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Ogle County fair cancelled

Planning for 2021 already underway

In his first year as Fair Board President, cancelling the 2020 Ogle County Fair is clearly not what Tom Simpson wanted to do.

"It was quite tough," Simpson said. "There was a lot of meetings that took place prior to making these decisions."

But the board had to do this due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The first Ogle County Fair was held in October of 1853 on the lawn of the Ogle County Court House. Since then, thousands of patrons have attended the fair each year," the Board said in a release. "Our focus has always been on the health and welfare of our communities, families and friends. While we strive



each year to put on the best and most affordable fair the Global impact of the COVID pandemic has created necessary action."

On May 15, the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs provided, "Current resources that

focus on the COVID 19 (Coronavirus) situation." The guide has been published for the safety and best ways to protect our communities.

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Oregon works with businesses on reopening

OREGON – In response to Governor Pritzker moving the State of Illinois into Phase 3 on May 29, the City of Oregon immediately began planning to help assist our local businesses in creating outdoor seating space for use by their customers.

At a press conference on May 27, Mayor Ken Williams said that some city parking lots will be converted into outdoor seating for Oregon businesses. The conversion was expected to be completed by the May 29 opening date.

"Oregon is a friendly active community and we all look forward to the next step in controlled opening up of our businesses," Williams said. "We have an amazing and engaged group of citizens that came together to create a downtown dining and entertainment experience to serve our residents and benefit

our businesses." Working closely with the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce the City of Oregon has taken the following steps:

* On May 26 the City Council voted unanimously to place a temporary moratorium on ordinance 4-11 (No alcohol allowed on City Property). This will allow alcohol service in the outdoor designated spaces on City Property by permit.

* The City has designated the 1st and 2nd row of parking (excluding the handicapped parking space) in the 3rd Street Municipal parking lot for outdoor seating for restaurant and bar customers.

* A 20-minute parking space(s) will be designated in the 3rd Street Municipal lot for customers to pick up and drop off.

(See OREGON, A-2)

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Illinois moves to Phase 3

By Rebecca Anzel
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois advanced to the “Recovery” phase of Gov. JB Pritzker’s plan to incrementally reopen the state’s economy on Friday, May 29 after almost 70 days of residents living under a stay-at-home restriction.

It came as Illinois was one of only two states to meet federal COVID-19 guidelines to reopening, according to a ProPublica analysis. New York is the other.

Retail shops, restaurants, barbershops, salons and fitness clubs are set to resume business, but with restrictions implemented by the Illinois Department of Public Health to combat exposure to the novel coronavirus.

All state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites will be available to visit as well, and social gatherings of no more than 10 people will be allowed.

The changes are permitted because all four Illinois regions – groupings of counties based on IDPH’s emergency medical service districts – achieved specified

benchmarks. Those include a COVID-19 positivity rate below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days and a stable or declining hospitalization rate.

When Pritzker announced his Restore Illinois plan in early May, he said residents should expect COVID-19 to remain a threat until it can be “vanquished.”

“Until we have a vaccine or an effective treatment or enough widespread immunity that new cases fail to materialize, the option of returning to normalcy doesn’t exist,” the governor said.

People will still be expected to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing.

“Non-essential” businesses and stores, closed for more than two months to in-person customers and workers, can reopen Friday with capacity limitations, social distancing observations and other safety guidance measures from IDPH.

That same guidance will be implemented for barbershops and salons. And for those workplaces that can enable remote activities, it is encouraged they do so.

Restaurants will remain closed to indoor dining, but Pritzker amended the Phase 3 plan to allow outdoor, socially distanced dining. Delivery, pickup and drive-thru are still options.

All of the state’s 5,000-plus child care providers not in operation will be advised to reopen. Pritzker said for the first four weeks that they are open, providers will be able to serve up to 10 children per classroom.

“Once they have provided care safely for four weeks and have gotten accustomed to the new health, social distancing and sanitation routines, they will be able to expand to larger group sizes, though not yet at their fully licensed capacity,” he said.

Fitness clubs can also hold outdoor activities, as well as one-on-one training with an instructor so long as public health department guidance is observed.

The General Assembly created a Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to “participate in and provide input on plans to revive the various sectors of the state’s



economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic” when it convened for four days last week.

Because the commission “may request meetings be convened to address revitalization efforts for the various sectors of the state’s economy,” it is unclear what level of input legislators will have on the governor’s reopening plan.

Republicans, who long sought more input in that blue-

print, called the newly created body “window dressing.”

The next step after the “recovery” phase is “revitalization.” Schools and other child care programs can reopen so long as social distancing is observed, restaurants can serve in-house diners and social gatherings will be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Framers of the plan anticipate at least a 28-day period before the state can progress

into that phase, meaning no sooner than Friday, June 26.

Among the criteria for entering Phase 4 will be that COVID-19 testing is available to anyone who wants it, regardless of symptoms or risk factors; a contact tracing program must be in place; hospitalization rates must remain stable or decline; and the positivity rate must be below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days.

FAIR: Safety is the main concern

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“There is no guarantee of an illness-free event even if you follow everything in this Reopening Guide. ... health and safety measures are the best ways to protect live events and the people who create them, while also inspiring patrons to return to the places where we make magic happen,” said Steven A. Adelman, Vice President, Event Safety Alliance.

The Ogle County Fair Association met and reviewed the pros and cons amid COVID-19 pandemic,

along with recommendations in the guide noted. The Fair Association discussed when it’s legal and reasonably safe, sanitizing the venue, increased social distancing to sanitization stations, temperature and health screening with highest priority of safety for fair goers. In the interest of protecting everyone who would attend the fair, the Ogle county Fair Association took a vote and it was unanimously decided to cancel the 167 the Ogle County Fair. The board said the health risks and added

layers necessary for safety far outweigh the benefits of having the fair this year.

Simpson said the board has already “changed gears” and is focusing on the 2021 fair. He said they hope to make the fair “Bigger and better.”

“We could have never expected this to happen but putting our fair goers at risk would never be worth it in the long run,” he said. “Safety has to come first. We are all looking forward to next year and making it the best fair Ogle County has ever seen.”

OREGON: Organizations helped out

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* Odd Even parking enforcement in the 3rd Street Municipal Parking Lot will be suspended temporarily. (We ask the public to be mindful of the necessary parking for our local business needs as they begin to open. 2 hour and all other parking regulations will continue to be enforced.)

* We have designated the drive thru lane of the old Community State Bank (owned by the City) for outdoor seating. The public bathroom will be open (following sanitization recommendations) for use by outdoor customers.

* The City has designated the open space North of the Drive-thru facility for use for outdoor exercise space if needed.

* Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce continues to help coordinate and communicate the plans and needs of business owners.

* The City of Oregon Street Department will provide temporary fencing for these areas. The Street Department will also empty the garbage cans in the public use spaces daily.

* Many thanks to multiple organizations including Autumn on Parade, River Stone

Church, and others who have reached out to lend tables, chairs, and canopies for these businesses. Please contact the chamber if you would like to help by lending your outdoor tables to businesses at 815-732-2100.

“The City of Oregon is excited to be a part of this collaborative effort,” said Darin DeHaan, city administrator. “We are eager to do our small part in helping local businesses get back open and running according to State guidelines. We know how essential each and every one of our local businesses are to our community.”

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Oregon will have drive-in graduation ceremony June 19

OREGON – The Oregon Community Unit School District will conduct a “Drive-In” Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 19, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Blackhawk Center, 1101 Jefferson Street, Oregon.

The drive-in graduation will include traditional aspects such as a stage, lights, music and student speeches. Graduating seniors will have the opportunity to walk across the stage while following all social distancing guidelines.

When they arrive at Blackhawk Center, students will receive one assigned parking spot for themselves and immediate family members.

Families are asked to remain in their vehicles during the duration of the ceremony. Families will drive students to the stage where students will get out of their cars, walk across the stage one by one maintaining social distancing, and return to their cars to observe the remainder of the ceremony. Student speeches will be shown on a projector at dusk.

“Our students expressed a strong preference for waiting to have graduation in-person and together as a class one last time,” said OCUSD Superintendent Tom Mahoney. “The school district is prepared to make the drive-in graduation ceremony happen in the safest way possible.”

About OCUSD 220:

The Oregon Community Unit School District, board and staff are committed to providing the highest learning standards in a safe and welcoming educational environment. OCUSD 220 is located in Ogle County with schools in Oregon and Mt. Morris and has more than 1,500 students enrolled. It is committed to its mission statement to: “Educate students to be life-long learners who are productive, responsible citizens.”

Agencies offer free summer meals

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is excited to partner with The Oregon United Methodist Church and RiverStone Christian Church to offer anyone 18 and under free lunches this summer Monday-Friday at a drive-up location at Mix Park.

Meals will begin on Monday, June 1 and run through Aug. 12. Menus will be available at www.oregonpark.org. These institutions are equal opportunity providers.

Due to Covid-19, the Northern Illinois Food Bank will be partnering with agencies to offer a boxed lunch and breakfast each day from 12-1 p.m. at our drive-up location in Mix Park, Oregon from South Route 2.

These programs have been offered in the past but have always required on-site consumption and only one meal per person.

In prior years, Ogle County had 8 sites offering meals. This summer only two of the sites will be open to the public, the Mix Park location and Mount Morris.

“The Northern Illinois Food Bank has identified that most sites chose to eliminate the offerings due to a lack of volunteers and risk associated with enforcing social distancing and the updated guidelines,” said Erin Folk, executive director of the Oregon Park District.

No one will be turned away and this is open to anyone, regardless of location of residency. Please help spread



the word to ensure everyone in our county receives the food they need.

Folk said that in the past, about 25-30 meals a day have been served.

This drive-up location will also accept walk-ups, but everything will be contact-less. Anyone can request meals for children 18 and under and they need not be present to receive the meal. Meals will be placed in a trunk or seat. Drivers or anyone walking up will be required to wear a mask and volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves and comply with social distancing guidelines.

Folk said she believes this is an important option considering the, “current pandemic and the drastic effects it has had on many families.”

“I am pleased to partner, once again, with Oregon United Methodist Church and River Stone Christian Church to provide meals to our county,” Folk said. “A special thank you to the coordinators from each partner and the volunteers who will be assisting with meal delivery this summer.”

If you have questions, please call Nash Recreation Center, 815-732-3101.

Tornado confirmed on May 23

OGLE COUNTY – The National Weather Service has determined an EF-1 tornado with 90 to 100 m.p.h. winds and an approximate width of 100 yards caused damage on May 23 near the intersection of Canfield Road and Rocky Hollow Road.

Trained weather spotters observed several funnel clouds and the tornado resulted in siren activation without weather warnings.

A severe storm warning was issued on May 23 at 1:33 p.m. for southwestern Ogle County by the National Weather Service.

A tornado watch was also issued beginning at 12:33 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. for Ogle County as conditions were favorable for tornadoes in the area. Three rounds of sirens were issued in Ogle County Saturday afternoon.

The outdoor warning siren system was updated in April. The outdoor warning sirens will be sounded in the event of a tornado warning (funnel cloud spotted or radar indicated) and/or in the event of a severe thunderstorm warning with 70 m.p.h. or more winds, whole trees downed by winds or golf ball sized hail.

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Obituaries

Bessie E. Brantner

BYRON – Bessie E. “Bess” Brantner, age 82, died suddenly on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at Crystal River, Fla. She was born Feb. 24, 1938, in Big Piney, Mo., the daughter of Leslie and Martha Anna (Robbins) Lee. Bess graduated from Sauk Valley College.



She married Stevan C. Brantner at St. Bride’s Episcopal Church in Oregon. Bess was a retired Captain from the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department where she had worked for 29 years. She was a lifelong member of the St. Bride’s Episcopal Church in Oregon.

Bess loved to travel and enjoyed telling of her worldly exploits visiting

her children when they lived overseas. She was an avid garage saler and loved a good bargain. She enjoyed bingo and watching reality television. Her infectious smile and quick wit endeared her to everyone she met. She had a kind heart and was a warm and giving individual.

She was predeceased by her parents Leslie and Anna Lee, three brothers; Robert Lee, Russell Lee, and Ray Lee; two sisters; Maxine Dougan and Pauline Zeigler.

Bess is survived by her husband Stevan Brantner of Byron, daughter Jan (Jazz) Jaser of Inverness, Fla., son Brad (Dena) Teasdale of Spring Hill, Kan., brother Harvey (Ruth) Lee of Drexel, Mo., and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held with the Rev. Eldred George pastor of the St. Bride’s Episcopal Church of Oregon officiating at the Byron Cemetery in Byron. Due to the covid-19 pandemic no visitation will be held.

Patricia A. Franklin

OREGON – Patricia A. Franklin, age 93, died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born Nov. 11, 1926 in Oregon, the daughter of Frank and Gladys (Whitney) Hilger.



She graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1944. Patricia married John W. Franklin on July 27, 1946 in Mt. Morris.

He preceded her in death in 1990. Pat was a member of the Oregon United Methodist Church. She loved to play cards with her friends, she loved to do painting in watercolor, and she enjoyed the many flowers she would plant every year. She and her husband John enjoyed many years with

their friends at the Oregon County Club and wintering in Arizona.

Patricia was predeceased by her parents, her husband John W. Franklin, her son John B. “Jay” Franklin, and her sister Fran Glenn.

She is survived by her daughter Leslie (David) Sadowski of Cudahy, Wis.,

son Todd (Lori) Franklin of Camdenton, Mo., 7 grandchildren; Kate (Nate) Leach, Kyle (Shelley) Franklin, Chad (Amy) Sadowski, Scott (Jamie) Sadowski, Andrew, Whitney, and Madeline Franklin, 10 great grandchildren; Jake, Luke, Victoria, Anna, Mac, Jackson, Madelynn, Clayton, Jack, and Connor.

Private Graveside service will be held at the Riverview Cemetery. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there will be no visitation. A memorial fund is established for the Blackhawk Statue Restoration fund or the Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www.farrell-hollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Vicki L. Anderson

OREGON – Vicki L. Anderson, 71, lifelong Oregon resident, died Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in Serenity Hospice Home. Born April 4, 1949 in Oregon, the daughter of Harold and Mary (Ragg) Sigler.

Mary attended Oregon High School and worked locally as a CNA in home health care. She loved spending time with her children and grandchild-

dren and enjoyed being outdoors, especially in the summertime.

Survived by her sons, Mike (Monica) Rasmussen of Dixon, Rick (Bonnie) Rasmussen of Eldena and John (Lori) Anderson of Maple Grove, Minn.; grandchildren: Madaleine Shaward, Eric Rasmussen, Emily Rasmussen, Hunter Rasmussen, Chase Rasmussen, Abby Anderson and Aaron Anderson; great

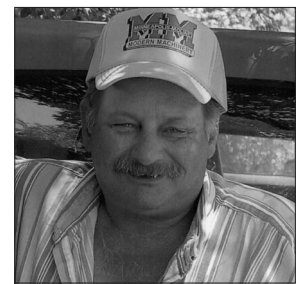
grandchild, Ezra Shaward; and brother, Harold “Bud” Sigler of Mt. Vernon.

Predeceased by her parents and brother, Jim Wakenight.

Private family services will be held with burial in Daysville Cemetery. Pastor Michael Hoffman of Oregon Church of God will preside. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

William A. Schmidt

OREGON – William A. “Wild Bill” Schmidt, 65, of Oregon died Monday, May 25, 2020 in his home following a sudden illness. Born Oct. 7, 1954 in Dixon, the son of Glenn M. and Grace W. (Sibigroth) Schmidt.



Married to Jody Johnson Aug. 26, 1986 in Monroe, Wis. Bill was a 1972 graduate of Dixon High School where he was FFA President and Sentinel and received his FFA State Farmer Degree. He farmed his home

farm and was a retired rural mail carrier for the US Postal Service in Oregon. Bill loved his family, farming, tractor pulls, John Deere and Minneapolis Moline tractors and telling

farming stories.

Survived by his wife Jody Schmidt of Oregon; daughter, Katie (Steve) Early of Oregon; and “sons” Richard Edlund of Oregon and Travis Cook of Chana.

Predeceased by his parents.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Neil M. Unger

Neil M. Unger passed away on April 15, 2020 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born on June 22, 1942 in Sterling.

Neil was a lifetime member of Samuel H.

Davis Lodge No. 96.

He is survived by three stepchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Patricia (Lantz) Unger, his parents and four brothers.

The family would like

to thank Serenity Hospice and Home for their excellent and compassionate care.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Church remains active online

STILLMAN VALLEY – Even though Valley Evangelical Covenant Church has not been able to have in-person worship services the past two months, the church is still very active in providing resources for all ages to connect together, worship, and grow in their faith through online resources.

Each week, Valley Covenant has a video worship service available for the whole family to watch together that can be found at ValleyCov.org or on their facebook page. Pastor Rick Lindholtz, the lead pastor, also offers a “daily listen” on the website, as a word of encouragement throughout the week.

The Bread of Life food pantry through Valley Covenant has also been very busy preparing and distributing food supplies to those in need in our community, with their monthly distributions on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Additionally, VECC Children’s and Youth Ministries have a variety of options available! For preschool and elementary children, Pastor Chuck Potts, the Pastor to Students and Children, is providing online access to videos, activities, and family discussions each week. For junior high and high and school students, Pastor Chuck has been connecting together regularly with the youth group through online group video chats and games.

Valley Covenant invites you and your family to join us in-person when we gather together again. In the meantime, VECC would love to offer you and your families these resources and ways to connect! Check out the website for updates and videos. If you would like access to the children’s or youth ministry resources, contact Pastor Chuck or the church office via e-mail (links@valleycov.org)

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Rochelle OKs plan to reopen restaurants, bars

As part of the Illinois Phase 3 reopening plan, City of Rochelle officials approved suspension of specific municipal codes to support reopening of local restaurants and bars.

The city has come up with a plan for businesses to use outdoor public spaces and the extension of liquor licenses under the limited capacity and social distancing guidelines of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan.

An outline of plans has been

made by city officials who intend to meet with local business owners to discuss what will work for them, specifically.

"We are going to meet with local restaurant and bar owners to find out what will work best for them," city manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "These are just guidelines."

Beginning immediately, the following opportunities and regulations will allow for local bars and restaurants to reopen:

Use of right-of-way and city

streets for public pedestrian use from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a maximum use of 60 minutes.

Use of parking lots for outdoor seating from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a maximum of use 60 minutes.

Within the areas designated only, the city has provisionally waived prohibitions on the public consumption or possession of alcohol. This prohibition waiver is for the consumption of packaged alcoholic beverages purchased

from adjacent licensed bars/restaurants only. After hours public consumption will be enforced along with public consumption outside of the designated areas.

Local and state laws and all guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health surrounding public gatherings and alcohol consumption will remain in full effect and enforcement by the Rochelle Police Department. This applies to public intoxica-

tion, disturbances, fights, noise complaints and other statutory laws.

"We are still waiting for final guidelines – we are currently under the assumption that we are following the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity guidelines," Fiegenschuh said during Tuesday night's council meeting. "We want this to be fluid, we have a meeting with business owners on Wednesday to find out what their needs are."

Driver services facilities in Illinois to reopen starting June 1

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today his office's reopening plan – beginning June 1 – with the first two months focused on serving only new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions.

Currently there are more than 700,000 expired driver's licenses/ID cards and 1.9 million expired vehicle registrations.

All Secretary of State departments and offices will be open for business on June 1. The reopening dates and locations for Driver Services facilities statewide are as follows:

June 1 – Monday through Saturday facilities (Chicago North, Chicago South and Chicago West) will open Monday, June 1. Expanded hours of operations are Monday 7:30 to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Springfield-Dirksen facility hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the first two months through July 31, these facilities will ONLY serve:

- * New drivers (most will be 16-year-old driver applicants)

- * Customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards

- * Vehicle transactions

Note: Chicago Central located at the James R. Thompson Center and Chicago Loop Express located at 69 W. Washington will reopen July 1 because these buildings will not be opened to the public until that date.

June 2 – Tuesday through Saturday facilities (Chicagoland suburban area) will open Tuesday, June 2. Expanded hours of operation for Chicagoland area facilities are Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the first two months through July 31, these facilities will ONLY serve:

- * New drivers (most will be 16-year-old driver applicants)

- * Customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards

- * Vehicle transactions

June 2 – Tuesday through Saturday facilities (all Driver Services facilities statewide outside Chicago metro area) will open Tuesday, June 2. Hours of operation are Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon. For the first two months through July 31, these facilities will ONLY serve:

- * New drivers (most will be 16-year-old driver applicants)

- * Customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards

- * Vehicle transactions

For all other services, please refer to the various departments listed on www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

"Throughout this pandemic, my com-

mitment has been to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents and my employees, while providing services to the people of Illinois," said White. "This reopening plan adheres to this commitment."

Protective Safety Measures

Customers and Secretary of State employees will be required to wear face masks unless a medical condition prohibits the safe use of a mask. Plexiglass dividers have been installed at all work stations and tape has been applied to the floor in 6-foot intervals to follow social distancing guidelines, limiting the number of customers inside a facility at one time.

For drive tests, employees will wear a face mask and a face shield due to the close proximity with the customer inside the vehicle. Customers will be required to wear face masks unless medically unable. Disposable plastic will be used to cover the vehicle seats during the drive test and then discarded immediately after the conclusion of the drive test.

Online Services Still Encouraged

White continues to encourage residents to go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of many online services – such as renewing vehicle registration stickers – from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Since March 17, through online services, the office has issued more than 775,000 vehicle registration stickers, 350,000 titles and 200,000 driver's licenses/IDs.

90-Day Extensions for Driver's License/ID and Vehicle Registration

White is reminding customers that his office extended expiration dates by at least 90 days after the governor's June 1 disaster proclamation executive order ends. This extension will ensure driver's licenses, ID cards and vehicle registrations remain valid and will help alleviate the initial rush of customers visiting the reopened facilities.

REAL ID Federal Extension

White also reminded the public that the federal government extended the REAL ID deadline by one year until October 1, 2021. White had petitioned the federal government for this extension due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People with valid U.S. passports are encouraged to consider delaying their visit to a facility to apply for a REAL ID until their driver's license is near its expiration date.

Historical Background

Following Governor JB Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order, White closed Driver Services facilities to the public on March 17. His office has continued to serve the public through online services, which increased by more than 50 percent during the office closures.

Ogle County Courthouse and Pines Road Annex reopening to the public

The offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, Animal Control, County Board Chairperson, County Board Vice-Chairperson, Planning and Zoning and Solid Waste will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1.

While COVID-19 is still a public health concern; these offices will be following the guidelines from the CDC and Ogle County Health Department. Before entering the building, a mask will be required, and social distancing procedures will be required and in place.

In an effort to be proactive and to better protect the public and county employees these departments may have operational changes with restrictions and limitations due to COVID-19 that the public will need to follow.

Please reach out to each individual office for further clarification.

Animal Control – 815-732-1185

County Clerk – 815-732-1110

County Recorder – 815-732-1115

County Treasurer – 815-732-1100

Planning and Zoning – 815-732-1190

Solid Waste – 815-732-4020

Supervisor of Assessments – 815-732-1150

County Board Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson – 815-732-1111

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Sign party

Mount Morris church celebrates graduates on what would have been their special day

MOUNT MORRIS – On Sunday, May 24, when Oregon High School graduates should have been donning their caps and gowns and gathering for commencement ceremonies, a small group of workers were throwing a sign party in their honor at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Trinity had put out a call for signs celebrating area graduates with a promise to install any sign they received on their front lawn along East Brayton Road. The goal was simple, to let those completing high school, college, nursing school, or training know that their achievements were praiseworthy, and they were not forgotten, even if the formal ceremonies needed to be postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Volunteers arrived at Trinity at 1 p.m. Sunday and began staking, stapling, and

tying down cardboard, plywood, handmade and print shop quality signs across their property. Observing all appropriate social distancing protocols, they wore their masks and stayed apart from each other while completing their tasks. Neighbors drove by and waved, and a few stopped to ask about the project and to take pictures.

Calling it #Congrat-theGrads2020, the effort was coordinated by Pastor Josh and Melissa Nicholson, Trinity's Christian Education Director. Using social media, Trinity Lutheran Church encouraged people across Mt Morris to put signs or balloons on their lawns and in their windows to celebrate area graduates.

"We cannot pretend to imagine the frustration our graduates might be feeling," Pastor Josh said. "Com-

mencement is the day of the school year when students are recognized for what they have accomplished, they can share a sense of completion, and be encouraged by the entire community as they take their next steps in life. We simply wanted to let all of our graduates know that we are praying for them and are proud of everything they've achieved."

Though early weather reports had promised rain, the clouds stayed away for most of Sunday. The volunteers noted that they would return throughout the week to remove signs that do not survive the elements, expecting to keep the sturdier markers up for at least another week. People are encouraged to drive by or stop along East Brayton Road and walk around the property to enjoy the signs.

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Volunteers pictured from left: Pastor Josh Ehrler, Sandra Stengel (kneeling), Mary Jo Dilbeck, Kendra Ehrler, Joshua Keene, Kelly Handschuh, Carolyn Dilbeck, Dan Dilbeck, Melissa Nicholson (not pictured, photo credit).

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.

Preschool Zoom with Ms. Teresa

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

June 3 – The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza, deadline to register June 1; June 10 – Mosters Don't Eat Broccoli, deadline to register June 9; June 17 – Curious George goes to an Ice Cream Shop, deadline to register June 17; June 24 – The Watermelon Seed, deadline to register June 22

Art in the park

Join us for tape painting on Wednesday, June 3rd. Sign up online by Tuesday, June 2nd. Limited spots are available for this free, socially distanced activity! Art in the Park is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

Make a keychain with Art in the Park on Wednesday, June 10th! Sign up online by Tuesday, June 9th. Limited spots are available for this free, socially distanced activity! Art in the Park is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

Paint in the Park

Come paint the park on the week of June 8th! Various time slots are offered on June 8th, 9th, and 11th. Squares are located in Park West and registration is required in order to socially distance during this activity. Register online to join the fun! This free activity is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co. Paint and water will be provided but you must provide your own brushes.

Stenciled summer sign with T+T (kit and video)

Learn the basics of stenciling with Timber + Tribe and make a trendy summer sign. This is a "kit" class where students will pick up their kit with all supplies

at Nash Recreation Center on June 15 between noon-2 p.m. With the kit, participants will be given access to the "How To" You Tube video giving step by step instructions on stenciling the summer sign. Choose from 4 different signs upon registration. Enjoy this project when it is convenient for you. Have a sign making party with those you are social distancing with or with your friends via ZOOM. Class fee is \$22/Resident or \$26/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 10.

Learn to make summer salad dressings, marinades and grilling rubs (in person-social distancing)

Join Lynn Kaufman with Linnie's Kitchen at Park West for a hands on class making dressings, rubs and marinades on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Choose between 5:15-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:15 p.m. class time. These are small classes following social distancing guidelines. Sign up today as classes are limited to 8 people only. The recipes used will provide easy ways to add flavor to your foods without the additives and preservatives of store-bought brands. The ingredients are included in the class fee but students will need to bring a few jars and supplies with them to class. The class fee is \$25/Resident or \$30/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 11.

Paint on canvas classes for adults and kids (kit & video)

Sign up everyone in the family and have a paint party with Amy Fenwick, local artist. Or, have a ZOOM paint and sip party with your friends. For those that have been missing these paint classes, we are now offering "KIT" classes where the image is pre-drawn on the canvas, all paints are included and purchasing the brushes is optional. Participants will be given access to a tutorial video that they can pause to finish each step of the painting process. The adult kit "Summer Cruise" is a bicycle with a basket of flowers and the youth class is "Hot Air Balloons", both 11"x14", and both have KIT pick up at Nash Recreation Center on Tuesday, June 23 between 12:00-2:00 p.m. Class fee is \$17/Resident or \$21/Non-Resident with the option to purchase brushes for an additional \$5. Registration deadline is June 10.

Kids: First name tie dye sign (kit & video)

This is a "KIT" class

ber + Tribe will provide the wood and all supplies needed for kids to create their own personalized first name stenciled sign. Don't worry, participants will also have access to a step by step "HOW TO" video with instructor guiding you through the sign making process. Upon registration, provide first name and spelling for your sign which is approximately 6" x 14". Kits can be picked up at Nash Recreation Center on Monday, June 15, 2020 between 12:00-2:00 p.m. Class fee is \$13/Resident or \$16/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 10.

Kitchen fun: Cut N seal kid creations with Beth Shenberger & boys (kit & zoom class)

Join Beth Shenberger and her boys in the kitchen for this interactive ZOOM class. Kids will have fun making crustless sandwiches, pizza puffs, tarts and more! Learn tips and tricks to using the newly designed Pampered Chef Cut-N-Seal. KIT includes Cut-N-Seal, recipes, grocery list, and ZOOM access for class on Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m. If you can't make the 5:30 class time, the ZOOM event will be recorded and all participants will have access to the recording to access class instruction. More than one child can participate and parents are encouraged to help younger children in the kitchen. Class fee is \$16/Resident or \$19/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is June 10.

Toro Tuesday

Join us for Toro Tuesdays for 2 v 2 games at the new courts at Park West. Sign up is for teams of 2 who will compete against other teams in no contact exciting games in the first Toro Court in the United States. These games combine elements of soccer, strategy and teamwork! Each time slot will feature 45 mins of playing time, with 15 minutes transition times between games. All players will receive a league t-shirt. There will be a 4 week regular season followed by an end of season tournament. Ages for the leagues are 10-14 and 15-18 years old. Wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged. Social distancing rules will be observed in these no contact games. No spectators will be allowed. An OPD staff member will be present at all times. There will be a hand sanitizer station on site. Registration deadline is June 10.

16th. Registration fee is \$30 per team. Register online at oregonpark.org.

Operation move

Time to get moving this summer! We have partnered again with KSB Wellness to bring you a series of events and challenges to get kids outside and keep active this summer. Operation Move is a free program and is open to the public. Until we can have events in person, let's do some fun virtual Operation Move challenges.

Week One- Virtual Run. Complete a 1-mile run, anytime from June 1st through June 7th. Submit a photo of you during your run to lesley@oregonpark.org by June 8th to be entered into a drawing for prizes!

Week Two- Step Challenge. This week walk at least 8,000 steps per day for at least 5 days between June 8th and June 14th. Pedometers are available upon request, limited quantities! Please email lesley@oregonpark.org by June 4th to request a pedometer. Submit photos / step info to lesley@oregonpark.org by June 15th to be entered into Prize drawings.

Thank you to KSB Wellness for sponsoring Operation Move again this summer and look for more events and challenges throughout the summer!

Pack walks

Dogs need to explore just as much as they need food and water. Join the Oregon Park District's dog trainer, Bree, as we explore local parks while working on indirect socialization and confidence building with our furry friends. This is a safe environment to indirectly socialize and exercise your dog among others. We do not allow dogs to go nose-to-nose during these walks. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age. The fee for each hike is \$5/\$6 Non-Residents.

* June 17 at 5:45 pm at White Pines State Park - Deadline June 10 (considered challenging terrain)

* June 1 at 5:45 pm at Castle Rock State Park - Deadline June 24 (considered challenging terrain)

State park hikes

Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh on a hike through Lowden State Park on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. The hike will feature a trail that is often times less traveled. Grant will lead the group along with provide educational information throughout the hike. This

Deadline to register is June 2. Group will be limited to 10 or less people and all social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Beat & shake music class by Aireloom Music

Have your 7-10 year old join Aireloom Music teachers at the Bandshell at Park West to learn about drumming with homemade shakers and drums. This class includes two classes on Thursday, June 18 and Thursday, June 25 from 9:30am-10:30 am. These instruments will be made of recyclable materials and be provided at the first class. The first class we will choose our drums and shakers and be able to decorate your instruments. The following week we will have a drum circle using the decorated instruments. The participants will then be able to take home their own homemade drum circle instruments. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Parents are asked to either drop off or walk the park path during class time. Deadline to register is June 11. The fee for this class is just \$10/\$12 Non-Residents.

Cin'S Treasures ceramic craft kits

Have fun painting your choice of one of these decorative dishes from Cin's Treasures. Each ceramic measure approximately 5" across. You will have a choice between an owl or a sunflower. Your kit will come complete with an assortment of 4 paints and 2 brushes and the ceramic assembled by Cin's Treasures Art Studio. These are for decorative use only and not food safe. The perfect at-home craft for any age. Those registered, can pick up via a drive through at Nash Recreation Center on either Tuesday, June 9 from 12-2pm or Tuesday, June 23 12-2pm. The fee per kit is just \$10/\$12 Non-Residents. Register by the end of the day the Friday before your pickup day.

Friends & Family field day

Lets' get out of the house and play at Park West with the Oregon Park District! Form

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

Virtual running group

No more sitting inside in front of a screen! Lets' get outside and get active! This program encourages individuals 9 years and older to get out to Park West and complete two runs a week either alone with a buddy! You can pick any two days, but we encourage you to choose a Tuesday or Thursday as we will have a sign in board at the lower shelter. Sign in on the board and earn an entry into our drawing for a prize. All ability levels are welcome and encouraged to join! Each Friday at 10 a.m., we will have a Zoom call to check in and see how everyone's runs are going, we will talk about topics such as stretching, drills, recovery, fuel, goal setting and more. Program runs from June 15-July 15 and aligns perfectly with our virtual 5K in July and will have you more prepared to get it done. Fee is just \$5/\$6 Non-Residents. Deadline to register is June 10.

Thank you all so much for the love and support, and all the cards, flowers and food in the passing of husband, Father and Grandfather. Thanks again. Fred J. Schumacher Family

Byron Farmers' market set to open on June 6

BYRON – The 16th season of the Byron Farmers' Market outdoor market starts Saturday, June 6 and will be open Saturdays through September, from 8 a.m.-noon.

The market is located in Sunshine Park located at IL Route 2 and Peru St. in Byron. The market features seasonal local produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more. A new vendor this year is the Rustic Oven Wood Fired Pizza. Their products will be packaged "TO GO" because there should be no eating at the market due to COVID-19 rules.

The Ogle County Health Department and Illinois Farmers Market Association have been consulted to ensure a safe and healthy 2020 season.

There will be a one-way flow through the vendor tables with the entrance at the East end by Hairy Cow Brewing Company.

In addition, the following Customer Guidelines are recommended:

- * Wear a mask.
- * If you're not feeling well, stay home.
- * Maintain 6' distance between yourself, vendors, and other shoppers.
- * Limit attendance to one member of the household.
- * Pay with exact cash. Do not expect change.
- * Do not touch products at vendor stands.
- * Do not eat at the market.
- * At home, wash all products thoroughly before using.

Contact Karen Finch for questions at karen_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

Oregon Police report

May 1
At 10:20 a.m., Oregon Police investigated traffic crash in the drive-through area of the Central Bank where a 2004 Chevrolet driven by Zackery A. Letcher, 25, Dixon, struck a pillar. No citations were issued.

May 2
At 2:22 p.m., Oregon Police is investigating a hit and run that had occurred at some point between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store, located at 1050 Pines Road, in Oregon, on this day. A 2007 white Toyota Camry belonging to Shelby R. Hummel, 24, Oregon, was struck by an unknown vehicle, that left blue paint transfer and the impression of a bumper sticker for the Illinois Sheriff's Association on Hummel's vehicle. Anyone with any information of this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

4 parking citations issued from 04/27/2020 through 05/03/2020.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 04/27/2020 through 05/03/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	7	Citizen Complaints	10
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	6	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	6
Disturbance / Dom Battery	2	Lockout Vehicle / Building	1
Alarm Response	1	Ordinance Violations	6
Traffic Stops	3		

May 7
At 6:36 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 700 block of E. Washington Street, resulting in the arrest of Taylor R. Young, 22, Oregon, for domestic battery. Young was transported to the Ogle County jail.

May 8
At 11:11 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 300 block of S. 2nd Street, resulting in the arrest of Lamarcus A. Fulson, 20, Rockford, for domestic battery and interfering with the reporting of a domestic battery. Fulson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

7 parking citations and 5 verbal warnings issued from 05/04/2020 through 05/10/2020.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 05/04/2020 through 05/10/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	5	Citizen Complaints	8
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	4	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	4
Disturbance / Dom Battery	3	911 Hang-up / Open Line	2
Ordinance Violations	8		

May 17
At 2:04 p.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old male juvenile of Oregon into limited custody for purchasing tobacco product as a minor. This juvenile was released into his parent's custody. The Oregon Police also took into limited custody one 16-year-old male juvenile of Oregon into limited custody for selling tobacco products. This juvenile was issued a city citation for this violation and referred to the State's Attorney's Office with a petition for juvenile delinquency requested. These violations occurred in the 600 block of Franklin Street.

1 parking citation issued from 05/11/2020 through 05/17/2020.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 05/11/2020 through 05/17/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	8	Citizen Complaints	8
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	5	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	5
Disturbance / Dom Battery	1	911 Hang-up / Open Line	5
Lockout Vehicle / Building	2	Ordinance Violations	16

Polo Police report

General Calls for Service for the weeks of April 19, 2020 thru May 17, 2020

Citizen Complaints	29
Animal Complaints	11
Disturbance/Domestic	6
Fire/Medical Assist	9
911 Hang Up	4
Traffic Stops	6

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Mon., June 1

The Bertolet Memorial Library will reopen today. We will resume our regular hours: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

The offices of the County Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, Animal Control, County Board Chairperson, County Board Vice-Chairperson, Planning and Zoning and Solid Waste will reopen to the public today.

Weds., June 3

Virtual Grief Group 6-7

p.m. at Serenity Hospice and Home. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. There is no fee to attend. All you need is a tablet, audio/video capable computer, or a smart phone. To register you must call 815-732-4111 with your e-mail address, or e-mail cathyw@serenityhospiceandhome.org, by noon on Tuesday June 2.

Join the Oregon Park District for tape painting. Sign up online by Tuesday, June 2. Limited spots are available for this free, socially distanced activity! Art in the Park is sponsored by

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Thurs., June 4

Video Story Time from the Oregon Public Library, 10 a.m.

Sat., June 6

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local produce, baked goods, plants, popcorn, area crafters and more.

Due to safety concerns with Covid 19, the committee organizing the Leaf River All-School Reunion scheduled for today will be postponed until next year.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 18, 1812, the day after the Senate and the House of Representatives vote to declare war against Great Britain, President James Madison signs the declaration into law -- and the War of 1812 begins. It was partly in response to the forcible induction of American seaman into the British Royal Navy.

* On June 15, 1846, Great Britain and the U.S. sign the Oregon Treaty, establishing the U.S.-Canadian border as the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Strait of Georgia.

* On June 16, 1884, the first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in New York. Known as a switchback railway, the roller coaster traveled at approximately 6 mph and cost a nickel to ride.

* On June 19, 1905, some 450 people attend the opening day of the world's first nickelodeon, located in Pittsburgh. The storefront theater boasted 96 seats and charged each patron 5 cents to view live vaudeville acts as well as short films.

* On June 17, 1958, the Second Narrows Bridge, being built to connect eastern and northern Vancouver in western Canada, collapses, killing 59 workers. The bridge rose 175 feet above the water.

* On June 20, 1975, "Jaws," a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town became an instant blockbuster and the highest-grossing film ever at the time.

* On June 21, 1982, John W. Hinckley, Jr., who on March 30, 1981, shot President Ronald Reagan outside a Washington, D.C. hotel, was found not guilty of attempted murder by reason of insanity. Hinckley's defense argued that he was obsessed with the 1976 film "Taxi Driver" and the lead actress, Jodie Foster. Hinckley was released from the mental institution in 2018.

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Voting should be easy for everyone

I remember the first time I voted in a presidential election. It felt like a very big deal to me, and I was proud to do it.

Because I was in the military, I voted by mail. The military has voted by mail for decades.

So I was surprised recently when voting by mail was suddenly under attack. It honestly made no sense to me. Voting by mail is easy, and voting by paper ballot is more secure than using a voting machine.

I was glad to see that across the board, voting by mail was supported by people across the political spectrum. That's because they know the truth about it and how easy and successful it is and can be.

Many states, of course, offer a vote by mail. Most are for absentee voters -- like those in the military. But a few states -- Oregon, Washington and Colorado -- conduct elections completely by mail.

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



And guess what? There has been no voter fraud disaster. In fact, although many push voter fraud as a huge problem, it is very rare. In fact, it is almost non-existent. It has been probed and studied and -- even when those searching believe it has happened -- they simply cannot find voter fraud. There are cases here and there -- from both parties -- but nothing statistically significant.

So why are you of the concern about voting by mail? Well,

I believe it is because some people in political office want as few people as possible voting. Why would anyone ever want to make voting more difficult when it should be less difficult? Well, you know the answer, don't you?

Remember, people can say anything. They can scream about voter fraud and millions of missing votes all they want. But those claims have been investigated -- from California to Florida -- and they have been found to be wrong.

We must understand in this country that truth and reality still matter.

And the truth is that voting by mail would make it easier for Americans to vote. I would think any politicians worth their weight in campaign slogans would love that. Should people win on their platforms and their performance, and not who they shut out of the voting process?

Yes, they should. And if you think it is fine to disen-

franchise millions of voters, please don't tell me you love American and what it stands for.

A couple of states are now considering mailing ballots out to voters in the face of the current pandemic. Sure, this will be over eventually. But voting from home by mail make sense to me. It has proven to be safe and secure.

Again, there has not been "massive" voter fraud through the mail, as some have suggested. That is only in the minds of a select few.

Please don't buy into the newest attempt to keep as many people from voting as possible. Win elections with your ideas, not your stunts to keep people from voting or by making voting more difficult.

I am still proud every time I vote, as are my children -- now voters themselves. I hope that the process becomes even more open and easier as time moves on.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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COVID-19? Real fear is the destruction of freedoms

Dear Editor,

No, it is not COVID-19 that scares me!

Knowing what happened in the Wisconsin State Supreme court, and faced with law suits against the continuance of his "emergency orders" here in Illinois, Governor Pritzker, our elected official, (who takes an oath of office to uphold the constitution by the way), announced that not following his orders was not acceptable for his subjects!

Today, 5/20/2020, Governor Pritzker stood at a podium and admitted that he did not have the authority to violate the Constitution.

So, what does Mr. Pritzker do; he has a secretive committee generate "law" while the legislature is not in session; now the legislature does not have to debate this "law" all they have to do is say yes to the "law," to give him authority and enforcement over his subjects.

I hope and I pray that this "law" (if the legislature is anti-Constitution enough to say yes) is challenged at every level, because it violates our Constitution and our unalienable rights to ". . . . life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." There is a reason why "emergency orders" are limited!

No, my fear is not COVID-19, my fear is the destruction of our freedoms; after all; How do you eat the elephant? One bite at a time, that is how!

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LOTS & ACREAGE

OREGON! Two buildable lots in Oregon. Perfect for single family or duplex. Lot size 132x132. City sewer & water at street. \$35,000. dickersonnieman.com/201905097
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Bread of Life has upcoming distributions

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. If you are in need, we will provide you with groceries to bring home. We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. Upcoming dates are June 9 and July 14. Distribution will be curbside only. Recipients who attended in May will come the same time in June. If you did not attend in May, please call 815-645-8872 to make an appointment.

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502 S Second St Oregon \$20,000 Call Mark

3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, 2 car garage. House and garage will have to be cleaned out and seller is selling it "AS IS." This is a fixer upper that wants to be beautiful again. Bring your tools and imagination to create a masterpiece. The house and garage need to be cleaned out. SOLD AS IS



875 N Etnyre Terrace Oregon \$189,900 Call Mark

3200 sq ft Raised Ranch with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths with walk out lower level. 2 wood burning fireplaces, large lot with privately fenced in back yard. Sits on a Cul-du-sac next to a walking path. Wooded private setting. All appliances stay, washer and dryer are negotiable. Hardwood floors. Roof and furnace 2002, air 2006, whole house fan, wired for whole house generator.



4434 Bickford Oswego \$299,900 Call Andrea

Beautiful 4 bedroom, two story home in Hunt Club Subdivision, close to town open concept living area looking out to your fenced in back yard. Kitchen overlooks living area and has a walk-in pantry with an island. Master suite has an enormous walk in closet, double sinks and extra storage. Large second floor laundry room and loft. Almost 1300 square feet of unfinished basement with endless potential. Walking distance to highly ranked Hunt Club Elementary School, access to clubhouse with pool, fitness center and new waking path. All appliances stay as well as the nest thermostat and doorbell.

ACREAGE FOR SALE



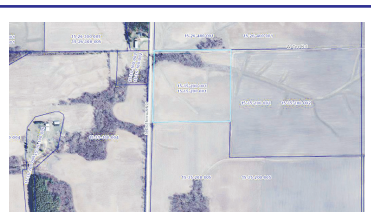
000 S Daysville Road (37 Acres) Franklin Grove \$359,385 Call Carla

37 acres of prime farmland is now being offered. Located on Daysville Rd just South of Flagg Rd and North of RT 38. This can be purchased independently or along with house on 10 acres with full grain set up, MLS #202000551.



298 E Egan Road (20 Acres) Leaf River \$275,000 Call Rebecca

20 Acres in the BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT! Looking for a gorgeous site in the country- you have found your property! This charming farmette set up features a number of outbuildings including a 40x80 machine shed & 5,000 sq ft+ historic barn! There is an older farm home on the property that could possibly be rehabbed or you could build your own dream home from the ground up! 5 tillable acres currently rented. A great mix of trees, tillable land and country views. Zoned AG.



000 S Butternut Road (20 Acres) Oregon \$150,000 Call Mark

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000 W Edgewood Road (13 Acres) Dixon \$112,500 Call Stephanie

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000 N Ill Route 2 (15 Acres) Oregon \$114,000 Call Carla

15 Acres on the Rock River! This parcel is located just South of the public boat launch on the West side of the river near Stronghold Castle. This property is in the flood plain. Zoned AG-1, this is the perfect opportunity to build your getaway. All permits are subject to state approval. This is prime river frontage. Don't Delay - Call Today! *Measurements are approximate!

Birthday



Himbert turns 95

Mary L. Himbert is turning 95 on June 14. Let's celebrate her birthday during this pandemic. All cards and notes would be greatly appreciated. Her address is Independence Village, 3655 N. Alpine, Apt. A205, Rockford IL 61114.

Area student achieves top ACT score

STILLMAN VALLEY – Brooke Mickey, a senior at Stillman Valley High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

Her parents are Jeff and Brigitte Mickey. Fewer than half of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2019, only 4,879 out of nearly 1.8 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Mickey's favorite subjects are math and science. She qualified for Sectionals and State for WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) team. She was on the Math Team and qualified for State all four years. Mickey would like to thank Diane Koenig, her Calculus professor and Math Team coach, for her continuous encouragement and support.

Stillman Valley High School recognizes students who receive perfect ACT scores by displaying the student's name and ACT score on a banner at the school. Mickey is honored to have her banner hanging next to those of students who earned the same achievement in prior years.

Mickey will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this fall. She will participate in the honors program and will study Mechanical Engineering. In the future, Brooke plans to work in the aerospace industry.



Gardening hotline open

This may be your first year starting a garden? Do you have a gardening question? Want to get a mystery plant or insect identified? Or find out what's wrong with your, (well fill in the blank). You can call or email your question at the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Ogle County call 815-732-2191, or email your question with photos, uiemg-ogle@illinois.edu. The hotline is available now through September. We'll make sure your question gets answered by our expert Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners are volunteers who are trained by University of Illinois Extension Educators. They offer expert advice on gardening questions.

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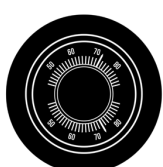
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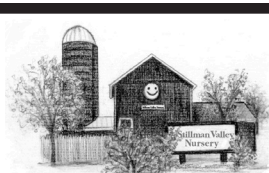
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Polo Library News

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Beginning June 1st, we will provide curbside delivery of prearranged orders of materials. To take advantage of this service, call the library at 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org at least one business day prior to your desired pick up day, and give us a list of what you'd like (10 item maximum). Pickup will be available according to the following alternating week schedule:

- June 1-7 - Monday 10-2, Wednesday 3-7, Friday 10-2
- June 8-14 - Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 3-7, Saturday 10-2
- June 15-21 - Monday 10-2, Wednesday 3-7, Friday 10-2

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June 22-27 - Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 3-7, Saturday 10-2

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

The library building will remain closed at this time. However, further reopening steps are part of a phased plan that is currently in place, which takes into account the safe business practice recommendations of local, state, and national health organizations, area case numbers, and the

availability of cleaning and protective supplies.

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.

We are very excited to be able to get books, movies and more out to all of you starting on June 1st, and we will communicate any further reopening steps via the library's website, www.pololibrary.org; Facebook page, Facebook.com/Polo Library; newspaper articles, and the library newsletter.

Online Resources

Download Axis 360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby,

and Biblioboard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at pololibrary.org

Need a Library Card?

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

Materials Renewed

All currently checked out materials have been renewed until June 26th

2020 Summer Reading

Program

June 1-July 31 - "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!"

Our 2020 Summer Reading Program has gone digital! We have programs for all ages. Visit our website, pololibrary.org, to register.

Read for a Cause

With the help of Community Partners, our Summer Reading Program can make a difference. Instead of physical prizes this year, we will be reading towards a monetary donation to the Polo Lifeline Food Pantry. Join us in reading and give back to our community this summer!

Would you, your busi-

ness, or your organization be interested in being a Community Partner? Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org for more information.

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

We sincerely hope that everyone stays healthy and safe during this time.

Mount Morris Library News

Curbside Pickup Beginning June 1st

- * Only Mt. Morris patrons can place holds on Mt. Morris items.
- * There is NO library to library delivery.
- * Neighboring patrons will not be able to place holds on our materials using Encore.
- * ALL Patrons may check out items if they call in or request through email.
- * This is the same for all libraries not just our neighboring institutions.
- * You may leave a voicemail with your full name, number, and requests if we are unavailable.
- * There is no fine on previously checked out items.
- * All notices for holds will come from library staff members.
- * PrairieCat has turned off all notifications.
- * We do not have an option to turn them on for only our library.
- * We call or email all patrons to notify them when to pick up their items.
- * No overdue or bill notices will be sent.
- * 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.
- * Patrons can start to place their holds on Monday, June 1st.
- * 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:
- * 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

Virtual Story Time- Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Join Miss Kaitlyn for story time at home! Visit our Facebook page every Wednesday.

Summer Reading Program!

Summer Reading Program is upon us! Unlike years past we will have no in person programs. Instead we will be using an online resource to track books, provide missions to complete at home, and track rewards. We will have fun rewards for those who reach goals at the end of the summer. This will include Mary Cheatwood dressing up as either a Princess, a Clown, or a Dinosaur if we collectively can read 1700 books! The missions are fun activities to do at home or outdoors that will earn you badges. Badges will earn raffle tickets for prizes at the end of the summer.

Signing up for Summer Reading Program - Registration begins May 26

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

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

* If using a web browser: visit mtmorrisreads.readsquared.com 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 plans to reopen for lending purposes we will not be having any in person activities this summer. We are also working on how to include those that will

not be able to use an internet based program. Keep your eyes open for more information as we work through this change. Follow us on Facebook for more frequent updates and details about SRP.

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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 completely closed 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 Starting June 1

Starting on June 1, the Byron Library will be 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.

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.

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. for Virtual Story Time. Virtual story times will run weekly through the end of May. No registration needed!

Parking Lot WiFi

Don't have reliable internet at home? The Byron Library may be closed, but there is still WiFi available! Park along our south wall and look for the WiFi network names and passwords in the window. Available 24/7!

Check out our eBooks!

The library may be closed, but you can still get library books without leaving home! Visit the Byron Library's webpage to access our eBook resources - OMNI, eRead Illinois, Hoopla, and Biblioboard. All you need is your smart device and your library card. Available 24/7!

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Library Cards

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

Local History

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

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

Forreston Library News

Library Closure

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

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 message us on Facebook or email forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com and we'll 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

Summer reading will be a little different

this year, but we still plan to have a great time as we "Dig Deeper: Read, Discover, Investigate!" More details will be coming soon!

Book Return

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

Library Updates

Please continue to check our Facebook page for the most current information on our summer plans. Also, if you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us through email, Facebook messenger, or by phone at 815-938-2624.

Oregon Library News

Library curbside pick-up

We are excited to announce we will be offering curbside pick-up beginning June 1st! Hours for curbside will be Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. You can put holds on items in our Library through our catalog or by calling the library at (815) 723-2724. Please leave a message if we do not answer and we will get back to you as soon as possible. NO returns will be accepted in person, these items must be placed in the book drop. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

* Only Oregon patrons can place holds on Oregon Library items.

* There is NO library to library delivery.

* Neighboring patrons will NOT be able to place holds on our materials using Encore.

* This is the same for all libraries, not just our neighboring institutions.

* We will be able to check out items to any patrons if they call in or request through email.

* We are fine free so anything checked in will not have a fine! All items we checkout will have a 6/26/2020 due date.

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

* PrairieCat has turned OFF all notifications.

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

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

* No overdue or bill notices will be sent.

* Patrons can start to place their holds on Monday, June 1st.

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

* Please update your contact information if needed.

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

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

* New Library Cards:

* Patrons can call the library or complete the online form on our website.

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

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

Week of June 1:

Registration is ongoing for the Youth and Adult Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 1- Missions and Events will begin to be activated on READsquared

Thursday, June 4- Video Story Time 10 a.m.

Friday, June 5- First Mystery Photo available online & window of library

Did you know?

“Eagles Nest Tree”, the hand-forged, black iron railing located on the center of the steps leading into the Library, was installed in August 1978. The creator of the project was Neil Anderson, a blacksmith and graduate from Northern Illinois University who was an Ogle County Artist in Residence commissioned through the Highland Area Arts Council in Freeport under a federally funded CETA grant. While in residence, Neil did blacksmithing and iron forging demonstrations and workshops at schools, clubs, and organizations

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Library cards

Do you have a library card?! Oregon Public Library is issuing library cards remotely to residents during the current closure to access our digital collection. A library card is available to anyone who lives within the Oregon Public Library District. Please share with someone that may not have a library card! Click here for more information! <http://oregonpubliclibrary.com/services/library-cards/>

Big news! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mt. Morris and Oregon Public Libraries are temporarily waiving non resident fees and offering that anyone living within the boundaries of the Oregon Unit School District can sign up for a temporary library card. This special digital card will allow access to the library's electronic resources for a limited time period which will be helpful in supporting students' e-learning as well as meet other informational and recreational needs. This temporary card is valid until September 1st, 2020.

To apply for a free temporary card, please visit <http://oregonpubliclibrary.com/services/library-cards/> to complete the online form or email Mt. Morris library at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org.

Talented Tuesdays – every Tuesday

Visit our Facebook page every Tuesday and look for the Talented Tuesday post. 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!

What ya watchin' Wednesdays – every other Wednesday

Join the Library Director, Hilaree Lombardo and Adult Programming's, Cari Berg to discuss what you are watching during shelter-in-place. We will share our thoughts on various television shows, Netflix series, Movies, Podcasts, and more.

Video story time

We will continue to post a Video Story Time to our Facebook page every 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 starting Thursday, June 4.

Julia Hull Library News

Book Drop Open!

The library book drop is now open! There will be no delivery between libraries until further notice. Please help us out by returning Byron Library items to Byron Library. Further: in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, library staff will be quarantining items for a period of time. Therefore, recently returned materials may remain on your account longer than usual. When checked in, library staff will backdate the materials. No overdue fines will be charged.

Library Curbside

Julia Hull District Library is happy to begin offering curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., by appointment only, starting the week of June 1. Patrons will be able to begin placing holds in Encore (the library catalog) on Friday, May 29. Alternately, library staff will be available limited hours, Monday-Friday if you'd like to say “hi” and ask staff to help you select materials. We're here to help: call 815-645-8611.

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, and inter-library delivery is currently unavailable.

How does curbside pick-up by appointment work? If a JH Library patron has an item on hold: 1. Library staff will notify patrons by email or phone that their item on hold is available for pickup. 2. Upon notification, patron will

schedule a pickup time. 3. At the agreed upon time, patron will call the library and library staff will provide instructions re: pickup. Items will be checked-out to patrons in advance and staged in a bag for your convenience.

For more information about curbside and FAQs, please visit our website.

Register for a Library Card

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

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

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Looking for the perfect soundtrack for your Friday night dance party? Checkout Freegal Music! Freegal offers 3 downloads per week and 3 hours of streaming per day to all JH Library cardholders. The catalog includes over 16 million songs, millions of albums, hundreds of

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Summer Reading 2020

Summer reading continues this year...virtually! All ages are welcome to participate, and can register to track their reading, engage in programs and activities, and earn virtual badges using the Zoobean app! More information on our website.

Virtual Programming

We may not be at the library, but we're still engaging with our patrons at a distance. From book clubs, to craft programs, storytime, to hands-on learning, visit us on Facebook and Instagram for video tutorials and links to access live, face-to-face online programming via Zoom. Some book club books and program activity kits, as noted, are available for curbside pickup.

Request A Chalk Doodle!

Happiness is sidewalk chalk and a little love from your local library! Request a special hello using the form on our library's website: <https://www.juliahull.org/request-a-chalk-doodle>! Send your children's name(s) and favorite things & our creative staff will create a sidewalk chalk message personalized for them and sent to your e-mail!



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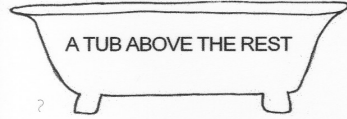
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Bertolet Library News

We are excited to announce that Bertolet Memorial Library will reopen on Monday, June 1st! We will resume our regular hours: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

* We ask that all staff and patrons over the age of 2 years old wear a face covering when in the library. If you are unable to wear a face covering, please call 815-738-2742 or visit prairiecat.info to place a hold for items; staff will contact you when your hold is ready for curbside pickup. We are only able to fulfill holds and checkout items located within our library; there are no interlibrary loans available at this time.

* All materials returned will be held for a 7 day quarantine before being checked in. These items will still show as checked out on your account during this time. There will be no late fees assessed for materials during the quarantine period.

* There will be no in-person programming at Bertolet Memorial Library for the time being. We will re-evaluate this decision at the end of June. Book donations are not being accepted at this time. We are accepting soft plastic donations. Restrooms are available for public use and will be cleaned twice daily. Please maintain 6 feet distance within the library. We can't wait to see everybody again!



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102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
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Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children and Families
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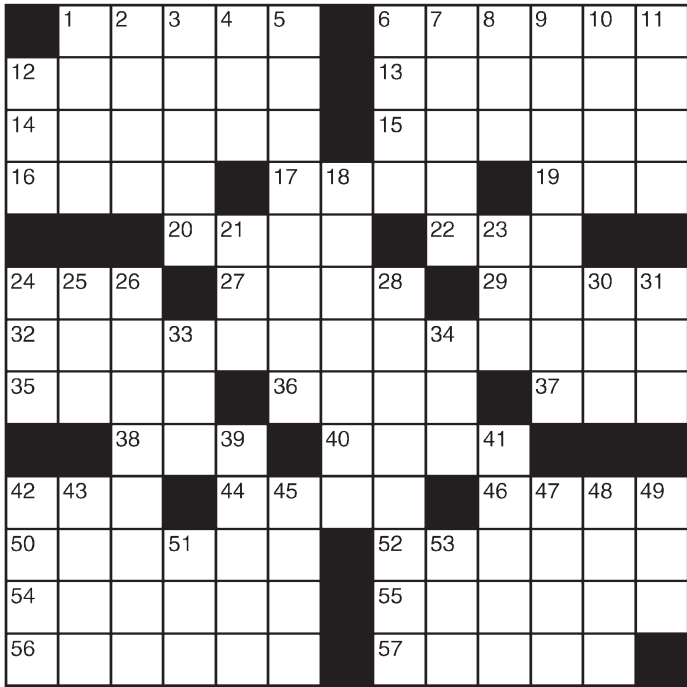
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MAGIC MAZE

POPULAR BOAT NAMES

ACROSS

- 1 Small plateaus
- 6 Bamboo eaters
- 12 Big commotion
- 13 Old Roman tax
- 14 Strengthen by heating and cooling
- 15 Move a painting, maybe
- 16 Medicinal amount
- 17 Computer brand
- 19 Chaps
- 20 Nickelodeon's explorer
- 22 Marley or Dylan
- 24 Underwear with underwire
- 27 Madams' mates
- 29 Moth variety
- 32 "The House That Ruth Built"
- 35 Advantage
- 36 Out of play
- 37 List-ending abbr.
- 38 Consume
- 40 Williams or Warhol
- 42 -de-sac
- 44 On pension: Abbr.



- 46 Killer whale
- 50 "I, Robot" author
- 52 Passionate states
- 54 Cookbook entry
- 55 Lab monkey
- 56 Merchant
- 57 Apportioned
- 5 Not freelance
- 6 Skin opening
- 7 Bitter
- 8 To the — degree
- 9 Scotch-based liqueur
- 10 Top-rated
- 11 Autograph
- 12 Possessed
- 18 Parents' traveling accessory
- 21 Sugar suffix
- 23 Antiquated
- 24 "See ya"
- 25 "Awesome!"
- 26 Sweet fortified wine
- 28 Norm
- 30 Eccentric
- 31 HBO alternative
- 33 Mauna —
- 34 Toss in
- 39 Figure of speech
- 41 Mountain air?
- 42 Shopper's aid
- 43 Addict
- 45 Always
- 47 "Golden Girls" role
- 48 Gunk
- 49 Donkey
- 51 Central
- 53 Pi follower

DOWN

- 1 Stereo forerunner
- 2 Billions of years
- 3 Haste
- 4 Miss. neighbor

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

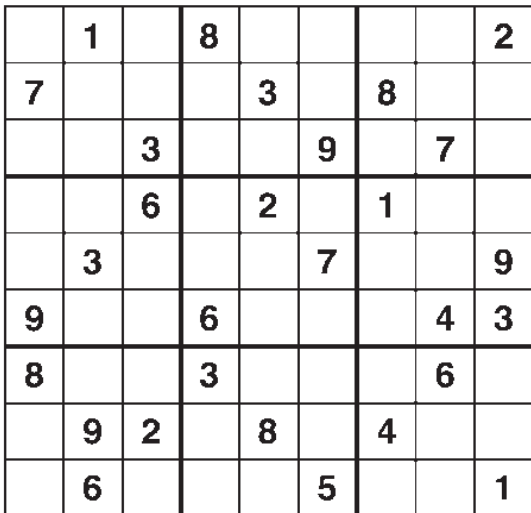
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

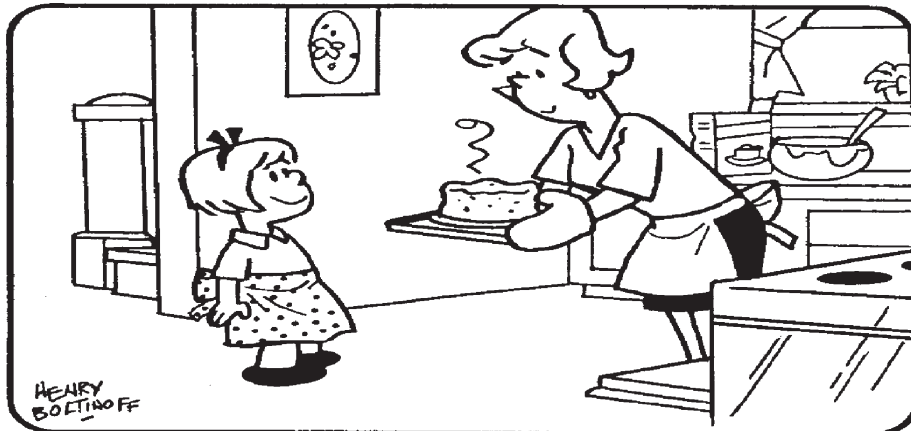
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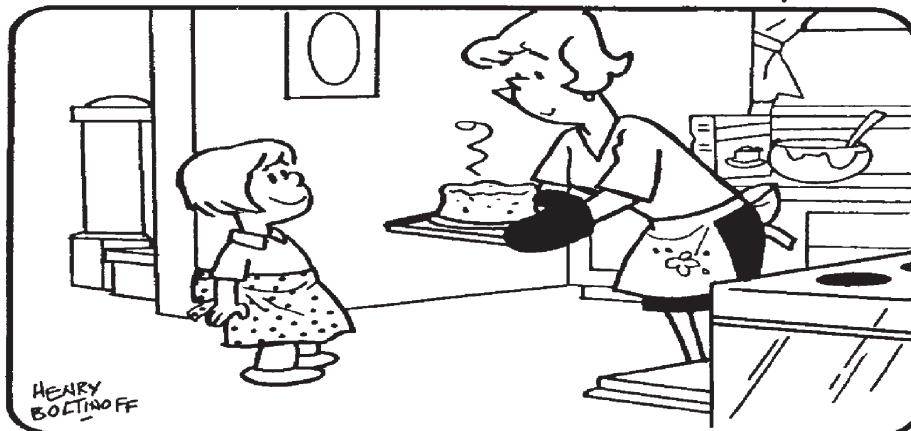
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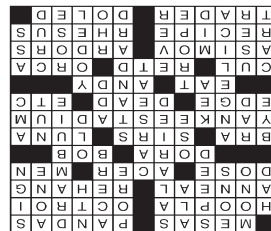
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

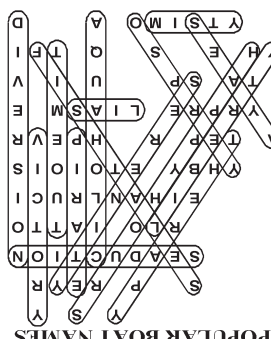


Differences: 1. Plant is missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Oven mitt is different. 4. Headband is missing. 5. Picture is different. 6. Girl's shoes are different.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers
King Crossword



POPULAR BOAT NAMES

6	1	5	8	7	4	3	9	2	
7	4	9	5	3	2	8	1	6	
2	8	3	1	6	9	5	7	4	
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Will “Young Sheldon” be returning with new episodes this fall? It’s my favorite sitcom, and I love the tradition of all the new shows starting in the fall. Is that wishful thinking during this crazy year? -- P.B.

A: As of now, CBS plans to launch the fall season as scheduled. Now, that could be delayed to November, which is technically still fall, but the network made a statement recently that “Young Sheldon,” with Iain Armitage in the title role, will air Thursday nights, followed by another Chuck Lorre-produced sitcom, “B Positive.”

CBS is the only major network so far to announce plans to return to an on-time schedule of new episodes this fall. According to Entertainment Weekly magazine, Fox plans to have a “truncated” fall schedule, and the CW network is postponing its next new season until January. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that CBS’ optimistic thinking becomes a reality.

Q: I just discovered the show “Cable Girls” on Netflix, which is dubbed. Tell me about the actors. Some of them look familiar. When did it first appear on Netflix? -- E.R.

A: “Cable Girls,” set in the late 1920s in Madrid, Spain, is about four women who work at a telephone company in a patriarchal society. It’s an original series produced by Netflix Spain that began in 2017. Filmed originally in Spanish, you have the option to watch it dubbed with English or have it play in Spanish but with English subtitles.

The four lead actresses are all of Spanish de-

scent. Ana Fernandez, who plays Carlota, was born in Madrid and has been acting overseas since 2007. Her credits include the romantic comedy “Just a Little Chemistry,” which originally went by the title “Solo Quimica.” Both Nadia de Santiago, who plays Marga, and Ana Polvorosa, who plays Sara, starred in the series “Love in Difficult Times,” which is set during the Spanish Civil War. Lastly, Blanca Suarez, who also narrates the show, plays Lidia and is probably best known for her roles in “The Boarding School” and “The Boat.” She also acted in acclaimed director Pedro Almodovar’s film “The Skin I Love In,” which earned her a Goya Award, which are like the Oscars of Spain.

Q: Whatever happened to the actress who starred in the TV show “Castle”? I haven’t seen her in anything since that show abruptly ended. -- Y.M.

A: Stana Katic, who played Kate Beckett opposite Nathan Fillion’s Richard Castle, was let go by producers shortly before the show was canceled. It was reportedly for budget reasons, but it was a huge disappointment for fans who loved the romantic chemistry between the two leads.

Katic currently stars in the Amazon TV series “Absentia” as an FBI agent accused of murder. She recently told Australia’s “Daily Telegraph” that her conclusion with “Castle” left her “confused” and “hurt,” but that she was “so thankful” to have been a part of it. As for Fillion, he stars in the ABC police drama “The Rookie.”

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

This week, I’m taking a break from my regularly scheduled programming. Social distancing and staying home have all of us playing remote control king and queen of the couch, but as the temperature outside steadily climbs, my thoughts have been straying to classic summer adventures. Here are five great movies that you can stream for summer vibes safely from your sofa:

“American Graffiti” -- The 1973 classic by Francis Ford Coppola is a coming of age story for a group of high school graduates on the last night of summer in Modesto, California. The lives of drag racers, daydreamers, hoods and romantics intertwine -- Curt (Richard Dreyfuss) enlists a radio DJ in his pursuit of a hot blonde in a T-Bird (Suzanne Somers); Steve and Laurie (Ron Howard and Cindy Williams) fight and make up again.

“One Crazy Summer” -- Ah, the timeless love story of Hoops McCann (John Cusack), an insecure, failed basketball player who must illustrate a love story in order to apply to art school, and Cassandra Eldridge (Demi Moore), a gutsy guitar-wielding musician on a mission to save her grandfather’s house from the stuffy Beckersted family. Unfolding on Nantucket, this 1984 charmer was written and directed by Savage Steve Holland, and features iconic ‘80s actors Curtis Armstrong, Bobcat Goldthwait, Joel Murray and even Jeremy Piven.



“The Sandlot” -- A group of boys hang out, cruise the local community pool for stolen kisses and generally have a great time learning lessons and cementing life-long friendships in this 1993 sleeper. When Scotty Smalls moves to town, he takes up baseball, joining a cast of characters that includes Benny the Jet, Ham, Squints and Yeah-Yeah. They play at an empty lot, but when Smalls borrows a special ball from his dad, and then loses it over the fence, the boys must face a giant beast to get it back. If you haven’t seen this film, then “You’re killing me, Smalls.”

“Teen Beach Movie” -- This one is straight out of the Disney channel, and couldn’t be stickier or sweeter if it tried.

Best friend surfers (Ross Lynch, Maia Mitchell) find a necklace on the beach, which whisks them away on the waves and straight into a beach party musical, complete with a goody two shoes who falls for a biker gang gal -- or should have until the newcomers arrive to muck it up. They’ll have to work together to make things right in order to get back home. Packed with all the catchy tunes you’d expect from a Disney TV musical.

“Wet Hot American Summer” -- This 2001 cult treat is set in 1981 Camp Firewood, a Jewish summer camp anchored by head counselor Beth (Janeane Garofalo). While she’s busy falling for the local astrophysicist (David Hyde Pierce), the other

counselors and campers find friendship, the agony of a good love triangle and bug bites. It’s heavy on sketch comedy, parody and warped nostalgia, and is definitely not for the kiddos.

NEW RELEASES

“The Invisible Man”

“Wildlife”

“Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band”

“The Deuce” The Complete Series

“Queen of the South” Season 4

“Scorsese Shorts” Criterion Collection (Blu-ray)

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United States Attorney
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Internal Revenue Service
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Ill. as Case No. 2017TX17
The Property is located at:
1071 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL
Property Index Number: 16-14-152-001
Said Property was sold on 11/2/2017 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2016.
The period of redemption will expire on 9/21/2020. On 10/15/20 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner
No. 0601 (June 1, 8, 15)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

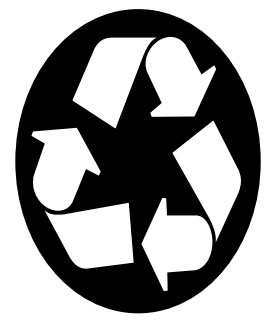
Due to Coronavirus Road District budget hearing has been rescheduled as follows:
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An Advertising Proverb

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

that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Pine Rock Township, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Pine Rock Township Hall, 210 West Street, Chana, Ill. from and after 7 o'clock p.m., 9th day of June 2020.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., 14th day, July 2020, at Pine Rock Twp. Hall in the Pine Rock Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Pine Rock Twp. Hall at 7 o'clock p.m., 14th day, July 2020.

Clerk Carol Eckerd No. 0602 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
ON TOWNSHIP
BUDGET**

Due to Coronavirus Town budget hearing has been rescheduled as follows:

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the town of Pine Rock, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Pine Rock Township Hall, 210 West Street, Chana, Ill. from and after 7 o'clock p.m., 9th day of June 2020.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., 14th day, July 2020, at Pine Rock Twp. Hall in the Pine Rock Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Pine Rock Township Hall at 7 o'clock p.m., 14th day, July 2020.

Clerk Carol Eckerd No. 0603 (June 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN**

Due to Coronavirus Town budget hearing has been rescheduled as follows:

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Pine Rock in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at the Pine Rock Township Hall 210 West Street Chana, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; 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 the following:

- 1) Approval of 2019 meeting minutes
- 2) Approval of Funds balances
- 3) Setting Moderator's salary for 2021
- 4) Setting date, place and time for 2021 Annual Meeting
- 5) Vote on county services provided to Township residents
- 6) Other business as brought before the meeting

Town Clerk Carol Eckerd No. 0603 (June 1) No. 0604 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Marion Township that a Public Hearing will be held June 25, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed March 9, 2020 of Bruce Swanson, 7393 E. Wildwood Rd., Stillman Valley, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural

Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) Section 26, Township 25 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Marion Township, Ogle County, IL, 4.0 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 05-26-300-007
Common Location: 7400 block of E. Wildwood Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an Ainterested party@ with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this rezoning is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN,
Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 9th day of March 2020
#001-20AM
No. 0605 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Pine Creek Township that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the petition filed February 24, 2020 of Howard Merchantz, 3588 S. Butternut Rd., Oregon, IL for a Variation to allow construction of a dwelling addition (attached

garage) approximately 17 feet from a side property line in lieu of 25 feet as required pursuant to the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23 Township 23 North, Range 9 East 4th P.M., Pine Creek Township, Ogle County, IL, 2.56 acre, more or less
Property Identification Number (PIN): 15-23-400-024
Common Location: 3588 S. Butternut Rd.
All persons in attendance at the Public Hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an Ainterested party@ with the right to cross-examine others at the Public Hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the Public Hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN,
Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 24th day of February 2020
#001-20VAR
No. 0606 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Scott Township that a Public Hearing will be held June 25, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the

request filed May 19, 2020 of Ruth Gibson, 7661 N. Stillman Rd., Stillman Valley, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from B-1 Business District to R-2 Single-family Residential District on

property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:
Part G.L. 2 of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Fractional Section 07, Township 42 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., Scott Township, Ogle County, IL, 2.47 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 11-07-100-018
Common Location: 7661 N. Stillman Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an Ainterested party@ with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this rezoning is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeal_s.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN,
Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 19th day of May 2020
#002-20AM
No. 0607 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Maryland and Mt. Morris Townships that a Public Hearing will be held June 25, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse,

Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed May 19, 2020 of Daniel C. Miller, 1043 Parkview Dr., Rochelle, IL; and Brian W. & Caroline Ballard, 3333 N. Seminary Ave., #1, Chicago, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows, owned by Daniel C. Miller and being purchased by Brian W. & Caroline Ballard:
Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 31, Township 25 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Maryland Township; and part of G.L. 2 of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Fractional Section 6, Township 24N, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Mt. Morris Township, Ogle County, IL, 10.0 acres, more or less

Property Identification Number: 03-31-400-007 & 08-06-200-007
Common Location: 8060 W. Town Line Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an Ainterested party@ with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this rezoning is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeal_s.php
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN,
Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois This 19th day of May 2020
#003-20AM
No. 0608 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
Diesel Fuel**

The Byron Community Unit School District #226 Board of Education, Byron, Illinois, invites sealed bids for the supply of diesel fuel.
Bids will be sealed with a notation on the outside of the envelope stating "Sealed Bid - Diesel Fuel" and will be accepted on or before 9:00 a.m., Wednesday June 10th, 2020. Late Bids Will Not Be Accepted.
Bids are to be submitted to:
Byron Community Unit

School District #226 Office of the Superintendent 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, IL 61010-1439 No. 0609 (June 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Meridian CUSD 223 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 223, in the County(ies) of Ogle and Winnebago, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection (at the MCUSD 223 District Office) at 207 W. Main Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois from and after 8:30 a.m., on the 5th day of June, 2020 during normal business hours and/or via email by contacting the Superintendent, PJ Caposey, at pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on the 3rd day of September 2020, at the Meridian Junior High School Board Room in this School District Number 223. Dated this 25th day of May, 2020.
School board of School District Number 223, in the County(ies) of Ogle and Winnebago, State of Illinois.
By PJ Caposey, Superintendent.
No. 0610 (June 1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2020-P
ESTATE OF)
PETER G.)
SCHULER,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Peter G. Schuler, late of at 8134 S. Pine Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Letters of Office were issued to Kurt Koepke, 2341 W. White Oaks Drive, Suite A, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.
Claims against the estate

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may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date 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. Kurt Koepke, Independent Executor Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825) Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Independent Executor 215 East First Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 447 Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4949 (815) 288-3068 (FAX) gehlbach@egbclaw.com No. 0611 (June 1, 8, 15)

Highway Department website or by contacting the office at 815-732-2851 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. June 1, 8 No. 0612 (June 1, 8)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)No.
ESTATE OF)2020
PATRICK R.)P
LESSNER,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Patrick R. Lessner, late of 1544 W. Hay Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Letters of Office were issued to Clare Foust, 1544 W. Hay Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ogle County Highway Department is requesting qualifications from interested firms for Phase I & Phase II Preliminary Engineering for the following Ogle County projects:

1. New concrete box culvert on Ridge Rd in Pine Creek Twp.
 2. New concrete box culvert on Pecatonica Rd in Leaf River Twp.
 3. New bridge on Leaf River Rd near Leaf River, IL.
 4. New bridge on Milledgeville Rd in Buffalo Twp.
- Qualifications are due by 3:00 PM on June 29, 2020. Additional information can be found on the Ogle County

that date 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. By: Clare Foust, Independent Executor Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825) Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Independent Executor 215 East First Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 447 Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4949 (815) 288-3068 (FAX) gehlbach@egbclaw.com No. 0508 (May 18, 25, June 1)

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Ogle County Animal Control is taking applications for a part-time Registration Officer. Must be able to multi-task, possess good communication skills, Computer and basic accounting skills. Duties include data entry, answering phone, Filing and accepting over the counter payments. Please mail or email resume To Animal Control Office, 105 S. 5th St., Suite 112, Oregon, IL 61061 or ocac@oglecounty.org. Resumes need to be submitted by June 22, 2020 to guarantee consideration.

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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pecially those asking for money in advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child

601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

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2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, 25K	\$18,990
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2018 FORD F-150 CREW CAB, SPORT, 4X4 PANO ROOF HEATED SEATS, ONE OWNER, ONLY 22K MI.	SOLD
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2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM, PANO ROOF, LOADED	\$17,990
2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 DR., Z71, 4X4, CUSTOM WHEELS, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$27,990
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START	SOLD
2017 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL, LEATHER, LOADED, ONLY 20K	SOLD
2017 FORD FUSION SE, LOADED, ONE OWNER, MOON ROOF, 33K	\$15,990
2017 FORD EDGE SEL, AWD, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 21,000 MILES	\$22,990
2017 CADILLAC XT5, AWD, LOCAL ONE OWNER	SOLD
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, MOONROOF	\$16,990
2017 JEEP PATRIOT 4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 23K	\$16,990
2016 BUICK ENCORE, ONE OWNER FACTORY WARRANTY	\$14,990
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2016 FORD EDGE SEL, AWD, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER	\$20,990
2016 JEEP COMPASS 4X4 LATITUDE, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$14,990
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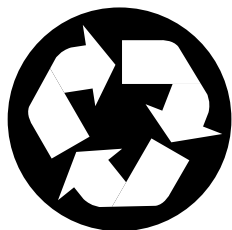
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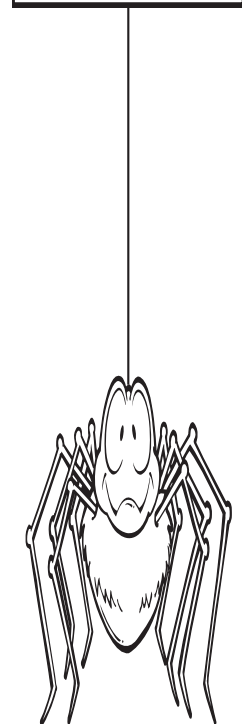
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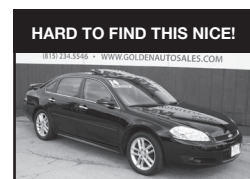
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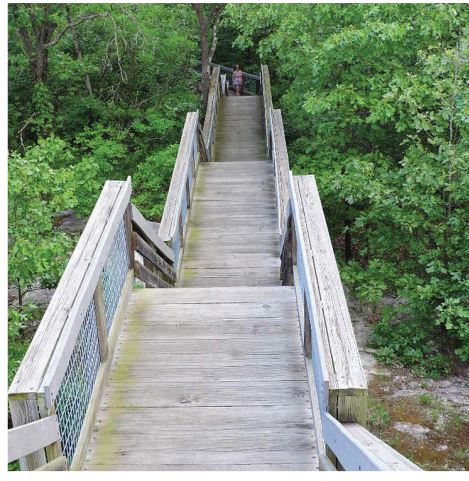
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Byron

THE City of Byron offers a lineup of attractions for young and old alike, truly a community with something for everyone. And it is a community that is rich in history and at times, mystery.

Although the Byron Nuclear Generating station has been in operation since the mid-1970's, lesser known is the fact that it is one of the last nuclear plans commissioned in the United States. Byron is also more recognizable as the city that is the Gateway to the Rock River Valley.

Several notable individuals have called Byron their home, among them Troy Drake, offensive tackle with the Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles; Wilson Irvine, painter; and more recently, Sean Considine, safety with the Baltimore Ravens, Philadelphia Eagles, Arizona Cardinals and Jacksonville Jaguars.

Byron boasts three schools — elementary, middle and high school — with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students. The high school placed fourth in the Illinois State Finals Academic Challenge in 2001.

The Jarrett Prairie Center Museum opened in the fall of 2016 that features exhibits and hands-on experiences for visitors.

Requiring two and a half years to complete, the museum is free to the public seven days a week. Private venues may be scheduled at the facility. More information is available by calling 815-234-8535, Ext. 200.

The nearby and readily accessible Rock River provides boating and skiing opportunities, fishing, and other water activities and for those who are exercise

mind, a beautifully maintained bike path that makes its way along the river as well as other scenic areas.

The annual Byron-Fest celebration is held each summer in July and features music and food along with rides the whole family can enjoy. For more information visit www.byronfest.org.

Byron Civic Theatre is an additional local gem, and is in its 25th season with the organization presenting several productions a year using local and area talent in the cast and crew. For more information about the Civic Theatre calendar of shows or participation details, visit www.byron-civictheatre.com.

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roar of engines can be heard throughout the area on race day and the site hosts the Power Wheel Standing Championships.

Downtown Byron hosts a number of business establishments and food is available at every turn from fast food to sit-down and stay awhile restaurants with menus featuring a host of choices.

Byron is a city of diversity, friendly folks, and entertainment choices.

Chana

THE small village of Chana possesses heart, passion and community spirit. Located approximately three miles south of Illinois Route 64, Chana and its residents don't minimize their presence in the central Midwest.

Cornett's Chana Tap is a local meet and greet. Stay awhile and have a world class burger and the brew of your choice to go with it. Live music is provided from time to time at the venue located in the center of Chana.

Down the street is the Chana United Methodist Church, pastored by Chan Ik Choi. This thriving congregation has a slate of annual events to keep everyone busy and ministered to as well. This year's chicken and noodle supper drew hundreds to the area, and a glance at the church's calendar shows something going on for all ages and interests. You're always

welcome at Chana United Methodist.

The Chana Education Center, located just north of the city park, is a specialized education facility. According to its website, "The OCEC and Chana Education Center firmly believe that effective counseling is a critical component in an overall program for at risk students."

The Chana Education Center implements a program to address the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of our students. We have named the program "Empowerment Skills" to keep in line with the Chana Education Center mission statement.



The Chana United Methodist Church is pastored by Chan Ik Choi.

Chana Fun Facts:

- At one time, there was a train depot by the railroad tracks. Because of the train, Chana actually had a larger population than Oregon, but that changed when the train routes were changed.
- Chana also had one of the last one-room school buildings in the county, which is no longer in town. It was transported to Oregon Park East years ago, where it still stands.
- Despite its size, Chana has produced three state's attorneys, two state legislators, a local judge and an unsuccessful candidate for Illinois Attorney General.

Byron Fun Facts:

- One of the fathers of baseball, Albert Spalding, as well as the White Sox, hails from Byron where he was born and raised. He is the father of Spalding Sporting Goods.
- The Guinness World Record for the most canoes and kayaks on water at one time was held in Byron with 649 (1996). The record was later held by Cleveland Metroparks for seven years - on May 19, 2001, 776 canoes and kayaks were the most canoes and kayaks ever to form a free-floating raft, held together only by hands. Since then, the record has been broken, once by Inlet, New York with 1,104 boats and recently by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with 1,800 boats.

Creston

WALK across the wooden floor at Headon's Fine Meats and Catering and you are instantly surrounded. First, by an intoxicating aroma, and secondly by an old world charm.

Headon's is located at 103 N. Main St. in Creston, and a big draw to town. In fact, customers come from miles around, not just when they're celebrating a special occasion but for their everyday needs.

Family-run since 1970, Headon's is famous for its wide variety of fresh meats, including roast beef, pork, steaks, poultry, sausage and ground meat, as well as its deli and catering services.

The business is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 815-384-3620.

Undoubtedly, Creston's biggest event is its annual Booster Days celebration held the third weekend in September. As in the past, the weekend features a parade, a carnival, live entertainment, a car show, booths, bingo and much more.



Other attractions in Creston include the always expanding library, periodic bingo games in the old Creston Opera House (Booster Hall), park district activities, and picnics and family reunions that can be held in one of the village's parks. A one-day Fall Festival is held at the library on Halloween weekend.

Creston Booster Park, on the southern side of town, can be rented on a first-come, first-serve basis from May 1 through Oct. 1. The park includes a covered pavilion, washroom facilities, a full functional kitchen and a playground. For information, call 815-384-4140.

For antique lovers, there's Roadhouse Antiques, located right on Illinois Route 38.

Creston, which is located on Illinois Route 38 on the far eastern side of Ogle County, has the proud motto: "Come Grow With Us."

Creston Fun Facts:

- The Creston Regulators are a vintage base ball team. Vintage base ball teams play by 19th century rules, which are far different from those used today. Pitchers pitch underhand, players don't wear gloves and there is no outfield fence. Umpires are called arbiters and wear suits and top hats, and entertain crowds between innings.



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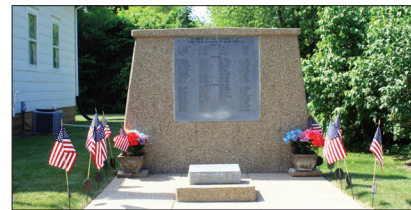
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Davis Junction



APPROXIMATELY 2,500 people call Davis Junction their home and are delighted to be part of this historic community that goes back more than a century, founded by Jeremiah Davis in 1865. He was also a pioneer in railroading, came to the area from central Wisconsin, and helped develop the Pacific Railroad that was progressing through the area.

Mainline tracks coming and going to Rockford intersected with east- and westbound traffic at a literal crossroads, hence the name Davis Junction.

These days, one train a day heads south toward Holcomb, and into the Rochelle community near Flagg Center, however, east and westbound traffic toward Chicago is still brisk.

There are several eating establishments in the area, some within the city limits, other choices may be found at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and 72 two miles to the east. There is a small strip mall at this intersection as well, providing health care through SwedishAmerican Medical Group, and other amenities. At the west edge of the village is a recently added Dollar General store, bringing local shopping convenience to the community.

One of the most impressive areas of Davis Junction is found at the Veterans Memorial located on Moody Avenue one block north of IL Route 72. Installed in 2014, it was designed by Richard Cody Janes who also created the sculptures of servicemen. The memorial was later updated to list the names of those were lost during the Vietnam War.

The housing industry has blossomed in Davis Junction with the development of Ogle Crossings subdivision, site of dozens of new homes and the local community park.

Davis Junction has much to offer. For more information, visit www.davis-junction.com.

Davis Junction Fun Facts:

- A once-popular dining venue, the Track Inn, was located near the railroad junction on the east side of the village. It was destroyed in a fire in 1997 and never rebuilt.
- Passenger trains ran east and west, north and south with over 25 movements a day at the peak of rail travel.

Forreston

THE Village of Forreston is located in the northeast corner of Ogle County, about 12 miles south of Freeport and 20 miles north of Dixon. It is located in a rich agricultural area and boasts old storefront businesses, schools and housing.

One of the village's focal points is the Depot, a convenience store with a table and chairs area and homemade goodies behind glass cases on the counter at the front which awaits any and all who come in each day to meet, greet, and talk about everything from national politics to the local farmer who just managed to get his crops in after a lengthy and unpredictable spring season. The building was originally a Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy train depot but was re-purposed and redesigned for commercial use in 2006.

Stop downtown and shop for what you need. Stores are filled with everyday



Forreston Fun Facts:

- Sauerkraut Days is an annual event and brings many people to the area.
- The city is served by several service organizations: Lions Club, American Legion, Boys Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Ogle County Preservation and 4H.

merchandise including tools, gardening equipment, electrical and plumbing supplies, and much more, including a gift section.

A farmer's market begins in late June and is held each Friday through October – weather permitting.

The Forreston Public Library also offers programs for children and adults as well as a recycling bin for soft plastic – including food wrappers (clean), shopping bags and wrapping from boxes.

Six churches are also located within the village – Faith Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church of Forreston, Forreston Grove Church, Forreston Reformed Church, North Grove Evangelical Church and West Branch Church of the Brethren.

Grand Detour

WALKING through the white wooden gates at the John Deere Historical Site in Grand Detour is like stepping into another world, one that doesn't exist anymore. In fact, the late, great Orson Welles probably put it best when he said: "Grand Detour is like a lost world, one of those Eden's you get thrown out of."

Welles spent boyhood summers at a hotel his father once ran in Grand Detour, which is located between Oregon and Dixon on U.S. 251, on the southern edge of Ogle County.

"It was kind of a forgotten place," he said.

Although it is no longer there, Welles reportedly snuck into a local dance hall where he practiced the latest dance moves by the light of the moon.

A quaint, rustic little village of stately homes and lingering trees, Grand Detour sits right next to the Rock River. Besides a scenic view, there are places to fish, boat, camp or just enjoy a leisurely picnic.

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Grand Detour Fun Facts:

- Born in California, Stan Hack played third base for the Chicago Cubs for 16 seasons (1932 to 1947), compiling a lifetime batting average of .301. He also appeared in four World Series for the Cubs (1932, 1935, 1938 and 1945), losing them all.
- Hack, who lived in Grand Detour, died in Dixon in 1970 at the age of 70, and is buried in Grand Detour Cemetery.

Special events include an art festival which is usually held in early September.

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Hillcrest

HILLCREST was established as a village in 1958 and over the years has come into its own through housing and subdivision development (Windover Park), and a number of thriving businesses that include two car dealers, two automotive service facilities, Casey's General Store, a lawn improvement company, a contractors-only building supply store, general storage facilities, warehousing for a Rochelle manufacturing facility, a retail furniture center, and opportunities for new businesses to locate there.

The newest and most thriving addition is Fat Cat Slots located at the north end of Powers Road.

There are four churches in the area including a Spanish-speaking congregation that like others in the community of approximately 1,000 people, have been a part of Hillcrest for many years.

Residents looking for a park down the street will discover Ruth Flanagan Park along the south edge of the village. Powers Park is in the center of the Hillcrest and features a small shelter canopy, picnic tables, and a walking path circling the property.

Four Sisters Bike Path



Powers Park is in the center of the Hillcrest and features a small shelter canopy, picnic tables, and a walking path circling the property.

winds along the Kyte Creek on the southwest side, continuing into the Rochelle community. In the past several years, several vacated properties have undergone renovation and extensive uplift, bringing a fresh, well maintained appearance to the village. Street repairs have also been made in many heavily trafficked areas.

Hillcrest Fun Facts:

- Each summer, the community sponsors a village-wide garage sale with hundreds of items offered.
- The Auto Hub car dealer has featured a number of classic vehicles over the years for sale from a very early, thoroughly restored Ford Mustang, a 2005 Ford Thunderbird, a 1970 Ford Thunderbird, and other exceptional, previously owned cars.



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Mt. Morris would be complete without the weekly Kable News band concerts, which have been held every Wednesday night during the summer for the past 118 years. A pie and ice cream social is always held an hour before.

Although not nearly as old, another equally popular feature is the Friday Night Concerts, also held in the downtown band shell on the campus lawn, at Front and Wesley, just two blocks south of Il. Route 64. Concerts start at 7 p.m. In cast, of rain, concerts are moved indoors to the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, 101 Moose Drive.

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Mount Morris Fun Facts:

- Mt. Morris College was one of the first colleges formed in the Midwest, nine years before Mt. Morris incorporated.
- The state's Let Freedom Bell was officially dedicated in 1971 after the 1836 bell was rescued from the depths of Lake Geneva. It had sunk in a boating accident years before.

Leaf River

LEAF River is located approximately 10 miles west of Byron in western Ogle County and represents small town America well.

It is surrounded by corn fields on each side, and most

of its residents drive some distance to work each day, but this doesn't mean that the town is isolated.

There are a couple gathering places downtown, a post office, a grain elevator, a village hall and even an American flag drop off receptacle just off Main Street for the proper disposal and recycling of deteriorated American flags.



The first weekend of June typically finds area residents celebrating Leaf River Daze Festival. There is plenty of food, a vintage tractor and classic auto show, activities for kids as well as a craft fair at the Historical Museum on Illinois Route 72.

A multi-cultural Camp Kupugani also serves the community and is located at White Eagle Camp. The United Methodist Church is a worship center along Illinois Route 72 and welcomes one and all to their services.

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Mount Morris

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Mt. Morris is also a musical haven. No summer in

Friday night concerts provide local talent the opportunity to come to the stage and present a fun evening for the community. Each Friday evening, local organizations provide food, groups and organizations also provide concessions of their own offering sandwiches and more. Concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday nights also feature the Community Farmer's Market with locally grown produce and home-made items. Visit the Union Savings parking lot at the corner of Wesley Avenue and IL Route 64 through the last Friday in October between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m.

Another big attraction is the fourth annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting competition in August on the historic Mt. Morris campus. Based on a similar competition in a small town in Germany, local artist Fran Volz said the competition is open to everyone.

For more information, go to: StrawUSA.Com.



which overlooks the Rock River at Lowden State Park south of town, and The Soldiers' Monument on the courthouse lawn. Local sculptor Jeff Adams also has a number of works on the trail.

A list of the sculptures can be found at the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, 122 N. Fourth St., or at Conover Square.

Prominent though it is, art isn't the only thing you can find in Oregon. As the seat of Ogle County, Oregon probably has as many activities and programs as it does people.

One of the town's more interesting clubs is the Blackhawk Model Railroad Club, located on the second floor of Conover Square, featuring an interesting array of model trains and people who collect them. Hours are: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Conover Square, an old converted piano factory, has a number of restaurants, stores, antiques and even a city museum. It is located at 201 N. 3rd St., by the Rock River.

History buffs will find plenty of local history at the Ruby Nash Museum, 111 N. 61th St.

While maintaining a number of parks, the Oregon Park District also offers a variety of other activities, ranging from a kayak club to a farmers' market. For more specific information, call 815-732-3101, or go to: www.oregonpark.org.

For the older crowd, the Rock River Senior Center, 810 10th St., offers a wide variety of activities.

Other activities in town include golfing, boating, fishing and antiquing.



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Oregon

If Rochelle is the entertainment capital of Ogle County, then Oregon is the center of the local art world.

Besides the art gallery at the Oregon Public Library, there are 15 outdoor sculptures comprising the "Oregon Sculpture Trail." The trail includes many of sculptor Laredo Taft's works, including Blackhawk Statue,

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Oregon Fun Facts:

- Oregon has had many famous visitors over the years. Perhaps their most notorious were Frank and Jesse James who reportedly entered a horse race at the old Ogle County Fairgrounds on their way to Minnesota for their famous Northfield bank robbery. No record of how they did.
- When it came to town, the Pride of Oregon Paddle Wheel Boat had to be transported by flatbed truck.
- Whether it's true or not, Conover Square, the library art gallery and The Roadhouse are rumored to be visited by spiritual beings of another world.

Burgers and Cruise Night; Lions' Day Car Show; Mix Street Mixer; Autumn on Parade, featuring the Harvest Time Parade, the largest parade in northern Illinois; and the Candlelight Walk. Another big draw is the annual women's club antique show in March.

Autumn on Parade the first weekend in October is one of the largest festivities in the area, offering a weekend of activities, including arts and crafts, music, food and other events. One of the biggest draws is Stronghold Castle, just south of town, which offers a trove of Medieval activities. Tours can be taken of the castle during the year.

Polo

DURING the summer, the Polo Swimming Pool is arguably the most popular place in town.

The pool, located at 303 E. Webster, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The pool also offers swimming lessons and is available for private parties.

Besides the pool, Polo is known for its quality parks, including Millar Death Park, 70 W. North St.; Polo Community Park, 303 E. Webster St.; and Louise D. Quick Park, 102 W. Mason St.

A newer attraction for kids is Birdland Skate Park, which opened last year. Located at 112 E. Mason St., the park offers skaters a variety of jumps and challenges. It is open from dawn until dusk.

The Polo Public Library, 302 W. Mason St., offers a summer reading program, free computer classes and a number of other activities for all ages living up to its motto of "More than books."

For the older crowd, the Polo Senior Center, 101 E. Mason St., has classes and other activities and programs.

Polo Fun Facts:

- "On Any Given Sunday" is a motorcycle museum at 208 W. Mason St., Polo. It is in an old, converted Baptist church, dating back to 1876. Despite its name, the museum is by appointment only, 815-622-6870. Groups are welcome.

- There are 110 motorcycles at the



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There's also the 1878 Henry School, south of Polo on Illinois Route 26, the 1870 Buffalo Lime Kin, Galena Trail Road, and the Aplington House, 123 N. Franklin Ave.

Something that will delight all ages is the Polo Community Theatre, which offers a variety of plays throughout the year, including a local talent show. Located at 117 N. Franklin Ave., check out their schedule of events at (815) 441-0778 or polotheatre.org.

A few miles north of town in a big red barn is the Barnacopia Farm Museum, located at 2570 N. Westbranch Road. Among the things you will see are a 1950s view of Mason Street, a full collection of the New Generation series John Deere tractors, a bright red 1963 Impala, a reproduction drive-in theater, a game room and much more. You can also enjoy a 1950s ice cream social. There's also a bed and breakfast that can be rented out for special occasions. It accommodates 400, including chairs and tables for 200.

Rochelle

ROCHELLE could be known as the unofficial entertainment capital of Ogle County. Located at the intersection of U.S. 251 and Illinois Route 38, the "Hub City" is the largest town in Ogle County with approximately 9,000 people.

museum owned by Norm Carroll, all but 10 are European. Most bikes are Harleys or Indian models. The oldest bike is a 1928 Harley Borg Trail Racer; the newest, a 1996 model. Four bikes were purchased from Frank Fritz of the popular TV show "American Pickers."

Among its alumni, actress Joan Allen grew up in the "Hub City." Among other credits, Allen has won a Tony Award, has three Oscar nominations, and once hosted Saturday Night Live. Comedian Tim Clue also grew up in Rochelle. He is just one of several published authors who lived in town at one time or another.

Two major motion pictures have been filmed in Rochelle, including "A Thousand Acres," and "At Any Price." The first, based on Jane Smiley's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, featured an all star cast of Michelle Pfeifer, Jessica Lange, Jason Robards Jr., Colin Firth, Michelle Williams, Elizabeth Moss, Keith Carradine and Pat Hingle.

The second featured Dennis Quad and Zac Efron, and included a memorable scene of the old Hub Theater in the downtown business district.

In 2017, the Hub Theater was purchased by a local farming family that transformed the venue into a distillery.

The Vince Carney Community Theater group is in full swing, offering a variety of innovative plays and musicals each year. They soon will be performing in their newly renovated home — the former Lincoln School — located at South Main Street and First Avenue.

Once a month a free movie is shown at the Hub City Senior Center, 401 Cherry Ave. The center also offers bingo on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well as lunches, card games, billiards, knitting and other activities. The center has free computer service and holds a special birthday party once a month.

Train enthusiasts can find plenty of entertainment at the Ken Wise Rochelle Railroad Park, located between the train tracks on Eighth Street. The park is reported to be the second of its kind in the entire world and the first in the United States. There is a shelter, benches and grills for picnics. A stationary train greets visitors at the entrance, which all ages are invited to sit on, right across from the park office.

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An old Whitcombe locomotive at the rail park.



Train buffs literally come from all over the world to watch trains whizzing by, coming from and heading toward Chicago.

The Flagg-Rochelle Park District maintains 16 parks, including a very popular walking and bike path. There's also a skateboarding facility at Cooper Park on the far west side of town.

Golfers can hit the links at Fairways Golf Course, a public 18-hole course on Illinois 251 South and the park district also operates a driving range at Skare Park about six miles west of Rochelle on Flagg Road. A popular Disc Golf Course is also located at Skare Park, in addition to a playground, park shelter and hiking trails.

For more information on any park district program, call 815-562-

7813.

Those interested in learning about the history of Rochelle, the Flagg Township Museum offers a variety of displays inside its location at 518 Fourth Avenue. For more information, contact the history museum at 815-562-3040.

The annual Turkey Trot is held on Thanksgiving morning to get families outside walking and running, and Rochelle's annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk is the first weekend of December. The Christmas Walk features lighted floats parading through the downtown area after dark, along with the arrival of Santa Claus.



Rochelle Fun Facts:

- The first Playboy magazine was printed at the Rochelle Printing Company in 1953.
- Among Rochelle's more distinguished visitors are Teddy Roosevelt, Barack Obama and Barbara Bush.
- Before Spring Lake pool opened in 1981, local swimmers still swam in the lake and sand beach.
- In the 1960s there was only one stoplight in Rochelle.



Stillman Valley

IN northern Illinois, mention of the village of Stillman Valley first recalls a winning and competitive football team, but there is a lot more to this community to talk about. There are annual clean up days and local festivals that include vintage auto shows.

One of the most popular is the Stillman Valley Fall Festival that takes place in September. A complete listing of events is available at www.stillmanvalley-fallfestival.com.

Stillman Valley is served by a rail link and local grain elevators, as well as several businesses and eating establishments.

One of the most unique outings in Stillman Valley is the Sunday evening concert in Ropp Park that features the Ropp Family Band and comedy with audience participation and the chance to go home with some prizes from a table of many varied donated items. Several hundred people can be found at this venue that is fast-paced and family oriented.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs; food is offered for sale as well. Listen for top flight musical talent here and the evening is worth the trip.

This year's concert is slated for Aug. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Ropp Park located just west of Stillman Valley High School.

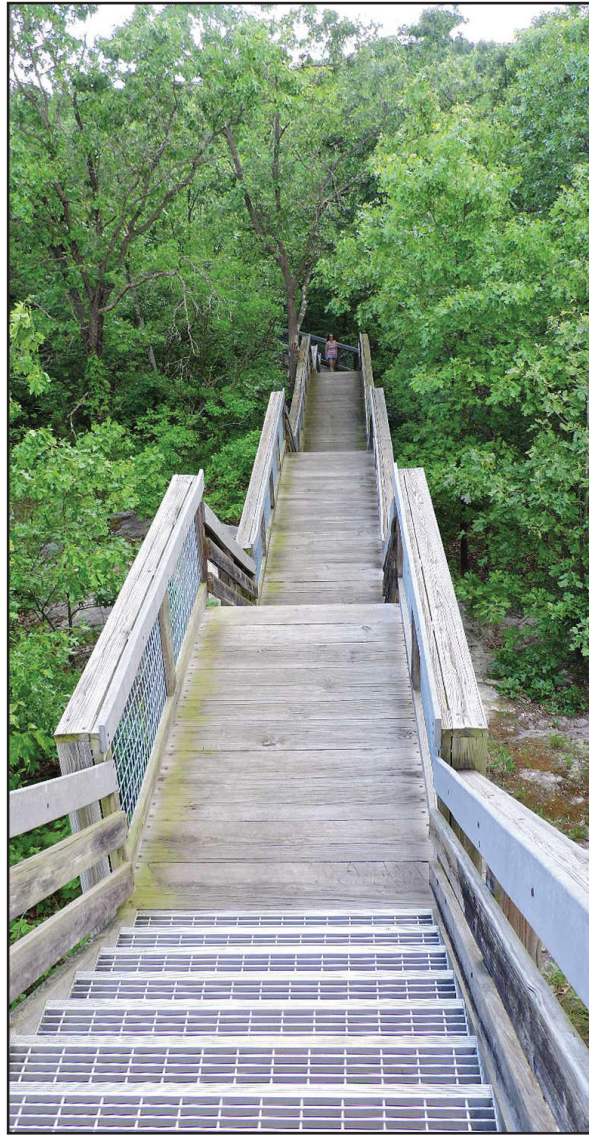
If garage sales are to your liking, Stillman Valley is your destination with annual village-wide offerings. Plan now to attend next year's sales events that are publicized ahead of time with flyers and posters throughout the community.

Stillman Valley is located south of Rockford, just

nine miles west of Illinois Route 251 on Illinois Route 72. Local festivals and parades that include carnival rides and a parade on Sunday afternoon, food choices, music venues, dramatic and musical performances offered at the high school, as well as a rich sense of history, all combine to make Stillman Valley a fun place to visit and live.

Stillman Valley Fun Facts:

- The first engagement of the Black Hawk War took place in Stillman Valley on May 14, 1832 — Militiamen were rerouted by Black Hawk and his warriors. A new militia had to be called into action later.
- The 15th consecutive year for the Music in Ropp Park Festival was in 2018 with music provided by the Ropp Family Band.



Lowden State Park

Perhaps the most visual of the three parks is Lowden State Park, located on the east side of the Rock River, a short distance from Oregon, the county seat. Perched high above the beautiful trees on a 77-foot bluff is the famed Black Hawk Statue, often called "The Eternal Indian." Arms folded, he gazes fondly across the Rock River Valley where he once roamed.

Castle Rock State Park

Three miles south of Oregon on IL Route 2 is Castle Rock State Park. The 2,000-acre park is located along the banks of the Rock River and includes a 710-acre Illinois Nature Preserve, as well as a lookout tower that offers an amazing view of the Rock River Valley.

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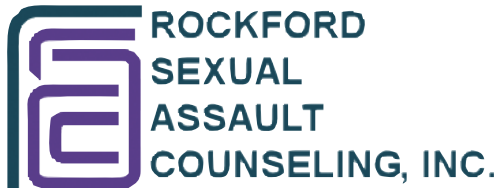
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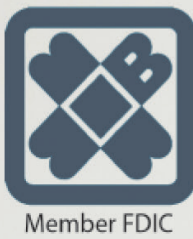
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