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Forreston continues to clean up after storm

By Brad Jennings Editor

FORRESTON - For Derald DeVries, the signal that a major storm had arrived, and it was time to head down to the basement, was not subtle.

A large pine tree in his neighbor's yard snapped off as the high winds hit Forreston the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 10. "When the tree broke off

and cracked, and the neighbor's apple tree fell in my vard. I knew there was something serious going on," said DeVries, who has lived in the area his entire life, including 45 years in Forreston. The storm, which first

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caused extensive damage in Iowa before moving into northern Illinois, had winds reported at more than 75 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service. The storm downed trees, toppled semi-trucks and damaged homes across parts of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

At a press conference last week. Forreston Mavor 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.

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Derald DeVries, above, works to clean up debris at his daughter's home in Forreston. Left, a nearby trailer park was hit hard by the Aug. 10 storm. (Brad *Jennings photos*)



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The storm brought down many power lines, and damaged a city building used to store sand and salt. For more photos, please see Page A10. (Brad Jennings photo)

STORM: Everyone was pitching in to help out

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One of those people cleaning up was DeVries, who was working at a nome his daughter owned in town. "They said there was 80 to 100

mph winds coming, and they happened to hit right there," he said, pointing across the street – an area littered with debris.

Not far to the west of where DeVries was standing was a trailer park, where many mobile homes were damaged or destroyed. More than one was lifted off it its foundation.

Gwen Weidman said she was in Dixon when the storm hit, and a neighbor called to tell her a large walnut tree in her yard had toppled.

"It came out of the ground," she said. "The roots (are) sticking up out of the ground."

But she said people have been great helping with the cleanup. Besides neighbors helping neighbors, the county had trucks removing debris on Tuesday, and Weidman said a group of workers from Christian Aid Ministries was helping as well.

That group helped patch holes in the roof of her house.

"I'm glad there were no fatalities," she said. "I'm glad they were able to get everyone out.3

Power was out in the village last week, but it was hoped it would be restored by Saturday. After the storm, Verizon provided chargers and Wi-Fi for use at the Fire Department, and ComEd provided a cooling bus.

The village also put a strict 8:30 p.m. curfew in place.

The Red cross also donated items including shovels, rakes. gloves and tarps to help with clean-up. The Salvation Army also donated clean up kits.



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Oregon Park District brings back The Lazyman Ironman

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Everyone who has the courage to register buy Aug. 27 will receive a T-shirt at the conclusion of the Lazyman Ironman program. You will receive a logging sheet via email the Friday before the event kicks off. Keep this safe with you and track as you go.

This program is just \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents. Registration can be done online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

HUD awards millions to public housing authorities, inlcuding Ogle County

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson announced \$472 million nationally in CARES Act funding to help low-income families during the coronavirus pandemic, including nearly \$22 million to 68 public housing authorities (PHAs) throughout Illinois. This funding can be used

by public housing authorities to help families assisted by Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and Mainstream vouchers prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. See the local impact of the housing assistance funding made available.

The Ogle County Housing Authority received \$23,163.

"This funding will provide additional resources to public housing authorities to make sure people have a decent, safe, and affordable place to call home," Carson said. "HUD continues to work with our public housing authorities to protect American families from this invisible enemy, including vulnerable residents in the Housing Choice Voucher Program."

"Public housing authorities have a vital role to play as we continue our CO-VID19 recovery efforts," said Joseph P. Galvan, HUD Midwest Regional Administrator. "We will continue working diligently to overcome this as expeditiously as possible."

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) includes the Mainstream Program that provides tenant-based vouchers serving low-income households.

The eligible coronavirusrelated activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Procuring cleaning supplies and/or services to maintain safe and sanitary HCV units, including common areas of PHA-owned Project Based Voucher (PBV) projects.

* Relocation of participating families to health units or other designated units for testing, hospitalization, or quarantine, or transportation to these locations to limit the exposure that could be caused by using mass transportation.

* Additional costs to supportive services vendors incurred due to coronavirus.

* Costs to retain or increase owner participation in the HCV Program, such as incentive or retention costs (e.g. the PHA offers owner an incentive payment to participate in recognition of added difficulties of making units available for HCV families to rent while stay-at-home orders or social distancing practices are in effect).

* Costs for providing childcare for the children of PHA staff that would not have otherwise been incurred (e.g. children are at home due to school closings, PHA staff are working outside of regular work schedules, etc.).

Thank you to all my loving family and friends for the beautiful cards and good wishes I received in honor of my 90th birthday. The cards kept coming long after my birthday which I really enjoyed. thanks again

Leona Groenhagen

Fall Mum sale to benefit the KB Fund

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

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

New this year is online ordering at our website, www.kbtoughrun.com. Order forms are also available online at www. KBToughRun.com and www.Facebook. com/KBToughRun. Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund, PO Box 374, Oregon, IL 61061 no later than August 21st. Mums will be available for pick up from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Sept.18 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 19 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon, IL (Just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit). Please contact Julie Cain with any questions that you may have or to place an order 815-519-2593.

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

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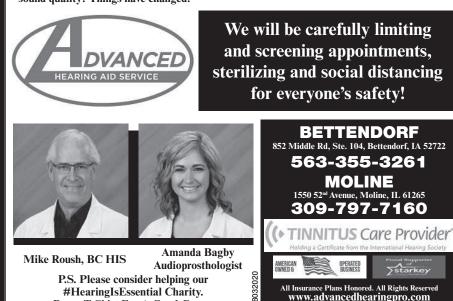
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Obituaries

William R. Brown

BYRON – William R. "Bill" Brown, age 83, died Tuesday, Aug.4, 2020 at the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 15, 1937 in Menominee, Michigan the son of Ralph and Beatrice (Johnson) Brown.

He married Patricia Gambrel on June 5, 1965 in Byron. Bill served his country in the U.S.Army. He worked and retired from National Business Industrial Center. Bill loved to tend to his land with many experiments in natural living like Christmas trees, bee keeping, acre plots of raspberries and strawberries, a large garden, and organic farming. He took great pride in providing organic foods to the family. Bill loved to read, manage his investments, and



bake sweet treats. When his children were in school, he and Pat would manage the concession stand at many of their sporting events. Bill volunteered for many years at Swedish American Hospital. He adored his nurses that cared for him during his health battles and wanted to give back.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister Janet Mushynski. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Pat of Byron, 2 children; Christine (Wes) Lazar of Wausau, Wis., and Michael (Angi) Brown of Algonquin; siblings; Nancy Weber, Sally Herson, Jim (Rosemary) Brown, John (Diane) Brown, and Tom (Sue) Brown, 3 grandchildren; Jaden and Jenna Brown and Schyler Lazar which he adored dearly.

A special thank you to his caregivers Janet and Tina.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a private graveside service will be held at the Byron Cemetery with the Rev. David Rogula Chaplin of the Serenity Hospice and Home officiating. There will be no visitation. A memorial fund will be established for the Parkinson's Foundation and the Serenity Hospice and Home.

David T. Huening

David T. Huening, 74, of Polo, passed away Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020 at UW Hospital in Madison with family by his side. Dave was born June 9, 1946 to Bernard and Josephine Huening.

He grew up in Chicago, raised a family in Mundelein, retired in Ingleside and enjoyed the last 9 years of his life in Polo. Dave was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the Army with the 359th transportation unit. After his time in the service, he became a union electrician, with the Local Union 134 and a member of the Oregon VFW Post 8739 and the American Legion of Mundelein. Dave met the love of his life, Christine,



in 1968 at a currency exchange she worked at. They married on Jan. 18, 1969, and enjoyed over 51 years of marriage. Together they raised 3 daughters and have enjoyed watching their 5 grandchildren grow up. Dave is survived by

his loving wife Christine; daughters Wendy Huening, Jenny Camp and Katie (Keith) Chesnut; grandchildren Sean, Maddie, Emily, Cole and Knox; sisters Jackie Gibbons and Lu Arndt; many Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Josephine; sister Vivian Mortell.

Due to the covid 19 pandemic a celebration of life will be planned at a future date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made in Dave's memory to the Oregon VFW Post 8739, 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061.

Arrangements have been completed by Polo Family Funeral Home.

Loretta Jane Stanley

OREGON – Loretta Jane Stanley, age 89, passed away in her home on Aug. 10, 2020 with her children by her side. Loretta was born on March 25, 1931 in Pine Creek Township, the daughter of Russell C. and Mary J. (Gugerty) Warner.

She graduated from Oregon High School. Loretta married Robert H. Stanley on April 24, 1949 in Oregon, and he passed away in February 2008. he worked in the lunch room at the St. Mary School, worked in the Oregon Cleaners, a homemaker, and a devoted wife and mother. Loretta was a lifetime Oregon area resident.

Loretta is survived by her children: Den-

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 in

Rock River Hospice Home,

Sterling. Born Aug.11,

1929 in Marseilles, the son

of Howard and Valdean

Robertson Sept. 15, 1950.

Bill graduated from Oregon

High School with the class

of 1948 and served in the

Army National Guard in

Dixon. He worked many

years at Kable Printing in

Mt. Morris where he served

his apprenticeship in Photo

Engraving and for 34 years

Married to Mary Anne

(Marks) Becker.



nis G. (Rosanne) Stanley, Rockford; Val A. Stanley, Oregon; and Bridget M. (Keith) Wolfe, Oregon grandchildren: Kim (Aaron) Nevalainen, Rockford; Tracy (Geoff Shaver) Murphy, Rockford; Audrey E. (Mike) Smith, Dixon; Zachary L. (Leanna) Stanley, Oregon; Sasha (Mitchell) Logan, Sterling; Kelsey (Jared) Head, Oregon; and Megan Wolfe, Oregon; great grandchildren: Maddie and Issie Nevalainen, Rockford; Nicole, Sarah, and Brooklyn Butler, Dixon; Leah, Ahna, Anthony, and Issac Stanley, Oregon; Ainslee and Auden Logan, Sterling.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Robert; 2 sisters; and 2 brothers.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. Burial will be held in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Byron.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon.

Doran Grennan

Doran Aquinas Grennan, 92, passed away Aug. 9, 2020 with his family at his side. He was born in 1927 in Breckenridge, Minn.; the youngest son of Michael and Agnes Grennan.

He grew up on the farm in North Dakota and later Illinois. He attended Scott School in Davis Junction and Stillman Valley High School. Doran married the love of his life, Frieda Jenkins, on Aug. 19, 1950 in Rochelle. Upon returning from their honeymoon, he received his draft notice for the Army. They moved to Oregon in 1952. He worked in the automobile business for 30 years and then worked in Nuclear Security before retiring.



He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Leo, John, and Don.

Doran was a family man and always enjoyed cookouts and boating on the river. There were numerous trips to Vegas, Hawaii, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry and Sunday drives to Ripps for chicken. He loved taking the grandkids to the Pizza Ranch. His love for and time spent with his kids and grandkids were some of his happiest moments.

He is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Frieda; two children, Jeanne (Jack) Leamanczyk; Jim (Kim) Grennan; four grandchildren, Chad Broderick, Brittany Asay, Seth (Meggan) Grennan, and Carri (Craig) Tommey; six great grandchildren, Alexandra, Sean, Shea, Finn, Liam, and Madison James. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who were very dear to his heart.

Private services will be held in Rochelle with private burial. Visit www. UngerHorner.com for online guest book.

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OREGON – Bill B. Becker, 90, longtime Oregon resident, passed away

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> at Blackhawk Engraving and Combined Communications in Oregon, retiring in 1994. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon.

Survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Mary Anne Becker of Oregon; sons, Barry (Kathy) Becker of Oconomowoc, Wis., Howard (Nancy) Becker of Oregon and Randy Becker of Mt. Morris; daughter, Val (Dan) Herriot of Oregon; 7 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents and sister, Rachael Hardesty.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private graveside service will be held at Byron Cemetery. Memorials in Bill's name may be made to Rock River Hospice & Home, Sterling. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

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Harold E. Newhausen

BYRON – Harold E. Newhausen, 88, of Sullivan, M., formally of Byron; passed away at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Sullivan on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020. Harold was born in Amboy on Dec.28, 1931 to the late Francis and Mary (Aurand) Newhausen.

Harold graduated from Stillman High School. He later married the love of his life Anna Mae Hoting on Aug.17, 1951 in Byron. To this union three children were born: Larry, Barbara, and Richard. Harold was employed at Ingersoll Milling Machine Co. for many years, until his retirement. Harold enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a game of gold from time to time. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Harold is survived by two of his children, Barbara (Tom) Gobin of Sullivan, Mo., and Larry (Jody) Newhausen of Oregon; six grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, three sisters, Betty (Winefred) Barnes of Rockford, Lois (David) Miller of Byron, and Patricia (Eric) Davis of Byron.

He is preceded in death by his wife, one son Richard, and two brothers, Earl and Merle Newhausen.

Cremation arrangements have taken place. A graveside service for family and close friends will be held at Byron Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Aug. 22, 2020. To leave an online con-

dolence please visit www. farrellhollandgale.com



Nicole Canfield selling veggies, jams and jellies, honey, handmade items.

Oregon Farmers Market offers variety of fresh items each week

OREGON-The Oregon Farmers Market managed by the Oregon Park District has been attracting shoppers looking for fresh veggies and more since early July this year.

The Market runs through August located on Washington Street at the old bank drive-through (between Chile Pepper and the Post Office). You can find the nine vendors set up on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. selling beautiful vegetables (picked fresh from their gardens), along with many other fantastic items such as fresh cut flowers, award winning BBQ sauce, jams and jellies, local honey, plants, garden art, craft items and more.

It's a safe open air inand-out shopping experience with vendors wearing masks and following social distancing and safety guidelines. We ask shoppers to wear a mask as well and to bring cash for exact dollar amount to avoid giving change and keeping with a contactless transaction.

"It's so great to see people out shopping for fresh produce and supporting our local growers," said Debbie Leffelman, Market Manager. "Don't miss out on this opportunity to buy fresh, buy local on Tuesday evenings in August."

Rock River Center will again be offering a free lunch on Aug. 21

OREGON – Because of the generosity of the Etnyre Foundation, Rock River Center prepared and distributed more than 65 meals from the Center on Friday, Aug. 7.

Recipients pre-registered to receive a lunch for socially distanced dining -in or carry- outs. Lawn games were set out in the multi-purpose room at 10:30 a.m. and lunch started at 11:30 a.m.

Register now for Rock River Center's

next Free Lunch Friday on Aug. 21 by calling 815-732-3252 and designating dine-in or carry-out. 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.

The Aug. 21 menu includes pork tacos, Mexican rice, green salad, dessert and a drink.

Gerald Medlar, Jr.

Gerald (Jay) Medlar, Jr., passed away on Aug. 5, 2020. He was surrounded by family and friends for years throughout a long fought battle with cancer.

Born on August 29, 1957 in St. Charles. Graduated from Oregon High School 1975. Jay was employed at WOODS equipment Company from February 1978, retiring in April 2018.

Jay married Laura (Inocencio) May 6, 1995. In 2013 Jay proudly welcomed granddaughter Harmony. She was the apple of his eye. In 2018, a second grand-daughter Jasmine would be added to the family when daughter Natalie married Jeremy.

Member of the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge since 1983. An avid bowler rolling a perfect 300 on Dec. 18, 2011. His favorite sport being golf. Jay had numerous hole in one, and carded a Double Eagle at Silver Ridge Golf Course, Oregon, during a championship round. He and Laura enjoyed many vacations, especially with their friends in Florida.



During the winter participating in Euchre parties and tournaments making dear, wonderful friends and memories thru the decades.

Jay touched many hearts. He is remembered by family and countless friends as happy and fun-loving (sometimes mischievous!), generous and kind, and was an "always willing to help" kind of fella. His positive spirit was infectious and he will be missed deeply.

Jay is survived by Laura, wife of 25 years, Natalie (Jeremy) Coy, Grand-daughters Harmony and Jasmine all of Mt. Morris. His mother Patricia Medlar, Oregon, sister Carolee (Michael) James, Dixon, and Mother-In-Law Marybeth Inocencio, Coal City. Very special to his heart, friends Steve Tieman, Oregon, Bradd Kettleson, Rochelle and Debbie Dickson, Oregon. Jay was predeceased by his father Gerald Medlar, Sr. and Father-In-Law Adolfo Inocencio.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020 6 p.m. at Sunset Golf Course, Mt. Morris. Casual attire is suggested. Limited handicap parking and seating is available. Suggestion of bringing a chair.

Due to the Covid restrictions and Jay's love for his family, friends, masks are recommended and social distancing should be observed.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon, and Sunset Golf Course Mt. Morris are encouraged and appreciated in his name.

Cremation rights and arrangements by Finch Funeral Home, Mt. Morris.



Permits are now required Limited number of permits available. Deadline is Wednesday before each event.

Contact: Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecounty.org for your free permit.

Information needed for permit: Name, address/town, and email address (or phone # if no email address.

Your electronics will be not be accepted without a permit. www.oglecounty.org



Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Pack Walk

Dogs need to explore just as much as they need food and water. Join the Oregon Park District's dog trainer, Bree, as we explore different parks while working on indirect socialization and confidence building with our furry friends. This is a safe environment to indirectly socialize and exercise your dog among others. We do not allow dogs to go nose-to-nose during these walks. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age. One hike will be at Park West on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 5:45 p.m. This terrain is considered easy. Deadline to register for this program is August 19. Another hike will be at Fairgrounds Park on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 9 a.m. This terrain is considered easy. Deadline to register for this program is Aug. 26. The fee for each hike is \$5/\$6 Non-Residents.

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Farmers market

Buy Fresh & Buy Local at the Farmers Market on Tuesday evenings in August, downtown Oregon. It will be an In-and-Out Market with social distancing guidelines at the city property next to Chile Pepper (previously the Harvard Bank Drive-thru) on Washington Street from 5:30-7:30 p.m. You will find fresh veggies: tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, squash, beets, potatoes, fresh garlic and herbs, flowers, plants, BBQ sauce, and some art and craft pieces. Be sure to stop by and check it out! We would appreciate the shoppers wear masks and social distance.

Make your own flautas If you love Flautas, you can learn to make them from Michelle Carreno of Hector's Cocina on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Flautas are sometimes called rolled taco's or taquito's and are an easy Mexican dish to throw together for dinner. In this class you

will learn how to prepare and roll flautas, making twelve to cook during the week. Bonus is you will receive 6 flautas to take home, ready to eat, with Creama, Salsa Verde and Cojitia cheese to enjoy. All ingredients are included in the class fee. Register through the Oregon Park District at www.oregonpark.org. Class times are 5-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class fee is \$12/Resident or \$14/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Aug. 19.

Fall porch pot

Do you love to decorate for fall? Plant a fall porch pot which will include a mum, flowering cabbage and decorative grasses in a basket. You will also learn about watering and care for your new fall basket. Class will be held on Thursday, September 10 at Cork & Tap with Merlin's Greenhouse providing the plants and knowledgeable staff. Choose between the 5:30-7 p.m. or the 7:30-9 p.m.class. Fee is \$43/Resident or \$52/Non-Resident. Sign up today as space is limited. Registration deadline is September 3. For more information, contact the Oregon Park District at 732-3101 or debbie@ oregonapark.org.

Wiggly Wag & Walk

Dog lovers are invited to join us for the 8th Annual Wiggly Wag and Walk Wednesday on Sept. 16, at Wiggly Field Dog Park from 5-7 p.m. This is a great event for you and your dog! Take your pooch on the Hound Hike for fun, exercise, and a chance to

receive a goodie bag. The Hound Hike fee is \$4/Resident or \$5/Non-Resident. Additional dogs in a family are \$3/each. The hike starts at staggered times to allow for social distancing. You do not have to have a Wiggly Field membership to participate in the fun. It is only required for dogs entering the enclosed runs at the park. Dogs do need to have current rabies vaccination. Register for a start time at www.oregonpark. org. Interested pet vendors should contact debbie@ oregonpark.org for more information.

Batting cage rental with pitching machine

Hey Batter Batter!! Ready for some batting practice? We are excited to offer rentals for our Batting Cage with a pitching machine at our new cage at Oregon Park West. A staff member will be onsite to assist with the pitching machine, and there will be a sanitation station on site. You must bring your own bat and helmet. Reservation must be made by the prior Thursday. Available in 30 min intervals, but you can certainly book more than one! Need a different day/ time? Please email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Batting cage is open to the public to use for free unless reserved. Dusk to dawn, with the L-Screen but without pitching machine. Monday evenings 4-8 p.m., Fee \$10/R or \$12/NR for 30 minutes.

Junior High cross country

Junior High athletes will develop endurance,

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

Toro Tuesday

Join us for Toro Tuesdays for 2 v 2 games at the new courts at Park West. Sign up is for teams of 2 who will compete against other teams in no contact exciting games in the first Toro Court in the United States. These games combine elements of soccer, strategy and teamwork! Each time slot will feature 45 minutes of playing time, with 15 minutes transition times between games. All players will receive a league T-shirt. There will be a 5-week regular season followed by an end of season tournament. Ages for the leagues are 10-14 and 15-18 years old. The 10-14 league will be played between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., with the 15-18 league 4-7 p.m. An OPD staff member will be present at all times. There will be a hand sanitizer station on site and spectators should social distance. Registration deadline is Aug. 20 and games start on August 25th. Registration fee is \$30 per team. Register online at www. oregonpark.org.

16" Softball High School League

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Exhibit - Aubrey Janoski,

nal Fiber Exhibit - Abigail

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2020 Fair winners

Clothing Department

Sewing Classes

Top of Class: STEAM Clothing 1 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit - Sophia Stein, Rochelle

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit-Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 3 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Sarah-Beth Haenitsch, Dixon

Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Sophia Stein, Rochelle

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit - Sarah-Beth Haenitsch, Dixon

Top of Class: STEAM Clothing 2 - Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit -Jenna Heller, Dixon

Dairy Department

Champion Purebred Female-Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Reserve Champion Purebred Female - Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Champion Grade Female -Lacie Williams, Leaf River Reserve Champion Grade Female – Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds - Lacie Williams, Leaf River Reserve Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds -Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Aerospace

Top of Class Model Rocketry Exhibit - Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River

Top of Class Aerospace Display – Bryan Immel, Oregon

Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit – Bryan Immel, Oregon

Reserve Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit – Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River

Animal Science:

Top of Class Beef Study Exhibit - Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Top of Class Cat Study Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Top of Class Dog Study Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Top of Class Goat Study Exhibit – AJ Hinrichs, Oregon

Top of Class Guinea Pig Study Exhibit-Joya Katner, Polo

Top of Class Horse & Pony Study Exhibit - Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction Top of Class Poultry

Study Exhibit-AJ Hinrichs, Oregon Top of Class Rabbit Study

Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, **Davis Junction** Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit - AJ Hinrichs, Oregon

Child Development Top of Class Child Development 1-Katelyn Bowers, Oregon

Civic Engagement Top of Class Civic EngagementIExhibit-Lauren Carlson, Byron Top of Class Service Learning I Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon Grand Champion Citizenship Exhibit - Gracie Prose, Oregon Reserve Grand Champion Citizenship Exhibit -Lauren Carlson, Byron

Communications

Top of Class Creative Writing Exhibit – Lizzy Armbruster, Polo Top of Class Communications I Exhibit - Gracie

Prose, Oregon Grand Champion Communications Exhibit - Gra-

cie Prose, Oregon Reserve Grand Champion Communications Exhibit

- Lizzy Armbruster, Polo Computer Science

Top of Class Intermediate Visual Programming - David Wehler, Mount Morris Top of Class Advanced Visual Programming - Abigail Wehler, Mount Morris

Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit-Abigail Wehler, Mount Morris Reserve Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit - David Wehler, Mount Morris

Crops Top of Class Corn Exhibit-Grady Poliska, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Crops Exhibit - Grady Poliska, Davis Junction

Electricity

Top of Class Electricity I Exhibit - Preston Taylor, Kings

Grand Champion Electricity Exhibit - Preston Taylor, Kings Entomology

Top of Class Entomology I Exhibit - Jacob Hickman, Byron

Grand Champion Entomology Exhibit - Jacob Hickman, Byron

Exploratory

Top of Class Collectibles Exhibit-Andrew Hickman, Bvron

Grand Champion Exploratory Exhibit - Andrew Hickman, Byron

Floriculture

Top of Class Floriculture AExhibit - Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Top of Class Floriculture B Exhibit - Katlyn Miller, Mount Morris

Top of Class Floriculture Display - Lauren Carlson, Byron

Grand Champion Floriculture Exhibit - Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Grand Champion Floriculture Exhibit -Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Geology

Top of Class Geology Rock Hounds I Exhibit -Dylon Timmer, Baileyville Top of Class Geology

Rock Hounds II Exhibit -Annie Timmer, Baileyville Grand Champion Geol-

ogy Exhibit-Annie Timmer, Baileyville Reserve Grand Champi-

on Geology Exhibit - Dylon Timmer, Baileyville

Health

Top of Class Health 2: Staying Healthy Exhibit -Gracie Prose, Oregon

Grand Champion Health Exhibit - Gracie Prose, Oregon

Intercultural

Top of Class Passport to the World Exhibit - Josie Pals, Leaf River

Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit-Josie Pals, Leaf River

Reserve Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit - Isaac Akins, Polo

Interior Design Top of Class Design Decisions Intermediate Exhibit -Samantha Bowers, Oregon Grand Champion Interior Design Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Leadership

Top of Class Leadership I Exhibit – Eli Lotz, Oregon Top of Class Leadership II Exhibit - Gracie Prose, Oregon

Grand Champion Leadership Exhibit – Gracie Prose, Oregon

Reserve Grand Cham-

pion Leaderships Exhibit - Eli Lotz, Oregon

Nature: Fishing & Wildlife

Top of Class Wildlife Level 2 - Isaiah Akins, Polo Grand Champion Fishing & Wildlife Exhibit - Isaiah Akins, Polo

Photography

Top of Class Photography 1 Exhibit - Hannah Harvey, Forreston

Top of Class Photography 2 Exhibit - R. G. Hough,

Mount Morris Top of Class Photography 3 Exhibit - Samantha Bow-

ers, Oregon Top of Class Photo Editing Exhibit - Katelyn Bowers, Oregon

Grand Champion Photography Exhibit-R.G.Hough, Mount Morris

Reserve Grand Champion Photography Exhibit

-Hannah Harvey, Forreston

Theatre Arts

Top of Class Theatre Arts 1 Exhibit - Abigail Wehler, Mount Morris

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Top of Class Vegetable Plate - Lauren Carlson, Byron

Top of Class Vegetable Gardening Display - Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Vegetable Gardening Exhibit - Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Vegetable Gardening Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Veterinary Science

Top of Class Veterinary Science - Natalie Johnson, Forreston,

Grand Champion Veterinary Science Exhibit -Natalie Johnson, Forreston

Reserve Grand Champion Veterinary Science Exhibit-Samantha Bowers, Oregon

Visual Arts

Champ. Orig. Chalk/ Carbon/Pigment: Canvas/ Paper Glass Exhibit-Reylee Katner, Polo

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Champion Original Metal Exhibit - Grant Johnson, Forreston

Champion Original Paper Exhibit – Lena Janoski, Davis Junction Reserve Champion Original Paper Exhibit – Makayla Williams, Stillman Valley

Top of Class Scrapbooking, Beginner Level – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley Reserve Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit – Faith Adams, Rochelle

Champion Original 3D Design/Mixed Media Exhibit – Bryan Immel, Oregon Reserve Champion Original 3D Design/Mixed Media Exhibit – AJ Hinrichs, Oregon

Champion Original Wood Exhibit – Aubrey Janoski, Davis Junction

Top of Class Non-original Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis unction

Top of Class Non-original Fiber Exhibit – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction Top of Class Non-original Nature Exhibit – Clara Millard, Rochelle Top of Class Non-original Wood Exhibit – Zakkary West, Mount Morris Grand Champion Non-Original Visual Arts Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction Reserve Grand Champion Non-Original Visual Arts Exhibit – Clara Millard, Rochelle

Top of Class Food Decorating, Beginning – Josie Pals, Leaf River Top of Class Food Decorating, Intermediate – Lauren Carlson, Byron Grand Champion Food Decorating Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron Reserve Grand Champion Food Decorating Exhibit – Josie Pals, Leaf River

Welding

Top of Class Welding Exhibit – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley Grand Champion Welding Exhibit – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley Reserve Grand Champion Welding Exhibit – Kyle Beckman, Davis Junction

Woodworking

Top of Class Woodworking 1 Exhibit – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle Top of Class Woodworking 2 Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron Grand Champion Woodworking Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron Reserve Grand Champion Woodworking Exhibit – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle



Horse Department

Champion Stock Type Horse at Halter (Horses 14 & under) - Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Grand Champion Horse at Halter - Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Champion Junior English Pleasure (8-13) - Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Champion Junior Western Pleasure (8-13) - Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Junior Grand Champion Performance Horsemanship - Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Junior Performance High Point – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Rabbit Department

Champion Market Pen – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Reserve Champion Market Pen – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Champion Single Fryer – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Reserve Champion Single Fryer – Alexander Williams, Leaf River

Champion Production Class - Mason Zabran, Byron

Top of Class Jr. Doe Meat Breed – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley Top of Class Jr. Buck Meat Breed – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley Top of Class Sr. Doe Meat Breed – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Top of Class Sr. Buck Meat Breed – Kyle Beckman, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Meat Pen – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen – Emma Hunderman, Stillman Valley

Top of Class Jr. Doe Mini Rex, Rex – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Top of Class Sr. Doe Mini Rex, Rex – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo Top of Class Sr. Buck Mini Rex, Rex – Alexander Williams, Leaf River Top of Class Jr. Doe All Other Breeds – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Doe All Other Breeds – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Doe All Other Breeds – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Buck All Other Breeds – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Buck All Other Breeds – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Doe Lop – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Buck Lop – Mason Zabran, Byron

Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit – Mason Zabran, Byron Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit – Griffin-Danekas, Polo

Top of Class Jr. Doe Crossbred – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Jr. Buck Crossbred – Mason Zabran, Byron Top of Class Sr. Doe Crossbred – Alexander Williams, Leaf River Top of Class Sr. Buck Crossbred – Brooke Hammond, Oregon

Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit – Brooke Hammond, Oregon Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit – Mason Zabran, Byron

Champion Sr. Pet Bunny Class – Cassie Pals, Leaf River Reserve Champion Sr. Pet Bunny Class – Josie Pals, Leaf River

Champion Costume Class - Xanna Armbruster, Polo

Best of Show – Mason Zabran, Byron Best of Show – Opposite Sex – Aylivia Griffin-Danekas, Polo

Foods Department

Cooking

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Marshmallow Bars Exhibit – Grady Poliska, Davis Junction Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Marshmallow Bars Exhibit – Sophia Stein, Rochelle

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit – James Tunink, Leaf River

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Coffee Cake Exhibit - Adrien Booker, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Cheese Muffins Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Cheese Muffins Exhibit – Rosalyn Goldstick, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit – Faith Adams, Rochelle

Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Scones Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Scones Exhibit – Taylor Mackenzie, Kings

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2020 Fair winners

Grady Poliska, (right) Davis Junction, received the Grand Champion Crops Exhibit at the Ogle County 4-H Virtual Fair. Judging was done virtually by having members submit photos and a project report about there exhibit.

Below, Reylee Katner, Polo, was the Champion Original Chalk/ Carbon/Pigment: Canvas/Paper/Glass ex-hibit. The detail in her art is tremendous.





Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Kathryn Snow, Oregon Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Abigail Wehler, Mount Morris

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Rolls Exhibit – Maggie Eden, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Maggie Eden, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Golden Sponge Cake Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Golden Sponge Cake Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, French Bread Exhibit - Maggie Eden, Byron

Food Science Grand Champion Food Science Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron Sports Nutrition Grand Champion Sports Nutrition Exhibit – Faith Marquardt, Oregon Food Preservation Top of Class Food Preservation Jams, Jellies & Preserves Exhibit – Samantha

Bowers, Oregon Top of Class Food Preservation Combination Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit – Samantha Bowers, Oregon Reserve Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron





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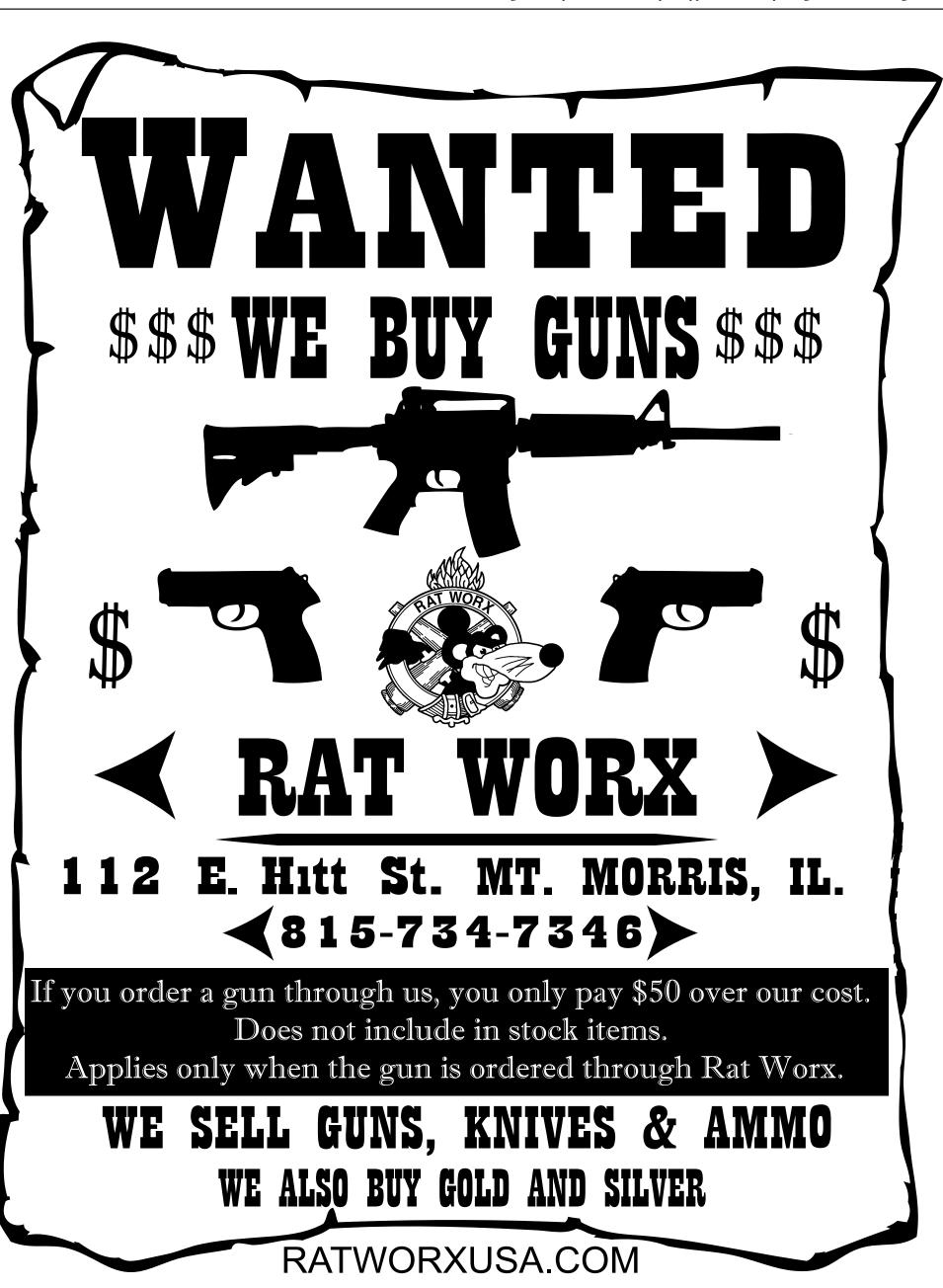
Storm damages homes, downs trees in Forreston



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Aug. 18

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

The collage application process and COVID 19 offered by the Oregon Library at 5:30 p.m. This class will be held via

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Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 819 1527 3810, Passcode: 606172. Students will learn about helpful resources for the application and admissions process.

Thurs., Aug. 20

Evening Support Group 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2. To register please call 815-732-2499 by noon on Aug. 20. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You will need a mask to enter the building.

Fri., Aug. 21 Final day to order mums from the annual KB Fall Mum Sale. Fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. New this year is online ordering at our website, www.kbtoughrun.com. Order forms are also available online at www.KBToughRun.com and www.Facebook.com/ KBToughRun.

Free lunch at Rock River Center. Call 815-732-3252 and designate dine-in or carry-out. All attendees are required to wear a mask, have a temperature check, practice social distancing, sanitize hands, be in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines. Sat., Aug. 22

Byron Farmers' market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St, Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters, and more. We are following COVID-19 guidelines. For information karen_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

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





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VIEWPOINT "Congress shall

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Sept. 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London breaks out in the house of King Charles II's baker near London Bridge. When the Great Fire finally was extinguished on Sept. 6, more than 80% of London was destroyed and 100,000 people were left homeless.

* On Sept. 3, 1939, Britain and France declare war on Germany. The first casualty of that declaration was the British ocean liner Athenia, which was sunk by a German U-30 submarine.

* On Sept. 6, 1943, a new high-speed train traveling between New York City and Washington, D.C., derails, killing 79 people and seriously injuring 100 more. The Congressional Limited traveled at a then-unprecedented speed of 65 mph.

* On Sept. 4, 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus enlists the National Guard to prevent nine Black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock. The armed Arkansas militia troops surrounded the school while an angry crowd of some 400 whites jeered, booed and threatened to lynch the frightened teenagers.

* On Sept. 5, 1969, Lt. William Calley is charged with premeditated murder in the deaths of 109 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai in March 1968. Calley, a platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre that was only stopped when a pilot landed his helicopter between the Americans and the fleeing South Vietnamese.

* On Sept. 1, 1972, American chess grandmaster Bobby Fischer defeats Russian Boris Spassky during the World Chess Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland. Fischer became the first American to win the competition since its inception in 1866.

* On Aug. 31, 1997, shortly after midnight, Diana, Princess of Wales dies in a car crash in Paris. She was 36. Her boyfriend, the Egyptian-born socialite Dodi Fayed, and the driver of the car died as well. A swarm of paparazzi on motorcycles had been aggressively tailing their car.

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We certainly aren't as formal these days

I had to get a suit.

It's not that I didn't have a suit already. Actually, I had a couple of very nice suits I bought when I had a corporate newspaper job in the Chicago area. They were not cheap. Sadly, they also didn't fit.

I bought them years ago, and they were just a bit too small. Pre-COVID-19 I probably could have worn them. Now? Well, my "anything I can shove in my face" diet had pretty much ruined my chances with those suits, so it was time for a new one.

I needed this suit, by the way, for a very special event. My wonderful daughter Julie is getting married this month in Duluth, Minn. I am very happy for her and she is marrying a nice young man.

Since I am the father of the bride, I can't show up wearing my usual uniform of jeans and a T-shirt with Converse tennis shoes. Or shorts, depending on how hot it is outside. No, that wouldn't do at all.

But frankly, I'm not sure of when I would ever again

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Living



wear this suit. I know things come up – special events, funerals, celebrations – but we are not exactly a "suit society" these days.

It is interesting to look at how fashions have changed over the years, of course. But in general, we have been moving to more casual dress at a quick pace. When I see old photos or film of people at professional football or baseball games even 50 year ago, there are suit coats and ties. Now? Shorts or jeans and jerseys.

We used to get dressed

up on the first day of school when I was a kid. No ties or anything, but we made it a bit of an event. Kids don't do that much these days.

Church was always good for dress pants and coats. Formal family events, too. Even the holidays could mean a trip to see family and nice slacks.

My dad wore a tie every day to work when he was a school principal. And I mean for years. When I was the editor of two daily newspapers, I wore a tie daily.

But times have changed. I remember the first "casual Friday" back in the day. Basically, it meant we didn't wear a tie. It felt like we were real rebels.

Then came "jeans Friday." Wearing jeans to work? Crazy! I know, it all sounds so quaint now, but wearing jeans to work then was a total treat. I remember thinking how wonderful it would be if we could wear jeans all the time.

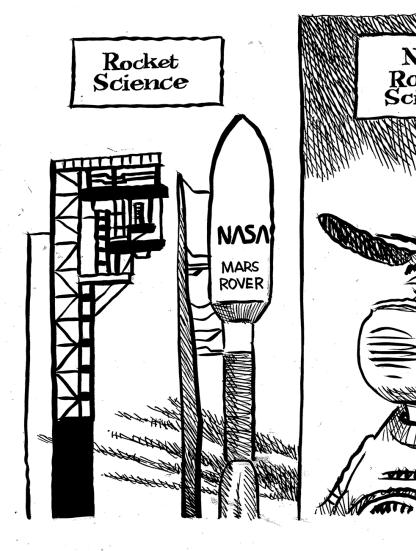
These days? It is pretty much anything goes. I see way too many people wearing pajamas to the store. Sorry, but that is still just a dumb idea. It is almost like some people have regressed to being children when it comes to dressing themselves. They just throw on anything they can find, no matter if it matches or is even appropriate.

I will be honest here – I lean strongly to the jeans and T-shirt side of things, especially these days. I love to be comfortable.

But I am looking forward to wearing my suit at the wedding, even if I do have to wear a mask with it. (We bought an extra pair of pants so my mask would be an exact match. I know, I know...).

I think we have gone a bit too far down the casual rabbit hole at times, but that is society. It could change in the future, but for now I am just happy that I am not seeing people running around the streets nude – at least not yet.

Brad jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.





Monday, August 17, 2020

VIEWPOINT "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

Published every Monday Mike Feltes, General Manager Brad Jennings, Editor

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I wear a mask – please offer me the same courtesy

Dear Editor,

As I drive through the country-side and see numerous signs stating "Pritzner... the life out of small business," I think during this pandemic my extended family and I should buy local. But what are these small businesses doing to make the consumers, "My Family" feel safe? One clue is mask wearing. It gives us a great sense of comfort. So, as an owner, you are not scaring me by wearing a mask. In fact, if I see you wearing a mask I will be back.

My husband and I have saved a lot money since March eating at home, but we want to be able to eat out safely. We have tried but to eat out in Rochelle, Oregon, and Byron but most restaurants pretend COVID does not exist. I am looking for an establishment that says," No Shirt, No Shoes, No Mask ...No Service." I want to spend money in the community. My husband and I used to eat out 3-4 times a week, however, if management and your staff are not masked, I will not come back.

I am a nurse that wears a mask eight hours a day with my nose covered (double masked for procedures). I take my mask off only to eat lunch. Please offer me the same courtesy when I want to spend money at your establishment.

Sincerely, Theresa Fritz, RN, Stillman Valley

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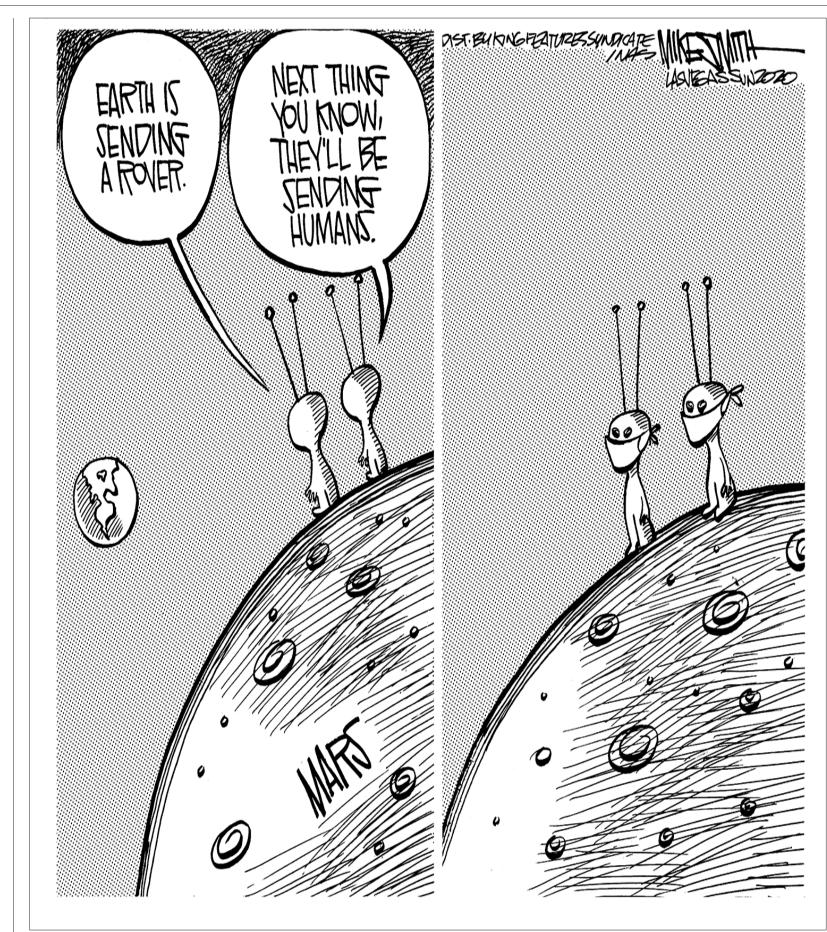
Dear Editor,

The Mount Morris Public Library would like to thank all of the sponsors for this year's summer reading program. It was a very strange summer for all of us, but the support from the community has made things so much easier. We had to use a virtual format this year, but those who participated navigated it well. It was thanks to our donors that we were able to use that option.

We would like to thank the following for their donations that helped our program to be a success: Exelon, Sullivan's, Spectrum Preferred Meats, Rat Worx, MM Super Wash, Custom Seal & Rubber Products, Kandu LLC, Sterling Federal Bank, Paul Smith, Reising Insurance, Gesin, Inc., Hough's Maple Lane Farm, and the Oregon Soap Shoppe. We also have a jar on the counter where people drop change for the summer reading program. This year's total for those anonymous donations was \$113.30. Every penny counts!

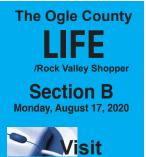
We are very fortunate to live in a community that cares about the children. We are grateful for all the support we receive. Even at this strange time, we will continue to serve the best we can. Thank you!

Sincerely, Mary Cheatwood, Director









Byron senior group seeks new members

BYRON - The Byron Area Seniors are looking for seniors, ages 55 and older, to join the club. The club meets at the Byron Forest Preserve Jarrett Center the second Monday of the month for a potluck luncheon. The club supplies the meat and members bring a dish to pass.

The dues are \$10 a year and there are informative meetings and entertainment a few times a year.

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196 Autumnwood Lane Davis Junction \$164.900 Call Ashlev How cute is this home? This beautifully updated 3 bed 2 bath home is located in a desirable neighborhood and ready for you to move right in! Enjoy the perks of having a mud room with main floor laundry upon entry from the garage. There is an abundance of natural lighting in the eat-in kitchen leading to a deck and spacious backyard. Master bedroom has en suite bath and walk-in closet. Updates include newer flooring throughout, roof, and water heater. This home won't last long!!!



411 Mix

Fabulous 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom house and a 1 room 1 bath cottage on a .88 acre partially wooded adultus 4 definition in dational industrial and althroun data generation of a set paramy woo lot. Walk out basement with family room and bathroom. Large deck on back of house overlookin fire pit and hillside. Hot tub stays. Kitchen has walnut cabinets, appliances included. 2 fireplaces Brand new air conditioning system. No need to haul laundry up and down with laundry hook ups on second floor. Come see what all this house has to offer. Great neighborhood with homes on larger sites. Cut down on mortgage payments with rental income from the cottage. Many replacement windows, newer roof and insulation. Cottage is rented at \$500 per month. Tenant pays electric and



104 N Carr Ct Cozy newer 852 sq ft ranch built in 1998 in quiet neighborhood. Shaded patio, mature trees, close to great dining and grocery store, central air, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer all stay. Full basement for storage and large garden shed. Off street parking



304 N Mason Ave Amboy \$144.000 Call Andrea Welcome home! Beautiful 4 bedroom 1 bath home on large corner lot in Amboy, walking distance to schools and downtown, golf course nearby. Large open concept living room with first floor master. Huge wrap around back deck overlooking the patio and beautiful mature trees. Additional 364 sq ft. covered front porch. 3 car garage with bonus loft. Fully insulated and heated woodshop. Newly remodeled in 2019, interior paint, carpeting, and light fixtures. Newer vinyl windows, house and garage roof in 2016, water heater 2019.



rming Craftsman! 2 bed/1 bath home with plenty of living space and vintage charm! Built ins separate the large living room and formal dining room. Kitchen appliances stay along with washer/dryer. There is also a lovely sun porch and 3 season porch Hardwoods are believed to be under the dining, living and sun-room carpet. The attic is large and could easily be finished for additional space. Spacious lot with a 2 car garage. Call for your showing today!



708 S Dement Ave Dixon \$75,000 Call Rebecca

MOVE IN READY RANCH! Easy to maintain, 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch home with a low maintenance yard and concrete driveway! This home has an open concept kitchen that looks into both your dining and living rooms. Large bathroom with bath tub and

shower. Laundry is located in the master bedroom. 1 car attached garage with extra room for storage. The backyard is private and a perfect size to manage. With just over 1,000 sq ft, this home is ideal for downsizing, renting or a first time home! Call for your showing today!



417 Maple Lane

This home is a RARE GEM! One owner ranch home that has been well-maintained, 2 bedrooms up 1 in lower level. 1.5 baths. Spacious living room open to eat-in kitchen with beaufull loak cabinets. Sider off the kitchen leads to 12 x 14 deck. Large master bedroom and main floor laundry. Family room in basement provides an abundance of space! Adequate closet space throughout the main foor and additional storage in basement. Recent upgrades include: water heater, furnace, and AC in 2018, garage door/opener and sump pump 2017. You will love the adorable garden shed, beautiful flowers and landscaping in the yard. Pride of ownership shows here.



LUXURY RETREAT! Here is your chance to own a custom built home, seven years young, with no expense spared! From the moment you enter this home, you will be in awe at the custom craftsmanship & high end finishes. The main living space is grand & open with tall ceilings, mahogany kitchen cabinets, quartz counter tops, gas fireplace and stunning woodwork. On the main floor there is also a large office. Jundry room, den and 3 bedrooms. One of which is the over sized master boasting tons of windows, closet space & an en suite with a tile shower and Jacuzzi tub. Also on the main floor, there are windows throughout the sun-room with wet bar over looking the patio & pool. Finished lower level offering additional living space with a wet bar and two additional bedrooms with a full bathroom. Professional landscaped by Crimson Valley Landscaping with a paver brick driveway & patio, irrigation system, custom pool and brick pool house with two bathrooms. Perfectly situated on 2.94 acres with a back up generator, call today to make this property your magical oasis!

205 W Front Street Mount Morris now \$34,900 Duplex consists of upper unit with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, lower u with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom and access to the 1 car garage. Units have separate utilities, landlord pays water and sewer bill. Laundry hook up on site. Fully rented, rents total \$750 per month. Some TLC needed. Property sold AS IS.



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Anniversary Couple celebrates 50 years

Happy 50th Anniversary Leroy and Lynette Smice. They were united in marriage on Aug.1, 1970 in Oregon.

Together they built a life they love. Sons Rob (Wendy) Smice of Oregon and Nathan Smice of Dixon. Grandchildren, Kelsey, Alee, Ethan, Brayden, Emersyn and great grandson Kameron.

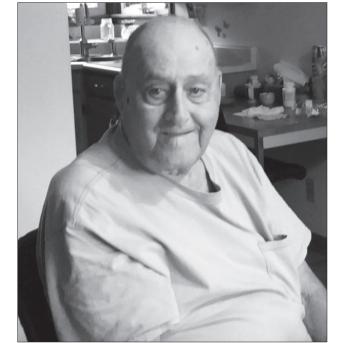
A celebration in their honor was held August 8th with close family and friends.



Birthday

Wyatt celebrates 95 years

Happy 95th birthday Stu Wyatt on Aug. 25. Cards can be sent to 800 S. 8th St. Oregon, IL 61061.



Birthday



Couple welcomes home new son

Mayson Thomas Baal was born May 16, 2020 in Bloomington, Ill. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

His parents are Justin and Cassie Baal Normal, Ill. Paternal grandparents are Chuck and Brenda Baal of Mt. Morris; Elmars and Marion Kalnins of Mt. Morris; Velda Baal of Pecatonica. Maternal grandparents are Gus Lamesch of Mt. Morris; Deanna Lamesch of Malta, Ill.; Diane Shedd of Malta, Ill.; and Mary Lamesch of Wheaton, Ill.

Forreston's Reining earns honors from Concordia University Wisconsin

MEQUON, Wis. - Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Spring Honors List for the 2019-2020 academic year.

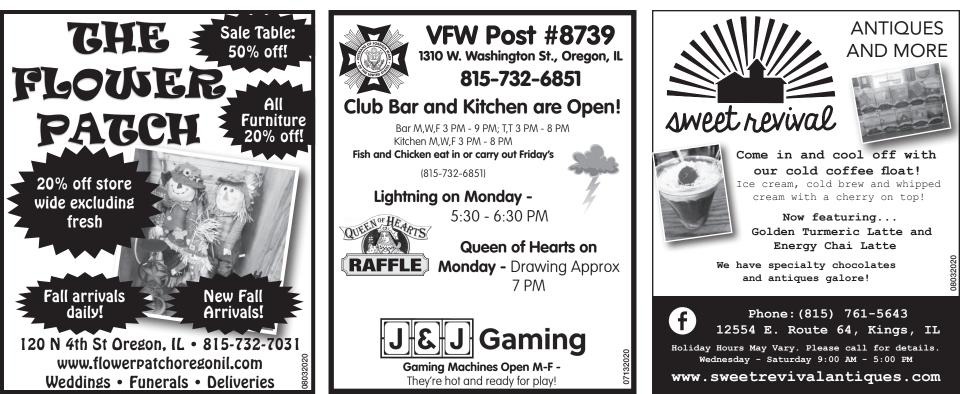
To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA and complete at least 12 undergraduate credits.

Among the area students named to the list were:

Forreston: Sierra Reining, Sophomore, Psychology

Founded in 1881, Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 North Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, offers over 70 undergraduate majors and is affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The school is located on 200 acres of Lake Michigan shoreline, only 15 minutes north of downtown Milwaukee.





Top team

Congratulations to The Convoy, sponsored by Watkins Autoline, for recently finishing in first place during the regular season and winning the end of the year tournament at Roy Gayle in Rockford. Players came from Stillman Valley, Davis Junction, Monroe Center and Oregon. Front Row from left: Jackson Musial, Noah Johnson, Kaenan McDevitt, Mack Jones, Memphis Rowe, Lucas Cheeseman. Back Row from left: Coach Jason Drake, Coach Justin Bagg, Braxton Jennings, Alec Medford, Malachi Bagg, Charlie Drake, Noah Latham, Luke Tompkins, Coach Ryan McDevitt.

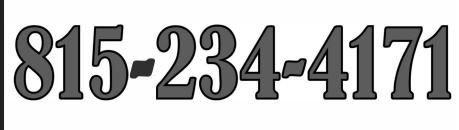


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Julia Hull Library News

Library Curbside Expanded

Beginning Aug. 17: For your safety and convenience, contactless Curbside Pickup will be available 5 Days/Week, including Saturday mornings, by appointment only. For full details, please visit our website.

Expanded In-Person Services

Beginning Monday, August 17, the library will begin offering extended (though limited) in-person services. Grab & Go Services will be available Monday and Friday (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Tuesday and 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.

Public Computer Access

Beginning Monday, August 17, 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 librarycurb-side@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.

Teen Photo Contest: ReCreate Famous Art

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

Remembering Route 66 with Leslie Goddard

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

Miss Jamie's Fall Sing-Along

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

More Virtual Programming

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



Byron Library News

The Library is Open for 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.

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

E-mail news items to bjennings@ oglecountylife. meeting information will be emailed to registrants.

Recycling Challenge

The Byron Public Library District is 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 75 lbs. so far! If thrgoal 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.

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

High School diploma or equivalent as a truck/trailer mechanic required. Must

Polo Library News

We're Hiring!

Polo Library is hiring a part time Children's Coordinator! Program 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.

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

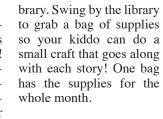
On September 12th we'll be wrapping up our 2020 Outdoor Concert Series with Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers, who performs covers of Neil Diamond and more. The concert starts at 6pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. You're welcome to bring a picnic to eat while you enjoy the music! There is plenty of room to practice safe social distancing.

Online Story Time with Ms. Phyllis

At 10:30 a.m. every Saturday in August, Ms. Phyllis will be reading a picture book on Polo Library's Facebook page facebook.com/pololi-

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Library Closed for Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 7

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

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

Library Pavilion

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

A Note on Donations

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

Online Resources

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

YOU DIG PERENNIAL SALE SAVE BOTH DATES

TWO sun gardens to choose from: priced at **\$10, \$15, \$20** depending on size and rarity; Two brass headboards, one wrought iron headboard, one brass bed

Saturday, Aug 22 from 12-5 pm; bring your own bags and shovel. SHADE garden plants on

Saturday, Aug 29th from 12-5 pm. Mature plants priced at **\$10, \$15, \$20** depending on size.(some are huge). Come both dates!!! 6465 N German Church Road, Byron



Daily Home Cooking Specials

Friday - All you can Eat Fish -Walleye -Cod

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RT. 251 & 64 - Kings, IL 815-562-3430 **Carryout Available**

truck/trailer mechanic required. Must be able to make inspections and perform maintenance/repairs to DOT regulations, have own set of hand tools, possess a valid driver's license, pass physical examination and drug screen, and be able to lift up to and including 50-80lbs. Please send resumes to: P.O. Box 414 Ottawa, IL 61350 Now accepting new patients! Time for back to school check ups! 606 W. Washington St. Oregon IL 61061 815.732.3225 www.deforestdental.com Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday Closed

Welcome back to 1

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Mount Morris Library News

Curbside Pickup and Inter Library Loans

* Curbside Pickup will happen during the hours of 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

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

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

* Please update your contact

information if needed.

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

* New library cards:

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

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

Honor JoLynn Ward

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

work in the community, you may send a donation with the notation that it is in her honor.

Library Board meeting

The Library Board of Trustees will have their regular monthly meeting on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend. Due to the current restrictions, the meeting might be held via Zoom or in the main part of the library. Please contact the library before the 19th if you are interested in attending, so that arrangements can be made.



Iowa State University announces Dean's List

AMES, Iowa – More than 12,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2020 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 9 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area. Byron:

Allison R. Abel, 2, Pre-Biological/Pre-Medical Illus-

Madison Paige Bunner-Rahn, 3, Psychology Martha M. Hodapp, 4, Mechanical Engineering Lucas Adam Jurasek, 4, Kinesiology and Health Meghan Elizabeth McCarey, 3, Kinesiology/Health Evan William Walters, 2, Electrical Engineering

Leaf River:

Mitchell Stafford Bratina, 4, Computer Engineering Blake Thomas Eder, 2, Chemical Engineering

Mount Morris: James Edward Taylor, 4, Software Engineering

Oregon:

Erik Nakajima, 4, Biology (AGLS) Johnathan Gabriel Prose, 4, Civil Engineering Michal Irene Schuler, 1, Open Option (LAS) Benjamin Michael Schultz, 2, Materials Engineering

Polo:

Braxton Daniel Stamm, 4, Mechanical Engineering

Stillman Valley:

Kimberlee Laurel Baker, 4, Veterinary Medicine Elizabeth Hurley-Blewett, 3, Forestry Rachel Linn Warner, 3, Management



Students of the Month









Byron Bank, located at 200 N Walnut St. in Byron, is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and a good role model for other students. Byron Bank presents the students with a cash prize and a certificate of award. The Byron Middle School Students of the Month for May 2020 are from left: 6th Grade – Talia Busser, 7th Grade – Darlena Flores, 8th Grade – Sarah Shouer and OMNI Team – Tim Starwalt.

Bertolet Library News



Addy and Dillyn Heslop listen to Miss Jana read a story about fireflies before beginning their painting at their private Family Story Time session.

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

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

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

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

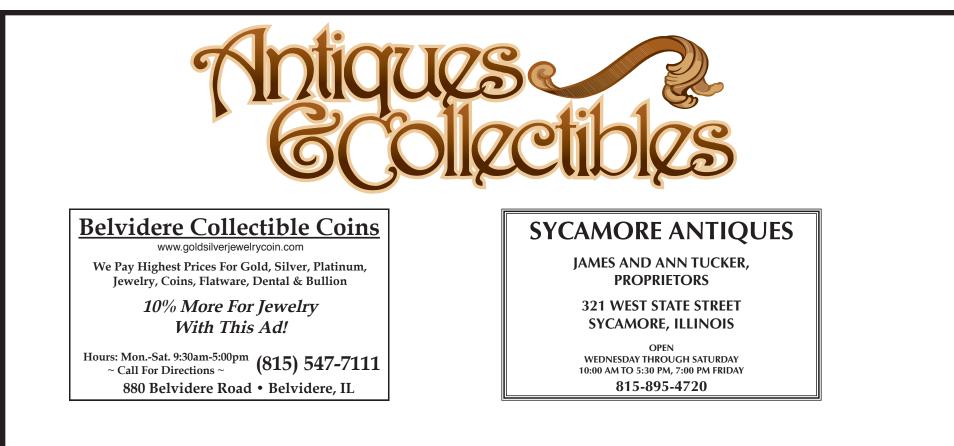
* There will be two projects for you to choose from, one project per family

please, as we will not have time to do both. There will be a craft project and a painting project. Crafts are perfect for kids 3 & up; painting projects are best for kids 6 & up.

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

Wednesday WhoDunIt

Are you the kind of person who loves to read mysteries? Do you wish you could discuss a mystery or suspense novel with like-minded readers? Then join us for the 'Wednesday WhoDunIt' book discussion group. Our first hour-long discussion will be on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Bertolet Memorial Library. We will meet outside, if weather permits; if not, the discussion will be held, socially-distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required. For our first meeting, bring your best-loved mystery or a book by your favorite mystery/ suspense author to share with others... and bring a friend. No registration is necessary.



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

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277 Pastor Janet Wold. Two worship opportunities at 8:00 am and 10:30 am Social Hour follows all services. Child care available at Summer Worship and 10:30 am Worship. Communion is served every Sunday at all services. Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students. Adult 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 visit our website at http://www.AllSaintsByron.org or call the church office for details.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 226 E. Second St., Byron, IL 61010 • Phone: 815-234-7431 • Fr. Richard Rosinski **Weekend Masses:** Sept.-May: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am & 10:45 am – May-Aug.: Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am **Daily Masses**: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30AM, Wednesday 6PM

FIRSTBORN REACH

6332 N. Marrill Rd, Byron., PO Box 1013, Byron, Pastor Patrick Featherston II Service: Sundays at 10:00a.m. TAKING JESUS AS HE IS TO THE PEOPLE AS THEY ARE

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UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

Facebook page or contact the church office. Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

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

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday** Services: Worship 10:30am. Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am tion please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

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GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203Pastor Scott Ralston

Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am. AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings

God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good! FORRESTON REFORMED CHURCH

501 Third Ave. Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2424 Pastor Lyle Zumdahl. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. "Seeking to Live by Faith, to be Known by Love, and to be a Voice of Hone."

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting. Everyone is cordially invited to be with us

LEAF RIVER

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ LEAFRIVERBC/

Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice) 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.

Nursery available 6941 N Mt Morris Rd Leaf River 11 61047 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

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

KINGS

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here! "By God's grace in Christ, we Live, Love, & Serve" 9:30 am - Sunday Worship (nursery provided), with social hour following 10:45 am - Sunday School (children, youth, adults) www.disciplesumc.org (815) 734-4853 102 N Maple Ave., Mr. Morris, IL 61054 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

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

BANK

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL Phone 7344573 Pastor-Ginny Haney. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (nursery provided) Fellowship time Following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School-Nursery through adult

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

OREGON

CROSSWALK MINISTRIES "Building relationships through Christ" The corner of Rt 64 and 9 th St, Oregon, il

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EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313 3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. Rev. Josiah Youngquist
 www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

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

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Karyn Kost • (815) 661-6315

Veshie: http://www.freedomlutheran.org Sunday Evening Worship at 5:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S 5th St to 200 S 4th St in Oregon. Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-721 – Office Rev. Eldred George Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail.saint.bride.church@gmail.com • Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • www st-mary-parish.com • Fr. Joseph P. Naill • Office Phone: 815-732-7383 Office Fax: 815-732-4742 Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd

Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pinecrest **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointm

Baptisms: by appointment, Wedding Arrangements: 6 months in advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Ogle County

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

POLO

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

www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

202 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo \sim 815.837.5255 polo@crossroadscn.com We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during adult services Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~Sunday nights 6PM, Saturday evening service at 6PM. Nursery age 0-4 yrs. provided. Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent nononal Christian church. Visitors are always welco

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogi 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley. SIS-645-225 () www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept – April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940 Pastor Eric Tonjes, www.kishchurch.org Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM

Gathered Worship 10:00 AM For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org Chuck Potts, Pastor to STudents, Children and Families Sunday Mornings: Worship at 10:15 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church Provided). Communion is served the first Sunday of the month. Coffee and fellowship time follows the Worship Service. Please call our Church office or visit our website for details about Bible study groups. Youth groups and Bread of Life compassion ministry. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. – May) and 10 a.m. (June – Aug.); Sunday School Sept – May 9:15 a.m.

Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

311 W. Washington St.

Oregon, IL 61061

Ph: 815-732-2156 Fax: 815-732-6154

Oregon Library News

Library Update It has been great to see everyone in the library again!

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 10am-6pm and 10am-2pm 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 ma-

terials! Read More ~ Worry Less!

It's here!

Oregon Public Library is thrilled to announce the opening of a Story-Walk ® 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 are taking a break in August but watch for new Story Times in September.

1,000 books before kindergarten

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

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

Absolute science videos

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

Library book clubs

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

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

This class will be held via Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 819 1527 3810, Passcode: 606172 ents an original solo musical on Princess Diana as a spirit haunting Kensington Palace at the age she would be if she were still living. She spins her story and comments on all things royal. Written, directed and starred by Jillann Gabrielle. Registration required – 815-732-2724.

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

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

2724.

New releases Of Mutts And Men by

Spencer Quinn (Mystery) A Sprinkling Of Murder by Daryl Wood Gerber

(Mystery) Love & Other Crimes by

Sara Paretsky (Mystery) The Babysitter by Nancy

Bush (Paperback Mystery) Jane Darrowfield, Professional Busybody (Paperback Mystery)

Still Knife Painting by Cheryl Hollon (Paperback Mystery)

Witch Hunt by Cate Conte (Paperback Mystery) The Color Of Air by Gail

Tsukiyama (Fiction) Me And White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad (Non-Fiction 305 809 SAA)

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Cajun Justice by James Patterson (Fiction)

You Can't Catch Me by Catherine McKenzie (Fiction)

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The Order by Daniel Silva (Fiction)

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Princess Diana, Gone but still kicking! – Aug. 21 at 1 p.m.

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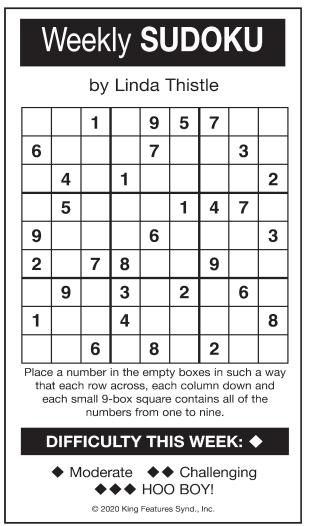
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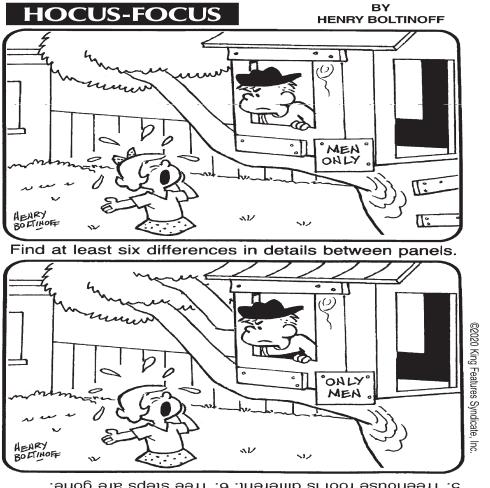
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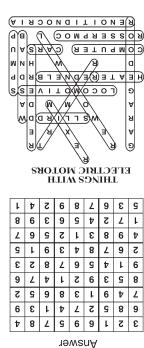


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103 auctions

* AUCTION * Aug. 29th, 2020 * 10:00am Loran Wilken Estate

LOCATION: 9441 North Adeline Road, Leaf River, Illinois. Watch for Filer Auction arrows.

TRACTORS: Allis Chalmers 7010, 9,700 hours, power shift; Allis Chalmers 190 gas, new rear tires, 6,182 hours, snap coupler; Allis Chalmers WD 45 gas, narrow front; Satoh Bison tractor w/mower deck, not running;

FARM MACHINERY: Woods T310 3pt. backhoe, w/3 buckets; White 262 14' disc; White 5-16" bottom plow, hyd. swing; Lindsay 24' drag w/cart; MF 14' grain drill w/ grass seed; New Idea 5109 9' haybine; New Idea hayrake; 3pt. bale mover; New Holland 273 square baler; Gehl 10 wheel Kellermin hyd. fold rake; 3pt. 2 wheel hay rake; New Idea 484 round baler; New Idea 272 cut-condioner; Harvey 32' grain/ hay elevator; New Idea manure spreader, flailw/end gate; 3pt. bale mover w/12 round bale cart; 2- running gears, NH & Kory; 2-gravity boxes w/gears; 5' 3pt. rear blade; 8'x42' pto auger; 1,500 bu. portable grain bin; 5' Howes 3pt. rotary mower; 2-bale elevator sections; 5' 3pt. finsh mower; 4''x25' pto auger; Hesston PT-10 haybine for parts;

TOOLS: Lots of tools; Century welder; 3-work benches; air tanks; table saw; drill press; upright tool box; Cement mixer; assorted gates;

TRAILERS: 12' Bumper hitch, tilting flat bed; 12' bumper hitch enclosed trailer; 16' bumper hitch flat bed w/ drop down ramps;

WINDOWS & DOORS: hay rack full of new doors and new windows; Check website for sizes.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Plan to attend this auction! Partial list still cleaning out the buildings! Check www.filerauction.com for photo's and full listing. Questions can be answered by calling Kathy Wilken at 815-541-2942.

TERMS: CASH OR GOOD CHECK W/ID. PORT-POT AUCTIONEERS: Randy Filer 815-871-7936 Mike Zettle 815-238-4955

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS In The Matter)CLAIM) NOTICE of the Estate of:)NO. RICHARD)2020 р

P 57 POMERING,) Deceased. CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the

death of RICHARD D. POMERING of Stillman Valley, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 17, 2020, to Eric P. Nelson Valley, Stillman of Illinois, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Jennifer L. SMITH, Birkholz. of BIRKHOLZ & O'BRIEN, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before * 2020, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. ERIC P. NELSON. Independent

Administrator No. 0804 (Aug. 3, 10, 17)



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Deadline for submission is by 9 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Jarrett Prairie Center with sealed submissions opened immediately after 9 a.m.

Any questions, please call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815.234.8535 ext 219

No. 0808 (Aug. 10, 17)

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Some natural solutions for going gray with style

Gray hair is a natural side effect of aging. The rate at which hair will turn to gray differs based on genetics and other factors. Some people may go gray seemingly overnight, while others may gray at



the temples first before the rest of their hair gradually changes color.

Aging women often wonder if they should cover up their gray hair or embrace the silver. Going gray is no longer something that has women running to their stylists at the sight of the first gray strand. Some actually opt for silver even before their own gray sets in. According to a 2017 survey of hair trends by L'Oréal Professional, 28 percent of women embraced or considered opting for silver hair. The trend has continued to gain steam. Celebrities like Jamie Lee Curtis and Helen Mirren were some of the first to embrace their grays. Younger celebrities like Kendall Jenner, Pink and Lady Gaga have opted for silver tresses to make a statement.

But there are still many women who prefer to transition gradually or avoid the harsh chemicals in some hair products. The National Cancer Institute states that more than 5,000 different chemicals are used in hair dye products, some of which are reported to be carcinogenic in animals. There are many natural ingredients that can add tint to hair to make gray less visible. Coffee, for example, can cover grays and add dimension to dark tresses. Chamomile tea is recommended for blonds to add natural highlights and perhaps camouflage their grays. Calendula, marigold, rosehips, and hibiscus can deepen red shades or add some subtle red highlights. Henna also is a popular natural method to add a red-orange color to hair. Creating highlights to offset gray hair can work as well. Spraying lemon juice on hair and sitting in the sun can produce lightening effects.

Many women are seeking natural options to look their best. Embracing grays or creating subtle tints with natural ingredients can help women feel confident and beautiful.





Plenty of healthy eating options for seniors

"Let food be thy medicine" is a quote attributed to Hippocrates, the ancient scholar considered to be the father of modern medicine. The saying relates to the notion that what people put in their bodies can heal and/or prevent certain conditions.

For seniors with medicine cabinets full of overthe-counter and prescription medications, the idea of relying predominantly on food to promote optimal health may be tempting, and various foods can be particularly useful to the 50-andover demographic.

According to the World Health Organization, poor diet is a major contributor to many of the diseases that affect older people. Poor diet has been connected to the development of diabetes, and degenerative diseases such as osteoporosis also may be linked to the foods ones eat. The National Council for Aging Care says micronutrient deficiency is often a problem among the aging due to factors like lack of variety in diet and reduced food intake. Eating a variety of foods can provide all of the nutrients people need to stay healthy as they get older. Certain foods may

be particularly helpful. * Brain-friendly foods: Foods such as avocado, leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, blueberries, and salmon are good sources of vitamin E, antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids, and other nutrients that may help ward off dementias like Alzheimer's disease, advises Sonas Home Health Care.

* Anti-inflammatory foods: Foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may help prevent inflammation that can cause cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Aging.com says foods that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, like salmon, should be consumed at least twice per week.

* Fruits and vegetables: Fresh, canned or frozen produce tend to be high in micronutrients, including a variety of important vitamins that are essential for all components of health. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics advises eating dark green vegetables, such as leafy greens or broccoli, and orange vegetables, such as carrots and sweet potatoes. * Energy-boosters: Choose whole grains that

choose whole grains that can provide sustained energy by way of healthy carbohydrates over processed grains.

* Bone-friendly foods: Calcium-rich foods, such as milk, yogurt and cheese, can prevent calcium from being leached from the bones, which contributes to conditions like osteoporosis.

Digestive systemfriendly foods: The digestive system slows down as the body ages, as the walls of the gastrointestinal tract thicken and digestive contractions that push waste along may slow down and become fewer. Foods rich in fiber can promote proper digestion by moving food through the digestive tract mor easily. High-fiber foods also may help naturally reduce blood cholesterol levels

* High-iron foods: Without enough iron in the body, a person may feel tired and lethargic from a reduced production of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in the blood from the lungs to the rest of the body. "My legs hurt." "I used to love going for a walk." " don't want to walk up stairs anymore."



If even a short walk is painful, you may have problems with the veins in your legs. Aching, cramping, tiredness, heaviness, restlessness, burning, and throbbing are all symptoms of venous disease that can lead to varicose veins, sores on your legs, or even more serious circulation problems like blood clots.

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There are some innovative fitness programs for seniors

It is important to stay active and eat healthy foods in an effort to promote fitness and well-being. This is especially true for seniors, many of whom lead increasingly sedentary lifestyles as they age. The American Heart Association says adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, and a Harvard University study says that exercise can be an insurance policy for heart health.

Today's seniors have more fitness options at their disposal than ever before. SilverSneakers® is the leading community fitness program for older adults in the United States. SilverSneakers® members can participate in specially curated programs at participating gyms and community centers across the na-

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tion. According to the organization, there are more participating fitness locations available than there are Starbucks® coffee establishments. Classes are fit for everyone, no matter their experience level.

Those concerned about gym costs may find that SilverSneakers® already is included in their Medicare Advantage plan for no additional cost. Plus, there is access to healthy living discounts from participating businesses.

Canada has begun to develop its own seniorcentric fitness programs. The Healthy, Safe and Strong group exercise program is an introduction to safe exercises available for adults age 60 and older in the province of Ontario. The program can help develop better stamina, maintain or improve balance and increase strength and endurance. StrongerU Senior Fitness is a relatively new program of pre-choreographed group fitness offering instruction in four program types: cardio, strength training, stretching, and circuit training. The program addresses a need in Canada for quality and consistent senior fitness programing.

As studies show that engaging in physical activity is the most effective way for aging men and women to stay healthy, more adults may be compelled to join fitness groups that cater to the 50-and-over market.



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Why routine checkups are vital to overall health

Regular visits with a medical professional are an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Too often people visit the doctor only when they are ill, as they may not realize just how essential well visits and physical exams are.

Routine checkups are the smartest way for people in all age groups to stay on top of their health, but they can be especially valuable for those age 50 and older. Regular checkups enable physicians to check current health against past visits, ensuring that any anomalies can be investigated and treated efficiently and promptly. This can make the difference in slowing down the progression of a disease that has already developed or prevent something from becoming a fullfledged issue.

The Mayo Clinic says there are no hard and fast rules about how often seniors should visit health care providers. Those who are in generally good health may only require one medical checkup a year. At this point vital signs will be checked, medications reviewed and lifestyle topics discussed. Doctors may even recommend or discuss tests. Patients also can bring up any issues they may be experiencing, however insignificant they may seem. Anything from sleep disturbances to memory loss to unexplained fatigue or pain can be addressed. Sometimes getting everything out in the open and being reassured that there's nothing to worry about can be helpful.

General care and geriatric doctors also are adept at asking questions to get a sense of how patients are faring in the world. This may include topics that seemingly have no relevance to health but can be quite important. A provider may ask about topics such as bathing or dressing. Questions about social interaction or typical routines can paint a better picture of both physical and mental health.

The recommended frequency of doctor visits may change as health issues arise or if follow-up is needed after a treatment plan or injury, according to the caregiver company Home Care Assistance. Some seniors may have to visit a provider once a week or once a month. Doctors, nurses and therapists will design a regimen based on a patient's current health needs.

The following are some compelling reasons to be diligent with provider visits.

• Frequently health issues can be silent and not noticed early on by a patient, according to Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.

• Patients will be less likely to forget about impor-

tant screenings, like mammography, prostate tests, cholesterol tests, and more. • Vaccines can be admin-

istered, as even adults need certain immunizations to stay healthy.

• Patients can discuss

potential lifestyle changes, like going on a diet or taking up a new fitness regimen.

It is essential to follow through with health care provider visits, even if they seem redundant. Physicians may detect issues that warrant close observation. Patients are urged to have an open dialogue with their doctors so they understand the reason behind health care visits and expectations in the future.



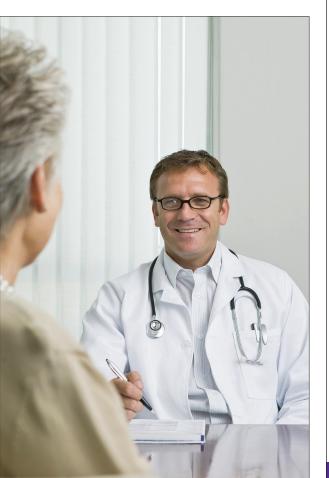
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Visiting Nurses Association	971-3755
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Senior Lifestyles



Arthritis What are the common warning signs?

Arthritis has name recognition, even among people who are not suffering from it. But despite that recognition, arthritis is not as well understood as one might think.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, arthritis is not a single disease, but rather an informal way of referring to joint pain or joint disease. In fact, the term "arthritis" is so wide-ranging that it actually refers to more than 100 types of conditions.

Despite that complexity, arthritis often produces four important warning signs, regardless of which type of arthritis a person may have.

1. Pain

The Arthritis Foundation notes that arthritis-related pain may be constant or intermittent. One common misconception about arthritis pain is that it only occurs during or shortly after a body is at rest. However, arthritis-related pain can occur while the body is at rest and is not always triggered by an activity that incorporates a part of the body affected by arthritis. In addition, pain from arthritis can be isolated to one area of the body or affect various parts of the body.

2. Swelling

Skin over the joints affected by arthritis may become red and swollen. This skin also may feel warm to the touch. The Arthritis Foundation advises anyone who experiences this swelling for three days or longer or more than three times per month to contact a physician.

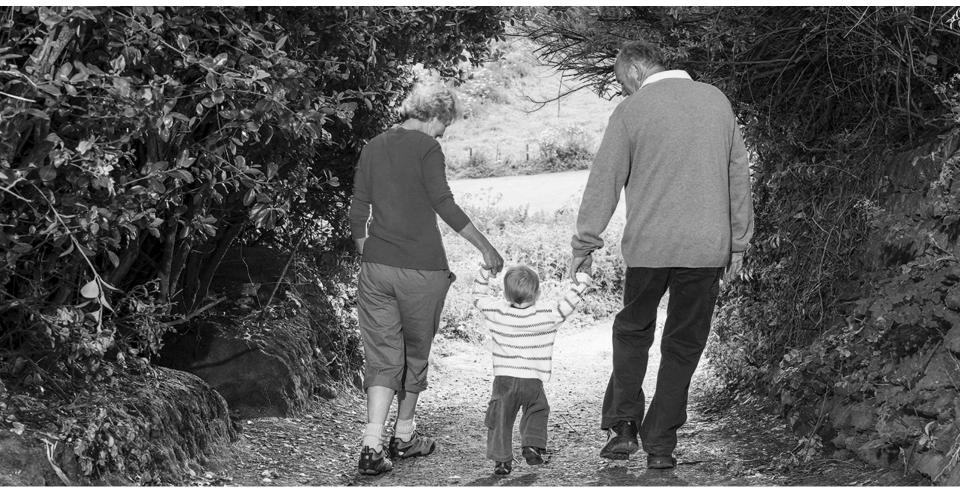
3. Stiffness

This warning sign is, along with pain, the one that is most often associated with arthritis, even by people who don't suffer from the condition. Stiffness when waking up in the morning or after long periods of being sedentary, such as sitting at a desk during the workday or taking a long car ride, can be symptomatic of arthritis, especially if the stiffness lasts an hour or longer.

4. Difficulty moving a joint

The Arthritis Foundation notes that people should not experience difficulty moving, such as when getting out of bed. People who experience such difficulty may have arthritis.

People who recognize any of these warning signs should report them to their physicians immediately. Be as specific as possible when describing these symptoms, as specificity can help physicians design the most effective course of treatment.



Some babysitting rules to follow for grandparents

Witnessing your children getting older and starting their own lives and families can be bittersweet. There is pride that comes with seeing their successes, but the melancholy of knowing that the years have passed so quickly. Although you may no longer be tucking your children into bed, reading them bedtime stories or bandaging "boo-boos," when your children have children, the chance to nurture can start anew.

One of the great joys that comes from having older children is the ability to welcome and love grandchildren. Grandchildren provide the exuberance and excitement that reminds you of your own youth. Grandparents often are thrilled to be involved in the care and upbringing of their grandkids. Some may also live with their grandchildren to help take some pressures off of adult children.

Babysitting is one way

that grandparents can be a frequent fixture in their grandkids' lives. If it's been some time since you cared for little children, it's well worth it to take a refresher.

Make sure it's safe Conduct a safety audit of your home if grandchildren will be coming over to your place. Are outlets secured with covers? Are medications you may be taking out of reach? Do you have gates to block stairs or restrict access to certain rooms? Modifications may

be needed.

Assess your health Chasing after children can be a workout. Be sure you are up for the challenge and have the stamina. If you have any medical conditions that can impair judgement or reaction time, you might want to reconsider babysitting.

Take directions

The way you parented may not be the same way your own children parent. Be humble and follow their lead with regard to instruc-

tions. The parenting guide Apt Parenting advises that you should ask about the eating and sleeping habits of the child. You may have to defer to your own children's guidelines.

Learn what's new Many things regarding

childcare have changed in the last 20 years, including safety laws and guidelines. Be sure you are up to date on these changes. And if you aren't certain about something, ask. This involves everything from crib bar widths to car seat installation

Babysitting can be a joyous task for grandparents who are ready for the job.

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