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# Working for local businesses

## Oregon Chamber director says creative ideas, support help during uncertain times

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

OREGON – It is no secret that the last couple of months have been hard on businesses, especially small businesses.

But in Oregon, the city and the Chamber of Commerce have worked hard to help local businesses stay afloat and ready to thrive as the state begins to slowly re-open.

Oregon Chamber Director Liz Vos sat down to answer some questions about how Oregon businesses fared, and what's next.

Question: What has been the most difficult part of this lock down period?

Answer: When you live and work in a small community like Oregon, Illinois you get to know everyone really well. The

most difficult part of this Covid-19 shut down, for me, was watching all of my business owner friends' hearts and dreams shattered. We were all gaining momentum for our area. Our town was full of visitors from ShamROCK the Town. Our boutiques, restaurants and bars were looking forward to another great spring and summer season full of visitors to our little tourist community. Then the coronavirus came out of nowhere and we all had to close our doors and stay home. We went from "full steam ahead" to an "all stop" and that was absolutely jarring. It continued on for months of uncertainty and never knowing how long the shutdown would last.

Q: How have Oregon businesses fared?



Pictured from left to right are: Mayor Ken Williams, Chamber Director Liz Vos, City Administrator Darin DeHaan and Chief of Police Shawn Melville.

A: Right away we all immediately took our carefully mapped plans and tossed them out the window. Our businesses on day one began thinking of

creative ways to keep afloat during this uncertain time because they knew they had our support. Together the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Oregon

said, "We're going to do whatever we can to support them."

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# CHAMBER: Inspired by business owners

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We all worked around the clock: keeping up with all of the daily changing rules, making sure our businesses were able to apply for grants and their employees able to receive assistance. Our team is very small but determined. We're determined to fight.

Q: What have you and the business community learned from this?

A: You learn a lot about yourself when you're tossed overboard into stormy seas. You either fight or you drown. We choose to fight. Every day we fight for our friends and neighbors, for our community that we love, and the day never ends until we can face ourselves and say we've done everything we could. I'm inspired every day by our strong and independent business owners who wake up every morning before the sun and go to bed exhausted long after the rest of the world. If they weren't going to give up, then neither were we.

Q: Have actions taken by the city, like opening up municipal parking lots for use by local businesses, helped much? Have you heard any feedback from people?

A: We're happy to report that most were able to weather this storm, but they need your continued support. Shop local is not just a phrase and this time has really brought us closer together as a community. Many are discovering more of what we have to offer right here in our little area. You don't need to travel to find it because we have it all here. Yes, businesses are all taking a loss this year, but they all have faith in our community. They have faith in you dear readers that you'll be there for them. That you'll support them by inviting your friends and family out to visit us. If you're proud of what we're doing, then go right now and invite a friend out to go shopping or fishing or out to dinner to meet us and our town. Our businesses have faith in you, in our City, and in the Chamber of Com-



The city opened municipal parking lots like this one for area businesses to use for customers. (Brad Jennings photo)

merce. They have faith that together we'll get through this because time and again we prove it. We don't take

their faith lightly.

Q: How do you think Oregon businesses will look

different after this period, or will they?

A: It's a delicate ecosystem in a small community

like ours. We'll continue to fight and remain united no matter what the world looks like around us.

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A grand opening of businesses as Illinois enters Phase 4 will be held at the Oregon City Hall the morning of June 27. (Brad Jennings photo)

# Oregon to celebrate opening of local businesses June 27

OREGON – Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is stopping traffic to celebrate Phase 4 opening.

Join us on Saturday, June 27 at 8:45 a.m. in front of Oregon City Hall to celebrate a grand opening with all of our businesses and organizations. We're excited to have

you out to visit with the opening of phase 4 that we just couldn't help ourselves. This historical event will be something to stop traffic for.

Join us as we reunite the community for a ribbon cutting ceremony from 8:45-9:15 a.m. outdoors in front of City Hall. After-

wards, come to the Coliseum for the Chana School Annual Sale. No more than 50 at a time with masks, but there will be plenty to see and do on the lawn. We'll be joined by local musicians and artists invited by Aireloom Music Studio, and several local organizations.

Spend the day perusing the town wide garage sales, visit our boutiques, listen to live music, and grab a bite to eat at any of our local restaurants.

If you have any questions, please contact the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce at [chamber.director@oregonil.com](mailto:chamber.director@oregonil.com)

## Oregon Farmer's Market opens soon with new guidelines

OREGON – The Oregon Farmers Market managed by the Oregon Park District will be open starting July 7.

Guidelines will be different this summer due to coronavirus restrictions. In previous years the Market was not only about buying local and fresh, but it was also somewhat of a social gathering. Shopping at the Market in 2020 will still be fun, but we have had to modify operations and are looking at the Oregon Market this year as an In-and-Out Market following CDC and social distancing guidelines.

The market is moving to a new location this summer. Stop by on Tuesday evenings, between 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the old bank drive through between the Post Office and Chili Pepper (418 W. Washington Street). Masks are required (per state guidelines) for those visiting the market but please stay home if you are

feeling sick. We ask that you practice social distancing with only one customer at a time at a booth. Sanitary practices will also be in effect with vendor areas sanitized and hand sanitizer available for customers.

Use touchless payments if possible or when using cash, change will not be offered. Products will be in the back of the booth and shoppers will not be able to touch what they buy – no touching or squeezing to find the perfect tomato. Shoppers can point to what they would like, and the vendor will bag the items and set them on a table at the front of the booth. Vendors will assist customers with their choices. For additional safety measures, customers are encouraged to wash all products before use or cooking.

It will be a new shopping experience, but a great alternative so customers can still get fresh and locally grown

or hand made items. Not only do the local growers and crafters appreciate the support, but those buying can also feel good about purchasing local and fresh and feel safe knowing that the items are sold in an open-air environment and that the produce available exchanged fewer hands to get to the consumer.

Enjoy shopping for fresh produce, baked goods, honey, plants, art, handmade craft items and more. Make Tuesday evenings a fun night out with a nice walk around town or through one of our beautiful parks, stopping at the market to grab your items, and then enjoy dinner or a beverage at one of the many Oregon restaurants or bars offering outdoor seating.

For more information or interested vendors, please contact Debbie Leffelman at the Oregon Park District, 815-732-3101 or [debbie@oregonpark.org](mailto:debbie@oregonpark.org).



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## Obituaries

### Donald R. Bokker, Jr.

BYRON – Donald R. Bokker, Jr. age 61, died Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home in Byron following a sudden illness. He was born Oct. 27, 1958 in Belvidere, the son of Donald R. and Cletus Mardell (Swartz) Bokker, Sr.

Donald worked for Quality Metal in Byron for 41 years retiring as Plant Superintendent. He had many titles father, boyfriend, Mr. Bokker and Papa. He loved spending time with his family, friends and with his granddaughter. He had many hobbies through the years boating, snowmobiling, golfing and NASCAR, but his final love was riding his Harley on the weekend with family and friends. He



enjoyed making his Sunday rounds visiting friends. He was a member of the SM and SF Club of Rockford.

He also enjoyed mowing the yard and taking meticulous care of his cars and motorcycle. One could always find him with a Budlight in his hand and a smile on his face. He has touched many people's lives and will be

greatly missed.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister Julie Bokker and Uncle Carl Buse.

He is survived by his two sons Bret (Brittany) Bokker, Brok Bokker, granddaughter McKenley Bokker, longtime girlfriend Jennifer Varlek and her children Adam and Amber Varlek, brother John (Shelly) Bokker and niece Melissa Bokker all of Byron, and special friends Steve and Donna Brown.

A celebration of Donald's Life will take place at a later date. A memorial fund is established in his name. Visit [www.farrell-hollangale.com](http://www.farrell-hollangale.com) to leave a condolence or memory.

### Steven Hoffman

Steven "Steve" Hoffman, 69, of Franklin Grove, passed away Monday, June 15, 2020, at home. Steve worked tirelessly for his family. He worked as a tree trimmer for many years prior to his retirement. Upon retirement, he found joy in caring for his grandchildren and completing projects for others.

Steve was born Aug. 23, 1950, in Dixon. He married Rhonda Jasper on Nov. 8, 1974, in Franklin Grove. He enjoyed fishing and lending a helping hand to anyone in need. Steve loved his family and cherished spending time with them.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Rhonda, two



daughters and their spouses, April and Mark Glosser of Rochelle, Heather and Jim Tinsman of Ashton; five grandchildren, Garrett and Macenzie Glosser, Luke, Adeline, and Jack Tinsman; parents, Donald and Shirley Hoffman of Oregon; four siblings, Stan (Connie)

Hoffman of Dixon, Donald (Traci) Hoffman Jr. of Georgia, Donna (Harvey) Briggs of Mt. Morris, Diane Burd of Wisconsin.

Steve was preceded in death by his step-father, Don Jacobs and brother, David Hoffman.

There will be no services. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon or Franklin Grove Fire Department in Franklin Grove. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

### Dolores June Millard

BYRON – Dolores June Millard, a long time Byron resident, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, church & community volunteer died of natural causes on Friday, June 12, 2020 one day after her 92nd birthday in the Alden Park Strathmore nursing care facility.

Born in Zanesville, Ohio, on June 11, 1928 to Marion Madeline Dubicki and Arlington Joseph Desonia, she grew up with her mother, her loving step-father, John W. Gegoski, and her beloved sister Barbara Jean Gegoski (Getzelman) in rural Grand Rapids, Mich. As a teen, she moved in with her Aunt and Uncle (Bernard and Vi Rusilowski) to join the workforce. A few years later, she moved in with her Grandmother, Loie (Champlin) Holtz, in Belvidere, where she would eventually meet and marry her husband of 63 years, Ronald E. Millard on Oct. 28, 1950. They had three children, Ronald Edward, Jr (deceased), Candace Ann (Quinn), and Christopher Ronald.

The family moved to Byron in 1963 where Ron ran the SuperValue grocery store. She remained in Byron until 2016 when her health began to fail and she required assisted living accommodations.

Dolores was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron, active in its Ladies Guild/Auxiliary, serving as its president and bazaar chair on many occasions. She sang in the choir and volunteered frequently. She was named the Diocesan Woman of the Year in 2012



by the Rockford Diocese for her many contributions. In the community, she was active in the Byron Senior groups, the Byron library, Byron Fire Association Auxiliary and worked in the many family businesses over the years including The What Not Shoppe (Byron, circa 1970), E & R Men's Wear (Byron and Oregon), and the Crock Pot (Oregon, circa 1980).

Dolores was committed to her family, her church and her community and took great pride in all three.

She is survived by her children, Candace Ann Quinn (Michael) of Loves Park; Christopher R. Millard (LouAnn) of Byron; and her rotary son, Paulo (Marcea) Marinho, Brazil; Her beloved nephews, Gregory A. Getzelman of Roscoe, James A. Getzelman (Christie) of Byron, Samuel Guell of Hot Springs, Ark.; Her nieces Cindy (Guell) Walters (John) of Percy, Ark., Charlene (Guell) Hollingsworth of Ft. Worth, Texas; Her grandchildren Dr. Brant (Melinda) Hulsebus, DC of Rockford, Cory (Aaron) Park of Loves Park, Gabriel (Katherine) Millard of Geneva, Noah (Emily) Millard of Rochelle, and Emily (Josh) Gerdes of Byron; Her

great nieces Jeanine (Jon) Kaplan of Rockford, Lauren Getzelman of Milwaukee, and Mallorie Getzelman of Byron; Her great-nephews Matthew Getzelman of Champaign, and Nathaniel Getzelman of Aurora; as well as 19 great grandchildren and great grand nieces and nephews who also called her Grandma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband of 63 years, Ronald, her infant son, Ronald Jr., her sisters Barbara Getzelman, Patricia (Marvin) Leopold, Loie Arlene (Robert) Redner, Betty Jean (Paul) Austin, and her brothers Arlington Joseph DeSonia, James DeSonia, Danny DeSonia; Her nephew Edward J. Getzelman and nieces Devonne (Greg) Getzelman and Kathy Guell (Garrett) Pride.

In accordance with covid-19 restrictions, at the convenience of the church and the family, she will be laid to rest in a private graveside service at St. Mary's cemetery in Byron. The family hopes to celebrate her life publicly later this fall following the relief of gathering restrictions and hold a Catholic funeral mass at St. Mary's Church, Byron.

The family wishes to thank the caring staffs at Crimson Point in Rockford, Heritage Woods in Belvidere, and Alden Park Strathmore in Rockford, all of whom lovingly cared for her over the past four years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in Byron in her name.

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### Richard A. Annis

Richard A. Annis, 60, passed June 9, 2020 in his home, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Rick was born on Dec. 11, 1959 in Racine, Wis., son of Donald and Aileen (Griffin) Annis.

Rick enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, gambling, cooking, playing pool, and was a great storyteller. He was an avid Packer fan and had a witty and fun sense of humor, very generous, with a passion to watch people work. Rick married his beloved wife Lyn on July 11, 1981 in Racine, Wis. A member of Local 19 Heat and Frost Insulator since 1978; he worked for



the Byron Nuclear Plant as a Maintenance Mod Contractor for 40 years before retiring in June of 2018.

He is survived by his wife Lyn Annis; children Nicholas, Nathan (fiancée Courtney Baxter) and Matthew; siblings Joan (Terry) Kerr, Jeri Therkelsen, Jim

(Carol) Annis, Russ (Karla) Annis, Leslie (Bob) Rasmussen; brother in laws Scott Christensen and Jeff (Bonnie) Christensen. He is predeceased by his parents.

Due to Covid-19 a private service were streamed 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) with access code 810 290 6045. Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice, All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron, Illinois, or Dark Horse Lodge in Tennessee. Arrangements entrusted to Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108. – Share memories or online condolences at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

# Obituaries

## Jane E. Dietrich

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Jane E. Dietrich, age 88, passed away on June 16, 2020 in Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon. Jane was born on June 23, 1931 in Freeport, the daughter of Clarence and Hazel (Bearman) Kielsmeier.



Her mother Hazel passed away when Jane was an infant and Clarence married Ruth Williams who cared for Jane as her own child. Jane married Russell F. Dietrich on Oct. 16, 1949 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 2006.

Jane worked in the office copy department for Kable Printing Company, and she cleaned many homes in the Mt. Morris area. She was a member of the Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church. Jane loved to crochet, spend time with her family especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jane is survived by her sons: Jeff (Karen) Dietrich, Leaf River, and Clint (Sondra Pease) Dietrich, Mt. Morris; daughter: Janell (Jim) Miller, Forreston; grandchildren: Joshua (Becky) Miller, Decatur; Amie (Brian) Schelling, Leaf River; Christie (Darrick) Port, Lanark; Ashley Dietrich, Stillman Valley; Aaron (Jenna) Dietrich, Grand Detour; Brandon Dietrich, Oregon; Lexis Dietrich, Mt. Morris; 12 great

grandchildren; brothers: Melvin (Nancy) Kielsmeier, Seward; Ralph Kielsmeier, Centerville, Utah; sisters: Dorothy Stahl, Mt. Morris; Carolyn Johnson, Lombard; and many nieces and nephews.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Russell; brother: Bruce Kielsmeier; and sister: Harriet Fletcher.

Family graveside services were held on Saturday June 20, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris, with Revs. Bruce McKenna and Larry Jameson officiating. There was a public drive through visitation in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris, from 10 a.m. until service time.

The family would like to thank Reita Beck and Judy Banno for the wonderful care they gave Jane while she was at home.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Serenity Hospice & Home, Mt. Morris Public Library, and the Mt. Morris Fountain Project.

## Rosemary Virginia Runyard

Rosemary Virginia Runyard, 83, of Winnebago, left us to be with the Lord, Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at her home in Winnebago, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 16, 1937 in Rockford, the daughter of Lee and Viola (Herbig) Pelley.



She attended Seward Grade School and graduated from Winnebago High School in 1955. Rosemary married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Grant Richard Runyard on Dec. 31, 1955 at Seward Congregational Church. She worked as a purchasing agent for the Rockford Park District until her retirement. Rosemary was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church

of Winnebago where she was a Deacon, a member of the Ruth Circle and Presbyterian Women among other activities. She also volunteered at Rockford Memorial Hospital and enjoyed her monthly card club social gatherings. Rosemary took great pleasure in attending her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events and activi-

ties. Rosemary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Rosemary's family would like to thank her exceptional at home care givers for their constant loving care and support.

Rosemary is lovingly survived by her three children, Debra (Brian) Richter of Winnebago, Brad (Karen) Runyard of Byron, Karen (Mark) Manalli of Byron; grandchildren, Michael (Jennifer) Runyard, Brandon (Nicole) Dunnavan, Jessica (Jared) Brown, Brett (Rachel) Runyard, Kelli (Steve) Pope, Nicole (Kurt) Wiegartz, Derek (Megan Brechtel) Richter, Jake Manalli, McKenna Manalli; numerous great-

grandchildren; brother, Larry (Deb) Pelley; sister, Patricia (William) Young; sister-in-law, Lila Behmer; several nephews and nieces.

Rosemary is predeceased by her husband of over 62 years, Grant Runyard.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A family funeral and interment service will be held at Winnebago Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established. The Runyard family can be reached at 506 S. Goodling St., Winnebago, IL 61088. Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to [www.genandtfuneralhome.com](http://www.genandtfuneralhome.com).

## Mark L. Wubben

**DAVIS JUNCTION** – Mark L. Wubben, 48, Davis Junction, formerly of Rosholt, Wis., died Friday, June 12, 2020 in DeSoto, Wis.



He was born Sept. 3, 1971, in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of LeRoy and Phyllis (Perkins) Wubben. On June 14, 1999, he married Ragina Baxley at Red Rock Canyon in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

Mark graduated from Hempstead High School in Dubuque, Iowa, and continued his education at GMI School of Engineering

and Management in Flint, Mich., where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Among his favorite pas-

times, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors, spending time and doing projects with his family. He also loved his Labradors.

Survivors include, his wife, Ragina; two children, Ben Wubben, Byron, and Ashley Wubben, Davis Junction; mother, Phyllis Wubben, State Center, Iowa; sister, Michelle (Lee) Wilkinson, State Center, Iowa; brother-in-law, Gene (Carla) Baxley, Sulphur Springs, Texas; one niece and three nephews.

He was preceded in death

by his father, LeRoy; and great-aunt, Gen Miller.

Visitation was from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 1302 Sixth Street, Wausau, WI 54403. At the family's request, masks are mandatory and the responsibility of the attendee.

Memorials may be directed in Mark's memory to Pheasants Forever or the Arbor Day Foundation.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.petersonkraemer.com](http://www.petersonkraemer.com)

## Priscilla Ann Rainey

Priscilla Ann Rainey of Adeline passed away on Saturday, May 30 after a long illness. Priscilla was born on Feb. 8, 1937 to Dorothea and Roy Wetterstrom in Rockford.



She was preceded in death by her husband, David Rainey, in 2018.

Priscilla is survived by her four daughters, Debra (Wally) Palmer of South Beloit, Sherry (Daniel) Hammer of West Chicag, Pamela (Darrell) Borgmann of Adeline, and Christine (James) Russell of Mt. Morris, 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Priscilla was employed for many years at Quality Metal Finishing in Byron, until her retirement in 1999. She enjoyed quilting, sew-

ing, fishing and camping and had a great love for all her animals. She will be remembered for her "plucky" sense of humor and her boisterous laugh. Priscilla will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses who provided such kind and compassionate care during her final months.

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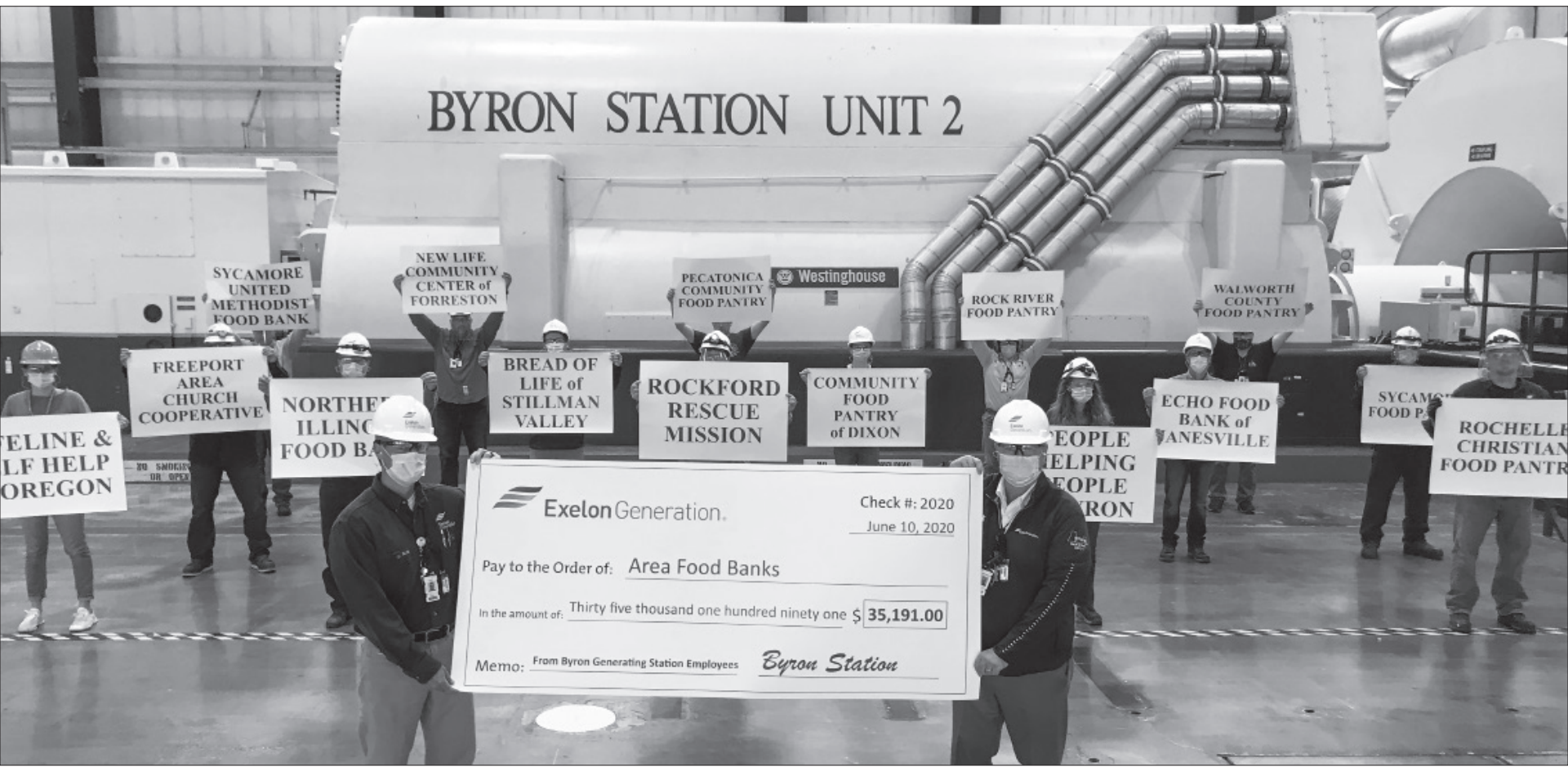
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# Plant employees raise money to help area food pantries

BYRON – Employees at Exelon Generation’s Byron Generating Station recently set a goal to raise \$25,000 for local food pantries to help families affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The nuclear plant’s workers eclipsed that goal, raising more than \$35,000 for nearly two dozen area food banks. About half of the amount raised went to Northern Illinois Food Bank.

“Our essential workforce continues to safely generate carbon-free electricity for the region. But after seeing local job losses

and a weakening economy, our employees wanted to do something positive for the region and beyond,” said Mark Kanavos, site vice president at Byron Generating Station. “We all know someone affected in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. Helping to fill food pantry shelves is just one way we can assist in this time of need.”

Byron Station’s employee resource groups (ERGs) also contributed funds from their respective committees, each of which has a specific focus area like military charity support, nuclear power education and employee

goodwill.

“In these challenging days the donations received by Bread of Life Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen in Stillman Valley are making it possible to feed our neighbors in need,” said Bread of Life board member Alicia Lindholtz. “Exelon Generation has shown itself once again to be generous and community minded. We are very grateful for their support.”

Byron Generating Station employees donated to the following food banks/pantries:

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Belvidere-Boone County Food Pantry, Bread of Life of

Stillman Valley, Community Food Pantry of Dixon, Echo Food Bank of Janesville (Wis.), Feeding America, Freeport Area Church Cooperative, Lifeline & Self Help of Oregon, New Life Community Center of Forreston, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Pecatonica Community Food Pantry, People Helping People of Byron, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Rock River Food Pantry, Rockford Rescue Mission, Sauk Valley Food Bank, Sycamore Food Pantry, Sycamore United Methodist Food, and Walworth (Wis.) County Food Pantry

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# Bingo returns in July

Bingo is a great game and enjoyed around the world by all ages, and the Oregon Park District has been offering Bingo at the Park District for quite some time with all proceeds benefitting the Youth Scholarship Fund.

This fund is used to help youth in need of financial assistance to participate in sports and recreation programs through the Oregon Park District. We've missed playing due to the COVID closings and are adjusting to the new "normal."

In July you can look forward to Bingo again across from Nash at the Reading Nook. This program will run a little different than in the past with participants registering for a table. We can seat up to 6 at a table. Registration goes under one name and you can have five other people with you from your household or that you have been with

socially and feel comfortable sitting with. Each \$3 table registration comes with three bingo sheets (6 cards). Additional sheets can be purchased at the Park with cash (exact change only please) for \$1/sheet.

We will be practicing social distancing with tables 6 feet apart and all participants are asked to wear their mask to and from the park and if getting up to leave the table for bingo sheets or to pick out a prize. Time slots are for 30 minutes each between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and we are now offering an afternoon/early evening opportunity with 30 minute time slots between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

If you have any questions or to register for a time slot, visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call the Park District between 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 815-732-3101.

# Senior Center has variety of offerings

Activities held outside the Mount Morris Senior Center at 9 East Front Street with masks and social distancing. Activities will be cancelled in the case of rain.

Every Wednesday 8-10 a.m. – Biscuits and Gravy on the lawn. \$2 for a half order, \$3.50 for a fully order, and \$.50 for coffee.

Wednesday, June 24 – Jam Session with local musicians at 10:30 a.m. Lunch of Ham Sandwiches, chips,

and a drink will be served at noon. The cost for lunch is \$3. Please bring your own chair and mask to assist with social distancing

Wednesday, July 1st – Lawn Games 10 a.m.-noon. There is no cost for this activity. Please bring your own chair and mask to assist with social distancing.

Wednesday, July 8th – We will have a craft on the lawn at 11am. Watch the paper and the Mt. Morris Senior Center Facebook

page to learn what the craft will be. There will be no cost for the craft. Please bring your own chair and mask to assist with social distancing.

Don't forget to fill out your 2020 census at 2020census.gov or stop by the Mt. Morris Senior Center on July 10th for our Census Event. Watch the paper and our Facebook page for more information!

If you have any questions, please call Melissa at 815-734-6335.

# Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

The Oregon Park District is excited to begin offering a variety of programs for all ages that are offered virtually or in groups of less than ten in our parks. Protocol has been put in place to adhere to all social distancing guidelines are adhered to. Check out our June guide available at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).

**Summer meals**  
The Oregon Park District has partnered with Oregon United Methodist Church and River Stone Christian Church to offer summer breakfast and lunches Monday-Friday. Meals will be provided through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Meals will be picked up drive thru style, Monday-Friday at Mix Park from noon-1 p.m. Meals are for anyone 18 and younger but they do not need to be present. Anyone over 18 can request any number of meals. Boxes will include a breakfast and lunch. Masks will be required, and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to. For more information contact [amanda@oregonpark.org](mailto:amanda@oregonpark.org).

**Pack walks**  
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 Castle Rock State Park 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. The hike will be on July 1 at 5:45pm. This terrain is considered challenging. Deadline to register is June 24. The fee for each hike is \$5/\$6 Non-Residents.

**Preschool Zoom with Ms. Teresa**  
Join Ms. Teresa on Wednesdays in June for some preschool zoom fun. Each week must be registered separately and class times are 11-11:30 am. The class cost is \$3R/\$4NR and is per family. Classes are geared towards 3-6 years old and more than one child in the family can join! In this half hour class you will read a story, create a craft and make a snack. Supply list will be provided upon registration.  
June 24 – The Watermelon Seed, deadline to register June 22

**Friends and Family Field Day**  
Let's get out of the house and play at Park West with the Oregon Park District! Form your team of 4 and register for a time slot to begin your journey through games and challenges throughout Park West on Thursday, June 25. Everyone is strongly encouraged to bring a bike or a non-electric scooter to travel between each activity station. Each team must have at least one participant that is 10 years or older. You will begin at the community garden for your first activity and then will be directed where to go next. Each activity will be run and timed by our park district staff and added up following the event. After each group, materials will be disinfected to ensure germs do not cross between teams. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place best times will be announced on Friday and gift certificates to local businesses will be awarded. There will be a combination of inflatable games, classic field day type games and more! We can't wait to see you out there! Social distancing protocol will be put in place and no interacting of teams will be allowed. The fee is just \$15/\$18 Non-Resident per team. Deadline to register is June 19.

**Corona cornhole bags league**  
Join us at the new bags courts at Park West

for a fun adult bags league. This will have a 4 week regular season, followed by a 1 week tournament. Sign up in teams of 2 and prizes will be awarded to the winners. You must be at least 18 years old to play. Number of teams is limited, so sign up soon!

Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed with only one game being played at a time. There will be a designated waiting area for players behind the boards. Must use OPD bags. Wearing of face masks is encouraged. No spectators will be allowed. A OPD staff member will be present at all times and there will be a hand sanitizer station on site. League starts June 24th and deadline for registration is June 18. Fee per team \$40/ \$48NR

**Park virtual 5K**  
See the new amenities at Park West! Complete a 5K run between July 1st and July 15th, with a route including a tour of OPD's newly renovated Park West and see all of the new amenities. The route will be emailed to you following registration. Once completed, please send in a photo or log of your time to [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org). All finishers will receive a t-shirt and medals will be awarded to the top male and female finishers. Please be sure to follow social distancing guidelines during your run. Deadline for registration is June 30. Fee \$10/\$12 NR

**Farmers market**  
Mark your calendar to support local growers, artisans, and crafters. Buy Fresh & Buy Local at the Farmers Market on Tuesday evenings starting July 7. It will be an In-and-Out Market with social distancing guidelines at the city property next to Chili Pepper (previously the Harvard Bank Drive-thru) on Washington Street from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Flamingo Bingo**  
Everyone loves Bingo. We have modified the weekly activity to meet social distancing guidelines. You must now register for a table at Bingo which will be played at the Reading Nook across from Nash on Mondays between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Register for a 30-minute time slot for \$3 (includes 3 bingo cards). Additional cards can be purchased at the park for \$1 each. Please bring exact change.

**Paint & Sip Vintage Truck**  
For those that love painting on canvas, you will enjoy painting this bright red vintage truck with flowers and flag on a 12" x 12" canvas. Class will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have class at Cork & Tap, but another location might be necessary or the option of a Kit. All supplies are included. Class fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 25. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

**Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League**  
This Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League will be played at our brand new sand volleyball courts at Park West. There will be a regular season followed by an end-of-season tournament. Teams may have up to 6 players on the court at the one time, but may never exceed 3 males on the court. Gather your friends and come on out for some summer fun on Thursday nights! Participants must be over 18 years old. Season runs on Thursday evenings July 2nd- Aug. 13. Team Fee \$105. Registration Deadline Thursday 6/25. Register online at [www.oregonpark.org/programs/online-registration](http://www.oregonpark.org/programs/online-registration).

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# Illinois CPA Society announces scholarship recipients

CHICAGO – The Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) is pleased to award \$84,000 in scholarships to 43 accounting students as part of its Accounting Scholarship Program, which supports accounting students at Illinois colleges and universities who demonstrate strong academic performance, leadership qualities, and financial need.

This year, racial and ethnic minority high school seniors also were invited to apply for new Freshman Scholarships aimed at increasing awareness of the accounting profession among minority students and preparing them for success as they begin their college careers.

These scholarships are possible thanks to the generous giving of the more than 1,000 donors who support the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois. Donor contributions also support initiatives like ICPAS' Jumpstart to Accounting Program and CPA Exam Award Program, which help students and CPA candidates transition into the profession by enhancing their business skills and providing financial aid toward their CPA exam fees.

"It's an honor to be able to help such an impressive group of students, who are determined to succeed as future leaders in the accounting profession, overcome

their financial barriers and achieve their academic and career goals," says Todd Shapiro, ICPAS president and CEO.

The 2020-2021 academic year local Accounting Scholarship recipients are:

\* Daniel Harrington, Byron, Northern Illinois University.

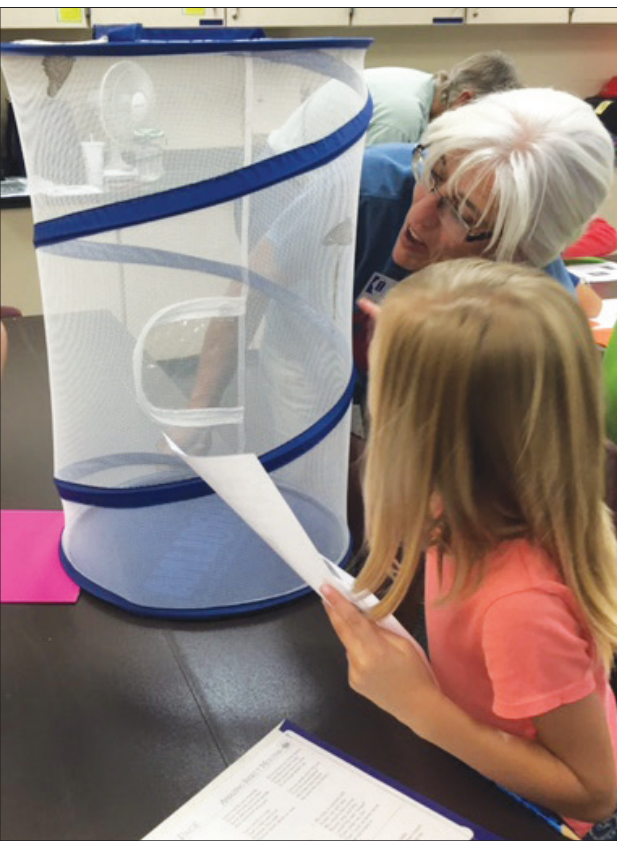
\* Maria Tranchina, Oregon, Northern Illinois University.

About the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois

The CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1998 by Illinois CPA Society members. The Fund was created to

ensure ongoing funding for scholarship and outreach programs. The programs are geared toward encouraging individuals to choose accounting as a career and achieve the CPA credential. Visit [www.icpas.org/annualfund](http://www.icpas.org/annualfund).

About the Illinois CPA Society  
Founded in 1903, the Illinois CPA Society, with more than 23,300 members, is one of the largest state CPA societies in the nation. Its mission is dedicated to enhancing the value of the CPA profession through the strategic initiatives of advocacy, information, education, and connections. Visit [www.icpas.org](http://www.icpas.org)



## Ag in the Classroom offers virtual library programs

Agriculture in the Classroom is offering a virtual library program through local libraries and park districts.

The program, Insect: Friend or Foe, will use Kate Messner's "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" to look at insects. Participants will take part in hands on activities to discover the different mouth parts of insects. They will also make a craft showing the life cycle of an insect.

This program will be held virtually. Libraries and park districts along with times are listed below. To participate, register with one of the organizations listed. They will give you a link to join this live story hour. A week prior to the program stop by the library or park district you registered with to pick up an "ag bag." The "ag bag" will have the supplies to complete the activities and crafts.

Participating libraries and park districts are:

\* Byron Library: July 7 at 1:30 p.m.

\* Oregon Library: July 8 at 1:30 p.m.

\* Rochelle Park District: July 13 at 1 p.m.

\* Bertolet Memorial Library: July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please contact Melinda at [charbm@illinois.edu](mailto:charbm@illinois.edu) or 815-732-2191.

Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Students learn that thousands of farm products are in the world around them – on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815) 732-2191.



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# Multiple crews battle grain bin fire in Creston

CRESTON — Several area fire departments responded to a fire at FS Grain in Creston the morning of June 12, where they remained for more than five hours.

At 10:57 a.m. the Rochelle Fire Department was called to the business along Illinois Route 38 for flames coming from a fan in a corn storage building. Upon arrival, flames were visible from

outside the structure.

There were 750,000 bushels of corn in the storage warehouse which holds 2 million bushels.

According to Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville, the fire

was brought under control by cutting holes in the roof of the building and using thermal imaging, to direct water to the hot spots.

Firefighters from Rochelle, Steward, Creston, Flagg-Center,

Hillcrest, Malta, Lynn-Scott-Rock, Lee, Kirkland, DeKalb and Oregon were all on scene to assist.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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# Ogle County Sheriff

June 5

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle on Hwy 251 near Dutch Road for speeding. The driver of the vehicle sped away in an attempt to flee and elude Deputies. The vehicle stopped on I-39 near mile marker 95 after having mechanical problems. The driver Karen Schroeder, 52, of Rochelle was arrested for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude and Driving on a Revoked License. Schroeder was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

June 1

At approximately 1:20 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a rural address on West Henry Rd., in regards to an unwanted subject. Upon arrival, Robert A. Romero, 35 (homeless), was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

The Ogle County Sheriff Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance at 3920 N. East Line Rd in Monroe Center. The investigation by Ogle County Sheriff Deputies led to the arrest of Richard D'Onofrio, 61, for aggravated assault and disorderly conduct. D'Onofrio was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

May 30

At approximately 9:48 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disturbance call in Leaf River. Upon arrival, Deputies learned the offender has left the residence. Shortly after, the offender was spotted and the Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block of East 3rd Street in Leaf River. After a brief investigation Deputies placed Ronald J. Reittinger, 37 of Leaf River, under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Disorderly Conduct. Reittinger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 4:55 AM, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a damage to property call on High Road, Stillman Valley. After a further investigation Zackary D Huff, 33 of Davis Junction, was located at 118 Azalea Ave, Davis Junction. Huff was charged with 3 counts of Felony Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Damage to State Supported Property, Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, and Resisting Arrest. Huff was transported

to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At 1:26 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Lynn Scott Rock Fire Department, and the Lynn Scott Rock Ambulance responded to a two vehicle accident with injuries in the 12,000 block E. Route 72. A silver Ford Taurus was traveling westbound on Route 72 when it crossed over the center line striking the driver's side of a brown Chevrolet Silverado traveling eastbound. Both vehicles came to a stop in the south side ditch. The driver of the Ford Taurus Michael D. Lord, 60 of Stillman Valley, was transported to Kishwaukee Community Hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado Dewey D. Barnes, 68 of Kirkland, refused medical treatment at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

May 29

At 6:33 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 block of S. Lowell Park Rd. for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Joseph Geesey, 55 of Mt. Morris, was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Geesey was transported to the Rochelle Police Department and was released on a \$3000 I-Bond.

May 27

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jada Williams, 18, of Junction City, Wis., for driving while license suspended. Williams was arrested and released on an I-Bond after being stopped or speeding on I-39.

May 26

At approximately 7:59 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the 10000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Jesse Lapointe, 37, from Forreston, under arrest for Driving with a Suspended License and a Denver, Colorado FTA warrant for Dangerous Drugs. Lapointe was additionally issued a citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle where the Registration is Suspended. Lapointe was transported to the Ogle Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 12:16 hours, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of N. Route 251. After an investigation, deputies arrested Timothy Patzka, 50, of Rockford for, Driving While License Re-

voked, Obstructing a Peace Officer, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and four outstanding warrants out of Rockford PD, Ogle, Lee, and LaSalle County. Patzka was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

At 7:33 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of 17000 E. Crill Rd. for the report of a one vehicle crash. After an investigation, it was determined that Charles E. Gordon III, 22 of Rockford, drove his Ford Mustang into the ditch. Gordon and the two other occupants of the vehicle were uninjured. Gordon was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 8:06 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on River road at CL Myers drive. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Anthony Kerce, 42 of Oregon, for DUI, Aggravated DUI, Driving While License Revoked and Driving While License Suspended. Kerce was transported to the Ogle Co Jail and held without bond pending his court appearance on 05/27/2020.

May 25

At approximately 5:51 p.m. Deputies responded to the intersection of Montague Rd and Pecatonica Rd for a single vehicle motorcycle accident. An investigation revealed a motorcycle driven by Terry Brannon, 53 of Leaf River, was traveling eastbound on Montague Rd when it failed to negotiate the ramp onto Pecatonica Rd. The motorcycle entered the median where it overturned multiple times. Brannon received serious injuries and was flown from the scene by REACT Helicopter. Pursuant to an investigation Brannon was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Byron and Leaf River EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

At 4:21 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies initiated a traffic stop at Holcomb Road and Lindenwood Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Christian Elliott, 25 of Malta, for Driving While License Suspended. Elliott was released on an I-Bond and will appear in court on 08/19/20 at 9 a.m.

At 4:54 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop

on I-88 at mile marker 79 East Bound. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Shantori Bell, 36 of Clinton, Iowa, for Driving While License Revoked. Bell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

May 24

At approximately 8 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies received a call of a hit and run at the intersection of Pershing and Rural Streets in the Village of Stillman Valley. A short time later, Christopher Rozakis, 35, of

Stillman Valley was located and charged with DUI drugs, leaving the scene of an accident, and use of unsafe tires. He was released on an I Bond at the Rochelle Hospital with a later court date in Oregon.

May 24

At approximately 2:40 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 103 1/2 northbound. After conducting an investigation Joshua Carey, 32, of Rochelle was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Carey was also issued a citation for no

valid insurance. Carey was issued an I-bond with a return court date.

May 23

At 7:54 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies observed a tan van disobey the stop sign at IL 251 and IL 72. A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Rueben Darío Reyes-Allanco, 34, of Carpentersville. He was charged with DUI, No Valid Drivers License, No Vehicle Insurance, and Illegal Transportation of Open Alcohol. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.



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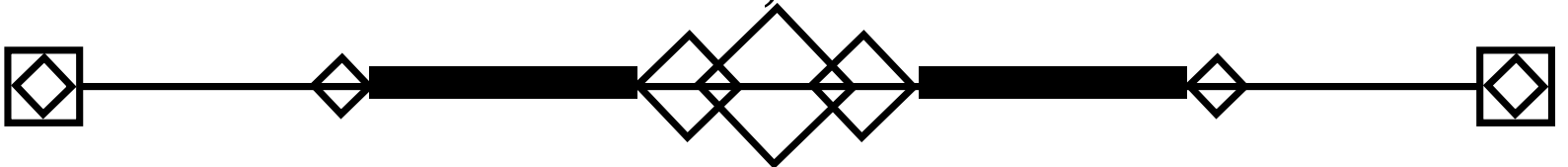
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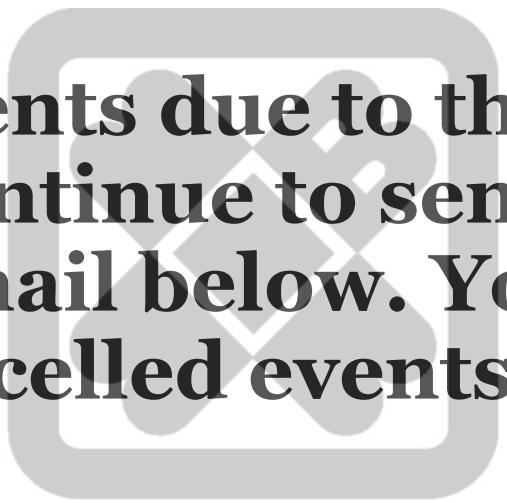
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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On July 9, 1877, the All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club begins its first lawn tennis tournament at Wimbledon, then an outer-suburb of London. Twenty-one amateurs showed up to compete in the Gentlemen's Singles tournament, the only event at the first Wimbledon. The winner was to take home a 25-guinea trophy.

\* On July 10, 1887, a dam breaks in Zug, Switzerland, killing 70 people. The resulting wall of water was so powerful that rescue boats were ineffective, as they capsized in the roiling waters.

\* On July 7, 1917, Britain establishes the British Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), authorizing female volunteers to serve alongside their male counterparts in France during World War I. Some 80,000 women enlisted to perform labors such as cookery, mechanical and clerical work, and other tasks.

\* On July 6, 1944, in Hartford, Connecticut, a fire breaks out under the big top of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey Circus, killing 167 people and injuring 682. An investigation revealed that the tent had been treated with flammable paraffin thinned with three parts of gasoline to make it waterproof.

\* On July 8, 1959, Maj. Dale Buis and Master Sgt. Chester Ovnand become the first Americans killed in the U.S. phase of the Vietnam War when guerrillas strike a Military Assistance Advisory Group compound in Saigon.

\* On July 11, 1979, parts of Skylab, America's first space station, come crashing down on Australia and into the Indian Ocean five years after the last manned Skylab mission ended. Skylab weighed 77 tons.

\* On July 12, 1995, a heat advisory is issued in Chicago, warning of an impending record-breaking heat wave. When the heat broke a week later, nearly 1,000 people were dead in Illinois and Wisconsin. The temperature in the city hit 106 F with a heat index of 120 F.

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## Saying nothing is often the right choice

Sometimes, the best thing we can do is shut our mouths.

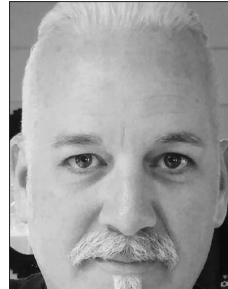
It seems like a simple thing, but it is getting harder and harder these days. And by shut our mouths, I also mean don't post your opinions on Facebook or Instagram or Twitter. I mean radio silence.

My mom taught me that lesson decades ago. When I really don't have anything of value to add, I should just not talk. It was a lesson she had to remind me of repeatedly, but I eventually got it. I am sure I am not alone here. Many, if not most of you probably had a mother or grandparent or another family member try to teach you the same lesson. They let us know that when you open your mouth constantly, you often show your ignorance.

Of course, in 2020, showing our ignorance is almost a favorite pastime in America. We let it fly from the moment we wake up until the moment we pass out with a smart phone in our hands. If

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



we have a thought, we can't wait to blast it out to the world of collective Internet thought, a world that is so full of venom that I am now certain we will never find that elusive anti-venom. But we need to try at least, and we can all do our part.

The first thing we should do is stop believing that anyone really wants to hear what we have to say. Your friends and family on Facebook probably don't want to see your latest political rant. Instead, post about a great

memory or share a photo most haven't seen. The guys on your softball league don't really need to see the list of everything you "despise" about the country.

Give it a rest. And speaking of rest, this is clearly a time of great unrest in America. People are taking to the streets expressing their fear and rage and that they won't take it anymore. To that I will simply say, if you are not someone who knows exactly what those folks are going through or what they have experienced, exercise your right to just keep quiet.

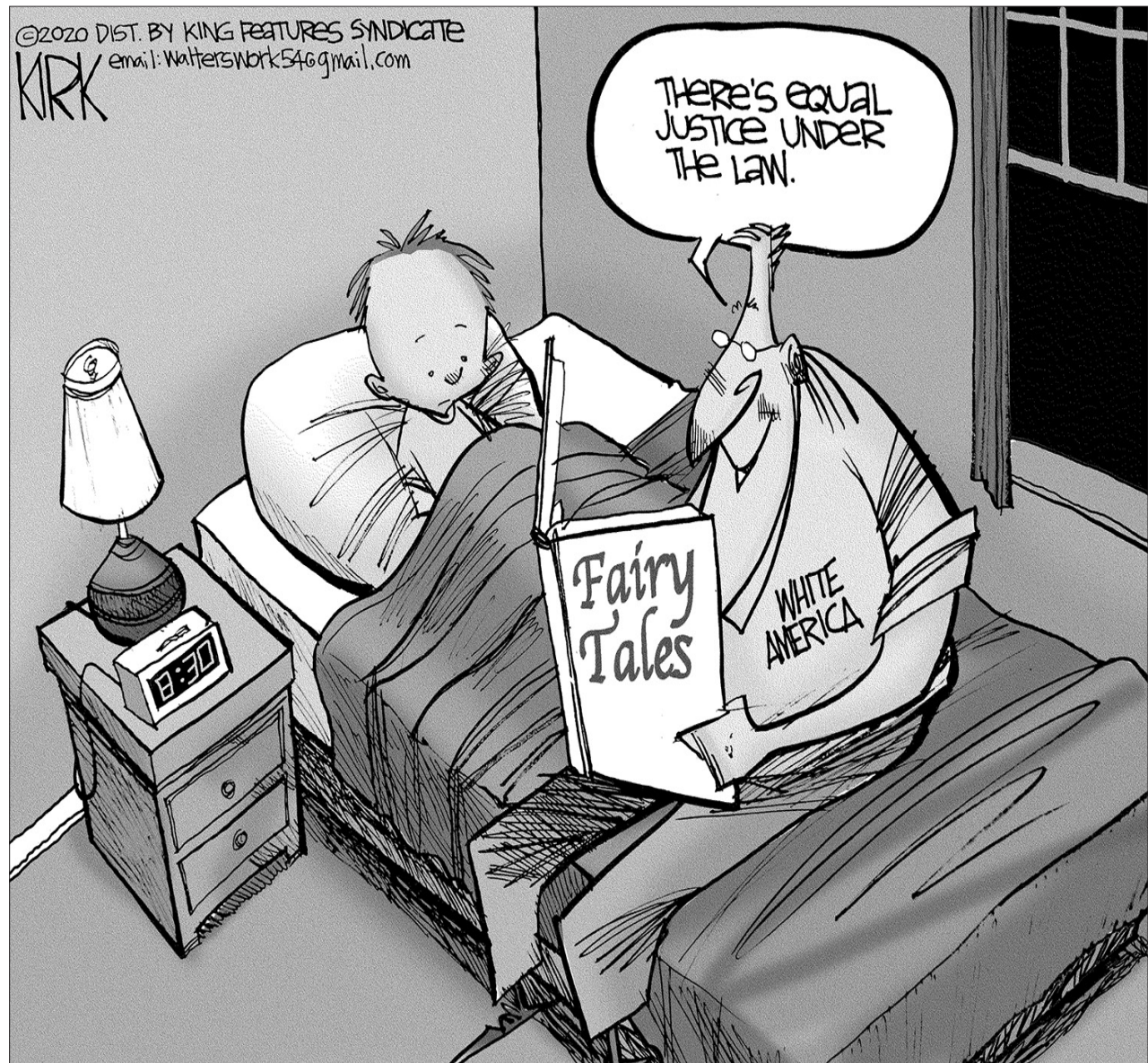
It is a lost art, just shutting up and listening. Imagine how much we could learn about each other if we just listened? This is a time, right now, where we need to listen to each other, to learn from each other. All Americans. Listen, learn and take positive action.

The listening part is something I am sure we can all do. But the shutting up part will be a problem.

We are a shouting society. We yell over each other to be heard constantly. "Winning" these shouting matches has somehow become a macho thing. In fact, it is the opposite of that and just shows how little your opinion should be considered. There are times to shout and to get loud. We are seeing that across the country, and I agree some things must change. But when everyone is yelling out their opinion, even if they are not directly involved, it just adds noise to a serious matter.

So, let's try to spend less time talking and more time listening. Our mothers were right about this, and it seems to be something that Americans used to be good at. And one thing I find to be true: Those who yell the loudest and most often, especially on social media, usually have the very little of importance to add to the national dialogue.

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## Leaving Afghanistan in the shadow of Vietnam

It was my bad luck to be drafted and to serve in Vietnam. It was my good luck to be there in 1971 and early 1972. American troops, under an agreement with North Vietnam, were gradually withdrawing from the country and were less intensively engaged than before.

Nevertheless, events in another far away country are bringing up memories of those days, and what happened there after I left.

Afghanistan differs from Vietnam in many ways, but it seems to be headed for a similar fate. That likelihood brings to light something else that the two countries have in common: In each case, we took on a responsibility toward its people that we've been unable to

**Guest  
Opinion**  
By Lowell Harp



fulfill or even to fully acknowledge.

That failure came home to me in 1975 with the South's collapse under North Vietnam's final onslaught. Watching the news of the Communist advance southward from the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, that

had marked the boundary between the two countries was an unreal and eerie experience. First to fall were the small and remote firebases Alpha 4 and Alpha 2, where I had spent the first half of my tour. Then it was Dong Ha, a more substantial combat base farther south; then Quang Tri; then Hue; then Phu Bai; then Da Nang, falling like dominoes.

The farther each was from the DMZ, the more secure it had seemed to me when I was there – and the more incomprehensible its downfall. The most disturbing scenes on television were of demoralized and frightened South Vietnamese soldiers in chaotic retreat and of desperate civilians at the embassy gates.

Headlines about our

recent agreement with our enemy the Taliban in Afghanistan bring those scenes to mind. The plan will drastically reduce our military presence by mid-July and completely eliminate it by May of next year.

Meanwhile the Afghan government's sway has shrunk to the point that it fully controls less than half of its population and only a third of its districts, according to a May 31 article from Radio Free Europe. It's hard then to see our agreement with the Taliban as anything other than providing a way, in the words of a Taliban field commander, for American forces to "dust off their buttocks and depart." (New York Times, Mujib Mashal, May 27)

As noted above, there

are many important differences between Afghanistan and Vietnam. What they seem to have in common at this point is the way we leave, in each case with a face-saving agreement that leaves our ally to its fate. I find myself wondering how many Vietnams and Afghanists—and Iraqs for that matter – it'll take for us to abandon the vanity and illusions that end in watching former allies from afar in scenes of fear, despair, and collapse.

It seems to me that part of the answer lies in admitting that we're not politically capable of sustaining lengthy wars in far-away places. Another is found in something Secretary of State Colin Powell said to President Bush when

he was planning to invade Iraq: "You break it, you own it. You are going to be the proud owner of 25 million people. You will own all their hopes, aspirations, and problems. You'll own it all."

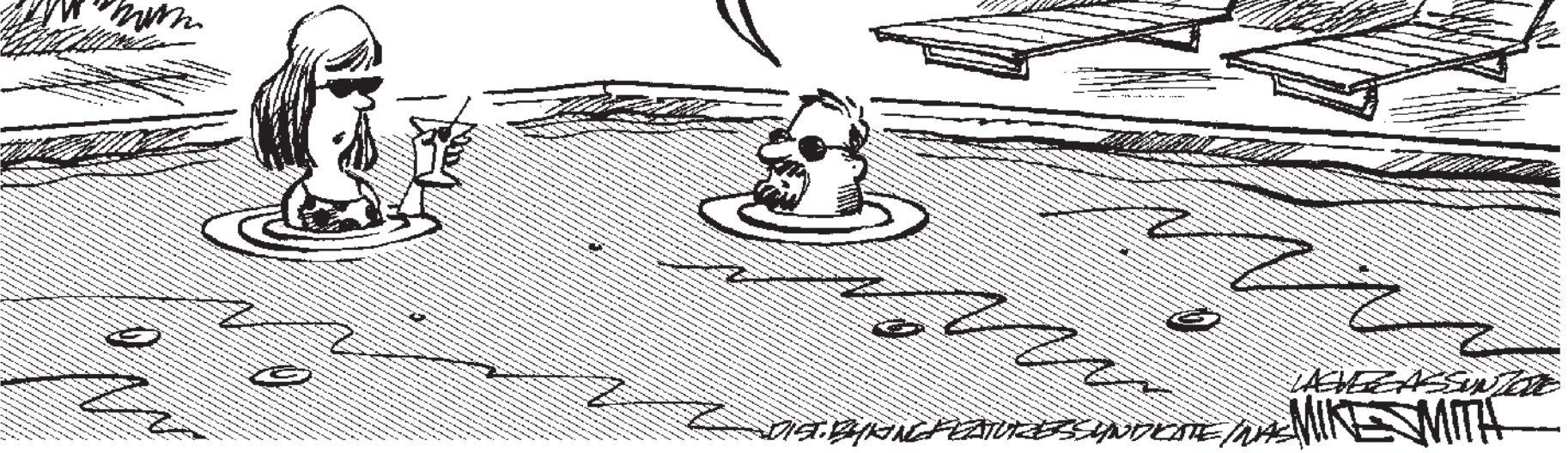
He was surely thinking of his own combat experience in Vietnam. I know I did when I read those insightful and prophetic words, and I think of them now as we prepare to take our leave of Afghanistan and its people.

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

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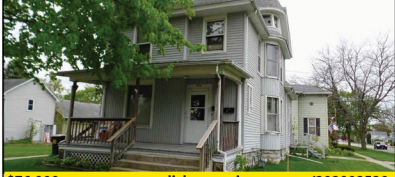
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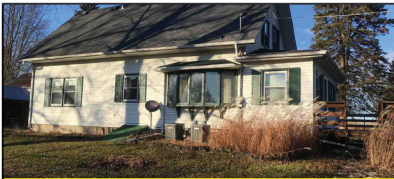
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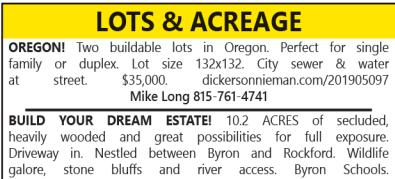
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Call Stephanie

Duplex consists of upper unit with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, lower unit with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. 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.

**NEW LISTING**

**1830 N Sauk Trail Oregon \$279,000**  
Call Jenny

The search is over! You could be the owner of this fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch home in a quiet cul de sac in Blackhawk Trail Estates subdivision just at the edge of Oregon. The open floor plan featuring a massive Great Room has cathedral ceilings and beautiful skylights. There is an abundance of room for family time and entertaining with separate dining room and breakfast nook leading to the relaxing outdoor space with patio. Master suite has 2 sinks, separate garden tub and shower, as well as walk-in closet. The additional bedrooms are spacious, as are the tastefully constructed bathrooms. Functional kitchen has an abundance of cabinets. Hardwood floors in main living areas, fresh paint, and neutral carpet in the bedrooms make furnishing easy. The yard is professionally landscaped and lawn is meticulously maintained. HOA provide access to the river and a nearly 8-acre preserve with groomed trails to the river where you can enjoy a hike, fish, or park your boat.

**NEW LISTING**

**311 Birch Lane Dixon \$179,000**  
Call Rebecca

LOST LAKE ESCAPE! Here is your chance to have a "treehouse" in the woods of Lost Lake situated on .65 acres within walking distance to the lake and beach. 4 bedroom/ 2 bathroom home set up perfectly for entertaining guests with a main floor master and additional bedrooms and living space downstairs. The main floor has a lovely flow and feel with an updated kitchen and open concept living space. Views from every angle of your freshly stained wrap around deck! The main floor also has a tastefully updated bathroom, gas burning fireplace and large windows. The lower level has 3 beds, 1 bathroom plus a living space with an electric fireplace. An added bonus- the garage is an over sized 2.5 car with ample space for cars and storage! Call today to enjoy the amenities of Lost Lake this summer!

**NEW LISTING**

**3716 E River Road Freeport \$241,900**  
Call Rebecca

40 Wooded Acres! Here is a chance to own this heavily wooded haven! This parcel currently serves as an excellent recreational property and offers exceptional hunting. A unique opportunity as the 40 acres is zoned AG and is buildable. Bring your house plans make an offer today!

**NEW LISTING**

**Stonegate Ridge Oregon \$27,000-\$31,000**  
Call Rebecca

Here is your chance to build your dream in Stonegate Ridge! Lots ranging from .30 to .77 acres. City utilities & the only residential area in Oregon with iFiber high speed internet available. The subdivision allows pools, fences & is not builder restricted. Building packages are also available. Call ReMax of Rock Valley for more information! Agent related. City of Oregon offers reduced impact fees

**NEW LISTING**

**838 N Brookview Byron \$159,900**  
Call Carla

Super cute 3 bedroom 1 1/2 baths. All bedrooms upstairs. Vaulted ceiling in large living room. Huge eat in kitchen with stainless appliances and sliders to oversized deck. Finished lower level with Rec room and Office. Main floor laundry room with washer and dryer that stays. Fenced in yard and so much more!

**NEW PRICE**

**1077 Green Wing Road Amboy now \$215,000**  
Call Jenny

Get your own piece of Heaven on Earth with this nature lover's delight situated on 3.6 acres. 2 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch with open floor concept is finished with gorgeous knotty pine and features cathedral ceilings throughout. Kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets. There is ample storage and room to entertain in the spacious living area with gas fire place for the cooler nights and AC in the home for summer. Basement could be easily finished with living area and bedrooms. Heated 19x39 outbuilding with full bath and a car port for more storage. There is an additional Garden Shed that can be used while working in the yard or for hobbies and a fire pit area in front portion of the lot for relaxing with friends and family. Call today for additional information and more details on this amazing property.

**NEW PRICE**

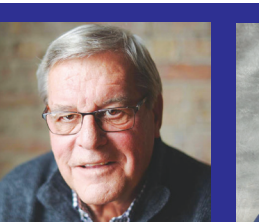
**448 Sunbeam Court Stillman Valley now \$189,000**  
Call Rebecca

MONEY MAKER! Do not miss your opportunity to own this duplex with excellent rental history. Located in Daybreak Subdivision- this duplex has two long standing tenants. Each unit is two stories, with 2 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms & a 2 car garage! Many extras: 2 year old roof, egress windows in basements, kitchen appliances included & the tenants take care of the snow removal and mowing!

**NEW PRICE**

**618 Clark St Oglesby now \$122,900**  
Call Jenny

You will love the location for this 3 bedroom brick ranch. The screened in back porch will be a favorite spot in the home to hang out, as well as, the finished basement. New roof in 2018 has a warranty that can be transferred. Kitchen has ample cabinets and there is an abundance of storage throughout. Bathroom has a shower/walk-in tub. Bring your personal touch and decorating skills and make this your HOME.



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# Oregon football registration July 19

**OREGON** – Registration for Oregon Jr. Tackle Football 2020 will be conducted at the high school Sunday, July 19.

This date may change depending on the State of Illinois's current COVID-19 status and the status of the IHSA's stance on high school football.

During the registration process we will be following the social distancing guidelines. Facemasks will be required. 8th grade players and 7th grade players will register from 6-6:30 p.m., 6th grade players and 5th grade players will register from 6:30-7 p.m.

All equipment will be handed out immediately after registration.

The cost to participate in Jr. Tackle Football is \$100 for 5th, 6th & 7th graders.

The cost for 8th graders, which includes a game jersey, is \$125. A player's registration must be completed, and the participation fee paid prior to participating in practice, no exceptions. The first day of practice is Monday, July 27, starting at 6 p.m. at the Oregon High School football practice field.

Please contact Roy Snyder at 673-9201 or Kevin Barringer at 405-8697 if you have any questions.

We have a few coaching positions open and if you are interested in coaching, please contact Roy Snyder.

# Mount Morris Library News

## Curbside Pickup and Inner Library Loans

\* Inner Library Loans return on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

\* There is no fine on previously checked out items.

\* All notices for holds will come from library staff members.

\* 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.

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

\* We will call to notify them when their items are ready for pickup. 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.

\* All patron cards that have expired in March, April, and May have been renewed through July 1<sup>st</sup>.

\* 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](mailto:mmlib@mtmorris-il.org)

## Summer Reading Program!

Summer Reading Program is upon us! Unlike years past we will have no

in person programs. Instead we will be using an online resource to track books, provide missions to complete at home, and track rewards. We will have fun rewards for those who reach goals at the end of the summer. This will include Mary Cheatwood dressing up as either a Princess, a Clown, or a Dinosaur if we collectively can read 1700 books! The missions are fun activities to do at home or outdoors that will earn you badges. Badges will earn raffle tickets for prizes at the end of the summer.

## Signing up for Summer Reading Program – Last day to register June 30

This summer we will be using a program called READsquared. You can use both the website or the app found in most app stores. To register you or your child just follow the steps below.

\* If using the app: first download the app then enter your library as Mt. Morris Public Library, IL. Click register on the next prompt.

\* If using a web browser: visit [mtmorrisreads.readsquared.com](http://mtmorrisreads.readsquared.com) then click register at the top right corner of the page.

\* Once in the app or website you will be guided through registration. Your age will automatically place you in the right group. Create a user name and password that is easy to remember and follow prompts.

\* After you have registered feel free to explore the page! There are places to log books, write reviews, see suggestions, view and complete missions, and

even play games. New missions will become available every Monday beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Games will unlock as certain goals are met. Feel free to contact us any time for help with READsquared.

Though the library has been able to reopen for lending purposes we will not be having any in person activities this summer. To include those that will not be able to use an internet based program, please call us at the library to state your goals and keep track of your reading and missions. Follow us on Facebook for more frequent updates and details about SRP.

## New Missions – every Monday

Log onto READsquared for new missions every week. These Missions are activities you can do at home and may include take home materials you can pick up from the library with your books. Completing Missions earns you badges! Remember each badge = 1 raffle ticket at the end of summer for those who reached their goals!

## Take Home Materials

The following Kits will be available to pick up from the library while supplies last. These can be picked up curbside along with books.

Starting June 8<sup>th</sup>- PreK: Lightning bug craft, Kids: Bug Catcher activity

Starting June 22<sup>nd</sup>- PreK: Dinosaurs in playdough, Kids: Dinosaur Dig kits

Starting July 6<sup>th</sup>- PreK: All About Me sheets, Kids: Family Tree activity/craft

## Pre-K Virtual Story

## Time – every Wednesday

Join Miss Kaitlyn for story time at home! Visit our Facebook page or YouTube every Wednesday for new books. Every book read can be logged for your Summer Reading goals. You can also mark that you watched the video in the Missions area of READsquared for badges.

## Get a Digital Card!

Big news! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mt. Morris and Oregon Public Libraries are temporarily waiving nonresident fees and offering that anyone living within the boundaries of the Oregon Unit School District can sign up for a temporary library card.

This special digital card will allow access to the library's electronic resources for a limited time period which will be helpful in supporting students' e-learning as well as meet other informational and recreational needs. This temporary card is valid until September 1st, 2020.

To apply for a free temporary card, please email Mt. Morris library at [mmlib@mtmorris-il.org](mailto:mmlib@mtmorris-il.org).

## Position Available: Program Coordinator

Responsible for children and adult programming and handling press releases and media- online and print. performing general library duties, and maintaining bulletin boards and displays. This is a part-time position. All interested applicants please send resume and letter of interest to Mary Cheatwood at [mmlib@mtmorris-il.org](mailto:mmlib@mtmorris-il.org).

## Gale graduates Iowa State

AMES, Iowa – A virtual commencement ceremony was held this spring at Iowa State University to honor the nearly 5,100 graduates who earned degrees.

The traditional on-campus celebrations were moved online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. University leaders recorded three commencement ceremonies to honor graduates.

Following are graduates from your area:

Stillman Valley – Jessica Gale, Bachelor of Science, Dietetics (H SCI)

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# Polo Library News

## Library Building Reopening – July 1

Starting Wednesday, July 1st, the Polo Library building will be opened for patrons to come in, browse, and check out items.

Our hours for the month of July will be Mondays 10 am-5 pm, Tuesdays 1 pm-7 pm, Wednesdays 10 am-5 pm, Thursdays 1 pm-7 pm, Fridays 10 am-4 pm, and Saturdays 10 am-3 pm

We request that you wear a mask when entering the building. For those unable to wear a mask or who prefer not to enter the building, we will continue to offer Curbside Delivery. You can place an order by calling 815-946-2713, emailing library@pololibrary.org, or through PrairieCat/Encore online ordering.

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

## Curbside Delivery

We are providing curbside delivery of prearranged orders of materials. To take advantage of this service, call the library at 815-946-2713, email library@pololibrary.org, or by placing an order through your PrairieCat/Encore account, at least one business day prior to your desired pick up day, and give us a list of what you'd like (10 item maximum). Pickup will be available:

June 22-27 –Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Thursday 3-7 p.m., Saturday 10- a.m.-2 p.m.

The book drop is available 24/7 for returns. Dates for all services are subject to change based on significant fluctuations in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ogle County.

We are very excited to be able to get books, movies and more out to all of you, and we will communicate any further reopening steps via the library's website, www.pololibrary.org; Facebook page, Facebook.com/Polo Library; newspaper articles, and the library newsletter.

## Story Time with Ms. Phyllis

At 10:30 am every Saturday through June and July, Ms. Phyllis will be reading a picture book on Polo Library's Facebook page - facebook.com/pololibrary

## Online Resources

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

## Need a Library Card?

If you are new to Polo and haven't had a chance to get a library card, or maybe you aren't normally a reader but would like to try ebooks during this time, we will be issuing temporary library cards for people in Buffalo Township. If you are interested in this, please email library@pololibrary.org for more information.

# Forreston Library News

## Library Closure

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Forreston Public Library will remain closed until further notice. All programs/activities are cancelled and all due dates have been extended.

## Curbside Pickup

We are now offering curbside pickup! Hours for pickup will be Mondays and Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Only materials from Forreston will be available as there is currently no interlibrary delivery. Please call, Facebook message, or email us at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com for assistance or if you have any questions.

## eBooks/WiFi

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

## Summer Reading Program

Registration is now open for "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover"! This year's program is for children from preschool through 5th grade (completed) and will mainly be weekly grab and go activities and challenges. Please call the library at 815-938-2624 for more information or to register.

## Book Return

Our book drop is open and we encourage you to return materials at any time. This is also a great time to look around the house for any long-lost library items as there are currently no fines being assessed on overdue materials. Happy hunting!

## Library Updates

Please continue to check our Facebook page for the most current information on our summer plans. Also, if you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us through email, Facebook messenger, or by phone.

# Julia Hull Library News

## Library Curbside

Julia Hull District Library is happy to begin offering curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM-1PM and 3PM-6PM, by appointment only, starting the week of June 1. Patrons place holds on items in Encore (the library's online catalog). Alternately, library staff will be available limited hours, Monday-Friday if you'd like to say "hi" and ask staff to help you select materials. We're here to help: call 815-645-8611.

How does curbside pick-up by appointment work? If a JH Library patron has an item on hold: 1. Library staff will notify patrons by email or phone that their item on hold is available for pickup. 2. Upon notification, patron will schedule a pickup time. 3. At the agreed upon time, patron will call the library and library staff will provide instructions re: pickup. Items will be checked-out to patrons in advance and staged in a bag for your convenience.

For more information about curbside and FAQs, please visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/schedule-curbside-pickup>.

## Summer Reading 2020

This Summer, while we're all camping out at home, let's Do S'More Reading! Our 2020 Virtual Summer Reading Challenge is for ALL AGES: June 1-July 31. You can participate in different challenges and activities, track your reading, and earn badges online using Beanstack: a FREE and user-friendly mobile app. Don't worry: you can also use Beanstack on your desktop. You can register as an individual, family, or organization/class/school! For

more information visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-2020>.

Don't have the supplies you need at home to complete Beanstack activities? You can order Activity Packs, complete with materials and instructions for FREE using our Curbside Pickup form: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-curbside-pickup>. Beanstack will inform you when Activity Packs are available.

## Summer Storytime on Zoom

Thanks to all who joined us for our Pajama Storytime this May. Since school's officially out for the year, we're moving back to daytime storytime on Zoom, every Friday at 10 a.m. We'll read stories, sing songs, and laugh and interact with each other on Zoom. Email Miss Kelly at [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or message us on FB for a link to the program.

## 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 [jkuever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkuever@mail.meridian223.org).

## 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](http://www.juliahull.org)) to learn more.

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**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801

## Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

**HOPE of Ogle County** 562-8890 or 732-7796  
**Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs**

## Education

**University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County**  
**421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061** 732-2191

## Low Income Housing

**Ogle County Housing Authority**  
**200 W Washington, Oregon** 732-1301

## Mental Health

**Family Counseling Services** 962-5585  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801  
**The Serenity Shed Grief Services** 732-2499

## Senior Citizens Services

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

## Sexual Assault/Abuse

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling**  
**24-hour hotline** 636-9811  
**412 W Washington, Oregon** 732-0000

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

**Pegasus Special Riders** 973-3177

## Veterans' Services

**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
**Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co.** 255-9181  
**Medical Transportation** 677-6515

## Wellness Services

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

# Byron Library News

## **Byron Public Library closed**

Due to the shelter in place order issued by the state of Illinois, the Byron Public Library is closed to patrons until further notice. Due dates have been extended by our library system so there is no need to worry about late fees! If you need to contact the library you can send us a message through email, Facebook, or our website, or you can leave us a message at 815-234-5107. Practice social distancing and stay safe, everyone!

## **Curbside Delivery**

The library may be closed to patrons, but we are offering curbside delivery for library items and remote printing. Place your holds online at [Byron.lib.il.us](http://Byron.lib.il.us) or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items. If you need something printed for you, just email your documents and any instructions to the library [library@byron.lib.il.us](mailto:library@byron.lib.il.us).

## **Card Making Class**

Thursday, June 18 on Zoom  
 Melanie walks you through how to make patriotic cards just in time for the Fourth of July! Please consider making a few for the individuals at Generations of Byron. Bag the cards and place them in the audiovisual book drop at the library. Kits for making the cards will be dropped off on the day of the class. Zoom Meeting ID 818 5997 7272, Password 331803 or call in to 312-626-6799. If you have any questions, please email [mschultz@byron.lib.il.us](mailto:mschultz@byron.lib.il.us) or call 815-234-5107 and ask for Melanie.

## **Hoopla Book Club**

Looking to join a Book Club? We've got you covered. Join our virtual Hoopla Book Club on Wednesday, July 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Our July read will be "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. The story is about a woman who joins the Pack Horse Library

Project in the 1930's. Set in the Appalachian Mountains, this blue-skinned, young woman bravely forges danger and loneliness as she delivers books to offer a respite from life to the poverty-stricken Appalachia people. This book is available through Hoopla. Join in the discussion either virtually or over the phone on July 1. Zoom Meeting ID 885 8182 2730; Password 017822 or call in to 312-626-6799. If you have any questions, please email [bethm@byron.lib.il.us](mailto:bethm@byron.lib.il.us) or call 815-234-5107 and ask for Beth.

## **String Art**

DIY Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. on YouTube.  
 Bring a little hope to your home with this unique string art arrow design! Kit includes design, thread, nails, wood and tracing paper. Participants will need to furnish their own scissors, tape, hammer and pencil. Kits will be delivered to participants' houses on Sunday, June 28. To register, please email [kellyf@byron.lib.il.us](mailto:kellyf@byron.lib.il.us) or call 815-234-5107 and ask for Kelly.

## **Nostalgia Entertainment – I Feel Good! Hits of the 60's!**

Tuesday, July 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m., on Facebook  
 Matt and Cynthia Gruel from Nostalgia Entertainment bring you fun, inspiring and joyfyl songs of the 1960's! This musical and storytelling cabaret features artists like James Brown, Elvis Presley, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Martha and the Vandellas, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Neil Diamond and more! From songs like "I Feel Good," "Good Vibrations," "Good Lovin'," "Dancing in the Street" and "Sugar, Sugar" to "Stand By Me," "What a Wonderful World" and "Fly Me to the Moon," you'll be feelin' good! Watch Matt and Cynthia on Byron Public Library's Facebook page as we livestream this entertaining couple on Tuesday, July 14, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

## **Online Storytimes**

The library may be closed, but that doesn't mean story time has stopped! 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? The Byron Library may be closed, but there is still WiFi available! Park along our south wall and look for the WiFi network names and passwords in the window. Available 24/7!

## **Check out our eBooks!**

The library may be closed, but 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!

## **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/byron-lib>

## **Library Cards**

Don't have a library card to access our digital services? No problem! Just send us a selfie, a picture of your driver's license, a picture of your utility bill, and your cellphone number, and we will email you your new library card number and PIN number. Your actual card will be mailed out to you.

## **Local History**

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

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

# Oregon Library News

## Library curbside pick-up

We are offering curbside pick-up now! Hours for curbside will be Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm and 10am-2pm on Friday and Saturdays. You can put holds on items in our Library through our catalog or by calling the library at 815-723-2724. Please leave a message if we do not answer and we will get back to you as soon as possible. NO returns will be accepted in person, these items must be placed in the book drop. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

\* We are fine free so anything checked in will not have a fine.

\* Patrons can place their holds on all materials.

\* Interlibrary Delivery will be resuming at the end of June. Please be advised that there may be delays.

\* All notices for holds will come from library staff members

\* PrairieCat has turned OFF all notifications.

\* We do not have an option to turn them on for only our library.

\* We will call or email all patrons to notify them when to pick up their items.

\* No overdue or bill notices will be sent.

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\* Please update your contact information if needed.

\* Library staff is quarantining 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.

\* All patron cards that have expired in March, April and May have been renewed through July 1.

\* New Library Cards: Patrons can call the library or complete the online form on our website.

## 2020 summer reading program – Dig Deeper, Read, Investigate, Discover!

Join us this summer for our virtual summer reading program! Due to COVID-19 constraints the summer reading programs at Oregon Public Library will be a bit different from previous years, but it will go on. You may now register for READSquared at <http://oregonpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/>. Please answer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group. We will be communicating with our participants throughout the summer as this is a new online program and we are creating things as we go. If you do not have internet access, please call the Library and leave a message with contact info and one of the staff will contact you. Looking forward to a unique summer and thank you for your patience with this new way of summer reading! You can also email us at [oregonlibrary.SRP@gmail.com](mailto:oregonlibrary.SRP@gmail.com) with questions about all things related to Summer Reading!

Registration is ongoing for the Youth and Adult Summer Reading Program

Week of June 22

Monday, June 22- Animal Workshop, 10 a.m. 3-8yrs. old via Zoom

Tuesday, June 23 - Make N Take Craft, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24 - Absolute Science Fantastic Foam Show (online)

Thursday, June 25 - Video Story Time via Facebook, 10 a.m. Guest Reader-Mrs. Himert

Thursday, June 25 - It's the Bees' Needs! 1 p.m. via Facebook

Thursday, June 25 - Books on Tap, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, June 26 - Mystery Photo #4 available

## Adult summer reading program

Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program. More details will come through our Facebook page and Website: [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**Chalk doodle (all ages) June 8-July 18** – Just send your child (children's) name and 5 of their favorite things by email or calling the Library. We'll create a sidewalk chalk message personalized for them and send you a photo via email. (Limit 1 request per child, please.) Fulfillment of request will take about a week (weather and chalk permitting!)

## Talented Tuesdays – every Tuesday

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## Absolute science videos – now available on Readsquared and Library website

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 August 31st by clicking on the links posted on the Library website. New links will be added weekly. If you are registered in Readsquared for the summer reading program you can receive virtual badges by knowing the secret code.

## Video story time

We will continue to post a Video Story Time to our Facebook page on Thursday during the summer reading program. It might be just stories and suggested activities or maybe some off-site guests. So check out the Oregon Public Library Facebook page.

## Oregon Writers Group – 2nd and last Tuesday each month

Meeting notice: Meeting will occur via Zoom-Zoom.com Meeting ID: 734 3830 8015. Password: 9tF8e9

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

## Craft day! Create a beautiful wall hanging – June 23rd at 2 p.m.

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## It's the bees needs! (3rd grade and up) – Thursday, June 25 at 1 p.m. (Facebook)

Bees are essential! Discover what is happening to them and what you can do to help from Jeff Ludwig, area bee wrangler. Even make your own bee block (winter home for bees!) Call to register by June 19 to arrange for pick-up of your kit.

## Up in the garden, Wednesday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m. Via Zoom link (5-12 years old)

Join Melinda Charbonneau, University of Illinois Extension, present a virtual program on the different mouth parts of insects. Register by calling the Library no later than July 1, so you can receive the "ag bags" for supplies and the Zoom link for the participation.

## Books on tap book club – Thursday, June 25th at 6 p.m. via ZOOM

Join others to discuss The Dead Girls Club by Damien Angelica Walters. If you would like to join this group discussion, please email Cari Berg at [cbergoply@gmail.com](mailto:cbergoply@gmail.com) for the ZOOM link or check our Facebook page for the Book Club post with the link attached.

## DNA and genealogy research: Simplified – July 7th at 2 p.m. via ZOOM

DNA testing has become a popular topic among professional genealogists and everyday family researchers. This program will discuss the different DNA tests and the reasons to take each type. It will also compare the major testing companies. DNA can be a powerful genealogical tool. Learn to use your genealogy skills to unravel the mysteries of your DNA results. A scientific degree is not required. Join our Zoom call with Steve Szabados, Genealogist, by going to Zoom.com and entering the following: Meeting ID: 823 3547 8651 and Password: 792650

## Trivia night – the 80's!

## The Black Hawk War and Indian removal in Illinois – July 10th at 1 p.m.

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Call the library at 815-732-2724 and register for your spot on our ZOOM program. In April 1832, a member of the Sauk nation named Black Hawk led a group of 1,000 Native Americans across the Mississippi into Illinois. Black Hawk claimed his people had not been properly represented at treaty negotiations with the U.S. Government, and thus they retained rights to their ancestral lands. The Governor of Illinois reacted to Black Hawk's return as if it was an act of war. The battles over the next three months would become the last in the state, a climactic time in the story of Indian removal in Illinois. In this program we will take an overview of the "Indian problem," from first interaction with the French voyageurs, attempts at assimilation and coexistence, and finally treaties and government promises broken. We look at the Trail of Tears, the final war dance in 1835 Chicago, and the emergence of Native American casinos in the epic clash of cultures. It all happened in a land named for an indigenous nation of people, the Illinois.

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Big news! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mt. Morris and Oregon Public Libraries are temporarily waiving non resident fees and offering that anyone living within the boundaries of the Oregon Unit School District can sign up for a temporary library card. This special digital card will allow access to the library's electronic resources for a limited time period which will be helpful in supporting students' e-learning as well as meet other informational and recreational needs. This temporary card is valid until September 1st, 2020. To apply for a free temporary card, please visit <http://oregonpubliclibrary.com/services/library-cards/> to complete the online form or email Mt. Morris library at [mmlib@mtmorris-il.org](mailto:mmlib@mtmorris-il.org).

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Shorefall by Robert Jackson Bennett (Science Fiction)  
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Hello, Summer by Mary Kay Andrews (Fiction)  
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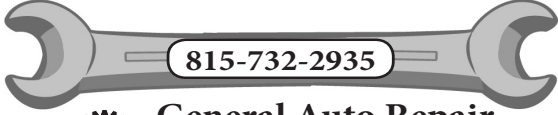
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We've got new reading material for you! Stop in to check them out or call us at 815-738-2742 to place a hold. Here are some of the many new titles we have for you:

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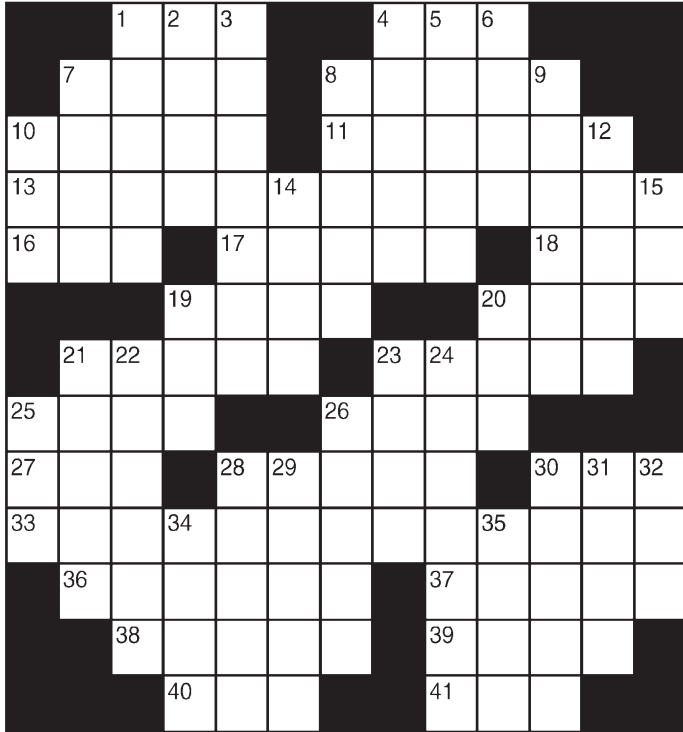
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● ASTRONOMY TERMS

**ACROSS**

- 1 — Na Na
- 4 Swindle
- 7 Summery desserts
- 8 Fusses
- 10 Sixth president
- 11 Many
- 13 Proof of a crime
- 16 Sprite
- 17 Unclear
- 18 Still, in verse
- 19 Say it isn't so
- 20 Rhyming tributes
- 21 Groups of musicians
- 23 Slanted edge
- 25 Volcanic outflow



- 26 One of the Three Bears
- 27 Sailor's assent
- 28 Unwilling
- 30 Fine, to NASA
- 33 Texas city
- 36 Bill-payment period
- 37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
- 38 Mystery writer's award
- 39 Don of radio
- 40 Sun. speech

- 41 Rand McNally item
- 10 Expert
- 12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
- 14 Catches some rays
- 15 — and outs
- 19 "CSI" evidence
- 20 Eggs
- 21 Louisiana marsh
- 22 Unwilling
- 23 Dog owner's ordeal
- 24 Son of Joseph
- 25 Fond du —, Wis.
- 26 Harness horse
- 28 Thrust
- 29 "Argo" award
- 30 Invite to the penthouse
- 31 Elevator name
- 32 Family
- 34 Cushions
- 35 "Joy of Cooking" writer Rombauer

**DOWN**

- 1 Muffler
- 2 Rope fiber
- 3 Took for granted
- 4 Made pigeon sounds
- 5 "Strange to say ..."
- 6 — me tangere
- 7 "American —"
- 8 Hot rum drink
- 9 Withdraw

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- Blue moon
- Galaxy
- Phase
- Waxing
- Eclipse
- Light-year
- Solstice
- Zenith
- Ecliptic
- Meteor
- Sunspot

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7	8			1	2			
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

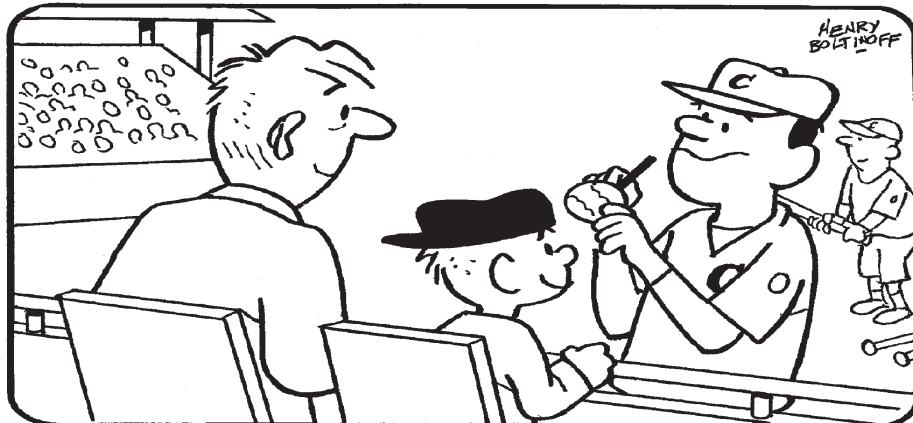
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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

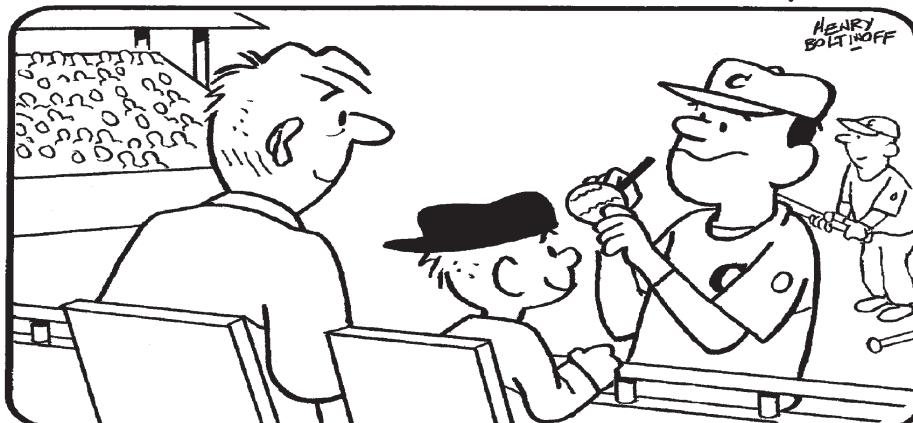
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

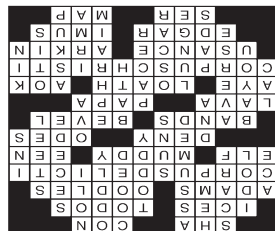
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



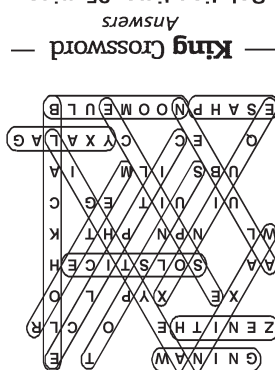
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Bat is missing.
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Solution time: 25 mins.



ASTRONOMY TERMS

7	8	6	3	5	1	2	9	4
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHERE DO COWS GO ON VACATION?

LAMEST	___	TALES	CHASED	___	SHADE
PIANOS	___	SPAIN	SIZING	___	ZINGS
COARSE	___	ACRES	DESERT	___	REEDS
			SANITY	___	SAINT
FREAKY	___	FAKER			
BLOATS	___	BLAST			
REALMS	___	MALES			
RANKLE	___	LEARN			

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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

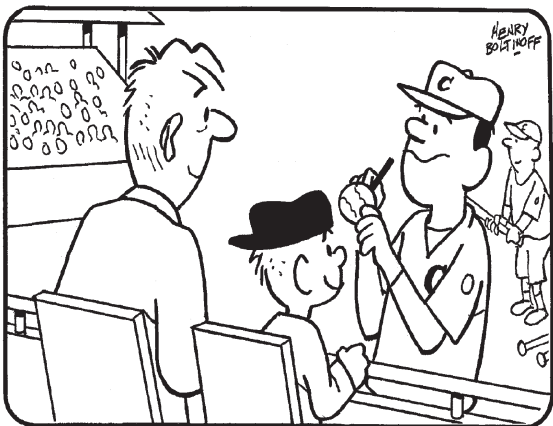
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Pancake alternative	W	___	___	___	___	Sweepstakes	R	___	___	___	___
2. Musical pace		___	___	___	O	Lure		___	___	___	T
3. New York island		___	L	___	___	King of rock 'n' roll		___	V	___	___
4. More courageous		___	L	___	___	Boundary		___	R	___	___
5. Santiago's country		___	___	___	E	Youngster		___	___	___	D
6. Tall		___	O	___	___	Southpaw		___	E	___	___
7. Four quarters		D	___	___	___	Dog's band		C	___	___	___
8. Snowy color		___	H	___	___	Use a pen		___	R	___	___
9. Corn		___	___	Z	___	Lobster state		___	___	N	___
10. Mom or Dad		___	R	___	___	Copyright		___	T	___	___

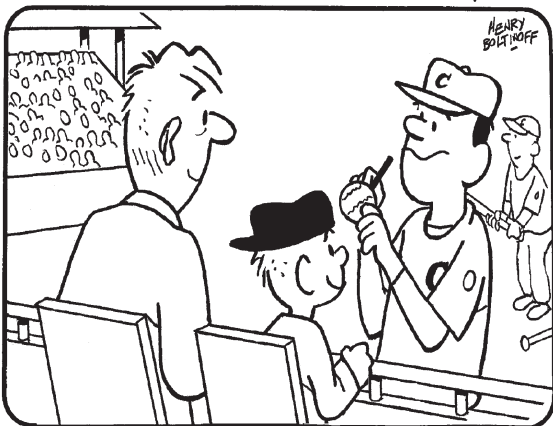
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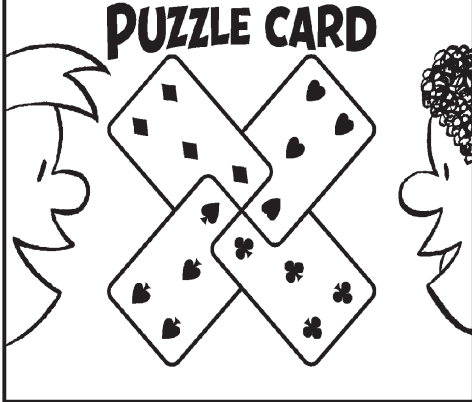


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## PUZZLE CARD



**A 'PIP' OF A PLAYING CARD PUZZLE!** Place four fives on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them, face up, so that only four pips on each card are visible. (Our puzzle card shows you how it's done!)

**DAZZLING DIGITS!** See if you can find five similar digits that, when added together, will equal 14.



Answer: 11 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 14.

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words that are divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from a word in the left column to a word in the right.

1. ARC	SAW
2. LINE	REIN
3. IMP	HER
4. HACK	RAP
5. THE	ACT
6. SAT	AGE

Answers: Archer, lineage, impact, hacksaw, therein, satrap.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



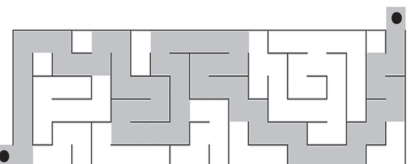
Illustrated by David Coulson

### FIND THE TWIN-WORDS!

Twin-words are made up of two repeating terms like CHA-CHA or TUTU. See if you can identify the ones defined in the hints below:

- Unconventional art movement.
- Farewell expression.
- Two equal shares.
- Egyptian goddess.
- Sweet, good and virtuous.
- A rhythmic dance.
- Decorative woolen ball.
- Something passable.
- A trumpet sound.
- Silly, crazy or infatuated.
- A low sound.
- Found on teeth.
- Unreal place.
- Antiaircraft gun.

Answers: 1. Dada. 2. Bye-bye. 3. Fifty-fifty. 4. Isis. 5. Goody-goody. 6. Hula-hula. 7. Pom-pom. 8. So-so. 9. Wah-wah. 10. Gaga. 11. Murrur. 12. Tatar. 13. Lala (land). 14. Ack-ack (slang).



Kids' Maze Solution

- Waffle, Raffle
- Tempo, Tempt
- Ellis, Elvis
- Bolder, Border
- Chile, Child
- Lofty, Lefty
- Dollar, Collar
- White, Write
- Maize, Maine
- Parent, Patent

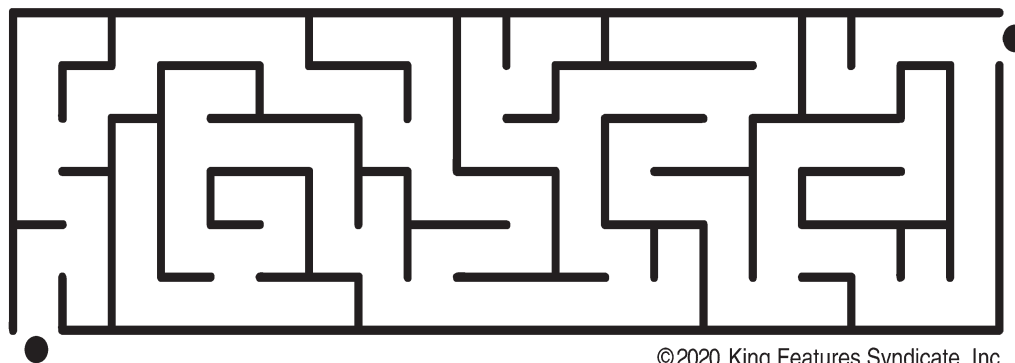
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Answer

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CHASED	C	SHADE
SIZING	I	ZINGS
DESERT	T	REEDS
SANITY	Y	SAINT

## Kids' Maze



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Did You Know . . .

# According to the Pew Research Center . . .

September 2011

## Local Newspapers continue to be a key information source

Figure 6

### The Topics for Which Newspapers are the Top Source

1 Percent of adults who rely on newspapers for these topics ...	On some topics newspapers tie for the lead with...		2 Next most preferred source for each topic...	3 Other important source for this topic
<b>Crime</b>	36%		TV news 29%	Internet 12%
<b>Local politics</b>	26%	TV news 28%	Internet 17%	Word of mouth 7%
<b>Community events</b>	25%		Word of mouth 13%	Internet 12%
<b>Arts events</b>	25%		Internet 17%	TV news 13%
<b>Local taxes</b>	22%		TV news 9%	Internet 9%
<b>Schools</b>	21%	Internet 18%	TV news 10%	Word of mouth 10%
<b>Housing</b>	19%	Internet 17%	Word of mouth 4%	TV news 3%
<b>Government activities</b>	19%		TV news 12%	Internet 6%
<b>Local jobs</b>	17%	Internet 16%	Word of mouth 3%	TV news 3%
<b>Zoning &amp; development</b>	17%		TV news 6%	Internet 4%
<b>Social services</b>	13%		TV news 8%	Internet 6%

Source: Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and Internet & American Life Project in partnership with the Knight Foundation, January 12-25, 2011 Local Information Survey. N=2,251 adults age 18 and older. Conducted in English and Spanish and included 750 cell phone interviews.

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## How People Learn About Their Local Community

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY  
IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )2020  
OF ) P 3 8  
PATRICIA )  
A. )  
FRANKLIN, ) Deceased.  
)

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of PATRICIA A. FRANKLIN, of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 4, 2020, to LESLIE A. SADOWSKI, whose address is 5978 S. Indiana Avenue, Cudahy, WI 53110, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than December 15, 2020, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for LESLIE A. SADOWSKI, Executor of the Estate of PATRICIA A. FRANKLIN, deceased No. 0621 (June 15, 22, 29)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
OF COURT  
DATE FOR REQUEST  
FOR NAME CHANGE  
(ADULT)  
OGLE COUNTY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
CIRCUIT COURT  
OGLE COUNTY  
ILLINOIS  
Request of:  
Mary Kathryn McGinniss  
2020-MR-000026  
Case Number  
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:  
Mary Kathryn McGinniss  
to the new name of: Mary Catherine MCGinniss  
The court date will be held: on July 23, 2020 at 09:00 A.M. at 106 South Fifth St in Courtroom # 202, Oregon  
/s/ Mary C McGinniss  
Your Signature  
Mary Kathryn McGinniss  
Current Name  
No. 0625 (June 15, 22, 29)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 1, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business

known as:  
Oregon Lawn Service  
411 S. 6th Street  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Dated: June 1, 2020  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0620 (June 8, 15, 220)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
BIDS  
of Davis Junction  
Ogle County, Illinois  
**OWNER** - The Village of Davis Junction through its Board of Trustees hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received in the office of McMahon Associates, Inc. for the following described project.

**PROJECT** - The work covered by these Contract Documents consists of the new construction of Autumnwolf Drive and drainage ditch improvements from Autumnwolf Drive to N. Junction Road, along with associated restoration and traffic control. Bids will be received on the following Contract(s): Contract No. D0707-7-20-00113 Autumnwolf Drive Extension / Drainage Ditch Improvements  
**TIME** - Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., local time, on July 9, 2020, in the office of McMahon Associates, Inc., at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**BIDS** - All Bids shall be addressed to Nicholas J. Arps, P.E., McMahon Associates, Inc., 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park IL 61115. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.

**EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**  
- The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMAHON, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.  
**PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**  
- In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMAHON website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTM. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting Quest Project No. 6989532 on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN.

com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

**BID SECURITY** - No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Davis Junction in an amount not less than 10% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/ Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 10-days after the Notice of Award.

**BID REJECTION** - The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Davis Junction.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS** - No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS-**

Contract Letting  
1. The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes.  
Equal Employment Opportunity Act.  
1. CONTRACTOR shall

comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled

Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

Minimum Wage  
1. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.

2. Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Illinois Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet  
Published by the authority

of the Village of Davis Junction acting through its Board of Trustees.  
Sandie Maahs  
Village Clerk  
Village of Davis Junction  
No. 0632 (June 22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of a rezoning request filed by The Village of Stillman Valley, for a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property Commonly Known as "xxx ILLINOIS ROUTE 72". The said request is as follows:  
1) Owner/applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1, Single Family to classification B-1, General Business District, said property is legally described as:

ADDRESS IL Route 72  
PARCEL NUMBER: 10-02-451-001  
Dated this 17th day of June, 2020  
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk  
Village of Stillman Valley  
No. 0633 (June 22)



**103  
AUCTIONS**

**Real Estate Auction**

Having decided to liquidate the following property, the owners will offer at Public Auction the following described commercial property, formerly used as a church. This Auction will be held on site at **5528 Center Rd., (Flagg Center) Rochelle IL Rochelle IL 61068** Visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**Wednesday, July 15th, 2020  
5:30 PM (Auction Held On Site)**

**DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:** So many possibilities---A very large spacious building located at the corner of Flagg Rd. and Center Rd., in Flagg Center, Rochelle IL. Sanctuary + large gathering room, kitchen, dining area, offices, nursery, 2 bathrooms, loads of storage rooms +more! Approx. 2688 Sq. Ft. and a large 1.5 Acre lot! Past use was a religious facility and is currently zoned by the County as R2 Single Family Residential. For a private viewing, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 **REAL ESTATE TERMS:** \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before **August 21st, 2020**, at which time possession will be given. The seller is ready and prepared to close as soon after the auction as you would like. Seller is to provide an appropriate stamped Deed as well as a Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of the auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

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- Owner**

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**'Online Only Auctions'**  
**'Richard Whitney Farm Machinery & Equipment'**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 25th - 8 A.M. (Bidding Begins)**  
**13530 Edwardsville Rd., Winnebago, IL**  
Featuring John Deere 3020-420W-50-B Tractor; Allis-Chalmers CA Tractor; Bobcat 743 Skid Loader & 7'6" Hyd. Snow Blade; JD Vintage Plows-Mowers-No. 48 Loader-Implements; Little Genius Plow; AC Roto-Baler; Farm Machinery; Shop Tools & Equipment; Farm Primitives & Collectibles & More! Rich Collected Many Years.

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 27th - 8 A.M. (Bidding Begins)**  
**727 First Ave., Rockford, IL**  
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**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
To settle the estate of Wilbur W. "Bud" Sanner, We will offer at Public Auction the following described Real Estate at Public Auction. This auction will be held on site at **838 N 12th Street, Rochelle IL**. On Auction Day, watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs from 10th Ave., and 12th St. Call Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for a private viewing or visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**Thursday July 9th, 2020  
5:30PM**

**DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:** This property is a single family 2-bedroom bungalow home that has been very well cared for. It features approx. 900 sq ft, It has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living/dining room, and full basement, partially finished with kitchenette. Property situated on a North side location, with 3-season porch, and a large 2 car detached garage with alley access. Natural gas FA heat, 40-Gal water heater, water softener and washer & dryer are all included. Updates include windows, roof and aluminum siding. This would be a great first-time home, or for someone to downsize. **REAL ESTATE TERMS:** \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before August 14th, 2020, at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide appropriate deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

**Wilbur W. "Bud" Sanner Trust - Owner**

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**109**  
**CEMETERIES AND LOTS**

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**113**  
**FINANCIAL**

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**SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

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**201**  
**DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

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Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

**203**  
**HELP WANTED**

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**305**  
**GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES**

ROCHELLE: 817 N 7th St. Thursday June 25th, 2pm-6pm & Friday June 26th, 8am-5pm. Furniture, Clothes, Electronics, Home Décor, Miscellaneous Items, Lawn Mower, and Yard Equipment. (06-24-20)

5 MILES West of ROCHELLE 8983 Hwy 38. Thursday June 25th, Friday June 26th, & Saturday June 27th, 9am-4pm. 3-Family Sale. Antique Trunk, Truck Mirrors - New (for a Dodge Truck) Bicycles, Clothes, Lots of Miscellaneous, & A Lot of Nice Stuff. (06-24-20)

ROCHELLE: 301 Lake Lida Lane. Thursday June 25th & Friday June 26th, 9am-5pm. Clothes, Box Fan, Tools, Knives, Swords, Lots of Bikes, & Miscellaneous. (06-24-20)

VILLAGE WIDE Garage Sale Weekend. Thursday June 25th, Friday June 26th & Saturday June 27th. Sales Throughout Hillcrest & Windover Park. Times Vary & Maps Available at Each Sale. The Quarantine has Lifted and Discovered all Those Treasures in Basements. Come Check out 20 Plus Sales in one Subdivision. (06-24-20)

**307**  
**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

MENDOTA - Entertainment Center To Give Away. Ph. 815-878-4939. (06-24-20)

MENDOTA - For Sale - Old Display Case. 4ft x 28 Inches Square. \$100 Negotiable. For More Info Call 815-539-3767. (06-21-20)

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**315**  
**WANTED TO BUY**

WANTED JUNK Cars and Farm Machinery. Call

**305**  
**GARAGE SALES**

**ENTIRE HOUSE MOVING SALE!**  
3178 S. Daysville Rd.  
Oregon  
**June 25, 26, 27th, 9:00-4:00**  
Lot's of furniture, entertainment center, washer/dryer, kitchen, holiday décor, books, toys, lot's of misc. To much to list it all!  
815-501-3835 call if questions.  
PIA#62

**MOVING SALE!**  
508 N. Thomas Ave, Polo  
Fri. June 25th, Sat. 26th  
8:00-5:00  
Furniture and lot's of household misc. Children and adult clothing.  
PIA#64

**THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
304 N mix St., Oregon  
Fri. June, 26th 8:00-5:00  
Sat. June, 27th 8:00-1:00  
Antiques, yard and Kitchen Items Flute, Saxophone, Fishing items. LITTLE OF THIS and LOT OF THAT. Check us out next door to Merlins!  
PIA#55

**Garage sale**  
428 2nd St,  
Stillman Valley  
**June 26th - 28th 10:00-4:00**  
Tools, yard equip, clocks, books, lot's of pictures & frames lg & sm, knick knacks, kitchen items, dishes, kids stuff, clothes, games, books, toys, shoes. Lots of FREE STUFF. Reasonable prices. MASK REQUIRED.  
PIA#56

**311**  
**FARM EQUIPMENT**

IH 560 Tractor. Fast hitch. New front tires, good TA. Runs great! NF. Asking \$3500. Call  
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**405**  
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**3 FAMILY SALE**  
100 W 4th St.  
Leaf River  
**June 25, 26, 27, 9:00 to 5:00**  
Lots of ladies clothes, medium and 1x to 3x, Coach purses, electric grill/griddle, shoes 7-1/2 to 8, 42" LG tv, bedspreads, Jim Beam decanters, books-25 cents MOST everything \$1.00 or less. Lots of misc.  
PIA#61

**Garage sale**  
15779 Timberlane Dr., Davis, Jct., IL  
Fri. June 26 & Sat. June 27  
8:30 - 4:00  
Kitchen items, tools, fishing, hunting items. Antiques, furniture, headboard, pictures, rugs, carpet cleaner, walker w/seat, air purifier, bedspreads, sheets. CD's, DVD's, children's books, Amish books, cook books canning jars & much more.  
PIA#54

**Pines Road Resale Shop is now open.**  
629 W. Pines Road  
Oregon  
**Sat. and Sun. 10:00 to 4:00**  
**1000's of items at 50% off!**

**LARGE MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
226 S. Washington St.  
Byron  
Wed., June 24th, 4:00-7:00  
Thurs. June 25th, 9:00-5:00  
Fri. June 26th, 9:00-2:00  
So many items we can't begin to list it all!  
Don't miss this sale!  
**\*\*MASK IS REQUIRED\*\***  
PIA#57

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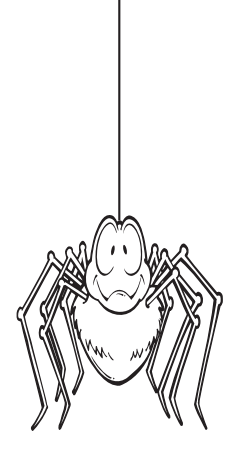
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\$250,000

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2019 FORD FLEX LIMITED AWD, LEATHER, MOON	\$27,990
2019 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT, 4X4, CREW CAB, LOADED, GREAT COLOR	\$32,990
2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, 25K	\$18,990
2018 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE PLU, STOW & GO SEATS, REMOTE START, FULL FACTORY WARRANTY	\$17,990
2018 FORD F-150 CREW CAB, SPORT, 4X4 PANO ROOF HEATED SEATS, ONE OWNER ONLY 22K MI.	<b>SOLD</b>
2018 CHEVY SILVERADO LT CREW CAB, 4X4, 11,000K	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM, PANO ROOF, LOADED	\$17,990
2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 DR., Z71, 4X4, CUSTOM WHEELS, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$27,990
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL, LEATHER, LOADED, ONLY 20K	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 FORD FUSION SE, LOADED, ONE OWNER, MOON ROOF, 33K	\$15,990
2017 FORD EDGE SEL, AWD, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 21,000 MILES	\$22,990
2017 CADILLAC XT5, AWD, LOCAL ONE OWNER	<b>SOLD</b>
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, MOONROOF	\$16,990
2017 JEEP PATRIOT 4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 23K	<b>SOLD</b>
2016 BUICK ENCORE, ONE OWNER FACTORY WARRANTY	\$14,990
2016 GMC SIERRA, CREW CAB ALL TERRAIN, 4X4, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START EXTRA CLEAN	\$29,990
2016 JEEP WRANGLER, 4 DR., 4X4, ONE OWNER ONLY, 27K MI.	\$26,990
2016 FORD EDGE SEL, AWD, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER	<b>SOLD</b>
2016 JEEP COMPASS 4X4 LATITUDE, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$14,990
2016 JEEP PATRIOT LATITUDE 4X4, REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS, 29K	\$14,990
2016 JEEP WRANGLER BACK COUNTRY, THOMPSON WHEELS, NITRO TIRES, ALPINE STEREO, NAV., REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS	<b>SOLD</b>
2014 FORD F-150 XLT, SUPER CAB 4X4, LOCAL, ONE OWNER	<b>SOLD</b>
2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, LEATHER, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$12,990
2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, AWD, LEATHER, MOONROOF, P. HATCH, LOADED	\$15,990
2012 CHEVY SILVERADO Z71 EXTENDED CAB 4X4E, LOADED	<b>SOLD</b>
2012 GMC SIERRA, EXT. Z71, ALL TERRAIN 4X4, LOCAL, ONE OWNER	<b>SOLD</b>
2010 CHEVY TAHOE LTZ, MOON, DVD, LOCAL TRADE	\$15,990
2008 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER, LOCAL TRADE, ONLY 65,000 MI.	\$4,990
2007 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV, DUAL DVD, MOON, LOW MILES	<b>SOLD</b>
2006 FORD F-150 LARIER, CREW, 4X4, LEATHER, MOON, LOCAL TRADE	<b>SOLD</b>
2004 BUICK RAINIER CXL, AWD, LEATHER, MOON ROOF, LOCAL TRADE	\$5,990
2003 FORD F-150, XLT, SUPER CREW, 4X4, EXTRA CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE	<b>SOLD</b>

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