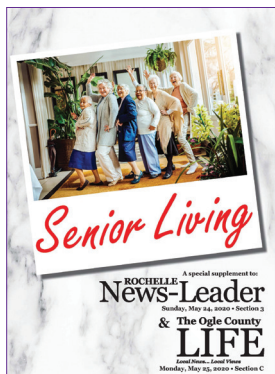


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Weddings to go on

Events held at Pine Creek Canyon will certainly look different thanks to virus

By Brad Jennings
Editor

MOUNT MORRIS – It was a year ago, on May 25-26, that Rebecca Jones was celebrating the opening of Pine Creek Canyon, a property she had purchased the month before.

Today, the Oregon native is trying to stay positive while the COVID-19 virus has kept her wedding venue and the White Pines Roller Skating Rink that she also owns closed.

"The most important thing is being grateful for the things we have," she said, citing family and health.

She is also thankful that the cabins that are part of Pine Creek Canyon have been open and people have been enjoying them.

"Those have had a great response from the local community," Jones said.

But weddings are the cornerstone of Pine Creek



Rebecca Jones, owner of Pine Creek Canyon, said that even in this current environment, "Love is not cancelled." (Photo by Danielle Marie Photography)

Canyon, and there haven't been any so far this year. Jones said they haven't had to cancel any weddings yet, but May and June weddings have been moved to later dates.

"A few of them moved, and a few of them are hanging on," she said.

Those weddings that might take place in June will of course have smaller guest lists, as gatherings of more

than 50 people won't be allowed in Illinois. Jones said the Canyon will open on June 1, and as it is an outside venue people can social distance.

She said that, thankfully, most couples have been very understanding. She said some couples realize the event can still be special, just different.

(See WEDDINGS, A-2)

Programs available for farmers

By Russell Hodges
Staff Writer

COVID-19 has affected several industries around the country including the farm industry, and federal organizations such as the United States Department of Agriculture are working to initiate programs to support farmers and small businesses in need of financial assistance.

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program this past month, which will provide \$16 billion in direct support for producers who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Additionally, the CARES Act and organizations that include Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation

Service and Risk Management Agency are working to provide more flexibilities to help producers affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The United States Small Business Administration has made multiple programs available to agricultural producers whose operations have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic including the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan, of Polo, said that farmers and small businesses in the state have been utilizing these programs in recent weeks to support their operations.

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A part of the grounds at Pine Creek Canyon. (Life file photo)

WEDDING: Continue moving forward

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And others, while “a little shaken up,” have opted to move their ceremonies to 2021.

“I’ve been very fortunate to have great people to work with,” Jones said.

But the closing of White Pines resort, which is across the road from her wedding venue, has created some problems for those holding weddings at the Canyon. Jones said about 80 percent of people who have weddings at Pine Creek Canyon had receptions set for White Pines Resort. She said some are still moving forward with the ceremony, but others are backing

out and getting a refund.

And this also hits very close to home for Jones as White Pines Resort owner Beth George has been a mentor and a friend. George recently announced that she is closing the resort and filing for bankruptcy.

“We’re still going to come out of this great friends,” Jones said, adding that the cabins and Canyon are a part of George’s legacy.

Jones said she is unsure what will happen with the resort, but that she loves White Pines. She said she basically grew up there and still walks the property.

“It’s so special to me, business aside, I’m just heartbroken it could

sit there and no one would pick it up,” she said, adding that she is hopeful the state will step in.

The skating rink, which she purchased last year just before Christmas, is also closed. She said currently, the state said it cannot re-open until a vaccine is available. Jones said a rink group is lobbying the state to change that.

In the meantime, Jones said that she will continue to move forward. She said that she knew that she loved the community, but the outreach she has received during this difficult time has been incredible.

“It makes me emotional just thinking about it.”

Sheriff won't go after lockdown violators

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – While many communities throughout the state fight to reopen their economies before Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s stay-at-home order expires, Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle announced his department would not take criminal action against any individual or business violating the governor’s order.

While the governor’s order was put into effect to help keep people safe and limit the spread of the virus, many local businesses within the community said they think it has been long enough. On Thursday, May 14, Van Vickle took to his Facebook page to inform the public that he fully supports those businesses in the community looking to reopen and believes the order exceeded the governor’s power.

“I fully support the numerous members of our community who have called seeking information and guidance on how to re-open in a safe and responsible way,” VanVickle wrote. “The Ogle County Sheriff’s Department will not fine or arrest any individual or business violating the governor’s order. This position is partially based from an April 2020 Appellate Prosecutors Office Opinion stating the Executive Order has constitutional challenges and exceeds the authority of the Governor’s Office.”

The Ogle County Sheriff’s Department is not the only organization that feels this way towards the executive order. In a letter sent to the Congress of the United States on May 15, U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger expresses his understanding on the severity of this virus, but also his concerns about the negative effects the order has on local businesses and communities across the state.

“As we work to get our country back on track, we must take the appropriate measures to balance the health and economic needs of individual communities that make up our regionally diverse state,” Kinzinger wrote. “Small businesses across Illinois are struggling to survive and are prepared to take unprecedented public health precautions to reopen in a safe manner for



their communities. If these businesses are prohibited from reopening, many will close their doors permanently leaving families without income, workers without jobs and communities without a tax base.”

While the stay-home order itself may have negative effects on communities and their businesses, Pritzker has issued a stern warning of withholding federal aid provided by the state to any local government that reopens its economy ahead of his order expiring. The City of Rochelle understands all angles of the topic and has issued a statement to the public voicing its concerns the decision of reopening could have on the community.

“We take no position on Sheriff VanVickle’s decision not to enforce the executive order,” said Jenny Thompson, Rochelle director of marketing, public relations and tourism. “The community should comply with the executive order, especially those businesses licensed by the State of Illinois. On May 13, 2020, Governor Pritzker explicitly stated during his daily press conference that the state would take enforcement action against all state licensed operations, so there could be far reaching consequences from the state if people open their businesses before the governor allows.”

While government officials and law enforcement agencies have varying opinions on the topic, one local business owner says she would like to reopen but is apprehensive due to confusion surrounding the decision. Naomi Baldwin, owner of Colonial Flowers in downtown Rochelle, has been a local business owner for over 50 many years and this is one of the toughest challenges she has had to face.



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Placing flags

Josiah Lee Henson, the Sexton of the Byron Township Cemetery, last week placed flags on the graves of veterans in the cemetery for Memorial Day. Normally, an organization such as the boy scouts, girl scouts, or the American legion would put out the flags. But with COVID-19, many organizations were unable to gather to do the work. So Henson did the work himself. He said it was an "absolute honor to put the flags out in honor of the United States military veterans."

Legion urges people to fly flags on memorial Day

MOUNT MORRIS – Memorial Day will be observed differently this year due to health concerns and social gathering guidelines.

Mt. Morris American Legion Post 143 urges residents to fly American flags from their homes. Revisit special memories and lessons learned from beloved veterans. Honor the devotion to duty and service of all deceased veterans.

Remember the many who sacrificed their lives for us all. Pray for today's soldiers scattered across the world, whether embedded within their own platoons, or isolated on some lonely outpost, far removed from family and friends.

Flags will not be posted by the Legion on individual gravesites this year, nor will they fly along the Route 64 curve on the northeast side of town. The gathering, transport, distribution, and eventual removal and storage of over 500 flags to and from five cemeteries, in addition to the assembly and

posting of 13 large flags on the Route 64 curve, requires the coordinated efforts of many people, often working in close proximity. Families are invited to decorate graves with flowers or flags as usual this year, observing safe distancing and other health related practices.

Flags will fly over the American Legion Veterans Memorial on the corner of Wesley and Main. They will fly over our homes, the Mt. Morris campus, and all government, public, and some private buildings. They will fly over our cemeteries, keep watch over gravesites, and wave far above the monuments below, each bearing the names of our own cherished veterans, chiseled in stone.

Our veterans will not be forgotten. Rather, they will be remembered and honored by their families, friends, community, and the American Legion. Memorial Day will be observed in Mt. Morris, but differently this year. Please join us.

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Obituary

Marilyn 'Mick' Ann Deming

BYRON – Marilyn "Mick" Ann Deming (nee Pederson), age 85, of Byron, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 18, 2020. She was born Sept. 5, 1934, in Rice Lake, Wis.

Mick is survived by her children, Judy Parlapiano (Ross), Tim Deming (Heather), and Rob Deming (Andrea Kirch); her grandchildren, Nathaniel, Nicholas, Katherine, Benjamin, Isabelle and Hayden; her brother, Keith Pederson; and



her many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, her

daughters, Jackie Deming-Weeks and Jeraldine Deming, her parents, Bernard and Borghild Pederson, and her siblings, Dewayne Pederson, Ardis Dummer, Leroy "Doc" Pederson, Shirley Heth, and Larry Dale Pederson. Mick had a big heart, was blessed with the gift of gab, and enjoyed visiting with everyone. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She cherished the time she spent with family and friends,

and enjoyed gardening, live music and local theater. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Mick's life will take place at a later date when we are able to gather.

In lieu of any flowers, donations in her memory may be made to: Serenity Hospice Home through their website or cards may be mailed to The Deming Family, P.O. Box 930 Byron, IL 61010.



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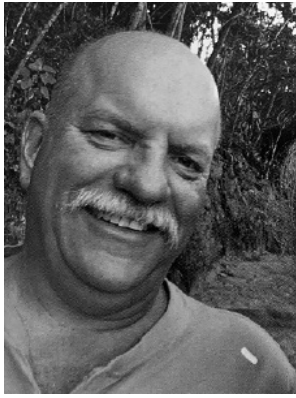
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Willoughby Frisbie, Jr.

MONROE CENTER – Willoughby “Bill” R. Frisbie, Jr., age 58, died suddenly on Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Hammond, Ind., due to injuries sustained in an accident. He was born Aug. 29, 1961 in Rockford the son of Willoughby R. and Virginia (Lindstrand) Frisbie, Sr.

He graduated from Byron High School in 1980. Bill married Kathy Hackney on June 11, 1983 in Byron. Willoughby drove truck for over 40 years, most recently the past 3 years for Walmart. Willoughby was a strong pillar for his family, community, and friends. He had an infectious smile that could light up the room and bring joy to the stories he would tell. He loved spending time with his loved ones, working in his garden, enjoying the outdoors with



his boys, and passing on his endless knowledge to be sure his boys knew how to complete any project that came to them.

His companionship in marriage to Kathy was noticed by anyone who came in contact with him, his love and pride for his two sons was to be admired, and he was the BEST papa to his grandsons.

He is predeceased by his parents, 3 sisters; Janice (Dan) Barlow, Adele Green, and Valarie Wrasse.

He is survived by his wife Kathy of Monroe Center, 2 sons Bradley and Adam (Brittany), and 2 grandsons Blake and Bennett, sisters Kimberly (Corky) Boyden, Beverly Carlson, and many nieces and nephews.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a private family service will be held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with the Rev. Bob Mellon pastor of the Monroe Center Community Church officiating. Burial will be in the Monroe Center Cemetery following the service. A memorial fund is established in Bill's name. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a memory or condolence.

Gerald D. Stienmetz

OREGON – Gerald D. “Jerry” Stienmetz, 84, lifelong area resident, died Thursday, May 14, 2020 in his home. Born Sept. 23, 1935 in Chana, the son of George T. and Grace Ellen (Meyers) Stienmetz.

Married to Barbara Carpenter Dec. 6, 1957; she died in 2012. He then married Judy Mease in 2015. Jerry was employed as a truck driver for Swift for over 20 years and also for other local trucking companies. He also enjoyed many years of hog farming. Jerry enjoyed going to auctions, yard work and listening to local bands. Survived by his wife,



Judy Stienmetz of Oregon; daughter, Kim (Tom) O'Brien of Paynes Point; grandchildren: Nick (Shaina) Stienmetz, Tim Stienmetz, Stephanie (Chris) Casper, Derek Stienmetz,

Tricia (Mike) Egyed and Tyler (Felisha) Bettner; 9 great grandchildren; and sister, Shirley Francois of Polo. Also preceded in death by his parents; son, Kevin Stienmetz; and 8 siblings.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family visitation and graveside service will be held. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery, rural Mt. Morris. Pastor David Rogula will preside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jerry's name to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Clarence David Baker

Clarence David Baker, age 73 of Summerdale, Ala., formerly of Mt. Morris, passed away May 13, 2020. He was born on March 26, 1947 in Dixon, to Clarence and Alice Baker.

He was a loving husband, a cherished father and a mentor to his grandchildren. He was a wonderful man who did anything for anyone, with a heart of gold and will be missed by many. He married Deborah (Diehl) Baker on Sept. 13, 1969 and had two daughters, Lisa (Chuck) Petree of Foley, Ala., and Christie (Mark) Meador of Sterling.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Alice Baker; sister-in-law, Cheryl Diehl;



brother-in-law, Virgil Williams, son-in-law, Allen Scott Barnes and nephew Ron Baker.

Dave graduated SIU with a degree in auto mechanics. He also worked for Harrison Chevrolet, Watts Publishing Company and Pinecrest Manor as a maintenance manager until his retirement. He was a member of the Lighthouse

United Methodist Church in Oregon. He loved his motorcycle rides, enjoyed camping and family vacations. Dave loved his family more than life itself.

Dave was survived by his wife, Deborah Baker; daughters, Lisa (Chuck) Petree and Christie (Mark) Meador; grandchildren, Zach (Carley) Hagemann and Christopher Hagemann; brother, Joe (Marian) Baker; sister-in-law, Shelly Williams; brother-in-law, James Diehl; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements are by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, Hwy 59 Robertsdale Ala. www.mackfuneral.com

Steven Emery Lucas

Steven Emery Lucas, age 65, Lone Tree, Colo., passed away May 11, 2020 at Porter Hospice in Littleton, Colo. Steve was born April 23, 1955 to Walter and Deloris Lucas in Rockford.

His early life was in Byron, attending Byron schools, excelling at sports including football and basketball, and graduating in May 1977. He went on to attend Northern Illinois University in Business. Steve joined Hampton Products in Rockford, and then moved to Denver, Colo., in 1984. He formed his own company, Motion Tech-



nology, and built a strong regional sales agency in Precision Motor Controls, serving major customers such as Hewlett Packard, Storage Technology, and Hunter Douglas.

He is survived by brothers, Scott (Kim, Wisconsin; Nephews: Mike, Chris, Dave) and Bradley (Julie, North Carolina; Nephew Dave, Niece Jill).

Brother Todd previously deceased in 2017.

Steve enjoyed golf and good humor with his friends and business associates. Always up for a friendly golf round, a beer, and fun amongst friends. He always had a sarcastic smile on his face and a “smart remark” for those friends. Services and burial to be held this summer in his hometown of Byron.

Ada Katherine Merrill

Ada Katherine Merrill, 78, formerly of Forreton and Freeport, died Friday, May 15, 2020 at home. Katherine was born June 27, 1941 in Brookville, Ill., the daughter of Ben and Sarah (Potter) Wagens.

She married Gordon Merrill on Jan. 21, 1961.

Surviving are her husband, Gordon Merrill, Freeport, two sons, Roger (Mary) Merrill of Freeport, Tom Merrill of Alachua, Fla., two



daughters, Sue (Jeff) Lantz of Forreton and Tina (Dean) Graves of Ethan, S.D., two grandchildren, Skylar Shade

and Tatyanna (Dru) Strand and one great-grandchild, Greysen.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, one brother (George) and one sister (Elizabeth).

Memorial services and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in Ada's memory. Please sign her guestbook and share a memory at www.burketubbs.com

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Post to put flags on graves of veterans

LEAF RIVER – It is a tradition for Jerry Wickam American Legion Post 1148, Leaf River, to place flags on the graves of veterans in Egan, North Grove Christian, North Grove Evangelical, and Lightsville cemeteries.

We sincerely apologize for occasionally overlooking a grave. If you know of a grave that is missing a flag holder or flag, please let us know at pcdlibrary@lrcomm.com, or call 815-738-2827



RE/MAX donates money to Oregon Chamber of Commerce

With the recent announcement of White Pines Resort closing due to COVID-19, RE/MAX of Rock Valley, a real estate firm in Oregon, presented a \$2,500 check to the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and City of Oregon "Everyone is Essential" fund.

The fund was created to provide relief to Oregon and Oregon Area Chamber member businesses due to COVID-19. All donations will fund projects to re-stimulate the local

economy in Ogle County.

"Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our community and one of those was White Pines Resort. It saddens us to see our community lose such a historic gem. These businesses attract new residents to our area who want to live here, pay taxes here and stimulate our local region," said RE/MAX Managing Broker and Owner Rebecca Hazzard. "We're thankful to be an essential business, so the least

we could do is donate some of our recent closing costs back into our community and small businesses."

RE/MAX of Rock Valley is comprised of 13 agents – Rebecca Hazzard, Carla Benesh, Mark True, Lori Peterson, Stephanie Wendt, Ashley Patterson, JD Gieson, Boone Lockard, Jenny Kirchner, Carrie Rowland, Kim Behn, Erin Spence and Andrea Baumann. Each agent who sold a home during the month of April, donated a portion of

their closing costs to the "Everyone is Essential" fund.

"We are so thankful for this donation from RE/MAX of Rock Valley," said Oregon Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Vos. "Rebecca and her team are consistently giving back to our local community. This extra money will help us in the process of re-opening and re-stimulating the Oregon area. We are beyond grateful."

Beyond the \$2,500 donation,

RE/MAX is also supporting four local businesses on social media during the month of May. Every week the company is giving away a \$100 gift card to four local businesses (Vicarious Style, Blackhawk Steak Pit, White Pelican and Cork + Tap) to one lucky person on Facebook. Visit RE/MAX of Rock Valley Facebook's page for more information.

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“A lot of farmers have enrolled in the PPP program and there have been payments going out, especially to farmers who have employees,” Duncan said. “There have been payments going out to sole proprietors as well. Farmers have been working their way through the EIDL loans, which weren’t made available to farmers initially, but were made available when the second round of funds were put forward. Most farmers have moved through the system pretty well.”

With states around the country remaining shut down or slowly reopening, farmers and small businesses have been conducting more operations online. Duncan said that producers in Illinois have been utilizing these services, which are provided through the FSA website, the farmers.gov portal and the NRCS Conservation Client Gateway, to stay on top of their operations.

“We’ve been doing a lot of online work with our local FSA offices since they’re not doing business in person,” Duncan said. “I have no doubt that some farmers have been moving more of their businesses online, but there are some challenges locally and around the state, especially when it comes to Internet availability.”

CFAP

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will include direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted, as well as assistance for producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19. The program is eligible to farmers regardless of size and market, if they suffered an eligible loss.

Dumped Milk

COVID-19 shutdowns have caused disruption in the milk market, and dairy producers are dumping milk as a result. The Risk Management Agency is ensuring that milk producers who purchased insurance are not inappropriately penalized if their milk must be dumped because of recent market disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

For the 2020 calendar year, RMA is allowing Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to count dumped milk

toward the milk marketings for the DRP or actual marketings for the LGM-Dairy programs regardless of whether the milk was sold. Producers will still have to provide to the AIPs supporting documentation from the cooperative or milk handler verifying the actual pounds dumped and that the milk was dumped.

Crop Insurance Flexibilities

Producers can continue to work with their Approved Insurance Providers, or AIPs, on policies, claims, and agreements. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business by telephone or email.

The Risk Management Agency is working with those insurance providers to provide additional flexibilities in response to COVID-19, including enabling producers to send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports, providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments, authorizing replant self-certification, waiving the witness signature requirement for approval of Assignments of Indemnity, allowing dumped milk to be counted as milk marketings for the Dairy Revenue Protection or actual marketings for the Livestock Gross Margin for dairy programs, allowing phone and electronic transactions for 2021 crop year sales and reporting dates, including options and endorsements, extending the deadline for some perennial crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports, waiving the 2021 crop year inspection requirements for the Nursery and Nursery Value Select programs in certain cases and authorizing AIPs to allow organic producers to report acreage as certified organic, or transitioning to organic, for the 2020 crop year if they can show they have requested a written certification from a certifying agent by their policy’s acreage reporting date.

Farm Loan Flexibilities

The Farm Service Agency is providing additional flexibilities to provide producers with credit options in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Those include accepting faxes or scanned signatures from customers and lenders and following the most current state or local

guidance for use of online or virtual notary services.

FSA is currently relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need. Also, FSA will continue the use of commodity planning prices already approved for the current year. However, customers must be advised of the potential budget, cash flow, and loan impacts if projected prices are unable to be realized.

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to application packages for Primary Loan Servicing and Distressed Loan Servicing. Financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers who have been notified of the available loan servicing options will be provided an additional time to submit a complete application for loan servicing, accept an offer of loan servicing, provide a response to a denial of loan servicing or request homestead protection.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

In addition to the existing guaranteed loan servicing options already available within the FSA guaranteed loan program, FSA is offering lenders additional flexibility. Standard Eligible Lenders (SEL) may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for annual line of credit advances and will not need FSA prior written approval.

SEL and Certified Lender Program (CLP) lenders may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for emergency advances and will not need FSA prior written approval. SEL and CLP lenders may certify that they have a feasible plan for additional loans made outside of the guarantee and will not need FSA prior written approval. Finally, loans made under the SBA’s PPP can be made at the lender’s discretion without FSA approval.

Commodity Loan Flexibilities

Producers now have more time to repay Farm Service Agency Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), as part of the CARES Act. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and

this flexibility is available for most commodities.

Effective immediately, producers of eligible commodities now have up to 12 months to repay their commodity loans. The maturity extension applies to nonrecourse loans for crop years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Eligible open loans must be in good standing with a maturity date of March 31, 2020 or later or new crop year (2019 or 2020) loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020. All new loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020 will have a maturity date 12 months following the date of approval.

The maturity extension for current, active loans will be automatically extended an additional three months. Loans that matured March 31 have already been automatically extended. Loans requested after September 30, 2020 will have a term of nine months.

Eligible commodities include barley, chickpeas (small and large), corn, cotton (upland and extra-long staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats, peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

Under the new maturity provisions, producers can still repay the loan as they would have before the extension. Producers can repay the MAL on or before the maturity date, upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment or after maturity, and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity, by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

Crop Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting is key to eligibility for many USDA programs, including crop insurance, safety net, disaster assistance, farm loan and conservation programs. While USDA Service Centers are currently open by phone or virtual appointments only, FSA is still available for assistance on timely filing acreage reports. FSA staff are pro-

viding acreage reporting assistance through phone, email and virtual meetings like Microsoft Teams.

Acreage reporting dates can vary by crop and by county. Producers should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center for details in their respective county.

Animal Mortality

While support for livestock is available through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program in some circumstances, limited markets and processing may cause livestock producers to depopulate herds. NRCS offers assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help agricultural producers properly dispose of livestock that were depopulated because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the Emergency Animal Mortality Management practice, NRCS helps producers plan and cover part of the cost for disposing of livestock because of an emergency animal mortality event. Once capacity is reached in an animal mortality facility, NRCS will help producers dispose of the remaining livestock through burying, incinerating, disposal at landfill or render, and other disposal options.

To receive assistance, both an application and approved early start waiver must be filed with the local NRCS field office prior to disposal of animal carcasses. Producers must have farm records established with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), meet all eligibility requirements, and have application filed at the local NRCS.

Prior to payment, a swine mortality certification is required by a veterinarian or animal health specialist. Payment rates for swine include: Burial: \$74.28 per animal unit (\$89.14 for historically underserved producers), carcass disposal other than burial: \$111.53 per animal unit (\$191.20 for historically underserved producers), incineration: \$219.88 per animal unit (\$263.86 for historically underserved producers) and disposal at landfill or render: \$0.05 per pound (\$0.06 for historically underserved producers).

PPP

The Paycheck Protection Program is a guaranteed loan program administered by the SBA. The purpose of the program is to support

small businesses and help support their payroll during the coronavirus pandemic. Agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers with 500 or fewer employees whose principal place of residence is in the United States are eligible.

Farms are eligible if they have 500 or fewer employees or if they fit within the revenue-based standard, which is on average annual receipts of \$1 million. Moreover, farms can qualify for PPP if they meet the SBA’s alternative size standard, which include a maximum net worth of up to \$15 million and the average net income federal income taxes of the business for the two full fiscal years before the date of the application not be more than \$5 million.

EIDL

The EIDL Program allows for advances of up to \$10,000 and borrowed funds up to \$2 million. These are administered through the SBA and will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Loan advances will not have to be repaid.

SBA’s EIDL application portal reopened on May 4 as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. For the first time, agricultural enterprises are now eligible for the disaster assistance from EIDL. American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital. These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation’s vitally important food supply chains.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries. Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

For agricultural producers that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted prior to April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

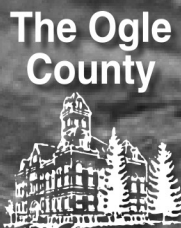
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Ogle County sheriff

May 20

At approximately 6:45 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop at Washington Street and River Road. Upon further investigation, Deputies arrested Devin Bailey, 36 from Polo, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and No Valid Driver's License. Bailey was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was later released on an Individual Bond.

May 16

At approximately 8:41 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of S. Chana Road. After investigation Deputies issued Kenneth Ankney, 56 of Bloomington, a citation for Driving While License Revoked. Ankney was released on an I-Bond at the scene.

At approximately 12:58 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 3,000 block of W. IL Rte. 64 in reference to a driving complaint where the Mt. Morris Police had made contact with the vehicle and driver. After investigation, Deputies placed Arthur Harris Jr., 57 of Rockford under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving While License Revoked. Harris was additionally issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. Harris was later released on an I-Bond to appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 1:33 a.m., deputies were dispatched to 4497 W Otter Road in reference to a 911 hang up. Upon further investigation it was determined the hang up was accidental, however deputies discovered a large underage drinking party at the location. Twenty-nine citations were issued to individuals for consuming alcohol under the age of 21. The individuals were released on I-Bonds and given future court dates.

May 15

At 10:54 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of W. IL Rte 72 on a Harley Davidson motorcycle for a traffic violation. After an investigation, John Flynn, 49 of Milledgeville, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Flynn was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a \$3,000 I-Bond.

May 12

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Deputies responded to a one vehicle hit and run accident that occurred near the intersection of North Junction Rd and East Scott Rd. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jennifer Nash, 46 of Holcomb, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Nash was also issued citations for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Report a Motor Vehicle Accident, Improper Lane Usage and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. No injuries were sustained as a result from the crash. Nash was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on an I-bond.

May 9

Teodoro Jimenez, 20, of Freeport was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Driving While License Suspended following a traffic stop. Jimenez was given a \$1,000 Recognizance bond and a return court date of 06-03-2020 at 9 a.m.

May 5

Gaige Lozdoski, 22, of Mt. Morris was arrested for a Failure to Appear warrant. Lozdoski had a bond of \$732 and was able to post \$732 bond.

At 4:48 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the intersection of Flagg Rd and Skare Rd for an injury accident. Upon arrival, it was determined that William Bishop, 52 of Stillman Valley, failed to yield at the intersection and was struck broadside by a car driven by Adrian Daughtery, 26 of Dixon. Both drivers and the passenger of Bishop's car, Marcia Kelly, 58 of Stillman Valley, were taken by Rochelle Ambulance to the Rochelle Hospital for non life threatening injuries. Bishop was cited for failing to yield at a stop intersection.

May 4

At approximately 5:45 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle rollover accident in the 11,000 block of N.Illinois Rte. 26. After an investigation it was determined that a silver Chevrolet Venture minivan being driven by Derek V. Driver, 22, of Freeport, was northbound on Route 26. Driver lost control of the vehicle when he overcorrected the vehicle on the gravel shoulder. The vehicle crossed the roadway and rolled over one time coming to rest back on its wheels. The two passengers in the vehicle were transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the accident. Driver refused medical attention at the scene. driver was issued citations for driving without a license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He also had outstanding warrants issued by Ogle County. Driver is due to appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

May 3

At 12:29 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle/motorist assist in the area of 5000 E. McCormick Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined that Emily Flentge, 25 of Rockford, had driven her vehicle off the roadway and struck a fence post. Flentge was not injured in the crash and refused medical treatment. Flentge was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Flentge was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a \$3,000 I-Bond.

May 2

At 3:58 p.m., following a traffic stop at 1st Avenue and Cherry Street in Forreston, Deputies arrested Jason Erickson, 35 of Rockford for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Erickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a \$3,000 I-Bond with a return court date of 7-29-20 at 9 a.m.

At 12:22 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of E. Route 72. After an investigation, Deputies cited Oscar Regalado, 26 of Stillman Valley for Driving While License Revoked. Oscar was given an I-bond for his citation and released from the scene.

April 28

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in Rochelle in reference to a Violation of an Order of Protection. After a brief investigation, Craig M. Larson Jr., 23 of Rochelle, was arrested for Violation of an Order of Protection. Larson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to the Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

April 22

Keith Mullen, 37 of Oregon, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. Mullen posted the \$100,000/10% bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Mullen will appear in court on 06/05/20 at 9:00 a.m.

April 9

At approximately 8 a.m., Deputies responded to a theft at 1382 N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation Deputies placed Jesse Maberry, 76 of Oregon, under arrest for Theft Under \$500. Maberry was released on an I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 2:02 p.m., Deputies responded to and address on East Valley View Drive, in reference to a citizen complaint. After a brief investigation Deputies placed Taunya Hollis-Jared, 48 of Rockford, under arrest for Disorderly Conduct, 2 outstanding Ogle County Traffic Warrants, and Theft under \$500 for a separate incident which occurred on 2/2/2020 at the same residence. Hollis-Jared was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

April 6

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the intersection of Illinois Rte. 64 and Maple Grove Road. This was in response to a check welfare request by a passing motorist reporting a vehicle parked at that location with front end damage and a female in the driver's seat. Upon arrival and after an investigation the driver of the vehicle, Destiny R. Whipkey, 24, of Davis Junction, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Whipkey was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she posted bond on her charges and was released. Whipkey is due to appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

April 5

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies investigated a Violation of an Order of Protection. Pursuant to the investigation Deputies arrested Jeremy Guentert, 38 of Byron, for Violation of an Order of Protection. Guentert was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Chamber offers programs

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce offering several upcoming online programs.

In this day of social distancing we're not able to get together in groups to talk about issues facing our community. That's why the Chamber decided to host several online meetings to discuss. Join us as we meet with several local salon and barber shops and hear

updates, a live Q and A with all Ogle County Chambers of Commerce, and hear from our area summer camps and how you can help.

Head to <http://oregonil.com/calendar/> to see the list of upcoming online events. You can register online there to chat in real time on Zoom, or simply head to their Facebook Page "Oregon Illinois Chamber of Commerce" to watch the video live. If you

have any questions, please reach out to the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-732-2100 or chamber.director@oregonil.com.

Upcoming events include:

"About A Haircut" – Tuesday, May 26 at 5 p.m.

"Ogle County Chamber's Zoom" – Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m.

"Zoom To Camp" – Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

Church still keeping connected

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

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

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

Additionally, VECC Children's and Youth Ministries have a variety of options available! For preschool and elementary children, Pastor Chuck Potts, the Pastor to Students and Children, is providing online access to videos, activities, and family discussions each week. For Jr. High and High school students, Pastor Chuck has been connecting together regularly with the youth group through online group video chats and games. Valley Covenant invites you and your family to join us in-person when we gather together again. In the meantime, VECC would love to offer you and your families these resources and ways to connect! Check out the website for updates and videos.

If you would like access to the children's or youth ministry resources, contact Pastor Chuck or the church office via e-mail (links@valleycov.org)

Memorial Day activities cancelled

BYRON – The Byron American Legion Post 209 regrets to announce that the Memorial Day Service and Parade scheduled for Monday, May 25 is cancelled.

The Post 209 leadership made this decision in order to comply with the quar-

antine orders issued by the Governor of Illinois, and to protect the health of our members and those who attend the event.

The American Legion Post 209 would like to remind everyone to please take a moment to remember those who have fallen

in defense of this great land and to please thank those first responders, healthcare and essential workers who are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19.

To find out more about The American Legion Post 209, please visit <http://www.legionpost209.org/>

Clothes Closet open June 5 and 6

CHANA – Chana Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church will be open Friday, June 5 from 1-4 p.m. and on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m.-noon.

New clothes selections for spring and summer are

available for the entire family (infant through adults). There is a wide variety of styles and sizes with many current and new, never been worn clothing. All of the clothing is offered at no cost, and everyone is welcome.

Some restrictions and

guidelines are requested: No more than four individuals can be in the Clothes closet at any time. No individuals under 16 years of age are allowed in the Closet. Visitors must wear face masks. Safe gathering practices must be followed.

Drive-by food drive is May 30 in Byron

BYRON – There will be a drive-by food drive hosted by People Helping People on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m.-noon.

People can drop off donations – without getting out of their car – at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St.

Most needed items include canned vegetables, canned tuna/meat, oatmeal, jelly/jam, juice boxes, packaged pasta/pasta sauces, canned fruit, mac & cheese and saltine crackers. Other suggested food items include rice, peanut butter, canned soup and non-perishable food items.

All items must have ingredient labels with current expiration dates.

Please place donations in your trunk or side door for easy removal. Volunteers will be wearing protective masks and gloves and sanitizing between each vehicle. Drivers will be able to drop off items without getting out of their cars.

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 - Instructor will remain 6 feet from all patrons, at all times.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all programming.
 - If you don't feel good or have a fever, **STAY HOME.** A refund will be issued for the class or the project from the class will be made available to you.
 - Please wear a mask both to and from each class.
 - Enjoy your experience. Staff has worked hard to create opportunities for both young and old alike to enjoy activities while following all guidelines set by the CDC and IDPH.



If you have any questions, concerns or ideas we would love to hear them, email tina@oregonpark.org.

Visit www.oregonpark.org for these new program offerings

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DAR Good Citizen

Sydney Taylor Overton was chosen as the Rochelle Chapter DAR Good Citizen for Stillman Valley High School for exemplifying the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism through a process involving her fellow students and teachers. She was recognized on May 17, "Graduation Day," at a local park with her family and Good Citizen Committee members of the Rochelle Chapter in attendance. She plans to attend Concordia College in preparation for a career as a pediatric occupational therapist. Shown from left: Chapter Regent Sarah Flanagan, Joan Adamson, Overton, Harriet Kisamore, Barb Sandvik and committee chair Lydia Roberts.

Summer events schedule in Mount Morris updated

MOUNT MORRIS – *Encore! Mt. Morris* (following current federal, state, and local guidelines, and safety protocols) has revised their summer schedule.

PorchFest has moved to August, gallery shows will be delayed to July, art experiences are being designed to facilitate social distancing and on-line content as necessary. Encore strives to safely

provide art opportunities; events may be subject to change.

Encore! Mt. Morris Major Summer 2020 Events

* Artist-in-Residence, June 15th–August 23rd, Art Experiences for all ages

* Encore Fine Arts Show, 'Home Is Where The Heart Is', July 3rd–31st

* Encore Fine Arts Show,

'Small Time, Two-Bit Show', July 3rd–31st

* Fifth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition, Aug. 7th–23rd

* Encore Fine Arts Show, 'Black on White, White on Black', Aug. 7th–23th

* Fourth Annual PorchFest, Saturday, Aug. 8th

* StrawFest Day on Saturday,

Aug. 22nd, Campus Square

* Encore Student Art Show, Aug. 28th–Sept. 5th, Old Sandstone Gallery

* Encore Art Auction, moved to 2021

Encore Mt. Morris continues the mission of making Mount Morris a rural destination for the arts. You can find information about helping by clicking on 'Volunteer

Opportunities' at EncoreMtMorris.com.

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, IL into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Visit EncoreMtMorris.com for more information on all events, or call Village Hall at 815-734-6425 to leave a message.

Emergency food, shelter funds available in Ogle County

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has made Phase 37 funds available to help provide food and shelter services in Ogle County, for the amount of \$23,468.00.

Nonprofits, faith-based or local government agency that provides food and shelter services in Ogle County may apply for funds. Interested agencies must submit an application to the Ogle County Local Board. Each Phase/Fiscal Year is considered new and funding to agencies is not guaranteed.

The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

All agencies must turn in their funding requests to HOPE of Ogle County, Board Chair Ruth Carter through email only at hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org by Friday, June 5, 10 a.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions may also be submitted through this email.

2020 Byron High School grads



Keely Abate



Timothy Adams II



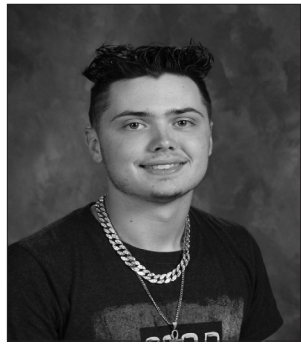
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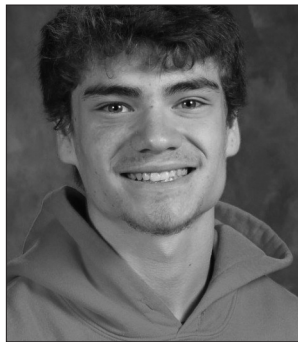
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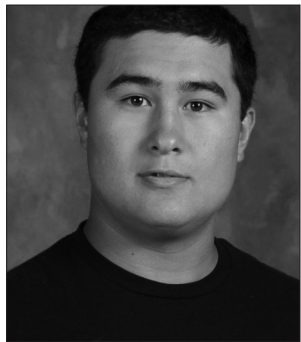
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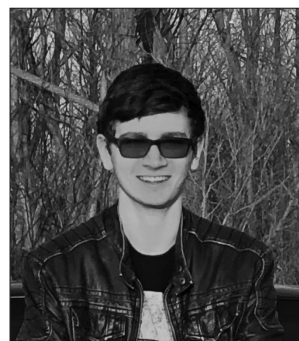
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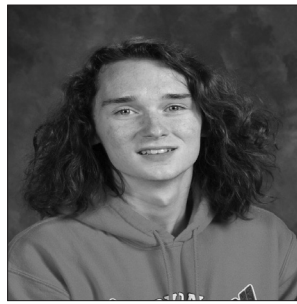
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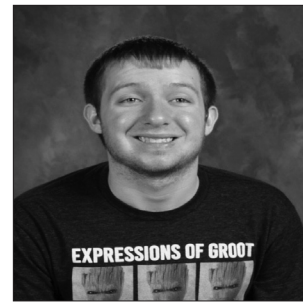
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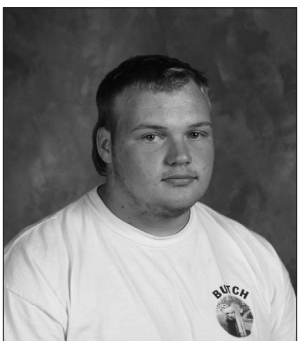
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

There are no events due to the current health crisis. Please continue to send any upcoming events to the email below. You can also send any cancelled events as well.

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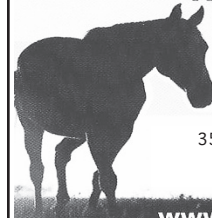
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* On June 14, 1789, English Captain William Bligh and 18 others, cast adrift from the HMS Bounty seven weeks before, reach the East Indies after traveling nearly 4,000 miles in a small open boat. On April 28, they were set adrift with 25 gallons of water, 150 pounds of bread, 30 pounds of pork, six quarts of rum and six bottles of wine.

* On June 10, 1935, in Akron, Ohio, Bill Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith, two recovering alcoholics, found Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), a 12-step alcohol rehabilitation program. Today there are more than 80,000 local groups in the U.S.

* On June 8, 1949, George Orwell's novel of a dystopian future, "1984," is published. The novel's all-seeing leader, known as "Big Brother," becomes a universal symbol for intrusive government and oppressive bureaucracy.

* On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court hands down its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights when in custody and about to be interrogated.

* On June 9, 1973, with a victory at the Belmont Stakes, Secretariat becomes the first horse since Citation in 1948 to win America's coveted Triple Crown. Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths.

* On June 11, 1982, the science-fiction classic "E.T.: the Extra-Terrestrial" is released. The film captures the story of the wise, kind and cuddly alien botanist who is stranded on Earth and needs the help of a sensitive boy, Elliott, to get back home.

* On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson, ex-wife of football player O.J. Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside her Los Angeles condominium. Simpson became the chief suspect. Although the evidence against him was extensive, a jury acquitted Simpson on two counts of murder in trial that lasted 11 months.

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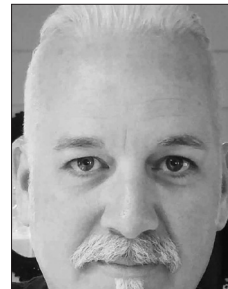
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Sharing some items from my lockdown diary

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I have been keeping a "lockdown diary" of sorts just as a reminder of this time and thought I would share some of it with you.

I'll skip around a bit so it doesn't get too boring, although I will warn you - it might get boring anyway.

Day 14: I had a Hostess Ding Dong for dinner. OK, I had a Ding Dong for dessert after I ate a pizza. But I did have a Diet Mountain Dew.

Day 15: After last night's Ding Dong disaster, I am really getting serious today. I am taking charge of my health! I am not going to sit here and do nothing! I am grabbing my nice running shoes and at least taking a long walk. Wish me luck!

Day 17: The last two days have been absolute torture. My legs hurt, my back is aching and I have a blister on my right pinky toe the size of Rhode Island. My running shoes are in the trash can. Where are the Ding Dongs?

Day 24: I forgot how

much I enjoy watching old sitcoms. Man, those were the days when TV shows were actually funny. I might stay up all night watching "Head of the Class."

Day 25: I can't believe how many Ding Dongs I ate staying up watching that dumb show "Head of the Class." Reminder: Go to the store for more Ding Dongs.

Day 28: Started working with our dog Dyna today on some training basics. I am

hoping to just get her to sit and stay better than she does now. She is pretty smart, so this should go well.

Day 30: Started finally going through boxes stored in the basement. I am going to throw out anything that has been just sitting in a box for years that we don't use anymore. I am serious this time!

Day 31: I have been playing non-stop with the cool Matchbox cars and track I found in a box in the basement! It is great to play with them while listening to the Doobie Brothers 8 track I found. This is the best day of lockdown yet!

Day 35: I have written 46 new songs during quarantine. Listening back to them, I realize that they are all horrible. Also, half of them are about toilet paper.

Day 37: Dyna is doing great with her training. She can sit and stay and even shake hands now! Not bad for a dog who was 3 when

we got her and had never even been potty trained. She is such a good girl.

Day 40: Things I need from the grocery store: Salad fixings, ground turkey, yogurt, fat free ice cream, a case of water, more Ding Dongs.

Day 42: I have decided to learn how to speak Spanish during the lockdown. It will be great exercise for my brain to learn a new language, and I can actually use it when I go home to Arizona to visit family.

Day 43: ¡Dominé el español en sólo un día!

Day 45: I took the dogs for a walk and saw that our neighbor was weeding his garden. I stood about 30 feet away and watched for four hours. This was a good day.

Day 50: Dyna can now walk on a tightrope while texting on my phone and barking in French.

Day 52: I need more Ding Dongs.

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Fox vs. the mainstream: Trust, distrust and ideology

The Fox cable news network commands public support like none other. It beats every cable network, news or otherwise, in 2019's Nielsen TV ratings. Indeed, it was one of the few that gained rather than lost viewership that year, according to deadline.com (12-27-19).

Fox calls its 8 to 11 AM news broadcast "America's Newsroom," implying that Fox itself is America's news network. A survey by the highly respected Pew Research Center supplies some context for that claim. Its report, published last January, examines Fox and its competitors in terms of trust, distrust, and ideology.

The participants identified ABC, CNN, and NBC as the most trusted of the six major commercial television news providers. 48% of them said that they trusted ABC,

Guest Opinion By Lowell Harp



with the other two placing just a percentage point below. Fox was in fifth place with 43%, after CBS and above only MSNBC.

Fox does stand out, however, as the most distrusted. It was, at 40%, the only one that rose above the 33% cut-off used by Pew for its reporting.

There are dramatic but

predictable differences here between Republicans and Democrats, but the most interesting split appears within the ranks of the Republicans. Only 51% of moderate/liberal Republicans trusted Fox, compared to 75% of conservatives. This places the moderate/liberals much closer to the general public than to their conservative counterparts.

Pew also asked its subjects to identify the sources that they used for political and election news during the previous week. Fox and CNN were each at the top, with 39%. Here again, the most interesting split appears between conservative Republicans, 68% of whom used Fox, and moderate/liberal Republicans, at only 46%.

When Pew ranked each news provider according to

the political ideology of its typical audience, the results provided another surprise. CBS's and ABC's viewership was almost perfectly in the middle while NBC's was only slightly left of center. CNN's and MSNBC's were considerably farther to the left but farthest away, on the right, were the viewers of Fox News.

Its reliance on the most conservative segment of the population surely helps explain why Fox's ratings, though higher than each of its two liberal cable competitors' alone, fall below their combined viewership, according to deadline.com. But the ratings prize belongs to the three traditional networks. ABC World Tonight and NBC Nightly News each averaged three times as many viewers as Fox, while CBS News doubled

Fox's viewership, according to cheatsheet.com (Jan. 8, 2019), using ratings from the third quarter of 2018.

Their popularity brings us to that well-worn buzzword, "mainstream media." The underlying meaning in regard to television is that Fox, and only Fox, represents the true beliefs of the American public. Viewers of all the other networks, then, are being duped by the lies and distortions of out-of-touch liberal elites.

The Pew survey presents a different story, one in which people choose news sources they trust and that align with their own point of view. CBS, NBC, and ABC are the television news providers that come closest to meeting that standard for most Americans. Fox News falls short because of the widespread lack of confi-

dence in its accuracy and fairness, even among many Republicans.

Fox can't claim to be America's news network. Neither can its liberal cable competitors, CNN and MSNBC. They're all too reliant on nurturing among their targeted viewers the half-truth of a divided nation.

The deeper reality is one of a public leery of extremes and choosing its trusted news sources accordingly, and of a nation more united than the one portrayed by Fox and its competitors on cable TV.

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

Angered that George has to close her resort due to the shutdown

Dear Editor,

In reading your front-page article (May 18) concerning the closing of ALL of Beth George's creative and well-run enterprises I became more than angry. Beth is all of us. She represents every business person who has spent their entire life trying to be a productive and responsible member of a community. More than that, she is a respected owner, manager and entrepreneur among her peers.

In my professional dealings with Beth she was my hero; a woman of her word who made sure she helped as many people as possible as she built her "brand." She was a visionary who was not afraid to take a chance. She knew who she was and what she could do. Every opportunity for Beth was turned into something creatively unique that the rest of us just wished we had thought of first.

The politicians of Illinois will no doubt bury many more talented and dedicated entrepreneurs who employed hundreds of people and added millions to the tax base. I, for one, will protest to my representatives (both state and federal) and senators and anyone else within earshot of my frustration at being "shutdown" to the point that our economy has been brought to its knees and business owners like Beth forced into bankruptcy.

The independent small business owner personifies the very essence of the freedoms afforded to us in our Constitution. We must stand up NOW and let the "powers-that-be" know we will not live under this totalitarian confiscation of our fundamental rights. If not now, we may never have another chance to do so.

As for Beth George, I have no doubt that she will make her "brand" great again if she can be assured that we, the people, will never allow again a shutdown of our economy on the level we have just endured. It is time for each of us to STAND UP and do our part to bring the American economy back to viability. It is our most essential and fundamental duty to elect people to all public offices that will work for us, not against us.

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

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NEW
LISTING



509 S 5th St Oregon \$134,900 Call Carla

Come home to comfort! You'll love the character throughout! Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, main floor laundry, large formal dining room and living rooms plus huge eat in kitchen, Stainless kitchen appliances, hardwood flooring throughout, fenced yard, new roof on house and garage, newer mechanicals with water filtration system. This super cute two story won't last long! Conveniently located near Oregon Nash recreation center and schools. Call today for your private showing. Don't delay, act today!

NEW
LISTING



218 Martin Ave Oregon \$185,000 Call Rebecca

NEW CONSTRUCTION, THERE IS STILL TIME TO PICK OUT CUSTOM FINISHES! Stunning 2 bed/2 bath 1590 sq ft condo located in Stonegate Ridge Subdivision. These units have an open floor plan, large granite island, spacious dining room, main floor laundry and a den that can be used as an additional office or bedroom. The master is over sized featuring a roomy walk in closet and tile shower. Let the HOA take care of snow removal and the lawn care. With these units, you own your own yard and are able to customize your landscaping and outdoor space. Estimated completion October 2020. Agent related.

NEW
LISTING



000 S Daysville Rd (8+ Acres) Oregon \$85,000 Call Lori

8.21 acres zoned Business! 2 combined parcels of bare land comprising 8.21 acres zoned B-1 Business. 380 feet of frontage on South Daysville Road. Site is 995.81 feet deep. Adjoining land of 10 acres, parcel 16-02-351-003, is also available. Located across from the driveway of the former Oregon County Club. Build at the front and enjoy the already cut trails through the property at the back.

NEW
LISTING



2751 N Indian Heights Oregon \$272,900 Call Lori

Paradise in Oregon. Custom built, quality, all brick, split bedroom floor plan. Live on the golf course and watch the golfers from the great big windows in the living room. What could be more relaxing. Oh, I know! How about watching the golfers from the hot tub in the 3 season porch! The great room in this home has a cathedral ceiling and a gas fireplace. The built ins are exquisite. The kitchen has hickory cabinets, new cook top, dishwasher and microwave. The cabinets all have pull outs! Master bedroom with tray ceiling, large walk in closet and full bathroom. Huge basement with windows plus a full bath. Stairs from the basement to the 3 car attached garage.

PRICE
REDUCED



3747 IL RT 64 Lot 35 Mount Morris \$19,500 Call Carla

Better than New! This cute mobile home has been recently refinished top to bottom. New furnace & central air 2019, new hot water heater, new aluminum coat on roof, new carpeting and new vinyl waterproof flooring, new bathroom including new vanity, tub and stool. Plus new butcher block countertop. Loads of cabinets, split ranch floor plan. Purchase includes wood burning fireplace, new central air/furnace, new water heater, new aluminum coat on roof, new exterior doors, new waterproof vinyl flooring, new carpet, new paint, interior and exterior, new bathroom, new sink/faucet, new kitchen pulls, new vent hood, updated outlets, blinds, light fixtures throughout, new drywalled ceilings, updated wood under skirting, new front porch cement slab by stairs, washer/dryer hookups and storage shed. Located on the East end of park with a view of open space. Enjoy affordable country view living at its best. Don't delay call today!

The housing sector enters this
recession underbuilt rather
than overbuilt...



That means as the economy
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lead the way out."

— Robert Dietz
Chief Economist, NAHB

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Polo Library News

Curbside Delivery - June 1st, 2020

Beginning June 1st, we will provide curbside delivery of prearranged orders of materials. Contactless home delivery can also be arranged for those who, for any reason, do not want to or may not be able to leave their homes.

To take advantage of either service, call the library at (815) 946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org at least one business day prior to your desired pick up or delivery day, and give us a list of what you'd like (10 item maximum). Both services will be available according to the following alternating week schedule:

June 1-7 - Monday 10-2, Wednesday 3-7, Friday 10-2
 June 8-14 - Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 3-7, Saturday 10-2
 June 15-21 - Monday 10-2, Wednesday 3-7, Friday 10-2
 June 22-27 - Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 3-7, Saturday 10-2

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

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

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

Online Resources

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

Need a Library Card?

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

Materials Renewed

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

2020 Summer Reading Program

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

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

Read for a Cause

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

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

Wi-Fi Access

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

Questions?

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

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

Food and shelter funds available

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has made Phase 37 (FY2019 annual) and Phase CARES (FY2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security CARES Act supplemental) available to help provide food and shelter services in Ogle County, for the amount of \$33,458.00.

Nonprofits, faith-based or local government agency that provides food and shelter services in Ogle County may apply for funds in both phases. Current or former EFSP participation is not a requirement. Interested agencies must submit an application to the Ogle County Local Board. Each Phase/Fiscal Year is considered new and funding to agencies is not guaranteed.

The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

All agencies must turn in their funding requests to HOPE of Ogle County, Board Chair Ruth Carter through email only at hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org by Friday, June 5, 10 a.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions may also be submitted through this email.

Julia Hull Library News



It was a warm welcome having Leslie Goddard back last night on Zoom for another informative and engaging presentation all about the history of Betty Crocker. It was a packed room, and many of our participants shared copies and stories of their own Betty Crocker cookbooks. (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley)

Library Closed

Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with Statewide social distancing and shelter-in-place guidelines, the library is closed until further notice. Please keep your items; our drop-box is closed. All due dates have been extended and no fines will accumulate during the closure. If your library card is set to expire during our closure, it, too, will be extended.

Register for a Library Card

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

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Virtual Programming

We may not be at the library, but

we're still engaging with our patrons at a distance. From book clubs, to craft programs, storytime, to hands-on learning, visit us on Facebook and Instagram for video tutorials and links to access live, face-to-face online programming via Zoom.

Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series: May 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m.! Join Miss Kelly Thursdays on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. To register for a link to the class, contact khaas@mail.meridian223.org or jkluever@mail.meridian223.org, or Message us on Facebook!

Babies & Books Storytime

Prepare your child to read with songs, games, stories & play! Ages 0-24 Months. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom. To register for a link to the class, email khaas@mail.meridian223.org or message us on Facebook.

Request A Chalk Doodle!

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

Need to Get In Touch?

If you need tech support for accessing digital content, have general reference questions, or just want to say "hi," we're still here and working for you. Please contact us by messaging us on Facebook; or shoot us an e-mail. Key staff contacts are listed on our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/key-staff-contacts>.

Birthday

Himbert turns 95

Mary L. Himbert is turning 95 on June 4. Let's celebrate her birthday during this pandemic.

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Mount Morris Library News

Get a Digital Card!

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

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

To apply for a free temporary card, please email Mt. Morris library at mmllib@mtmorris-il.org.

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

Join Miss Kaitlyn for story time at home! Visit our Facebook page every Wednesday. Can't join live? No problem! We will be uploading the video for you to view at any time.

Summer Reading Program!

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

Signing up for Summer Reading Program- Registration begins May 26

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

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

* If using a web browser: visit mtmorrisreads.readsquared.com then click register at the top right corner of the page.

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

* After you have registered feel free to explore the page! There are places to log books, write reviews, see suggestions, view and complete missions, and even play games. New missions will become available every Monday beginning June 1st. Games will unlock as certain goals are met. Feel free to contact us any time for help with READsquared.

Though the library plans to reopen for lending purposes we will not be having any in person activities this summer. We are also working on how to include those that will not be able to use an internet based program. Keep your eyes open for more information as we work through this change. Follow us on Facebook for more frequent updates and details about SRP.

Byron Library News

Byron Public Library Closed

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

Curbside Delivery Starting June 1!

Starting on June 1, the Byron Library will be offering curbside delivery for library items and remote printing. Place your holds online at Byron.lib.il.us or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items. If you need something printed for you, just email your documents and any instructions to the library library@byron.lib.il.us.

Online Storytimes

The library may be closed, but that doesn't mean story time has stopped! Drop by the Byron Library Facebook page every week for virtual story time! Join Miss Cathy at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for Virtual Baby Boogies, or Miss Julie at 9:30 a.m. for Virtual Story Time. Virtual story times will run weekly through the end of May. No registration needed!

Parking Lot WiFi

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

Check out our eBooks!

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

Introducing Creativebug!

We now offer Creativebug to our library patrons! It is a go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. With your membership, you'll enjoy award-winning instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily. All you need is your library card to gain free access: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/byronlib>

Library Cards

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

Local History

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

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

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.



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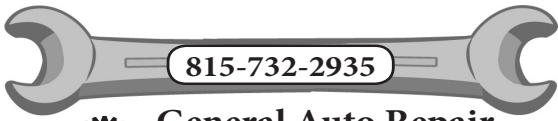

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Bertolet Library News

Due to the shelter-in-place order, Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed through May 31. We tentatively plan to reopen on Monday, June 1. This is subject to change. All due dates have been extended through June 26. There is no need to worry about late fines. Our drop box will be closed to returns until we are able to reopen.

Don't forget... you can get new reading material in audio book and E-book form on the Axis 360 app or Biblioboard. Find links at our website: www.bertoletmemoriallibrary.org

Free WiFi is available in our parking lot. No password is required. Please remain in your vehicle or 6 feet apart if utilizing the public WiFi.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates during this closure.



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With Fondest Memories

Joyce Elaine Lutz

8/21/1930-3/31/2019

Mother

In memory of a life so
beautifully lived. A heart so
deeply loved.

Dick & Deb

Leonard Claude

Lutz

2/23/1929-8/29/2016

Father

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

Always in our hearts.
Dick & Deb

Karen Louise Lutz

3/18/1959-2/21/2012

Sister

Life does not end when we
die. We are just reborn like a
butterfly

Love, Dick & Deb

James Reif

12/6/1928-7/6/2019

Husband

Though out of sight, you'll
forever be in my heart and
mind.

Miss you everyday. Together
72 years.

Kit (Lavina) Reif

Dana Heidenreich

3/22/1941-8/2/2017

Mother

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

Best mother of all time.
Always in my heart.

Nick Heidenreich

***Larry R.
Heidenreich***

6/5/1941-10/29/2018

Father

Though out of sight, you'll
forever be in my heart and
mind.

Best father of all time.
Always in my heart.

Nick Heidenreich

Warren G.

Reckmeyer

9/29/1923-3/26/2020

Spouse

WWII Vet, Music Teacher,
Community Band Director

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

Carol Reckmeyer

John V. Ehmen Sr.

1/11/1925-1/9/2013

Dad

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

Always in our hearts.
Your loving family

Marvin S. Olson

1/18/1939-9/14/2019

Husband

May God cradle you in His
arms, now and forever.

Carolyn Olson & family

Helen L Waterson

3/5/1920-12/30/2012

Mom

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold
you in the palm of His hand.
May God's angels guide you
and protect you throughout
time.

Mom, you're forever in our
hearts. Love you forever,
Barbara, Mary, David,
Charlotte, Pamela & Families

Michael (Mike) D.

McDanel

9/17/1970-4/7/2015

Son

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold
you in the palm of His hand.
May the light of peace shine
on your face for eternity.
Mike, you're forever in our
hearts. Love you forever,
Mom & Dad, Sean & Linsey
& Family, Dad & Grandpa

Helen M. Ehmen

9/16/1925-1/14/2015

Mom

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

Always in our hearts.
Your loving family

With Fondest Memories

Ruby Dietzman

1/28/1924-9-3-2013

Mother

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My Prayers will be with you until we meet again.

You will never be forgotten although you have passed thru that door to another realm
Charles & Sandra Dietzman

John Chinouth

1/14/1958-10/27/2012

Brother

The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.

Always in my heart until we meet again.
Love you, Cindy

Homer W. Sell

7/8/1924-4/3/2020

Uncle

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Pam, Dave Rogula

Chuck Kness

12/25/1956-10/31/2018

Father

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Forever in our hearts,
Jessica, Stephanie and Rachel

Timothy Noble

Bowman

3/4/1982-11/24/2005

Son/Brother

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Mike, Kim & Michelle Bowman

Barbara Johnson

5/2/1947-2/17/2008

Mother

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Angela & Dan Myers

Scott David Beaty

9/28/1969-12/18/2014

Son

Oregon High School Graduate
1988, Augustana College Graduate
1992, ISU Graduate 1994

Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Jack & Val Glotfelty

Marvin Gile

9/26/1932-5/31/2019

Dad

Final resting place Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Dakota Minnesota. So Sadly Missed by our Mom Doris

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Becky, Rocky Rory, Monty, Stacey, Rusty, Rodney, Holly

Randy Hilliard

12/21/1967-7/28/2018

Son

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

Always in our hearts.
Harold and Joyce Hilliard and family

Marvin Terviel

6/18/1944-4/8/2014

Husband

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.

I love you
Diane Terviel

Robert G. Meline

11/3/1932 - 9/8/2018

Husband, Father, Grandfather

We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

With all our love,
Your loving Wife and Family

Ronnie L.

O'Sullivan

4/11/1945-10/29/2019

Husband

Sucumbed to Agent Orange exposure serving in the US Army in Viet Nam

We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

Sharon O'Sullivan

With Fondest Memories

George Falk

9/9/1908-6/24/1986

Father

Survived the Bataan Death March
and 3 1/2 years Japanese
prisoner of war camp

Your courage and bravery
still inspire us all, and the
memory of your smile fills us
with joy and laughter.

Donald Falk

Patsy Wright

5/19/1956-11/5/2015

Mother

The days we shared were
sweet. I long to see you again
in God's heavenly glory.

Always in our hearts,
Jack, Daniel, Stacy, Sara,
Logan, Allyiah, Hayden,
Katelin, Dillon, Adrianna

Donna Zuniga

10/10/1950-6/23/2010

Mother

Your courage and bravery
still inspire us all, and the
memory of your smile fills us
with joy and laughter.

Daniel and Angela Myers

Cliff Greenhow

6/16/1937-8-16-2019

Husband

Proudly served in the US
Army. Loved family &
friends deeply.

Linda Greenhow

Matthew Martin

Thomas

2/20/1990-9/30/2018

Son

Forever missed, never
forgotten. May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

Miracles happen you were
living proof

Love Dad

Rick L. Hageman

8/19/1956-5/4/2017

Dad

The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will
always remain.

Loving, Son, Father,
Grandpa. Gone but not
forgotten

Tasha Hagemann

Albert W. Dolley Jr.

6/14/1936-9/10/1977

Brother

Was in Viet Nam War three times

The days we shared were sweet.
I long to see you again in God's
heavenly glory.

Your courage and bravery still
inspire us all, and the memory of
your smile fills us with joy and
laughter.

Carol Cory

Charles Svihlik

5/5/1941-1/1/2019

Husband/Father

Love you - Today -
Tomorrow - Always

Marianne, Chuck,
Tim & Jeannine

Donald Flohr

7/19/1934-8/17/2010

Husband

We hold you in our thoughts
and memories forever.

We hold you in our hearts

Your loving family

John R. Grove

9/5/1931 - 8/28/2019

Husband

The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will
always remain.

You will always be with us

Gussie Grove and family

Georia Mowry

6/29/1971-10/28/2000

Mother

Though out of sight, you'll
forever be in my heart and
mind.

Your sons, Caleb & Kole
though we had a short time
together. We miss you very
much. We love you.

Ed Mowry

Elaine Ruth Jacobs

Mowry

3/22/1949-5/1/2014

Wife

You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our
hearts.

We still miss you so much.
Ed Mowry

Oregon Library News

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.

Did you know?

Kathy Bouska, retired Oregon School District teacher, was one of the first children's librarians at the Oregon Public Library? Even when Kathy returned to teaching she, and her husband George, also retired Oregon School District teacher, continued to be supporters of the Library by encouraging their students to read, discover and investigate through reading. They have also been very generous with book donations and sharing their "tools of the trade" with the children's librarians that have followed. We will miss seeing both of them at the Library and around town...they are going on a new adventure and relocating to Montana to be closer to family. Best wishes to Kathy and George ...you will be missed!

2020 Summer Reading Program – Dig Deeper, Read, Investigate, Discover!

Join us this summer for our virtual summer reading program! Due to COVID-19 constraints the summer reading programs at Oregon Public Library will be a bit different from previous years, but it will go on. You may register for READsquared at <http://oregonpubliclibrary.readsquared.com/> after May 18. Please answer the registration questions and complete the form to be placed in the appropriate group. We will be communicating with our participants throughout the summer as this is a new online program and we are creating things as we go. If you do not have internet access, please call the Library and leave a message with contact info and one of the staff will contact you. Thank you for joining us for some summer fun! Summer reading activities will begin Monday, June 1. Thank you for your patience...looking forward to a unique summer! You can also email us at oregonlibrary.SRP@gmail.com with questions about all things related to Summer Reading!

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 [mtmorris-il.org](mailto:mmllib@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. Also check the Library website page for online resources and additional updates.

Talented Tuesdays – every Tuesday

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

What ya Watchin' Wednesdays – every other Wednesday

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

Video story time

We will continue to post a Video Story Time to our Facebook page every Thursday during the summer reading program. It might be just stories and suggested activities or maybe some off-site guests. So check out the Oregon Public Library Facebook page starting Thursday, June 4.

1,000 books before kindergarten

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

With

Fondest Memories

Iva Oleson

5/23/36 - 9/17/2014

Mother

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

The Featherston Family

Merle Oleson

12/14/1931 - 2/6/2019

Father

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

The Featherston Family

Michael J. Ebens

2/11/1991-12/11/2010

Grandson

Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure. Loving you always, forgetting you never.

Sadly missed by
Don and Leatha
(Grandparents)
Greg Ebens (Father)

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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

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church • Sr.
Pastor: Randy Snider, Associate Pastor: Dirk Miller, Children's Ministry
Director: Kim Miller • **Worship Services** on Saturdays at 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

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135 W. 2ND St., PO Box 1013, Byron, Pastor Patrick Featherston II
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701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927. Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Spellious
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult 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
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Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

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CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-
7683. (E-mail address: chanauwc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education
9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first
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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

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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

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Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
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immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
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Pastor Billy Hardy
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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

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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 BRETHREN

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.

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860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor
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Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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• 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
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Office Fax: 815-732-4742
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Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom
Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday
School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's
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information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.
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10:30 mass
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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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.

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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. 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
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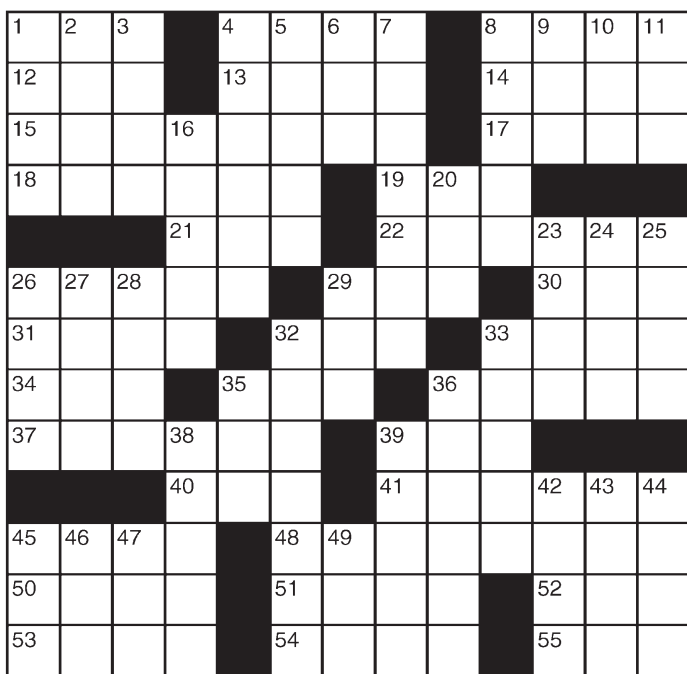
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● BEANIES

ACROSS

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14 St. Louis landmark
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: USED TO MAKE TOFU

Bean bag	Beantown	Jacobean	Mr. Bean
Beanball	Black bean	Jelly bean	Navy bean
Beanpole	Buckbean	L.L. Bean	Pea bean
Beanstalk	Caribbean	Lima bean	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4				2			3	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

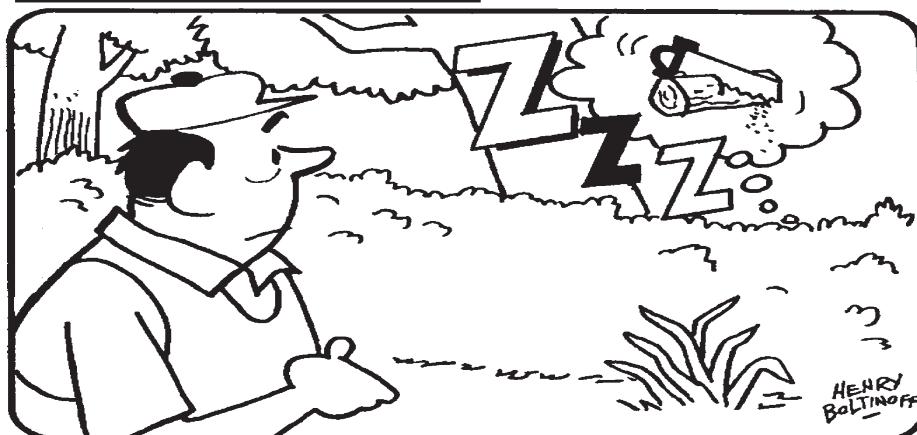
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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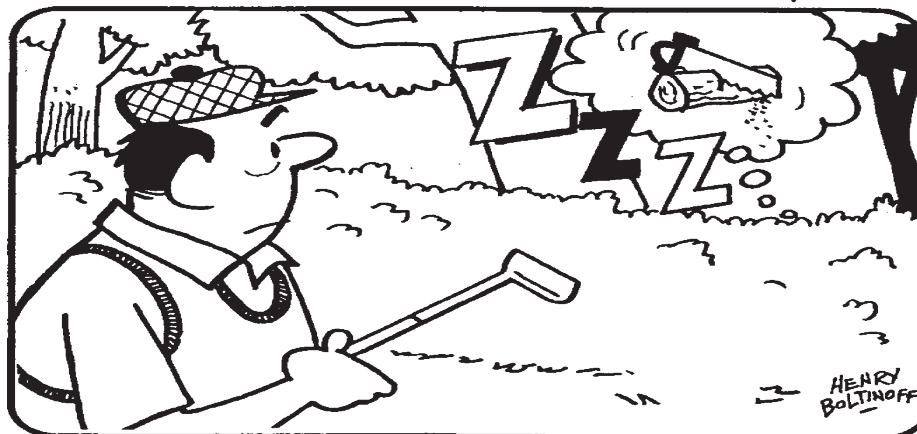
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

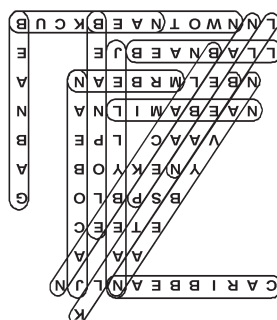


Differences: 1. Tree is added. 2. Hat is different. 3. Plant is missing. 4. Club is added. 5. Vest is different. 6. Nose is rounder.



Solution time: 27 mins.
Answers

King Crossword



BEANIES

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Did You Know

According to the PewResearch Center . . .

September 2011

Local Newspapers continue to be a key information source

Figure 6
The Topics for Which Newspapers are the Top Source

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

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

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SEPTEMBER 2011

101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPILLER PAYS AND OTHER SERVICE FEES ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Byron Fire Protection District (the "District"), Ogle County, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has full power pursuant to 70 ILCS 705/6, to pass all necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the District for carrying into effect the objects for which the District was formed; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing emergency response to incidents involving the actual or potential discharge of hazardous materials and to mitigate the effects of the discharge of hazardous materials within the Byron Fire Protection District has increased rapidly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Byron Fire Protection District has acquired and maintains specialized equipment, provide specialized training to the Byron Fire Protection District personnel and participate with area response teams to respond to emergencies involving certain hazardous materials to prevent or mitigate the effects of the discharge of hazardous materials on the health, safety and welfare of the Byron Fire Protection District's residents and property and on the ecological balance of the environment; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain sufficient funds to provide emergency response to incidents involving the actual or potential discharge of hazardous materials and to mitigate the effects of the discharge of certain hazardous materials and where appropriate to require additional support services to address incidents beyond the resources of the District, it is necessary to require those individuals or entities requiring such emergency services to reimburse the Byron Fire Protection District for such services; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Byron Fire Protection District have found and determined that it is in the best interest of the Byron Fire Protection District, its residents, business and property

owners to provide specific regulations regarding the actual or potential discharge of hazardous materials and to require reimbursement for emergency services involving hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Byron Fire Protection District, Ogle County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Board finds and determines the above recitals to be true and correct, and incorporates them as if written out here in full.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall supersede any ordinances or motions or parts of ordinances or motions in conflict with any part herein, and any such ordinances or motions or parts of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE: If any section, paragraph or provisions of the Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: The Secretary of the Byron Fire Protection District is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance at least once in a newspaper published in the District. Publication shall take place at least ten (10) days prior to implementation of this Ordinance.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after publication as provided by law (70 ILCS 705/7).

SECTION FIVE: Nothing in this Ordinance shall preclude the assessment of fees or other charges pursuant to any other laws or District ordinances or resolutions, including but not limited to penalties for filing or causing false fire alarms (70 ILCS 705/6(h)).

SECTION SIX: Any person or entity that refuses to pay or fails to pay the below-listed service charges within sixty (60) days of notice of the charge will be deemed to have violated this Ordinance. The District reserves the right to pursue all remedies at law and equity to recover charges due and owing, including the use of the services of a collection agency.

SECTION SEVEN: The District's Fire Chief is hereby authorized to waive any or all of the fees due under this Ordinance. He or she may do so by policy or on an individual basis.

SECTION EIGHT: All revenue

from the charges assessed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Byron Fire Protection District.

SECTION NINE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

TECHNICAL RESCUE SERVICES

SECTION TEN: Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law, the following persons shall be jointly, or jointly and severally liable for all costs of Technical Rescue Services as set forth in this Ordinance:

A. The owner of the property on which Technical Rescue Services are provided or occur; and

B. The owner of a vehicle at which Technical Rescue Services are provided or occur; and

C. Any person involved in any activity which caused or contributed to the causation of the emergency, including but not limited to any person filing a false report resulting in dispatch of Technical Rescue Services; and

D. In cases involving the rescue or recovery of an individual, the individual and his/her employer if the person was in the District in furtherance of the employer's interests; and

E. In cases involving the rescue or recovery of property, the owner of the property and anyone who had custody or control of the property at the time of the emergency.

SECTION ELEVEN: The charges for District Emergency Technical Rescue Services or any other related rescue service are as follows:

A. For each category of Technical Rescue Services provided, except Extrication Rescue/Recovery services:

Category
Resident
Non-Resident

1. Vehicles
\$125.00 per vehicle
\$250.00 per hour
2. Team Members
\$35.00 per member
\$70.00 per member
3. Cost of all materials used in providing the response.

B. For Extrication Rescue/Recovery services, a fee of \$250.00 per hour for all vehicles and \$70.00 per hour per person receiving such services, regardless of whether such person is a resident or non-resident of the District.

SPILLER PAYS

SECTION TWELVE: DEFINITIONS: As used in this Ordinance, the

following terms shall have the following meanings: COSTS All expenses incurred by the District or by another authorized emergency response agency for any removal or remedial action.

EMERGENCY A unit of local government, volunteer organization or other support RESPONSE agency including licensed hazardous waste contractors that AGENCY provide one or more of the following services: (1) firefighting services; (2) emergency medical services; (3) emergency medical treatment or transportation; (4) hazardous materials response teams; (5) emergency service, disaster response or civil defense services; (6) public works or maintenance; (7) police agencies (federal, state or local); or (8) remediation, mitigation or disposal of hazardous materials by a hazardous waste contractor.

FACILITY Any building, structure, installation, equipment, pipe or pipeline including but not limited to any pipe into a sewer or publicly owned treatment works, well, pond, lagoon, impoundment, ditch, landfill, storage container, tank, motor vehicle, truck trailer, rolling stock or aircraft. Also, any site or area where a hazardous material has been deposited, stored, disposed of, abandoned, placed, or otherwise come to be located.

HAZARDOUS A n y material, substance or mixture of materials or substances

MATERIALS which are toxic, flammable, corrosive, explosive, carcinogenic or radioactive including, but not limited to, any substance or material which is designated a hazardous material pursuant to the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act" (49 U.S.C. §5101 et seq.) in a quantity and form which may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, property or the environment when improperly released, treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.

MATERIALS A situation involving an actual, suspected or possible hazardous INCIDENT material for which the Fire District or other emergency response agency must respond in order to ensure the safety of personnel or property.

MUTUAL AID

Any action taken by the Fire District or any public agency pursuant to an intergovernmental

agreement, including, but not limited agreements made as part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). PERSON Any individual, business, firm, partnership, corporation, association, trust, estate, joint venture or other legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assign.

RELEASE Any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, escaping, emptying, discharging, injecting, leaching, dumping or disposing of a hazardous material into or on any land, air, water, well, stream, sewer or pipe so that such hazardous material or any constituent thereof may enter the environment.

REMEDIAL Any action consistent with permanent, remedy taken instead of, or

ACTION in addition to, removal actions in the event of a release or threatened release of a hazardous material into the environment, to prevent or minimize the release of hazardous materials so that they do not migrate to cause a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, property or the environment. The term includes, but is not limited to, such actions at the location of the release as storage, confinement, perimeter protection using dikes, trenches, or ditches, clay cover, neutralization, cleanup of released hazardous materials or contaminated materials, recycling or reuse, diversion, destruction, segregation of reactive wastes, repair or replacement of leaking containers, collection of leachate and runoff, onsite treatment or incineration, provision of alternate water supplies, and any monitoring reasonably required to assure that such actions protect the public health and welfare and the environment.

REMOVAL

The cleanup or removal of released hazardous materials from the environment, such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to monitor, assess, and evaluate the release or threat of release of hazardous materials, the disposal of removed material, or the taking of such action as may be necessary to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to the public health or welfare of the environment.

RESPONSE

Any removal or remedial action to a materials incident or other incident.

SECTION THIRTEEN: PROHIBITED ACTS: No person shall cause, threaten or allow the release of hazardous materials into the

environment unless such release is an accordance with an appropriate permit granted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or other State or Federal agency having primary jurisdiction over the release and such release is in such place and manner as will not create a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, property or the environment.

SECTION FOURTEEN: R E S P O N S E AUTHORITY:

A. The Fire Chief or his authorized representative shall have authority to respond to any release or threatened release of hazardous materials within the District or affecting the public water supply, wells or sewage treatment works located within the District. This authority includes, but is not limited to, remedial action and removal.

B. The Fire Chief shall have primary authority to respond to any release or threatened release of hazardous materials as described above. The Fire Chief shall report any release or threatened release of hazardous materials to all appropriate Federal, State and local public health, safety and emergency agencies within twenty-four (24) hours of any substantial release of hazardous materials. The Fire Chief shall relinquish his response authority at such time, if any, as the Federal, State or local emergency response agency having primary jurisdiction over the release or threatened release has assumed responsibility for response to the release or threatened release.

C. The Fire Chief, during such time as response authority is vested in him or her, shall be authorized to utilize all District personnel and equipment and he or she may, in his sole discretion, take such remedial or removal action as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate to respond to the release or threatened release of hazardous material including the use of material and in accordance with any Mutual Aid Box Alarm System ("MABAS") agreements.

D. All responding personnel shall cooperate with and operate under the direction of the Fire Chief or other person then exercising response authority under this Ordinance until such time as the person exercising such response authority has determined that the response is complete or responsibility for response is assumed by the Federal, State or local emergency

response agency having primary jurisdiction over the release or threatened release.

E. The person exercising response authority under this Ordinance shall coordinate and/or cooperate with other Federal, State or local emergency response agencies involved in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous materials.

F. By responding to and exercising its response authority over a hazardous materials incident, the District shall in no way be deemed to assume any liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous materials, nor be responsible in any way for the clean-up or other actions required to fully remedy the release.

SECTION FIFTEEN: LIABILITY FOR COSTS:

A. Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law, and subject only to the defenses set forth in this Ordinance, the following persons shall be jointly and severally liable for all costs of removal and remedial action incurred by the District as a result of a release or threatened release of a hazardous material:

1. The owner and operator of a facility or vessel from which there is a release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous material.

2. Any person who, at the time of disposal, transport, storage or treatment of a hazardous material, owned or operated the facility or vessel used for such disposal, transport, treatment or storage from which there was a release or substantial threat of a release of any such hazardous material.

3. Any person who by contract, agreement, or otherwise has arranged with another party or entity for transport, storage, disposal or treatment of hazardous materials owned, controlled or possessed by such person at a facility owned or operated by another party or entity from which facility there is a release or substantial threat of a release of such hazardous materials.

4. Any person who accepts or accepted any hazardous materials for transport to disposal, storage or treatment facilities or sites from which there is a release or a substantial threat of release of such hazardous substances.

SECTION SIXTEEN: DEFENSES: There shall be no liability under this Ordinance for a person otherwise liable who can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the release

or substantial threat of release of a hazardous material and the resulting damages occurred under one of the permitted defenses set forth in 415 ILCS 5/22.2(j). SECTION SEVENTEEN: COSTS AND PENALTIES: A. Any person who is liable for the release or threatened release of a hazardous material who fails without sufficient cause to pay for or provide removal or remedial action upon or in accordance with a notice and request of the District, or in accordance with any order of any court having jurisdiction on the matter, shall be liable to the District for any costs incurred by the District as a result of such failure to provide or take such removal or remedial action, together with the cost of any removal or remedial action taken by the District in accordance with the ordinance, and all attorneys' fees and related legal costs incurred in connection therewith.

B. In addition, any such person shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day on which a violation occurs or continues. Where such violation is found to be the result of willful and/or wanton conduct or gross negligence, or the person committing such violation attempts to evade responsibility hereunder by leaving the scene of the occurrence or by other means, that person shall be subject to a fine as provided for above or a fine in an amount equal to three (3) times the costs, including attorneys' fees and legal costs, for which it is liable under Paragraph A, whichever is greater.

C. Charges for removal or remedial action when rendered by the District or any agency in accordance with any mutual aid agreement shall be as follows:

1. The cost of vehicles as determined by the responding agency, but in no case less than \$250.00 per hour for all District vehicles, or such maximum rate as allowed by Illinois law, as amended from time-to-time; and

2. The cost of all personnel including any overtime cost to the Byron Fire Protection District or to any responding agency, incurred as a result of the removal or remedial action, but in no case less than \$70.00 per hour per team member, or such maximum rate as allowed by Illinois law, as

amended from time-to-time; and

3. The cost of all materials and equipment used, expended, depleted, destroyed or removed from service in accordance with federal, state or local ordinance as a result of the mitigation or containment operations or at the request of the District or any responding agency; and

4. The costs of service and/or goods provided by a private or public entity which are used, expended, depleted or destroyed as a result of the response.

NON-RESIDENT FEES SECTION EIGHTEEN: When emergency response services are rendered by the District for persons, businesses, or other entities who are not residents of the Byron Fire Protection District, the District may charge up to \$250 per hour for all District vehicles responding and up to \$70 per hour for personnel responding, or such maximum rate as allowed by Illinois law, as amended from time-to-time, and may charge for extraordinary expenses of materials used in rendering such services (70 ILCS 705/11f(c)).

SECTION NINETEEN: No charge pursuant to Section Eighteen herein shall be levied against non-residents of the District if the total charge of the emergency response service is less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chris Logston, Jeff Bain, Jeff Hogan, Chris Millard, and Gene Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Gene Smith

President, Board of Trustees

Byron Fire Protection District

ATTEST: Chris Logston

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Byron Fire Protection District

No. 0510 (May 25)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)No.
ESTATE OF)2020

PATRICK R.)P
LESSNER,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Patrick R. Lessner, late of 1544

W. Hay Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Letters of Office were issued to

Clare Foust, 1544 W. Hay Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061, as Independent

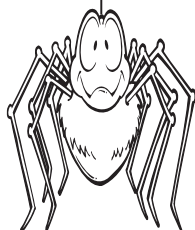
of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. By: Clare Foust, Independent Executor Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 20th DAY of May, 2020
The City of Byron's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a "Virtual" Public Hearing Meeting to consider the following:
A request from Amber Dach to conduct a Cross-fit workout facility at 697 N. Colfax St., PIN #05-30-477-006, in the city of Byron, Ogle County Illinois. The property is currently zoned "Light Industrial" and supports multiple businesses. The applicant is requesting a "Special Use Permit" to operate the business within this zoning district. Those requesting additional information may contact the City of Byron Building and Zoning Department at 815-234-2762. The meeting will be held electronically using Zoom. As always, the public is invited to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard. Please contact

City Clerk Caryn Huber at chuber@es-il.org, or Development Director Larry Hewitt at lhewitt@es-il.org to submit public comment or for information on how to attend. The proposed Zoning Code is available for examination. Please contact Director Larry Hewitt to review. The public hearing shall be held on the 11th day of June, A.D., 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
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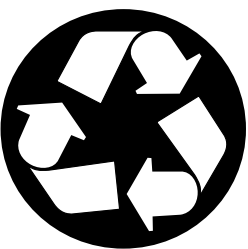
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Eat healthy at 50 and beyond

A balanced diet is an integral element of a healthy lifestyle for men, women and children alike. But while kids and young adults might be able to get away with an extra cheeseburger here or there, men and women approaching 50 have less leeway.

According to the National Institute on Aging, simply counting calories without regard for the foods being consumed is not enough for men and women 50 and older to maintain their long-term health. Rather, the NIA emphasizes the importance of choosing low-calorie foods that have a lot of the nutrients the body needs.

But counting calories can be an effective and simple way to maintain a healthy weight, provided those calories are coming from nutrient-rich foods. The NIA advises men and women over 50 adhere to the following daily calorie intake recommendations as they attempt to stay healthy into their golden years.

Women

- Not physically active: 1,600 calories
- Somewhat active: 1,800 calories
- Active lifestyle: between 2,000 and 2,200 calories

Men

- Not physically active: 2,000 calories
- Somewhat active:

between 2,200 and 2,400 calories

- Active lifestyle: between 2,400 and 2,800 calories

When choosing foods to eat, the NIA recommends eating many different colors and types of vegetables and fruits. Phytochemicals are substances that occur naturally in plants, and there are thousands of these substances offering various benefits. The Produce for Better Health Foundation notes that a varied, colorful diet incorporates lots of different types of phytochemicals, which the PBH says have disease-preventing properties.

The NIA also advises that men and women over 50 make sure at



least half the grains in their diets are whole grains. Numerous studies have discovered the various benefits of whole grains, which are loaded with protein, fiber, antioxidants and other nutrients. Whole grains have been shown to reduce the risk for diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

Another potential hurdle men and women over 50 may encounter is a change in their sense of smell and taste. A person's

sense of smell may fade with age, and because smell and taste are so closely related, foods enjoyed for years may no longer tantalize the taste buds. That can be problematic, as many people instinctually add more salt to foods they find bland. According to the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, older adults should consume no more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day. That equates to roughly 3/4 teaspoon of salt. Older men and women should resist the

temptation to use salt to add flavor to foods, instead opting for healthy foods that they can still smell and taste. In addition, men and women should mention any loss of their sense of smell to their physicians, as such a loss may indicate the presence of Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease.

Maintaining a healthy diet after 50 may require some hard work and discipline. But the long-term benefits of a healthy diet make the extra effort well worth it.

Mozzarella, Basil & Zucchini Frittata

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced red onion
- 1 1/2 cups chopped zucchini
- 7 large eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2/3 cup pearl-size or baby fresh mozzarella balls (about 4 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons chopped soft sun-dried tomatoes
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil

Directions

Step 1: Position rack in upper third of oven; preheat broiler.

Step 2: Heat oil in a large broiler-safe nonstick or cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and zucchini and cook, stirring frequently, until soft, 3 to 5 minutes.

Step 3: Meanwhile, whisk eggs, salt and pepper in a bowl. Pour the eggs over the vegetables in the pan. Cook, lifting the edges to allow uncooked egg from the middle to flow underneath, until nearly set, about 2 minutes. Arrange mozzarella and sun-dried tomatoes on top and place the skillet under the broiler until the eggs are slightly browned, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Let stand for 3 minutes. Top with basil.

Step 4: To release the frittata from the pan, run a spatula around the edge, then underneath, until you can slide or lift it out onto a cutting board or serving plate. Cut into 4 slices and serve.



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Home security tips for seniors

SENIORS are often targeted by criminals. Though many criminals target seniors from afar via telephone or internet scams, criminals seek to enter seniors' homes. The Bureau of Justice Statistics offers that, between 2003 and 2013, the ratio of property crime to violent crime was higher for the elderly and persons between the ages of 50 and 64 than it was for younger persons between the ages of 25 and 49.

Home security is important for people of all ages, but especially so for seniors and aging individuals living alone. By following certain safety tips and developing a home security plan, seniors can feel safer at home.

• Lock windows and doors. It may seem like common sense, but failure to repeatedly lock windows and doors can, and often does, give burglars easy entry into

the home.

• Think about a smart doorbell. Technology now enables doorbells to provide a video feed to a person's smartphone or tablet over WiFi. This allows residents to see who is at the door and speak to this person without having to open the door. Some products like Ring® will even register motion activity and record short videos from outside of the house.

• Don't share or leave keys. Avoid leaving keys under a mat or in a flower pot. Others may be watching your actions and gain access to your home while you are away.

• Ask for ID. When service people or other individuals come to the door, verify their credentials by asking to see some identification.

• Get a home security system. The best protection against burglars is a home security alarm, states HomeSecurityResource.org. Such an alarm often deters bur-

glars from breaking in.

• Install a lockable mailbox. Locked mailboxes restrict access to sensitive information, such as bank account numbers, sent in the mail. Make sure retirement checks or other payments are deposited directly into bank accounts instead of having them sent by check.

• Use home automation. Home automation, or a "smart home," can be utilized to turn on lights, set the thermostat, lock doors, and much more.

• Adopt a dog. Dogs can be an asset to seniors. Dogs provide companionship and can bark or alert seniors if someone is around or inside of the home.

Home security is serious business for seniors who are vulnerable to criminals.



What is a standby generator?

NO one wants to imagine losing power in their homes. But homeowners and renters face such situations every day. For those who aren't prepared to confront power outages, doing so can be a nuisance in the best of situations, and potentially very dangerous, if not fatal, in the most dire instances.

Thankfully, no one has to go long without power. Standby generators are backup electrical systems that operate automatically. Once the generator senses a power loss, which can occur within seconds of a utility outage, its automatic transfer switch essentially gives the generator a wakeup call, commanding it to begin supplying power to the circuits in a home.

Some transfer switches may be automated, requiring no effort on the part of homeowners when the power goes out. Others may need to be flipped on like one might flip a

light switch. Seniors and/or people with mobility issues may benefit from standby generators with automated transfer switches, as they may find it difficult to manually turn the switches themselves. That's especially true if the power goes out overnight, when visibility inside a home with no power is compromised.

Standby generators are typically connected to the circuits throughout a home, which means they can kick in and run HVAC systems, refrigerators and security systems, among other devices. That helps people stay comfortable and sleep well during power outages, while also ensuring they won't have to throw away any groceries or spend times in their homes without functioning security systems.

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Exercises to support stronger hips

SURGERY is not an inevitable side effect of aging. In fact, men and women over 50 can employ various preventive techniques to strengthen their bones and joints in the hopes of avoiding the surgical wing of their local hospitals.

According to AARP, more than 370,000 men and women undergo hip replacement surgeries in the United States each year. Some may think such surgeries are a final solution to their hip pain, but that might not be the case, as AARP notes than one in 10 hip replacement recipients will need a second procedure for any number of reasons, including infection or mechanical failure.

A proactive approach that focuses on strengthening and protecting the



hips can help aging men and women reduce their risk of one day needing hip replacement surgery. The following are a handful of exercises, courtesy of the AARP,

that can help men and women strengthen their hips.

Good Morning

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and

keep your hands at your sides. With your knees slightly bent and your back naturally arched, bend at your hips as if you're bowing out of respect as far as you can go, or until your torso is almost parallel to the floor. Return to the starting position. During the exercise, keep your core braced and don't bow your back.

Hip Abduction

Stand with your feet

shoulder-width apart. Loop a resistance band around both ankles, and then raise your right leg out to the side as far as you can. Hold in this position for a moment before slowly returning to the starting position. Switch legs and then repeat the exercise on the other side.

Hip Adduction

Loop one end of a resistance band low around a solid object,

then stand to the left of that object before looping the other end of the band around your right ankle. Place your legs shoulder-width apart, and then pull in your right leg until your ankles touch. Repeat with your left leg, this time moving to the right side of the object.

Glute Bridge

Lie on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor. Raise your hips to form a straight line from your shoulders to your knees, using some type of support if you need to. Clench your butt at the top of the movement, pause, and lower yourself back down.

Men and women unaccustomed to exercise should consult their physicians before performing any of these exercises. In addition, if necessary, perform the exercises under the supervision of a personal trainer who can advise you on proper form and help you reduce your risk of injury.

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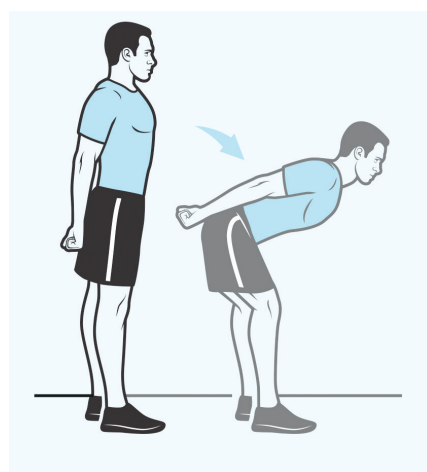
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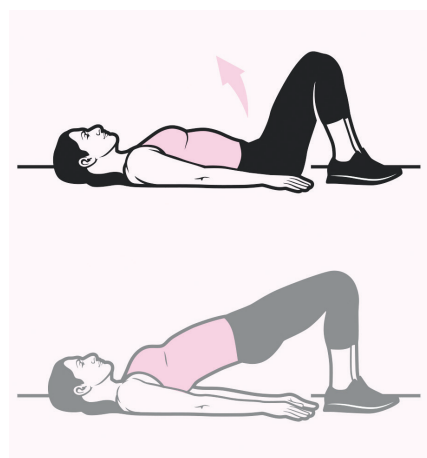
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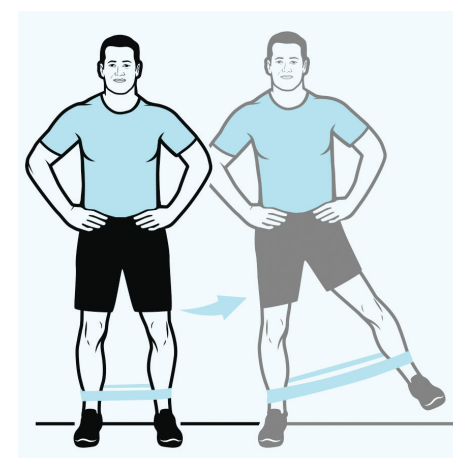
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Hip Adduction



Glute Bridge



Hip Abduction

Annual colorectal cancer screenings are recommended for men and women over 50

AS the human body ages, screening for various conditions and diseases may need to occur more frequently. Routine doctor visits may not be a part of most people's image of the perfect retirement, but such checkups can save lives and make one's golden years much more enjoyable.

The World Health Organization notes that cancer is the leading cause of death across the globe and that colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the world. A 2017 study published in the journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention concluded that risk factor modification, screening and treatment all have considerable potential to reduce colorectal cancer mortality by 2030.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine recommends that men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 be screened for colorectal cancer every year. Doctors screen for colorectal cancer in various ways, and many of these screenings need not be conducted annually. However, the USNLM recommends that all men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 receive a fecal occult blood, or stool-based, test every year. In addition, men and women should receive a fecal immunochemical, or FIT, test every year. The FIT is a simple test that adults can conduct in the privacy of their own homes.

Doctors may recommend additional screenings

for colorectal cancer. Upon making such recommendations, doctors will discuss patients' screening options, which include an assortment of tests, and then recommend which test might be best for the patient. The USNLM recommends men and women receive stool DNA tests every three years, flexible sigmoidoscopy tests every five years and double contrast barium enemas every five years.

Virtual colonoscopies (once every five years) and colonoscopies (once every 10 years) also may be recommended.

Colorectal cancer claims hundreds of thousands of lives across the globe every year. Men and women over 50 can reduce their risk of falling victim to colorectal cancer by scheduling annual screenings.



Quick facts

How common is colorectal cancer?

Excluding skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancer cases in the United States for 2020 are:

104,610 new cases of colon cancer

43,340 new cases of rectal cancer

Lifetime risk of colorectal cancer

Overall, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is: about 1 in 23 (4.4 percent) for men and 1 in 25 (4.1 percent) for women. This risk is slightly lower in women than in men.

(Information from the American Cancer Society)

Bridging Care Between Hospital and Home

Swing Bed at Rochelle Community Hospital

Almost there, but need a bit more care? Our swing bed program at Rochelle Community Hospital helps patients continue their recovery after being discharged from an acute hospital stay, but before returning home after a surgery or illness. Swing bed is a short-stay program with around-the-clock skilled nursing services so patients can regain the strength and skills they need to return home safely.

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- Extra assistance when recovering from a joint replacement or major surgery
- Individualized care and onsite physical and occupational therapies
- Homecooked meals and comfortable accommodations
- Convenient, close location for family and friends to visit



Smart ways to embrace retirement

Many soon-to-be retirees are not fully prepared for life after their work life ends. Shedding new light on this next chapter can make retirement something to look forward to even more.

RETIREMENT is on the horizon for a significant number of people. Around 10,000 people retire each day in the United States, according to a study by Merrill Lynch and Age Wave, a consultancy studying the cultural and economic impacts of aging. But many soon-to-be retirees are not fully prepared for life after their work life ends. Shedding new light on this next chapter can make retirement something to look forward to even more.

How retired are you?

Retirement may no longer mean what it once did. Some retirees remove themselves entirely from the active employment market, while others prefer to keep at least one toe in the professional water. Some retirees change fields and do part-time work. Others may volunteer their time without getting paid. Still, some choose to use retirement as an opportunity to spearhead a new business venture that may not have been possible beforehand. Retirees should reflect on their goals, as well as their finances, and make plans accordingly.

Don't neglect health care

Retiring may involve finding health insurance and preparing for other types of health care later in life. The U.S. Census Bureau says that employment-based insurance covered 55.4 percent of the population in 2015, the most recent years for figures, followed by Medicaid (19.5 percent) and Medicare (16 percent). Residents of other countries may be covered by government standardized health programs. It pays to know the rules of each plan to avoid unnecessary expenses that can eat into retirement dollars. For those Americans who will be relying solely on Medicare, find a counselor who can spell out the intricacies of the plan, or use the free tool on Medicare.gov.

See retirement as a beginning, not an end

Quite often soon-to-be retirees focus on the end of a career or the end of a stage in life without putting enough focus on the possibilities ahead. This is a prime time to find a new social network, travel, join a ministry, and much more.

Choose your living space

Retirement can be an opportunity to shed an old skin and try on a new one — especially as it pertains to housing. There are options to downsize for empty-nesters or even to secure resources to “age in place.” According to United Income, a money management service, retirees should try out particular scenarios and locations prior to jumping in. Rent in a particular neighborhood, or house sit and try things on for size. Airbnb and other types of services can make this trial easy.

A new outlook on retirement can open up a world of opportunities.



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Innovative fitness programs for seniors

IT is important to stay active and eat healthy foods in an effort to promote fitness and well-being. This is especially true for seniors, many of whom lead increasingly sedentary lifestyles as they age.

The American Heart Association says adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, and a Harvard University study says that exercise can be an insurance policy for heart health.

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

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

Those concerned about gym costs may find that SilverSneakers® already is included in their Medicare

Advantage plan for no additional cost. Plus, there is access to healthy living discounts from participating businesses.

Canada has begun to develop its own senior-centric fitness programs. The Healthy, Safe and Strong group exercise program is an introduction to safe exercises available for adults age 60 and

older in the province of Ontario. The program can help develop better stamina, maintain or improve balance and increase strength and endurance. StrongerU Senior Fitness is a relatively new program of pre-choreographed group fitness offering instruction in four program types: cardio, strength training,

stretching, and circuit training. The program addresses a need in Canada for quality and consistent senior fitness programming.

As studies show that engaging in physical

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



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Amazing benefits to seniors having pets

PETS bring much joy to the lives they touch. So it should come as no surprise that the 2019-2020 National Pet Owners Survey, which was conducted by the American Pet Products Association, found that about 85 million families in the United States own a pet. In Canada, 7.5 million households are home to companion animals, states the PetBacker blog.

Pets offer companionship and unconditional love. While they are fitting for any family, seniors may find that having a pet is especially beneficial. The organization A Place for Mom, which helps match families with senior living residences, says pets provide a comfort system that produces measurable health results. Caring for pets and being around them can produce a chemical chain reaction in the brain that may help to lower stress hormones while also increasing production of the feel-good hormone serotonin.

This is not the only health benefit pets may provide. A recent study from the Mayo Clinic, which looked at 1,800 people between the ages of 25 and 64 who had healthy hearts, found that almost half owned a dog. Having a dog was likely to spur heart-healthy behaviors, like exercising with the pet, eating well and having ideal blood sugar levels.

Pets also provide emotional support and companionship that can help seniors — including those who may be divorced or widowed — feel more secure and happy. The National Poll on Healthy Aging found that, among respondents who had pets, 88 percent said their

pets helped them enjoy life, and 86 percent said their pets made them feel loved.

Seniors considering getting a pet can explore the many benefits to doing so.

- Reduce pain: A 2012 study published in Pain Magazine found therapy dogs provided “significant reduction in pain and emotional distress for chronic pain patients.”

- Feeling of purpose: Caring for an animal not only stimulates physical activity, but it also can give seniors a reason to get up and go, which equates to a feeling of purpose.

- Altered focus: Having a pet can help seniors focus on something other than physical or mental health issues and preoccupations about loss or aging, according to New York-based psychologist Penny B. Donnenfeld.

- Increased physical activity: Pets require care, and that interaction can get seniors moving more than if they didn’t have a pet.

- Improved health: Ongoing research from Harvard Medical School has found dog owners have lower blood pressure, healthier cholesterol levels and lower risk of heart disease than those who don’t own a dog.

- Stick to routine: Caring for pets helps seniors maintain a routine. Having structure after retirement can be important to ward off risk of depression. Staying on top of feeding, grooming and other pet needs also can help prevent cognitive decline.

Pets bring many benefits to their owners’ lives, and they may be the perfect remedy for seniors looking for a friend and purpose.

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