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Realtors make changes for virus

Showings and home sales are being handled differently

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – COVID-19 and the current stay-at-home order have impacted many people's lives and many different businesses, including the housing market in Ogle County.

While the effects the virus has had specifically on sales differs between realty companies, the overall changes it has forced to the way showings and sales are conducted is the same on them all. Since the stay-at-home order was enforced, realty companies have taken many precautions to follow all CDC and social distancing guidelines, to ensure the safety of both the sellers and buyers.

Some of these changes include leaving all doors open and lights on during showings to minimize touching surfaces, as well as sanitizing all surfaces afterwards. Companies have also started utilizing technology to conduct virtual showings and tours, via Facebook live and other video

chatting platforms.

Other precautions being taken are using electronic signing methods if the customer chooses to do so and enforcing a four-person limit, including the realtor, at any showing. Some companies are also providing hand sanitizer, masks and gloves to cater to any buyer's comfort level.

Many people, such as essential workers continuing to work through the pandemic, cannot delay their property search. So, while the market remains steady for some companies and others are experiencing the virus's effects, every company is keeping safety its top priority.

"Our real estate market is still good and active in Rochelle," said John Bearrows, real estate agent at RE/MAX Hub City.

"However, in our office we make sure to maintain social distancing, limit touching of surfaces, as well as sanitizing to protect both ourselves and the customers."

While safety precautions have been taken by all companies, not



each one has seen the same pattern of effects on sales. While RE/MAX Hub City has not seen much of a change, RE/MAX of Rock Valley, in Oregon, saw a slight decrease at first, but has since seen an increase in both business and listings.

"When the shelter in place first started, things got quiet out of the fear and uncertainty of the real estate market, as well as health and safety concerns," said Rebecca Hazzard, owner and managing broker of RE/MAX of Rock Valley. "However, as time has gone on, the weather has improved and interest rates have remained low, we have started to see an increase

in business."

While the warm weather has brought an increase in sales for some, others are still seeing numbers at approximately half of where they were at this time last year. While the numbers may be low now, an influx of sales is expected during the summer or fall market.

"What we are hearing from our economists is, there is definitely a pent-up demand and supply waiting to happen," said Christopher Tenggren, designated managing broker at Weichert Realtors.

"Hopefully, what we are seeing is a differed spring market to either a summer or fall market.



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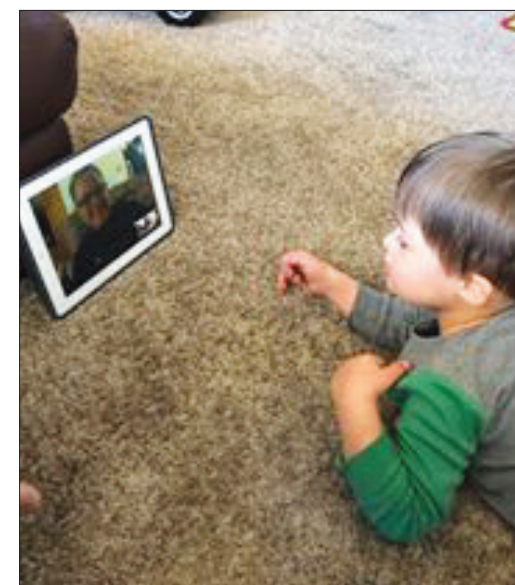


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State: Wellness checks are safe during COVID-19

SPRINGFIELD – Older Illinoisans are among those most at risk for health complications related to COVID-19.

The state's posture to increase safety, both of our residents and our first responders, has visually changed the landscape of our state. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), along with partners from Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA), Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Illinois State Police (ISP) and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association want to remind residents of the following safety measure put in place in light of COVID-19.

Police, fire and EMS personnel conducting requested wellness checks on seniors, the disabled or any other resident will be dressed in proper personal protective equipment that has been deemed appropriate by their local jurisdiction. This change in appearance is a safety precaution. The personal protective equipment is designed to protect the resident and our first responders. It's also important to keep in mind that all first responders should be able to

present proper identification. "Seniors should not feel anxious about answering the door as proper precautions are being taken by first responders to ensure the safety of residents and themselves. If someone still feels unsafe opening the door, they can communicate through a glass door or window to let the responders know they are well. Rest assured, the person may be unrecognizable under all the protective gear, but is still the same dedicated individual in uniform that is always in their community protecting citizens," said State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

"I understand that it could be unnerving to open your door to someone wearing a mask, goggles and gloves. Right now, Illinois State Police wear these to protect not only ourselves, but the public from the spread of COVID-19, especially to vulnerable populations like seniors and the disabled. If we come to your home to check on your welfare and you are nervous about answering the door, call your local police department's non-emergency number,

wave out the window or shout through the door. Just let us know you are okay. Our uniforms may look different right now, but we are still the Illinois State Police," said Director Brendan F. Kelly.

"Members of the community should rest assured that your first responders are still there to keep you safe. In fact, we may be asked to come to check and make sure that you are ok," said Jim Kaitschuk, Executive Director of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. "However, if you aren't immediately comfortable answering the door, you should contact your non-emergency number for police to confirm."

IDoA wants to let older Illinoisans and people with disabilities know that it is common for people to feel distressed during a crisis. Asking for and accepting help from professionals - who are following all of the proper precautions and guidelines to keep everyone safe - is a sign of strength. Many of these individuals live in the community and depend on services and supports provided in their homes or in the community



to maintain their health and independence.

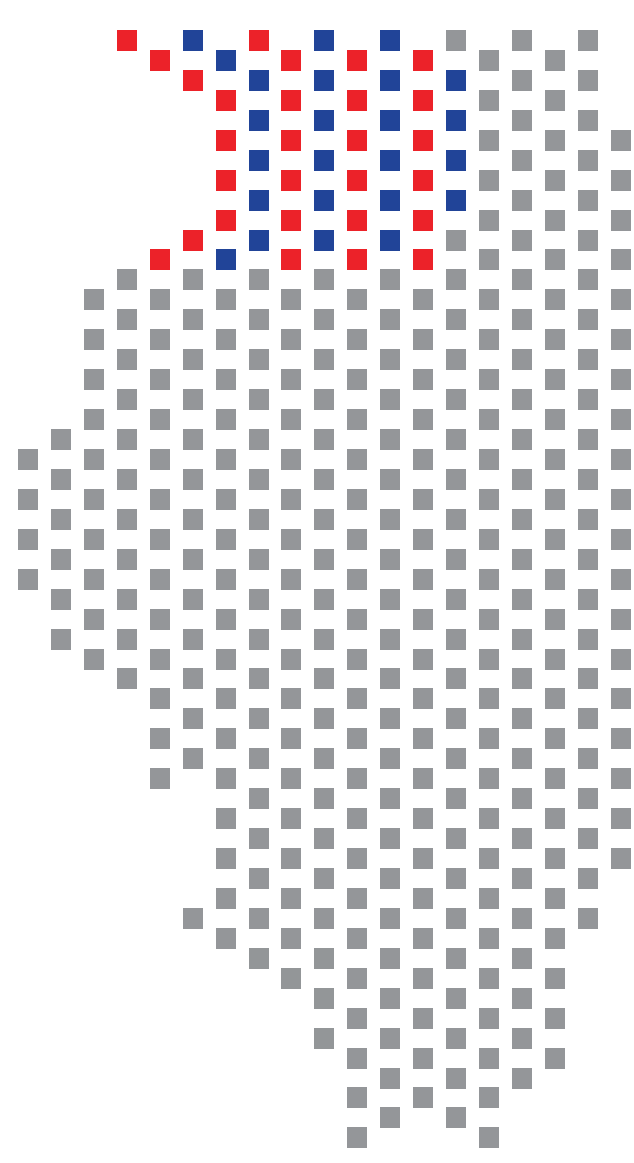
Although IDoA has temporarily suspended group services at adult day centers and senior centers, we have increased our one-on-one in-home services. The agency's goal has been to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among older adults, while also increasing the ability to closely monitor their well-being. The agency has implemented guidance and tools from IDPH so that both in-home workers and the older adults

they care for are safe when they do their work. The agencies in IDoA network use this as part of any protocol where face-to-face contact with an older and more vulnerable adult occurs.

"The stress on everybody is growing every day, and we want you to know you are not alone. Plan for what you can, and focus on things you can control," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "I encourage everyone to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors, and

check in to see how they are doing. Find a creative way to communicate with them during this time and monitor their health."

The IDoA website has many ideas and resources meant to help connect people with family and loved ones to help lower distress and feelings of social isolation. Visit www.illinois.gov/aging, click on COVID-19 What You Need to Know to find the Be Socially Engaged While Practicing Social Distancing link.



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Obituaries

Donald Eugene Pihl

Donald Eugene Pihl, 84, passed away on Wednesday, April 15th at home following a long

illness. Donald was born to Ernest and Marion Jean Pihl on August 27, 1935 in Davis Junction, IL.

He was raised on the family farm with his five younger brothers and sisters: Douglas, Dean, Marion, Joyce and Betsy. In his teens he enjoyed making extra money by raising and selling chickens and ducks as well as working as a pinsetter in the local bowling alley. He often fondly recalled the pranks he would play on his younger brothers and sisters during their childhood.

After high school, Donald enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he excelled in the emerging field of electronics; rising through the enlisted ranks to become a commissioned officer and retiring after 22 years in 1975 as a First Lieutenant. He often recalled his pride of serving on the USS



Boxer and his tours of duty in Vietnam. His patriotism extended to encouraging his children and grandchildren to serve their country in the military as well, many of whom did as they were inspired by his example. Donald enjoyed collecting stamps, reading science fiction, playing games, trains and his family.

Donald was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous since 1975 and was proud of his 46 years of sobriety. Over the course of these years, he helped numerous individuals suffering

from alcoholism turn their lives around. Donald was a strong Christian who was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where he often volunteered, always wanting to help others less fortunate than him.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 36 years Sylvia, his parents, his siblings Douglas and Joyce and his stepson Samuel Heistman.

Those remaining to cherish his memory is his children Velma (Ken) Wycoff, Gunner Pihl, Carl (Tammy) Pihl, Richard Barnhart Heistman, Eleata Pettigrass, Sandra (Alan) Schranz, 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, two great-grandsons, daughter in law Sandy Heistman and numerous extended family and many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted for Donald and his remains will be interred in the family funeral plot near where he grew up in Illinois during Summer 2020.

Evelyn Friemuth

MOUNT MORRIS – Evelyn Jane Behrendt Friemuth, age 95, passed away in Mt. Morris on Thursday April 23, 2020. She was born on Nov. 18, 1924 in Dixon the daughter of John and Harriet (Sweet) Behrendt.

Evelyn graduated from Harmon High School class of 1942 before attending and graduating from Dixon Business College. She married Raymond "Ray" Friemuth on Sept. 10, 1946. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2010. She worked on the farm until 1961 and then went to work for Kable Printing until her retirement. After retirement she opened up her own craft shop called The Plaster Pit. Evelyn was a member of Disciples United Methodist Church of Mt. Morris and also the United Methodist Women. She was a very artistic person who expressed herself through crocheting, knitting, decorating cakes, and oil painting; which she won awards for.



She grew up as a truck farmer daughter, therefore she became a member of a gardening club and had her own large garden with over 100 tomato plants. Evelyn loved to travel throughout the United States with her fiancé Lowell where she enjoyed meeting new people and playing cards. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Ray, siblings Alvin (Vernice) Behrendt, Everett (Valara) Behrendt, Harold (Florence) Behrendt, Walter (Doris)

Behrendt, and Irene (Virgil) Schmall, special in laws John and Pearl Friemuth, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Osborne of Mt. Morris, Gail (Gary) Fruin of Dixon, John Friemuth of Mt. Morris, and Bob (Laurie) Friemuth of Oregon; fiancé, Lowell Schaefer of Mt. Morris; 4 grandchildren Nicholas Osborne, and 3 Blumeyer grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; Samantha Rae Osborne and 3 Blumeyer great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will take place at a later date due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Memorials are established for the Disciples United Methodist Church. A private family graveside service will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Payne's Point. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhol-landgale.com

Daniel Ray Brown

DIXON – Daniel "Dan" Ray Brown, 49, of Dixon, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at home. He worked in the automotive industry as a welder, auto body rebuilders and painter for many years prior to his passing.

Dan was born, February 9, 1971, in Chicago, the son of Douglas and Arletta (Swartz) Brown. He was an avid motorcycle fan and could be found either rebuilding or painting them with his dear friend Bert Perry III. Dan was also very musically talented and enjoyed playing



his guitar with Bert Perry IV. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his mother, Arletta Sharp; two sons, Matthew Gabbard of Colo., Leland Brown of Or-

fordsville, Wis.; two grandchildren, Daymien Ellis, Tristan Gage Gabbard and special friend, Ursala Lee. Dan was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Brown, step-father, Bill Sharp, and dear friend, Audrey Benz.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial will be held at a later date. A memorial can be directed to Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Julie M. Kozak

Julie M. Kozak, 61, of Rockford passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020 in her home surrounded by family due to complications of Parkinson's Disease. Julie was born on Sept. 10, 1958 in Springfield, Mo., the daughter of Billy Gene and Janie Lou (Owen) Munhollon. She married James Kozak on Jan. 26, 2005 in Rockford. Julie spent her working life at Ballard Electric and Hanson Professional Services.

Julie was a loving and compassionate person. She poured her love into her family as a loving wife, sister, and aunt. She was also a doting dog owner and enjoyed her time breeding, raising, and showing Saint Bernards. A naturally social person, she made friends quickly and easily. She greatly treasured these friendships in her life.

Julie enjoyed travel and spending her summers at Lake Louise. She also en-



joyed quite times at home watching her favorite television shows and keeping up with friends and family through social media.

She is survived by her husband James Kozak of Rockford; siblings, Richard (Deanne) Munhollon of Byron, Karen (Chuck) Kereven of Oregon, Kelly Munhollon of Cleveland, Ohio; brother-in-law Ed Kozak of Chicago; and nieces and nephews Ashley (RJ) McGarry of Byron, Katherine Kereven of Port Wentworth, Ga., Tyler (Jennifer) Munhollon of

Owensboro, Ky., Allison (Adam) Albrecht of Oregon, and Zack Munhollon of Cleveland, Ohio; and great nieces and nephew Cooper, Mason, Owen, Hudson, and Parker.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Billy Gene and Janie Lou.

The family would also like to thank OSF Home Health, Palliative and Hospice Care for all they did for Julie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Julie's family for a memorial in her name to be established at a later date.

She will be dearly missed by those that knew and loved her. A private service for family only will be held at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory with burial at Byron Cemetery in Byron, Illinois. A celebration of Julie's life will be held at a later date. To express online condolences, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

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Obituaries

Thomas A. Shouer

OREGON – Thomas A. Shouer, 85, longtime Oregon resident, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison. Born May 10, 1934 in Freeport, the son of Richard and Gladys (Knoll) Shouer.



Tom was a graduate of Freeport High School and Northern Illinois University and served in the U.S. Army in Okinawa. Married to Darlene Remmers May 29, 1963 in Freeport. He was employed as a Sales Representative for Rockford Nehi Bottling and, with his wife, owned and operated Shouer's Hallmark in Oregon from 1977 to 1994. Later, he worked as a salesman for Chicago Motor Club. Tom was a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris

and Gideons International and was a charter member of Oregon Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed the Chicago Cubs, gardening and spending time with his family.

Survived by his wife Darlene of Oregon; son, Dean (Jennifer) Shouer of Byron; grandchildren: Timothy Jacob Shouer and Sarah Jean Shouer of Byron, Nina Harp of Aurora and Mallory (Bran-

don) Herring of Mt. Morris; great grandchildren: Evelyn, Ezekiel and Elizabeth Herring of Mt. Morris; brother, Richard (Beverly) Shouer of Freeport; and nieces, Sally (Jim) and Emily Wonder of Caledonia and Julie Shouer of Barcelona, Spain.

Preceded in death by his parents and son, Curt.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, a private service with burial in Riverview Cemetery, Oregon will be held. Pastor Bruce McKanna of Mt. Morris Evangelical Free church will preside. Memorials in Tom's name may be made to the Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church's home missions fund or for Gideon Bibles. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Guy Lacombe

CHANA – Guy "Frenchie" Lacombe, age 73, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020 in his home with his wife Linda beside him and holding his hand. He was born on Oct. 28, 1946 in Montreal, Canada the son of George and Eva (Lemay) Lacombe.



Guy moved to the United States in 1978 and worked as a steamfitter pipefitter in several different places. He was a member of the steamfitter pipe fitter local 501 UA, and in October of 2016 received his gold watch and award for 50 years; something he was very proud of receiving. Guy married Linda Schelling in July of 2000. He loved buying and restoring old cars and has over the years collected

many, he loved to tell stories and some maybe not so good, he enjoyed visiting with people about many things especially about cars, he was a member of the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge.

Guy is survived by his wife Linda, Chana; sons: Ryan (Martha) Fletcher and Rob (Mindi) Fletcher, Mt. Morris, and Martin La-

combe, Canada; daughters: Aime (Shaun) Heldt, Lanark, and Sonia Lacombe, Canada; grandchildren: Abigail and Drew Fletcher, Mt. Morris, Raven Nance Fletcher, Forreton, Monica and Dustin Heldt, Lanark, Yohan, Gabriel, and Nicholas Laroche, Canada; great grandchildren: Cora Belle and Deacon, Lanark; father in law: Duane Schelling, Mt. Morris; many nieces and nephews.

Guy is preceded in death by his parents; brother: Gilles; and brother in law: Louis.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donald Dummer

BYRON – Donald Eugene Dummer, 73, lifelong Byron resident, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2020 at PineCrest Community Center. Born June 2, 1946 in Byron to George and Emma (Traver) Dummer.



Don was a 1964 graduate of Byron High School, where he excelled in baseball for four years. Don married Mary Lea Miller on Dec. 21, 1968 in Winnebago. He was employed at J.I Case, Hess Oil Company, Torch Oil Company,

and various other part time jobs then retiring from Amcore Bank. Don loved his bowling, singing karaoke, and watching his Dallas Cowboys.

He is survived by his sis-

ter Shirley (Donald) Hoffman Sr. of Oregon, a son Dennis (Donna) Dummer of Benton, Wis., a daughter Kelly Dummer of Byron, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Mary, both of his parents, brother Charles Dummer, sister Thelma Wallace.

Due to the Covid19 virus, a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. A memorial fund for the family has been set up at the Stillman Valley Bank.

County recycling events cancelled

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD), in its continuing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, has cancelled the electronic recycling events scheduled for May 2020.

The residential electronics drop-off events were scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and Friday, May 29. No electronic items will be accepted on these days and the County Annex Building and grounds will be closed to all public entry until further notice.

The OCSWMD will update the public regarding the Friday, June 26, residential electronics drop-off event. Please call 815-732-4020, visit the county website at www.oglecounty.org, or visit the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. on Facebook for more information.

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Girl Scouts move to online sales

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) recently announced a new resource to serve girls and consumers during this time of crisis and isolation.

While the organization has suspended in-person activities and events, including Girl Scout Cookie booths, due to the spread of COVID-19, consumers can still support the largest investment in girls annually through Girl Scouts Cookie Care, a campaign that lets consumers order and donate cookies online.

In these unprecedented times, Girl Scout Cookies can be a source of comfort for many, so GSUSA has launched Girl Scouts Cookie Care as a way to safely order cookies for home delivery (pending local shipping availability) or to share the love by donating cookies to first responders, volunteers, and local causes. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest investment in girls annually and the financial lifeblood that helps Girl Scout councils deliver life-changing programming to 1.7 million girls.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. hard during cookie season, so many girls and councils haven't been able to sell their inventory due to social distancing and other safety precautions. Knowing that ample supply is available, and many consumers are seeking Girl Scout Cookies, Girl Scouts Cookie Care is primed to address these needs by allowing consumers to order from nearby councils' inventory. Visit www.girlscouts.org/cookiecare to purchase Girl Scout Cookies.

Consumers can also purchase cookies from Girl Scouts they know who are selling through the Digital Cookie® platform

– including the Digital Order Card – and they should watch for mention of “virtual cookie booths,” as many innovative cookie entrepreneurs around the country are reimagining cookie booths during this time of isolation, using the power of social media (with parental supervision) to make their sales pitch, collect orders, and deliver or donate the cookies when it's again safe. No matter how consumers purchase cookies, doing so allows Girl Scouts to continue to give back to their communities while the proceeds, which stay local, sustain innovative programs for girls.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is also introducing GSNI at Home at www.girlscoutsni.org/GSNIatHome. With GSNI at Home, families everywhere can access self-guided, free activities to keep them engaged and connected to their communities and the larger sisterhood of girls. This new platform reflects the exploration and interactive learning of Girl Scouts in a one-stop-shop format that lets both members and the public enjoy a variety of activities! More program-based options will be added in the coming weeks, allowing girls to earn badges, tune in to virtual events, and connect online for troop meetings and projects!

We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois We serve 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit www.girlscoutsni.org or call 844-GSNI-4-ME (844-476-4463).



From left: Super Valu Meat Manager Terry Davis and Lion Dave Stenger

Oregon Lions hold annual meat raffle

OREGON – The Oregon Lions Club held their Meat Raffle Drawing on Friday, March 27. One half a hog, four \$50 Super Valu gift certificates, 25 turkeys, 25 hams and 20 steak and ground chuck bundles were offered as prizes.

The lucky Grand Prize winner of half a hog was Alex Best.

The rest of the prize winner will be contacted and asked to wait until later this spring, once the current travel restrictions have been lifted, to have their meat delivered to them.

The half hog was purchased by Oregon Lions from Eichmanns, in Seward. The turkeys, hams and beef bundles were purchased from Super Valu in Oregon. Oregon Lions wish to thank them both for their cooperation during this annual fundraiser.

Oregon Lions also want to thank everyone who purchased a ticket and supported Lions causes!

Stillman Bank welcomes Gensler

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Board of Directors of Stillman BancCorp, N.A. is proud to welcome James Gensler to its Board of Directors, according to Martin C. Larson, Chairman and CEO of Stillman BancCorp N.A.

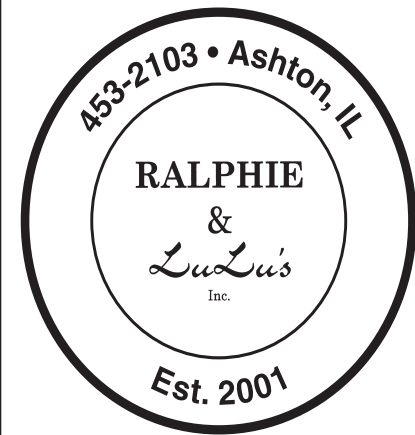
Gensler earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from the University of Illinois.

A lifelong resident of Rochelle, he currently oversees the day-to-day operations of his family's farms and also sells crop insurance. Outside of his time on the farm, Gensler is highly involved with the youth sports programs within Rochelle. He serves as Treasurer for the Rochelle Little League and coaches local baseball, football, and wrestling teams.

“We are fortunate and thrilled to have Jim join our Board of Directors,” Larson said. “His agricultural expertise and strong connection to the community will assist us in continuing our efforts towards better serving the needs of our customers.”



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Mother's Day

All you need to know about flowers for this special day

Mother's Day is an annual holiday that honors motherhood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia.

Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning.

As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar.



(See FLOWERS, A-8)

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Mother's Day

FLOWERS: They remain a popular gift for Mother's Day

Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's Day. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and—thankfully—there are a wide variety of flowers that you can choose from.

Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in Mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to

symbolize a mother's love.

Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift gives a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.

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Mother's Day ideas for moms from all walks of life

Mother's Day is a celebration of women who devote so much of their effort and energy to their families. Celebrating Mom on Mother's Day lets her know all of her efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Mothers may perform similar tasks, but no two moms are the same. Finding ways to celebrate Mom's uniqueness can make the day that much more meaningful and memorable.

The Crafter

Mothers who are avid crafters may enjoy a craft-themed Mother's Day. A family crafting project can make for a fun afternoon and produce mementos that Mom will cherish for years to come. Dads and kids can plan the project in advance without Mom's knowledge, arranging all of the materials ahead of time and setting up the crafting station the night before or while Mom is relaxing on Mother's Day morning. Kids can even get a head start on the day by making their own craft for Mom and giving it to her as a Mother's Day present. Dads can keep the craft theme going at dinner and get a laugh out of Mom by pouring her a craft beer when dinner is served.

The Reader

A 2017 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that women read more than men. Women read an average of 19.8 minutes per day, which can make a Mother's Day focused on Mom's love of

books an ideal and unique way to spend the day. Kids can write Mom their own books, and Dad can help put them together. Dads can visit rare bookstores and look for original copies of Mom's favorite books that she might not find elsewhere.

The Nature Lover

Fishing and other outdoor activities might have a reputation as predominantly male hobbies, but studies show that's not really the case. A 2016 report from the Outdoor Foundation found that 46 percent of people who participated in outdoor activities were women. If Mom is a nature enthusiast, families can plan a Mother's Day enjoying the great outdoors, even giving Mom a new fishing pole, hiking gear or other items that align with her favorite nature activity.

The Relaxation Specialist

Of course, some mothers may want to simply unwind with a relaxing morning at the spa on Mother's Day. In fact, the 2018 U.S. Spa Industry Study found that the spa industry has enjoyed seven consecutive years of consistent growth, with more than 187 billion spa visits in 2017 alone. A relaxing morning at the spa can be the perfect way for moms to begin Mother's Day before they enjoy a brunch of dinner out with their families.

Mother's Day celebrations can be as unique as the women being celebrated.

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Mother's Day

5 ways to commemorate the day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen?

Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.



Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

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Surprise mom with a special dessert in her honor

Mothers selflessly devote themselves to their children from infancy into adulthood. A mother's love never wanes, and she's always ready and willing to step in and put her children first.

Mother's Day is a great chance for men, women and children to honor the special women in their lives. Delicious homemade treats can show mothers just how much they're appreciated and adored. Try this tasty recipe for "Cold Mango Soufflés Topped With Toasted Coconut" from "The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook" (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli.

Cold Mango Soufflés Topped With Toasted Coconut
(Makes 4)

4 small mangoes, peeled, pitted and chopped
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon powdered gelatine
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup superfine sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 1/4 cups heavy cream
Grated rind of one orange
Toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut, to decorate

Place a few pieces of mango in the base

of each of four 2/3-cup ramekins. Wrap a creased collar of nonstick parchment paper around the outside of each dish, extending well above the rim. Secure with adhesive tape, then tie tightly with string.

Pour the water into a small heatproof bowl and sprinkle the gelatine over the surface. Leave for 5 minutes or until spongy. Place the bowl in a pan of hot water, stirring occasionally, until the gelatine has dissolved.

Meanwhile, whisk the egg yolks with the superfine sugar and milk in another heatproof bowl.

Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water and continue to whisk until the mixture is thick and frothy. Remove from the heat and continue whisking until the mixture cools. Whisk in the liquid gelatine.

Puree the remaining mango pieces in a food processor or blender, then fold the puree into the egg yolk mixture with the orange rind. Set the mixture aside until starting to thicken.

Whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Reserve 4 tablespoons and fold the rest into the mango mixture. Spoon into the ramekins until the mixture is 1 inch above the rim of each dish. Chill for 3 to 4 hours, or until set.

Carefully remove the paper collars from the soufflés. Spoon a little of the reserved cream on top of each soufflé and decorate with some toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut.



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Trying for a unique gift? Here are a few ideas

Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and many more remarkable women often work tirelessly and without fanfare to provide for their families.

Even though they may deserve to be recognized throughout the year, moms enjoy a special day nestled within the month of May when children, spouses and others celebrate Mother's Day.

Many people give heartfelt gifts on Mother's Day to express their love for the mothers in their lives.

The perfect gift may focus on Mom's interests and the things that make her truly happy.

With that in mind, the following shopping tips can help anyone find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

- Explore spa packages. What mother won't benefit from some rest and relaxation with a little pampering thrown in? Salons and massage therapists typically put together Mother's Day packages that cater to mothers. Packages may include massages, facials, hair treatments, manicures, and pedicures. Gift-givers can customize the services depending on their budgets.

- Dining out can be a treat. A meal at a favorite restaurant can be a welcome change from kitchen duty. Mother's Day is a busy day for restaurants, many of which have limited menus to better handle the crowds. As a result, if dining out on Mother's Day, Mom may not get the full menu she desires. To ensure mothers have full menus at their disposal, gift givers can cook a meal at home on Mother's Day and then choose another day of the week to enjoy a meal in an upscale restaurant.

- Schedule a paint and sip. A paint and sip session is a unique gift. A session is typically two hours and includes step-by-step instructions. Patrons are encouraged to bring snacks and their favorite beverages. With the right planning, well-intentioned children can turn the evening into a "ladies night out" and encourage other moms to join in the fun. Or the entire family can paint masterpieces together.

- Give tickets to a show or sporting event. Whether Mom is a sports fan or she prefers the theater or live music, event tickets can make a wonderful gift. Unique gift ideas include tickets to Cirque du Soleil, Shen Yun or a Broadway play.

- Give the gift of wine tasting. Wineries can be found across the country and frequently open their doors to wine tastings and wine pairing events. A Mother's Day wine tasting can be special for the entire family and support local businesses. Check the vineyard's rules on guests. Many times those under 21 can attend but will not be permitted to consume wine, though other refreshments may be available.

Mother's Day offers the perfect opportunity to lavish attention on special women. Gifts that cater to Mom's interests will make the biggest splash.



From left: Oregon Lion Grant Afflerbaugh, Rockford Lion Lisa Borgo, and Oregon Lions President Mike Hoff

Teacher Lisa Borgo speaks to Oregon Lions

OREGON – Lisa Borgo was the featured speaker at the Oregon Lions Meeting on March 12.

She is one of six blind/visually impaired teachers employed by the Rockford School District and a member of Rockford Noon Lions.

For many years Oregon Lions have contributed to the financial support of Camp Lions, which are camps held throughout the State of Illinois, catering to the specific needs of visually and hearing impaired students. Last summer Oregon Lions provided supper for the campers attending Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon.

Borgo will again spend a busy summer as co-director of several camps for visually and hearing impaired students whose participants range in age from 13 years to 80 years old.

During their week-long camp experience, each of the campers has the opportunity to take part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities which may include: arts and crafts, swimming, zip lining, dancing, hors back riding, bowling etc. They are able to socialize with people who have similar disabilities and often make friendships that last a lifetime.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 20, 1506, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus dies in Spain. Columbus, and most others, underestimated the world's size, calculating that East Asia must lie about where North America sits on the globe.

* On May 23, 1701, at London's Execution Dock, British privateer William Kidd, known as Captain Kidd, is hanged for piracy and murder. In 1695, Kidd was commissioned to defend English ships from pirates in the Red Sea. When arrested with a shipload of treasure, Kidd's Whig sponsors failed to back his claims of legitimacy.

* On May 19, 1715, the colony of New York passes a law making it illegal to "gather, rake, take up, or bring to the market, any oysters whatsoever" between the months of May and September. The regulation was intended to help preserve certain species.

* On May 24, 1844, before members of Congress, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches a telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to a railroad station in Baltimore. The message -- "What Hath God Wrought?" -- was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later.

* On May 18, 1917, six weeks after the United States formally entered World War I, Congress passes the Selective Service Act, giving the president the power to draft soldiers. Of the almost 4.8 million Americans who served in the war, some 2.8 million were drafted.

* On May 21, 1901, Connecticut becomes the first state to limit the speed of motor vehicles to 12 mph in cities and 15 mph on country roads. As late as 1930, a dozen states had no speed limit, while 28 states did not even require a driver's license.

* On May 22, 1969, actor Paul Newman makes his onscreen racing debut in the film "Winning." Newman played a struggling race car driver who must turn around his fortunes by winning the Indianapolis 500.

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Time for spring chores has finally sprung

Well, my luck ran out. I had been able to spend much of the time during this shelter at home period without having to do too much work around the house. There was my job, of course, which keeps me busy. But when you are home almost all the time, there is also some downtime.

I procrastinated a great deal, of course. It is in my nature. But a nice day came along and I knew I had to get outside and start doing some spring yard work.

Look, it's not that I don't like working in the yard. Once I get going, I actually like it a lot. I especially like when I am done and look at the yard and know I have done a good job.

So with sun shining, I made my way out to the garage. The first task was to get my wheelbarrow down from its place in the garage. There was a hook in the ceiling when we moved in and I thought it would be a perfect place to hang the wheelbarrow to get it up and out of the way.

The problem is that I have to basically lift the

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



thing with my head, which is thankfully very hard, to get it down. So as I lift and use my head, the wheelbarrow comes free and I dance around the garage with it on my head trying not to drop it on the riding lawnmower or—worse—my motorcycle. Or much, much worse, my wife's motorcycle.

I finally get it down and see that the front tire is flat. No problem. It can go a little flat over the winter. So I grab my trusty air gun so I can fill the tire. After trying to attach it for 15 minutes, I realize I have a problem. Apparently, something got jammed in the

air gun and it now will not attach to anything.

I give the tire a kick and realize it is very low on air, but not flat. I grab the shovel and begin the long trek down the driveway to the culvert near the street. I need to get all of the dirt out of it the plows throw there in the winter. I get a nearly full load of dirt into the wheelbarrow and begin the hike back to the house—I plan to put this in a low spot in the back yard.

I make it about 10 feet before realizing this might be a mistake. I did the math: Low tire, load of heavy wet dirt, a guy who just turned 57 and is not exactly ready for the Olympics. The answer I came up with: Probable failure.

But I kept going, nearly calling my wife halfway up to send the dog down with water ... or a beer. I finally made it and dumped the dirt. I was ready to celebrate when I realized that was just my first task.

Next I took the wheelbarrow around the yard picking up tree branches. Our lot is filled with trees, and winter

can be tough on them. I gathered a couple of loads and took them to the back near the fire pit. They will come in handy soon.

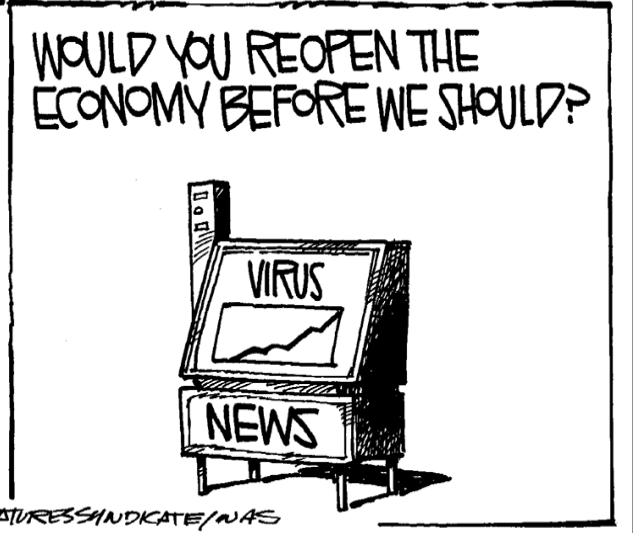
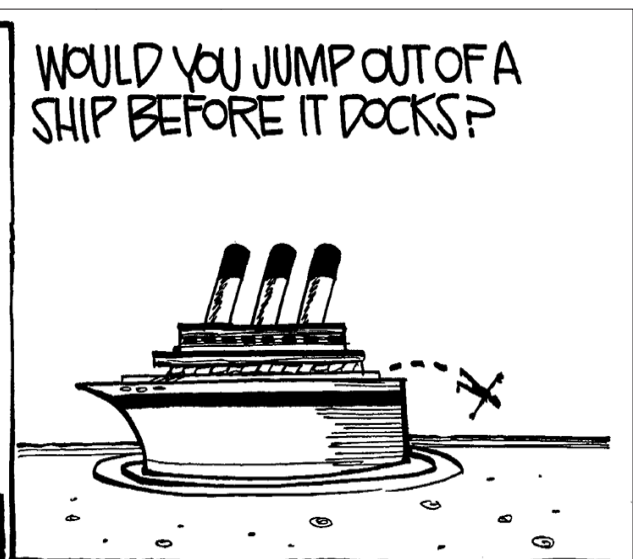
Then it was around the south end of our property to pick up garbage. Yes, people are slobbs. There is always an assortment of random car parts, fast food bags and empty booze bottles. If this says anything about society, it is that we are overweight drunk drivers.

Finally, I had made it to the fun part. I fired up my trusty Cub Cadet to mow the yard. It started on the first turn and we hit the lawn with a fury. I know I should mow the grass at a nice, slow pace. But this baby can fly, and I love to ride it full out.

Lawn mowed, I parked back in the garage and went out to survey the yard. Looking good, I thought, turning to go inside the house.

I sat on the couch with a water, feeling pretty good. My body didn't start aching until about 30 minutes later. It was a great 30 minutes.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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Congress needs to support your local news sources in this crisis

During this coronavirus pandemic, access to accurate and trustworthy information in your community is as critical to life under quarantine and as sought after as hand sanitizer and face masks.

Your local newspaper provides the news and information unique to your community. Where are the testing sites and who's eligible, which businesses are open, what is the local online unemployment benefit application process, and much more. But your access to local news and information is gravely threatened by the economic carnage COVID-19 has wrought.

While local newspapers continue to field reporters and bring news and advice from public health authorities in print and online – at considerable cost – their revenues have all but disappeared as the businesses that

Guest Opinion

By Dean Ridings



were their most important advertisers were shuttered. That's why America's Newspapers and other organizations representing local news providers are asking Congress to take urgent action to ensure you don't lose your vital sources of timely and trustworthy information.

First, we're asking that Congress expand and clarify

the Payroll Protection Program to ensure it covers all local newspapers and news broadcasters. While some of these outlets may be owned by large organizations, they must survive on their own. It's only fair that they should be included in any expansion of the program. These loans will keep the newspaper employees – your neighbors – on their payrolls and help get the news to you in print as well as online. We appreciate the bipartisan letter of April 19th from U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), John Kennedy (R-LA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Boozman (R-AR) that requested waiving the Small Business Administration's (SBA) affiliation rule to allow local media outlets to access funding, pointing to the critical role these outlets play in keeping communities healthy and informed.

Second, we are asking that the Trump Administration direct current federal government advertising funds to local news and media outlets. These public service and informative ads could be similar to the ones running right now about the U.S. Census. They could carry critical government information about data from the CDC, access to small business loans, medical resources for families and other important topics. We're asking for a commitment that would be spent in an equitable manner across all local news providers.

We also believe that there should be an immediate relief package that is based on total newsroom employees. Some local news organizations won't survive without some type of immediate grant or infusion that is tied to the organization's employees who directly work in the

newsroom.

This is not a demand for an industry bailout by local news providers. Instead, these measures recognize that local news publishers are on the information frontline of the coronavirus pandemic, providing a public service vital to keeping our communities safe, secure and sustained during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress and tell them you support expanding the Payroll Protection Program to include your local news source and that the federal government should use your local newspapers or news broadcaster to convey important information through public service ads. And finally, let them know that a grant based on newsroom employees is critical at this

time. Visit www.usa.gov/elected-officials for their contact information.

Take this easy action to ensure that your access to local information doesn't become another victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you and may you and your family remain safe and informed during this difficult time.

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Dean Ridings is CEO of America's Newspapers.

Saying goodbye hard now

Dear Editor,
I just lost a friend to a sudden illness.

Because of the current social restrictions, I was not able to say goodbye, and most likely will not be able to express my grief personally to her family.

When things return to "normal" we must reclaim our ability to share our grief in person.

Reclaiming these customs is more for the living than the deceased, a way of coming together, to express our humanity, share our grief and maintain our sense of community.

Sheila you will be missed!
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Welcome home

Thomas Tryggestad of Leaf River was recently welcomed home after a tour of duty in Afghanistan. The Leaf River and Mount Morris fire departments participated in the event.

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On Monday, May 25th The Ogle County Life will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten. The memorials will be similar to the sample below



David C. Andrews
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May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.

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(SAMPLE)

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2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My Prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
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\$289,000 dickersonnieman.com/202001059
IMMACULATE 2 STORY IN BYRON! 5 bed, 3.5 bath home w/4600+ SF of living space on 1 acre on private cul-de-sac. Too many updates to list. Professionally landscaped yard with many perennials and trees lining the lot for extra privacy. A true must see home. 9345 N OAKLEAF Court, Byron
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\$575,000 dickersonnieman.com/202001611
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! 3 bed, 2.5 bath restored stone home nestled in the woods outside of Oregon on over 32 acres. Property is zoned ag with 2 barns and a pond. Home has tons of old character with updated amenities. A true must see! 4972 W HENRY Road, Oregon
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\$575,000 dickersonnieman.com/202000912
CUSTOM HOME ON 35 ACRES! 4 bed, 3.5 bath 2 story on 35 acres with barn. Formal living room and formal dining room. Main floor master w/master bath & walk-in closet. Barn has large shop/storage area and area with stalls. Pasture w/electric fencing & more! 7339 E WILDWOOD Road, Stillman Valley
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\$299,900 dickersonnieman.com/202000579
OREGON! Byron schools. Riverfront, split floor ranch with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached & 2 car detached garages, garden shed. 4005 N IL RT. 2, Oregon
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\$179,500 dickersonnieman.com/202000501
WELL MAINTAINED! 3 or 4 BR, 3 BA exposed ranch close to schools & park. Fully equipped kit, 1st fl lau, formal DR, formal LR & fam rm w/fpl, LL w/28'x36' game rm, rec rm w/fpl, & office/den. Central vac, zoned gas heating, central air & 2 car attached garage. A must see! 202 N 13TH Street, Oregon
MIKE LONG
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10 ACRES IN STILLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT! 3 bed, 2 bath farm home. 7 acres (MOL) tillable land. Home features Lrg kitchen w/dining space. Slider in the kitchen goes out to a large deck & beautiful views. First floor laundry. Large 2.5 car garage. 6196 E MCCORMICK Road, Stillman Valley
ROBIN HENRY
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\$114,900 dickersonnieman.com/201907871
DAVIS JUNCTION! 3 bed, 1 bath house w/attached garage on nearly an acre. Legally, non-conforming as a single family residence. Current zoning C3. 5699 N US HWY 251, Davis Junction
HEATHER MANIS
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2 STORY ON 5.62 ACRES! Cozy 3 bed, 2 full bath on 5.62 acres just N of Rochelle. Built in 1918 this home has been cared for over the years! This home is ready for a new owner! Property features pasture and barns close to town! 10410 FLAGG Road, Rochelle
ROBIN HENRY
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\$138,900 dickersonnieman.com/201906262
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! New listing. 3 rental units. Barbershop, 2 story 3 bedroom home & 1 bedroom ranch home. Must be sold as a package. Fully occupied. Close to downtown. Call for listing details. 401 & 403 W Monroe Street, Oregon
MIKE LONG
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\$349,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905554
A RARE FIND! Nestled on 2.7 acres. Custom built with character. 4-5 bed, 3 bath. Loaded with amenities first-floor laundry and family room. Finished lower level walk out. So much more! 3160 E RIDGEWOOD Court, Oregon
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\$179,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905267
RANCH HOME! Harvest Glenn subdivision. Wide foyer opens to FR, DR & kitchen. Large deck off rear of home. Paver fire pit area. 3 good sized bedrooms. Master bedroom w/walk-in closet & bath. Finished LL area work shop. Close to I-39 access. 171 HARVEST GLENN Drive, Davis Junction
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\$159,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905027
BEAUTIFUL RIVER PROPERTY! 2 bed, 2 bath home located between Rockford & Byron on Rock River. Large MBR w/views of the river. HUGE walk-in closet, office, & laundry room. 2nd bed w/large walk-in closet. Outbuilding 24x38 w/two overhead garage doors.
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\$165,000 dickersonnieman.com/201904305
GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH! Close to the schools, shops, and restaurants. Nice open floor plan. House has a good sized deck with landscaping & mature shade trees. LL has an additional living space & garage entrance. 712 W 2ND Street, Byron
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\$249,900 dickersonnieman.com/201903679
5.96 ACRES ZONED AG! 3 bedroom home with 2 baths, large rooms & deck. Located approx. 1/2 mile north of IL RT 2. Byron schools yet close enough for Rockford Shopping. Property has multiple outbuildings and fruit trees. Ogle County Taxes. 12448 N MERIDIAN Road, Byron
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\$142,900 dickersonnieman.com/201902888
HISTORIC BRICK 2 STORY BANK BUILDING! Building has 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, could be used for business & living quarters. Rubberized roof, newer mechanicals, 1 car garage. Extra lot available - \$10,700. 202 Main Street, Leaf River
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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
Mike Long 815-761-4741

BYRON SUB Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$69,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer. Impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. dickersonnieman.com/201701914 \$69,000. Chris Snyder 815-494-7857 & Tom Oracki 815-262-5212

OREGON! Stunning 1.7 acre parcel just outside of Oregon. Gorgeous, tranquil setting w/wample privacy. Riding & walking trails. Established subdivision to build your dream home. Large common area in cul-de-sac. A must see! dickersonnieman.com/202000416
Tiffany Cravatta 815-988-4378

Bread of Life has May distribution

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 May 12 and June 9. May distribution will be curbside only. April recipients will come the same time in May. If you did not attend in April please call to make an appointment. 815-645-8872.

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1349 W Logan St Freeport \$72,500
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

CHARMING CAPE COD! 3 Bed/1.5 Bathroom in a great location. Kitchen with eat in Area. There is also a main floor laundry. Lower level is partially finished offering additional living space. Outside you will find a large deck with benches, spacious backyard and one car garage with brand new door. Freshly landscaped, this house is ready for you to call home!



871 Main St Oregon \$144,900
Call Jenny 815-440-2145

The work is done! You will want to make this house YOUR HOME. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths with a heated 2 car garage situated on a large corner lot in a quiet location outside of Oregon. Spacious living room has a rustic feel that complements the updated kitchen with all stainless steel appliances. Main floor laundry and a spacious 2nd bathroom with new sink and corner Jacuzzi tub/shower. The master bedroom features a sliding barn door that opens to master bath with double bowl vanity, and beautifully tiled shower with bench seat. Home has some newer flooring and fresh paint throughout. Don't delay...see it today



1 Oak Knoll Oregon \$119,900 Call Rebecca 815-509-8432
If you are looking for a spacious home on a large lot, look no further! This sprawling 4+ bedroom/2.5 bathroom home is situated down a private drive on Oregon's historic north end. Stunning beams throughout, the high ceilings and open concept floor plan give this home a great flow and feel. Boasting nearly 3,000 square feet of living space, this custom built, one owner home includes a formal dining space, living room, family room & plenty of over sized closets for storage. There are several "bonus" rooms that could easily be converted into additional bedrooms. Built using energy efficient materials and utilizing radiant heat, you will also enjoy low utility costs. Two car garage- both of which are heated! Consisting of two wooded lots, this property has over 1 acre of land while still being walking distance to downtown.



4432 N Ill Route 2 Oregon \$185,000
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS- PROPERTY IN BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT! New 30 year shingle roof and a number of other repairs have recently been completed on the property. Follow the 250' of concrete driveway to 2,200 sq ft of finished living space with another 1,100 waiting to be finished. This 3 level home is situated on 5.21 wooded acres, ZONED AG! Another added bonus, is the large in ground pool with cement patio and brick retaining wall. Packed with potential, bring your ideas and turn this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home into your dream home! Low Rockvale Tax Rate. Agent Related.



2863 S Brooks Island Rd \$133,900 Oregon
Call Carla 815-985-6235

Cozy cabin on the Rock River! Beautifully decorated with a stunning River Stone floor to ceiling fireplace, vaulted ceiling, slate tile flooring, exceptional ultra high end shower system, large deck overlooking your own dock that stays with the sale! This is a perfect get a way spot! Only one hour away from the suburbs. Don't delay!



11015 W Haldane Rd Polo \$246,500
Call Carla 815-985-6235

Fabulous Farmette on 2 Acres MOL! 4-5 Bedroom, 2 Bath 2 story. Country living doesn't get any better than this! Huge rooms throughout, new bath, fireplace in kitchen with center island cooktop. Hardwood flooring, finished lower level Rec Room with Wet bar. All you need to do is move right in. Polo schools. Call today!



2719 N Pecatonica Rd Pecatonica \$400,000
Call Lori 815-973-2180

Commercial building on 4.36 acres +- of land zoned commercial general by Winnebago County. The building has more than 13,000 square feet. Has a long history as an auction facility. Located just north of Route 20 and just south of Pecatonica. The site has just over 300 feet of road frontage.



410 Sunset Lane Mt Morris \$85,000 Call Mark 815-631-1699

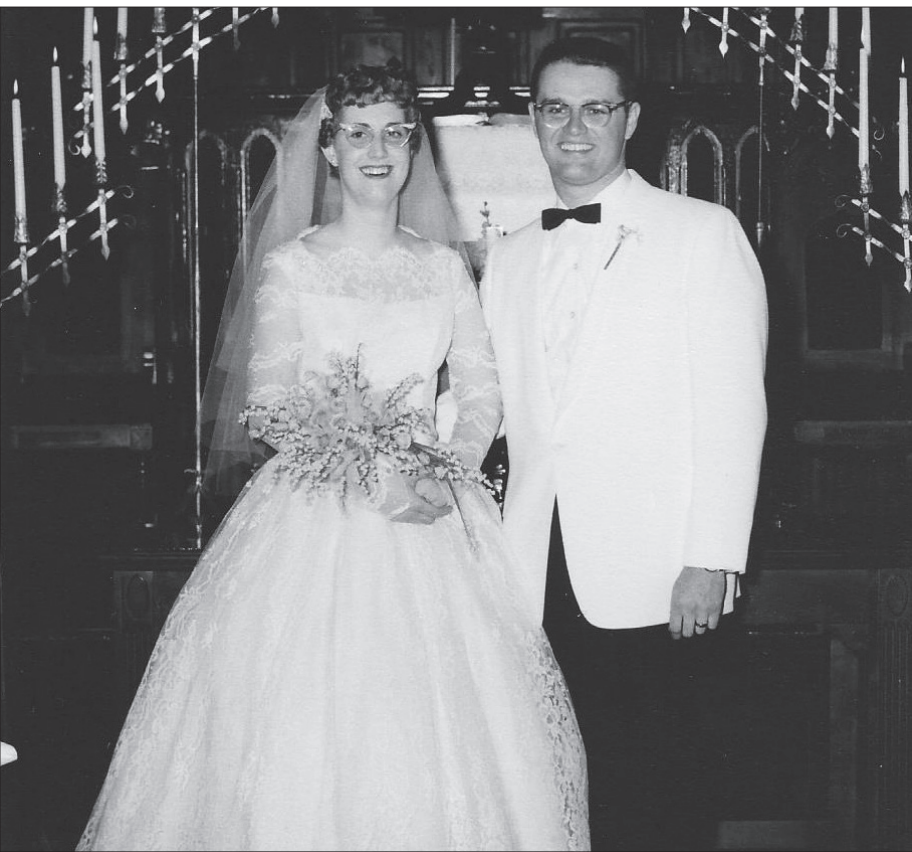
2 Bedroom totally updated ranch close to golf course and park. Sits on a corner lot on a dead end street in Mt. Morris. All new everything!Gutted down to the studs. Last 6 years, new roof, windows, drywall, flooring, hot water heater and kitchen cabinets. Nice 2+car insulated garage and a covered patio.



000 Edgewood Rd Dixon \$112,500
Call Stephanie 815-985-2055

Your premier hunting ground awaits! Densely wooded 13.5 acres of prime hunting ground. Dry creek bed runs through rear of property, numerous black walnut, red oak & white pine trees - currently a part of the forestry program. Not a hunter? - buildable lot allows for a wonderful view with plenty of privacy! - Currently zoned Ag-1.

Anniversary



McCourt's to celebrate 60 years

Charles McCourt and Brenda Hess were married on May 7, 1960 in the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon by the Rev. Richard Hewitt. They have 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 3-1/2 great granddaughters. A family celebration will be held at a later date.

Byron's Tucker to work with Chicago Blackhawks

By Russell Hodges
Sports Editor

BYRON — Byron High School graduate Avery Tucker has loved photography since she was little, but she never considered turning her passion into a career until she heard a guest lecture during her graphic design class at the University of Iowa this past semester.

Tucker's interest in photography took a leap forward when Daniel Matheson, Iowa's director of sport and recreation management, informed her class about a summer practicum with the Chicago Blackhawks, an experience that has led to future career opportunities with the team. Around 80 students including Tucker applied for the practicum, and to her amazement, Tucker was one of 20 students to be accepted into the practicum, which begins this July.

"I was shocked," Tucker said. "I wasn't sure if I was going to get in because most of the art students who get accepted are graphic design majors and I'm a photography major. But Daniel said he was excited about my design and photography portfolio, and he said I will be able to do some photography for the Blackhawks, as well as some shadowing



of their photographers."

Tucker will begin her practicum experience in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she'll spend a few weeks working with the Cedar Rapids Kernels, who are the Triple-A affiliate of the MLB's Minnesota Twins. Afterward, she and the other practicum students will head to Chicago and stay in the dorms at Roosevelt University overseeing the Buckingham Fountain. Tucker will work with the Blackhawks for two weeks, with the practicum experience concluding on July 29.

"All of the students will be broken into project teams and receive challenges from the Blackhawks executives in marketing, digital content sales, community relations and other areas," Tucker said. "Each team will work together to perform research, develop recommendations and make a final presentation to Blackhawks executives

that allow them to achieve their business objectives. As a design and photography student, I'll be working to create a visual booklet of my team's research and business strategies to present to the executives."

Tucker will be graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography after originally arriving at the University of Iowa as a microbiology major. She said her mother, who's a graphic designer, has been a huge inspiration and motivator for her photography career.

Tucker, who grew up in Byron and was a two-time IHSAA State Championship qualifier in shot put for the track and field team, said she chose Iowa over Purdue and Illinois because of the university's proximity to her family as well as its medical and arts programs.

"I always wanted to go to a Big Ten school," Tucker said. "Iowa has a great medical program, which was what I wanted to do initially, but luckily the university has an amazing arts program as well... I loved the Byron High School track and field program. Coach [Scott] McMullen made a lasting impact on me. He always pushed me to work harder and believe in myself."

Sagendorf earns Dean's List honor

OXFORD, Ohio — Tyler Sagendorf, of Byron, was named to the dean's list at Miami University for the 2019 fall semester.

He is majoring in Statistics.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of un-

dergraduate students within their division for first semester 2019-2020 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a pub-

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Julia Hull Library News



Julia Hull Library (Stillman Valley) staff have been hard at work creating personalized chalk doodles with special messages to our youngest patrons.

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Leslie Goddard Presents: Betty Crocker & the Cookbook that Changed How America Cooks

Long before Martha Stewart, there was Betty Crocker. In 1950, her brand-new Picture Cook Book hit shelves, with sales that rivaled that of another big book: The Bible! To date, it has sold more than 75 million copies.

Created in 1921 by a flour company, Betty Crocker became the most trusted advisor to American cooks. This fun, illustrated lecture by Historian, Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., looks at how Betty Crocker was invented, why her cookbook has endured, and what makes her so iconic. For everyone struggling with burned cookies and bread that didn't rise during the quarantine, or if you're just feeling like cooking up some nostalgia, this fun lecture is the perfect thing!

Leslie will join us Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM via Zoom for a fun and interactive lecture, and plenty of time for Q&A. Message us on Facebook, or e-mail jkluver@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the class.

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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. You may return materials in the book drop at any time.

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.

Preschool Outreach

If your preschooler would like to receive a story page and activity sheet through the mail, please call the library at (815)938-2624 or message us on Facebook or through email.

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!

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Don't have reliable internet at home? The Byron Library may be closed, but

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Check out our eBooks!

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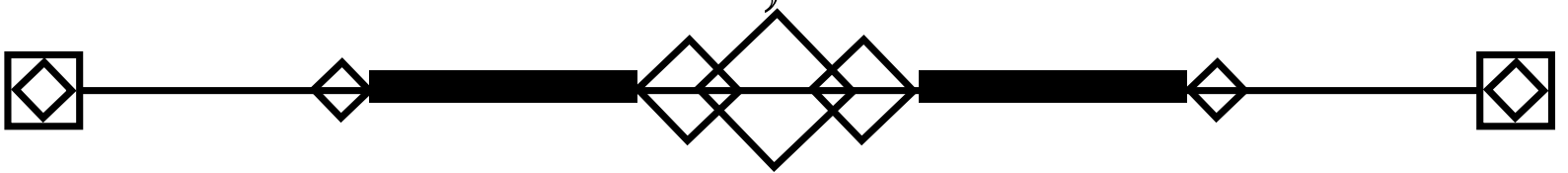
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I went to church for years and never heard about the devil. It's not fun talking about him, and I don't ever want to put too much focus on him. But the truth is, we have an enemy. First Peter 5:8 (NIV) says, "...Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

If we're going to defeat our enemy, it's important for us to believe in the power and authority we have in Christ. That's the only way we can have the great life God wants us to have.

There are so many Christians who seem to be going through their daily life just hoping they can make it through the day. They go from one problem or crisis to the next, and they lack a confident, bold faith in God that can keep them stable, full of His peace and joy in the difficult circumstances of life.

The good news is, God doesn't want us to live in the emergency room of life all the time. He wants us to get to the point where we know what to do to have a great life and take responsibility for ourselves, trusting we can do whatever we need to do through the strength we have in Christ (Philippians 4:13). This means we know who we are in Christ and how to walk in the authority we have as believers in Jesus.

The Truth About What You Have in Christ

John 10:10 tells us Jesus gave His life so we can "have life, and have it to the full." When we accept Christ as our Savior, we receive the assurance of eternal life, but we also become joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17) and are entitled to have everything He is and everything He has: grace, peace, righteousness, joy and power and authority over the enemy.

Matthew 10:1 says, "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." This authority has been given to every believer. It's important to understand that the devil has power, but we have power and authority in Christ.

Our enemy only has the authority that we give him, and many times we give him the ability to attack us through ignorance.

The devil hates anyone who is trying to do any good in the world, and his influence can be seen in the evil things people do. For example, when I'm tempted to be selfish and complain, it's not God working in my life. James 1:13, 17 says, "...God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...."

We need to learn how to be proactive and resist the devil immediately when temptation comes. First Peter 5:9 says to "withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, im-

movable, and determined]..." (AMPC). Notice this verse says to resist him at his onset.

Don't wait to see how bad things will get or how much you can get away with before you get in trouble. Be firm in your faith at all times, and resist the enemy immediately when he comes against you. God has a plan for your life, and walking in the authority you have in Christ is an important part of experiencing His will for you.

The Greatest Weapon You Have
 The Word of God is an offensive weapon in our warfare against the enemy. It has the power to renew our mind, heal our brokenness and change our lives. The Word contains God's wisdom and the direction we need for every problem we face. Everything we need is found in the Word; it's God's love letter to us, our instruction book for life and reveals all of God's promises to us as His children.

The power and authority in God's Word equips you to go after the devil—he hates the Word and must bow down to it. But we must approach the Word with the attitude, "With God's help, I'm going to do what it says." That's the key to operating in the authority we have in Christ.

I want to encourage you to make it a priority to spend time with God and study the Word. Go for quality, not quantity; meditate on Scripture so you really get it deep down in your heart. Make a predetermined decision to apply what you learn to your life. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and He will show you how to obey the Word in your daily life. You can also get more encouraging teaching or submit a prayer request by contacting our ministry at www.joycemeyer.org.

Remember that in Christ, you have everything you need to enjoy your life and overcome the enemy. God has equipped you to stand up to whatever comes against you. Through the power and authority you have in Christ, you can remain stable, full of peace and joy, and advance God's kingdom in the earth at all times. That's God's plan for you!

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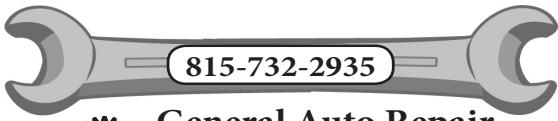

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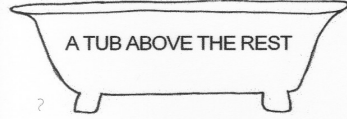
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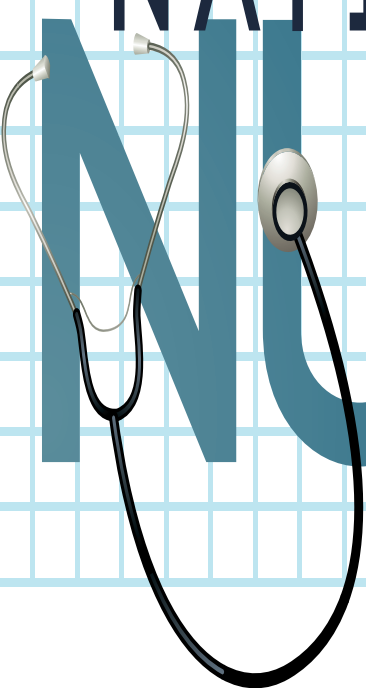
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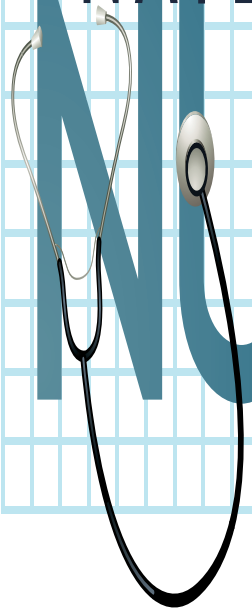
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You are still be able to use Axis 360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for e-resources (books, audio books) and we will continue to share resources on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/pololibrary) to help fill the gap while you can't use the library.

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 May 29th

2020 Summer Reading Program

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

More details coming soon about our virtual 2020 Summer Reading Program. Be sure to watch our Facebook page (Facebook.com/pololibrary) for exciting announcements.

Polo Library History

150 Years Ago

From History of Ogle County

LITERARY SOCIETY – PUBLIC LIBRARY – A powerful influence for good among the young people of Polo has been the Literary Society, the first mention of which was made publicly in the "Press" of April 1, 1870, when it was declared that, at the first meeting, a membership of twenty-nine had been secured, and suggested that the society discuss the matter of securing a library. After much agitation, a committee was appointed, a public meeting was held and \$845 pledged towards a library.

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.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BAILEYVILLE

BAILEYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277
 Pastor Janet Wold. Two worship opportunities at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
 Social Hour follows all services. Child care available at Summer Worship
 and 10:30 am Worship. Communion is served every Sunday at all services.
 Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September
 through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students. Adult
 Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon
 at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please
 visit our website at <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office
 for details.

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron (815) 234-8032
www.beaconhillbyron.org
 Pastor: Rev. Gary Cortese, Jr. Service Times: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.;
 Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. "Building Faith for Life"

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FIRSTBORN REACH

135 W. 2ND St., PO Box 1013, Byron, Pastor Patrick Featherston II
Service: Sundays at 10:00a.m.
 TAKING JESUS AS HE IS TO THE PEOPLE AS THEY ARE

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-
 5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15
 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott
 Ralston
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
 OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship
 immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
 AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.
 God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

FORRESTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
 Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/leafriverbc/
 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until
 further notice)
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
 Nursery available
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here!
 "By God's grace in Christ, we Live, Love, & Serve"
 9:30 am - Sunday Worship (nursery provided), with social hour following

10:45 am - Sunday School (children, youth, adults)
www.disciplesumc.org (815) 734-4853
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL Phone 734-4573
 Pastor-Ginny Haney. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (nursery provided)
 Fellowship time Following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School-Nursery
 through adult.

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

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"Building relationships through Christ"
 The corner of Rt 64 and 9th St, Oregon, il
 Sunday Worship Service 10 am

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2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
 3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
 • Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENZERRERFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00
 a.m.; Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.; Men's Bible Study, Kids' Club

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

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

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Karyn Kost • (815) 661-6315
 Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>
 Sunday Evening Worship at 5:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 5th St.,
 Oregon. Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
 • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
 Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
 Christian Education Available

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • www.st-mary-parish.com • Fr. Joseph P. Nail • Office Phone: 815-732-7383
 Office Fax: 815-732-4742

Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd
 Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pincrest
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointment
Baptisms: by appointment, **Wedding Arrangements:** 6 months in
 advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
 Pastor: Rick Tomlinson
 Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
 Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday

School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's
 and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more
 information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
 Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
 Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.
 Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
 See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
 Pastor Eric Tonjes, www.kishchurch.org
 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM
 Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
 For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church
 office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-
 2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended
 Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School
 Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service
 Groups; Kindred Heart Stitches For more information call the church office
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

Byron 815-234-5626	Oregon 815-732-7956	Your Local, Independent Community Bank Since 1882
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Roscoe/Rockton 815-623-1800	Stillman Valley 815-645-2266	



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Oregon Library News

Did you know?

In January 1933, a small fire, probably from faulty electric wiring in the basement of the west wing of the Library, burned and charred a section of the floor of the children's room. 200 books were totally destroyed and 481 books were severely damaged. Cost of repair, material replacement and cleaning was \$570.13. The Library was closed to the public for one week. (Information compiled from historical documents found in cupboards in the Library office and Ogle County Reporter January 18, 1933.)

Library closure

Due to the shelter in place order the Oregon Public Library will be closed until further notice. All programs have also been cancelled. We hope to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and contribute to the health of the community. Since we are a fine free library you will not be accruing fines for overdue materials, so don't worry about returning your items. Use our WiFi outside of our building by connecting to the Oregon Library Guest Access WiFi network that doesn't need a password.

We now have overdrive for E books

Readers may browse OPL's digital collection, instantly borrow titles and start reading or listening for free with a valid library card. This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™ without waitlists or holds. Through Libby, readers can also "send to Kindle®". All titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use. To get started enjoying ebooks, audiobooks and more, visit <https://omnilibraries.overdrive.com/> or download Libby today.

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.

Facebook page

Follow our Facebook for resources during this closure and updates. The Library staff will be posting updates and new virtual resources as they become available. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the Oregon Public Library Facebook page.

Senior chats!

Are you home alone, would you like a call from your favorite library staff member? Call the Oregon Public Library 815-732-2724 and leave a message with two days of the week that work, what time of day and who you would like to speak with from the library. We don't want anyone feeling isolated during this unusual time and we miss our patrons!

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!

Whay 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. Visit our Facebook page for the Zoom link to our next discussion on May 6 at 7 p.m. Of course, we will cover The Tiger King!

Trivia Night – May 13, 6 p.m.

We will be using CrowdPurr for our Trivia format as long as we are under shelter-in-place. Check our Facebook posts for the link to the website.

Video story time

We are continuing to post a Video Story Time to our Facebook page every Thursday while the Library is closed. It might be just stories and suggested activities or maybe some off- site guests. So check out the Oregon Public Library Facebook page.

Donuts and dad = Dadurday! May 16, 10 a.m.

As long as we are shelter-in-place, every month, we will have a Saturday morning dedicated to kids and their Dads. We will be doing this through Facebook Live once again on May 16th at 10:00am. Grab some donuts, your kids and enjoy a segment on Intro to Comics with Richard, one of our great librarians.

Goodreads

"Anybody else miss having the libraries open? Are you looking for a place to talk about all the books you have been reading while we are stuck in quarantine or maybe even get some new recommendations? Do you want to know what the next book club picks are so you can get a head start?"

Like most libraries COVID-19 had forced us to shut our doors for a while and we really miss our patrons. We miss seeing all of your smiling faces and chatting about books and life in general. In an effort to stay connected with all of you we thought Goodreads might be a great place to check in with each other and learn what books everyone has been reading lately. We can use this discussion to talk about current reads and/or recommend books to each other. We are all in this together and hopefully everyone has enough books to keep them busy until we reopen. Stay healthy and happy reading! Check out Oregon Public Library on Goodreads!

Available resources for your stay at home

Online Resources: Audiobooks & eBooks are available on Axis 360 and Biblioboard. Links are available on our website: oregonpubliclibrary.com/online-resources/ TumbleBookLibrary (www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

TumbleBooks - eBooks for eKids! is a collection of animated talking picture books, read-alongs, ebooks, quizzes, lesson plans, and educational games which is used by thousands of schools and public libraries in over 100 countries across the world. TumbleBooks can be accessed by our patrons from the comfort and safety of their homes! Go to the Library website, free educational resources for log-in procedures.

2020 Census – As of 4/12/2020 Oregon's Census response rate is 55.4%! Keep submitting your surveys!

Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding to the 2020 Census. Most homes should have received a paper questionnaire (sometimes known as the census form). Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1, 2020. It takes only a few minutes to complete. Online Response - Visit my2020census.gov to begin. Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. Phone Response - English: 844-333-2020 Phone lines are open every day from 7am to 2am Eastern Time. If you do not receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau, you may respond online or call their phone line.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIZ EJE UIF NPUIFS OFFEMF HFU

NBE BU UIF CBCZ OFFEMF? JU

XBT QBTU JUT UISFBE UJNF.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

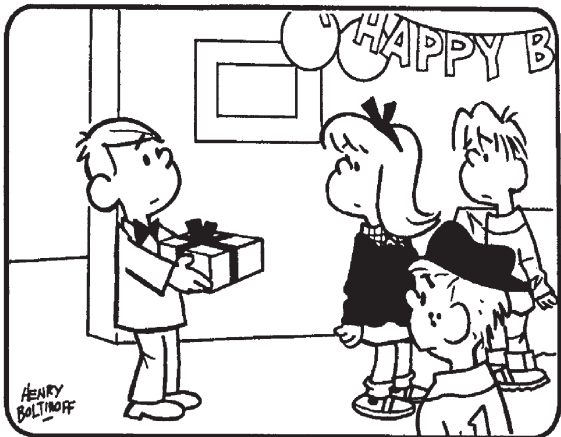
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Desist | __ E __ _ _ | Run after | __ H __ _ _ |
| 2. Funny Fudd | __ _ M __ _ | Church leader | __ _ D __ _ |
| 3. Regional articulation | __ _ _ _ N _ | Agree to take | __ _ _ _ P _ |
| 4. Beatles' drummer | R __ _ _ _ | Parlor game | B __ _ _ _ |
| 5. Male title of respect | __ I __ _ _ _ | Gather up courage | __ U __ _ _ _ |
| 6. Dwelling | __ _ U __ _ | Trigger or Secretariat | __ _ R __ _ |
| 7. Haphazard | __ _ _ D __ _ | Kidnapper's demand | __ _ _ S __ _ |
| 8. He wanted "more" | O __ _ _ _ _ | Finger splinter | S __ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Florence Nightingale | __ U __ _ _ | From Lillehammer | __ O __ _ _ |
| 10. Twisted hairdo | __ _ _ _ D | Thinking organ | __ _ _ _ N |

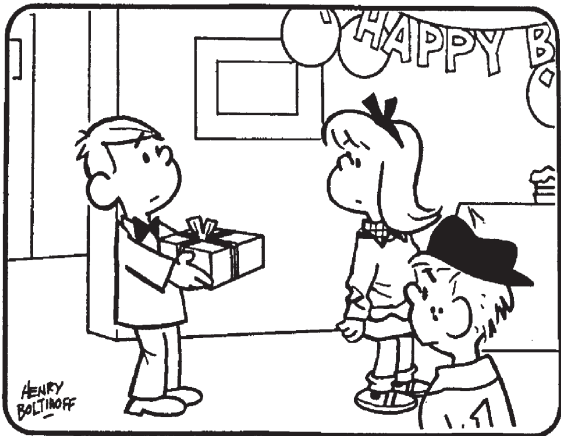
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

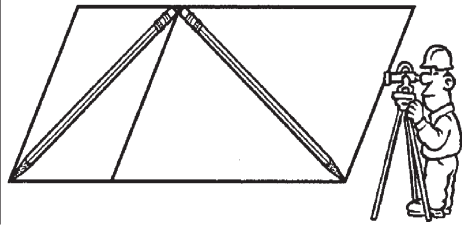


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door is added. 2. Balloon is added. 3. Girl's sweater is different. 4. Boy is missing. 5. Cake is added. 6. Gift bow is different.

OPTICALS



Which pencil is longer, "A" or "B"?

Answer: They are both the same length.

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

SQUARE A

1		N	
2		I	
3		N	
4		E	

SQUARE B

1			
2			
3	L	I	S
4			

DOUBLE TROUBLE!

Illustrated by David Coulson

KIDS PLAY! The three blocks shown here give us the number "631." Can you rearrange them so that the three-digit number formed can be evenly divided by 7? **ANSWER:** Turn the "6" block upside down, giving you the number "931." This can be evenly divided by 7 (931/7 = 133).



Let's make two "Magic Word Squares"! Listed below are the sixteen words you'll be able to read, left-to-right, top-to-bottom, when you've correctly filled in the squares. We've already filled in two of these words. The rest is up to you. Solve the puzzle using trial and error.

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| AMID | EATS | MATS |
| AMIR | EDGY | NEST |
| AREA | LANE | NINE |
| ARIA | LAST | SING |
| BALM | LIST | TREY |
| BANE | | |

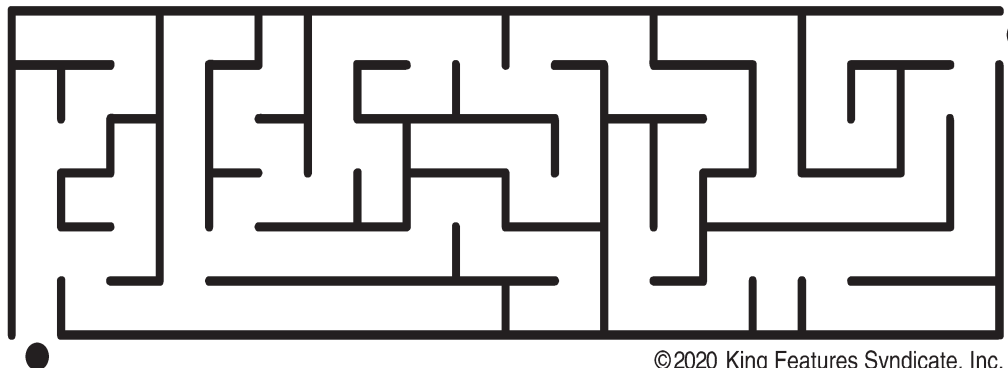
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|---|------|------|
| 1 | ASP | EYED |
| 2 | GRIM | RATE |
| 3 | NIT | ACES |
| 4 | PANE | ANT |
| 5 | LACK | LED |
| 6 | RAMP | HALT |

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

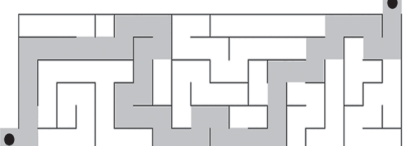
Answers: Asphalt, grinnaces, nitrate, paneled, lackeyed, rampant.

The answer: Square A: 1. Lane. 2. Amid. 3. Sing. 4. Trey. Square B: 1. Bane. 2. Area. 3. List. 4. Mats.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange answers

1. Cease, Chase	6. House, Horse
2. Elmer, Elder	7. Random, Ransom
3. Accent, Accept	8. Oliver, Silver
4. Ringo, Bingo	9. Nurse, Nurse
5. Mister, Muster	10. Braid, Brain

Puzzles4Kids
Answer
Why did the mother needle get mad at the baby needle?
It was past its thread time.

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: When will the season finale of "S.W.A.T." air? Were they done filming before the pandemic stopped production? -- E.O.

A: The final episode of the current season of "S.W.A.T." should air May 20 on CBS. Many shows had to cut their seasons short by a few episodes, but "S.W.A.T." only had to shave it by one. The "missing" episode is an eventful one that reflects back on the 1992 Los Angeles riots. The original air date was supposed to be April 29, which was the 28th anniversary of the riots.

According to Deadline.com, Shawn Ryan, the showrunner behind "S.W.A.T.," stated that the flashback-heavy hour now "will probably become either our season premiere or an early episode in season four, but we WILL get around to filming that episode, because that's a special one, to look back at the riots through the perspective of a teenage Hondo [Shemar Moore]." ***

Q: I want to see the new series "Mrs. America" about the ERA movement, but I don't have Hulu. I'm tired of there being so many streaming services, and I don't want to pay all the monthly fees,

so I'm just keeping cable and that's it. Will "Mrs. America" be on DVD or something someday? -- K.J.

A: The streaming service Hulu has made a deal with the FX channel to air all its content, but "Mrs. America" is the first FX show to premiere on Hulu first. Word is that in a few months, "Mrs. America," which stars two-time Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, will air in its entirety on the FX network, which you can find on cable, so keep your fingers crossed.

I don't see as many series available on DVD as there used to be, but you can always check Amazon in about six months to see if a boxed set is available.

"Mrs. America" is a nine-part series about the birth of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the 1960s. Blanchett plays Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative opponent of the movement, and Rose Byrne ("Damages") stars as feminist activist Gloria Steinem.

Q: Is it true that the actor who stars in "Better Call Saul" has coronavirus? Is he going to be OK? -- O.G.

A: If you're referring to Bob Odenkirk, who plays the sneaky



lawyer Jimmy, AKA Saul, on the "Breaking Bad" spinoff, it was actually his son, Nathan, who had the coronavirus. Fortunately he's recovered, and it looks like Bob did not contract the bug.

Odenkirk started out his career as a writer for sketch comedy shows like "Saturday Night Live," and Nathan appears to have inherited his father's talents,

as he's writing for the humor magazine "Inquist." Nathan previously worked a production assistant on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and also has a few acting credits.

Fortunately, "Better Call Saul" had already finished production of season five before the pandemic, so this is one series that isn't being postponed or

cut short. The season finale aired April 20 on AMC.

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

"Guns Akimbo" (R) -- Deep in an internet culture that's devoid of humanity and compassion lie the fans of a live-streamed, real-life, to-the-death war game called Skizm. Maybe not so deep after all, since everyone is watching, including Miles (Daniel Radcliffe), a game developer with a Skizm-trolling pastime. But then Miles is drugged and dropped into the game, pitted against actual bad guys and girls. His hands have guns literally bolted to them and in order to right this mess he'll have to battle to the bloody end against professional cold-blooded killers, chief among them an extraordinarily successful player named Nix (Samara Weaving). It's a mix of hyper action and dark comedic moments that will appeal to those with short attention spans. It's brash and rude, and I thought it was quite fun.

"The Rhythm Section" (R) -- Stephanie (Blake Lively) lost her family

in a plane crash. She's not dealing with it well -- mired in a haze of drug abuse, prostitution and general self-destructive behavior -- when a journalist comes along to tell her that the plane crash was the work of terrorists. She cleans up, connects with ex-MI6 agent Boyd (Jude Law) and begins tracking down the terrorist organization responsible for her family's deaths, along the way assuming the identity of a murdered spy. The deal is that this was supposed to be the start of a series, based on the Stephanie Patrick books by Mark Burrell. Unfortunately, it shows because I kept getting the feeling that it is a set up. Too bad, because I really like Blake Lively, especially in a role where she's not just glamorously beautiful all the time.

"The Assistant" (R) -- Junior assistant to a movie mogul, Jane (Julia Garner) is the invisible nonperson who does the jobs nobody wants to do: making coffee, scheduling flights, clean-



ing stains on the casting couch in her predatory boss's office. It's a day in the life, if you can call it a life, and it's a slow and tortuous recounting of the moments we look away in order to not rock the boat. The me-too message is obvious, as is the character reference to Harvey Weinstein in the boss we never see but who makes

our skin crawl nonetheless.

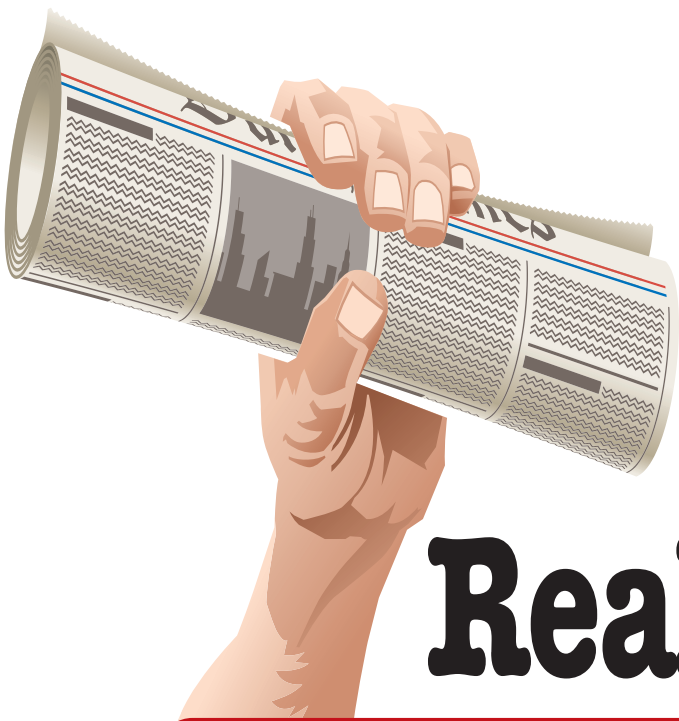
"Swift" (NR) -- An animated kids' movie featuring an orphaned swift named Manou, who is raised by seagulls and must prove himself in time to travel south for the winter. He meets a handful of swifts who help him find his own unique strengths

-- a bird in two worlds. The big-name voices are Kate Winslet and Willem Dafoe, who play Manou's seagull parents. It's full CGI and features swooping flight sequences, but it lacks laughs and, sadly, true heart.

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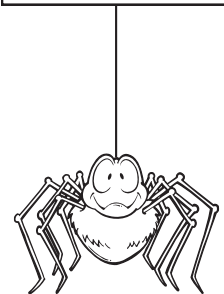
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