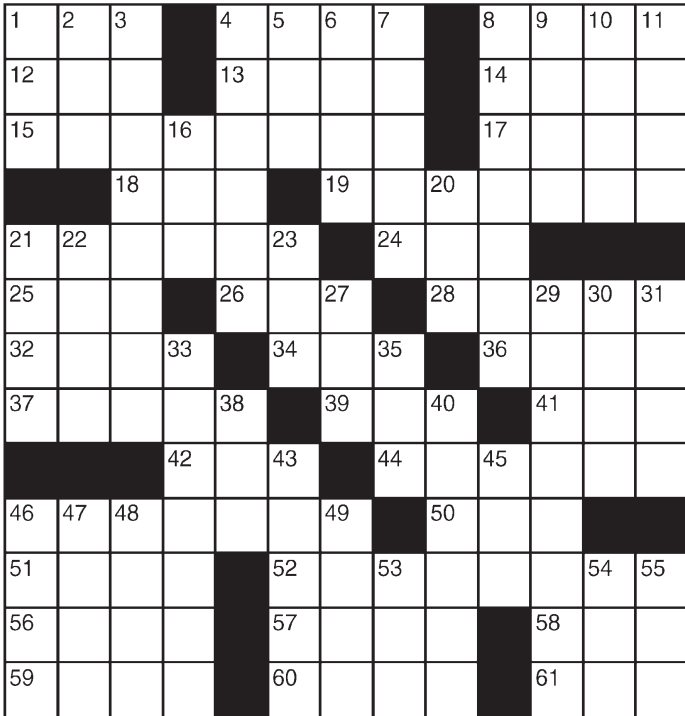
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● ISMS

ACROSS

- 1 Height of fashion?
- 4 First victim
- 8 Expansive
- 12 Retirement plan acronym
- 13 Sushi bar soup
- 14 Grooving on
- 15 Plaid garment
- 17 Greek vowels
- 18 Small barrel
- 19 Irish overcoats
- 21 Wunderkind
- 24 Thither
- 25 Atmosphere
- 26 — sauce
- 28 Florida city
- 32 Mid-month date
- 34 Chow down
- 36 Painter
- 37 Archaeologist's find
- 39 Cushion
- 41 Opposed
- 42 Plaything
- 44 Malign
- 46 Young child
- 50 Mongrel
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Yankee Doodle's feather?
- 56 Huff and puff
- 57 "Zounds!"
- 58 Erstwhile



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| acorn | locale | 33 Take a chair |
| 59 Knitting need | 9 Initial stake | 35 Slight amount |
| 60 Scruff | 10 Celebrity | 38 Army rank (Abbr.) |
| 61 "Science Guy" Bill | 11 Pitch | 40 Ten-year period |
| | 16 Barbie's companion | 43 Sanaa's land |
| | 20 Drunkard | 45 Bear hair |
| | 21 Twosome | 46 Country singer Keith |
| | 22 Stash | 47 — podrida |
| | 23 Curly's brother | 48 A-line designer |
| | 27 Shrill bark | 49 Sitarist's rendition |
| | 29 Coconut | 53 Upper limit |
| | 30 Senior | 54 Aye rival |
| | 31 Zits | 55 Mamie's man |

DOWN

- 1 That guy
- 2 Mound stat
- 3 Holy fish?
- 4 Pedro's pals
- 5 Recycling receptacle
- 6 Jacob's brother
- 7 Humble
- 8 "Platoon"

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

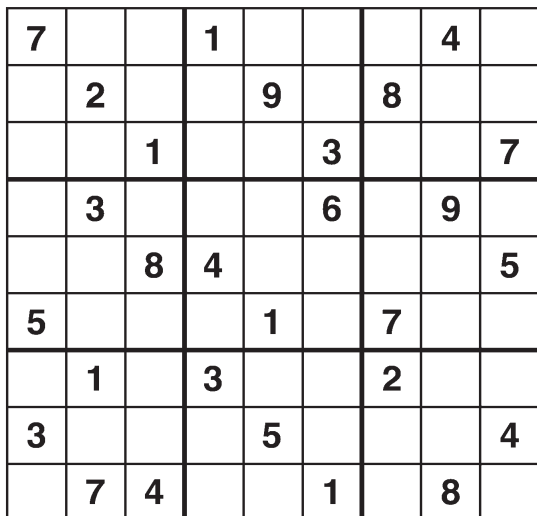
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| Autism | Daoism | Fascism | Racism |
| Cronyism | Dualism | Heroism | Tourism |
| Cubism | Egotism | Humanism | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

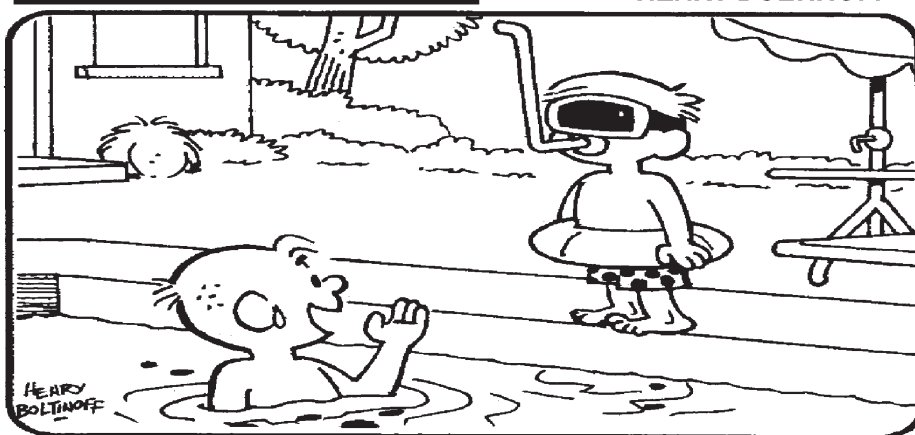
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

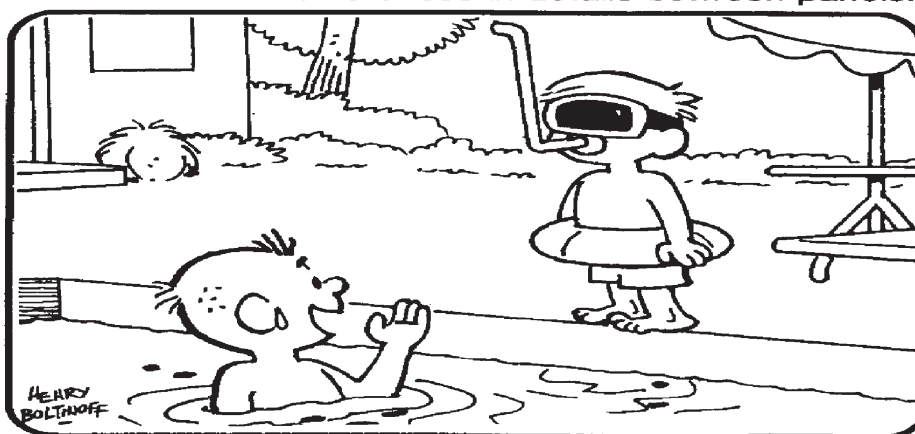
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



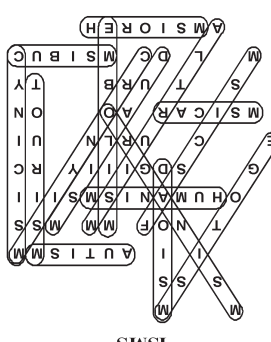
Differences: 1. Tree limb is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Walkway is missing. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Umbrella handle is gone. 6. Window sill is missing.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



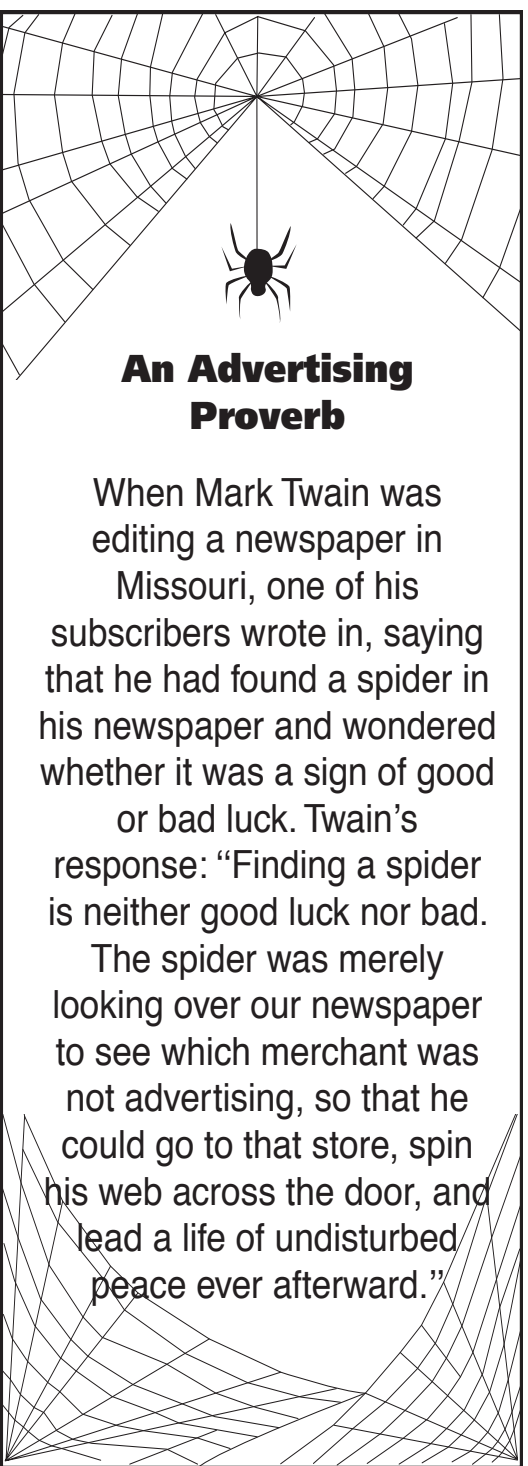
ISMS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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An Advertising Proverb

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 21, 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: Noble's Grove Land Management, 6031 E. McCormick Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: July 21, 2020
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0733 (July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In The Matter of the Estate of: RICHARD D. POMERING, Deceased.)
) CLAIM)
) NOTICE)
) NO.)
) 2020)
) P 57)

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RICHARD D. POMERING of Stillman Valley, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 17, 2020, to Eric P. Nelson of Stillman Valley, Illinois, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz, of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & O'BRIEN, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before * 2020, or

within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date 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.
 ERIC P. NELSON,
 I n d e p e n d e n t
 Administrator
 No. 0804 (Aug. 3, 10, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 226,

OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR

PUBLIC INSECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District's Administrative Offices located at 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this school District from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. each weekday, excluding public holidays, beginning July 30, 2020. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held on September 22, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Byron High School Commons, 696 Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this School District. The purpose of the hearing will be to present the tentative budget and receive public comments on the budget. By order of the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois. Dated this 30th day of July, 2020
 Phil Kesler
 Secretary, Board of Education
 Byron Community Unit School District No. 226
 Ogle County, Illinois
 No. 0805 (Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, Ogle County, Illinois, has adopted a Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance which is open for inspection, at any time during the regular hours of

museum operation, at the Byron Museum operated by the District at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois, and that a Public Hearing on said Ordinance will be held at the Museum at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
 4815-2063-2259, V. 1
 BYRON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT
 BYRON, ILLINOIS
 No. 0806 (Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Due to Covid-19 the Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled as follows:
 To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Rockvale in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the hour of 7:30 PM at Rockvale Townhall, 6057 IL Route 2 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town: and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Supervisors Report. Karen Wolber, Town Clerk.
 No. 0807 (Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SEEKING CROP MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

The Byron Forest Preserve District is seeking Crop Management Proposals for the District's agricultural grounds for the 2021 and 2022 growing seasons. To be eligible, the farmer must be a resident of Byron or taxpayer to the Byron Forest Preserve District. The Crop Management Proposal is on a Price per Acre basis. Proposal form with rules and guidelines is available for pickup at the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 North River Road, Byron, Illinois. Deadline for submission is by 9 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Jarrett Prairie Center with sealed submissions opened immediately after 9 a.m. Any questions, please call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815.234.8535 ext 219.
 No. 0808 (Aug. 10, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday,

September 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of a rezoning request filed by Congregational Christian Church of Stillman Valley and Benjamin and Kristine Youman, for a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property commonly known as "235 Roosevelt Road". Further, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hear the request for special use permit filed by Congregational Christian Church and Benjamin and Kristine Youman to use the property commonly known as "235 Roosevelt Road" as a law office.

That the said requests are as follows:
 1) Owner/applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1, Single Family to classification R-2, Two Family, said property is legally described as: ADDRESS: 235 W Roosevelt Street, Stillman Valley LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 7 in block 19 JOSHUA WHITE'S FOURTH ADDITION in the Village of Stillman Valley, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book A of Plats, page 239, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois PARCEL NUMBER: 10-02-429-007
 2) Owner/applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit to act as an



Pines Road Resale Shop is Going Out of Business
 629 W. Pines Road Oregon
Sat. and Sun. 10:00 to 4:00
1000's of items at 50% off!
Call for info. 815-980-8642

Super Church Garage Sale
 Oregon Church of God
 860 W. Oregon Trail Rd., Oregon
Thurs., Aug. 20th, 8:00-5:00
Fri. 8:00-5:00
Sat. Aug. 22nd, 8:00-12:00
 Something for everyone... Priced to go to your house!

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE
8/13 Noon-7
8/14 8-5
 8031 N Arlene Dr., Stillman Valley
 Exercise and sports equipment, tools, bikes, signs, pet items, antique desks, jewelry, home decor, brand name men's clothes/jeans (32-40), women's and kid's clothes, too much to list!

Large garage sale
 2759 N. Deer Path Circle
 Oregon (Indian Heights subdv)
August 13th 3:00pm - 8:00pm
August 14th 8:00am - 5:00 pm
August 15th 8:00am - noon
 Name brand clothing Small to XL
 Mens hunting wear, Women's plus size clothing, Home & holiday décor, vinyl albums, Dog kennel/run, Furniture, Softball attire and equipment, Craft Supplies & much more!



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Attorney's Office
 ADDRESS: 235 W
 Roosevelt Street, Stillman
 Valley
 LEGALLY DESCRIBED
 AS:
 Lot 7 in block 19 JOSHUA
 WHITE'S FOURTH
 ADDITION in the Village
 of Stillman Valley,
 according to the Plat
 thereof recorded in Book

A of Plats, page 239, in
 the Recorder's Office in
 Ogle County, Illinois
 PARCEL NUMBER: 10-
 02-429-007
 Dated this 5th day of
 August, 2020
 Submitted by Yvonne
 Dewey, Village Clerk
 Village of Stillman Valley
 No. 0809 (Aug. 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given
 by the Forrestville Valley
 School District #221, in
 the Counties of
 Ogle and Stephenson,
 State of Illinois, that the
 tentative budget for the
 2020 - 2021
 school year will be on
 file and conveniently
 available for public

inspection
 by contacting the
 Forrestville Valley District
 Office at (815) 938-2036
 from 8:00
 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each
 weekday the office is
 open from August 7, 2020
 until
 September 15, 2020.
 Notice is further hereby
 given that a public hearing
 on said
 budget will be held at 6:30
 p.m. on September 16,
 2020 at Forreston Junior/
 Senior High
 School.
 No. 0810 (Aug. 10)

ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY)
 OF OGLE)
 Public Notice is hereby
 given to all persons in
 Ogle County that a Public
 Hearing will be held
 August 27, 2020 at 6:00
 P.M. in the County Board
 Room, 3rd floor of the
 Ogle County Courthouse,
 Oregon, Illinois, to
 consider the request filed
 July 21, 2020 of Harry
 Adams, Ogle County
 Planning & Zoning
 Administrator, under the
 direction of the Planning
 & Zoning
 Committee of the Ogle
 County Board for an
 Amendment to the text
 of the Ogle County
 Amendatory Zoning
 Ordinance, as follows:

1. Division 2, Section 16-2-2: Rules and Definitions
2. Division 5, Section 16-5-7: B-1 Business District
3. Division 5, Section 16-5-8: B-2 Business Recreation District
4. Division 5, Section 16-5-9: B-3 Restricted Interstate Highway Area Business District
5. Division 5, Section 16-5-10: I-1 Industrial District
6. Division 6, Section 16-6-5: Reserve (Flag) Lots
7. Division 6, Section 16-6-6: Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses
8. Division 6, Section 16-6-16: Home Occupations
9. Division 8, Section 16-8-11: Interstate

Freestanding Signs (new)
 All persons in attendance
 at the hearing shall have
 an opportunity to be
 heard. Any person who
 also wishes to appear as
 an interested party with
 the right to cross-examine
 others at the
 hearing must complete
 and file an appearance
 form with the Ogle
 County Planning &
 Zoning Department
 no later than five (5)
 business days before
 the date of the hearing.
 The application for this
 special use is on file with
 detailed description and
 available for examination
 at the Planning & Zoning

**103
 AUCTIONS**

**Upcoming Land Auctions
 Wednesday September 16th, 2020**

10:00 AM

LEE County, 155 +/- Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Brooklyn Rd., South of IL Rt#38 and Thorpe Rd. South of Perry Rd.

Auction Location: This auction will be held at Bearrows Auction Center, at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

Parcel 1 Description: (Brooklyn Rd) This is an approx. 75 Acre parcel with frontage on Brooklyn Road, and is a highly productive parcel. Primary soil types include Elburn & Drummer. The PI for this parcel is approx. 143 and has no buildings included.

Parcel 2 Description: (Thorpe Rd.) This is an approx. 80 acre parcel with frontage on Thorpe Road, and is also highly production, without buildings. Soils include Normandy & Fella with a PI# 127.5 - This too is a highly productive parcel.

Henert Trust & Brian Henert – Owners

Thursday September 17th, 2020

10:00 AM

Ogle County, 40 Acres with Cattle Facility & Home

Land Location: , 7842 S Daysville Rd., Oregon IL

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.

Auction Location: This auction will be held on site at 7842 S Daysville Rd., Oregon IL. Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs off Flagg Blacktop & Daysville Rd.

Parcel 1 Description: This 40 acres (28.16 Tillable) with a cattle set up for approx. 1800 head of cattle has many features including a very nice 2 story home with 5 bedrooms, full basement, and updated with many updates including a new steel lifetime roof, and heated with an electric boiler hot water heat. Most all buildings have had roof updates in the last 3 years. An Artesian well provides the water source to all cattle buildings and home. Outbuildings include a 65x532 Hoop barn feed lot with Scrape alley, 72x156 Hoop barn with concrete floor; 72x154 Hoop barn with Scrape alley; Two of the buildings built in 2013 & 2014 with the third being built in 2010. All buildings have fence line bunks, automatic waterers, lights, fans etc.,. The facility also has a Concrete manure storage area at the end of largest building. 40x60 holding pen building; 54x117 machine shed with grain liner. 60x90 Machine shed with 45x60 heated shop, overhead door from shop into machine shed, slider doors from machine shed to outside. 2-Grain bins with drying floors totaling approx. 12000 Bu. - Owner currently contract feeds cattle, and could arrange for the new owner to continue with same contract if so desired and agreeable with current investor group.

Rogers Feedlot Inc. – Owners

Saturday September 19th, 2020

10:00 AM

Ogle County Farm Land – 147 Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Meridian Rd. South of IL Rt#38

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.

Auction Location: This auction will be held off site at Bearrows Auction Center, at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

Parcel 1 Description: This is an approx. 78 Acre parcel which will have a 30ft strip (owned, not an easement) across the North portion of parcel 2, thus having access off Meridian Road. Primary Soil types are 198 Drummer, 488A, 440A and 125 Selma The PI for this parcel is approx. 137.5 and is a very highly productive farm.

Parcel 2 Description: This is an approx. 69 Acre +/- parcel with frontage on Meridian Road. Soil types include 198A, 152 A and 199A. The PI# for this tract is approx. 137.5 and also is a very highly productive farm.

Reinke Trust—Owners

For full terms or information on these and other auctions we have coming up, You can visit our web site at www.bearrows.com or you may contact the Auction Company at 815-562-5113 or e-mail inquiries to bearrows@rochelle.net - Are you thinking of selling land, if so, give us a call today, you will be glad you did !! Providing 45 Years of experience.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 ZONING BOARD OF
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**103
 AUCTIONS**

**FARMLAND AUCTION
 Wed., September 2nd, 2020**

at 10:30 A.M.

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

**160 Acres +/- TWO PARCELS:
 Section 19 of Lincoln Township in Ogle, IL**

For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info, and
 terms & conditions, etc. visit
www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com

For Information Contact:
Lenny Bryson – Auctioneer
 11749 West Judson Road
 Polo, IL 61064
 Ph) 815-946-4120
Owner, Max L. & Betty J. Pope Trusts
Attorney, Gary Gehlbach

**103
 AUCTIONS**

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 AUCTIONS**

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
 Hack's Engelhardt Antique Collection #3
 BIDDING OPENS: Tues., Aug. 11th – 8 A.M.**

Third in a Series of Excellent Auctions for the Engelhardts! Advertising & Barber Shop; Signs & Posters; Winchester & Regulator Clocks; A. Lincoln Bronze Statue; Lighting; Country Store; Cupboards; Primitives; Stoneware; Furniture; Cigar Store; Historical Art & Pictures; Primitives; Roller Organ; Coin-Op; Mustache Cups; Hunting & Wildlife; Michigan 1911-'14 License Plates; Western Collection-Saddles-Artwork; **Many Interesting Antiques & Collectibles!**

PREVIEW: Mon., Aug. 10 – 3 to 7 P.M.

Hack's Auction Antique Center

410 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL

BIDDING OPENS: Tues., Aug. 11 @ 8 A.M.

BIDDING CLOSES: Sun., Aug. 16 @ 7 P.M.

ITEM PICK-UP: Tues., Aug. 18 – 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Hack's Auction Antique Center

410 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL

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Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 17th day of July, 2020 #005-20 TEXT No. 0813 (Aug. 10)

consider the request filed July 21, 2020 of Harry Adams, Ogle County Planning & Zoning Administrator, under the direction of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board for an Amendment to the text of the Ogle County Subdivision Regulations, as follows:

- 1. Section 14-4-6: Sewerage Facilities: Individual (Private) Sewage Disposal Systems
- All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination

at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 17th day of July, 2020 #006-20 TEXT No. 0812 (Aug. 10)

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1. Division 2, Section 16-2-2: Rules and Definitions
2. Division 5, Section 16-5-1: AG-1 Agricultural District
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High-protein distillers dried grains with solubles provide high quality pig nutrition

URBANA – With more ethanol in production and a greater ability to upcycle co-products into animal feed ingredients, companies are creating custom products and partnering with University of Illinois researchers to test for quality and digestibility.

In a recent study published in the *Journal of Animal Science*, Illinois researchers show a new high-protein distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) product from Marquis Energy has greater energy and protein digestibility than conventional DDGS.

“We’ve never seen a corn co-product with such a high energy concentration or amino acid digestibility,” says Hans H. Stein, professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at Illinois and co-author on the study. “It’s clearly a high-value product.”

The product, branded ProCap DDGS, contains 48% crude protein, far higher than conventional de-oiled DDGS, which the research team evaluated at 31% in a nutrient analysis of each ingredient. ProCap DDGS also provided approximately 1,200 kcal per kilogram of metabolizable energy more than conventional DDGS, according to the analysis.

The study consisted of three experiments. In the first, the researchers evaluated the apparent and standardized ileal digestibility of crude protein and amino acids in three diets: ProCap DDGS, conventional de-oiled DDGS (also from Marquis Energy), and a nitrogen-free diet used to determine endogenous losses of amino acids and crude protein. Vitamins and minerals were added to each diet to meet or exceed dietary requirements. The researchers fed each diet to nine growing pigs for six days at three times the maintenance energy requirement.



Hans Stein

On the fifth and sixth days, researchers collected ileal digesta and analyzed dry matter, crude protein, and amino acids. As suggested by their nutrient analysis of the raw products, the researchers found the ProCap DDGS contained more crude protein and amino acids than de-oiled DDGS, and the standardized ileal digestibility of nearly all amino acids was greater in ProCap DDGS.

The second experiment focused on energy digestibility. In this case, the researchers evaluated three diets: corn, corn + ProCap DDGS, and corn + de-oiled DDGS. Again, all diets were supplemented with vitamins and minerals as needed. The team fed each diet to 24 growing barrows for 13 days at 3.2 times the maintenance energy requirement. Researchers calculated digestible energy and metabolizable energy values for all diets by collecting feces and urine over a four-day period during the experiment.

“If you look at the energy, which is of very high value for producers, and you compare with corn, we had much greater energy concentration in the ProCap DDGS, whereas conventional DDGS was lower than corn,” Stein says.

The third experiment evaluated phosphorous digestibility. Researchers fed 32 barrows ProCap DDGS and de-oiled DDGS with or without microbial phytase. The pigs consumed these diets, along with supplemental vitamins and minerals (except phosphorus and calcium), for 13 days. Researchers collected feces from day six to day 12, and found that phytase + ProCap DDGS increased the digestibility of phosphorus. However, without phytase, phosphorus digestibility of ProCap DDGS was lower than de-oiled DDGS.

The three experiments confirm ProCap DDGS has greater amino acid digestibility and contains more metabolizable energy than de-oiled DDGS, but has reduced phosphorus digestibility.

“The ethanol industry is clearly moving toward trying to separate the different streams that come out after fermentation so they can identify high-value, high-quality products. I think we’ll see even more innovation and new feed ingredients in the future thanks to more advanced technologies in ethanol plants,” Stein says.

The article, “A new source of high-protein distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) has greater digestibility of amino acids and energy, but less digestibility of phosphorus, than de-oiled DDGS when fed to growing pigs,” is published in the *Journal of Animal Science* [DOI: 10.1093/jas/skaa200]. Authors include Minoy Cristobal, Jessica Acosta, Su A Lee, and Hans H. Stein. The research was supported by Marquis Energy. The Department of Animal Sciences is in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois.



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What to do when your lawn is rusty

URBANA – The first hint of lawn rust often comes from the bottom of your shoes, says Chris Enroth, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. Homeowners may notice some slight discoloration of the lawn, but nothing too alarming until they slip off their shoes and notice a reddish-orange color.



Lawn rust will not harm humans and is more of a nuisance than anything else. The fungal spores are easily detached and will cover just about anything that walks or moves over the lawn, including shoes, pets, and mowers.

“That’s when homeowners call the Extension office asking about the strange substance on their shoes after walking through their lawn,” Enroth says. Many conversations follow this pattern:

“What is it?”

The orange-red tint is fungal spores from a group of related fungi that cause lawn disease rust. Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are almost exclusively affected. Rust is more often found on lawns with a taller mowing height, yet, it is mostly cosmetic.

Rust favors dry soils and high humidity conditions, including long evening dew periods.

“Lawn rust typically develops later in the summer and in early fall when cool-season lawns are growing very slowly,” Enroth explains.

“Is it safe to walk on it?”

“Yes, it is safe to walk on a lawn with rust,” Enroth says. Rust will not harm humans and is more of a nuisance than anything else. The fungal spores are easily detached and will cover just about anything that walks or moves over the lawn, including shoes,

pets, and mowers.

“How do I get rid of it?”

There are a few ways to reduce or eliminate rust. “The easiest solution is to just wait until cooler weather,” Enroth says. “Once growing conditions become more favorable to cool-season lawn growth, we’ll simply mow off the rust and it will no longer be an issue.”

Homeowners may also encourage lawn growth using fertilizers. Apply 1 pound

of nitrogen fertilizer per 1,000 square feet. Rust is common on slow-growing grasses. Nitrogen will stimulate your lawn to grow and surpass rust’s slow disease cycle.

“Applying nitrogen in the late summer to early fall is a good practice and is a recommended part of your cool-season lawn routine,” Enroth says.

“How can I prevent lawn rust?”

Avoid irrigating during the evening. Evening watering prolongs the dew period, favoring rust development. Hollow core aerate when lawns are actively growing in the spring or fall. Rust can be more common in compacted soils, so aerating will relieve soil compaction.

There are species of

turfgrass that are resistant to rust. Killing off a lawn and reseeding it in rust-resistant turf-type tall fescue is one way to prevent future rust. Tall fescue is a popular pasture grass and, recently, the turf industry has started breeding this species to match common lawn grasses. To keep Kentucky bluegrass lawns rust free, overseed it with new varieties of Kentucky bluegrass that are more resistant to rust.

Because lawn rust is mainly cosmetic, fungicides are only necessary if a homeowner demands a high-quality lawn. “There’s no reason to spray another pesticide in the environment if we really don’t have to,” Enroth says.

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USDA offers annual installment deferral option for farm storage facility loan borrowers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – To assist Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) borrowers experiencing financial hardship from the pandemic and other challenges in production agriculture, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is offering a one-time annual installment payment deferral option. No fees or prepayment penalties apply for borrowers who choose this FSFL loan flexibility option.

"Farmers are facing challenging times because of the pandemic, and FSA is constantly looking for ways to offer flexibilities to our customers to help alleviate financial stressors," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "This storage facility loan servicing option affords eligible borrowers more time to make a payment and may stop loan acceleration, foreclosure or liquidation."

Eligible borrowers can request a one-time only annual installment payment deferral for loans having terms of three, five, seven or ten years. The installment deferral option is not available for 12-year term loans.

The FSFL installment payments will remain the same, except for the last year. The original loan interest rate and annual payment due date will remain the same. However, because the installment payment deferral is a one-year loan term extension, the final payment will be higher due to additional accrued interest.

Borrowers interested in exercising the one-time annual installment deferral option should contact FSA to make the request and to obtain, complete and sign required forms.

FSFLs provide low-interest financing for producers to store, handle and transport eligible commodities.

More Information

In addition to offering flexibilities for FSFLs, FSA has also made other flexibilities to help producers impacted by the pandemic, including relaxing the loan-making process for farm operating and ownership loans and implementing the Disaster Set-Aside provision that enables an upcoming



installment on a direct loan to be set aside for the year. More information on these flexibilities can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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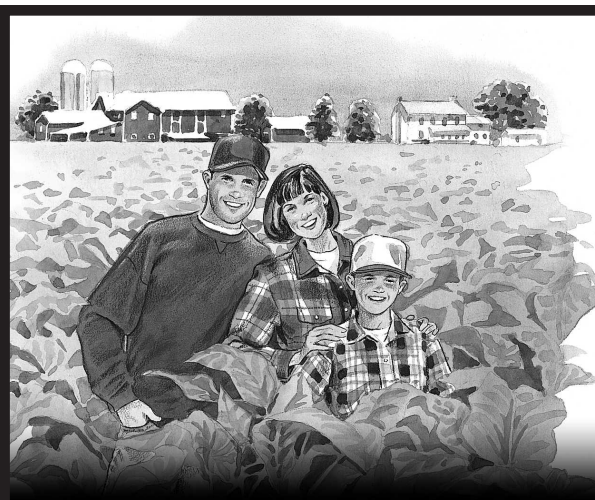
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FARMERS and ranchers feed our state, our nation, and in fact, our world. You work long hours to provide essential resources for us all, and in these challenging times, I want you to know that USDA is here to support you and your operation through our Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP. Whether you farm one acre or many more, grow food for local markets or big supply chains, CFAP can help. We're accepting applications through August 28, 2020 and encouraging producers to apply now.

In Illinois, we have already approved 34,202 applications and disbursed \$315,775,560.00 as of July 27, 2020. I know many of you have applied for CFAP already, but the numbers indicate that some who are eligible have not. If you're still unsure about CFAP and your operation, I encourage you to take five minutes today to visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364 to learn about eligibility and options to apply. Whether you've worked with FSA for years or this will be a first, we're here to help you every step of the way.

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You can access the full list of eligible non-specialty, specialty, livestock, dairy, and wool commodities by visiting farmers.gov/cfap.

We know you're busy, so we've outlined options to apply at the top of farmers.gov/cfap. We offer a CFAP Application Portal where those of you with eAuthentication accounts can submit your application online. Don't have an eAuthentication account? You can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in. We also offer a manual application option, and a CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator that allows you to input information specific to your operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form.

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Farmers and ranchers continue to be the backbone of our nation. I know Illinois' agricultural producers are facing unprecedented challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, and I want to make sure we at USDA are doing all we can to provide critical support. We thank our farmers and ranchers, and we encourage you to apply for CFAP today.

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<p>TRACK TRACTORS</p> <p>2013 Case-IH 450 RowTrac, 4,330 hrs. 2013 Case-IH 450 RowTrac, 4,742 hrs.</p> <p>MFWD TRACTORS</p> <p>2015 Case-IH 140 Maxxum MFWD, 2,043 hrs. 2013 Case-IH 140 Maxxum MFWD, 2,345 hrs.</p> <p>COMBINES</p> <p>2014 Case-IH 9230 combine, 1,517 sep. hrs., 2,103 engine hrs. 2013 Case-IH 9230 combine, 1,609 sep. hrs., 2,201 engine hrs.</p> <p>HEADS</p> <p>2014 MacDon FD75D flex draper head 2014 MacDon FD75D flex draper head 2013 Geringhoff NorthStar Elite XL folding corn head 2013 Geringhoff NorthStar Elite XL folding corn head 2008 Case-IH 2020 flex head</p> <p>TILLAGE EQUIPMENT</p> <p>(2) 2015 Case-IH 875 disc ripper 2011 Krause TL 6200 soil finisher IHC 496 disc Case-IH 183 row crop cultivator Yetter 3541 rotary hoe Yetter 3530 rotary hoe 2012 Peterbilt 388, 717,895 miles 2011 Peterbilt 365, 458,277 miles 2007 Peterbilt 386, 1,110,851 miles, 51,000 miles on complete overhaul</p>	<p>2015 Chevrolet 2500 HD, 68,981 miles</p> <p>FLATBED TRAILERS</p> <p>2010 Aluma tandem axle bumper hitch deck over aluminum trailer 2009 Aluma single axle bumper hitch trailer 2008 Fontaine flatbed trailer, 2007 Fontaine flatbed semi-trailer(2) 2006 Transcraft flatbed semi-trailer, 48'x102" 2006 Teske single axle bumper hitch trailer 2004 PJ flatbed trailer</p> <p>HOPPER BOTTOM TRAILERS</p> <p>2012 Wilson Pacesetter DWH-500 hopper bottom trailer 2012 Wilson Pacesetter DWH-500 hopper bottom trailer 2012 Wilson Pacesetter DWH-500 hopper bottom trailer (3) 2007 Wilson Pacesetter DWH-500 hopper bottom trailer 2003 Wilson Pacesetter DWH-500 hopper bottom trailer</p> <p>END DUMP TRAILERS</p> <p>2016 Cobra end dump semi-trailer, aluminum 1988 East end dump semi-trailer</p> <p>HEADER TRAILERS</p> <p>(2) Unverferth AWS42 header trailer, 42' Unverferth AWS36 header trailer, 35' (2) Unverferth HT30 header trailer, 30'</p>	<p>GRAIN CARTS</p> <p>2010 Kinze 1050 Harvest Commander grain cart 2009 Kinze 1050 Harvest Commander grain cart</p> <p>APPLICATOR</p> <p>Fast 8118 liquid fertilizer applicator</p> <p>SEED TENDERS</p> <p>2012 Unverferth 3750 Seedrunner seed tender 2010 Unverferth 3750 Seedrunner seed tender</p> <p>ROTARY MOWERS</p> <p>(2) 2012 Woods BW1800 rotary mower, 18' 2012 Woods BW1800 rotary mower</p> <p>SKID STEER LOADER ATTACHMENTS</p> <p>Toro trencher 2013 FFCLAF68740022" auto landscape rake, 74" 2010 Worksite Pro BA84 power broom, 84" Toro hyd. concrete breaker Blade Post hole auger Frontier pallet forks</p> <p>OTHER FARM EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Gradall 534D1045 telehandler, 3,936 hrs. Sky Jack SJ7135 scissor lift, 2,098 hrs. Grouser AgPro 14 dozer blade</p>	<p>2007 Frontier RT1180 rototiller (2) Case-IH Pro 700 display grain cart (2) Case-IH 372 receiver</p> <p>RECREATIONAL ITEMS</p> <p>2013 John Deere 825i Gator, 1,444 hrs. 2013 John Deere 825i Gator, 11,104 miles, 2,115 hrs.</p>
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Few surprises in USDA cattle reports

URBANA—The U.S. cattle herd is known to cycle through periods of expansion and contraction roughly every 10 years. High feed prices from 2007 through 2013 contributed to one of those contraction phases with beef cow numbers reaching a low in 2014, according to Jason Franken, agricultural economist at Western Illinois University.

“Of course, low supplies translate into higher prices, motivating producers to expand,” Franken says. “Currently, there are over 7% more beef cows in the U.S. than during the low point in 2014. Last January showed signs that the expansion of the beef herd was leveling off, and recent reports suggest that appears to remain the case.”

The USDA’s Cattle Inventory report pegs the total number of cattle and calves on July 1 at 103 million head, just slightly above last July’s inventory of 102.9 million head, and in line with pre-report expectations, Franken notes. All cows and heifers that have calved total 41.4 million head, just 0.5% below last July. That trend is driven by 1% fewer beef cows at 32.1 million head, as milk cows at 9.35 million head are about 0.5% higher than last July.



Beef replacement heifers, at 4.40 million head, and milk replacement heifers, at 4.10 million head, remain essentially unchanged from last year, while the category of other heifers weighing over 500 pounds is up 1% compared to expectations of 3.2%.

“This suggests producers are not really expanding their herds but also may not be cutting back as much as anticipated,” Franken says.

For the same weight category, steers are 2% higher and bulls are even with last July. The number of calves under

500 pounds, at 28 million head, is down slightly.

“With somewhat fewer cows and heifers calved, the USDA has revised downward its January estimate of the 2020 calf crop to 35.8 million head, so it is now 1% below the 2019 level, which is consistent with pre-report expectations. This may help hold down the number of animals on feed and beef production for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021,” Franken states.

The USDA’s July Cattle on Feed report indicates 11.4 million head on feed or just 0.4%

less than July 2019, consistent with expectations that it would be on par. In June, feedlots placed 2% more cattle than a year ago and marketed 1% more animals. Each of those numbers was within the expected ranges but somewhat lower than the ranges’ midpoints.

The slightly lower number of cattle on feed reflects 1.5% fewer heifers and 0.3% more steers than a year ago, Franken explains.

“Even so, heifers still comprise over 38% of the cattle currently in feedlots, as compared to only 31% to 33% during

much of the last expansion. This is additional evidence that the breeding herd is leveling off or at least not expanding,” he says.

Given the inventory and cattle-on-feed numbers, beef production is anticipated to be no more than 1% higher in 2020 than last year and then drop 2% next year, Franken notes. In terms of domestic demand, per capita beef consumption is expected to remain at about 58 pounds per person in 2020 and drop to 56 pounds per person in 2021.

“Meanwhile, given limitations due to packer

closures, exports have taken a hit this year at 2.5% lower, but are expected to rebound 6% in 2021. U.S. trade agreements with China, Mexico and Canada over the last year should help to bolster exports, provided containment of the coronavirus limits packer closures and adverse effects on economic growth,” Franken explains.

“All things considered, prices for the next four quarters are likely to follow similar seasonal patterns as in prior years, albeit at lower levels,” he adds.

Slaughter steer prices are forecast to average, respectively, about \$99/cwt and \$110/cwt for the last two quarters of 2020, and \$114/cwt and \$101/cwt for the first two quarters of 2021. For 600-to-700-pound feeder steers, prices are forecast to average about \$146/cwt and \$148/cwt for the last two quarters of this year and \$141/cwt and \$137/cwt in the first two quarters of next year.

“Again, the major factors that could result in notably lower prices are uncertainties surrounding trade and the coronavirus. If the virus continues to have negative effects on economic growth, it could depress both domestic and export beef demand, putting further downward pressure on prices,” Franken

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Farm Progress launches virtual show

The Farm Progress Virtual Experience will merge the best of the top two farm shows in the country to bring a unique experience directly to farmers

ST. CHARLES – Two major farm shows are off the calendar for 2020, to fill this gap Farm Progress is launching the first ever Farm Progress Virtual Experience, or FPVX. This information-packed event will be powered by Farm Progress Show and Husker Harvest Days and run three days, Sept. 15 to 17.

“The beauty of a virtual event is that we will open the virtual gates on Sept. 15 with a slate of field demos and rich content, but once live farmers can engage the content all year long,” says Don Tourte, senior vice president, Farm Progress. “With this event the farmer can virtually stroll through more than 500 exhibits in their own time, and each exhibitor will have valuable new information to share.”

The rich information available in the FPVX will allow farmers to engage a range of content. And searching the exhibitors will be easy because they’ll be sorted into the familiar categories farmers have long come to know through more than 65 years of taking part in Farm Progress events.

The event does kick off with something special, made richer in this virtual environment.

“We’re going to have what may be the most extensive field demonstration program we’ve ever conducted with corn harvest, tillage, hay and cattle equipment,” says Matt Jungmann, events manager, Farm Progress. “And we’ll include a first-look at a range of autonomous tools. And Max Armstrong will be on hand for the three-day online event as the host for this event too.”

From videos to easy-to-access brochures, to quick contact information to connect with exhibitors, farmers checking in at FPVX will find the event is almost as information-filled as being on site. While you can’t replace all the great parts of a successful live farm show, this new offering – free to anyone who attends – will provide the information you need to keep up on the newest tools and technology for agriculture.

More information will be available as the show date nears, and work is already underway to pull together a virtual farm show experience unlike any other. Adds Jungmann: “We’re not asking farmers to just sit by their computers, everything we’re producing will work on your smart phone and tablet, so in the heat of harvest when you’re spending long hours on auto-steering, you can see what we have to offer.”

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Revisiting corn use for ethanol

URBANA – Stronger export numbers and lower acreage boosted corn prices since the end of June. Concerns about demand weakness in ethanol production emerged recently. A recovery in economic activity helped ethanol plants ramp up production as gasoline demand increased. However, a resurgence in virus incidences threatens ethanol production over the short run and injects uncertainty into long-run prospects, according to University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs.

“Gasoline demand recovered to almost 89% of pre-coronavirus lockdown levels in early July,” Hubbs says. “Despite this positive development, the recovery in demand flattened out over the last few weeks. Gasoline stocks began to recede but still sit substantially above levels usually seen at this time of the year.

“Attempts to reopen the economy hit a snag as the virus spread rapidly around the country after initial hopes saw a rapid opening in many areas. At 8.648 million barrels per day, demand recovered substantially from the low point of 5.311 million barrels per day seen in early April. The path back to normal gasoline demand levels appears stalled. Ethanol production followed this recovery and will feel the implications of flattening gasoline use,” he adds.

Weekly ethanol production increased for the twelfth consecutive week according to the EIA ethanol production report for July 10. Since April 24, ethanol production increased by 394,000 barrels per day to reach 931,000 barrels. Current estimates place production capacity near 88% of normal. Ethanol stocks fell to 20.6 million barrels from the record high 27.7 million barrels on April 17.

“Ethanol production leveling off over the next couple of weeks, as gasoline demand plateaus, appears likely due to an uptick in coronavirus issues in states in the South and West. If production does slow, it places the current estimate for corn use in question. Expanded exports could help the situation,” Hubbs states.

“Ethanol exports saw a drawback as the world locked down. Through May, ethanol exports sit behind last year’s pace by 51 million gallons. If this pace continues through the end of August, ethanol exports will see a second consecutive year of declining totals from the peak of 1.632 billion gallons during the 2016-17 marketing year,” he adds.

Lower exports to Brazil, India, and the Philippines hurt the pace this year, Hubbs notes.

“Declining Brazilian exports seem inevitable and look to continue as they build expanded domestic capacity,” he says. “The current pace places ethanol exports near 1.5 billion gallons for the marketing year. A resurgence of Chinese buying, as seen with other agricultural products recently, holds some hope. Over the last five marketing years, China’s maximum U.S. ethanol purchases totaled 208 million gallons in the 2015-16 marketing year.”

USDA dropped corn use for ethanol in the July WASDE report by 50 million bushels for this marketing year, down to 4.95 billion bushels. The current estimate for corn use remains feasible, Hubbs states.

“Through July 10, if the corn conversion rate seen in recent months extends into July, corn used for ethanol sits near 4.14 billion bushels,” he says.

Over the remainder of the marketing year, the USDA estimate requires an additional 706 million bushels of corn use, Hubbs explains. At recent conversion rates, this estimate requires approximately 953,000 barrels per day of production for the remainder of the marketing year.

“The present estimate sits above recent production levels and hints at the possibility of slight further reductions in USDA’s corn use numbers,” he says. “The magnitude of an adjustment at current production rates indicates a 10-15 million bushel drop for the current marketing year. A significant issue is what a continued resurgence means for next marketing year corn use.”

Ethanol production for the next marketing year contains a massive amount of uncertainty due to the current economic outlook, Hubbs notes. At present, the USDA forecasts corn use for ethanol at 5.2 billion bushels in 2020-21.

“A forecast of this magnitude signals a drop of about 3% for the entire marketing year off of recent use levels unaffected by the economic shock,” he says. “The Energy Information Agency, in the July short term energy outlook, projects ethanol production at 5% lower than pre-coronavirus production levels over the next marketing year.”

After initial lower production levels on par with current totals, a gradual recovery brings production near 1 million barrels per day (up from 710 thousand barrels in 2020 and down from 1.05 million barrels in 2019) through the second quarter of 2021.

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Illinois Innovation Network announces seed funding recipients

Four projects chosen under Sustaining Illinois theme

URBANA – The Illinois Innovation Network on Monday awarded seed grants to teams that will use collaborative research to improve nutrition, turn trash into usable products, explore urban-rural connections, and enhance agricultural practices.

The funding is part of IIN’s Sustaining Illinois program, which is designed to increase collaborative research among the state’s public universities, focusing on the economy, health, and social well-being.

IIN is a group of 15 university-based hubs across the state working to boost Illinois’ economy through entrepreneurship, research and workforce development. The seed funding was provided by the University of Illinois System and Northern Illinois University.

“The Sustaining Illinois program was one way that public university leadership across the state felt we could advance one of the key goals of the IIN: collaborative research among our members,” U of I System Interim Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation Jay Walsh said. “There is important and interesting work being done at each institution within the Network, but to have even greater impact we looked for synergistic opportunities. My predecessor, Ed Seidel, launched this program before his departure, and I thank him for his visionary leadership.”

The proposals were required to include researchers from at least two IIN hubs and be completed within one year of receiving funding. Proposals were evaluated on their alignment with IIN principles, how well they address their stated areas of sustainability, the scope of their work and level of collaboration, and their potential for further work. The four now-funded projects are:

Squash hunger in Eastern Illinois through partners in produce: an initiative to improve food access and decrease food insecurity among low-income residents

Krystal Lynch, assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics, Eastern Illinois University; Melissa Maulding, dietetic internship coordinator and instructor, EIU; Jennifer McCaffrey, assistant dean of family and consumer services, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign & UI Extension.

This project seeks to expand the successful Partners in Produce project that was initiated by the SNAP -Ed program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in Illinois by U of I Extension. Elements of the expansion include developing and implementing a marketing plan, increasing the availability of fruits and vegetables, generating more financial donations, and facilitating connections to food pantries and other organizations.

socio-environmental assessment framework for sustained MSW conversion facilities: new paradigm shift for the state of Illinois

Mahdi Vaezi, assistant professor of engineering technology, Northern Illinois University; Krishna Reddy, professor of civil and environmental engineering, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Develop a comprehensive municipal solid-waste framework to optimally locate facilities to convert waste to value-added products, select the most efficient conversion technologies, assess environmental and social factors, and analyze the economic feasibility of the conversion plants.

Sustainable urban-regional modeling network (SURE Modeling)

John Murphy, research associate professor

of anthropology, Northern Illinois University; Moira Zellner, associate professor of urban planning and policy, University of Illinois at Chicago; Sybil Derrible, associate professor of sustainable infrastructure systems, UIC.

Establish a network of researchers to examine how large cities are connected to smaller urban areas in their regions. This will include modeling of coupled social and ecological systems to explore sustainable pathways for the greater Chicago region.

Modification of basil flavor via adjustment of light environment

Kevin Martin, associate professor of engineering technology, Northern Illinois University; Keith Cadwallader, professor of food chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Explore how agricultural production practices, including vertical farming, influence product quality, and how such practices can be optimized to enhance consumer acceptability. This study will address current limitations and investigate the use of light quality to enhance



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USDA stands up new team to better serve beginning farmers and ranchers in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is standing up a new team that will lead a department-wide effort focused on serving beginning farmers and ranchers.

To institutionalize support for beginning farmers and ranchers and to build upon prior agency work, the 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to create a national coordinator position in the agency and state-level coordinators for four of its agencies—Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Rural Development (RD).

Crystal Zwilling was selected as the USDA Beginning Farmer Rancher state coordinator in Illinois. For the past 10 years Crystal has worked at FSA, assisting Illinois farmers and ranchers as a Program Technician, a Farm Loan Officer and now as a Farm Loan Specialist in the Illinois FSA state office. Crystal looks forward to this great opportunity of assisting farmers

and ranchers in her new position as the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher state coordinator.

Each state coordinator will receive training and develop tailored beginning farmer outreach plans for their state. Coordinators will help field employees better reach and serve beginning farmers and ranchers and will also be available to assist beginning farmers who need help navigating the variety of resources USDA has to offer.

Twenty-seven percent of farmers were categorized as new and beginning producers, with 10 years or less of experience in agriculture, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. USDA offers a variety of farm loan, risk management, disaster assistance, and conservation programs to support farmers, including beginning farmers and ranchers. Additionally, a number of these programs have provisions specifically for beginning farmers, including targeted funding for loans and conservation programs as well as waivers and exemptions.



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Consistent watering needed during hot-weather gardening

URBANA – Every day matters when extremely high temperatures beat down on flowers, vegetables, and lawns. University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Richard Hentschel reminds gardeners that consistent and faithful watering is vital to maintaining the health of summer plants.

Tips for containers and planters

Container soils are designed to drain well so containers and planters need to be checked daily. Large plantings should be checked twice a day.

Never let plants wilt, as they come back at the expense of future flowers.

If overly dry, the container mix will shrink and pull away from the sides. Water the container a second time to ensure complete water absorption.

Deadhead regularly so energy goes to more flower production.

Tips for lawns

Water regularly to keep the lawn green and benefiting from any fertilization, or allow the lawn to go naturally dormant and reduce mowing.

Even when naturally dormant, a one-half inch of water every two weeks is needed to keep the grass plant crowns alive until fall.

Wait for the lawn to return to active growth before applying any weed control products.

Southern and western exposures will require more frequent watering. Consider more drought-tolerant grasses on these hotter, drier exposures.

Tips for newly planted trees, shrubs, and evergreens

New plantings will have a limited root system, limiting water availability.

When watering, be sure to water the root ball.

A 2- or 3-inch layer of mulch extending past the planting hole will conserve



Water gardens in the morning to allow time for leaves to dry before nightfall. Photo: University of Illinois Extension

moisture, moderate extremes in soil temperatures, and act as a weed barrier. Use proper mulching technique.

Trees, shrubs, and evergreens are woody and will not show drought conditions until it is too late, so monitor closely.

Do not fertilize the first season since this forces growth the root system cannot support.

If the trees, shrubs or evergreens have a watering berm, watering will be much quicker.

Tips for vegetables

Any vegetable that produces a fruit will need adequate water from the time the fruit set occurs through harvest.

Bulb crops, such as onions, will stop expanding without a constant, even supply of moisture.

Without consistent watering, tomatoes will have blossom end rot or the tomato skin will split.

Harvest early in the morning after the plants have been able to catch up overnight on water from a hot day.

Season-long vegetables also benefit from an organic mulch just like trees, shrubs, and evergreens.

To prevent or slow vegetable disease, water the soil, not the plant.

In general, watering should occur in the morning to allow time for leaves to dry before nightfall.

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Farm bureau backing two bills to help small meat and poultry plants

HERE we are steaming towards the end of summer. Except for the heat it really hasn't felt like summer. All the "shelter-in-place" took the fun out of the season. I guess I'll just call this the lost summer of Ron. Of course, you can put anyone's name in there and it would be appropriate.

For months now we continue to read about all of the effects this virus has had on everything from barbershops to farmers. One thing about it – it doesn't discriminate.

Early on when meat processors were shutting down because of the toll the virus took on its workforce livestock were backing up on farms with no place to go. The system wasn't broke, but it needed some repair. Today we are somewhat back to normal, but who knows what tomorrow, or the virus, will bring.

Because of this glitch in the food system farm bureau became involved in trying to find a fix. This didn't require a wrench set and hammer, it required negotiation and examination. And with that we finally have something moving that may bear fruition.

Farm bureau is backing two recently introduced bills that would help more small meat and poultry plants sell their products in other states and better meet

nationwide demand for beef, chicken and turkey.

Introduced on July 2, the Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP-UP) Act would establish a program to make facility



Ron Kern

upgrade and planning grants to existing meat and poultry processors to help them move to federal inspection, which will allow them to sell their products across state lines. The legislation would also require USDA to work with states and report on ways to improve the existing Cooperative Interstate

Shipment program.

As Congress looks at ways to make our food system more resilient for farmers and ranchers and for consumers, the American Farm Bureau Federation appreciates Chairman Peterson and Representatives Lucas and Fortenberry and others for introducing this bill to increase meat and poultry processing capacity. At the same time as this bill will help more processing facilities attain federal inspection status and ensure producers have a market for their poultry and livestock, it also ensures the safety and abundance of the food supply.

Also in the House, the Direct Interstate Retail Exemption for Certain Transactions (DIRECT) Act (H.R. 7425) would allow state inspected meat to be sold across state lines, but only

through e-commerce. The bill would allow small producers and processors an additional option to directly market to consumers.

Specifically, the bill would amend the retail exemption under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow processors, butchers or other retailers to sell normal retail quantities (300 pounds of beef, 100 pounds of pork, 27.5 pounds of lamb) of state inspected meat online to consumers across state lines.

The legislation would also maintain traceability of sales easily accessed in the event of a recall; allow retail sales to consumers, minimizing the risk for further processing in export and keeping equivalency agreements with trading partners intact; and allow states operating under the Cooperative Interstate Shipping system to ship and label as they are currently.

Small, state inspected processors have filled the void for many producers this year when larger plants shut down. The DIRECT Act would allow state inspected plants to sell their product direct to consumers across state lines. This presents a new opportunity for producers to reach consumers directly through online sales. Consumers wishing to directly order a steak from any State would be able to do just that.

The DIRECT Act was sponsored

by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Henry Cuellar (D-Texas).

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"And be a simple kind of man

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Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can"

"Forget your lust for the rich man's gold

All that you need is in your soul And you can do this, oh baby, if you try

All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied"

"And be a simple kind of man

Oh, be something you love and understand

Baby be a simple kind of man

Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can"

A warmer July with more rain and storms in Illinois

CHAMPAIGN — A warmer than normal summer season continued in July with temperatures nearly 2 degrees above average, according to Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford at the University of Illinois' Illinois State Water Survey. Precipitation was also above normal in July.

The preliminary statewide average July temperature was 77.2 degrees, 1.8 degrees above the 30-year normal. Preliminary statewide average total precipitation for July was 5.79 inches, 1.71 inches wetter than normal.

Elevated temperatures and abundant humidity were caused by persistent atmospheric flow from the Gulf of Mexico and actively transpiring crops. Overall, July temperatures ranged from the mid-70s in northern Illinois to

the mid-80s in southern Illinois, between 1 and 5 degrees above average.

The hot and humid conditions led to a very active month for severe weather. The NOAA Storm Prediction Center reported 10 tornado, 22 hail, and 154 wind reports in Illinois during July. Although areas of the state needed the rain that accompanied severe thunderstorms, several producers reported widespread crop damage from hail and strong winds.

Precipitation

July was wetter than normal for most of the state, and areas of central and southeast Illinois received 4 to 6 inches more than the average July rainfall. Heavy rain in these regions alleviated the acute dry conditions that continued from June



and the first half of July.

July total precipitation ranged from over 13 inches in central and eastern Illinois to less than 2 inches in the northeast. Single-day precipitation total records were broken at 88 stations across the

state. Five of those stations broke the July all-time daily precipitation records.

The Peoria airport station recorded 5.15 inches in just six hours on July 15, marking the highest six-hour rainfall

total on record in Peoria. Twenty-four-hour rainfall totals from this event exceeded 6 inches in parts of Tazewell and Woodford counties, resulting in widespread flash flooding in agricultural and residential areas.

Last month was also the wettest July on record at Casey in Clark County, Minonk in Woodford County, and Clay City in Clay County.

Outlooks

Although the heat is moderate at the beginning of August, short-term 8- to 14-day outlooks from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center suggest elevated odds of above normal temperatures in the second week of August. The state also has slightly elevated odds of wetter than normal conditions over the same time period.

Despite the short-term outlook, one-month outlooks indicate elevated odds of below normal temperatures for the month of August, with the strongest odds of near-normal precipitation.

Rescue plants from extreme heat

URBANA – All plants need water. When natural rainfall does not provide enough, plants suffer. University of Illinois Extension provides homeowners with ways to keep gardens healthy and thriving through periods of drought.

“When areas don’t receive rain for extended periods, the water content of the soil is so reduced, plant material can no longer extract sufficient water for normal life processes,” says Martha Smith, Illinois Extension horticulture educator. “Whereas large plants, such as trees, have extensive root systems capable of reaching deep water sources, perennials and annuals don’t and must use only water immediately available to them. While some plants are able to tolerate dry conditions, others die quickly.”

Wilting is the first visible sign of drought stress. Perennials and annuals are herbaceous ornamentals and do not have a woody structure to support them.

“It’s the water pressure within the stem that holds a herbaceous plant upright,” Smith says. “Water is pulled into the roots as it evaporates from the leaf’s surface, forming a water column.”

Water travels up the stem and evaporates through the foliage. If foliage evaporation exceeds the root’s ability to pull in water due to drought, the water column breaks and wilting results.

“Think of it as a tug-of-war between available soil water and evaporation through the foliage,” Smith says. “If additional water is supplied within a reasonable amount of time, most perennials and annuals will respond and continue normal growth. If drought conditions continue, plants wilt beyond their ability to recover.”

Perennials that suffer through one drought may not have enough stored food to help them through a second drought year, resulting in smaller or fewer flowers. If dry conditions and high temperatures continue over several seasons, these plants may be lost, Smith says.

Illinois Extension offers suggestions for growing plants during droughts.

Prepare soil. Add compost and aged manure products to tight clay and sandy soil prior to planting to give soil water something to adhere to. During drought, clay soils become hard and difficult to re-wet, causing water to run off before it can penetrate. Compost and aged manure improve absorption.

Add mulch. Adding a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch helps soil retain moisture.

Group plants according to their watering needs. Artemisia, Coreopsis, and Sedum species are all tol-

erant of dry, sunny locations. Astilbe species, Trollius species, and ferns require more moisture.

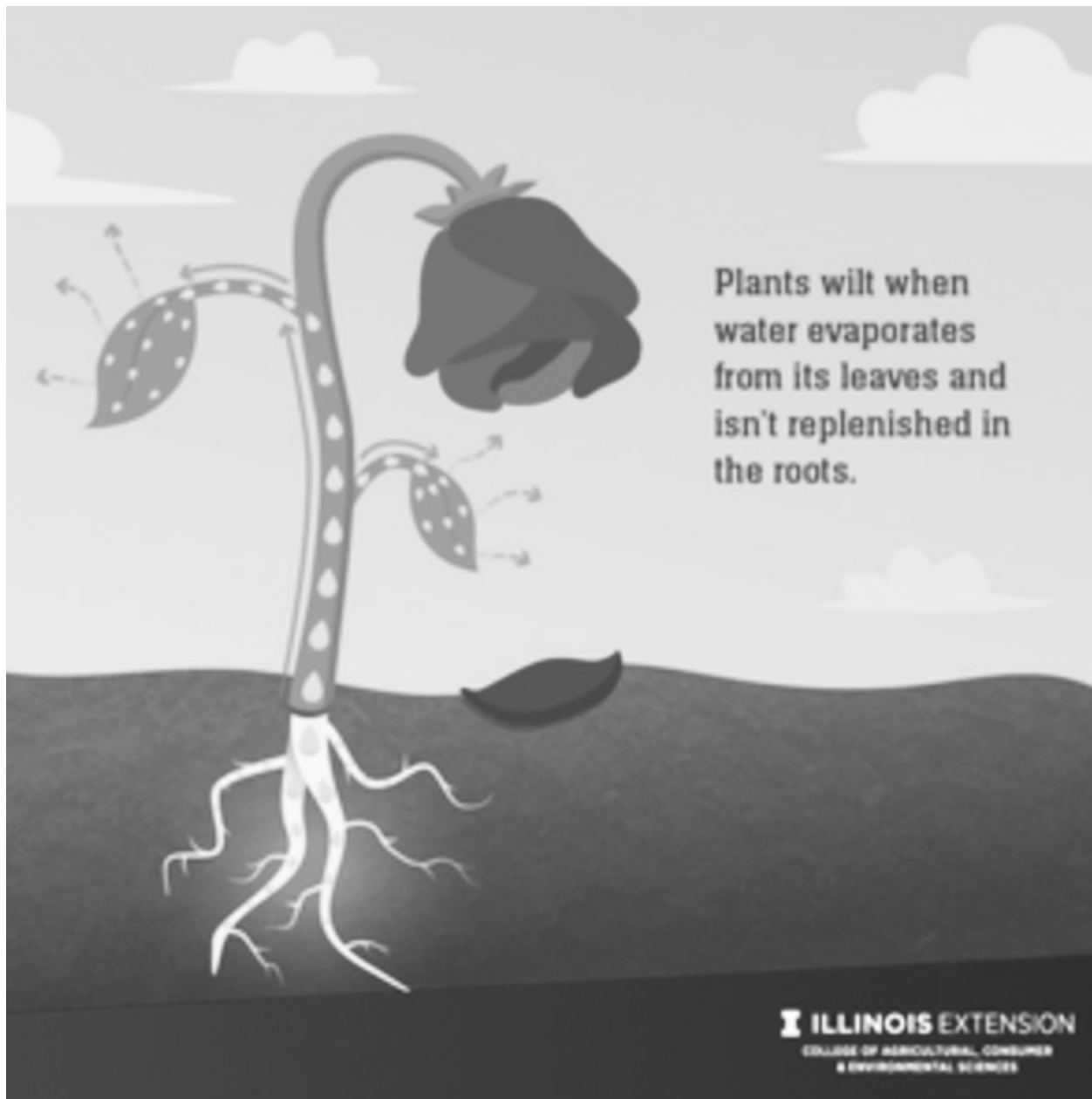
Consider planting time. Perennials planted in late spring or early summer may not have time to establish a sufficient root system needed for hot weather, so plant perennials in early spring or fall.

Remove moisture competitors. Weeds and turf also

need water to survive, so eliminating these will allow more moisture for ornamental plants.

Cut back on fertilizing. Adding nutrients promotes plant growth and increases a plant’s need for water.

Supply additional water. Herbaceous ornamentals benefit from 1 inch of water every seven to 10 days during the growing season.



Wilt is the first sign that plants need water. If water is supplied, most plants are able to rebound. Graphic: University of Illinois Extension.

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Research drone photos spot invasive species

SIMPSON—The forests of Southern Illinois have a new friend in the fight against invasive species.

The University of Illinois Extension Forestry program has taken to the skies to see if drones can be used to survey evidence of the invasive shrub amur bush honeysuckle.

“This is an exciting time for technological advances in natural resource conservation,” says Kevin Rohling, Illinois Extension forestry research technician. “Drone technology is a game changer. It has the potential to drastically increase our ability to quickly detect and assess issues in Illinois forests without allocating a lot of resources.”

Invasive insect, animal, plant and aquatic species threaten native populations, disrupt ecosystems, and cost the U.S. billions of dollars to manage. The most effective way to control invasive species is through a strategy of early detection and rapid response, says Nick Seaton who collaborated with the drone research in his role as project coordinator for the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area. But manual surveys to find plants are time consuming

and expensive, and invasives move fast.

The forestry team is determining if images captured by drones can quickly identify invasive infested areas. Extension foresters can then deliver advice and training to private landowners, managers, businesses, and non-profits on how to treat and efficiently control further spread.

The research project took place in Southern Illinois, a unique and biodiverse area. The region’s patchwork of protected state and federal natural areas is home to 107 state threatened and endangered species that are jeopardized by invasive species.

“Invasive plants do not recognize political boundaries,” Rohling says. “So private areas near the Shawnee National Forest managed with the aid of this technology will reduce seed sources that would otherwise contribute to the spread of bush honeysuckle.”

Starting in 2018, the team organized more than 40 flights during spring and fall when the forest canopy was clear of leaves, but when the greenery of bush honeysuckle was still

visible in the understory.

The forestry team collaborated with the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area on the research, and funding was provided by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry.

The forestry team identifies its target site and sets up automated flights to take high-resolution photos. The images are combined into a mosaic of the forest canopy that is loaded into the mapping program ESRI ArcGIS for analysis.

Early results show that the drone surveys provide access to remote areas while saving time and resources, but there are limitations. The foresters were able to identify mature plants, but small or fire-damaged plants escaped detection, Rohling says. Aerial surveys took less time than walking surveys, only two hours compared to more than 11; however, there is a narrow window of time to get photos.

“Timing is absolutely critical,” Rohling says. “We’re still working on improving that component.”

Early fall flights pho-



Illinois Extension Forestry Research Technician Kevin Rohling prepares to launch the drone for a test run as part of a research project using aerial photography to survey forests for invasive plant species.

tographed canopies still full of leaves, but invasive species had browned out in later flights. In the spring, early buds and leaves blocked the understory. And, the drones can only fly when the weather cooperates.

Looking ahead, the team expects they can use drones to survey for other invasive plant species, but the potential for maintaining forest health doesn’t

stop there. They plan to find blooming chestnut trees and propagate them in other areas for agroforestry purposes. A student is also using the aerial images to identify new habitats for rare plant species.

“We’re only now scratching the surface with drone technology,” Rohling says. “For example, future projects could include very targeted herbicide applications that would save money

as well as reduce environmental impacts.”

Resources about invasive species in Illinois, including the guidebook *Management of Invasive Plants and Pests of Illinois*, information about Illinois’ exotic weed act and species identification guides, are available on the Illinois Extension Forestry website at extension.illinois.edu/forestry/resources.



The four species of honeysuckle shrubs planted (Tartarian, Morrow’s, Belle and Amur) that cause the more frequently observed invasive problems will be referred to as bush honeysuckle. Bush honeysuckles grow to heights of 6-20 feet (1.8-6 meters). They are deciduous, with opposite, entire leaves, and often the older branches are hollow.

State-of-the-art extruder amps up companion animal research, education

URBANA – Unless you're a companion animal lover, a vegan foodie, or a science geek, the word "extrusion" might not hold much meaning. However, extrusion is an everyday term that describes a process crucial to the food and feed industries.

"Extrusion is a versatile process that can make large amounts of products by applying thermal and mechanical energy that then leads to chemical and physical changes of the original product," says Maria R. C. de Godoy, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences (ANSC) and Division of Nutritional Sciences. "Plus, extrusion provides a killing step through cooking that is critical to control foodborne pathogens and improve food safety."

For a long time, extrusion has been used to make a variety of food products, including texturized vegetable proteins, breakfast cereals, and pasta. Since the 1950s, extrusion has also been widely applied in the manufacturing of dry and semi-moist pet foods. The essential cooking step is vital for increasing nutrients and eliminating antinutritional factors. The process transform coproducts – that before would be wasted and discarded – into valuable resources in the feed and pet food industries, Godoy says.

Soon, experts will install a state-of-the-art extruder at the new Feed Technology Center at the University of Illinois. This will allow for an enhanced educational experience that will not only benefit College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) students, but the whole student body and future Illinois students. This high-tech piece of machinery more accurately represents the current pet food and animal feed industries, allowing students and professors to take teaching and research to the next level.

"The Feed Technology Center is a gamechanger for us," Godoy says. "It will allow us to develop a robust research, teaching, and outreach experience for our students and communities that otherwise we couldn't offer. The Illinois Companion Animal



Lauren Reilly; Feed Technology Center.

Nutrition (I-CAN) program is one of the nation's top programs. Completion of the center with extrusion capability is paramount to maintaining the excellence of our program.

"This also expands this area of my research and brings a new dimension to teaching and outreach activities."

The Feed Technology Center can collect real-time data that provides researchers with results rapidly, which Godoy says is crucial as the feed industry evolves. The hands-on experience will better prepare students for their careers.

For Lauren Reilly, third-year doctoral student studying proteins and extruded diets, a new extruder is exciting because it will allow her and future students to learn more about the process and its limitations, complementing their background in nutrition.

"I want to go into product development in the pet food industry, so having a more hands-on experience with extrusion would be very beneficial as not a lot of students have exposure to that," Reilly says.

The extruder could benefit students from colleges outside of ACES, Godoy says. Students in engineering or computer science, for example, could study data generated by the extruder. The data also will be a valuable tool in training new cohorts of students enrolled in the Computer Science (CS)+ANSC and

CS+CPSC (Crop Sciences) programs, and in advancing precision animal agriculture, a critical ACES area that aims to address local and global challenges related to food and agriculture, families and communities, and the environment.

Students from all colleges can learn more generally about food safety and manufacturing and about why researchers such as Godoy and Reilly do what they do.

"As we continue to evolve in this project, there will be a lot of opportunities for advancement of the field but also for general education of our students and community," Godoy says. "It is important to continue to share information about how food processing can be used to manufacture safe and nutritional diets for companion animals, aqua and livestock species, and to support their health, welfare, and optimize animal performance."

"The center and its extrusion capability will allow us to continue this dialogue with local and global communities and also to demonstrate how feeds and pet foods are made."

The Feed Technology Center is on time and on budget for completion in October, says Jonathon Mosley, Animal Sciences research specialist. He said on-site tours of the facility probably won't be until spring, but he envisions other sneak peeks at this leading-edge facility sooner.

ACES is seeking a Feed Technology Center manager experienced in research and education as well as in milling from a livestock perspective. The manager will oversee extrusion and other processes, and will lead the team responsible for Feed Technology Center daily operations.

Alltech donated the Wenger extruder, and other industry organizations supplied financial support.

To learn more about the \$20 million Feed Technology Center and join others in contributing to its development, please contact the ACES Office of Advancement at acesadvancement@illinois.edu or

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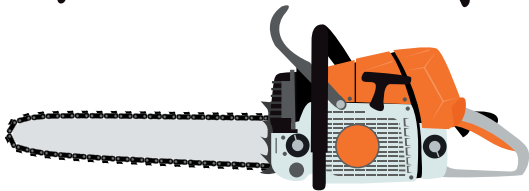
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