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County COVID cases up

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The head of the Ogle County Health Department told the County Board on Aug. 18 that regional hospital admissions due to COVID-19 are increasing.

Kyle Auman told the board at its regular meeting – held remotely – that as of now 18.2 percent of the county's residents have been tested for the virus.

He said the positivity rate is at 4.5 percent, which is up about 1 percent from last month.

Auman also told the board that the county now has 77 new cases of the virus for 100,000 people.

He said anything over 50 generally results in a warning status.

He said the Health Department is still working closely with area schools to make sure their guidance on COVID-19 is up

to date. He said there are already problems at some schools that have recently re-opened.

"We already have seen in those schools COVID activity," Auman said.

He said the state recently added two new metrics that it will track: Rapid case increase and youth infection rate. Of the second indicator, Auman said that is one his department wants, "to keep a close eye on as schools get back in

session."

The day of the meeting, the state of Illinois announced 1,740 confirmed new cases of the virus and 27 additional deaths.

The state was reporting a total of 209,594 cases, including 7,782 deaths in 102 Illinois counties.

In Ogle County, since the beginning of March, 8,726 people have tested negative and 451 positive.

Currently, one person is hospitalized with the virus.

Fun with straw

There was no StrawFest in Mount Morris this year thanks to COVID-19, but that doesn't mean there weren't straw sculptures. The U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition opened Aug. 7 on the Mt. Morris Campus. Sculptures were displayed with social distancing, and voting was online. The competition was sponsored by ComEd. For more photos, please see Page A2. (Brad Jennings photos)



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Second positive mosquito pool found in County

The Ogle County Health Department (OCHD) has confirmed a second positive mosquito pool for West Nile virus in Ogle County for 2020.

A pool of mosquitoes found in Polotested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) on Aug. 18. A previous pool near Rochelle had tested positive on July 21.

The Ogle County Health Department will continue surveillance and testing mosquito pools from across Ogle County, as well as conducting mosquito abate-

ment with methods such as larviciding to help control mosquito populations across Ogle County.

Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for

testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex mosquitoes, commonly called a house

mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even

death, can occur. People older than 50 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

REDUCE – make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including

water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

REPEL – when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside

ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

To learn more about West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases and prevention methods you can consult the Illinois Department of Public Health website or contact the IDPH WNV hotline at 866-369-9710, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

No Jamboree in Mount Morris this year

MOUNT MORRIS – It is with great sadness and regret that the decision has been made to cancel the entire Mt. Morris Jamboree free concert season for 2020.

We had hoped for enough improvement with the Covid-19 pandemic to safely allow the presentation of a few events by Summer's end, but we see that is not the case. We are rescheduling all of the bands we had set for this year to 2021, including Classic/Oldies Rock and Roll groups ShInDiG! on July 2nd and Chicago Tribute Anthology on Aug. 20.

The good news is that we have received another grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for \$3,000 that can be applied to next year. Many amazing local businesses and individuals have generously contributed

to our program this year as well.

Our sincere thanks is extended to the following: Spectrum Preferred Meats, George and Nancy Poe, Steve Duncan, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Frank and Di- Anne Swingle, Moundertown.com, Aken's Auto Body, Inc, Bill and Cindy Nicholson, Finch Funeral Home, Mike and Brenda Anderson, BerryView Orchard, John and Beth Chase, Jim and Mary Francis, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Gilmour Insurance Agency, Rob and Karen Urish, Paul Smith, R.E. Wolber and Sons, Trinity Lutheran Church, Rat Worx, Byron Snyders Pharmacy, Marv Miller & Ted Gesin General Contractors, Flow-Right Seamless Gutters, PEO Chapter CU, Ken Kaufman, and an anonymous donor.

We so appreciate our support-

ers who attend the concerts and donate as well. Also, big thanks to the volunteers who help make it all happen, including bucket passers and those who've helped set up and tear down the stage, all local vendors who join the party and all the charitable organizations serving delicious food and drinks at our shows. Continuing thanks to everyone asking about the shows and expressing their concerns, we're keenly aware of how much the concerts are missed in the community.

It is up to us all as individuals to help get our community back to a safer environment where we can have large gatherings again, so if we all diligently follow public health safety guidelines, we hope to be back with a great season in 2021.



Census

Haven't filled out your census yet? Census takers are hired from your area, and their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census. If they do not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does. They work between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., including weekends. If no one is home when they visit, they will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

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Korn
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Obituaries

Teresa L. Peet

OREGON – Teresa L. “Teri” Peet, age 64, passed away on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 in Swedish American Hospital, Rockford. Teri was born on Jan. 10, 1956 in Clintonville, Wis., the daughter of Joseph “Bud” and Dorothy (Hitzke) Daley. She graduated from Marion High School class of 1974, Marion, Wis.



When Teri was not working at Paul Smith Accounting, she was spending her time with her grandchildren. She was very much involved with her family and their events. Teri worked for Paul Smith for 19 years.

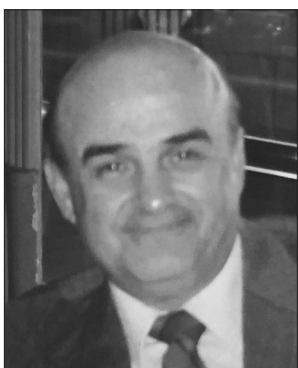
Teri is survived by her daughter: Kelly (PJ) Gabucci, Oregon; grandchildren: Gregory and Gabrielle Gabucci, Oregon; twin brother: Tom (Patty) Daley, Neenah, Wis.; sisters: Mary (Jim) Otto, Marion, Wis., and Diane Schultz, Marion, Wis.; niece: Shelly Grimm, Marion, Wis.

Teri is preceded in death by her parents. Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL. There will be a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Richard T. Warren

MOUNT MORRIS – Richard T. Warren, 84, longtime Oregon/Mt. Morris, resident, died suddenly Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. Born Sept. 29, 1935 in Superior, Wis., the son of John and Laura (Gorsuch) Warren.



Married Carolyn Lackey Jan. 7, 1959 in Carey, Ill.; she died July 7, 2004. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Navy serving in the Korean War. He owned and operated H&R Block in Oregon for many years. Richard enjoyed frequent-

ing casinos and the gambling boats while mastering the art of blackjack and also reading, music and dancing, and antiques. He was always

there for others when needed and always had a story. Also predeceased by his sons, Lance and Conrad, and great granddaughter, Amaris.

Survived by his grandchildren, Cassandra (Fritz) Guist of Janesville, Wis., and Travis Warren of Winnetka; and 5 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Celebration of Life for Richard will be held at a later date. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family.

Secure ballot box will be available at courthouse

OGLE COUNTY – Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk and Recorder, announces there will be a secure ballot drop-off box installed at the Ogle County Courthouse for voters who wish to Vote by Mail and chose not to use USPS.

Cook said with the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic there is a higher demand for Vote by Mail Ballots for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election. Installing the drop box at the Courthouse is another step the County Clerk’s Office is taking to ensure the ballots are returned to our office before the Election Day deadline. Ballots placed in the drop box will be collected twice daily by the Election Staff and

stamped as received. Before you drop your Vote by Mail Ballot in the drop-box or place in the hands of the USPS, make sure you place your voted ballot in the “certification” envelope, securely seal the “certification” envelope and sign and date the “certification” envelope.

Cook suggests if you are wanting to Vote by Mail that you apply for your ballot immediately to ensure adequate turnaround. The deadline for applying for a Vote by Mail ballot is October 29th. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day, Nov. 3 to be accepted, and properly postmarked ballots will be accepted through Nov. 17. The voters in Ogle

County have many options to Vote:

- * Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-off box;
- * Drop-off Vote by Mail ballot in the County Clerk’s Office;
- * Mail Vote by Mail ballot via USPS;
- * Early Vote at the Courthouse beginning Sept. 24;
- * Election Day at your designated Polling Place

Cook asks that voters be respectful of the polling facilities and Election Judges during Early Voting and on Election Day; please wear a mask and social distance.

If you would like to be an Election Judge and be a part of the Election process, contact the Ogle County Clerk’s Office at 815-732-1110 for more information.

Byron Police report

June 30
Andrezej Czojkowski, 51 of Hanover Park, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

July 3
Byron Police arrested Ernest James Munyon, 29 of Mt. Morris, for Driving While License is Suspended and on an Ogle County warrant. Munyon was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 4
Antwon Woodson, 27 of Polo, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Jorge Luis Gonzalez, 30 of Matheson, was issued a citation for Speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

July 5
Xaivion Douglas, 18 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

July 6
Leslie Goner-Barber, 18 of Oregon, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Improper Lane Usage.

July 8
Mardy Jakubauskas, 54 of Rockford, for Disobeying a Traffic Signal.

July 10
Byron Police arrested Ricky Zinke, 49 of Byron, on a Dekalb County warrant. Zinke was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 17
Felisha Bettner, 30 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Byron Police arrested Ryan Miller, 31 of Polo, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While License is Suspended, No Proof of Insurance, and Failure to Report Accident to Police Authority. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 23
Byron Police arrested Peter Witt, 56 of Rockford, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Improper Lane Usage. Witt was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 27
Jacob Larsen, 36 of Loves Park, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

July 30
Byron Police arrested Danielle Ghibellini, 44 of Malta, for Driving While License is Revoked. Ghibellini was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

July 31
Alexander Goellner, age 30 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Ann Marie Thurow, 45 of Davis Junction, was issued a citation for Speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Mandi Spohr, 42 of Belvidere, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Aug. 4
Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred at the intersection of Walnut and Third St. Involved were Richard Giddings, 76 of Byron, and Robert Rogers, 79 of Forreston. Giddings was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Aug. 8
Byron Police arrested Craig Watt, 50 of Byron, on a warrant. Watt was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Robert Haselton Jr., 22 of Davis Junction, was issued a citation for Violation of Classification – Motorcycle.

Aug. 10
Byron Police arrested Diane Dirickson, 38 of Rockford, on an Ogle County warrant. Dirickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

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Byron Farmers market

Byron Farmers Market is once again open for business next to the Hairy Cow Brewery from 8 a.m.-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. Pat and Rich Davis of Byron makes beautiful homemade Greeting Cards.



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RRC performance rescheduled

OREGON – Rock River Center has rescheduled the local duet “Timeless” featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt to perform at RRC on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 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. Denny is a solo regular at RRC, and never disappoints

his audience.

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.

Reservations are required. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Center has upcoming events, activities

Webinar on Dementia Conversations
Presented by Alzheimer’s Association
Joseph Landmichl of The Alzheimer’s Association will present a webinar on Wednesday, Aug., 26, at 10:30 a.m. covering “Dementia Conversations”.

This workshop will offer tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about 1) Going to the Doctor, 2) Deciding When to Stop Driving, and 3) Making Legal and Financial Plans.

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

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

Cancer support group
“Facing the Challenge” is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. Anyone who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Thursday of the month in March, June, September & December. New meeting is from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.



Oregon Park district has after school programming set

OREGON – Join the Oregon Park District for new after school mini lesson series including STEM as well as an Arts & Crafts options this fall.

The program is for 8-11-year old OCUSD students who are in-school learning. Students will walk directly from in-school learning at 1:15 pm to the Extended Time location at the Blackhawk Center and will have packed lunches outdoors at a 6-foot distance. Each child will be responsible for their own lunch. After cleaning up from lunch, we will have a short introduction to our purpose and goal, children will have the opportunity to experiment and walk through the pre-planned activity step by step with the provided materials.

Ms. Amanda will be leading students through each activity. The fee per session is \$25 per person for the 4-week sessions.

Each session will have different activities so you can register your child for just 1 or all the classes. The program is limited to a maximum of 10 students per session. All social distancing guidelines will be enforced. Contact-less pick up procedures will be followed at the conclusion of the program.

S.T.E.M Mini Lessons
Session 1: Wednesdays 9/2-9/23 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Aug. 26
Session 2: Wednesdays 9/20-10/21 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 23

Arts & Crafts Mini Lessons
Session 1: Fridays 9/4-9/25 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Aug. 28.
Session 2: Fridays 10/2-10/23 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 25.

Oregon Police report

Aug. 4
At 8:13 a.m., Oregon Police issued Audra R. Rowe, 25, Mt. Morris, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of E. Washington Street and Daysville Road.

3 verbal warnings issued from 08/03/2020 through 08/09/2020.

| General Calls for Service | | | |
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| Through dispatch during the week of 08/03/2020 through 08/09/2020: | | | |
| Checking a Subject / Vehicle | 8 | Citizen Complaints | 8 |
| Citizen Assist / Civil Problem | 2 | Assist EMS / Other Dept. | 4 |
| Disturbance / Dom Battery | 3 | 911 Hang-up / Open Line | 6 |
| Ordinance Violations | 2 | Traffic Stops | 6 |

Aug. 10
At 2:30 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic incident where a 2003 Infiniti driven by Samuel Oregon, 42, Oregon, drove over some downed wires. No citations were issued.

At 8:50 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1100 block of W. Washington Street involving a 2008 Suzuki driven by Traci A. Merriman, 39, Mt. Morris, and a 2017 Honda driven by Brian W. Lutz, age 44, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

Aug. 15
At 6:45 a.m., Oregon Police issued Manuel D. Gallegos-Loera, 27, of Belvidere, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 1:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Andrew T. Westel, 52, of Riverside, IL, a citation for speeding, 55 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 3:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Greg M. Welker, 71, Polo, a citation for speeding, 51 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

8 parking tickets and 3 verbal warnings issued from 08/10/2020 through 08/16/2020.

| General Calls for Service | | | |
|--|----|--------------------------|----|
| Through dispatch during the week of 08/10/2020 through 08/16/2020: | | | |
| Checking a Subject / Vehicle | 3 | Citizen Complaints | 15 |
| Citizen Assist / Civil Problem | 5 | Assist EMS / Other Dept. | 20 |
| Disturbance / Dom Battery | 2 | 911 Hang-up / Open Line | 4 |
| Lockout Vehicle / Building | 4 | Alarm Response | 2 |
| Ordinance Violations | 10 | Traffic Stops | 8 |

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Oregon Park District brings back Bingo

OREGON – The Oregon Park District offers a recreational Bingo program for all ages in the summer.

“It’s a great program which is enjoyed by all ages,” said Debbie Leffelman, Event Coordinator. “It also benefits the Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.”

Due to the popularity and because people are looking for fun outdoor opportunities, the Park District will be offering Bingo again on Mondays Sept. 14, 21, and 28 in the afternoon. Choose the 3-3:30 p.m. time or the 3:45-4:15 p.m. time to play. We are moving the location to Oregon Park West (lower

shelter). The Park District follows all CDC & IDPH guidelines and social distancing is practiced at all programs. A mask must be worn to and from the shelter and any time participants leave their chosen picnic table.

Register at www.oregonpark.org for a 30-minute time slot or call Nash Recreation Center to register at 815-732-3101. Register one person in your party for a table (\$3 fee includes 3 bingo cards). Bring up to 5 additional people with you to sit at your table. At the event purchase Bingo sheets for \$1 each (2 cards on a sheet). Bring your own dauber or you can purchase one for

\$1. We do ask that you bring the exact dollar amount (or plenty of singles) as we have a contactless transaction system and will not be able to give change. Bingo winners can choose a small gift from the prize table.

Come join the Bingo fun in September at Park West. There are limited spaces available, so register early to reserve a table. We know you will have fun and you might win a prize. We thank all who play for supporting the Scholarship Fund which in turn helps our youth in need participate in recreation programs, events, and sports activities.



Brenda Zopel brings her Mom Elaine Berney (Leaf River) every week for Bingo. Elaine is the “Bingo Queen” keeping track of multiple cards and often when she wins offers for one of the children playing to select a prize in her place. Elaine just loves to play the game.

Oregon Rotary Club is offering scholarships

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 including the following:

- * name and contact information of student
- * name of school
- * major area of study
- * class standing (sophomore, junior, senior)
- * cumulative grade point average
- * Extracurricular activities while in college
- * other information the student feels relevant

Hollie J. Guist, Jr., Scholarship Chair, will accept all scholarship applicants sent to hguistjr@gmail.com through Sept. 22.



Rotary talk

Oregon Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Vos recently spoke to the Oregon Rotary Club. She spoke about Chamber activity and some of the effects of COVID on the local economy. Pictured from left are: Kathy Groenhagen, Oregon Rotary Treasurer, and Vos.



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Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Pack walks

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Lazyman Ironman

The Lazyman's Ironman Triathlon is an opportunity for everyone who has ever dreamed of competing in an Ironman Triathlon or just looking for a new challenge. In a traditional Ironman, participants swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles in 1 day! You have 6 weeks beginning August 31 and running through October 4 to complete the requirements. That's 42 days to swim, bike, run at any pace that you choose. You can also substitute activities to fit your individual needs. Everyone who has the courage to register buy Aug. 27 will receive a T-shirt at the conclusion of the Lazyman Ironman program. You will receive a logging sheet via email the Friday before the event kicks off! Keep this safe with you and track as you go. This program is just \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents.

S.T.E.M. mini lessons

Join the Oregon Park District for our new S.T.E.M mini lessons which is a build off from our Summer series. This program is for 8-11 year olds OCUSD students who are in-school learning. Students will walk directly from in-school learning at 1:15pm to the Extended Time location at the Blackhawk Center and we will have our packed lunches outdoors at a 6-foot distance. After cleaning up from lunch, we will have a short introduction to our purpose and goal, children will have the opportunity to experiment with the provided materials along with their peers to have meaningful and educated conversations. Ms. Amanda will lead everyone to find the correct solution by the end of the lesson. Each session will have different activities. The program is limited to a maximum of 10 students per session. All social distancing guidelines will be

enforced. Contact-less pick up procedures will be followed at the conclusion of the program. Each session is just \$25 for Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents. Register at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Session 1: Wednesdays 9/2-9/23 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Aug. 26

Session 2: Wednesdays 9/20-10/21 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 23

Arts & crafts mini lessons

Join us for our new Arts & Crafts mini lessons. This program is for 8-11 year olds OCUSD students who are in-school learning. Students will come directly from in-school learning at 1:15 p.m. to the Extended Time location at the Blackhawk Center and we will have our packed lunches outdoors at a 6-foot distance. After cleaning up from lunch, we will have a short introduction to our project of the day and children will guided step by step through the art/craft activity by Ms. Amanda. Each session will have different activities. The program is limited to a maximum of 10 students per session. All social distancing guidelines will be enforced. Contact-less pick up procedures will be followed at the conclusion of the program. Each session is just \$25 for Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents. Register at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Session 1: Fridays 9/4-9/25 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Aug. 28

Session 2: Fridays 10/2-10/23 1:15-2:30 p.m. Deadline Sept. 25

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.

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, Sept. 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 September 3.

T+T Round Wooden Sign

Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe. This fun trendy round wooden sign will look great on your front door. Choose from 9 different sayings for your sign. This class will be held at Cork & Tap on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Fee for the class is \$33/Resident or \$39/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Sept 7.

Paint & Sip Sunflowers on Canvas

Social Art is so much fun. Enjoy an evening out with local artist, Amy Fenwick, while you pain on canvas and sip on your favorite beverage at Cork & Tap in Oregon. Amy will guide you through the painting process on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 at 6p.m. All supplies are included. Fee for the class is \$33/ Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Sept .17.

Slice 'N Bake Cookies with Lynnies' Kitchen

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

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.

Battling 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.

Fall baseball and siffball leagues

Oregon Park District is excited to announce Fall Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues. The season will run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24, with practices scheduled to begin the first week in September. The age groups offered are Minor Boys, Leon Gasmund, and Sandy Koufax Baseball, and Minor, Junior and Intermediate Girls Softball. Deadline for participate is August 24th, and you can register online at www.oregonpark.org. All guidelines for social distancing and sanitation will be followed. Players must have their own bats and helmets. Volunteer coaches are needed, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested.

Youth basketball camp

We are excited to be partnering with the OHS Girls basketball program again this year to bring our Youth Basketball Camp. We have 2 age groups, 4-6 years and 7-9 years and we will be meeting on Monday evenings from Sept. 14- Octo. 5. This is an introduction to the fundamentals of basketball for both boys and girls. Youth will develop dribbling, passing and shooting skills in a fun and positive atmosphere at the Blackhawk Center. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. All guidelines for social distancing and sanitation will be followed. Deadline for registration is Sept. 4, and the cost is \$25/\$30 NR. Register online at www.oregonpark.org.

Youth corn hole league

Join us out at Park West bags court for a fun co-ed youth Bags league. The games will be doubles but you can add a couple of extra subs to your roster. Players must be under 18. A 4-week league will be followed by a 1-week tournament to determine the overall winner. There will be a quick meeting with the team captains immediately before your first game on Sept. 17. Cost is only \$40 per team! The season will run 9/17- 10/22, (no games on October 8th) and the deadline for participation is Sept. 7. Register online at www.oregonpark.org.

New gazebo in Leaf River

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions Club has constructed a Memorial Gazebo at 705 S. Main Street in Leaf River.

Memorial funds collected over the years was used as a start along with donations from several individuals, businesses and banks. The Memorial Gazebo is not only a Lions Memorial but also to all individuals that have unselfishly given of their time and talents in support of the community. The Leaf River Horseshoe Riding Club, upon dissolved, donated a bench already that is placed at the Gazebo, but will be finally located once all work is complete.

An ADA ramp has to be installed yet along with backfilling around the gazebo but all should happen in the near future.

The Bertolet Memorial Library is already using the Gazebo for their Story Telling time to young children.

No names will be listed at the Gazebo for fear of leaving someone out and the feeling that those people already know if they are deserving of a memorial. There will be a small dedication service once all is completed and at that time everyone that has contributed to the Gazebo will be recognized.

The community is invited to enjoy some time at the Gazebo.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 25

Oregon Farmers Market, located on Washington Street at the old bank drive-through (between Chile Pepper and the Post Office). From 5:30-7:30 p.m. vendors are selling vegetables, along with many other fantastic items such as fresh cut flowers, award winning BBQ sauce, jams and jellies, local honey, plants, garden art, craft items and more.

Rock River Center has rescheduled the local duet "Timeless" featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt to perform at RRC at 10:30 a.m.

Weds., Aug. 26

Wednesday WhoDunIt book discussion group at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River, 10:30 a.m. Group will meet outside, if weather permits; if not, the discussion will be held, socially-distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required. For our first meeting, bring your best-loved mystery or a book by your favorite mystery/suspense author to share with others. No registration is necessary.

Thurs., Aug. 27

Freshly Brewed Book Club, via Zoom 6:30-7:30

p.m., Byron Library. Join Kelly as she discusses The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley. Zoom meeting information will be emailed to registrants.

Fri., Aug. 28

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) announced that all electronics recycling 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. Times are 9 a.m. to 4p.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.

Sat., Aug. 29

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.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Sept. 10, 1813, in the first unqualified defeat of a British naval squadron in history, U.S. Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry leads a fleet of nine American ships to victory over a squadron of six British warships. After the battle, Perry sent a famous dispatch to U.S. Gen. William Henry Harrison that read, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours."

* On Sept. 9, 1939, audiences at the Fox Theater in Riverside, California, get a surprise showing of "Gone with the Wind." The film became an instant hit, breaking all box office records. It was nominated for more than a dozen Oscars and won nine.

* On Sept. 8, 1945, U.S. troops land in Korea to begin their postwar occupation of the southern part of that nation, one month after Soviet troops had entered northern Korea to begin their own occupation. The division of Korea quickly became permanent.

* On Sept. 12, 1951, former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Randy Turpin to win back the belt after losing to Turpin two months prior. Robinson knocked Turpin down with a right to the jaw in the 10th round.

* On Sept. 11, 1965, the 1st Cavalry Division begins to arrive in South Vietnam, bringing U.S. troop strength to more than 125,000. The unit was the first full U.S. Army division deployed to Vietnam.

* On Sept. 7, 1977, President Jimmy Carter signs a treaty that will give Panama control over the Panama Canal beginning in the year 2000. A 1904 agreement had given the U.S. the right to build the canal and a renewable lease.

* On Sept. 13, 1980, country music artist Willie Nelson and his band perform at the White House with President Jimmy Carter in attendance. Later that night, unbeknownst to the president, Nelson allegedly retired to the White House roof to smoke a marijuana cigarette.

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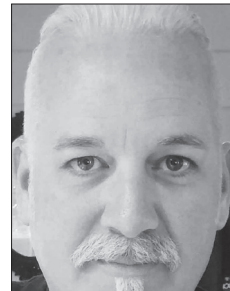
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Plenty of time to think this summer

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I have to say, the weather this summer has been pretty nice.

Most of the summers I have "enjoyed" since moving to Rockford in 2015 have been wet, wet and more wet. The rain has kept me from a lot of outdoor activities, especially riding my motorcycle. Yes, you can ride in the rain, but it is not fun and not particularly safe.

But this summer has been great. Sure, we have had some rain, but not the day after day after day of rain I had gotten used to.

COVID-19, of course, has put a damper on a lot of plans – no matter how nice the weather. I had a big ride with some friends set for New Mexico in May that was cancelled, for instance. Hard to plan a trip when nothing is open.

Now, it just doesn't seem smart as the virus is either getting worse in some places or simply not going away in others. I don't want to go see my 86-year-old dad during a pandemic. If I gave him

a potentially fatal virus, I could never forgive myself.

So instead, I sit around and think about things. And there has been plenty of time for thinking and plenty of things to think about, trivial and not so trivial.

* I am very concerned about kids going back to the classroom. My daughter is a teacher, so I have concerns about her, but as we have seen with schools that have already tried to open in other areas of the country, it is not going well or lasting long. I

understand the hardship for parents, but sickness and death are much worse.

* My wife and I are amazed how fortunate we were in that storm that hit Aug. 10. We live on an acre and a half in town, and our land is covered with trees, some of them huge. We had no damage at all at our house, but a mile east of us Rock Valley College got hammered, with trees snapped in half and buildings damaged. Friends near us were also spared. Not much of a believer in luck, but we did dodge a potential bullet there.

* Show bingeing recommendations (all for adults only, sorry): Peaky Blinders on Netflix; Westworld (HBO); Bosch (Amazon). We have watched others, but these are worth recommending.

* I am going to take away the politics of the attack on the U.S. Postal Service and just say this is a horrible, horrible thing. The Post Office is incredibly

important to many Americans for checks, life-saving drugs – you name it. Other delivery businesses simply cannot deliver letters at such a low cost.

* On a lighter note, I have had a great summer of grilling. It took me years to stop grilling like my dad. And by that, I mean burning everything. Now my burgers are a great medium, steaks are juicy and chicken breasts are never like rubber. All of this on a grill that looks like it survived a direct hit by a nuclear bomb.

* I have read about a book a week this summer. I have been sticking mostly to biographies and non-fiction. What have you been reading this summer?

Well, back to enjoying another perfect day. Soon, the snow will be flying and we will be trying not to fall walking the few feet to our cars. Let's enjoy it while we can.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



"AND WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN?"

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Don't waste your vote on Democrats, Republicans in November

Dear Editor,

Another election is quickly approaching us within the next 100 days. Once again, the Democrats and Republicans have presented their constituents with (arguably) the two most polarizing options possible. Surely, we are going to be overwhelmed in ad hominem attacks rather than debating talking point with relevance. However, you are not stuck with these two candidates. The Libertarian Candidate for President Jo Jorgensen and her running mate Spike Cohen are on the ballot in Illinois (amongst many other states).

We Libertarians believe that you know best how to live your own life. We understand that the ever-expanding size and scope of Government is the greatest threat to you as an individual regarding life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, we truly champion for small/minimal government

and returning power to the governed and not the governing. Our platform consists of stances that are fiscally responsible and socially inclusive. We are staunch defenders of the Constitution, and hold many seats in local, state, and national offices.

Unfortunately, as a third party we tend to be overlooked, despite appealing to a larger array of voters on "hot button" issues (thanks to being middle of the road as opposed to far left or far right). Numerous polls taken around the country outline the peoples' need/desire for a third option on the national stage. This very well could be the year where we make the change that so many desperately have been hoping for. The first indicator of this change was after the 2016 election. The Libertarian Party, and Green Party, both had the best voter turnout that they ever had in their party's histories, largely thanks to their

appeal to the American people on platform issues. Another contributing factor in this achievement was (and still is) the constant fighting between Republicans and Democrats with little to no effort to compromise for the betterment of the nation during the legislative process.

To get a third podium on the debate stage in the future the Libertarian Party must get 5% of the popular vote in a general election. This will prohibit us from being barred in the televised national debates and will unlock funding at the federal level (all our campaign costs are covered through fundraising/donations from individuals and party members). This will level the playing field and end the duopoly of the American political landscape, and mark and unprecedented win for Americans everywhere.

I implore you to get out and vote this

November. Before doing so I ask you to please look at what the Libertarian Party has to offer. I would be willing to bet that you hold more Libertarian principles than what you might have realized. Illinois will likely go Blue this upcoming election, so I ask that any voter on the fence or even those who plan to/tend to vote red (including those who feel abandoned by the Republican Party's actions) consider voting for Jo Jorgensen. I also would like to appeal to those who plan to/tend to vote blue that are disenfranchised by the Left's message and actions to show that they do not own your vote and vote for the Libertarian option as a show of your disapproval to the current environment in the Democrat Party.

Be Bold, Vote Gold.

Alexander O'Dell, Davis Junction

What happened to Republican Party of past?

Dear Editor,

With some reluctance I will be supporting Joe Biden unless, during the convention, the Democrats come up with a better candidate. Like the Republicans they have chosen the one they think they can get elected, not the best candidate. It should be a walk in the park for Mr. Biden considering the likely candidate he will be contesting. If polling is accurate, I am not so sure Trump will serve out his term with the prospect of an overwhelming defeat in the electoral college. That would make him a loser (Bigly). We know how he hates to lose, but it would be a huge plus for the country and the world.

I will not be supporting any candidate that has carried water for him during his presidency. For Trump supporters with any decency left, I suggest you drop your party affiliation and do an honest research of Trump, his business dealings, social affiliations, and financial connections. You will see how morally corrupt he is. It is one thing to be incompetent but to have no conscience whatsoever, and your main goal is enriching yourself, that should be a wake-up call. The Republican party obviously lost its way.

After nearly four years of carrying water for him, they should hang their collective heads in shame. They have allowed the country to descend into a third world banana republic or as Trump calls them, a s--- hole country. The American people are better than this and deserve better.

I wish someone could explain to me what has happened to the party of Lincoln, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and one of my all-time favorites Everett Dirksen. There are decent and honest Republicans around, but their voices are not being heard. They are afraid if they speak up, they will suffer the wrath of the megalomaniac in the White House.

I encourage every voter to do an honest research of the candidate they are supporting for president and then ask yourself, would I want my daughter to marry this man?
James Gorman, Grand Detour



Reader sends thanks to Cook for handling of mail-in voting

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly thank Laura Cook and the people working in her county office for the very professional way they have handled the process of mail-in voting. I appreciate how clearly they communicated this opportunity to facilitate the voting process. Some of us are not supposed to be out in public unless we absolutely have to do so due to medical vulnerabilities.

Thank you, Laura!
Myrna Hart, Oregon

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MOVE IN READY! Completely remodeled 2 bedroom home, all appliances stay. Freshly painted, hardwood floors. Close to town & schools. Newer roof. Furnace & C/A newer. Seller offering home warranty. 311 S 3rd Street, Oregon
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\$169,900 dickersonnieman.com/202003550
QUALITY BUILT TRI-LEVEL! 4 bed, 2 bath home in Stillman Valley. All new carpet & paint throughout. Open flow from family room into kitchen & dining area. 3 bedrooms upstairs w/full bath. LL has bed, bath & living room w/walk-out. 2 car garage. 501 HILLCREST Drive, Stillman Valley
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747



NEW LISTING!
\$119,900 dickersonnieman.com/202003435
AMAZING RIVER VIEWS! 2 bed, 1 bath ranch situated on the Rock River. Great place to bring your water toys and enjoy river living. Approximately 300 ft of riverfront. Laundry room could be turned into third bedroom. Freshly painted in 2017. 7632 RIVER Road, Byron
TANYA VINCE
815-703-6118



Terry Criddle
871-2006



Dana Daub
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\$189,900 dickersonnieman.com/202003310
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



NEW LISTING!
\$179,000 dickersonnieman.com/202002984
COUNTRY LIVING WITH THE CONVENIENCE OF TOWN! 4 bed, 3 bath ranch features 3 wood fireplaces & a beautifully finished LL. The lower level has a walk out into the fully fenced back yard. All appliances stay. Garden shed and generator stays. Home warranty. 817 TOMAHAWK Drive, Oregon
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NEW LISTING!
\$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



NEW LISTING!
\$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



Kayla Heslop
222-9771



Sean Hosseini
978-0018



NEW LISTING!
\$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
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NEW LISTING!
\$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



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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
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\$69,900 dickersonnieman.com/201907414
OREGON! 2 Bedroom ranch with large living room, full basement, 2 bathrooms. 2 car garage, gas forced air, CA, newer mechanical. Fenced yard. 1006 S 4TH Street, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
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Tom Oracki
262-5212



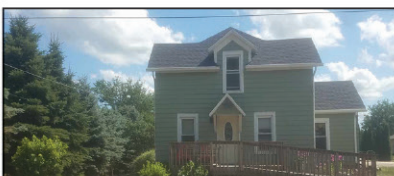
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\$59,900 dickersonnieman.com/201907166
COZY 2 STORY! Over 2,000 square feet of living space. 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home. Main floor laundry. Main floor open space. Kitchen, living room, dining room. Needs TLC. 101 BLAINE Street, Leaf River
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\$639,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906894
HOMER 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
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\$85,000 dickersonnieman.com/201906671
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CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI
815-494-7857/ 815-262-5212



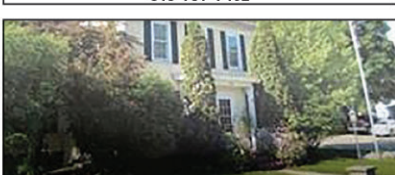
Kelli Wensky
543-7657



Jerre Woodworth
494-2237



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



NEW LISTING!
\$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/ 815-440-2835



NEW LISTING!
\$239,000 dickersonnieman.com/201903679
5.96 ACRES ZONED AG! 3 bedroom home with 2 baths, large rooms & deck. Located approx. 1/2 mile north of ILL RT 2. Byron schools yet close enough for Rockford shopping. Property has multiple outbuildings and fruit trees. Ogle County taxes. 12448 N MERIDIAN Road, Byron
JERRE WOODWORTH
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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

Byron senior group seeks new members

BYRON – The Byron Area Seniors are looking for seniors, ages 55 and older, to join the club. The club meets at the Byron Forest Preserve Jarrett Center the second Monday of the month for a potluck luncheon. The club supplies the meat and members bring a dish to pass. The dues are \$10 a year and there are informative meetings and entertainment a few times a year. Want to get out of the house and have good conversation with other seniors and a good lunch too? Join the club at the Jarrett center. If interested, come over for a meeting or call 815-645-8475.

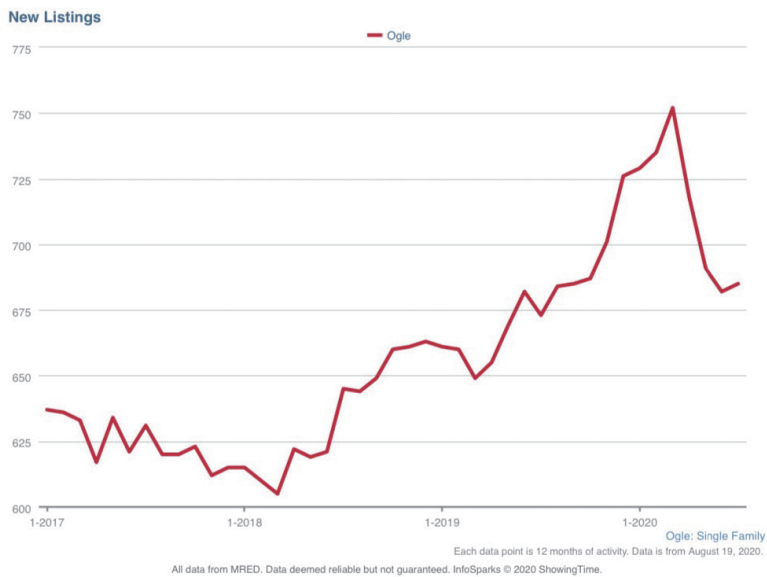
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801 N Fieldcrest Byron \$169,900 Call Ashley
This is it!!! The 3 bed 2.5 bath home you have been searching for in a desirable neighborhood! This home boasts granite counter-tops, eat-in kitchen, cathedral ceilings, and over 2,200 sq ft of finished space. Cozy up to the wood burning fireplace or enjoy entertaining on the new deck or newly finished basement. This won't last long!!!



504 S 9th Street Oregon \$249,000
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1505 E LeFevre Road Sterling now \$137,900 Call Carrie
Welcoming 3 bedroom 1.75 bath home with substantial updates! Enjoy the newer, modern kitchen with center island & breakfast bar, new counters, backsplash and wood laminate flooring leading to the open, spacious dining area with wood burning fireplace & sizeable front window! The large living room overlooks the recently stained deck & fenced back yard! The 2nd level features 3 bedrooms, full bath & linen closet, down to the lower level you will find a Den/Office with newer wood laminate flooring, utility room with washer & dryer that stay and 3/4 bath with door leading to the extra deep 1 car garage! Freshly painted exterior & exquisite landscaping complete this great home! Seller paid Home Warranty.

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Anniversary

Johnson's celebrate 50 years

The family of David and Kathleen (Wickler) Johnson are pleased to announce their 50th wedding anniversary. On Aug. 22, 1970, they were the last couple to be married in the United Church of Byron at the corner of Third and Washington Streets before the church moved to its current location. The Johnsons began their marriage in Davis Junction, but have resided just south of Byron since 1977.

Prior to their retirements, Kathy enjoyed a career in hospital and clinical nursing in Rockford, and David taught music in the Byron School District and at Rock Valley College. Their family includes children, Aaron (Sarah) and Amy, and four grandchildren, aged 8 to 16, who all live in the Madison, WI area. In retirement, David continues to write and arrange music, and Kathy has been actively involved with Byron Women's Club.

Due to the current public health emergency, the Johnsons will celebrate privately with their family and are planning to hold a larger gathering when conditions allow. In the interim, cards in honor of the event will reach David and Kathy at their home at 6419 Kathryn Rd., Oregon, IL 61061.

"Two are better than one: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.



Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Mom and Dad, we love you both and are proud of the example of love and commitment you have shown us and so many other people.

Birth

Smolen's welcome son

Tennyson Meyer Smolen was born on July 17, 2020 at Ft Walton Beach, Fla. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His proud parents are Dennis and Mandi Smolen of Ft. Walton Beach. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Brody and big sisters, Audrey and Ella.

Paternal grandparents are Mary and Tim Jorgenson of Oregon, and Mike and Beth Smolen of Martinez, Ga. Maternal grandparents Kim and Scott Diemer of Ft. Walton Beach.



SV girls golf team opens with win

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Valley High School girls golf team scored a season-opening victory over Pearl City on Thursday, Aug. 13.

The Cardinals won 199-244, with Grace Haas (medalist) and Ella Challand (runner-up) carding the top two scores for Stillman Valley.

Stillman Valley teams then faced off against North Boone on Monday, Aug. 17, with the girls winning 223-267 behind medalist Grace Haas. The boys also earned a win, topping North Boone 179-224. Axel Lovgren was the meet medalist and Owen Dunseth was the runner-up.

Polo girls, boys golf teams open season

POLO — The Polo High School boys and girls golf programs teed off the 2020 season with dual meets against Fulton on Monday, Aug. 17. Polo's varsity girls team fired a 206 behind 43 from medalist Kamryn Stockton and 51 from runner-up Harper Clark. The Polo boys lost 161-263, with Cody Buskohl leading the Marcos at 50 over nine holes. Fulton did not field a girls team.

Polo's girls team recorded its first victory in school history on Tuesday, defeating Eastland 228-245 on Tuesday, Aug. 18 with Kamryn Stockton totaling 50 to lead the Marcos. Kealie Wilcox added 55 in the victory. Clay Davis and Cody Buskohl each shot 58 for the Polo boys.

Oregon boys, girls tee off for first time

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys and girls golf programs took on Rockford Lutheran in their first matches of the season on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The girls won 184-211 behind medalist Tori Marchetti's 41 and runner-up Ava Hackman's 43. Cassie Nyderek added 48 for the Oregon girls. The Oregon boys fell 192-205 despite 45 from runner-up Jarrett Dietrich.

Local students graduate Rockford U

ROCKFORD – Rockford University awarded approximately 350 students from 17 states and 5 countries undergraduate and graduate degrees.

- Patrick Murphy of Byron
- Nathan Geeves of Oregon
- Logan Glendenning of Stillman Valley
- Keynon Janicke of Forreston
- Kayla Marquez of Winnebago
- Amy Cavazos of Oregon
- Clayton Duffy of Stillman Valley
- Jaclyn Borgen of Oregon
- Taylor Brubaker of Oregon
- Jozi Grobe of Polo
- Tanner Herlihy of Davis Junction

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the bachelor's degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

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Byron Library News

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

Curbside Delivery

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

Freshly Brewed Book Club Thursday, Aug. 27, via Zoom

6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join Kelly as she discusses The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley. The first 10 participants in the Zoom discussion will receive a free coffee candle as a thank you! Call the library at 815-234-5107 to reserve your copy of The Authenticity Project to-

day and register for the Freshly Brewed Book Club at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5ktyov2>. Zoom meeting information will be emailed to registrants.

Houseplant Propagation

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, via Zoom 1-2 p.m.

Christine walks you through how to take clippings from other plants, when to repot them, how to care for them and the benefits of having houseplants. Kit includes a starter plant, soil and plant pot. Additional supplies needed include a hand trowel, watering can and a protective covering for work surface. Please visit byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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 pounds of plastic within the next six months, and thanks to you we have collected over 75 pounds so far! If our goal of 500 lbs. is met, the Byron Public Library District will receive a 100 percent 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!

Polo Library News

Polo Library is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday.

The library building is 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 are 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.

Online 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.

Library closed Monday, Sept. 7

Polo Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 7. We will still be open Saturday, Sept. 5 and Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Coffee with a Cop - Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. *Weather Permitting*

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

A Note on Donations

Due to the need to quarantine items before

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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



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Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
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Ogle County Housing Authority
200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

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Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
Polo Senior Center 946-3818
Rock River Center 732-3252
Oregon, IL 800-541-5479
Visiting Nurses Assoc. 971-3755
4223 E State, Rockford

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Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
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510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Visiting Nurses Association 971-3755
4223 E State, Rockford

Oregon Library News

Library update

Yes, we are open...please call to check on procedures for browsing and pick up of materials.

We do offer curbside pick-up, but if you wear a mask you may enter the building to pick up your materials. Hours for curbside will be Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. The building is open regular hours. You can put holds on items in our Library through our catalog or by calling the library at 815-732-2724.

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.

Library book clubs

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. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. to discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

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

Tom Clancy's *Jack Ryan-Season Two* (Rated R)
The Outsider-Season One (Rated R)
Endeavour-The Complete Third Season (Rated R)
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The High Note (Rated PG-13)
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Bertolet Library News

Wednesday WhoDunIt

Are you the kind of person who loves to read mysteries? Do you wish you could discuss a mystery or suspense novel with like-minded readers? Then join us for the 'Wednesday WhoDunIt' book discussion group. Our first hour-long discussion will be on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Bertolet Memorial Library. No registration is necessary.

Family Story Time

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

* Registration is required to reserve your time slot each week. Register through the Sign Up Genius link on our website www.bertoletmemoriallibrary.org or by calling 815-738-2742.

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

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

* 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.

New Releases

Young Adult Fiction
Dangerous Alliance by Jennifer Cohen

Juvenile Fiction

Fishing Frankie by Shelley Swanson Sateren
Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn

Children's Fiction

The Unbudgeable Curmudgeon by Matthew Burgess

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Julia Hull Library News

Library Curbside Expanded

For your safety and convenience, contactless Curbside Pickup will be available 5 Days/Week, including Saturday mornings, by appointment only. For full details, please visit our website.

Expanded In-Person Services

The library is offering expanded in-person services. Grab & Go Services will be available Monday & Friday (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Tuesday & Thursday (10 a.m.-6 p.m.). Saturday mornings (9 a.m.-1noon) will be reserved for Curbside-Only Services. The library will be closed to the public on Wednesdays, alongside the Meridian CUSD 223 for a deep cleaning and disinfecting. During Grab & Go, all patrons will be limited to 15-minute browsing. Newspapers, children's toys, Conference Room, and study tables are currently unavailable. All staff and patrons are expected to wear a mask and social distance. For more details, please see our website.

Public Computer Access

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

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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 his-

tory 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 p.m. FB Message us, or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org"](mailto:HYPERLINK@mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register, and for a link to the program.

Miss Jamie's Fall Sing-Along

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

Tween Scene: Cardboard Yarn Letters

Join Sarah on Zoom, Tuesday, September 1, at 6 p.m. for some hands-on fun as we make art with letters! Custom supply kits available for pickup. Call the library, or use our online pickup request form, to register: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 10-12. Registration required.

A Song & A Story

Beginning Sept. 2, join us every Wednesday at 10 a.m. on Facebook live for a thematic song, story and craft! It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to reserve a craft for your child, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. While supplies last.

Pajama Storytime

Our evening virtual storytime series returns this Fall, starting Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Second Tuesday of the Month on Zoom. Email



Wonder what a Zoom library program looks like as a participant? A whole lot of hands-on fun! Thanks to YCBC-goer, Payton, for sharing these pics from her side of the world. This August, our youngest critics met with Sarah to discuss 2021 Bluestem nominee, Wedgie & Gizmo... and then got to make their own superhero capes! (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley)

khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us 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: <https://www.juliahull.org/event-calendar>.



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* 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 re-

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

* New library cards:

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

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

Browsing By Appointment

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

pointment. Please follow the guidelines.

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

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

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

Computer Use By Appointment

We are starting to allow patrons to use the computers by appointment. If you

would like to reserve a computer please call the library. Please follow the guidelines.

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

* Masks must be worn in the library.

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

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

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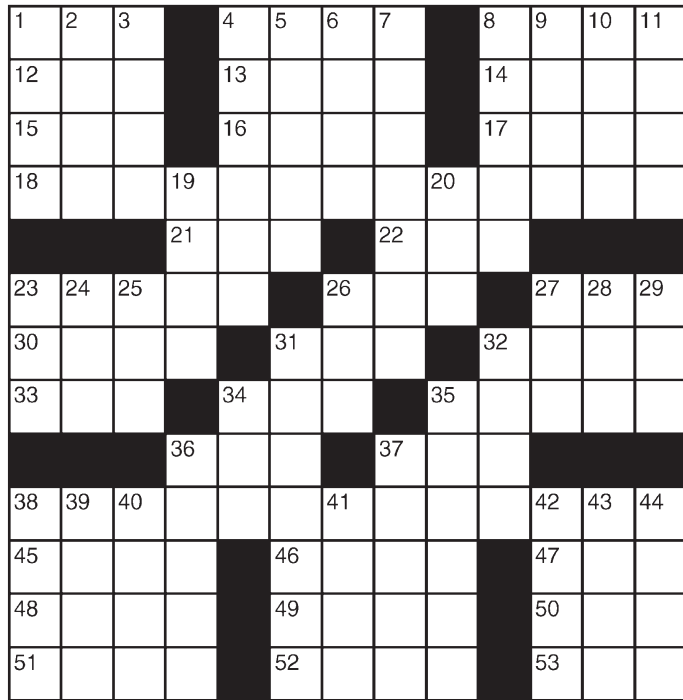
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 - 13 Emanation
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 - 15 Work unit
 - 16 Whirl
 - 17 Long-billed wader
 - 18 Sprinter's device
 - 21 Many millenia
 - 22 Parcel of land
 - 23 Allude (to)
 - 26 Driver's license datum
 - 27 Foundation
 - 30 Out of control
 - 31 "Oklahoma!" baddie
 - 32 Stead
 - 33 Vat
 - 34 Haw partner
 - 35 Tureen accessory
 - 36 Prohibit
 - 37 Emeril's shout
 - 38 Extremely exciting
 - 45 Plankton component
 - 46 Love god
 - 47 Dove's remark
 - 48 Works with
- DOWN**
- 1 Prior nights
 - 2 Encircle
 - 3 Lady —
 - 4 Cleric
 - 5 Pea-family plant
 - 6 Ms. Brockovich
 - 7 Hung
 - 8 Half a circus clown's pair
 - 9 Vagrant
 - 10 — The Red
 - 11 Dilbert's worksite
 - 19 Stench
 - 20 Go a few rounds
 - 23 Snitch
 - 24 Ostrich's cousin
 - 25 Pass (off)
 - 26 Total
 - 27 Auction action
 - 28 Wet wriggler
 - 29 Payable
 - 31 Football garb
 - 32 Genie's home
 - 34 Chapeau
 - 35 Expires
 - 36 Marching-band section
 - 37 Half of 49-Across' fight song
 - 38 Booty
 - 39 Otherwise
 - 40 Census statistics
 - 41 Snare
 - 42 PC picture
 - 43 "Unh-unh"
 - 44 Attend

- 49 New Haven school
- 50 Choose
- 51 Not so much
- 52 Resorts international?
- 53 "The Matrix" role

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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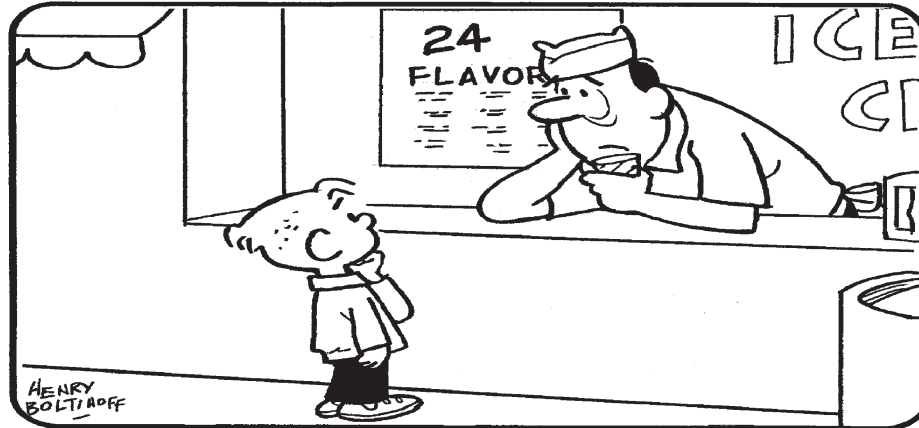
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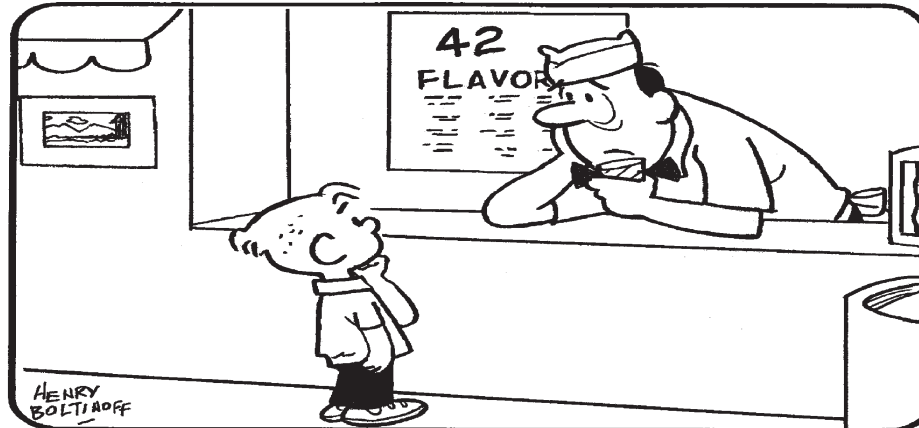
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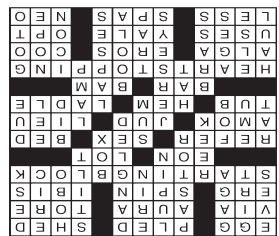
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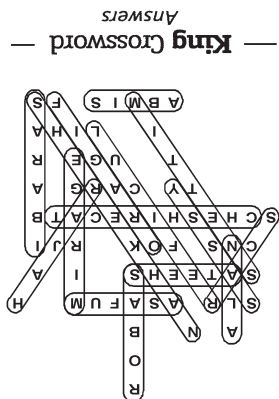
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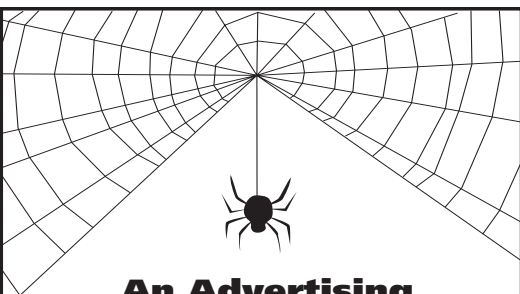
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PIA#9



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."

Healthy Hand Hygiene Habits



Protect yourself against COVID-19 and other diarrheal and respiratory illnesses, and help prevent the spread of germs to others, by following these simple hand hygiene guidelines:

- 1. Wash your hands with soap and warm water, lathering for at least 20 seconds.**
- 2. If soap is unavailable, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol to clean your hands.**

Wash your hands throughout the day, and particularly under these circumstances:

- Before preparing food
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After changing a diaper or helping a child use the toilet
- Before and after exposure to someone who is sick
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste
- After handling pet food or treats
- After handling garbage or garbage cans
- Before and after attending to a cut or wound

Information resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proper handwashing helps all of us stay healthy, so remember to be aware and do your part to help protect yourself and others!

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Byron, IL 61010

Pursuant to the Landlord's Lien Provision, in paragraph #11 in the rental agreement between KCH Enterprises DBA K & P Self Storage, Landlord, and Carolyn Haye - unit # 20. These items will be held in possession for ten (10) days, at which time they will be disposed of unless tenant pays the landlord in full, in accordance with the Self Storage Facilities Act. Must be paid in full by 8/25/2020.
No. 0817

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received for the following section by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. September 4, 2020:
2020-2021 Ice Abrasives. Proposals are available on the Ogle County Highway Department website and in person at 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.
No. 0821 (Aug. 24, 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE


Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Byron Township highway commissioner will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 8:00 AM to examine the unimproved right of way between Lot 26 and Lot 27 of Lemke Subdivision No. 4 and to hear reasons for or against vacating this right of way. The hearing will be held outside at the south end of Lemke Drive in the cul-de-sac in front of 8979 N Lemke Drive, Byron, IL 61010.
Ronald Gibson
Byron Twp Rd
Commissioner
Ogle County, Illinois
No. 0823 (Aug. 24, 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Bidders
Notice is hereby given that the Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010 will receive bids at the office of the Executive Director until Friday, September 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM for the furnishing and installation of two new dance floors. All requirements and details are described and listed on the equipment and installation specification list. All proposals for equipment are to be the same or equivalent to the specifications on file in the office of the Executive Director, Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. Prospective bidders may obtain the equipment and

installation specifications from the office of the Executive Director, Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. Requests may be made by phone: 815-234-6277 or email: pzepezauer@byronparks.org
The Byron Park District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to

accept the proposal that the Byron Park District Board of Commissioners believes to be in the best interest of the Byron Park District.
By order of:
Rachel Oracki
Byron Park District Board of Commissioners
No. 0824 (Aug. 24)

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103 AUCTIONS

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Phylis & the Late Knute Nelson
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ITEM PREVIEW: Sat., Aug. 29th - 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
BIDDING OPENS: Sun., Aug. 30th @ 8:00 A.M.
BIDDING CLOSSES: Thurs., Sept. 3rd @ 7:00 P.M.
ITEM PICKUP: Sat., Sept. 5th - 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
To REGISTER & BID Use hacksauction.hibid.com

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Guy 'Frenchie' Lacombe Estate - Tools, Shop Equipment, Vintage & Collector Cars Parts
BIDDING OPENS: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th 8:00 A.M.
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ITEM PREVIEW: Thurs., Sept. 3rd - 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
BIDDING OPENS: Fri., Sept. 4th @ 8:00 A.M.
BIDDING CLOSSES: Tues., Sept. 8th @ 7:00 P.M.
ITEM PICKUP: Thurs., Sept. 10th - 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: Sat., Sept. 12 @ 9:30 A.M. Will Be A 'Live Onsite' Auction Selling All Vehicles; Heavy Equipment; Oliver Tractor; Rubber Tired Loader; NH Skid Loader; Trailers; Riding Mowers; Vintage Automotive Engines & Transmissions. (No Small Items).

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Greg & Swan Hachmeister, Auctioneers
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers

103 AUCTIONS

AUCTION
SAT., AUG. 29
10:00 AM (Starting w/car)
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Please follow Covid-19 guidelines
CAR SELLING AT 10:00: 2015 Buick Lacrosse, leather, 57,185mi. (nice)
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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

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301 ANTIQUES

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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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315 WANTED TO BUY

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Drive Time



Standard vehicle maintenance intervals

No two automobiles are the same. So it makes sense that vehicles have different maintenance guidelines. Such guidelines, which include recommendations regarding how frequently oil should be changed and how often tires should be rotated, are typically included in vehicle owner's manuals. Drivers are urged to familiarize themselves with these guidelines, which can protect vehicles as well as the people inside them.

According to CarGurus®, a free internet-based automotive resource, many manufacturers adhere to the 30-60-90 schedule. That schedule recommends everything from inspections to part replacements when vehicles reach 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles.

These recommendations are meant to serve as guidelines, and drivers should know that certain factors can affect how often routine maintenance should occur and when parts must be replaced. For example, harsh driving conditions can lead to excessive wear and tear that causes parts to erode long before owner's manuals suggest they should. As a result, drivers should always speak with their mechanics during service appointments to determine if their vehicles are aging gracefully or if they need a little extra TLC.

Drivers should always read their manuals for recommended service intervals. The following are some general maintenance

guidelines, courtesy of CarGurus®, that drivers can keep in mind as the miles pile up on their vehicles' odometers.

• **Oil and oil filter:** Many new cars now run on synthetic oil, which tends to last between 5,000 and 10,000 miles. Older vehicles using traditional oil may need to adhere to the once-standard oil change interval of 3,000 miles. Mechanics will typically replace oil filters with the same frequency as they replace oil.

• **Air filter:** Air filters generally need to be replaced every 15,000 to 30,000 miles. However, CarGurus® notes that drivers who park in dusty environments should err on the side of caution and have their air filters replaced every 15,000 miles.

• **Fuel filter:** Clogged fuel filters can affect engine performance and even prevent engines from running. Fuel filters may need to be changed at 30,000-mile intervals.

• **Battery:** A typical car battery tends to last around four or five years.

• **Brake pads:** Worn out brake pads will make a screeching sound. Brake pads should last around 50,000 miles, though they should be inspected at regular intervals regardless of mileage.

• **Brake rotors:** Brake rotors can be resurfaced or replaced, and this should be done around 60,000 miles. Resurfacing can only be done once and is less expensive than a full replacement.

• **Hoses:** Hoses crack

over time, but generally do not need to be replaced until they reach the 90,000-mile mark. However, hoses should be inspected routinely, as busted hoses can cause very significant damage.

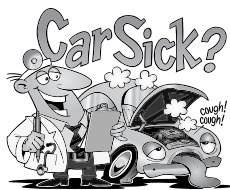
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tenance intervals are only intended to serve as guidelines. If drivers notice any changes in vehicle performance, they should consult a mechanic immediately, regardless of how many miles are on their cars or trucks.

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Drive Time

Be wary of brake dust

As cars age, certain wear and tear is to be expected. One of the realities of frequent driving, particularly for drivers who routinely drive in stop-and-go traffic, is the gradual deterioration of brake pads.

Do-it-yourselfers can replace brake pads on their own, but those that do should be aware of a potential hazard when doing so.

The Mesothelioma Center says that brakes sometimes contain asbestos due to that material's heat-resistant qualities. As brakes start to wear down over time, the asbestos can escape.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) says that, while many new automotive components are asbestos-free, asbestos hasn't been eliminated entirely from the industry. That is why mechanics and do-it-yourselfers need to exercise caution when repairing or replacing brakes.

Brake dust may inadver-

tently expose individuals to cancer-causing asbestos through inhalation or ingestion. OSHA says that exposure to asbestos, if not properly controlled, can cause mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. Symptoms may not appear for years or even decades after contact with asbestos fibers.

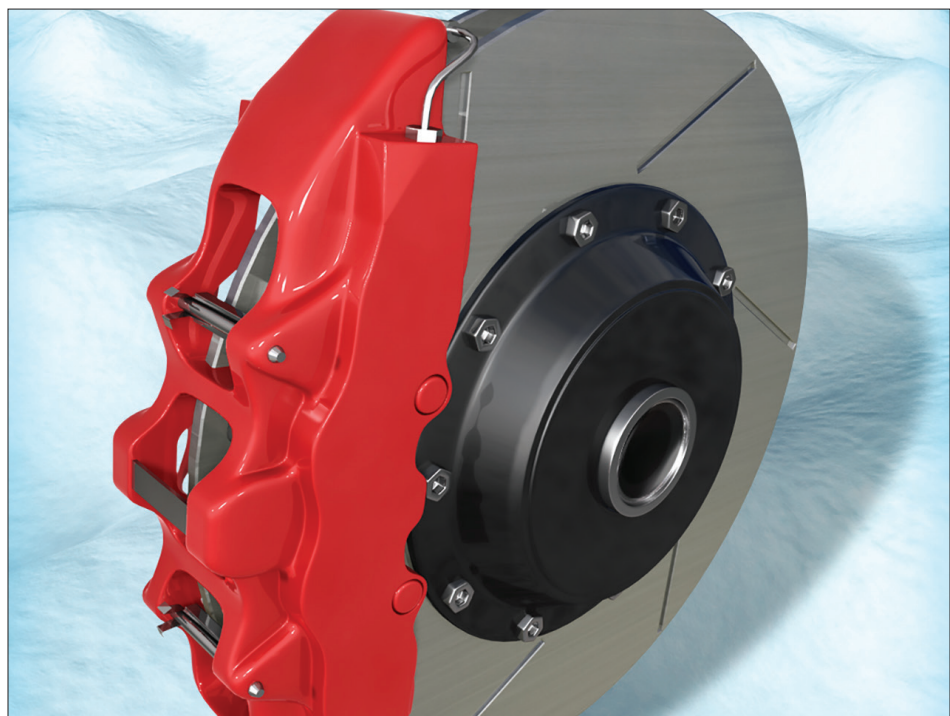
The Mesothelioma Center estimates that asbestos is present in 30 to 80 percent of brakes and other components. The routine task of "blowing out" brake surfaces, which involves using an air hose to clean the surfaces of brakes and rotors, is one of the most common ways people are exposed to asbestos through brake dust.

Gray-black brake dust is made up of iron particles formed by the grinding of the brake rotor by the brake pads. However, brake dust also can contain some metallic elements and other components housed in the brake pad — including asbestos.

The automotive resource YourMechanic says that, while brake dust is not indicative of a poor braking system, over time brake dust can corrode the clear coat on a car and may eat into the aluminum alloy surface of the wheel. That is why so many drivers try to clean away brake dust, potentially exposing them to dangerous materials.

DIYers may be better off visiting professional service centers to have brakes addressed rather than doing the job on their own. OSHA says all automotive brake and clutch repair facilities in the United States must comply with the OSHA asbestos standard. These include using negative pressure enclosure/HEPA vacuum systems and low pressure/wet cleaning methods.

While asbestos is being phased out of many automotive components, it is always best to treat bakes, clutches and more with extra caution in the event that asbestos is present.





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Types of home insulation and where to install them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of

insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.

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5 tips to prepare for window replacement

Winter is coming, and for millions of people who reside in areas of the country that see the mercury drop considerably between December and March, that means prioritizing staying warm. Inefficient or aging housing materials may compromise your ability to do just that.

Drafts from doors, poorly protected attics and basements and aging windows may force heating systems to work extra hard to maintain interior temperatures.

Replacing old windows can make a home quieter by blocking out exterior noises. Consumer Reports also notes that new windows are often easier to clean and maintain than older varieties.

Many homeowners are interested in replacing their windows, but may not know where to start. These guidelines can help the process along.

1. Get several estimates. Ask for recommendations from neighbors or other people in your area on which companies they used to install their replacement

windows. When you interview the prospects, ask several questions about how they go about installing the windows. Questions can include:

- How long will the project take?
- Will I need to remain home during the process?
- Do you discard of old debris?
- What is the protocol for installation during inclement weather?

2. Research permits. Most home renovation projects need to be approved by the local municipality. Go to the permit office and find out the requirements. Some window contractors will include securing permits in the cost of the project. After the project is completed, an inspector will come by and ensure the work was done according to code.

3. Change up the appearance. Look at the type of hardware you have around the home and other fixtures. Choose windows that have locks or latches that can match those features for continuity of style. Think about choosing a different

style or frame color of the window, or a different type of window to improve efficiency and function.

4. Research top window manufacturers. It's tempting to purchase windows based on price alone, but replacement windows are often a decision that only has to be made once or twice for the life of the home. Invest in durable windows that will have staying power. Consumer Reports offers unbiased reviews on various window brands and can help homeowners make sound decisions.

5. Prepare for installation. Clear pathways, remove window treatments and disconnect window alarm systems. Plan for one to two days of installation, advises Andersen Windows and Doors. Keep pets and children away from work areas.

Replacement windows can be a smart investment. New windows can improve the look of a home, reduce heating costs and can keep interior spaces comfortable.

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How tree services can protect your property

Cold weather can take its toll on a property, especially in regions of the world where winters are harsh. Most parts of the landscape are vulnerable to damage from winter storms, but trees may be especially susceptible. By the end of winter, many homeowners wonder if their trees would benefit from some professional TLC.

Tree services provide a host of services. While fall is a popular time to remove trees from a property, doing so in spring is not unheard of, especially if trees were affected by winter storms and now pose a threat to a home and the people who live inside it.

Homeowners considering tree services can explore the following ways that some professional arbor attention can protect them and their homes.

- Tree services can help protect a home's foundation. Old trees that stretch well into the sky can be captivating, but they can also pose a threat to a home's foundation. Such trees may have especially large root zones that may extend beneath walkways and even a home. In the latter instance, foundations may crack as roots try to stake their claim to the ground beneath a home.

According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, homeowners pay an average of just over \$4,000 to repair foundation issues, though major problems can cost considerably more than that. A professional tree service can remove aging trees that might be beautiful and awe-inspiring but still pose a threat to a home and the areas surrounding it.

- Tree services can improve visibility. Trees that have aged a bit since their last trimming might affect the view of a property from inside a home. Overgrown branches can compromise residents' ability

to see and experience the natural beauty just outside their windows. The average homeowner may be able to trim short trees on his or her own, but if views from the second floor of a home or higher have been compromised, it's much safer to call a professional tree service. Such services have the right tools and experienced personnel necessary to safely trim high branches on tall trees.

- Tree services can help prevent future damage. Even if trees made it through a recent winter unscathed, that's no guarantee next winter or even the coming seasons of spring,

summer and fall won't ultimately prove their undoing. Travelers Insurance notes that weather-related roof damage, including damage resulting from falling limbs and branches weighed down by snow during the winter months, accounted for more than half of all Travelers property loss claims between 2009 and 2016. According to BNC Insurance and Risk Advisors, homeowners may be liable if a tree they knew posed a threat falls onto a passerby or a neighbor's property and causes damage or injury. Having all trees properly trimmed each year, but especially those that can fall on your home and your neighbors' homes, may prevent future damage and legal issues.

Tree services can ensure trees maintain their awe-inspiring beauty and help homeowners protect their homes and their belongings.

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Signs your gutters need repair

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

• Gutters hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with

spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

• Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of

separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

• Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

• Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall.



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Focus on the kitchen

Simple ways to improve your kitchen pantry

People have been spending more time at home in 2020 than in years past, and certain projects around the house have become a priority. One home improvement idea that serves the double benefit of creating organization and making cooking at home more efficient is to reimagine the kitchen pantry.

A pantry is a room or closet where food, beverages and linens or dishes are stored. Pantries can be highly useful spaces that provide ancillary storage in kitchens. Many modern homes are equipped with pantries, but older homes may require some modification to create more useful pantries. Whether starting from scratch or modifying an existing pantry, these tips can help projects go more smoothly.

- Maximize vertical storage. Utilizing vertical areas can help increase storage capacity. Build in extra nooks by investing in undershelf storage baskets. These bas-

kets can instantly create designated areas for different types of ingredients. Homeowners also can look for ways to use the inside of cabinet doors or add extra shelves on walls or in eaves.

- Consider your needs. Figure out which items you would like to store in the pantry and then shop for corresponding storage systems. For example, storage solutions may feature wine bottle racks, baskets for potatoes and other produce, shelving for small appliances, and even pull out racks for baking pans or cutting boards.

- Use clear storage. Put ingredients in clear, airtight containers of similar dimensions so that you can easily find items you need. Transfer bulky items, like cereals and baking supplies, to storage containers for uniformity.

- Store bulk items elsewhere. Bulk shopping can be cost-efficient, but bulk items can quickly eat up real estate in the pantry. Designate an-



other area for non-perishable bulk products, like paper goods or canned items, such as in a garage or utility room.

- Pull out drawers are

convenient. Pull-out drawers can reduce the need to seek and reach for items. These drawers conveniently roll out so items in the back can be accessed without disturbing foods in the front. Drawers can be custom built for any pantry space.

- Make it accessible. Think about who will be tak-

ing items from the pantry. Put children's snacks on the bottom pantry shelf where they can reach them, and then organize other shelves for adults in the home.

A pantry remodel can add valuable storage space and make one of the busiest rooms in the house operate more efficiently.

Time to replace old wiring?

Old homes can be charming and contain architectural elements not often seen in many modern housing developments. But what older homes may have in design appeal, they may lack in updated features.

While cosmetic changes are not necessarily difficult, one area of concern in historic homes — and sometimes even in houses built 40 or 50 years ago — is archaic wiring. Wiring provides power to every room of the home. In today's electronics-driven society, electricity that works is an essential component of daily life. Over time, wiring can be compromised through simple aging, pest infiltration, weather, or other conditions. Deteriorated wiring can present a shock hazard and also a serious fire hazard, warn the home renovation experts at The Spruce. Furthermore, the home improvement site This Old House advises that the amperage of old wiring may not be able to meet the needs of the devices used in homes — overpowering the circuits. This can cause breaker blowouts and other problems, such as overheated wires that may spark and cause fires from within the wall.

Wiring often falls into the "out of sight, out of mind" category. Homeowners may make allowances for inadequate electrical systems, such as running extension cords or using multiplug connectors to increase their wiring capacity. However, they may not be diligently keeping on top of upgrades needed to stay safe. Confirming that a home's electrical system is safe is a necessary part of home maintenance.

For those who haven't already done so, schedule an inspection with a licensed electrician to go over the home's wiring. He or she can determine if any areas pose a safety risk and/or do not conform to local code requirements and the National Electrical Code.



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Reasons to hire an interior designer

How many times have you sat on the sofa pouring over a home magazine wishing your rooms could be ripped from its pages? Some people are gifted with a natural talent to impart a space with perfectly balanced colors and schemes that fit with one's lifestyle and design preferences. Others are not as equipped. But that doesn't mean design has to suffer. An interior designer with knowledge and resources who's in your corner can make all the difference.

Many people are hesitant to bring in professional designers because of cost. But contrary to popular belief, working with an interior decorator is not something reserved for the rich and famous. Designers actu-

ally can save homeowners money in the long run. A good designer will choose the right amount of high-quality elements that will be durable and timeless. This means less money will ultimately be spent on replacing cheap materials or redesigning rooms that have gone out of style.

According to the design experts at Homepolish, utilizing a designer to transform a space can create rooms that are more in tune and balanced with homeowners' needs — helping to improve mood and functionality. That can extend to other areas of a person's life and well-being. Putting the task of designing a home's interior in someone else's hands frees up time to focus on other projects as well.

Designers can look at a space with a careful eye and not be influenced by items that have sentimental attachment. He or she can help decide if anything should be repurposed or removed. Plus, an interior designer can help homeowners stay on budget.

Designers also can serve as liaisons for clients who have difficulty communicating with builders and architects. Designers are trained to think about things that homeowners tend to overlook, such as placement of lighting, outlets and room flow. He or she also likely has contacts within the industry that can be utilized, saving even more time and money.

A good designer can be worth the investment.

Did you know?

Investing in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and floors can take three to six months. But if ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two. The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the average home renovation taking between four and eight months.



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