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Nuke plant to close

Exelon closing two stations, including Byron in Sept. 2021

BYRON – Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27 that it intends to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021, resulting in the loss of four nuclear generation units that together supply clean, zero-emissions energy to more than four million homes and businesses in northern Illinois.

Byron will close in September 2021, and Dresden, located in Morris, will close in November 2021.

“While these announcements are regrettable, we must make tough decisions now to minimize financial losses,” said Paul Dempsey, Communications Manager, Byron Generating Station. “The state has aggressive clean energy goals. Carbon-free, reliable nuclear power should be a part of that for

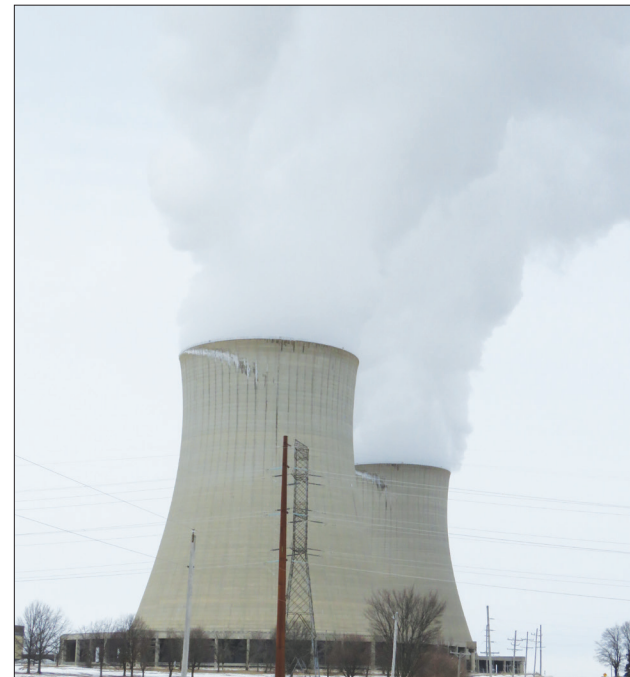
many years to come.”

Dresden is licensed to operate for another decade and Byron for another 20 years. Together, they employ more than 1,500 full-time employees and 2,000 supplemental workers during refueling outages, most from local union halls. The plants pay nearly \$63 million in taxes annually to support local schools, fire, police and other services. The two plants supply 30 percent of Illinois’ carbon-free energy and are essential to meeting the state’s goal to achieve 100 percent clean energy.

“Although we know in our heads that shutting down the uneconomic Illinois plants is necessary to preserve even more jobs elsewhere, our hearts ache today for the thousands of talented women

and men that have served Illinois families for more than a generation and will lose their jobs because of poorly conceived energy policies,” said Christopher Crane, president and CEO of Exelon. “But we are only about a year away from shutdown and we need to give our people, the host communities, and regulators time to prepare.”

“We recognize this comes as many of our communities are still recovering from the economic and public health impacts of the pandemic, and we will continue our dialogue with policymakers on ways to prevent these closures,” said Crane. “To that end, we have opened our books to policymakers and will continue to do so for any lawmaker who wishes to judge the plants’ profit-



ability.”

“We agree with Governor Pritzker that policy reform is urgently needed to address the climate crisis and advance Illinois’ clean energy economy, and we support the objectives of the Governor’s recent energy principles,” added

Crane. “That’s separate from today’s announcement to retire these two zero-carbon nuclear plants, which was not a decision made lightly and is one that has been in the works for some time.”

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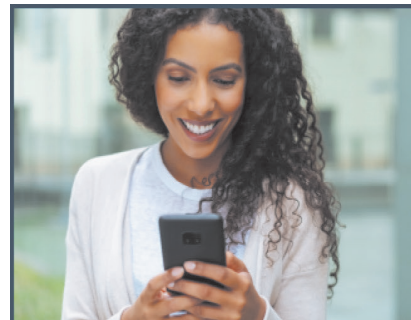
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PLANT: More than 1,500 affected

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U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, who represents the district where both plants are located, was quick to release a statement.

“Today’s announcement to close both the Byron and Dresden power plants is a gut-punch to the people of Illinois, especially to the counties that surround these generating stations. Hundreds of people will now be out of jobs and our efforts to produce clean, affordable, safe nuclear energy will be crushed.

“As a nation, we cannot reach our climate goals without nuclear energy. In Congress, I’ve long fought for nuclear and am doing everything I can at the federal level to save our nuclear fleet. But we need state support, now more than ever.”

Despite being among the most efficient and reliable units in the nation’s nuclear fleet, Dresden and Byron face revenue shortfalls in the hundreds of millions of dollars because of declining energy prices and market rules that allow fossil fuel plants to underbid clean resources in the PJM capacity auction, even though there is broad

public support for sustaining and expanding clean energy resources to address the climate crisis. The plants’ economic challenges are further exacerbated by a recent FERC ruling that undermines longstanding state clean energy programs and gives an additional competitive advantage to polluting energy sources in the auction. As a result of these market rules, Exelon Generation’s LaSalle and Braidwood nuclear stations in Illinois, each of which house two nuclear units and together employ more than 1,500 skilled workers, are also at high risk for premature closure.

Studies have shown that when nuclear plants close, plants that burn fossil fuels operate much more often, increasing harmful carbon and air pollution, especially in disadvantaged communities. In January 2019, Illinois committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the targets set in the Paris climate agreement. While the state is currently at roughly 85 percent progress towards the 2025 goal, if the four economically challenged nuclear plants (Dresden, Byron, Braidwood and LaSalle)

prematurely retire, Illinois will drop to only 20 percent of the way toward the goal. Electric sector emissions in Illinois will increase by 70 percent.

Despite these consequences, Exelon Generation must act now to prevent further shortfalls and give its employees, contractors and community partners time to prepare for the loss of jobs and tens of millions of dollars in taxes, donations and local purchasing. In the days and weeks ahead, Exelon Generation will file a deactivation notice with PJM and inform key stakeholders and regulatory agencies of the retirements. In addition, the company will:

* Make official shutdown notifications to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission within 30 days;

* Terminate capital investment projects required for long term operation of Dresden and Byron; and

* Scale back the refueling outages scheduled for this fall at Dresden and Byron. The move will result in spending reductions of \$50 million and the elimination of up to 1,400 of the more than 2,000 mostly union jobs typically associated with the two refueling outages.

VOP scholarships offered

The Village of Progress Foundation will offer two scholarships in 2020.

As a result of COVID-19, the scholarship winners will be notified by the end of October and their pictures will be posted on The Village of Progress Facebook page. Checks will be made out directly to the student.

The first scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through a joint effort between The Larry Young & Friends Charities and The Village of Progress Foundation. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with The Village of Progress Foundation every year to help make our annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Our second scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through the generosity of the Cacciatore Family. The Cacciatore have been long time supporters of the Village. Wanda served on the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 1988. She has served on the

Foundation’s Board for almost 30 years.

The scholarship honors her husband, Pete, who was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Village. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the Village and its mission.

To be eligible for either scholarship, the student must:

* Be a resident of Ogle County

* Be either a high school senior who is disabled or is planning on attending college and majoring in an area related to the disabled, or a full-time undergraduate college student who is disabled or is majoring in an area related to the disabled

Applications must be received by Oct. 1, 2020, be completed on the Foundation application form, and include at least two written references. The financial status of the applicant is not a consideration. Those wishing an application are encouraged to call the Village of Progress at 815-732-2126 or download an application from the Village of Progress website page (www.villageofprogress.org).

Next RRC free lunch will be Sept. 4

OREGON—Because of the generosity of the Etnyre Foundation, Rock River Center prepared and distributed 60-plus meals on Friday, Aug. 21.

Recipients pre-registered to receive a lunch for socially distanced dining in, carry-outs and drive-through. Special dietary meals are available when requested with a registration. Lawn games were set out in the multi-purpose room. Lunch started at 11:30 a.m.

Register now for the next Free Lunch Friday on Sept. 4, by calling 815-732-3252 and designating dine-in or carry-out and drive-through. All attendees are required to wear a mask, have a temperature check, practice social distancing, sanitize hands, be in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines as they enter Rock River Center.

Sept. 4 menu includes ham, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, dessert and a drink.

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Pre-orders will be held until 5:00pm Saturday, September 5, 2020

U.S. Straw Competition votes are in

'Ghostbusters' inspired sculpture wins

MOUNT MORRIS – The Fifth Annual US National Straw Sculptures are on display on the Mount Morris Campus through Sunday, Aug. 30.

Five new sculptures built by returning artists, along with 12 additional sculptures from previous years, including one or more from each of the 2020 sculptors, the Community Big Build from 2019, Lady Liberty from 2016-17, and others are included in the show.

Voting on the five new sculptures for 2020 ended on Sunday, Aug. 23 with the following results:

* 1st Place Public and Artists' Choice, Danica & Mark Rogers.

* 2nd Place Public and Artists' Choice, Polished Hair & Nails and Hair on Main.

* 3rd Place Public Choice, Steve & Michele Lentz.

* 3rd Place Artists' Choice, Chris, Cecilia & Ellen Mann.

Thank you to our sculptors, ComEd our sponsor, and the thousands who have visited and continue to visit and follow the 2020 US National Straw Sculpting Competition.

The display is spaced for comfortable social distancing on the beautifully shaded campus in the center of Mount Morris. There is nothing like seeing this unique art form in person, but photos of the sculptures and information are available at StrawUSA.com.



"Something Strange in Your Neighborhood," right, won 1st place in the 2020 U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition held in Mount Morris. Second place went to "Flamingo's," above.



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Obituaries

Foster Burton Dorn

Foster Burton Dorn, 73, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2020, at Rochelle Community Hospital. Foster was born Dec. 31, 1946 in Rockford, the son of Burton Walter and Vivian Hazel (Vincer) Dorn. He married his wife, Karen, on March 31, 1989 in Rockford.



Foster graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1965. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Foster lived and farmed in the Davis Junction area until he moved south to West Brooklyn where he continued to farm. He served as a trustee for the West Brooklyn Fire Department for many years.

Foster is survived by his wife, Karen, of West Brooklyn; two children: Darin (Johnnie) Dorn of Ashton and Dawn (Chad)

Palmer of Rockford; stepson, Rob Backer of Rockton; five grandchildren: Ellah, Audree, and Luke Dorn and Karsyn and Tyson Palmer; a sister, Pearl Miller; and his first wife and mother of his children, Lana Rippentrop.

Foster is preceded in death by his parents. Visitation was from 4-7

p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16060 E. Lindenwood Rd in Lindenwood. Face masks are required, and social distancing guidelines should be followed.

The funeral service was at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock officiating. The funeral service was live streamed on the Unger Horner Funeral Home Facebook page. Interment followed in Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle with military honors provided by the Eastern Lee-Ogle Honor Guard. Contributions in Foster's memory may be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Gayland C. Nelson

Gayland C. Nelson age 77 of Dixon died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born March 3, 1943 in Rockford the son of Charles W. and Ruby Pearl (Reever) Nelson.



Gayland was farmer and an operating engineer with Local 150 IUOE from 1964 to 2010 working for Propheter Construction for many years. He was a member of the Green River Saddle Club and enjoyed horseback riding, snowmobiling and riding in his side by side.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his

sister Linda Gorter. Gayland is survived by three sons, Shane (Dona) Nelson of Dixon, Scott "Scooter" (Chasity) Nelson of Chana, Jeremy (Beth) Nelson of Byron, one grandson Shane "Beaver" Nelson. Gayland is also

survived by his girlfriend Melody Reed of Grand Detour and one nephew Chuck Nelson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday Aug. 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Jones Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Grand Detour Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and on Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. Face coverings required for visitation and services. A memorial has been established to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Miriam P. Huff

MOUNT MORRIS – Miriam P. Huff, age 92, passed on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Miriam was born on Jan. 31, 1928 in Esk, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Edward & Matilda (Wilde) Sukut.



She graduated from Hillcrest Christian College in music and Christian education, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Miriam married Rev. Len L. Huff on Dec. 30, 1950 in Regina, Saskatchewan; and he preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 2012.

Miriam was a teacher's assistant for the Dixon public and private schools, in both special education and behavioral disorder retiring in 1985. As a minister's wife, she served churches in Hampshire, Polo, and Mt. Carroll eventually retiring in

the Oregon and Mt. Morris communities.

Miriam a member of the PEO, United Methodist Women, volunteered in the food pantries in Mt. Morris and Oregon, spent retirement years assisting her husband raising and showing award winning miniature horses, she sang in many choirs, loved music and her flower garden, knitting, baking, and her time with her family.

Miriam is survived by her children: Marlow (Sandy)

Huff, Suffolk, Va., and Wendy (Chuck) Westcott, Mt. Morris; 5 grandchildren: Kaitlyn Huff, Bath, Maine; Andy Huff, Eugene, Ore.; Joshua Flaharty, Oregon; Shonnah Mills, Byron; and Timothy Flaharty Oregon; 6 great grandchildren: Evan and Colton Flaharty; Mia Flaharty; Jaidra and Dreyah Poe; and Aurora Mills; sister: Norma Baun, Regina, SK.

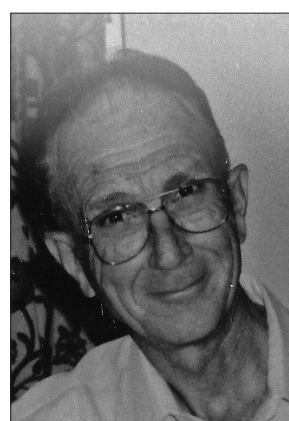
She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Rev. Len Huff; brothers: Irvin Sukut and Rev. Leonard Sukut.

Private family funeral services were held on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Fairmount Cemetery, Polo. Burial will be held in Fairmount Cemetery, Polo.

Memorials to Pinecrest Employee Fund and/or Serenity Hospice & Home.

Earl Hinkle

FORRESTON – Earl Hinkle, 91, of Forreston passed away on Aug. 20, 2020. He was born in Crowell, Texas on Sept. 6, 1928 to Vera (Vessels) and Frelis Hinkle. Earl went to high school in Amarillo, Texas.



Earl served in the Navy for 4 years. He then spent much of his life in Texas and Arizona doing mostly construction work. He has lived in the Forreston area for over 30 years where he also worked construction before his retirement.

Earl is survived by

his brother, Andy Hinkle; daughter, Kathy (Mark) Perry, Owasso, Okla.; son,

Richard (Esther) Hinkle, Independence, Mo.; grandchildren, David Perry and Laura Perry, Owasso, Okla.; 2 great grandchildren; nieces Cindy (Tim) Webster, Forreston; Denise (Allan) DeGuzman, Hoffman Estates; grandnieces and nephews, Laura Webster, Leaf River; Carla (Chris) Pope, Forreston; Adam and Evan DeGuzman and Nick Lucas, Hoffman Estates; Steve Webster and family, Milledgeville.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Muriel Williams

STILLMAN VALLEY – Muriel "Jean" Williams, 91, Stillman Valley, passed away Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Aug. 31, 1928, in Rockford, the daughter of Clarence "Curly" and Meryl (Palmer) Lundberg.



Jean married Raymond "Warren" Williams in New Milford on Aug. 29, 1954. He passed away on May 30, 2000. She worked as an auditor at Howard Johnsons for 13 years. Jean was an active member of Monroe Community Church for many years. She belonged to a potluck group that met each month for many years until just a couple of years ago. Jean and a friend coached a boy's baseball team in the Sandy Koufax

and Mickey Mantle league for many years. The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Survived by her daughter, Bonnie (Larry) Shields; her sons, Jay (Geisha) Williams, and Bruce Williams; her grandchildren, Lauri (Mike) Connelly, Brian (Amy) Shields, Annie and Carolyn Williams; her great-grandchildren, Hazel

and Lainey Shields; her sister, Kathryn Brady; many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her husband Warren, her brother and sister-in-law, Bill (Marilyn) Lundberg, her daughter-in-law, Dawn Williams, and her brother-in-law, Richard Brady.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, at Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory, Mulford Chapel, 1860 S. Mulford Rd. Entombment at Sunset Memorial Gardens Chapel of Love. A walk through visitation held from 10 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Masks required and social distancing must be maintained. Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

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Forreston continues to recover from damaging storm



Before and after photos show the continuing cleanup efforts taking place in Forreston in the wake of a storm that blew through the area on Aug. 10. High winds snapped trees, damaged homes and severely damaged a mobile home park. Power was out for days and a curfew was in place. The top photos show how the storm destroyed a number of trailers. It also toppled power lines and damaged multiple structures. At the time, Forreston Mayor Mark Metzger said that the village had 13 blocks of structural damage and 41 blocks of downed trees, power lines and telephone poles. The streets in some areas were littered with tree limbs, twisted metal and downed power lines as people did their best to clean up. (Brad Jennings photos)

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Ogle County Sheriff

Aug. 23

At 12:04 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Chevy Impala at 4th Street and Washington Street in Oregon. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Raheem J. Martin, 28 of Dixon, for Unlawful Cannabis Container, Unlawful Use of Cannabis and Driving While Under the Influence of Drugs. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Police.

Aug. 21

At 6:56 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, Polo Police Department, Polo Fire Department, and the Polo Ambulance responded to an accident with injuries at Rt. 26 and Rt. 52. Gabrielle F. Klukaczynski, 18 of Princeton, was Southbound on Rt. 26 when she failed to stop for the stop sign. Klukaczynski struck an embankment before coming to a stop in a corn field. Klukaczynski was transported to KSB Hospital by the Polo Ambulance with multiple injuries. After a further investigation Ogle County Deputies met with Klukaczynski at KSB Hospital where she was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and Disobeying a Stop Sign. Klukaczynski was given an I Bond and a September Court Date.

At about 2:18 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash involving an injury at Freeport Road and Sterling Road. Deputies learned that a 2014 Indian Motorcycle driven by Harley Vogt, 77 of Sterling, was traveling south on Freeport Road, failed to stop at the intersection and entered the south east ditch, coming to rest in a corn field. Harey Vogt was pronounced deceased on scene by the Ogle County Coroner. Deputies were assisted by Polo Fire and Ambulance along with the Polo Police Department. The crash remains under investigation.

Aug. 20

At approximately 1 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of IL Rte 26 and IL Rte 72. After an investigation it was determined that a silver Chrysler Pacifica being driven by Morgan R Steverson-Dunham, 26 of Hanover IL, was Eastbound on IL Rte 72. Steverson-Dunham failed to yield the right of way to Southbound traffic on IL Rte 26 and proceeded into the

intersection directly into the path of a Southbound tractor-trailer semi. The driver of the semi, David W. Bellows, 55 of Sterling IL, and Steverson-Dunham were transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital for injuries sustained. Steverson-Dunham was issued citations for; Failure to Yield Right of Way, Driving While License Suspended, and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance. Steverson-Dunham is due to appear in Ogle County Court to answer to these charges at a later date.

Aug. 18

The Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested Wilson Hernandez, 29, of Rockford for Driving With No Valid License. Hernandez was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff Deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Hernandez was released on an I-Bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At approximately 10:37 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the the area of Mud Creek Road and Hill Road. Following a brief investigation Deputies arrested Jose Velazques, 23 of Mt. Morris, for No Valid Driver's License. Velazques was issued and I-Bond and released from the scene with a future court date.

Aug. 17

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Brian Boyland, 41 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Boyland went to court and was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond. Boyland will be back in court on 09/27/20 at 9:00 a.m.

Roger Hauseman, 61 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Hauseman posted his \$271 full cash bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail with no further court dates.

Aug. 16

At approximately 2:28 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to 1450 North Illinois Route 2 in reference to a noise complaint. After an investigation Jason E. Stombaugh, 35 of Oregon was arrested for disorderly conduct. Stombaugh was given an I-bond and released.

Miranda Garcia was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Office for a Failure to Appear Warrant. Garcia has a bond of \$3,280.25 (Full

Cash). Garcia will go to court on 08/17/20 at 1 p.m. Garcia remains in custody in the Ogle County Jail.

Aug. 15

At approximately 9:34am Ogle County sheriff Deputies along with the Rochelle Police department responded to an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Ramona Ave. After an investigation Daniel Roman, 37 of Rochelle, was taken into custody for an outstanding Ogle County arrest warrant. Roman was transported to the Ogle County jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 3:55 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to the area of the 7000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a complaint of a reckless driver. Ogle county deputies conducted a traffic stop at the inter section of Blackhawk Drive and Walnut Street in Byron. The driver of the vehicle, Stevie Moore, 40 of Bellwood was arrested for No valid drivers license, driving on a suspended drivers license, fleeing to elude, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of a controlled substance (ecstasy), obstructing identification. Moore was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no seat belt, and expired registration. Moore also had an outstanding Iowa City arrest warrant. The vehicle was removed by Nielson towing. Moore was transported to the Ogle County jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Aug. 14

At approximately 11:07 a.m. Ogle County Deputies responded to the area of Powers road in reference to a reckless driver. Ogle County deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 200 block of Powers Ave on a blue Jeep Grand Cherokee. After an investigation Richard J D'Onofrio, 61 of Esmond, was arrested for driving on a suspended Illinois drivers license. D'Onofrio was also cited for improper lane usage. Ron's towing removed the vehicle from the location and D'Onofrio was transported to the Ogle County jail for processing.

Aug. 11

Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested Andrew Davis, 28, of Alsip IL for Driving While License Revoked. Davis was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff Deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held

in lieu of bond.

Ogle County Sheriff Deputies responded to the Ogle County Highway Department, located at 1989 S. IL Rte 2 for the report of a theft. After an investigation, 41 year old Bowe Osborn of East Peoria, IL was arrested for two (2) counts of Criminal Trespass to Vehicle, two (2) counts of Theft From Vehicle, and Possession of Controlled Substance. After investigation, 38 year old Heather Krueger of Machesney Park, was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance and Improper Container Cannabis Passenger. Both Bowe and Krueger were transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Aug. 10

Kelvin Jones, 37, of Rockford was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Office for an Aggravated Fleeing or Attempt to Elude Peace Officer Warrant. Jones has a bond of \$50,000 (10%). Jones will go to court on 08/10/20 at 1 p.m. Jones remains in custody in the Ogle County Jail.

The following were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding Warrants Richard Gallagher, 36, of Oregon, for Failure to Appear warrant. Gallagher has a bond of \$944 and will appear in court on 08/10/20 at 1 p.m. Diane E. Dirickson, 38, of Rockford, for Failure to Appear warrant. Dirickson has a bond of \$389 and will appear in court on 08/10/20 at 1 p.m. Adam J. Satterfield, 42, Rochelle, for Failure to Appear warrant. Satterfield has a bond of \$645 and will appear in court on 08/10/20 at 1 p.m.

Aug. 7

At 9:01 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of S. Rt. 26 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Joe Molette, 22 of Chicago, was charged with Improper Cannabis Container. Molette was released on a notice to appear in court.

Aug. 6

Ogle County Sheriff Deputies responded to a disturbance at 10722 N. Pecatonica Rd. Two Neighbors were involved in an argument. As a result of the investigation, 63-year-old Kevin Anderson of Leaf River was arrested for Battery. Anderson was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

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Dance Academy classes set

Byron Dance Academy announces registration dates for the 2020-21 Recital Dance season!

The Byron Dance Academy is excited to announce registration dates for the 2020-21 Recital Dance season.

Registration will be held at the Byron Park District PE Center where our talented team of instructors will be available to answer all of your questions and assist with the registration process. The Byron Dance Academy is entering its third recital season, which consists of five sessions beginning the week of Sept. 14. The fifth session concludes with the Recital performances. Dancers that wish to perform in the annual recitals must register by the second session and commit to the third, fourth and fifth sessions.

Registration dates are as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Returning students enrolled in more than one class.

4:30-6 p.m.: Combo Levels/Mini Hip Hop
6:30-8:30 p.m.: All Level 1 & Up/All Styles

Wednesday, Sept. 2
Returning students enrolled in one class.

4:30-6 p.m.: All Tiny Tots/Combo Levels/Mini Hip Hop
6:30-8:30 p.m.: All Level 1 & Up/All Styles

Thursday, Sept. 3
New students

4:30-6 p.m.: All Tiny Tots/Combo Levels/Mini Hip Hop
6:30-8:30 p.m.: All Level 1 & Up/All Styles

Class offerings are as follows:

BALLET 1, 2 & 3 will provide an environment where dancers will be able to challenge themselves and grow. Ballet serves as a great foundation for all styles of dance. It allows each dancer to improve essential skills such as balance, coordination, discipline and overall strength. This class will offer ballet barre technique as well as across the floor combination. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

BOYS' CLASS will explore the worlds of tap and hip hop! Dancers will spend time learning techniques from both styles. Each week they will master choreographed steps that will provide an atmosphere in which their confidence and skill will grow. There will be two dances performed in the recitals.

COMBO LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 will help dancers discover three ways to have a blast dancing! Each week dancers

will learn technique and choreography in ballet, tap and jazz. The growth that is possible when combining all three styles into one class period is both exciting and incredible! Combo 1, 2 & 3 will perform dances in all three styles in the recital.

HIP HOP LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 will create a fun and exciting environment. In this class dancers will learn stylized choreography that they will build upon for two weeks to master memorization. This class is perfect for boys and girls that have no prior dance experience and want an opportunity to perform. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

HIPHOPMINI will introduce boys and girls to different styles of hip hop dance and even some jazz funk! Each class will consist of some stretching and conditioning as a warm up and will lead into learning short dance routines. Dancers will grow in skill, memory, and confidence! Each dance combo that is learned will be worked on for two weeks at a time giving them a chance to master the steps. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

JAZZ will introduce each dancer to the world of rhythm! This class will energize and bring out the best in each dancer. Learning technique that evolved from years ago in the dance era and also in mainstream Jazz today. Jazz is a creative way to move and will surely allow each dancer to explore more of their personality. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

JAZZ LYRICAL 1, 2 & 3 will introduce two styles of dance. Each dancer will learn skills and choreography in both styles. This class will work on improving flexibility, balance, memorization of steps, and expressing movement connected to meaningful music. Lyrical gives each dancer the chance to take a message from a song and bring it to life through choreographed steps. There will be two dances performed in the recitals.

MODERN CONTEMPORARY will provide a very unique and stylized learning opportunity. Delivering an exciting atmosphere of rhythms and different methods on how to use the body in a creative way. This class will teach dancers choreography that will challenge them and build them into strong performers. This class will perform one dance in the recitals.

MUSICAL THEATER will offer dancers the opportunity to expand and grow in confidence in ways that they never imagined! We are so excited for this addition to our fall schedule! In this 30 minute class, dancers will be presented with choreography that pairs up with well-known musicals from all eras. Dancers will gain knowledge on how to pair acting and dancing together. Learning Musical Theater routines will produce a creative, fun and very energetic atmosphere that your dancer will not want to leave! There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

MUSICAL THEATER JAZZ will concentrate on many popular Broadway shows emphasizing Jazz dancing! In this class dancers will take a trip down memory lane to learn the many different genres of what makes Jazz so spectacular! Dancers will also have the opportunity to learn what is current and popular on Broadway today. This class will perform one dance in the recitals.

TAP 1, 2 & 3 will offer a variety of tap technique steps, as well as tap combinations that will improve coordination and syncopation in each dancer. Providing the ability to take music they hear and turn it into rhythm on the floor is both challenging and rewarding all at the same time! Learning tap creates a fun and exciting environment where dancers will develop many skills. Being trained in this style also helps dancers excel in other styles. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

TINY TOTS Tiny dancers will learn about balance, coordination and rhythm. It will be a fun and encouraging environment that will allow them to grow using their imaginations and bodies to create dance steps. They will gain knowledge of ballet and tap technique and will learn how to create dance combinations individually and working with a group. They will also use props (bean bags/balls) to enable them to memorize and develop better fine motor skills. There will be one dance performed in the recitals.

Visit us at www.byron-parks.org to stay up to date on all of our current and upcoming programs or check us out on Facebook. For additional information, you may contact Cultural Arts Program Manager, Jessica Julian at 815-234-8435.



Farmers Market

Byron Farmers Market is once again open for business next to the Hairy Cow Brewery from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday morning. We are following Ogle County Health department guidelines due to the virus. Please bring exact change for vendors and you must wear a mask. Denise Heller, Winnebago, makes crocheted dish cloths, scrubbies, and many other items for sale.

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The Polo Police Department is reminding motorists that it's that time again.

The Polo School District began its school year on Thursday, Aug. 20. We would like to remind motorists that each morning and afternoon you will need to be more observant when the children are walking to and from school.

The Polo school buses will be in use on the rural routes as well as the town routes. When a school bus turns on its yellow flashers it means that the bus will be stopping shortly to pick up or drop off a student. As soon as the bus comes to a stop, the bus driver will activate the red

flashers and put out the stop sign. Anyone caught passing a stopped school bus in either direction is subject to a 3-month license suspension if convicted. If there is any doubt about what to do when you see a school bus with its lights on just stop and wait until the bus is finished with the students. Drivers are obligated to stop for the school bus. The school bus is not obligated to wait for cars to clear. Don't try to beat the lights.

The speed limit in all school zones is 20 mph. There is no grace period for this speed zone which begins immediately at the posted sign. The fine for speeding in

a school zone is double the normal fine of \$165.

We are asking the students that walk to school to be cautious too. Use the sidewalks and cross walks. Don't walk in the street. Walk with a friend if you can. Ask your parents about stranger danger. If you have any trouble walking to or from school look for a house with a bright Helping Hand sign on the front door. That house is a safe house for you to go and ask for help.

Anyone interested in becoming a Helping Hand house should contact the Polo Police Department at 946-3412 to pick

up an application.

If you ride your bike to school you must follow all applicable traffic laws. No bicycles are allowed on the sidewalk in the business district unless you are walking your bike. Lock your bicycle once you arrive at school.

It is also illegal to use a cell phone while driving a vehicle in Illinois unless it is hands free. The Polo Police Department will be enforcing this law especially in school zones where safety is a concern.

We hope the students and the staff of the Polo School District have a safe and happy school year.

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Monroe Center Fire Dept. lands grant money

MONROE CENTER – Citizens and visitors of the Monroe Township Fire Protection District can rest a little easier today when they request our service.

Deputy Chief Richard L. Wilson announces the district has secured funding of \$106,476.19 from the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) and \$5,323.81 will be the fire district portion. This comes on the heels of the upcoming expiring air-packs, which have a life cycle of 20 years. With this funding, Monroe Township Fire District will be able to continue its' mission of life safety and property conservation. The purchase will be 16 complete SCBA air packs with face masks and an additional 8 more face masks.

What's this mean for the residents of Monroe Center? With this funding, it allows us to utilize tax dollars to complete other capital projects, such as keep money available for a future replacement of an ambulance.

"This is a great thing for

the Monroe Township Fire District, having capable working SCBA's is the vital link to extinguishing a fire and rescuing trapped occupants while keeping our firefighters safe," Wilson said.

"With these new units and the latest technology will allow my firefighters to operate safely in any (IDLH) Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health environment," said Fire Chief Scott Jaeger. "Keeping my firefighters safe while performing tasks that are required is a win, win for everyone."

Without this grant the Chief and I were looking into ways to repurpose air-packs that were coming up on expiring and replacing cylinders, all while trying to meet mandates and guidelines, not the safety option to provide the service our residents need.

Wilson would like to thank all those involved from the process of the AFG application to the denial and awards of the grants.

Census luncheons at Rock River Center set for Sept.

OREGON – Haven't filled out your Census form yet? Come to the Rock River Center on Sept. 1 or Sept. 8 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for a free Grab n Go census lunch catered by Hazel's Cafe (while supplies last.)

Here's five big reasons why everyone should fill out their census:

1. You help your community. Census numbers can help your community work out public improvement strategies.
2. You can get help in times of need. Census information helps health providers know the number of people in our community who need help.
3. Make Government work for you. It tells our leaders how many are living here and what we need. It helps distribute dollars in federal and state funds for things like our hospitals, highways, and school lunch programs.
4. Reduce risk for our businesses. Census numbers are used to help small businesses determine what is needed in a community. Our numbers need to be accurate to help shape our community.
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State Rep. Demmer visits Meridian School District

On Friday, Aug. 21, State Rep. Tom Demmer visited Highland Elementary in the Meridian School District.

During the morning he took over duties and worked alongside Joe Mullikin, Principal at Highland Elementary School. Demmer and Mullikin worked to screen students prior to entry, visited

classrooms, and spent time understanding and talking through the “new normal.”

“We’re approaching the end of our first week of in-person schooling and, while there continue to be areas we can improve, students and staff are doing an exceptional job,” Mullikin said.

Annual Tootsie Roll drive will be different this year

The 51st Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled will not be conducted as in the past.

There will be no one standing in the intersection or in front of stores. We will attempt to collect donations from collections cans at a few businesses and

by asking our friends and neighbors.

Most of our collected funds are donated to 3 area institutions: Village of Progress, Stouffer Terrace and Oregon school district Special Ed dept. They have each received more than \$25,000 in the past 20 years from our council.

Collection cans (and Tootsie Rolls) are located at Central Bank in Oregon at drive-up window or in lobby and also in Mt Morris at Paul Smith Accounting. Also in Forrester at The Vet Clinic and at Oregon St Mary Parish Center office.

Any questions contact Dave Starke 815-732-3935.

RRC has performance, group meetings

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions on our programs or services.

Labor Day holiday hours

Rock River Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. There will be no activities or transportation scheduled during that time. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Crosswind performs at RRC

Crosswind is the guitar/vocal duo of Harold Harrison and Lowell Harp. Join us at Rock River Center from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Enjoy their mix of original music, as well as country/folk Americana.

Light refreshments will be served. Masks and reservations are required. Seating is limited, so please call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Caregiver support group

Patti Kilmer, MSW from Generations @ Neighbors, leads the Caregiver Support Group. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call Patti Kilmer at 815-234-2511 or 815-

298-7004. Cancelled until further notice.

Low vision group

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

Diabetic support group

This very informative group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Rock River Center. The facilitator of this group offers support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for a different topic each month and enjoy recipes as well. 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 time is from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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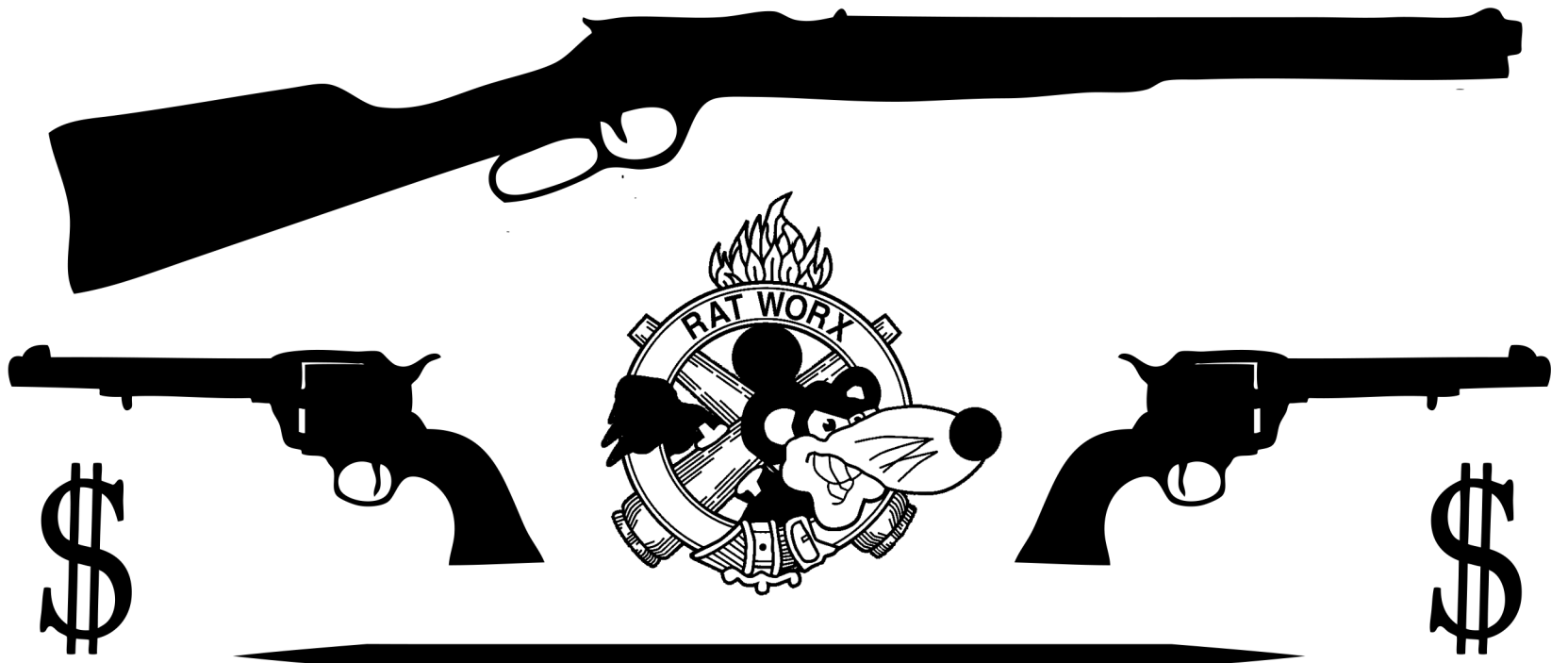


Cleaning up

On July 28 several members of the Oregon Lions Club were out cleaning up roadside debris on Route 2 north of Oregon. Oregon Lions' Club President Grant Afflerbaugh organized the event. Those Lions who participated were: Dr. Tom Champley, Duane Moser, Ray Farrey, Janet Champley, Sharon Kryszak and Grant Afflerbaugh. Pictured from left are: Janet Champley, Sharon Kryszak and Dr. Tom Champley.

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Remembering Route 66 with Leslie Goddard, Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom. In this nostalgia-packed lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the mid-1980s. Learn why Route 66 remains so indelibly associated with the lore of the American road trip. FB Message us, or email

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Farmer's Market, Polo, 3-6 p.m., Municipal parking lot south of Shell Station on Division Ave.

Farmer's Market, Forreston, 8 a.m.-noon, Subway parking lot at Rt. 26/72.

Flea/Farmer's Market, Dogwood Inn, 3-6 p.m., Rt. 26/64.

Fri., Sept. 4

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MOMENTS IN TIME

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* On Sept. 18, 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building. It would take nearly a century to complete, as architects came and went, the British set fire to it and it was called into use during the Civil War.

* On Sept. 16, 1893, the largest land run in history begins with more than 100,000 people pouring into the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma to claim valuable land. Towns like Norman and Oklahoma City sprung up almost overnight.

* On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem that is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem was written after Key witnessed Fort McHenry being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812.

* On Sept. 15, 1954, the famous picture of Marilyn Monroe, laughing as her skirt is blown up by the blast from a subway vent, is shot. The scene infuriated her husband, Joe DiMaggio.

* On Sept. 19, 1969, President Richard Nixon announces the cancellation of the draft calls for November and December. He reduced the call-up by 50,000 men as part of his program of turning the war over to the South Vietnamese.

* On Sept. 20, 1973, in a highly publicized "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King, 29, beats Bobby Riggs, 55, a former No. 1 ranked men's player. Riggs had boasted that women were inferior, and that even at his age he could beat any female player. King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

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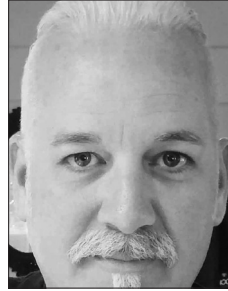
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It is not a conspiracy – it's math

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Well, I am 57 and have still never used algebra.

In fact, I don't use much aside from basic math – addition, subtraction, multiplication – in my daily life. And then not every day or even every week. OK, I do count calories, but that seems to be nothing but addition these days.

Now before all of you math teachers jump on me – joining the English teachers who love to send letters pointing out every grammatical mistake – I am not anti-math. In fact, I love the beauty and precision of math.

My problem is that I am not good at it and never have been. I am the artsy type; numbers have never been my thing.

The same goes for conspiracy theories, which I have written about before. I find some of them to be mildly entertaining, but these days many are actually frightening in their absurdity. It is hard for me to understand how people can believe such nonsense.

But all you have to do is take a look at social media

and you see conspiracies of every stripe. Government control, bigfoot, secret societies running the world – they are out there, and they have more and more people who believe them. Sadly, too many people are easily led these days.

I have seen a local one recently that is a real head scratcher for me, because it involves math – well, statistics, really.

During COVID, cases are tracked per 100,000 people. Now, as most know this is common in science when tracking things. A sample size is needed, so you take

a number. This way, as Kyle Auman, the head of the Ogle County Health Department explained, you can compare a jurisdiction with a million people accurately with one with 50,000 people.

I bring this up, because some people on that pesky social media – and even in my email – have called the county's COVID-19 numbers fiction because how can you use the number 100,000 when there aren't even 100,000 people in the county?

Now, as a math illiterate dude, even I felt confident that I knew the answer. I reached out to experts to check and I was (shockingly, stunningly, unbelievable) correct.

Auman even sent me a chart which explained how these calculations are made and why. I will admit the math made me a little dizzy, but I could clearly follow it.

In short, using these numbers for statistical analysis is business as usual. It is not a government plot. It is not a media snow job. It is not "fake news."

It is just math. And I can

tell you that the older I get, the more I appreciate the certainty of math. I understand to mathematicians, math is a wonderful thing. To me, a great melody is wonderful, and math still makes me want to curl up in a ball in the corner and whimper to myself.

But numbers are what number are. And the use of rates to compare sets of data in statistics is common. Auman said that, not me. I can barely spell statistics.

Just because we don't understand things does not mean there is a conspiracy. It does not mean that people or "the government" are trying to hide things from us. Sometimes, it means we just don't understand.

But it is incumbent on us to do the research, so we do understand before we make grand pronouncements about these things, isn't it? And if we don't, reach out to experts who do. We should all do our best during these difficult times to educate ourselves.

Now, no more math, OK?
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Editorial

Governor snubs most reliable media source

Gov. JB Pritzker no doubt hired a lot of so-called experts and probably expensive talent to guide his new \$5 million "It Only Works if You Wear It" campaign to encourage Illinoisans to wear a mask.

But the campaign isn't spending a dime in newspapers.

Instead, it's using various forms of broadcast, billboards and social media to spread the word.

The governor hired an ad agency to place the advertising, a world class photographer, development talent, an agency to provide creative direction, and another agency that specializes in understanding and simplifying. Then, there's a firm that provides that data insights. And let's not forget the COVID-19 modeling team, whatever that is.

But here's one thing all of these

media "experts" missed that the governor and his team do know, and it's been in front of them every day — the newspapers of Illinois.

We've finally been told by the governor's office that the goal is to reach a younger demographic and that's why print advertising in newspapers wasn't part of the mix. Ironically, a study conducted by Civis that was used to guide the campaign showed that with the exception of adults 65 and over there is little difference in the percentage of mask wearing between various age groups.

They missed the newspapers that covered his daily news conferences to update Illinoisans about COVID-19, and more importantly, they missed the local newspapers statewide like the Rochelle News-Leader, Ogle County Life,

Ashton Gazette, Amboy News and Mendota Reporter that kept every community informed about the pandemic. These hometown newspapers provide a fact-based lifeline of much needed information, which we all know is critical in times of crisis, and in many cases our local newspapers are delivered and read every week in our local schools by students.

Analytics and metrics are great, but how do you measure what's staring you in the face every single day? Maybe the analysts involved in this campaign should find a way to measure the impact that newspapers have had in communicating critical information to the governor's communities across the state. That would be a very substantial metric.

Recently, the City of Rochelle

ran an independent survey asking local residents where they looked to find local city news. Outside of the city's own social media page, the Rochelle News-Leader was the second most relied upon source by a wide margin over all other local media options.

We understand the value of broadcast to the governor's campaign. Just like newspapers, broadcast media have been there every step of the way to get the message out about COVID-19 and the state's response. But there were no reporters from Facebook or any other social media platform at any of the governor's news conferences. If we missed them, we apologize. In fact, it seems the only fact-based reporting on social media is from credible news outlets like newspapers and broadcast outlets, and it

didn't cost the state anything. Yet, Mark Zuckerberg profits while Illinois newspapers continue to struggle with economic hardships exacerbated by the pandemic.

So, newspapers have carried the message, but when it's time to get the benefit of a paid campaign they weren't included.

This is just the latest of a series of snubs of newspapers from state government. Others include the secretary of state's recent campaign to reopen facilities, and the Department of Aging's effort to report elder abuse.

The more than 400 newspapers in Illinois deserve much better treatment and respect from the governor, who has relied heavily on print journalists to deliver the much-needed fact-based information during these trying times.

There is no pandemic

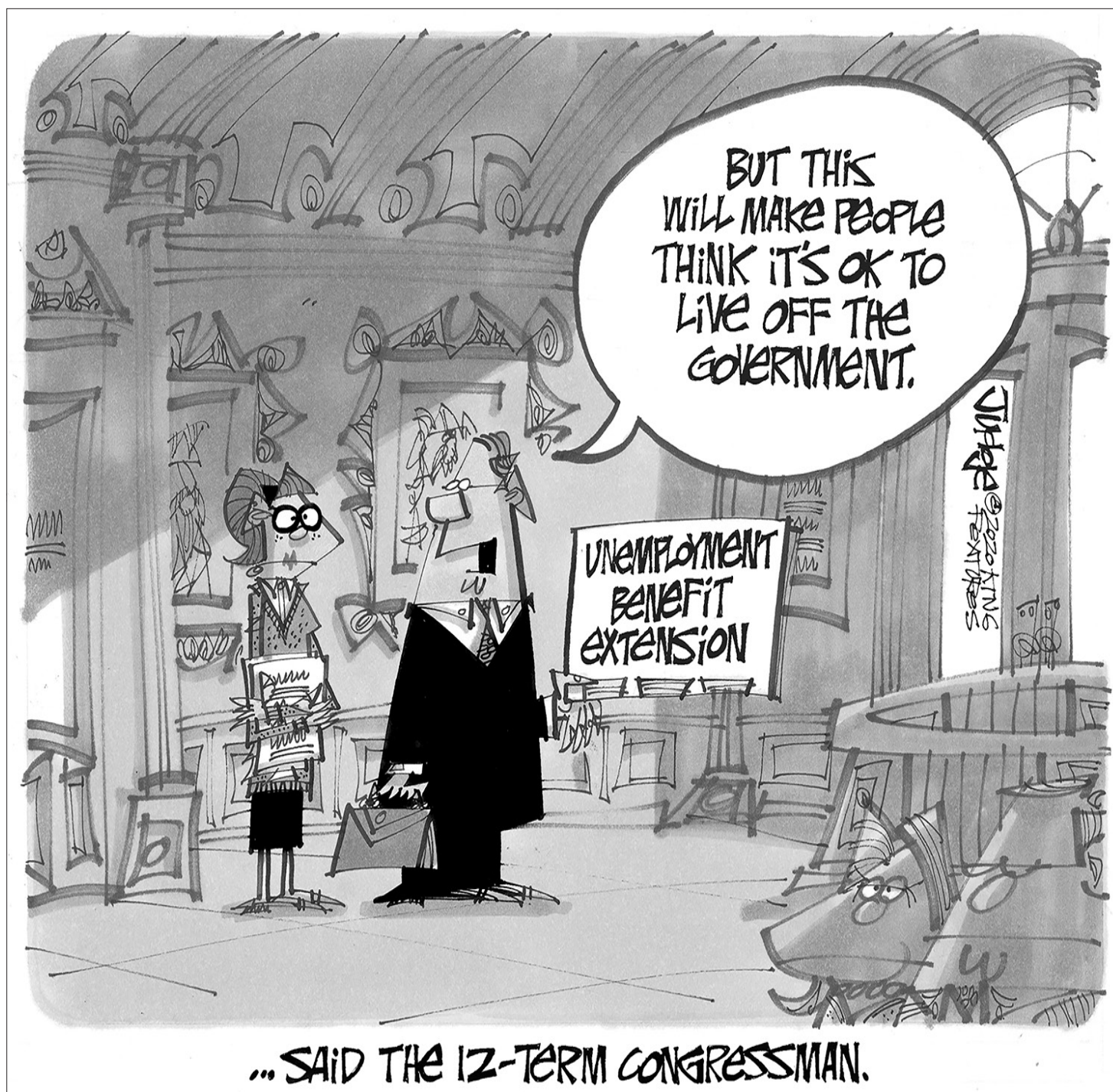
Dear Editor,

I am writing to take issue with the nurse who wrote how all of us should wear masks as a courtesy to one another in this COVID-19 pandemic. Multiple scientific medical reports offer that masks do not prevent COVID-19. Then there is the new news of the CDC that COVID-19 is not as deadly as first thought and not at all as deadly as H1-N1. The COVID-19 mortality rate is less than 1 percent now.

My wife and I have traveled six states since March 25th when the "COVID Crisis" was announced one week after Joe Biden became the Democrats official candidate for president of their party. We met medical professionals of first responders as well as hospital nurses and doctors. All of them confirmed there was no "COVID crisis" and they were now hurting financially. I spoke with several funeral home directors. Same story, no explosion in the funeral industry!

Wake up people! When I moved to this area my parents came to visit and they read the Ogle County Life and marveled at the ages people lived to in the obituary section of the newspaper. Well, guess what? I have been starting to read the obits during this "COVID crisis." I have found most people are still dying well into old age! There are not extra pages of obits required in the newspaper as there would be in a real pandemic! You don't need a medical degree to understand math and politics and of the two, math never lies!

Mark Schwendau, Byron



... SAID THE 12-TERM CONGRESSMAN.

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Local election judge talks voting process

Dear Editor,
In response to Mr. Steven G Sorenson, Polo, Viewpoint, Ogle County Life, Aug. 10, risk and validation of our vote and election, hmmm? As an Election Judge, I am required to do the following; 1. Attended a seminar/school on "how to be an Election Judge" and received instruction guides for same, and 2. Received instructions and booklet on the "Tabulation machine" for counting your paper voting ballot (which, by the way, is how all ballots are counted whether mail-in ballot or early voted).
On Election Day, we, Election Judges,

will sign an "Oath of Affirmation...", then go to work! We will receive tabulated accounting of those individuals who early voted and mail-in ballots from the County Clerks Office and will strike them from our "Application" books, thereby negating the "vote early and vote often" theory. Each person that comes into vote must verify address and sign his or her "Application" card. The signature then is compared to the one on file (even though you, Mr. Sorenson, think we Judges are not qualified as forensic experts who can validate signatures). Upon verifying, that person is

handed the appropriate ballot. Regarding "photo ID," it is against the law to ask for photo ID in the State of Illinois, unless the Election Judge challenges the validity of the voter. After voting, they will personally put their ballot into the tabulating machine (one vote counted!).
As to counting the mail-in ballots, the process is the same, except for how the ballot enters the tabulating machine. The County Clerk or her designee, will put the ballot, after verifying the signature, in the tabulating machine, thereby counting that ballot.

I am naive enough to believe, and hope,

that is the way the rest of the country operates!

I didn't realize that we are a divided country by Marxist and socialists and conservatives battling for control. I think that we are better than that! Yes, I will agree with you that there is a bit of turmoil in our country; COVID-19, BLM, and Republicans vs. Democrats in our Congress, but Marxist?

And please, when you come in to vote, wear a mask, covering your nose and mouth. You are protecting me from getting COVID, as I wear one to protect you!

John E. Hawkins, Oregon, IL

Don't tell me to wear a mask

Dear Editor,
I just read the letter from Theresa Fritz, RN regarding masking. I have a different view.

I refuse to wear one if it can be avoided. Furthermore, I have changed all of my buying habits to favor those establishments who do not hassle me about it.

Groceries, gas, liquor, restaurants, convenience stores—all my regular places are gone. I have found replacements and when (if) this panic ends, I will never go back. I am voting with my feet and my dollars.

Theresa may be properly required to "mask up" as part of her job. I do not like being pushed around and told what to do.

Sincerely,
Richard Gribbins, Oregon

Reader sends thanks to Laura Cook

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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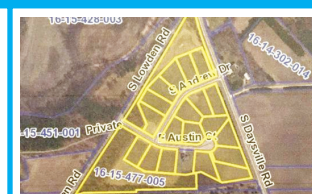
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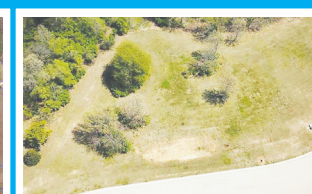
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Byron boys, girls kick off golf season with wins

BYRON — The Byron High School boys and girls golf teams teed off the 2020 season against Genoa-Kingston on Wednesday, Aug. 19. The Tiger boys won 173-218 behind medalist Maison Brandt's 40 and runner-up Eric Detig's 42. The Ti-

ger girls topped Genoa-Kingston 201-230, with medalist Paige Bukoski shooting 47 and runner-up Shannon McHale adding 48.

Byron continued action against Dixon on Thursday, Aug. 20. The Tiger boys won

180-212, with Maison Brandt carding 41 for medalist honors and runner-up Logan Remhof recording 43. The Tiger girls fell 180-198 despite 45 from Ava Kultgen and 47 from Paige Bukoski.

Byron hosted the annual Tiger Shoot-

out on Saturday, Aug. 22 at PrairieView Golf Club. The Tiger boys placed third with 346 behind third-place finisher Maison Brandt's 82 and fourth-place winner Eric Detig's 82. Logan Remhof medaled in ninth place with 87.

Sports briefs

Cardinal girls golf wins, boys fall

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley High School boys and girls golf teams held a series of local meets recently. The Cardinal girls faced Polo on Thursday, Aug. 20, winning 217-238 behind medalist Grace Haas (46) and runner-up Ella Challand (50). Kamryn Stockton fired 55 for the Marco girls, while Kealie Wilcox added 56.

The Cardinal boys dropped a close match to Mendota that same day, losing 177-182 in a tight Big Northern Conference battle. Stillman Valley then competed in the Byron Tiger Shootout on Saturday, Aug. 22, taking second place with 333. Griffin Smitts scored 80 to take second individually, while Owen Dunseth finished fifth with 84 and Tim Marcum was eighth with 86. Axel Lovegren recorded 88 to take 10th individually and round out the SVHS varsity group.

Hawk boys, girls golf see mixed results

OREGON — The Oregon High School boys and girls golf teams faced Erie-Prophetstown on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Helena Holden-Fox earned medalist honors with 49,

while Lena Trampel was the runner-up with 53 for the Hawk girls, who won the meet 210-247. The Oregon boys fell 172-194, with Jarrett Dietrich carding 44 to lead the Hawk boys.

Oregon then faced Rock Falls on Thursday, Aug. 20, with the Hawk boys winning 192-217 and the Hawk girls falling 162-180. Jarrett Dietrich medaled with 43 for Oregon, while Isaac Kaltelbrun added 48 and Nick Beitel shot 50. Ava Hackman fired 39 for Oregon's girls team, with Mia Trampel shooting 42 and Tori Marchetti chipping in with 49.

Oregon competed against Winnebago on Aug. 25, with the boys falling 159-195 and the girls losing 172-186. Jarrett Dietrich and Isaac Kaltelbrun led the Hawk boys with 43 and 46, respectively, while Ava Hackman carded 45 and both Mia and Lena Trampel shot 46 for the Hawk girls.

Hawks cross country gearing up

OREGON — The Oregon High School cross country teams are gearing up for the 2020-21 fall sports season. The program will be returning several sectional qualifiers on both sides, and expectations will be high for the

Hawks as they lace up their running shoes.

Seven sectional qualifiers return for the Hawk girls including seniors Leah Watters and Lydia Cermak, juniors Ashley Diehl, Faith Marquardt and sophomores Natalie Tremble, Hadley Lutz and Ellen Hodson. Four additional seniors are back including Madison Byerley, McKenna Tremble, Abigail Tomlinson and Kaitlyn Ramirez as well as junior Taylor Rufer and sophomores Grace Tomlinson and Valerie Nyderek. Newcomers include Jennica Ciesiel, Katelyn Bowers, Ava Wight, Ella Martin, Alexis Wilhelm, Hailee Taylor and Teagan Champley.

Key returners for the Hawk boys are Ryan Hussung, Conner Harshman, Nicholas Meives-Wylie and Lane Halverson. Newcomers include Riley Benton, Austin Ebert, Gavin Bradshaw, Grant Stender, Leo Cardenas, Gabe Reed and Edwin Estrada.

Polo golf teams split against Amboy

POLO — The Polo High School boys and girls golf teams faced Amboy on Tuesday, Aug. 25. The Marco girls won 233-315 behind 56 from Alex Dusing and Kealie Wilcox. The Polo boys fell 205-259, with Cody Buskohl shooting 51 for the Marcos.

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Julia Hull Library News

Expanded In-Person Services

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

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

Library Curbside Expanded

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

Public Computer Access

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

Register for a Library Card

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

Renew Your Library Card

Time to renew your card? You can do so remotely in 3 easy steps: 1) Take a picture of your current library card (barcode side up); 2) Take a picture of your Driver's License; 3) Email both, along with a telephone number, to librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org. Non-resident cardholder? Give us a call for more information: 815-645-8611.

FREE Digital Downloads

Did you know? JH Library cardholders have access to FREE audiobooks, ebooks, comic books and graphic novels, digital magazines, music, language learning tools, and more! Visit our website (www.juliahull.org) to learn more.

Remembering Route 66 with Leslie Goddard

The name evokes images of gas stations, mom-and-pop motels, quirky attractions, and adventure on the open road. In this nostalgia-packed lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in

the mid-1980s. Learn why Route 66 remains so indelibly associated with the lore of the American road trip. What was Route 66 like at its pinnacle – and what is it today? Join us on Zoom, Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.. FB Message us, or email jkluvever@mail.meridian223.org to register, and for a link to the program.

A Song & A Story

Beginning September 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 pj's, and bring a cuddle buddy. Second Tuesday of the Month on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Fall Windsock

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

Young Critics Book Club

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

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, September 19th, and is only available to view for one week, so don't miss out!

Tween Reads

Join us on Zoom for a discussion and activity all about Kate DiCamillo's *Raymie Nightengale* on Tuesday, September 22 at 6PM. Book and activity kit available for pickup upon registration. Call the library, or use our online pickup form: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 10-12.

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 brothers, Christian and 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, and Dave Pemberton from Port Charlotte, Fla.



Locals on Upper Iowa University Dean's List

FAYETTE, Iowa – Upper Iowa University has announced the Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester.

To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student. The honored students included:

Monroe Center – Alexandra Green;

Mount Morris – Cassandra Beutke;

Chana – Kari Corson;

About Upper Iowa University Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,200 students-nationally and internationally-at its Fayette, Iowa, Campus, 21 U.S. locations, as well as a location in Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age.

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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* today 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 call the library at 815-234-5107 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 lbs. of plastic within the next six months, and thanks to you we have collected over 150 lbs. so far! If our goal of 500 lbs. is met, the Byron Public Library District will receive a 100% recyclable Trex bench to be enjoyed by all! Plastic items that can be recycled include grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bats, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, Ziploc & other resealable food storage bags. Collection bins will be located inside the main entrance.

Online Storytimes

Drop by the Byron Library Facebook page every week for virtual story time! Join Miss Cathy at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for Virtual Baby Boogies, or Miss Julie at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Virtual Story Time. Virtual story times will run weekly. No registration needed!

Parking Lot WiFi

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

Check out our eBooks!

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

Introducing Creativebug!

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

Local History

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

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

Mount Morris Library News

Curbside Pickup and Inter Library Loans

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

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

* Inter Library Loans are available.

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

* Please update your contact information if needed.

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

* New library cards:

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

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

Browsing By Appointment

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

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

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

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

Computer Use By Appointment

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

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

* Masks must be worn in the library.

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

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

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

Thank you!

We want to thank our community and all

of our sponsors who helped us with Summer Reading Program. Like everyone, the library has been affected by this pandemic in ways that we couldn't anticipate. All of our fundraisers have been cancelled. We were not able to have our Tea, our Friday night concessions, our book sale, or our Trivia night. These are things that have helped us to be able to do more than keep the lights on. These are the things that allow us to have programs and new books and movies. We are grateful for all the businesses and organizations who contributed to our Summer Reading Program, and we are grateful for all of the individuals who continue to donate for our general fund. Things are not normal, but we have learned that in these unusual times, people often show their best selves. So, thank you for your generosity and kindness you have shown us during this unprecedented time. Together, we will continue to serve this community.

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.

Returned Books

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

will be checked back in and backdated to when they were returned. This means that you may receive courtesy notifications (phone calls, texts or emails) close to the due date of your item(s), or even a first overdue notice before your item(s) are checked back into our system even if you have already returned your items. We are a fine-free library, so you do not need to worry about accruing fines during the quarantine period. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 815-946-2713.

We're Hiring!

Polo Library is hiring a part time Children's Program Coordinator! Applicants must be willing to work a mix of daytime, evening and Saturday shifts. Pick up your application at the library circulation desk or on our website at pololibrary.org and submit it in person or to library@pololibrary.org along with your resume and

letter of interest.

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

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

Library Closed for Labor Day – 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*

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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.

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Voter Registration

Voter registration is now available at the library. Just call for an appointment to come in and get registered. You will need two forms of identification, one of which has your current residence address, and you must be registered before October 6th to vote in the November 2nd election.

Curbside Pickup

We will continue to offer curbside pickup. Pick up times will be scheduled when you

place a request. Interlibrary loans have resumed so you may also request items from other libraries. Due to quarantine policies, delivery may take longer than usual. Please call, Facebook message, or email us at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com for assistance or if you have any questions.

eBooks/WiFi

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

New Releases

Adult Fiction

Thick As Thieves by Sandra Brown

Young Adult Fiction

The Kinder Poison by Natalie Mae

Juvenile Fiction

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

Children's Fiction

Peppa's Magical Unicorn by Lauren Holloway

Scoob! A Dog's Best Friend by Tex Huntley

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

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Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30a.m., Morning Worship -
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BYRON

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Social Hour follows all services. Child care available at Summer Worship
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Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September
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Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon
at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please
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at 6:30pm. • Wednesday Night Family Nights with Dinner at 5:30pm.
Children's Programs run from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and the
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there is an Adult Small Group also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.
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Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high
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Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
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Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or
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Oregon Library News

Yes, we are open!

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. However, materials that are not returned will result in replacement costs. This bill is generated after materials are 21 days overdue. As long as materials are returned with no damage you will not be charged the replacement fee. Please contact us at 815-732-2724 if you have any questions or want to request library materials!

Read More ~ Worry Less!

It's here

Oregon Public Library is thrilled to announce the opening of a StoryWalk® at Oregon Park West!

What is a StoryWalk®? It is a book that has been disassembled, laminated and presented page by page to promote reading and exercise on a trail, bike path, or in store windows and as you stroll, you are directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Our hope is that this passive program can be used by all ages, groups, families and the Oregon School District. Thanks to the generosity of Etnyre Foundation and collaboration with Oregon Park District, the Oregon Public Library is presenting its first story, *A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni, on the path beginning at the main parking lot.

Video story time

We will start back up on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.! Visit our Facebook page and see where Story Time is coming from this week...

Trivia night – Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Go to crowd.live and type code DJMVE

We will continue to use CrowdPurr.com for our Trivia format. You can play alone or send the link to your friends and create a team. You MUST send your Team Name to cbergoply@gmail.com to have it created before the 8th of September. The game will begin promptly at 6:10pm and will be 56 questions from the following topics: Sports, Movies, Books, Science, History, Geography, TV and Word Puzzles. Any questions or for more information, email cbergoply@gmail.com or call the library 815-732-2724.

Yoga with Jennifer is back! Starting Sept. 12

Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. – only 5 spots available.

Registration required (815) 732-2724

Illinois cemetery safari – Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.

Join us for a slideshow journey around our state to see the final resting places of famous, infamous and obscure people and animals. You'll see unique headstones and burial sites and visit the graves of Burl Ives, Chester Gould, Kathy Sh-Boom and Dorothy Louise Gage. Don't know some of these names? Join us to find out. Register at (815) 732-2724. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

Meeting will occur via Zoom- Zoom.com

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

Library book clubs

The 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. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett.

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

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

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

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

New releases

The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir by John Bolton (Non-Fiction 973.933 BOL)

Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story Of The Atomic Bomb And The 116 Days That

Changed The World by Chris Wallace (Non-Fiction 940.54 WAL)

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth Of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson (Non-Fiction 305.8 AND)

Separated: Inside An American Tragedy by Jacob Soboroff (Non-Fiction 325.73 SOB)

My Wife Said You May Want To Marry Me by Jason B. Rosenthal (Biography BIO ROS)

Make Russia Great Again by Christopher Buckley (Fiction)

The Pull Of The Stars by Emma Donoghue (Fiction)

Deadly Touch by Heather Graham (Fiction)

The Vanishing Sky by L. Annette Binder (Fiction)

Half Moon Bay by Jonathan & Jesse Kellerman (Fiction)

Near Dark by Brad Thor (Fiction)

He Started It by Samantha Downing (Fiction)

The Pull Of The Stars by Emma Donoghue (Large Print Fiction)

A Walk Along The Beach by Debbie Macomber (Large Print Fiction)

The Devil's Bones by Carolyn Haines (Mystery)

Word To The Wise by Jenn Mckinlay (Paperback Mystery)

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● LOAD-BEARING WORDS

ACROSS

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1 Place for pampering
4 Bedouins
9 Gasoline stat
12 Samovar
13 Actress Zellweger
14 A billion years
15 Update
17 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
18 Young fellow
19 Shun
21 Feast alternative
24 — land (spaced-out site)
25 Eggs
26 Attempt
28 Paul or Lloyd of baseball lore
31 Gear teeth
33 Collection
35 Go off the board
36 Central
38 Turf
40 Londoner's last letter
41 Reverberate
43 Hourglasses, e.g.
45 Common condiment (Var.)
47 Historic period
48 Boxing legend
49 Spellbind

54 Namely (Abbr.)
55 Cook with radiant heat
56 Cacophony
57 Chowed down
58 Impudent
59 Choose

9 Replace personnel with robots
10 Pontiff
11 Chew like chipmunks
16 Inventor Whitney
20 Dressed
21 Central points
22 Shakespeare's river
23 Make attractive
27 Indeed
29 Always
30 Cincinnati team

32 Moments, for short
34 Re clan emblems
37 Compass points
39 In a catastrophic way
42 "The Phantom of the —"
44 Scratch
45 Vena —
46 Settled down
50 Old French coin
51 Altar affirmative
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DOWN

- 1 Total
2 In favor of
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4 Extreme
5 Furnishes
6 Blackbird
7 Gem facet
8 Playground fixture

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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| Armload | Freeloader | Offload | Top-load |
| Backload | Front-load | Overload | Truckload |
| Boatload | Loader | Payload | Trunkload |
| Carload | No-load | Reload | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

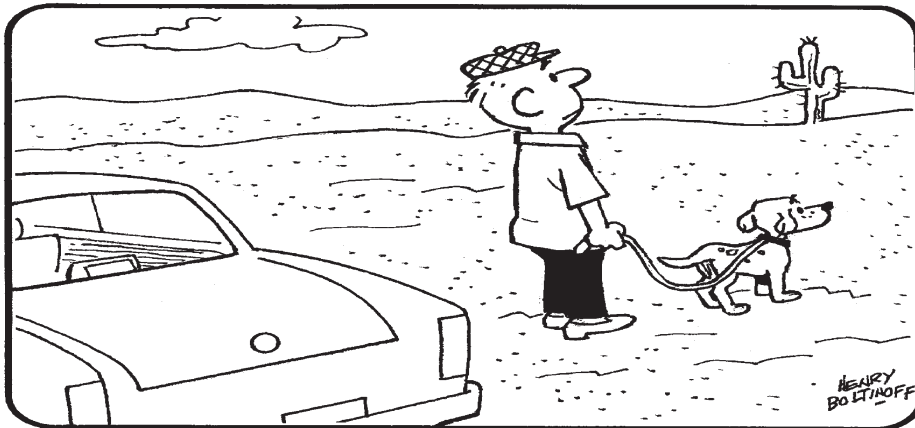
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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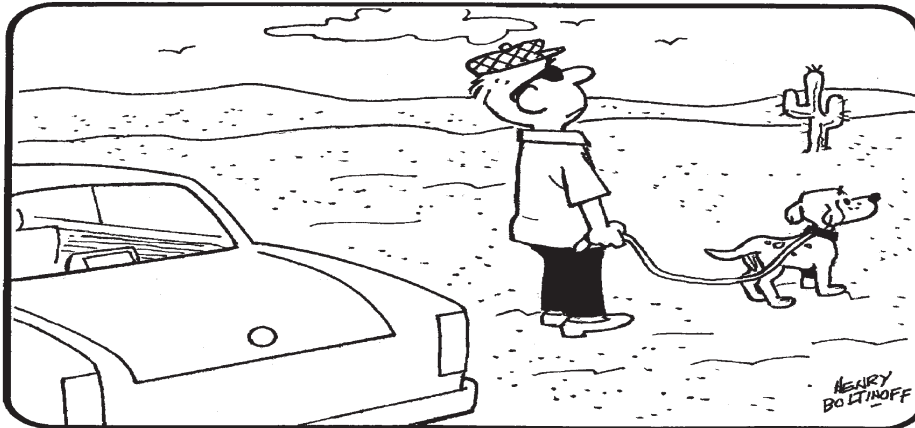
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud has moved. 2. Sunglasses have been added. 3. License plate is missing. 4. Dog's leash is longer. 5. Birds have been added. 6. Cactus is closer.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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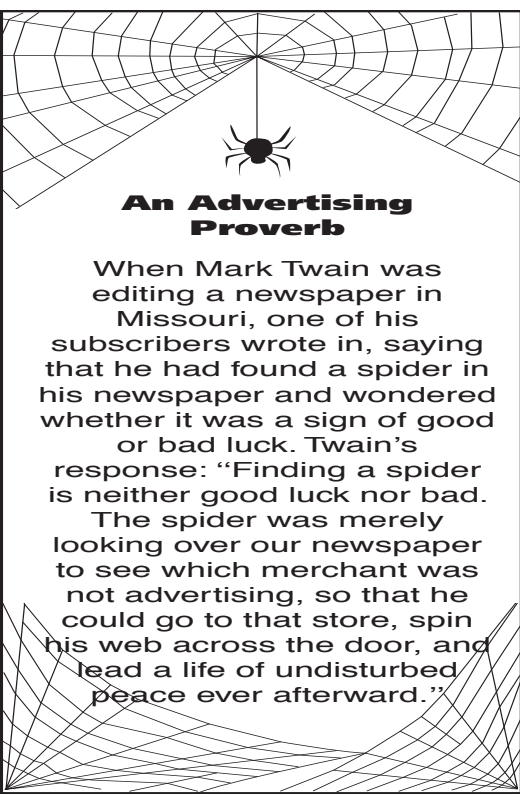
LOAD-BEARING WORDS

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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An Advertising Proverb

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

103 AUCTIONS

'ONLINE ONLY AUCTION'

Guy 'Frenchie' Lacombe Estate - Tools, Shop Equipment, Vintage & Collector Cars Parts BIDDING OPENS: FRI., SEPT. 4th @ 8 A.M.

632 S. Chana Rd., Chana, IL 61015 (5-Miles E. of Oregon, IL on Rt. 64)

Large Selection of Mechanic & Power Tools; Socket & Wrench Sets; Snap-On; Shop Equipment; Welders-Torches-Saws-Lifts-Cabinets; Welding Tables & Vise; Ridgid Pipe Set; Generators; Automotive Restoration & Repair; Specialty; Farm Primitives; Lumber, Die Cast Cars & Trucks; Loads of Good Old & Collector Automotive Parts-Grills-Bumpers-Fenders-Trims-Lights-Mirrors-Door Hardware-Hood Ornaments & Badges; Much More!

ITEM PREVIEW: Thurs., Sept. 3rd - 3 to 7 P.M.

BIDDING OPENS: Fri., Sept. 4th @ 8 A.M.

BIDDING CLOSES: Tues., Sept. 8th @ 7 P.M.

ITEM PICKUP: Thurs., Sept. 10th - 3 to 7 P.M.

Classic & Vintage Automobile Auction Guy 'Frenchie' Lacombe Estate SAT., SEPT. 12th - 9:30 A.M.

632 S. Chana Rd., Chana, IL 61015 (5-Miles E. of Oregon, IL on Rt. 64)

Featuring (60) Great Old Cars & Trucks! 1916 Willys Overland 7P Touring; 1936 Plymouth P2 Deluxe Touring Sedan; 1946 Chryslers; 1952 Pontiac Strato Chief; 1978 Chevrolet Big10 SB Pickup (A Real Beauty); 1942 Chrysler Windsor w/ 1955 Hemi engine; 1950 Ford Prefect; 1955 Chrysler New Yorker; 1957 Buick Super Riviera; 1955 Chrysler 300; Dodge 1 & 1 1/2 Ton Trucks; 1948 International KB-5; 1950's Chevy 3800 1-Ton Truck & Panel Vans, 1940's Desoto Custom, 1937 Dodge Luxury Liner, 1968 Buick LaSabre Convertibles; Over (50) 1930's thru 1960's Era Cars-Trucks-Delivery-Convertible Vehicles, Many in Restorable Condition. Vintage Automotive Engines-Transmissions; New Holland Skid Loader; Hough Rubber Tired Wheel Loader; Oliver Super 55 Utility Loader Tractor; JD 709 Rotary Mower; Trailers; Cub Cadet Riding Mowers; More! (No Small Items) **Live! On-Site Auction!**

Due to Covid-19 All Safer at Home Guidelines/Expectations will be Enforced. Masks Required.

'ONLINE ONLY AUCTION'

Estate Antique Online Auction

BIDDING OPENS: TUES., SEPT. 8th @ 8 A.M. 4893 Baxter Rd., Rockford, IL 61109

(IL 39 & Baxter Rd., Across from Maggio's Trucking) Antiques; Primitives; Collectibles; Mission Oak & Walnut Furniture; Parlor Stoves; Antique Oak Furniture; China & Glassware; Toy Trucks; Toys; Artwork; Art Pottery; Adv.; Books; Modern Furniture; Household Furnishings; Tools; Lawn & Garden; Mowers; Much More!

ITEM PREVIEW: Mon., Sept. 7th - 3 to 7 P.M.

BIDDING OPENS: Tues., Sept. 8 @ 8 A.M.

BIDDING CLOSES: Sat., Sept. 12th @ 7 P.M.

ITEM PICKUP: Mon., Sept. 14th - 3 to 7 P.M.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1 COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 1, 2020 AND ENDING May 31, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of said District for the purpose of this Ordinance shall be from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. Section 2: That the following Annual Budget containing an estimate of corporate receipts and expenditures contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget and Appropriations of said District for the above fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date, to-wit:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS Cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year \$12,000.00
Estimated receipts from all sources:

A. 2019 Levy for Fire Corporate Purposes	106,467.00
B. 2019 Levy for Ambulance Service Corporate Purposes	106,467.00
C. 2019 Levy for Insurance	24,308.00
D. 2019 Levy for Workman's Compensation Fund	7,292.00
E. Homeland Security Assist. to FF / FEMA Grant(s)	385,000.00
F. Reserve Account for replacement, repair and/or purchase of building or equipment and site improvement	461,000.00
G. Ambulance Fees	12,000.00
H. Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts:	\$1,118,534.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: Personnel Compensation: \$80,000, Insurance: 25,000, Fire/EMS Training: 53,000, Trustee Training/Expenses: 8,000, Office Expenses: 9,500, Utilities: 17,000, Vehicle Gas, Fuel & Oil: 7,500, Building & Maintenance: 30,500, Remodeling: 40,000, Fire Equipment & Supplies: 345,700, EMS Equipment & Supplies: 22,000, Equipment Maintenance: 15,000, Vehicle - Reserve: 200,000, Accounting/Audit: 30,000, Legal Expense/Retainer: 25,000, Miscellaneous - Reserve: 210,334 **Total Estimated Expenditures: \$1,118,534.00.** Section 3: That the sum of \$1,118,534.00 in money, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary and as may be authorized by law to defray all of the expenses and liabilities of the MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, be and the same is hereby appropriated for all corporate purposes for the said District for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 and terminating May 31, 2021, and said total being divided among the purposes and amounts specified as "ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES", which section is hereby incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Section 3 as though set forth, and which shall be and is the annual Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year declared in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 4: All unexpended balances of any items or items appropriated by this Ordinance may be expended to cover any deficiency as to any other item of the foregoing items set forth in Section 3 hereof. Section 5: There being no newspaper published in said District, this Ordinance, after the adoption thereof, shall be published in the Ogle County Life, a newspaper of general circulation within said District within thirty (30) days after its passage and shall take effect ten (10) days after it is so published. Adopted and approved this 6th day of August, A.D. 2020. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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 IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the town of Eagle Point in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Monday September 21 at 7:00 P M at Eagle Point Town Hall in Hazelhurst, Illinois. This is rescheduled from April 6, 2020 due to Covid. Submitted by: Eagle Point Township Clerk Linda Shank No. 0828 (Aug. 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Rockvale Township that a Public Hearing will be held September 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed July 21, 2020 of Better Place Forests, Co, 3717 Buchanan St., #400, San Francisco, CA for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Conservation Memorial Forest on property described as

follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 27; part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 34; part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 28; and part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 33 Township 24 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Rockvale Township, Ogle County, IL, 59.62 acres, more or less Property Identification Number(s): 09-27-300-003; 09-28-400-005; 09-33-200-003; & 09-34-100-001 Common Location: 1950 N. River Rd. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning_board_of_appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 21st day of July 2020 #002-20SU No. 0830 (Aug. 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Landlord's lien provisions in rental agreement between Rob Espinosa Unit 101, this storage unit containing personal property will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after September 8th, 2020 at White Eagle Storage, Inc, 11627 Rt. 72, Forrester, IL 61030. Payment must be made by September 8th, 2020 to prevent this sale. No. 0832 (Aug. 31, Sept. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for a 2013 White Chevy Impala with 110,000 miles. This vehicle will be sold as is and will be sold with a bill of sale, until 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 18th day of September, 2020, with a starting bid of \$1,500.00 at Village

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!

Hall, located at 105 West Lincoln Street, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 Bid specifications may be picked up at Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The vehicle may be viewed at Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln Street. The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process.

Bids may be held by the Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois for a period not to exceed NINETY (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the contract.
 BY ORDER OF
 VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS
 By: Paula Diehl, Village Clerk
 DATE: 8/26/2020
 No. 0835 (Aug. 31, Sept. 7)

BUY! Buy!
BUY!
SELL! Sell!



MULTI-FAMILY SALE
 9195 N. Kishwaukee Rd, Stillman Valley
Fri. & Sat. Sept 4th & 5th 8:00-5:00
 Household items for every room. Cook- books and novel, shelving & storage items, furniture, antique/vintage glass- ware/items, various. Longaberger basket sets. Lot's of misc.
 PIA#16

3 Family Garage Sale
 304 N. Mix St., Oregon
Fri. Sept. 4th, 8:00-5:00
Sat. Sept. 5th, 8:00-?
 Washer, dryer, tables. Lots of this - some of that.
 PIA#14

Garage sale
 2747 N. Fawn Ridge Circle
 Oregon
Fri. Sept 4th, 9:00-4:00
Sat. Sept 5th, 9:00-4:00
 Antique display cabinet, vintage bikes, garden cart, antique church pew, antique tilt top table, cups & saucers, tea pots, lot's of misc. items.
 PIA#20

Garage sale
 1027 Shadow Wood Dr., Byron
Fri. Sept. 4th, 8:00-5:00
Sat. Sept. 5th, 8:00-12:00
 Teeter Inversion table, 2 sky caddie rangefinders, misc. golf, tin toys, record albums, tools, glassware, dolls, new shoes, clothing, kitchen items, Ryobi Gas trimmer w/ edger & blower, trailer dolly, set of Evening in Paris, new men's Dockers shorts.
****Mask required****
 PIA#18

Garage sale
 4974 E. NORDIC WOODS DR
 BYRON
 THURSDAY, SEPT 3RD 8:00-5:00
 FRIDAY, SEPT. 4TH 8:00 - 5:00
 SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH 8:00 - 5:00
 MENS CLOTHING XL - 6XL, COATS, COMPUTERS, MON- ITORS, ELECTRONICS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, HOME GYM, BIKES, TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, TOOLS, 2 BEDROOM SETS KING & QUEEN, BUNK BEDS, MATTRESSES, KITCHEN TABLE & CHAIRS, SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES, KITCHEN UTENSILS, GLASSES AND MUCH MORE!
 PIA#13

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

101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

109 CEMETERIES & LOTS

2 Grave plots in Daysville Cemetary.
Phone 724-332-1853

113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A pub-

lic service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your

Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED

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

Byron Exelon Generation Station Fall Outage Temporary housekeeping/ cleaner for September-October Appy on Jobalign or call Mary Jean 815-406-2430

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

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FRANKLIN GROVE: 200 Plus Plastic Hangers, \$20 Call 815-456-2839. (08-30-20)

FRANKLIN GROVE: 200 PLUS 5 Inch Classic Electric Fence Post Insulators, \$40 for All. Call 815-456-2839. (08-30-20)

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

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 214 Wind-

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Very nice collection of Nurmet paintings. Well known Oregon artists for sale. Call 815-440-4735 PIA#10

Dark wood dining table seats 8. Black leather recliner \$50 Small kitchen refrigerator \$70 Call 779-221-4434 or 815-312-7602 in Byron.

Rockford made dining room set. Table seats 10, china cabinet & buffet, 6 chairs. \$500. 815-980-8642

mill Dr. Thursday September 3rd 8am-5pm, Friday September 4th 8am-6pm & Saturday September 5th 8am-5pm. Lots of Men's Clothes (S-M) Men's Boots & Shoes, Household Items, Bread Maker, Load Locks, Sound Bar, Men's & Women's Leather Jacket & Chaps, Leather Vests, Jackets, Insulation Sheets, and Turkey Fryer. (09-02-20)

LINDENWOOD: 2742

Lynnville Ct. Friday September 4th 9am-5pm & Saturday September 5th 9am-1pm. Multi Family Sale. Household, Keyboard, Toys, Remote Control Car, & Miscellaneous. (09-02-20)

HILLCREST: 200 Ramona Ave. Estate/Yard Sale. Saturday September 5th 10am-4pm. Furniture & Much More! Call for More Info 815-562-9509. (09-02-20)

315 WANTED TO BUY

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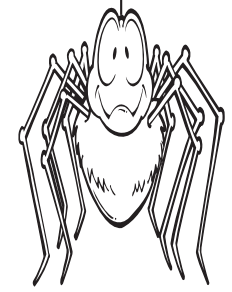
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