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State now in Phase 4

By Andrew Heiserman Staff Writer

ROCHELLE - Illinois moved into Phase 4 of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" plan to reopen the state late last week.

The state of Illinois has been in Phase 3 of its plan to reopen since late May and moved into Phase 4 Friday, June 26. Phase 3

allowed for group gatherings of 10 or less, outdoor dining and the opening of manufacturing, offices, retail and salons with capacity limits and safety precautions.

Phase 4 will allow for gatherings of up to 50 people and the opening of bars, restaurants, fitness clubs and movie theaters with capacity limits. In



Pritzker's reopening plan, Illinois is broken up into four different regions: Northeast, North-Central, Central and Southern Illinois.

Pritzker closely moni-

tored the progression of the virus in all four regions for 28 days, before making a final decision for each region separately.

(See PHASE 4, A-2)

County property tax payments due on July 1

Ogle County Collector Linda Beck wants to remind property owners that the first installment of their property tax bill is due July 1.

Payment methods include cash or check (payable to Ogle County Collector). In-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office located in the "old" Courthouse at 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 114, Oregon or

at any bank in Ogle County. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday excluding holidays. A secure drop box is located at the 5th Street address for taxpayers to drop off check payments after hours or on the weekends. Their mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely.

Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5 percent per month or part of a month after the due date and must be remitted by mail or at the Collector's office.

Beck's office is also offering the option of online credit card payments. You may get to this site by going directly to www.oglecountytreasurer.org or through www. oglecounty.org and then selecting the Treasurer's department. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

Early deadline reminder

Due to the July 4 holiday, deadlines will be moved up the week of June 29.

The deadline for classified advertising will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1.

The editorial deadline will be 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30.

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PHASE 4: For some it didn't come fast enough

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If a region met the criteria, it could move into the next phase, but if a region did not not meet the criteria, it could remain in Phase 3 until it does.

For more than a dozen Republican Illinois Lawmakers, Phase 4 of the reopening plan is not coming soon enough. A letter signed by 19 Illinois state senators was sent to the governor urging him to speed up his plans to reopen, but he says he will not let politics influence his decision.

"This pandemic, this CO-VID-19 isn't anything anyone expected or knew how to deal with when it hit, but in Illinois, what we've done the right way is rely upon the science, rely upon the experts," Pritzker said in a press conference. "You wouldn't want political decisions being made here about public health."

The following criteria had to be met for each region to move into Phase 4: At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14day period, no overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators, testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors and contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90 percent of cases in a region.

Farmers Market opens on July 7

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 asl 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 environ ment 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 o 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.

Stillman Valley student joins Associated Colleges of Illinois Board of Trustees

CHICAGO – The Board of Trustees of Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) elected Chloe Overstreet, a student at Eureka College, as the board's first student representative in ACI's 68-year history.

Overstreet, from Stillman Valley, will begin her junior year at Eureka College this fall, majoring in history and political science, and business administration.

Overstreet was elected May 15 at the ACI Board of Trustees annual meeting, held via video conference. She was nominated by the board's Trusteeship Committee, which began discussions earlier this year about adding a student representative to further diversify the board, said ACI Executive Director Mick Weltman. Currently, the board has 37 corporate members, all business leaders, plus the presidents of ACI's 27 member colleges and universities.

Overstreet is a first-generation college student, who started her college career at Eureka shortly after her father died in a workrelated accident. One reason she chose Eureka is because her college recruiter reached out to Overstreet after the accident and assured her the school would help

her, she says. Once at Eureka, she joined ACI's Peer Mentoring Program, aimed at helping first-generation college students through their critical first year. She began as a mentee and is now a mentor to incoming firstgeneration students.

'The program offered both guidance and financial relief as I was beginning college," Overstreet wrote in a letter to the board. "Access to emergency funds provided the relief that I needed to start college. It allowed me to focus less on working hours at a part-time job and focus more on my classes." As a mentor, she

says she has had "an incredible opportunity" to watch classmates grow and be successful, and she has encouraged other students in the same way that her mentor encouraged her. Serving as an ACI board member would provide a student perspective and help other students access opportunities that ACI provides, Overstreet added.

"Chloe is amazing, amazing student," said Dr. Jamel SC Wright, Eureka College president and ACI president. "She came in as a first-generation student and immediately engaged with the ACI program. .



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Addison Roberts (Lena), Allyson Milder (Lena), MaKayla Ruttman (Pearl City, Natatlie Johnson (Forreston), and Abigile Berrer (Forreston) put items together to be given to elderly individuals with a high need for help during the COVID-19 pandemic at Highland Community College in Freeport.

Highland's students complete project

FREEPORT-Highland's Servant Leadership students got creative with their Summer Serve program by having a fewer number of area high school students come together.

While practicing safety precautions, on June 11 at Highland Community College, they partnered with United Way of Northwest Illinois and the Regional Office of Education to identify needs within the community for those people affected by

their coordinator, and Connie Kraft, executive director for United Way of Northwest Illinois, worked together to package hygiene and other food items for the students and elderly safe at home during the pandemic.

Kraft received a grant to buy the items given to elderly people with "high needs."

"It's always great to get involved with our area youth, and I am always amazed with how involved many of our youth are," Kraft said. "This is our third year to work with We collected senior care packages, and food items for people in Stephenson County.

The High School Servant Leadership program consists of student representatives from more than 14 area high schools within the Highland district. Each student learns leadership skills within a servant-first methodology. Each participant attends monthly Saturday morning meetings at Highland Community College in addition to ects. These students go above and beyond in not only their own personal development but also for service to their fellow community members.

Dan Dick, coordinator for the Highland Servant Leadership program, said, "It's inspiring seeing these young people come together from across the region to support their communities. The students who helped today are clear examples of what it means to be Servant Leaders. We're very fortunate to have them as part of Highland's

COVID-19. leading individual, team, and Less than 10 students, Servant Leadership students. regional based service proj-

West Nile season is here, but no reported cases yet

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), West Nile Virus (WNV) is spread to humans through mosquitos that have been infected by a bird carrying the virus.

In 2019, IDPH reported 28 cases of West Nile in humans in Illinois, which resulted in 1 death. Most people that are infected have very few symptoms or experience a mild fever and headache. Those most at risk for adverse symptoms are individuals such as the elderly or those with weakened immune systems. There have been no reported cases yet in 2020.

Symptoms of WNV include:

- * Headache
- * Body aches
- * Skin rash
- * Swollen lymph nodes

The Ogle County Health Department will be surveying 9 sites in the county for infected mosquitos. Additionally, OCHD will be collecting dead birds in order to test for West Nile Virus The following types of birds will be collected for testing:

Top Priority: Crows and blue jays Second Priority: House finches, house sparrows, and robins

Other Eligible birds: Blackbirds, bluebirds, catbirds, cardinals, chickadees, cowbirds, creepers, goldfinches, grackles, finches, flycatchers, larks, mockingbirds, nuthatches, orioles, purple martins, sparrows, starlings, swallows, tanagers, thrashers, cedar waxwings, and wrens

Excluded Birds: waterfowl, gulls, vultures, chickens or eagles cannot be tested.

These birds will be found most likely in midsummer to early fall. Birds that will be collected should have been dead for less than 48 hours and show no sign of decomposition such as strong odor, no presence of maggots and no bloating.

If a dead bird is found, please contact the Ogle County Health Department at 815-562-6976 as soon as possible.

Rochelle Community Hopistal eases visitor restrictions

ROCHELLE - Effective Monday, June 22, Rochelle Community Hospital visitor restrictions now allow one dedicated visitor per patient in the facility.

With the reduction in new positive COVID cases and a partial reopening of businesses, RCH is easing, not eliminating, visitor restrictions. We know that when patients have a loved one with them they have less anxiety and often have better outcomes. Therefore, one dedicated visitor per patient will be allowed on the Medical/Surgical floor, Emergency Department and outpatient clinics.

The visitor accompanying the patient must be the same person every visit for inpatient visits and Emergency visits. Visitors must meet screening/masking requirements and remain masked for the duration of the visit anywhere in the facility, including the patient's room.

Be assured RCH continues to review what additional areas can reopen based on meeting public health thresholds and State requirements. The health and safety of patients and staff are always top priority.

Forreston Lions ham sale set for July

FORRESTON - The annual Forreston Lions Club Ham Sale will return in July.

New this year, the Lions will be selling smaller 8-12 pound hams. However due to the pandemic, they will not be hosting the traditional three days of "walk-in" sales. This year, you must preorder your ham with any Forreston Lions Club member, and your ham will be available for drive-through pick-up every Thursday in July between 5-6 p.m. The downtown Forreston pick-up location will be in the parking-lot on the south side of the Forreston Library.

The Thursday pick-up dates are July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, between 5-6 p.m. Please place your order by Tuesday to assure your ham will be available for pick-up on Thursday. You can place your order with any Forreston Lions Club Member, or specifically call Lion Alice: 815-938-3552, Lion Ilene: 815-938-

3556, Lion Liz: 815-541-3522 or Lion Michelle: 815-821-3270.

This year's smaller hams are a Smithfield John Morrell Black Forest Ham, which is a boneless, fully-cooked round ham. The hams average 8-12 pounds and the price will range \$30-\$45. These hams would be great for a summer-time picnic, or thick-sliced on the grill.

The annual ham sale is a primary fundraiser for the Forreston Lions Club which allows the Club to serve the local community. Some of the local projects supported by the Forreston Lions Club include: Forreston Youth Baseball/Softball Program, Forreston High School Scholarships, local support for sight and hearing needs, and a variety of community enhancement projects.

The Forreston Lions appreciate your ongoing support, especially through this year of unprecedented challenges.

NOTICE

Applications for Senior Citizens & Veterans Assistance Commission Tax Levy Funds are available in the Ogle County Clerk's Office, located at 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 104 in Oregon, Illinois. Any organization requesting funds from the Senior Citizens Tax Levy must have their application returned to the Ogle County Clerk's Office by Friday, August 7, 2020.



July 1st, 10 AM - 2 PM

Unity Hospice, 915 N. Caron Rd.

Unity Hospice & Palliative Care would like to be a part of your family cookout. On July 1st, come pick up a free package of hotdogs and buns from our office!

We encourage everyone to post photos of their cookouts and tag @Unityhospicecares on Facebook to show off their grill skills and family fun.



Please call (815) 561-8866 to Palliative Care. reserve your packages @Unityhospicecares by June 30th, 4:30 PM.

Obituaries

Ruth E. Gaston

MOUNT MORRIS -Ruth E. Gaston, age 95, formerly of Leaf River, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday June 18, 2020 with her family by her side. Ruth was born on July 13, 1924 in St. Charles, the daughter of Wallace and Hazel (Quackenbush) Hatch.

She graduated from St. Charles High School class of 1942, she graduated from North Central College, Naperville she then attended and graduated from Denver Theological Seminary College class of 1956. Ruth and A. Kenneth Gaston eloped on March 16, 1955.

Ruth loved teaching 1st and 2nd grade and was loved



by her children. She loved to bird watch, garden, her church and serving her Lord, and most of all she loved to be with her family especially her grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by her children: Michael (Deborah) Gaston, Forreston; Susan (Steve) Book, Forreston; and Sally Pilgrim, Cape Coral, Fla.; grandchildren: Amber, Miranda, Noelle, Erica, Brandon, Stefanie, Monica, Amie, Bradley, Tamarah; great grandchildren: Isaac, Fritz, Cooper, Grady, Kensington, Roman, Evangeline, Emery, Parker, Beckham, Audrey, Caroline, Raemah, Avery.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents; husband: A. Kenneth; son: Peter Gaston; 5 brothers: Ansley, Jack, Warner, Gordon, Bruce.

Family graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 11 a.m. in North Grove Evangelical Cemetery, Leaf River.

In Lieu of flowers memorials to Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Gideons.

James K. Kilmer

LEAF RIVER - James K. Kilmer, age 78, passed away on Friday June 19, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born in Rockford on May 22, 1942 the son of Harold and Ranghild (Johnson) Kilmer.

He served in the United States Army and after that worked for many years as a truck driver. In his spare time, James enjoyed spending time outdoors. He loved to go on bike rides and walks and spend time cutting the grass. He was a Byron Tiger fan and liked to attend various high



school sporting events. But, more than anything he loved being a grandfather and father.

He is survived by his children, Rachel Kilmer of

Winnebago and Jeff Kilmer of Byron; brother, Roger (Joyce) Kilmer of Byron; grandchildren, Hannah, Audrey, Natalie, and Jacob; lifelong friend, Bob Heidenreich; Aunt, Alice Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers. Richard and Billy, and special aunt Anna Johnson.

Memorials are established in his name. In accordance with covid-19 restrictions, he will be laid to rest in a private graveside service at Byron Cemetery.

Mary 'Jerry' Green

Mary "Jerry" Green, 81, loving wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother, passed away Friday, May 29, 2020, at Pinecrest Community in Mt. Morris, where she resided surrounded by her family. She was born on Feb. 4, 1939, in Benton, Wis., to Howard and Mary Ellen Birkett.

She married Robert "Bob" Green on June 16, 1956. Throughout her life, Jerry enjoyed her work at place such as Goldie B. Floberg Center, JCPenney (where Bob wondered if she was working or just shopping all day), Warner Lambert Co., Anchor Hocking, and Cacciatore's in the bakery department.



She was a devoted Packers fan who enjoyed her visits to Lambeau Field and the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. She enjoyed cooking and hosting her loved ones and was a mall walker at Machesney Park Mall. Her greatest joy in life was being with Bob, their dogs, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Jerry is survived by her

children, Bobbi, Glenda (Roger), Russ (Chris), Dan (Terri); 32 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren; sisters Judy (Mick) Vaughn and Marsha Havertape. She is predeceased by her husband, her parents, her sister June, brother-in-law Keith, and stepbrother Joe. Special thanks to all the staff at Pinecrest and Serenity House Hospice who lovingly cared for her.

Funeral Services were held at Sunset Funeral Home and was livestreamed on Sunset Funeral Home's Facebook page and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/SunsetfuneralhomeIL. Condolences can be sent to www.sunsetfhmemgardens.com

Rosetta Mary Arand

STILLMAN VALLEY Rosetta Mary (Hilby) Arand, age 91, of Stillman Valley, died on June 21, at home surrounded by family. Rosetta was born on Oct. 21, 1928 in Menominee Township of Jo Davis County, to Leo Hilby and Sophia Mary (Wubben) Hilby.

She married Wayne Arand on Nov. 27, 1954 at St. Mary's Church in $Galena. Together they had \, 5$ children; Jean, Joan, Elaine, Carol, and David. Rosetta worked as a cook at the Meridian Community School Dist for over 25 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron, Mother's Of Twin Club and Ogle County Women's Extension. Rosetta was an excellent seamstress, cook, and an avid gardener. She was a consistent fan of her children and grandchildren's participation in 4-H, sports & community activities.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Arand; four (4) children: Joan (Bob) Rasmussen, of Stillman Valley; Elaine Arand, of Byron; Carol Arand (Tom Palmero), of Crystal Lake, and David (Michelle) Arand of Stillman Valley, son-in-law, Sam Fleege of Keiler, Wis.; Grandchil-



dren: Brian (Sarah) Rasmussen, Mark (Victoria) Rasmussen, Eric (Melissa) Rasmussen, Trevor (Tanya) Fleege, Trista (Nigel) Minezes, Trent Fleege, Joel Gouker, Anna Gouker, Jessica (Tim) McIntvre. Adam (Jaclyn) Kanold, Kristen Arand (Joe Niedermeier, Nicole (Jackie DeMink) Arand and Lindsey Arand (Evan Reichert) 18 great grandchildren: Grant, Natalie, Bennett, Nina, Rosemary, Arand, Caleb, Isaac, Matthew, Nate, Zeke, Abigail, Maguire, Mason, Joslyn, Luke, Emma, and Millie; her siblings: sister-in-law, Eileen Hilby, Rita Mae (Louis) Berning, Lorraine Wills, Kenneth Hilby and brother-in-law, Norman (Diane) Arand and many nieces, nephews and

Rosetta was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Sophia; daughter, Jean

Arand Fleege, siblings: Cletus (Lois) Hilby, Viola (Bob) Scharpf, Merlin Hilby, LaVerne Wills and Janice Hilby, her fatherin-law LeRoy Arand and mother-in-law, Bernice (Smith) Arand.

Rosetta's family would like to give special thanks to Serenity Hospice and Rosetta's in-home caregivers, especially Muugii for their endearing care and attention.

Aprivate Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Mary's Catholic Church in Byron, with the Rev. Richard A. Rosinski officiating. A walk through visitation was held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron. Please enter the 2nd street doors of the church using social distancing practices and please ware a face mask. Burial was 2:30 pm, Friday, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Galena.

A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home and the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron. Cards for the Arand family may be sent to P.O. Box 467 Stillman Valley, IL 61084. To leave a condolence or memory visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

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Sale to benefit new barn is July 18

The Ogle County Horse Barn Committee/Build-a-Barn will hold a Barn Sale on July 18, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Stagecoach Pass Farm, 14377 Trask Bridge Road, Durand. Antiques, new and used horse tack, clothing, home décor, etc. Blue Line Tack will

be there with an awesome line of horse tack, bling, and accessories. Booths available. Check out our Facebook page, The Ogle County Horse Barn Committee/Build-A-

Barn, for a booth contract, or contact: Lynne, text 815-238-7892 or email shadowboxerarabians@gmail.com. All proceeds go toward building an exhibition horse barn at the Ogle County Fair-

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Forreston High School Honor's Night scholarship winners announced

FORRESTON - On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Forreston High School held their annual honor's night virtually due to Covid-19.

At the honor's night, the Class of 2020 (53 seniors) were recognized for their academics, athletics, and/ or leadership achievements. During the event, \$655,000 was awarded to students who earned scholarships from prospective colleges and local scholarships. Scholarships came from local groups, families, businesses.

Below is a listing of award winners:

American Legion Honorable Mention Award - Alexus Houston, Ethan Mulder

American Legion Award - Lauren Melton, Seth

Bocker Ruff Grain Scholarship – Megan Hagemann FFA Alumni Scholarship

Megan Hagemann

Ogle County 4-H Foundation Scholarship - Megan

Ogle County Farm Bureau Scholarship - Megan

Colony Brands Scholarship – Taylor Vogt

Whiteside Area Career

Center Student Recognition Scholarships - Jeremy Beltran

Whiteside Area Career Center Clarence Brown Scholarship - Julianna Bel-

Highland Top Scholars Shelby Dean, Nicole Fox, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Lauren Melton,

Seth Nelson

The "Ole" Hiteman Scholarship-Kaylee Kloster

Forreston State Bank -Chase Greenfield, Megan Hagemann

Forrestville Valley Youth Network Scholarship - Jeremy Beltran

Link Family Scholarship Jakob Boomgarden, Lane Lindquist, Bailey Miller, Annastasia Timmer

Lloyd Folkerts Scholarship – Megan Hagemann

Harm Smith Scholarship Ethan Mulder

German Valley Lions Club Scholarship – Alexus Houston

Leaf River Lions Scholarship - Megan Hagemann

Forreston Lions Scholarship - Kolten Dorty, Brycelynn Smith

Darrell Windle Scholarship - Ethan Mulder

Forreston Music Patrons Tannis Schultz

Forrestville Valley Education Association Scholarship - Jakob Boomgarden, Brycelynn Smith

German American State Bank Scholarship - Megan Hagemann, Brycelynn

Lola Borchers Scholarship - Nicole Fox, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Lane Lindquist,

Tannis Schultz, Taylor

Forrestville Valley Foundation Scholarship – Jakob Boomgarden, Nicole Fox, Megan Hagemann,

Brittni Hollis, Seth Nelson, Brycelynn Smith

Beth Amsrud Scholarship Alexus Houston

The Drew Crase Memorial Scholarship - Alexus

Mike Boomgarden and Family Scholarship—Alexus

Rock River Blood Center Scholarship - Gabriel

The Sterling American Legion Auxiliary Pfundstein Scholarship-Lauren Melton

Forrestville Valley Administrative Scholarship -Olivia Johnson, Brycelynn Smith

Wood Trust Scholarship Alexus Houston, Konur Kivisto, Lauren Melton, Seth Nelson

Forreston Sports Boosters Scholarship - Kolten Dorty, Nicole Fox

HCC Servant Leaders -Brittni Hollis, Alexus Houston, Olivia Johnson, Lauren Melton, Brycelynn Smith

Academic All-Conference Awards - Jakob Boomgarden, Shelby Dean, Olivia Dillavou, Nicole Fox, Kaitlin Gruhn, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Alexus Houston, Konur Kivisto, Kaylee Kloster,

Lane Lindquist, Lauren Melton, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Jen-

Tannis Schultz, Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer, Taylor Vogt

Senior Athletic Letter Award - Jordan Beck, Jakob Boomgarden, Zachary Cederholm,

Dominic Christensen, Bailey Cullor, William Davis, Shelby Dean, Derek DeVries, Olivia Dillavou,

Kolten Dorty, Jacob Dye, Nicole Fox, Chase Greenfield, Kaitlin Gruhn, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Alexus Houston, Kilar Huenefeld, Anthony Josephitis, Konur Kivisto, Kaylee Kloster, Lane Lindquist, Lauren Melton, Bailey Miller, Austin Mitchell, Colton Moser, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Gabriel Owens, Liliana Pacheco, Jennifer Raum, Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer, Taylor Vogt, Travis Wood

Steve Denekas Most Varsity Letters Earned Award - Dominic Christensen, Alexus Houston

3-Sport athletes - Dominic Christensen, Nicole Fox, Alexus Houston, Brycelynn Smith

4 Year 3-sport athletes – Nicole Fox, Alexus Houston

Top Female Athlete of the Class of 2020 - Alexus Houston

Top Male Athlete of the Class of 2020 - Derek

EverFi Certificates -Nedjuwa Al-Mohammed, Kyla Benson, Jakob Boomgarden, Jeremy Beltran, Zachary Cederholm, Dominic Christensen, Bailey Cullor, Shelby Dean, Jacob Dye, Nicole Fox, Ashton Grossenbacher, Kaitlin Gruhn, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Kayla Janssen, Anthony Josephitis, Olivia Johnson, Konur Kivisto, Andrew Marshall, Laure Melton, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Kolton Rudy, Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer, Travis Wood

Recognition of Enlistment - Dominic Christensen (United States Marine Corps), Nicole Fox (Army National Guard), Cordell Thill (Army National Guard)

Blood Drive Participants -Jakob Boomgarden, Zachary Cederholm, Dominic Christensen, William Davis, Shelby Dean, Derek DeVries, Allissa Diddens, Nicole Fox, Kaitlin Gruhn, Olivia Johnson, Konur Kivisto, Lane Lindquist, Andrew Marshall, Lauren Melton, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Gabriel Owens, Liliana Pacheco, Jennifer Raum, Kolton Rudy, Cordell Thill, Annastasia Timmer,

Excellence Honor Roll Award -Julianna Beltran, Kyla Benson, Jakob Boomgarden, Zachary Cederholm, Dominic Christensen, Riley Cornelius, Bailey Cullor, Shelby Dean, Kolten Dorty, Ashton Grossenbacher, Megan Hagemann, Daniel Hanson, Kilar Huenefeld, Olivia Johnson, Kaylee Kloster, Lane Lindquist, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Gabriel Owens, Liliana Pacheco, Jennifer Raum, Tannis Schultz. Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer, Taylor Vogt

Superior Honor Roll Award - Nicole Fox, Kaitlin Gruhn, Brittni Hollis, Alexus Houston, Kayla Janssen, Konur Kivisto Lauren Melton

4 Year Superior Honor Roll – Nicole Fox

1 Year Perfect Attendance Award – Jakob Boomgarden, Ashton Grossenbacher 4 Year Perfect Atten-

dance Award - Ashton Grossenbacher 4 Year Attendance Award

Kolten Dorty, Kaylee Kloster, Ethan Mulder Daughters of the American Revolution - Lauren

Sons of the American

Revolution - Bailey Cullor College NOW - Olivia Dillavou Illinois State Scholars -

Nicole Fox, Brittni Hollis, Lauren Melton, Seth Nelson

Illinois Principal's Association Award - Alexus Houston, Brycelynn Smith National Honor Society -

Jakob Boomgarden, Shelby Dean, Nicole Fox, Kaitlin Gruhn, Megan Hagemann, Brittni Hollis, Alexus Houston, Lauren Melton, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Jennifer Raum, Tannis Schultz, Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer

Forreston Honor's Total Achievement - Kyla Benson, Zachary Cederholm, Bailey Cullor, Kolten Dorty, Gabriel Owens, Liliana Pacheco, Kolton Rudy

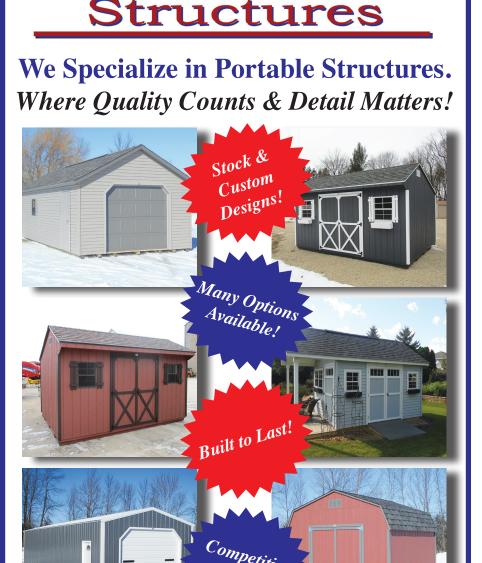
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Lane Lindquist, Lauren Melton, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder, Seth Nelson, Jennifer Raum, Tannis Schultz. Brycelynn Smith, Annastasia Timmer, Taylor Vogt

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We would like to graciously thank all of you fans who've been asking about the

program and expressing concern and disappointment for its' absence from our Summer fun. Hearty thanks to all our generous donors as well: local individuals, businesses and free will, for feeding the fire. We couldn't do it without you.

Since the Covid-19 lock down began, we've postponed the opening of our season to July 3 and extended it to Sept. 4. However, at this time it is very clear that public safety guidelines determined by the state will not allow our July shows, if any, to occur. Rest assured that if all of this year's concerts must be cancelled, we will return to the Campus as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the unlikely event that we reach Phase

5 of the Restore Illinois Plan before Fall, the remainder of our 2020 schedule follows.

Aug. 7: Kyle Lacy Band – Rockabilly Aug. 14: TBA

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Ogle County Sheriff

June 20

At 9:18 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies received a complaint from a resident in the rural Oregon area that a woman had threatened a person with a handgun and left. Ashley Paddie, 29, of Mt. Morris was located in Oregon by Oregon Police. She was taken into custody for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, a violation of the Cannabis Control Act, Aggravated Assault, and no FOID card. She was arrested and taken to the Ogle County

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Buddy List, 43, of Ashton IL, for Driving While License Suspended. List was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on Rte.64 after being stopped for speeding. List was transport to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

June 19

Chelsie J. Smith, 36, of Freeport, was arrested for a Failure to Appear warrant. Smith has a bond of \$696. Smith will go to court on 06/19/20 at 1 p.m. Smith remains in the Ogle County jail.

Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested Joseph Kielsmeier, 34, of Leaf River. Kielsmeier was arrested for Presence Within a School Zone by a Child Sex Offender Prohibited. Kielsmeier was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

June 18

At 7:58 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 104. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Elvie A. Turnage, 49 of Milwaukee WI, for Driving While License Revoked. Turnage was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

June 17

At 2:44 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Rte. 38 and Chana Road. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Carlos Loyola, 22 of Rochelle, for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Deputies also arrested the passenger, Anthony Urrutia, age 30 of Rochelle, for a valid Ogle County arrest warrant for Failure to Appear. Both were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

At 10:23 p.m., Deputies responded to the 900 block of E. Hay Road for a report of a one vehicle crash. It was determined that a Ford Fusion driven by Steven Early was traveling East on Hay Road when he swerved to miss a deer, causing him to strike a tree. Early's vehicle caught fire and was deemed a total loss. No injuries were sustained in the crash. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Fire. The crash remains under investigation.

At 6:31 p.m., Deputies responded to the 17000 block of W. US 52 for a report of a one vehicle roll over crash. After an investigation it was

determined that a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Nathaniel Artz, 18 of Mt. Morris, was traveling East on US 52 when he lost control and overturned in the field on the North side of the road. Artz was transported to FMH by Polo Fire. Deputies were assisted on scene by Polo Fire and Police. The crash remains under investigation.

At 4:28 p.m., Deputies responded to the 13000 block of Milledgeville Road for a one vehicle roll over accident. After an investigation, Deputies determined that a 1997 Ford Ranger driven by a Juvenile male from Polo, was traveling East on Milledgeville Road when he lost control of the Ford, causing it to roll over one time. The Juvenile was uninjured and released to his parents. The crash remains under investigation

June 16

At approximately 11:13 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 2000 block of W ILRte 64. After further investigation Jonathon Mercado-Feliciano was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Mercado-Feliciano was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

June 14

At approximately 12:07 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 3,000 Block of N. River Road in reference to a single motorcycle accident with an injury. Upon arrival, Deputies learned that a Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by Tammy Hyde, 53 of Algonquin, was traveling southbound on River Road when she began to lose control due to steering issues. Hyde then traveled off of the west side of the shoulder before overturning in the ditch. Hyde was later transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries.

At approximately 9:07 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of 3rd Street and Main Street in Leaf River. After further investigation Bradley Boyd, 40 of Mt. Morris was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Boyd was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

June 13

At 4:02 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 2500 block of west Oregon Trail road. After a short investigation it was determined that a 2003 Ford driven by Caleb Reinke, 19, of Oregon was traveling west on Oregon Trail Road in a work zone when he struck a marked bump in the road causing him to loose control and enter the south ditch, where he struck a tree head on. A 16 year old juvenile passenger was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries. Reinke was cited for driving too fast for road conditions and will appear in court on 07/31/20 at 9 a.m. Deputies were assisted on scene by Mt. Morris, and Polo Fire Departments.

At about 9:20 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 block of South Woodlawn road, and after a short investigation Deputies arrested Miguel A Almanza-Robles, 18, of Rockford for unlawful possession of cannabis in a vehicle. Almanza-Robles was also issued citations for no rear registration light and no insurance. Almanza-Robles was released on scene and will appear in court on 07/31/20 at 9 a.m. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Illinois State Police.

At approximately 5:51 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle accident at the 1000 Block of South Union Road. Deputies discovered the vehicle to be unoccupied. After investigation, Deputies learned that, Jessy T. Mason, 30, of Carrolton Texas, was the driver of the vehicle. Mason was issued a citation for Driving While License Suspended and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident. Mason was released on an I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 1:03

p.m., Deputies responded to a

two-vehicle head on accident

with injuries in the 2,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. Upon arrival. Deputies learned a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Dakota Miller, 18 of Milledgeville was traveling southbound in the 2,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. Miller then traveled into the northbound lane before correcting back into his lane of travel. At the same time a 2015 Ford SUV driven by Melvin Cater, 61 of Oregon, was traveling northbound in the 2,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2 when he observed Miller's vehicle travel into his lane. Cater attempted to swerve to avoid Miller, but they struck head on causing both vehicles to sustain heavy damage. Cater was later transported to Riverside Hospital in Rockford by Oregon EMS for minor injuries. Cater's passenger, Julie Cater, 60 of Oregon was transported to Riverside Hospital in Rockford by React Helicopter for nonlife threatening injuries. Miller was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford for non-life threatening injuries by Mt. Morris EMS. Miller was later issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. The accident remains under investigation.

June 12

Rhonda S. Conderman, 55 of Monroe Center, was arrested for two outstanding Ogle County warrants for Forgery and Identity Theft. Conderman was unable to post the \$10,000/10% and remains in the Ogle County Jail. Conderman will appear in court on 06/15/20 at 1 p.m.

June 9

At 1:24 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, German Valley Fire Department, and the German Valley Ambulance responded to a Farm Tractor vs Car accident with injuries in the 6,000 block of West Montague Road. A John Deer Farm tractor pulling a hay wagon was traveling westbound on Montague Road attempting to make a left turn into a field entrance when a Lincoln Town Car also traveling westbound attempted to pass the John Deer Tractor. The John Deer Tractor and the Lincoln Town Car collided on the south side of the road. The driver of the Lincoln Town Car Gerald R. Diedrich, 83 of Pecatonica, was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by the German Valley ambulance with a head injury. The driver of the John Deer Tractor Benjamin J. Miller, 34 of German Valley, was uninjured in the accident. The accident remains under investigation.

Deputies investigated a Battery which had occurred in Haldane on 06/07/20. After further investigation David Williams, 50 of Polo, was placed under arrest for Battery. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he posted bond and was released with a future court date.

June 8

At 7:18 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Meridian Manor Trailer Park for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Jessica A. Hill, 18 of Stillman Valley, was arrested for Battery and Disorderly Conduct. Hill was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

June 6

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Freeport Rd and Robin Rd where the arrested Teodoro Jimenez-Viveros, 21, for Driving While License Suspended.Jimenez-Viveros was also cited for have no front registratin plate. Jimenez-Viveros was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

June 5

At approximately 9:50 am Ogle County Deputies, with the assistance of the Oregon Police Department, conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of East Illinois Route 64. During the traffic stop the driver of the vehicle, Kenneth A Henry, 32 of Peoria, fled on foot. After a short foot chase. Henry was taken into custody. Henry was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license, no valid drivers license, resisting arrest, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to signal, improper lane usage. failure to wear seatbelt and operation a vehicle with no insurance. Henry also had an outstanding warrant. Henry was transported to the Ogle County jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.



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Oregon S.T.E.M. classes start in July

OREGON - Join the Oregon Park District for our new S.T.E.M programming series sponsored by E.D. Etnyre and Co.

Classes will be held July 7, July 13, July 31 and Aug. 4.

These are 45-minute sessions limited to 8 children. The next session will be held at Park East's shelter near the baseball field. The morning sessions are reserved for those 6-9 years and are 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m.

The afternoon sessions are for children 10-15 years old and will be held at 1-1:45 p.m. or 2-2:45 p.m.

After a short introduction to our purpose and goal, children will have the opportunity to experiment with the provided materials along with their peers to have meaningful and educated conversations. Ms. Amanda will lead everyone to find the correct solution by the end of the lesson.

These free programs are

Oregon Park District, Merlins offer classes

sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co. The program has limited availability per time slot. Registration will be required, and slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

On July 7 our S.T.E.M session will include making your own hand crank winch.

The deadline for this program will be on June 30. Register online today at oregonpark.org. You may also call 815-732-3101 if you need any help registering.

has been changed to curbside pick-up. Same amazing food by local chefs but

delivered to your car door. Plan a dinner date now for Friday, July 24. Reservations are required as a limited number of meals will be prepared.

The Farm to Table Dinner event is a fundraiser for the District's Youth Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will help local youth in need participate in Park District sports and recreation programs. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are accepted at any time so if you are on a special diet or out of town for this event, feel free to contact the Park District with a donation or purchase a meal and surprise a friend, neighbor, or relative with a fantastic dinner prepared by local "celebrity chefs."

We do not want anyone to miss out on this delicious three course meal prepared by chefs from: Jen's Artisan Breads, Hazel's, Ralfie's BBQ, Hector's Cocina, Northside BarbaQ, The Noble Cakery, O's Bakery, Lynnies' Kitchen and Ralphie & LuLu's. These amazing chefs from our community all volunteer to make these dishes and many of them donate the ingredients needed that we are not able to source locally. Most of the ingredients are donated by local growers and or berry patch. Without our donors, celebrity chefs and the Event Sponsor, Circle G Farms and Feedlots, this event would not be possible.

On the menuthis year you will enjoy Country white bread with honey butter, arcadian blend veggie salad, creamy cucumber salad, season grilled chicken breast, ralfie's signature pork kabob, herb roasted potatoes, fiesta sweet corn, candied bacon green beans and a dessert sampler with a cake shot with mixed berry buttercream, country fresh decorated sugar cookie, mini cheesecake with blueberry compote and a chocolate covered strawberry to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Dinners can be picked up to take home, or you can plan a picnic in the park, or take your meal to one of the participating businesses in Oregon with outdoor seating. Hazel's, Hector's, Northside BarbaQ, Franklin Street, and Cork & Tap (also offering a wine pairing special) invite you to enjoy your meal and purchase beverages with them on Friday, July 24.

Meals are \$30 each. Deadline to reserve a meal (register) is Tuesday, July 14 or until sold out. Call 815-732-3101 to register or visit www.oregonpark.org to register on line. Curbside pick-up will be at Nash Recreation Center between 5-6:30 p.m. Choose your pick-up time upon registration.

Chana Play Day cancelled for 2020

Due to COVID-19, the Chana Play Day committee has decided to cancel the event this year.

No one can be sure what

restrictions will be in place July 17, so the committee made the hard decision to cancel.

This event cannot be

organized in two weeks - it takes time and leg work to make it happen.

The event is now scheduled for July 16, 2021.

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6-ounce Boneless Chicken Breast	.\$13.00
8-ounce Fillet of Salmon	.\$15.00
8-ounce Fillet of Haddock	.\$14.00
8-ounce Fillet of Swordfish	.\$13.00

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OREGON - The Oregon Park District and Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers work together to offer fun hands-on classes year-round for those interested in gardening, flowers, décor and more.

In July you won't want to miss this opportunity to arrange fresh, fragrant flowers.

If you like to pick fresh flowers or buy a bouquet of flowers but have trouble arranging them, then this class is for you.

On Thursday, July 16 learn from the staff at Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers the tips and tricks to arranging fresh flowers while sipping on your favorite beverage at Cork & Tap.

Merlin's floral experts will also talk about cutting flowers, watering, and other healthy flower tips. You will leave the class with your own beautiful fresh arrangement in a vase.

CDC and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

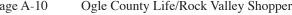
Please wear your mask to and from class and while moving around at Cork & Tap. Register online at www.oregonpark. org and choose between the 6-7p.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m. time. Class fee is \$33/ Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is July 9.



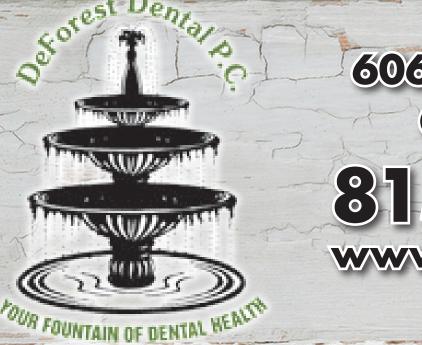
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Oregon Park District announces upcoming activities

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.

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 12-1pm. 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.

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. 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 Drivethru) 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 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m., through August 3. You are welcome to have up to 6 people at your table from your household or those that you feel comfortable with.

Register for a 30-minute time slot for \$3 (includes 3 bingo cards). Bring your own dauber! Additional cards and daubers can be purchased at the park for \$1 each. Please bring exact change. Please wear a mask to and from the park and while purchasing cards, daubers or picking out prizes. We appreciate your participation as all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.

Paint & Sip Canvas Painting-Vintage Truck

Join local Artist, Amy Fenwick, for a fun Paint and Sip Class at Cork & Tap (or alternate location if necessary due to social distancing guidelines). No painting experience is required. The instructor walks you through the painting process step by step. This canvas is 12" x 12" and you will paint a vintage truck with flowers and a flag. No need to have DIY mess at home, enjoy an evening out while creating this great summer canvas. The class is on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Register through the Park District at www.oregonpark.org or call the Park District at 815-732-3101. Class fee is \$33/Resident and \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is July 2nd. For more information, contact debbie@oregonpark.org.

Healthy Snacks Made Easy

Learn to make healthy No-Bake Granola Bars, Strawberry Frozen Yogurt Bars, Milk & Cereal Bars, Energy Bites and more with Beth Shenberger on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Class will be at the Oregon United Methodist Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. No need to buy expensive "healthy" snacks when you can make them at home. In this class you will not only make healthy snack bars and sample other healthy snacks, but you will also receive recipes and your very own silicone Pampered Chef snack bar maker pan with lid and spatula. Children 10 and under can register if accompanied by an adult. Class fee is \$37/Resident or \$44/Non-Resident and includes all ingredients needed to make healthy bars.

Participants will bring a few kitchen utensils/items from home. Registration Deadline is July 8. CDC and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Kids "donut Worry, Be Happy" sign on canvas – DIY kit Great Décor for your room! Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe. This prepared kit will have everything needed to make this fun sign (canvas, stencil, paints, etc.) as well as access to the You Tube Video guiding you through the step by step process. Registration Deadline is July 15. Kits can be picked up at Nash Recreation Center on Monday, July 20, 2020 between 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Make your own salsa verde with Hectors

Michelle Carreno of Hector's Cocina will be teaching you how to make fresh Salsa Verde at Hector's Cocina on Wednesday July 15. Freshingredients will be provided along with Hector's special mix of spices. Bring cutting board & paring knife to class as well as Molcajete (stone mortar and pestle tools for grinding). Not only will you leave with your own container of Salsa, but you will be given some fresh tomatillos for later use and a bag of Hector's signature chips to take home and enjoy with your fresh salsa. Only those registered may attend and spaces are limited. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Class fee is \$10/ Resident or \$12/Non-Resident. Upon registration \$18 can be added to have Molcajete included. Choose between 5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:45-7:30 p.m. Registration deadline is July 8.

Fresh flower arranging with Merlin's

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Summer Youth Tennis Camp

Tennis Camp is back at Oregon Park West! Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a fun filled week learning basic skills and improving on your current skills. Kristy is an experienced certified Tennis Coach and is the current Rochelle High School Tennis Coach. Please bring a Tennis racket and a water bottle. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt. Camp will run Tuesday July 14th- Friday July 17th. Ages 7-11 years will meet from 9am- 10:30 am and 12-18 year olds will meet from 10:30- noon. Registration Fee \$35/NR \$40. Registration deadline is Thursday July 2nd. Sanitation station will be onsite and government guidelines will be followed. Register online at https://www.oregonpark.org/programs/online-registration/

High School Sand Volleyball League

Grab your friends and join us for a fun Youth Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League on our new Sand Volleyball courts at Park West. Teams will consist of a maximum of 6 players with a maximum roster of 15, and there cannot be more 3 males at once on the court. Games will be self officiated and the season will last 4 weeks. Season starts July 10th and runs through July 31st, with scheduled games from 5pm -8 pm. There will be a mandatory team meeting on July 10th at 4:30pm at the Sand Volleyball courts to go over rules. Deadline is July 2nd and the registration fee is \$40. Players must be in High School for the 2020/2021 school year to play.

STEM-Lego Maze

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Virtual Duathlon

Many participated in our May marathon challenge while others did the June cycling challenge. Now in July, they are combining the two to create a July duathlon challenge for any age and any ability level. The challenge is to complete a half marathon (13.1 miles) and a half century bike ride (50 miles) within the 31 days of July. A perfect motivator this Summer to get and stay active! The program is simple, just register by June 30 and you will be emailed an official tracking sheet on July 1st. Track your mileage, submit via email and earn your finisher dry-fit T-shirt at the end of the month. Register today online at oregonpark.org.

Horseback Riding

Register through oregonpark.org for a unique and memorable experience for your 9-year old and up. Participants will learn basic skills needed to care for a horse and enjoy leisure trail-rides. Get hands-on experience grooming, saddling, basic group work and riding at each lesson. Lesson includes 45 minutes of horse care and 45-minute trail ride. Lessons will be differentiated but are not compounded, allowing participants to enjoy one lesson or all four. All riding will be trail rides with no advanced riding. This program runs on Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:00pm at White Pines Ranch beginning on July 11 and concluding on August 1. Individual sessions are \$60 for Residents and \$72 for Non-Residents. The full session is \$200 for Residents and \$220 for Non-Residents. Register today online at oregonpark.org.

Improv Camp

This fun new camp is for 8-12 year old kids who want to explore improvisation while learning to play more interactive games in a fun structured setting. This camp will be led by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Crosby, Directors of the annual Fall Musical at the Park West bandshell. This camp teachers the building blocks of improv and theatre. The games and exercises are mostly guided play that help develop teamwork and self-esteem. These are all designed to be fun with no pressure. Children will come up with own choregraphed skit(s) to perform at the conclusion of the two weeks. T-shirt included with each registration. The camp will run Mondays through Thursdays from 7/13 to 7/23 from 9am to noon. The fee is just \$40 for Residents and \$48 for Non-Residents. The deadline to register is July 6. Register online today at oregonpark.org.

STEM-Hand Crank Winch

Join us for our new S.T.E.M programming series! These are 45-minute sessions limited to 8 children. The session will be held at Mix Park's shelter on July 13. The morning sessions at 9 and 10am are reserved for those 6-9 years and old and the afternoon sessions at 1 and 2pm are for children 10-15 years old. After a short introduction to our purpose and goal, children will have the opportunity to experiment with the provided materials along with their peers to have meaningful and educated conversations. Ms. Amanda will lead everyone to find the correct solution by the end of the lesson. These free programs are sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co. The program has limited availability per time slot. Registration will be required, and slots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Deadline to register is July 6. Register online today at oregonpark.org.

Pack Wa

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., June 29

Oregon Park District offers Flamingo Bingo at the Reading Nook across from Nash between the hours of 9-1 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.

Tues., June 30

Oregon Writers Group meeting via Zoom. 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.

Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen has a distribution. Distribution will be curbside only. Please listen to our important automated call messages. The information changes. If you did not attend in May or June, please call 815-645-8872 to make an appointment.

Weds., July 1

Virtual Grief Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. There is no fee to attend. To register you must call or email cathyw@serenityhospiceandhome.org with your e-mail address by noon on Tuesday, June 30. All you need is a tablet, audio/video capable computer, or a smart phone.

Join the Byron Library's virtual Hoopla Book Club from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Our July read will be "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by

Kim Michele Richardson. Join in the discussion either virtually or over the phone. Zoom Meeting ID 885 8182 2730; Password 017822 or call in to 312-626-6799.

Thurs., July 2

Polo Farmer's Market starts today and will run through October. The times are 3-6 p.m. in the

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- * On July 14, 1798, Congress passes the Sedition Act. The act permitted the prosecution of individuals who voiced or printed what the government deemed to be malicious remarks about the president or the U.S. government.
- * On July 19, 1879, Doc Holliday commits his first murder, killing a man for shooting up his saloon. Despite his reputation as a deadly gunslinger, Doc Holliday engaged in just eight shootouts during his life, and killed only two men.
- * On July 17, 1920, Nils Bohlin, the Swedish engineer and inventor responsible for the three-point lap and shoulder seatbelt, is born. Before 1959, only two-point lap belts were available in automobiles.
- * On July 18, 1969, after leaving a party on Chappaquiddick Island, Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy of Massachusetts drives an Oldsmobile off a bridge into a tide-swept pond. Kennedy escaped the submerged car, but his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, did not. The senator did not report the fatal car accident for 10 hours.
- * On July 13, 1985, at Wembley Stadium in London, Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially open Live Aid, a worldwide rock concert organized to raise money for the relief of famine-stricken Africans. The 16-hour "superconcert" was globally linked by satellite to more than a billion viewers in 110 nations.
- * On July 16, 1995, Amazon officially opens for business as an online bookseller, eventually selling everything from groceries to furniture. Founder Jeff Bozos initially dubbed the business Cadabra (as in abracadabra), but after someone misheard the name as "cadaver," he switched to Amazon.
- * On July 15, 2006, San Francisco-based podcasting company Odeo officially releases Twttr -- later changed to Twitter -- its short messaging service (SMS) to the public. The free application allowed users to share status updates by sending one text message to a single number ("40404"). During development, one engineer suggested calling it FriendStalker.

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Reaching a milestone I never expected

People used to get a job and stay there for life. Great pension, good benefits and the comfortable feeling of a familiar job.

That has changed over the years, of course. An actual pension is hard to find these days, as most companies offer a 401K retirement fund that you fill with your money. Yes, the good companies also offer a match, but that is also not as common as it was even a handful of years ago. Benefits are also not quite as good as they were at many companies, and the pay gulf between the boss and workers has grown to Grand Canyon proportions.

Honestly, most people can't afford to stay in one job forever, unless you work for a great company or enjoy union benefits - something that is also disappearing.

I have never been a member of a union, and I have never worked for a company that offered a pension – well, the military did offer retirement, but I was not in long enough. The newspaper companies I have worked for have ranged from great to horrible, but they have all offered me a chance to do a job I love, and for that I am

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



thankful for them all.

Believe it or not, this month marks quite an anniversary for me, one that I find improbably and a little sad, honestly. As of right now, working for this newspaper marks my longest tenure at a job in my adult life.

Like I said, a little sad. Not sad because of the job, I love my job. But sad that I had to bounce around so much to reach career goals.

Journalism can be a very unstable job in recent years. Sure, I could have stayed at my hometown newspaper, where I worked from 1992-96. I could have stayed at the paper in California where I worked from 2006-11. Actually, I probably couldn't have stayed in California. Like a lot of newspapers, that one has been sold multiple times since I left.

So, as I have worked at the Ogle County Life now for more than five years, this is my longest tenure at a single paper. I worked at the paper in California for five years to the day. Here it has been five years and a couple of weeks.

Break out the Champaign!

Honestly, if I had not wanted to move up in my career, I wouldn't have moved. I could be a reporter or a copy editor in my hometown and still sitting at the same desk, I am sure. I might be comfortable, but I would never have lived in the places I have lived or experienced the things I have experienced.

My goal was to be the editor of a daily newspaper by the time I was 35. As I was in the military and didn't even start going to college until I was 24, I was behind at the start. But I worked hard and took some chances and by the time I was 35 was editor of a daily newspaper.

Before that happened, I was an intern at a paper, worked in sports and news at another in Arizona, worked in sports, news and as a copy editor at my hometown paper and then served as city editor at a daily newspaper in Nebraska, a great newspaper with a publisher so horrible I have tried to block that time from my memory.

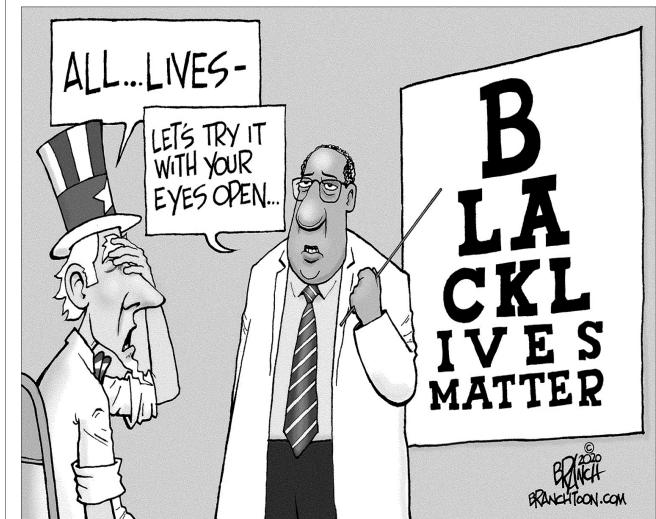
Finally, I went to a paper in Wisconsin as a city editor, and after the paper sold found myself in the big chair. Honestly, I wasn't that great at the job, but I had fulfilled my goal.

After that it was Minnesota for a few years, then to California, then to Illinois to work at corporate for a large company. That was also pretty soul crushing and kept me away from the things I love about journalism-telling people's stories and producing a product for them to enjoy.

So, I came to the Life in June of 2015 - my first time working at a weekly newspaper. I fell in love with Ogle County and, well, here I still am.

How long will this last? I have no idea. But one thing the last nearly 30 years has taught me is never say never.

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Our problems will not go away by simply ignoring them

If you missed Lowell Harp's The Unraveling of the American Democratic Web" when it appeared in the March 30 edition of OCL, you can still catch it on line under Ogle County Life – Lowell Harp. It is a must-read for everyone. (Note that online it is dated incorrectly as March 2019)

Harp sites the British magazine "The Economist" and its rating of democracies. In those ratings the U.S. fell from a "full democracy to a "flawed democracy." I had assumed that our rating had fallen in the past several years, but was surprised to see that it had dropped

to 25th among nations. "Varieties of Democracy Institute" agrees and states that the US is the only nation among the top 20 percent of democracies that has had a significant backslide (Lindberg of Sweden). To be sure, any nation that allows state governments to shape their districts so that the opposing party is denied national representation (gerrymandering), will not win any prizes for democratic purity.

Harp calls democracy "unnatural," a fragile form of government that has not endured throughout history. Coming to the bargaining table in good faith and settling for a compromise that only partially tain. Our human nature wants it entirely our way, and it wants it now. If an authoritarian regime promises power, wealth, or the dominance of our philosophy and religion, we're apt to fall for their promises, no matter how empty.

"The Economist" ranks nations not only on their electoral process but also on their faith in government, levels of participation and basic freedoms. A dictator will attempt to erode people's faith in their government and present himself as the righteous alternative. African and Latin American nations have a very low level of trust in government. European democracies tend to have a higher level, and the US falls somewhere between. "Bright Line Watch" states that since 2017 the US has seen a steep drop of confidence in our election system, despite studies that prove its reliability.

The "Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship" has outlined 31 areas in which the U.S. needs improvement. Included in this list are several obvious items such as less influence of big money in the political process, a less divided citizenry, and more equal distribution of wealth. Other less obvious suggestions are an increase

50 members, a decrease in Supreme Court tenure to 18 years, universal registration of eligible voters, and the designation of election day as a national holiday.

Recent events have taught us that problems such as racism will not go away if we ignore them. Neither will many of the other problems facing our democracy. Changes are needed badly, but those changes must preserve and strengthen the basic core of our democratic system and keep it from "unraveling."

Delmar Lohr, Forreston

Voting should be done at a public polling place

Mail in ballots are not a thing whose time has come. An (opinion column) in the Life advocating for voting by mail does not give a complete story and needs to explore human nature more fully in both fact and fancy. Emphasis was given about no fraud, well maybe low fraud, possibly negligible fraud as justification of mail-in ballot. I will go with the Federalist Papers (#51) view on man's character - If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would

In our present case we have the public polling place where the act of a private vote takes place under control and scrutiny. Public Polling is an act of security of individual vote. It is here that a person shows their individual qualification to vote of age, citizenship, and residence. It is good governance that guarantees the right person is in the booth.

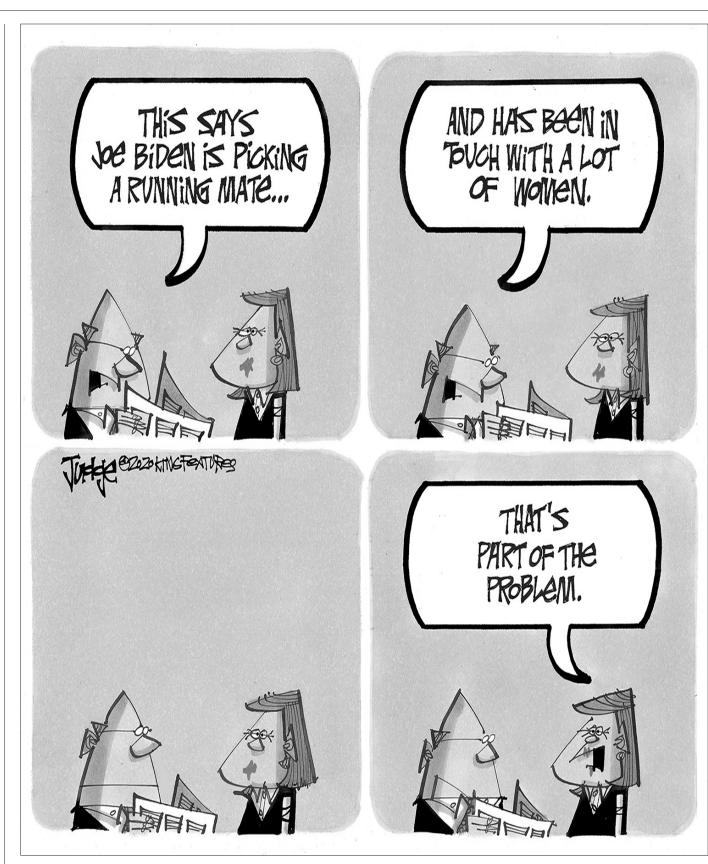
The vote is done in private, but publicly to assure that no other pressure is exerted on the voter. Not so in the home. Laws are written such that no campaigns shall be within a certain distance of the polling place. We can't guarantee that in the home. In public, the voter's hand secures the ballot. But not in the home. One ballot per qualified voter. No assurance in the home.

In fact there have been law suits across our nation to clear voter rolls of unqualified voters. Iowa recently lost a court case failing to clear unqualified voters. There were more registered voters than actual qualified voters. In California the excess of unqualified voters is in the millions. For sustainment of facts, check with Judicial Watch - an entity privately performing public oversight.

The lack of governmental diligence in cleaning voter rolls does not fit the narrative of secure vote by mail. Fraud has already been charged against a West Virginia post worker who altered the party affiliation on the envelope. What happens to ballots mailed to non-existing voters, but arrive at a residence?

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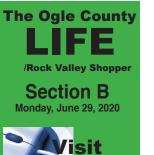
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OREGON - Registration for Oregon Jr. Tackle Football 2020 will be conducted at the high school Sunday, July 19.

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.

Koenig graduates from Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The University of Alabama awarded some 6,326 degrees this spring. Among the graduates was:

Carly Koenig of Stillman Valley, who received a Bachelor of Science in Educa-

The recent change to remote learning during this unprecedented time affected the University's plans for traditional commencement activities. However, commencement is a milestone, and the University wants graduates to have the opportunity to walk across the stage in celebration of their success. Although any plans are contingent on how the summer outlook progresses, all spring graduates are invited to participate in the summer commencement events scheduled for Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education.

Locals graduate from Central College

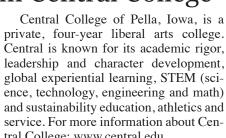
PELLA, Iowa – 207 Central College students graduated with bachelor's degrees in May 2020.

The following students are from your

John Ghibellini of Mount Morris received a degree in Exercise Science.

Connor Lewin of Stillman Valley received a degree in Exercise Science.

tral College: www.central.edu.





Duathlon

Many participated in the Oregon Park District's May marathon challenge while others did the June cycling challenge. Now in July, we are combining the two to create a July duathlon challenge for any age and any ability level. The challenge is to complete a half marathon (13.1 miles) and a half century bike ride (50 miles) within the 31 days of July. A perfect motivator this Summer to get and stay active! The program is simple, just register by June 30 and you will be emailed an official tracking sheet on July 1. Track your mileage, submit via email and earn your finisher dry-fit T-shirt at the end of the month. Register today online at oregonpark.org. Call 815-732-3101 if you need help with registration.

E-mail news items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com Please send photos in the jpeg format.







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cordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the

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Honors List

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dents named to the list

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Mount Morris Library News

The Library is opening July 1

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Curbside Pickup and Inner Library

- * Inner Library Loans return on June 29th.
- * 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 email-
- * 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 1st.
 - * New library cards:

College.

On May 17, the College held a virtual Commence-

ment ceremony, featuring

a video address by Sam

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- * 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

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

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

* If using a web browser: visit 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 1st. 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. As of June 24th all kits are still available.

Starting June 8th- PreK: Lightning bug craft, Kids: Bug Catcher activity

Starting June 22nd- PreK: Dinosaurs in playdough, Kids: Dinosaur Dig kits

Starting July 6th- All: Family Tree activity/craft, All: This is how I do it book

Bertolet Library News

- * Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
- * Calling all K-5th grade students! Stop in to the library each week to pick up a bag of take home crafts for our Summer Reading Program. We miss seeing all of you at our Summer Reading Program. New craft bags will be available each week through July 20th.
- * 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

Adult Fiction

Fog Island by Mariette Lindstein A Long Way From Ordinary by Ann

20th Victim by James Patterson Hush by James Patterson Bombshell by Stuart Woods Hit List by Stuart Woods

Adult Non-Fiction

Plan Your Estate - Nolo

Juvenile Fiction

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu Diana Princess of the Amazons by Shannon Hale

Kids Picture Books

Goldilocks and Just One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson

Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest by Gerald McDer-

Bigfoot Cinderrrrrella by Tony John-

* Insect: Friend or Foe:

On Thursday, July 16, Ag in the Classroom will be providing a virtual summer reading program called, "Insect: Friend or Foe." Participants will hear "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" by Kate Messner. The garden is full of insects and their mouth parts. The program will conclude with participants completing a craft showing the life cycle of an insect. This program will be held virtually on Thursday, July 16th at 10:30 a.m. Contact the library to register before July 8th and receive a Zoom link. The week prior to the program, stop by the library to pick up your "ag bag" containing the supplies needed for the craft and activities.

* A local resident has offered to give away her collection of 500 Harlequin Romance books to any who are interested. These books are 3-5 years old. Please call the library at 815-738-2742 for her contact information.

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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 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.

Sign Up for Summer Reading!

If you haven't already, sign up for our all-ages Summer Reading Club online! Amazing prizes include several gift cards (teen and adult) plus Beanie Babies, Tinker Toys, Pet Play Set, Slime Kit, or a gift card of your choice (children). The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Register at: https://byron.beanstack.org/reader365

Hoopla Book Club

Looking to join a Book Club? We've got you covered. Join our virtual Hoopla Book Club on Wed, July 1 from 6:30-7:30 PM 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 or call 815-234-5107 and ask for Beth.

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

Tuesday, July 14, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, on Facebook

Matt and Cynthia Gruel from Nostalgia Entertainment bring you fun, inspiring and joyful 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, rom 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!

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!

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Forreston Library News

Curbside Pickup

We are now offering curbside pickup! Pick up times will be scheduled when you place a request. Interlibrary loans will resume on June 29th so you may also request items from other libraries. Due to quarantine policies, delivery may take longer than usual. Please call, Facebook message, or email us at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com for assistance or if you have any questions.

eBooks/WiFi

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.

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.





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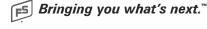
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Library Curbside

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Please note: Wait times for holds placed online may take longer than usual for pick up as we have a large backlog while items are in quarantine.

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 checkedout to patrons in advance and staged in a bag for your convenience. For more information about curbside and FAQs, please visit our https://www.juliahull.org/schedwebsite: ule-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 userfriendly 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

Join us for Summer 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, or message us on FB for a link to the program.

2021 Award Books

Get a jumpstart on your reading! The 2021 Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill and Abe Lincoln nominees are now available for curbside pickup. Call the library, place a hold through our online catalog, or download using the Axis360 app.

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 10am-5pm, Tuesdays 1pm-7pm, Wednesdays 10am-5pm, Thursdays 1pm-7pm, Fridays 10am-4pm, and Saturdays

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.

2020 Outdoor Concert Series - July 11, 6 p.m., Polo Library Pavillion

We will be kicking off our 2020 Outdoor Concert Series with The Beaux, a classic rock (1960s-1990s) cover band. The concert starts at 6pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. You're welcome to bring a picnic to eat while you enjoy the music! There is plenty of room to practice safe social distancing.

Story Time with Ms. Phyllis

At 10:30 a.m. 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

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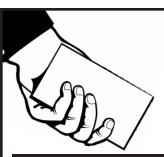
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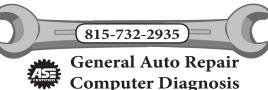
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2020 summer reading program – Dig Deeper, Read, Investigate, Discover!

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 with questions about all things related to Summer Reading!

Registration is ongoing for the Youth and Adult Summer Reading Program

Week of June 29

Monday, June 29- New Trivia Questions Available

Monday, June 29- Kaleigh Rogers Magician Show

Tuesday, June 30- Oregon Writers Group

Wednesday, July 1- Deadline for "Up in the Garden"

Wednesday, July 1- Absolute Science "Laser" Show (online)

Thursday, July 2- Video Story Time via Facebook, 10 m

Thursday, July 2 -Oregon Park West Discovery Walk vailable

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Adult summer reading program

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

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Every Tuesday look for the Talented Tuesday post on our Facebook page. Each week will feature a staff member and their talent or hobby. If you have a talent or hobby you'd like to share through our Facebook page, email cbergoply@gmail.com and we'd be happy to share your talent!

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 June 30, 10 a.m. Meeting ID 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.

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!

Wednesday, July 8th at 6 p.m. Go to crowd.live and type code O6W9Y

We will continue to use Crowdpurr.com for our Trivia format. You can play alone or send the link to your friends and create a team. You MUST send your Team Name to cbergoply@gmail.com to have it created before the 8th of July. Any questions or for more information, email cbergoply@gmail.com or call the library.

The Black Hawk War and Indian removal in Illinois – July 10th at 1 p.m. Brought to you by our Friends of the Oregon Public Library

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 Gov-

ernor 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.

Donuts & dad = Dadurday! – July 18th at 10 a.m.

As long as we are shelter-in-place, every month, we will have a Saturday morning dedicated to kids and their Dads. This month we will be doing this through Facebook with a recorded video and a MAKE N TAKE Art Kit. You must register for this Dadurday by July 15th to receive your Art Kits. Please call the library at (815) 732-2724 to register and schedule a pick up. Once you do, grab some donuts, your kids and enjoy our Dadurday program.

Books on tap book club - Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m.

We are hopeful that July's meeting will be in person at Cork N Tap; however, please check Facebook and/or contact the library if you would still like to participate via ZOOM or if circumstances require us to participate via ZOOM. This month's discussion will be on Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

Facebook page

The Library staff will be posting updates and virtual resources on our Facebook page as they become available. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the Oregon Public Library Facebook page. Also check the Library website page for online resources, additional updates and summer reading program information.

1,000 books before kindergarten

Now is the perfect time to start 1,000 Books before Kindergarten! It's very simple to start. Normally you would come to the Library, register, receive your own folder with reading logs and start tracking your reading. Well, we have to adapt to these challenging times, so register by emailing child's name, birth date, guardian's name, library card number and a phone number or email address to the library email (can be found on our website), or call to register, then just start recording at home the titles of the books you read to your pre-kindergarten child. Debbie, our Children/Youth Librarian, will be checking emails and answering any questions that might come up. We can arrange a pick-up time for you to receive your folder. Children can listen to or read stories on e-book readers, tablet computers, or other devices as well as the old fashioned way. You can even repeat books. Computer games do not count.

New releases

About Your Father And Other Celebrities I Have Known: Ruminations And Revelations From

A Desperate Mother To Her Dirty Son by Peggy Rowe (Biography BIO ROW)

Like Flies From Afar by K. Ferrari (Mystery)

The Stolen Letter by Paige Shelton (Mystery)

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Romance)
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Can't Hurry Live by Melinda Curtis (Paperback Ro-

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The Magnolia Sisters by Michelle Major (Paperback Romance)

Stages Of The Heart by Jo Goodman (Paperback Romance)

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Weekly Brain Busters

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by Linda Thistle

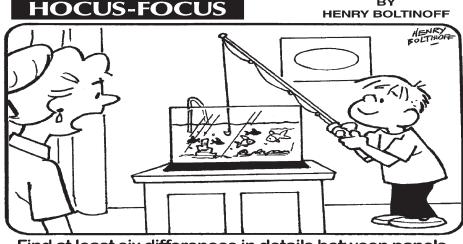
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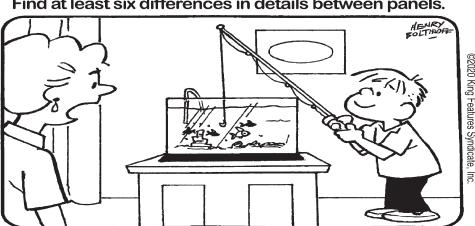
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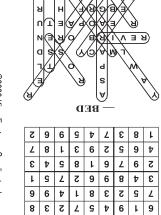


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IN THE MATTER No. **ESTATE**)2020 **PATRICIA** FRANKLIN,) Deceased.

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 5978 S. Indiana Avenue, Cudahy,

103 **AUCTIONS**

'Online Only Auctions' 'Koch Upholstery Shop & Classic Car' SATURDAY, JUNE 27th – 8 A.M. (Bidding Begins) FRIDAY, JULY 3rd - 7 P.M. (Bidding Closes) 727 First Ave., Rockford, IL

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WI 53110, and whose attorneys are 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 filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been

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

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

mv name from: Mary Kathryn McGinniss to the new name of: Marv 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

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL

Current Name

No. 0625 (June 15,

TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Mt. Morris Township in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Township Meeting of said Township will take place on

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 being the third Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Township

105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris for the transaction of the of the said Township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider Reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following agenda: Elect a Moderator

Approve Minutes of the

2019 Annual Meeting Approve the Supervisors

ILLINOIS

Annual Financial Statement Appoint an Audit Firm Dated June 18, 2020. Paula Diehl, Township Clerk No. 0634 June 29)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTEENTH
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Deceased.)
PUBLICATION NOTICE
INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATION

To: CREDITORS, CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Sandra K. Isenberg who died on May 11, 2020, a resident of Ogle County, IL. The Administrator for the Estate is Dawn S. Motley, whose attorney is Jeffrey L. Lewis of Klein, Stoddard, Buck & Lewis, LLC, 2045 Aberdeen Court, Sycamore, Illinois 60178. Claims against the estate

may be filed on or before January 15, 2021. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061 or with the representative, or both. Any claim that is 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.

On June 10, 2020, an Order Appointing Administrator was entered.

The estate will be administrated without Court supervision unless interested terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act 755 ILCS 5/28-4. Executor: /s/ Dawn S.

Motley No. 0635 (June 29, July 6, 13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE)
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ESTATE)No.
OF:)2020
DONALD)P 44
R. BOKKER,)
JR.,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Donald R.
Bokker, Jr. of Byron, linois. Letters of office were issued on June 16, 2020 to Bret R. Bokker

Bokker, Jr. of Bylon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 16, 2020 to Bret R. Bokker of Byron, Illinois whose attorneys is Douglas P. Floski of Floski Law Office, LLC at 220 W. Third Street, PO box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the in the office of the Ogle County Clerk of the Circuit Court at 106 S. 5th Street, #300, Oregon, or with Illinois 61061, representative, or both within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors. if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 the Illinois Probate

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Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with

the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorneys within 10 days after it has been filed.

BRET R. BOKKER

Independent, Administrator No. 0636 (June 29, July 6, 13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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GUY J. P)P 49
LACOMBE,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN the death of GUY J. P. LACOMBE of Illinois. Letters of office were issued 22, 2020, to Linda S. Chana, Lacombe Illinois, as Independent Executor, whose attorney Birkholz. Jennifer I BIRKHOLZ SMITH. & O'BRIEN, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois,

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before 2020, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has

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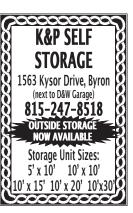
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What noisy brakes may be telling you

HE only noises many drivers ever want to hear coming from their vehicles are the sounds of their favorite songs blasting from their car stereos. But cars sometimes make noises that aren't nearly as inviting as music.

Noises that seem to pop up when applying the brakes can be especially scary for motorists. No one wants to drive a vehicle with faltering or suspect brakes, so learning to distinguish between the two most common brake noises can be a wise move for drivers.

Grinding brakes

The automotive retailer Pep Boys® notes that grinding noises indicate a serious problem with the braking system. According to Cars-Direct.com, there are two major causes behind the grinding noise made by brakes. If the grinding sound is audible when pressing on the brake pedal, this likely because the rotor disc is coming into contact with part of the caliper. This typically occurs because the brake pads or rotors are extremely worn down, causing the steel backing of the worn out pad to grind against the rotor. In such instances, Pep Boys® recommends replacing the brake pads immediately.

If the grinding noise is audible while the vehicle is in motion, debris might be stuck inside the brakes. Drivers might be able to dislodge

this debris by repeatedly moving their cars forward and backward in a safe place, such as a driveway. If that does not work, have the brakes serviced by a qualified mechanic.

Squealing

Many drivers are familiar with the highpitched squealing sound that comes from their vehicles or those of fellow motorists. That squeal, while certainly not music to the ears, might be a good thing. That's because Pep Boys® notes that some brake pads are equipped with small steel clips that serve as wear indicators. When brake pads have worn down, these devices produce a squealing sound to let drivers know it's time to get new brake pads.

But squealing can be indicative of other things as well. Squealing noises are sometimes heard immediately after brake pads or rotors have been replaced. In such instances, the noise typically subsides within a day or two once the pads have been broken in.

Glazed pads also can create a squealing sound. When calipers stick, the brakes stay partially applied, producing excessive friction or heat. The heat causes the brake pads to glaze.

No one wants to hear noises coming from their brakes. However, such noises are often a car's way of telling drivers that brakes need to be serviced.





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How to lower the cost of auto insurance

UTO insurance is a must-have for drivers. While it might seem hard to believe, as of 2019 there are still some places in the United States where auto insurance is not mandatory. Auto insurance is mandatory in Canada, though each province has its own requirements in terms of the minimum amount of coverage allowable by law.

Many people, even those in places where auto insurance is not mandatory, recognize the importance of being insured before they get behind the wheel. However, that doesn't mean those same drivers would not like to cut the cost of their auto insurance policies. A 2019 analysis from the online financial resource NerdWallet found that the average cost of car insurance in the United States is \$1,621 per year. Average insurance costs vary significantly in Canada, where data from the General Insurance Statistical Agency found that, in 2019, the average annual insurance premium in British Columbia exceeded \$1,800, while drivers in Quebec paid slightly more than \$700 annually.

No matter where drivers live, chances are they would love to lower their auto insurance costs. While there's no one-size-fits-all solution to cut auto insurance premiums, drivers can try various strategies to save money on their policies.

- Raise your policy's deductibles. Higher deductibles may sound scary to drivers, but raising the deductibles is a great way to lower the cost of auto insurance. The auto insurance provider Progressive notes that deductibles typically range from \$100 to \$2,000. A driver whose policy has a \$100 deductible will pay considerably more on his policy per month than a driver with a higher deductible. In fact, the Insurance Information Institute notes that drivers who increase their deductibles from \$200 to \$1,000 can save 40 percent or more on their coverage costs. Drivers who choose this option should always be sure they have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of their deductibles.
- Bundle your policies. Some drivers save money on their auto insurance policies by buying two or more types of insurance from the same provider. For example, homeowners may save money by buying homeowners insurance from their auto insurance providers or vice versa.
- Research potential discounts. The III notes that many companies offer discounts to policyholders, even if those discounts are not necessarily promoted. Drivers can contact their insurance companies, or shop around with other providers, to ask about various discounts that can save them money on their policies. Anti-theft devices, defensive driving courses, low annual mileage, and a strong credit record are just a handful of the many potential discounts drivers may be eligible for.

Drivers can reduce the cost of their auto insurance policies in various ways, potentially saving themselves hundreds of dollars each year as a result.

Charge up your car battery knowledge

consist of many essential components to keep them running efficiently and effectively. Car and truck owners should have an understanding of how their vehicles function so they can diagnose and address problems as they arise.

Car batteries are an important component of any vehicle. Even though engines are the powerhouse of any car or truck, without a battery, the engine wouldn't be able to work. According to Firestone Complete

Auto Care, car batteries work by providing a jolt of electricity necessary to power all the electrical components of the vehicle. This is achieved through a chemical reaction that changes chemical energy into the electrical energy needed to deliver voltage to the starter. In addition to initially starting the car, the battery also keeps electric current steady to keep the engine running.

The battery also works in conjunction with the alternator to power the electronics in the car, according to the automotive information blog Autosessive. While the car is running, the alternator reverses the current produced by the battery, recharging it as a result. This happens during long journeys, so people who drive for short bursts of time may find that their batteries will not have a chance to recharge and may not have the



Learn the function of a car battery and how to keep it operational.

longevity desired.

There is quite literally a lot riding on a functioning battery. No one wants to be caught stranded by a dead battery, so drivers may wonder if there are any indicators that may signal the battery needs replacement.

- Slow turnover: If a vehicle does not immediately start or if the cranking is sluggish and takes longer to start, it may mean the battery is starting to
- Frequent, short trips: Drivers who make frequent, short trips may find their car batteries do not have time to fully recharge. This, coupled with overtaxing thanks to a lot of accessory use, may cause the battery and the alternator to have shortened life spans.
- Low battery fluid levels: If the fluid level is below the energy conductor inside, it is often indicative of overcharging and excessive heat.

- Corrosion: Corrosion buildup, dust, dirt, and grime on battery connections may cause performance problems. Inspecting and cleaning the terminals can prolong the battery
- Odors and leaks: Battery leaks can produce a sulfur odor similar to the smell of a rotten egg. This can become problematic over time, and leaks may indicate an aging or damaged
- Age: Most batteries have a finite life span. A well-maintained battery can last up to five years. Neglect can reduce that life expectancy considerably.
- Bloated or cracked battery case: Replace the battery immediately if the case is cracking, as it could be because excessive heat is swelling the battery.

Understanding how car batteries work can help drivers keep their cars running smoothly.

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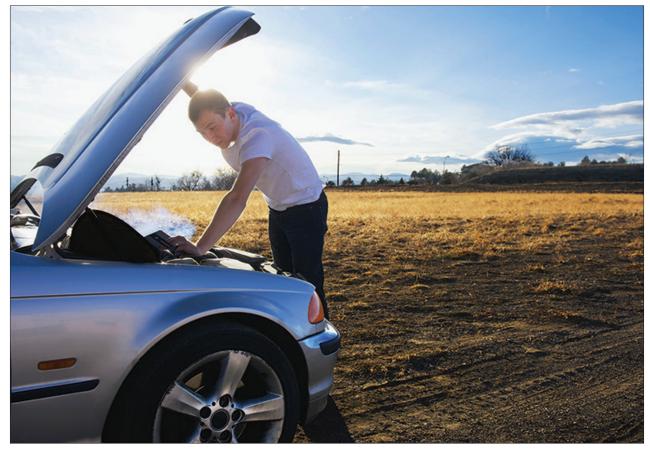
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Signs transmission fluid is low

require all sorts of maintenance to operate safely and efficiently. Contrary to popular belief, motorists need not be amateur mechanics to keep their vehicles running strong.

Major vehicle repairs are best left to the professionals. but drivers can learn to identify the causes of relatively minor issues that, if left untreated, can cause significant damage. For example, vehicles may exhibit certain signs of that indicate their transmission fluid needs replenishing. In many of the following instances, drivers may only need to top off the transmission fluid in their vehicles. However, if issues persist, schedule an appointment with a mechanic.

• Overheated transmission: Smoke billowing from a car is a sight no driver wants to see. But as bad as it may look,



smoke coming from a car may only indicate the transmission is overheating due to lack of fluid. Smoke also can be indicative of a host of other problems, so if transmission fluid levels are not low, consult a mechanic. Loss of power and a burning

smell also may indicate low transmission fluid levels.

• Erratic shifting: Drivers can notice how their vehicles shift whether the cars or trucks have automatic or manual transmissions. Transmission fluid may be low if shifts appear to be delayed or faster than normal or if the vehicle appears to be slamming into a new gear. The automotive service provider Aamco notes that shifting issues related to transmission fluid may indicate the presence of a leak. If the issue disappears after refilling transmission fluid but then reappears shortly thereafter, consult a mechanic.

• Pausing when engaging gears: A two- to three-second pause when shifting into drive and reverse is another indicator that transmission fluid levels are low. The

automotive experts at Firestone note that manual transmissions require fluid to keep gears lubricated, while automatic transmissions rely on fluid to create the hydraulic pressure necessary to power movement within the transmission. When fluid levels are low, shifting from park to drive or reverse can take longer than it

• Slipping transmission: Vehicles that
are not staying in gear
also may be in need
of transmission fluid.
However, a slipping
transmission also may
indicate significant
damage to the transmission has already
occurred, so this issue
should be brought
to the attention of a
mechanic.

Low transmission fluid levels can contribute to various symptoms. Keeping an eye on fluid levels and recognizing low fluid symptoms can keep cars running smoothly.

How to inspect and maintain vehicle belts

RESPONSI-BLE vehicle ownership involves taking inventory of the automobile and ensuring it is working at peak capacity. Hundreds of parts work together to keep vehicles on the road, but quite often drivers do not look under the hood until something is amiss.

Routine maintenance is widely acknowledged as a critical component of responsible vehicle ownership, but many motorists may not know how to care for their cars. Belts are one example of components that are integral to efficient, well-running vehicles. The automotive resource iDrive-Safely.com indicates that belts are some of

the most crucial moving parts in the engine. Belts transmit power between shafts, and all belts, from serpentine belts to V-belts to timing belts, all serve important functions.

• Serpentine belt: Firestone® Complete Auto Care says a serpentine belt is a long, snaking, winding belt that keeps parts such as the water pump, alternator, power steering pump, and air conditioning running smoothly. Serpentine belts transport power to automotive accessories. A failing serpentine belt can cause enormous and expensive headaches, including overheating and loss of steering power.

• V-belts: Also known as drive belts, these are



usually found in older vehicles. Unlike serpentine belts, which run through various parts, V-belts run through one or two accessories. Older cars with many bells and whistles will have multiple V-belts, and should one break, it may

not cause as much of an issue as if a serpentine belt were to falter.

• Timing belt: Advance Auto Parts says that most cars have interference engines in which the clearance between moving parts is so small that they can

end up bumping into each other if they're not running on the same timing as one another. That is where the timing belt comes into play. It connects the crankshaft to the camshaft, helping them stay in sync. Failing to pay attention to

a timing belt can result in an expensive engine repair.

Belts have finite service lives, and heat and wear and tear are usually their nemeses. It is important to look for fraying or cracking of belts. Even belts that look new may have worn out grooves that lose their grips on matching pulley grooves. Mechanics often use special gauges to check belts.

Belts also may need to be replaced due to oil or grease contamination that can damage the rubber or synthetic rubber. It is important to check the owner's manual and seek advice from a qualified mechanic about when belts should be serviced.

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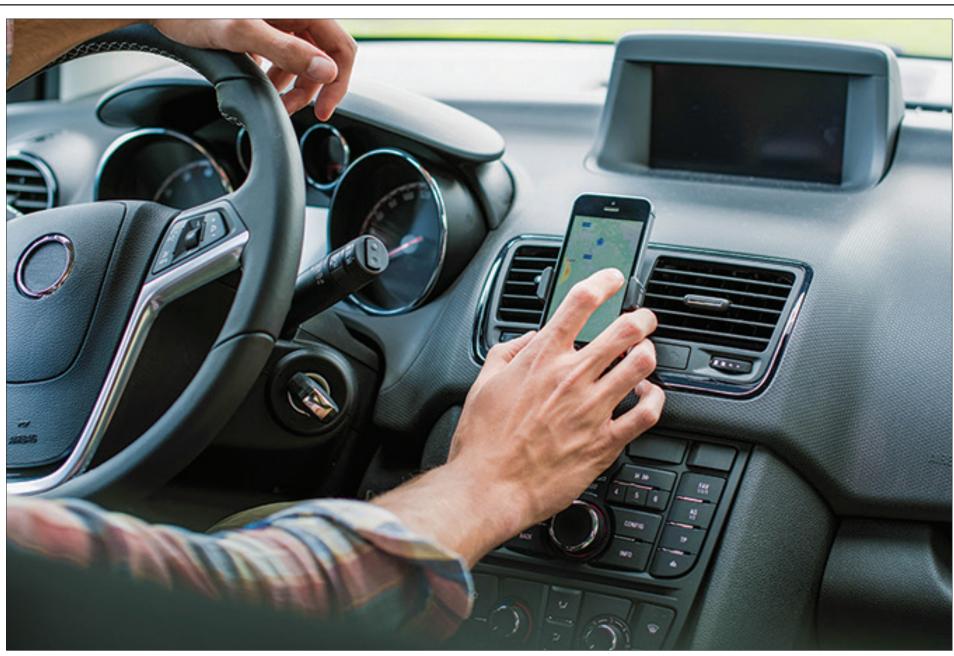
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If you must use your cell phone, do so only after pulling over to the shoulder or into a rest stop.

Reduce distractions behind the wheel

ESPITE the fact that automobiles are now designed with more safety features than ever before, the rate of traffic accidents and fatalities continue to rise. The National Safety Council says safety improvement like crash-avoidance technology hasn't reduced accidents, and driver error is still to blame for many crashes — with distractions behind the wheel and impaired driving leading the way.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving claimed 3,450 lives in 2016 alone. Distracted driving is defined as any activity that diverts drivers' attention from the road. This can include everything from talking to passengers to eating to fiddling with the car radio. However, distractions from technology have become especially alarming, particularly texting or reading phones while driving. During daylight hours, approximately 481,000

drivers typically use cell phones while driving. The NHTSA says that removing one's eyes from the road for a mere 5 seconds when traveling at 55 miles per hour is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

Reducing distractions should be a priority for all drivers. Here are some suggestions, courtesy of Geico insurance and AAA Exchange.

- Store loose gear and other items that can roll around away from the driver's seat so you are not tempted to reach for them.
- Adjust mirrors, GPS maps, climate controls, music, and more before you put the car in drive.
- Use a mobile phone only for emergency purposes and only after pulling over to the side of the road. Avoid social conversations on the phone while driving.
- Limit the number of passengers you allow inside your car. The more passengers, the more

distractions. This is especially true for young drivers.

- Eat food before getting in the car. Snacking while driving makes you less attentive to the road around you.
- Secure children and pets accordingly. Both should wear harnesses and not be given free reign to roam around the car.
- Try to focus only on driving while in the car. Leave the multitasking to when you're not behind the wheel.

Geico indicates that studies have shown people are limited in the amount of information they can process at any one time. Driving requires focus and an ability to react to a host of potential circumstances. Distractions compromise drivers' ability to focus. Reducing distractions can considerably cut down on the number of motor vehicle accidents each year.

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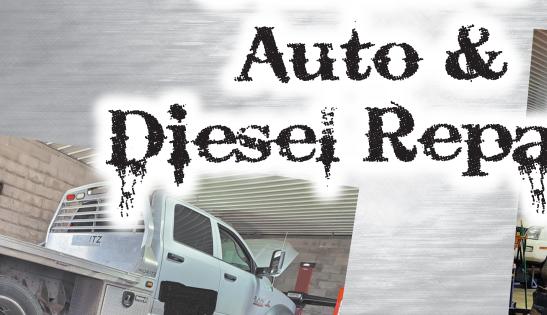
HEN shopping for auto insurance, drivers may be most concerned by the bottom lines on estimates they receive from potential providers. However, the In-

surance Information Institute recommends that drivers also investigate a company's reputation and stability before purchasing an auto insurance policy. Rating companies like AM Best (www.ambest. com) and Standard & Poor's (www.standardandpoors. com/ratings) vet insurance companies in terms of their financial stability. In addition, government organizations may be able to provide

potential policyholders with information regarding the history of consumer complaints filed against certain insurance providers. That history, coupled with information regarding a given firm's financial stability, can give drivers an accurate picture of insurance providers and whether they're trustworthy or simply the most affordable option on the market.



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