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## White Pines Resort closing

### Owner holding going out of business sale this week

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

After 31 years of operating White Pines resort, Beth George announced in a Facebook post on May 13 that she is filing for bankruptcy and closing down.

"I want to just tell you that I never thought I would be saying these words," she said in a sometimes emotional video. "For 31 years I've run the resort and put my heart and soul in it."

But ultimately, with the prolonged closure of the resort due to the COVID-19 pandemic, George said the numbers moving forward just won't work for her business.

"I am going to be one of the statistics that don't make it," she said.

On May 18-20 from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., White Pines will be having a going out of business sale at the gift shop. George asked that people consider stopping by to purchase a memento to help her pay back those who have planned events at the resort.

She said she has been following

the directives from the state in order to keep people safe. But when Gov. Pritzker recently announced the phased re-opening plan, she said she knew that was the, "nail in the coffin."

She said as a business that relies on large events like weddings and retreats, keeping the numbers to 50 people or less would not be possible. Not being able to fully open would mean the resort could not survive.

"I've poured my heart and soul into this place and I'm a mess trying to save it," she said.

She said she was worried about discussing her concerns because she would be accused of not caring about others and only her bottom line.

"We can't talk about it publicly because we will be chastised for it," she said.

George said that she will "miss everyone terribly," but she will move on.

"I'm a survivor so I'm going to make it. I'm just not going to make it at White Pines," she said.



Beth George, shown here in a 2018 file photo, announced last week that she is closing the White Pines resort.

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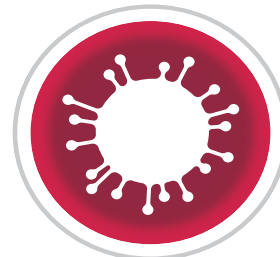
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# Wave parade



A long line of cars, trucks, emergency vehicles and even motorcycles took part in a "wave parade" in celebration of National Skilled Nursing Care Week at Pinecrest Manor in Mount Morris on Tuesday, May 12. Residents watched and waved from the sidewalk as people rode by with signs thanking nurses as well as saying hello to family members at Pinecrest. The parade was led by Mount Morris Police Chief Jason White. (Brad Jennings photos)

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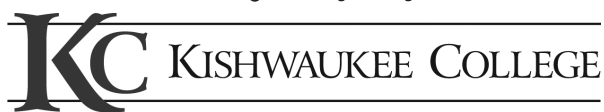
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## Leaf River reunion postponed

LEAF RIVER – Due to safety concerns with Covid 19, the committee organizing the Leaf River All-School Reunion June 6 will be postponed until next year.

The reunion is rescheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021 at "The Barn on the Hill" Leaf River. At that time a DJ will honor each decade of classes sharing memories and highlights followed by the 80's band "Sunset Strip."

The committee would like to thank all who helped with the preparations for the reunion and band sponsors. Stay informed with the Leaf River All-school Reunion Facebook page and additional details published as the date becomes closer.

Stay healthy, protect yourself and see you June 5, 2021.

# County organizations receive grant funds from United Way

ROCKFORD – United Way of Rock River Valley (UWRRV) in collaboration with the 815 Community Response Team, has awarded nearly \$250,000 in the second round of grants from its COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund to 27 non-profit organizations in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties.

United Way of Rock River Valley distributed \$250,000 in this second round thanks to contributions from local companies, organizations, foundations and individuals who have generously donated to its COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund. The quick response from the community has allowed United Way and the 815 Community Response Team to get funds to local agencies quickly and efficiently.

“We established the COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund in late March with an anonymous \$10,000 donation and it has quickly grown to more than \$550,000 thanks to the generosity of our community,” said Paul Logli, United Way of Rock River Valley president and CEO. “From our beginning 100 years ago, we’ve been able to meet the critical needs of our region because of the community support. We’ve received individual donations from \$10 to \$10,000 and every amount makes a tremendous impact.”

Ogle County recipients Chana Education Center, \$1,500, purchase 30 food gift cards for at-risk students;

Farmwork & Landscape Advocacy Project, \$17,000, provide crucial monetary support and information to low income Latino families in Ogle and Winnebago counties who are experiencing financial hardships;

Immanuel Lutheran Good Samaritan Food Pantry, \$500, purchase items for food pantry;

Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$5,000, purchase

items for food pantry;

Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center, \$10,000, grant will be used for mental health services and forensic medical exams for child abuse victims.

Grant applications were vetted and chosen by the 815 Community Response Team Grant Making Committee, which is made up of representatives from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, the Kjellstrom Foundation, the Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence and United Way of Rock River Valley and is part of the larger 815 Community Response Team, which also includes Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Transform Rockford and the Workforce Connection.

Priorities for funding include but are not limited to:

- Housing Utility and Rent Assistance
- Medical Assistance Prescription Assistance
- Basic Necessities Childcare
- Food Transportation
- Resources for Human Service Organizations as they respond to their clients’ needs.

In order to be eligible for a grant allocation from the United Way COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund, non-profit agencies must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) Organization
- Be in operation and providing human services in Boone, Winnebago, Ogle or Stephenson counties for at least three years
- Have an active, local Board of Directors comprised of nonpaid volunteers who meet at least quarterly
- Maintain an annual operating budget
- Agree to the Emerging Needs Fund Memorandum of Understanding and comply in a timely manner to a request for information.

# Museum holding Zoom meeting

DAVID JUNCTION – The Davis Junction Historical Society and Museum is still practicing the new normal.

We are going to have our monthly meeting via Zoom at the usual time. The Society is taking care of ongoing projects the best it can. On Tuesdays, someone is usually at the museum about 1 p.m. for several hours. Feel free to come by or call 815-994-0803 to reach Kim Smeja or one of the members.

We hope to start the summer fundraiser soon. We will be installing an engraved paver walkway at the museum. If you would like to purchase a paver with your name on it, please contact the museum.

# Brodzik retires after 30 years

## She had been a deputy in Ogle County since 1990

By Andrew Heiserman  
Staff Writer

The Ogle County Sheriff’s Department said farewell to one of its finest deputy sheriffs who served the community for nearly 30 years.

Cheri Brodzik had been an Ogle County deputy sheriff since 1990, and she held multiple titles throughout her career with the department. As she approached her 30th year on the force, she recently made the emotional decision to retire.

“I have really enjoyed being a police officer for 30 years and at the school for the last two, but it just seemed like good timing for me,” Brodzik said. “It is bittersweet for sure, I am going to miss all of my students, teachers and staff at the high school and the group of guys that I work with on the force.”

Brodzik said she knew from a young age she wanted to become a police officer and help other people. She was hit by a car when she was 8 years old, and it was the police officer who responded to help her who inspired her to become a police officer herself.

“I was crossing the street with my brother and I got hit by a car,” Brodzik said. “The officer that showed up to help me was Jack Wells

and I was just in awe of him. He stayed with me in the ambulance and came to see me in the hospital. That’s when I decided I wanted to become a police officer and help people like that.”

Brodzik graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1985 and went to Kishwaukee College to begin her journey toward becoming a police officer. She graduated from Kishwaukee College and received her associate’s degree in criminal justice in 1987.

She then started her first law enforcement position at the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department in 1990. During her time at the department, she held many different positions and achieved many accomplishments. She worked as a juvenile officer before becoming a D.A.R.E. officer in all the county schools for 13 years.

Additionally, she served as court security at the Ogle County courthouse and was the school resource officer at Rochelle Township High School for the last two years before her retirement.

Out of her many accomplishments in her 30 years of service, one of her most memorable was returning to Kishwaukee College to teach students enrolled in the criminal justice program.

“I was an adjunct instructor at Kishwaukee



College, meaning I was a career person out in the field that would teach the criminal justice classes as well,” Brodzik said. “I love to teach, so going back to the community college that I learned at to teach was very special.”

Fellow officers have said Brodzik was a model deputy sheriff with exceptionally good communication skills. Mel Messer, former Ogle County sheriff of 16 years, personally worked with Brodzik during his time at the department. He saw what a great officer she was and thanks her for her years of service.

“She had a good capability of communicating with people, especially working well with young people,” Messer said. “It’s hard to get people that can communicate with the public and get the job done well like she could. I wish her good luck and a good retirement.”

Brodzik has plans to relax and spend time with her family, including her

new grandson, during her retirement. While there have been many challenges along the way, she said trying to separate her line of work from being a mother at home was most challenging.

“I saw some pretty horrific things in my career,” said Brodzik. “Then, to have to come home, shift gears and leave everything back at work, that was my biggest struggle.”

Brodzik left a mark at the sheriff’s department that will be remembered long after her retirement. Current Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle knows it will be hard to find an officer like her and hopes that new deputies have learned a thing or two from her.

“When a long-term employee retires, it’s hard to fill those shoes with that knowledge you lose when they walk out the door,” VanVickle said. “We continue to have the senior officers share that knowledge and experience to our newer officers.”

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, phone calls we received for our 60th Anniversary. They were greatly appreciated. God bless all of you.

Elmars and Marion Kalnins

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To the many many relatives and friends who have supported and prayed for our family through this difficult time, we can never “thank you” enough! To the Stillman Valley Fire Department quick response, our sincere “Thanks”. Those who sent cards, flowers and food, “Thank You”. John would have loved the cowbells and football cannon, as well as the friends and relatives along the way out to the cemetery, and those gathered at the cemetery! We thank you very much for everything you have done for our family.

John Cox Family



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## Thank You

We want to thank all the many law enforcement departments, Oregon Fire department, City of Oregon Departments, Ogle County Highway department, Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, Brent Johnson and each and every one who reached out to us and supported us for the passing of our son, husband and father. Your thoughts, prayers and show of support was truly humbling and gave us much needed comfort in our time of need and great sorrow. A distance of 3.8 miles leads from the funeral home to the Daysville Cemetery and there wasn’t a 100 yard stretch that did not have someone posted showing support and wishing us well-being. This display was staggering and we deeply appreciate each one of you. You helped make up for the services we could not have for Scott or the send off he deserved. You all have a very special place in our hearts.

God Bless you all.

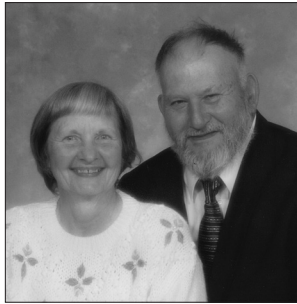
The Family of Scott Bowers

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# Obituaries

## Dale E. Ermey Nellie M. Ermey

Dale E. Ermey, age 82, of Juda, Wis., died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at his home. Dale was born on Feb. 18, 1938, in Adeline, the son of the late George E. and Louise L. (Frickson) Ermey. He attended Leaf River schools and was united in marriage to Nellie Sheely on Nov. 18, 1962. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 30 years before retiring.



Nellie M. Ermey, age 82, of Juda, Wis., died Friday, May 8, 2020 at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe. Nellie was born on March 30, 1938, in Dixon, the daughter of Galen and Dorothy (Kump) Sheely. She graduated from Mt. Morris Community High School and worked at Watts Publishing Company prior to her marriage. Dale and Nellie lived in Red Oak, IL before moving to Monroe, Wis., in 1968. In 1973, the couple moved to a farmette in rural Juda.

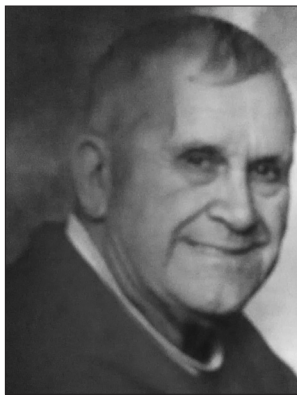
Dale and Nellie are survived by five children, Alex Ermey of Juda, Andrew (Gayle) Ermey of Monroe, Aneasa (Victor) Bellrichard of Whitewater, Wis., Allen

(Kristen) Ermey of Juda, Angela (Brent) Denhof of Howards Grove, Wis.; 19 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; Dale's brother, Lawrence Ermey of Stillman Valley; Nellie's siblings, Beverly Yount, Fred (Beverly) Sheely, Gary (Sandy) Sheely, all of the Mt. Morris area; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. They were preceded in death by their parents; Nellie's brother-in-law, Jerry Yount; and her nephew, Daniel Sheely.

Due to current gathering restrictions, a celebration of life service for Dale and Nellie will be held at a later date. Condolences may be shared at [www.newcomer-funeralhome.net](http://www.newcomer-funeralhome.net)

## Christopher Hillers

STILLMAN VALLEY – Christopher Leslie Hillers, age 92, passed away at home on May 8, 2020. He was born in Stillman Valley on Dec. 1, 1927 the son of Behrens and Annie (Ennenga) Hillers.



He graduated from Stillman Valley High School class of 1945. He then joined the U.S. Army in 1946. He married Phyllis Stucker on April 8, 1949. Christopher worked as a farmer and a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways. He was a member of the Teamsters and the Foresters. After his retirement; he enjoyed traveling with his wife especially to Hawaii. He loved puttering around and doing yard work. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt and spend time outside. He

was a fan of boxing and professional wrestling and enjoyed watching both on tv. But, most of all he loved his family and enjoyed Saturday morning family breakfasts. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years Phyllis of Stillman Valley; sons, Dale (Wendy) Hillers of Winnebago, Donn (Barb)

Hillers of Rockford, and Doug Hillers of Stillman Valley; sister, Henrietta Day of Rockford; grandchildren, Tim (Melissa) Hillers of Portage, Wis., Tara Hillers of Winnebago, Blair (James) Lemmon of Avon Lake, Ohio, Zachary Hillers of Rockford, Geoffrey Hillers of Shelton, Wash., and Garrett (Kayla) Hillers of Acton, Mass.; great grandsons, Ben and Gage; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings John, Herman, Henry, Tena, Vera, and Jennie.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic no services will be held at this time. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

## Marian I. Wiltfang

STILLMAN VALLEY – Marian I. Wiltfang, age 91, died Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Rockford. She was born Feb. 24, 1929 in Kings, the daughter of Arthur and Alice (Hayes) Onley.



Marian graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1946. She then attended Alberto's Beauty School in Rockford. Soon after graduation she became an instructor at the school. Marion also worked as a beautician at Margo's Beauty Salon in Rockford. Marian married Hiram S. Wiltfang on Oct. 19, 1946 in Kings. He preceded her in death in 2003. Marian was a lifelong member of the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband Hiram, 7 brothers, 2 sisters, grandson Bruce Wiltfang, Jr., and son-in-law James Longardner.

She is survived by her 7 children; Linda Longardner of Rockford, Rhonda (Gene) Hambley of Byron, Marcia (Richard) McGuire

of Caledonia, Bruce (Tami) Wiltfang of Stillman Valley, Barbara (Mike) Connelly of Scottsdale, Ariz., Keith (Anne) Wiltfang of Stillman Valley, and Sonia (Matt) Rowley of Boise, Idaho, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

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. Chris Brauns officiating. Burial will take place at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. A memorial fund is established for the Holt International, 250 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401.

Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a memory or condolence.

## Kay E. McGill

LEAF RIVER – Kay E. McGill, age 83, of Leaf River passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 10, 2020. She was born in Leaf River on May 16, 1936 the daughter of Kenneth Lewis Emmanuel and Jessie Viola (Nichols) Kretsinger.



She married Melvin McGill on Aug. 12, 1979 in Leaf River. She worked for many years as an LPN in area nursing homes. Kay was a member of the Leaf River Historical Society. She loved crossword puzzles especially the ones in newspapers. She enjoyed

the outdoors and spent a lot of time fishing and camping with her husband and gardening.

She is survived by her brothers, Robert Kretsinger, Richard (Connie) Kretsinger, and Kenneth (Jeannie) Kretsinger all of

Leaf River; sister in law, Dianna Kretsinger; numerous nieces and nephews; step-children, Brenda, Cindy, and Cameron; 7 step grandchildren and one step great grandchild.

She is predeceased in death by her parents, husband, first husband George Rosenbalm; siblings, Mil-lard, Merritt, Kathleen, Wayne, and Donald, and step son Bobby.

A private burial will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

## 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 quarantine 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/>

## Serenity is hosting virtual support group

OREGON – On May 21, Serenity Hospice will host a Virtual Evening Support Group from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. There is no charge and all you need is a tablet, audio/video capable computer, or smart phone.

You need to register by noon on May 21 and give us your e-mail address. Please call 815-732-4111 or e-mail [cathyw@serenityhospiceandhome.org](mailto:cathyw@serenityhospiceandhome.org), if no one calls we will not meet.

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# Brayden Bradshaw named a 2020 P.E.O. STAR Scholarship winner

P.E.O. Chapter IU, Oregon is excited to announce that their nominee, Brayden Bradshaw has been awarded a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship.

She is the daughter of Chris and Nicki Bradshaw. In the fall, Braden will be attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago majoring in Early Childhood Education.

This scholarship is awarded to graduating high school girls based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. Bradshaw is the 7th girl from Oregon High School to win this scholarship.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded Jan. 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is an international philanthropic educational organization which promotes increased educational opportunities for women.

There are nearly 6,000



local chapters in the United States and Canada with almost 250,000 initiated members. The P.E.O. Sisterhood has provided over \$304 million in financial assistance to more than 102,000 recipients.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood also owns Cottey College, a fully accredited, private liberal arts and sciences college for women with two-year and selected four-year programs, located in Nevada, Mo.

# Exelon plants complete refueling

WARRENVILLE—Four of Exelon Generation's six Illinois nuclear plants safely completed refueling outages during the COVID-19 pandemic, setting new operational records at each facility.

Braidwood, Byron, LaSalle and Quad Cities all delivered record outages while implementing proactive measures to keep workers safe and virus-free.

"The essential workers who operate, maintain and refuel Exelon's Illinois nuclear stations delivered a heroic performance this spring," said Bryan Hanson, Exelon Generation, president and chief nuclear officer. "Not only did they perform the required outage work safely and effectively, but they did it in record time while preventing the spread of COVID-19."

Nuclear refueling outages, which are conducted every 18 to 24 months, require a minimum of 1,500 to 2,000 employees and contractors to perform the required inspections, maintenance tasks and tests. Many of the contractors are skilled craft workers from local union halls who specialize in nuclear

maintenance and refueling.

"Exelon Generation went above and beyond to protect everyone who came onsite during an outage so our workers could complete critical maintenance work," said Terry McGoldrick, president of IBEW Local 15. "Our folks worked hard to support these essential refueling while protecting each other and the community, and we're proud of them."

Exelon Generation's average outage duration in Illinois this spring was 17 days, a full two weeks shorter than the national average. This efficiency alone generated carbon-free power for an additional 4.6 million homes, hospitals and other essential businesses during a critical time. Exelon Generation continues to make its nuclear facilities even safer, more effective and cost-efficient than ever before, reinforcing nuclear's enormous value in Illinois.

Each Illinois station set a plant record during this spring outage season: •LaSalle had its shortest-ever refueling outage at 18 days.

\* Quad Cities completed the site's

longest continuous run of 722 days and achieved a new station record for outage duration at 16 days.

\* Byron and Braidwood both completed their sixth consecutive continuous cycle of operations, known in the industry as a "breaker-to-breaker" run, which equates to 10 years of non-stop safe and reliable operation.

In addition to following all CDC guidelines and recommended precautions to slow the transmission of COVID-19, Exelon Generation's nuclear plants implemented their pandemic plans and tailored them to bolster health and safety. Exelon Generation recorded only a few confirmed cases of COVID-19 during the outage season, despite the thousands of workers supporting outages.

Each refueling site took proactive health measures, including:

\* Pre-entry screenings and body temperature checks

\* Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of work areas, break rooms and lavatories

\* Social distancing, remote workers and staggered shift turnovers.

# Leaf River cancels Memorial Day service set for May 25

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Memorial Day service scheduled for May 25, traditionally presented by Jerry Wickam American Legion Post 1148, at the Bertolet Memorial Building, is canceled.

There is hope that all are able to gather there again for the annual Veterans Day service. Please remember to fly your flag on all holidays.



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# Mobile food pantry May 20

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on May 20.

The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren (lower level), 409 West Brayton Road, Mt. Morris from 10-11:30 a.m.

This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County. Every 1 in 7 people across Northern Illinois is food insecure, meaning that they aren't sure of where their next meal may come from. Northern Illinois Food Bank partners with over 800 feeding program partners across 13 counties to serve our neighbors needing food. However, even with the outstanding efforts of the Food Bank, there are individuals who

can't make it out to those partners that provide nutritious food.

This is an "extra" food distribution. Loaves & Fish Pantry clients are still eligible to receive their normal monthly food allotment. The pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone in the Mt. Morris/Leaf River area experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food.

You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

The pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4250 or 815-734-4573 and leave a message.

# Bakery donations will benefit Arc

There is nothing better than warm cookies and helping a great organization.

The Arc of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties is partnering with Quixotic Bakery on May 22 for Cookies and Compassion.

Every Friday during the month of May, Quixotic Bakery, located in the Rockford City Market, is partnering with a different nonprofit organization to help them make up for lost donations by hosting

a Warm Cookie Bake. On May 22 the organization benefitting from this generous offer is The Arc.

A Warm Cookie Box includes four Chocolate Chip Cookies served fresh from the oven with Hot Fudge and Warm Salted Caramel Dipping Sauces for \$10 all served curbside in a pizza box to keep them warm.

Supporters can order online for contactless payment at [www.quixoticbakery.com](http://www.quixoticbakery.com) and choose the date and time of their favorite or-

ganization. Orders on May 22<sup>nd</sup> will benefit The Arc.

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Rotary Club of Byron President King presents 500 pounds of donated sugar to Grant View Distillery owners Tim and Addie Ford. (Photo submitted)

# Byron Rotary helps with hand sanitizer shortage

BYRON – When Rotary Club of Byron was forced to cancel its annual Pot of Gold fundraiser due to the COVID-19 pandemic, every single one of their sponsors told it to keep their sponsorship money so they could continue doing good things in the community.

Rotary's first effort was to donate 500 pounds of sugar to Grant View Distillery for use in making hand sanitizer for first responders.

"We wanted to do something meaningful and we wanted to do it fast," Byron Rotary President Kay King said. "The sanitizer shortage was so pronounced, and we knew that Grant View Distillery was offering its resources and its expertise, so it was a perfect fit."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. in March, hand sanitizer was among the first items to

disappear from store shelves. Online, sanitizer has been offered for as much as \$300 an ounce. Currently, most companies that offer sanitizer are listing a wait time of several weeks; a product that sold for pennies an ounce prior to the pandemic is now routinely being offered at roughly the price of filet mignon.

Grant View, a Rockford Distillery, has been producing up to 50 gallons of sanitizer a day, using donated sugar and beer in the fermenting process. They are producing sanitizers from the processes of whiskey, beer and vodka. Distillers nationwide are using donated raw materials and a "recipe" from the World Health Organization for the ethanol-based antiseptic, adding glycerin and aloe, to produce a spray that exceeds the 65 percent recommended level to kill germs.

While some area distillers are selling their product, Grant View is donating sanitizer to first responders in Winnebago, Ogle, Boone and Stephenson counties.

Rotary Club of Byron appreciates Grant View's efforts and is grateful to have partnered in this donation with the following sponsors: Holcomb Bank, Exelon Nuclear-Byron Station, Byron Bank, Dickerson & Nieman Realtors, Virtus Capital Partners, Custom Concrete and Floski Law, LLC.

Rotary Club of Byron will spend the next year looking for ways to honor the generous donations of our sponsors throughout the community. They would love to hear your ideas on how Pot of Gold sponsorship donations can be used – check them out on Facebook at Rotary Club of Byron and share your thoughts!

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# Annual Polo High School alumni banquet postponed

POLO – The 47th Annual Polo High School Alumni Banquet, scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19, has been postponed.

The committee will make an announcement when a rescheduled date has been decided.

# Celebrating student art



Kyla Benson painted her farm on a window from her barn.



Bailey Miller's acrylic paintings

Each year the students of Forreton work hard to create artwork throughout the year which culminates in the annual art show in May. Due to the stay at home order this year, our students missed out on the opportunity to show their creations to their friends, family, and community. There are plans in the works for an art show in the fall to highlight the artwork from this year, however, the seniors will already have moved on to continue their lives in their chosen way. We would like to celebrate our outstanding Senior art students by sharing just a few of their many masterpieces from this year.



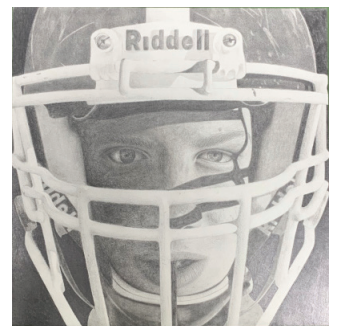
Annie Timmer's acrylic painting from a photo she took last summer in a canyon.



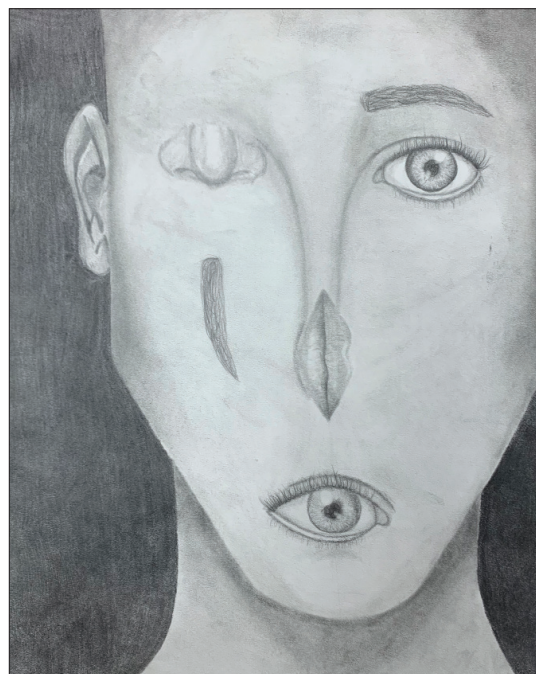
Taylor Vogt's acrylic painting.



Liliana Pacheco's colored pencil drawing.



Nicole Fox's pencil drawing.



Brittni Hollis took old book pages and painted and drew on them in ink.

# People urged to donate blood to local supply

ROCKFORD – With shelter-in-place restrictions still in effect, the Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) is urging individuals to continue to make and keep donation appointments to ensure adequacy of the local blood supply for area hospitals.

It's important for individuals feeling healthy and well to donate. Because it is the blood already on the shelves that saves lives (blood has a 42-day shelf life), maintaining a sufficient blood supply is essential to ensure patients in need receive optimal treatment.

"We are grateful to the community for responding in force to our call for donations the past several weeks," said Lisa Entrikin, CEO of the Rock River Valley Blood Center.

"We saw hundreds of new donors, as well as our regular donors and some individuals who came back to donate after time away. Our need is vital and will be ongoing as our everyday activities and routines slowly start to resume."

The Blood Center continues to follow regular and enhanced safety measures at donor centers and mobile drives. Donors must be well and healthy, fever free, not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, and must not have traveled outside the U.S. in the last 14 days.

Appointments are still required to help manage traffic flow and can be made online at rrvbc.org or by calling 815-965-

8751. Organizations are also encouraged to call about hosting blood drives to help support the community need.

Donating blood is safe and simple. Other facts to keep in mind about donating blood:

- \* One unit can save up to three lives.
- \* First-time donors are asked to please bring a photo ID.
- \* Individuals can donate whole blood every 56 days.

About Rock River Valley Blood Center The Rock River Valley Blood Center is your community blood center and is the only provider of blood products and services to Mercyhealth's Javon Bea Hospital-Rockton, Mercyhealth's Javon Bea Hospital-Riverside, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, SwedishAmerican Hospital, SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center, SwedishAmerican Medical Center-Belvidere, Beloit Health System, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, FHN-Freeport and Rochelle Community Hospital. The center has four convenient donor centers in Rockford, Belvidere and Freeport and the ability to support up to three mobile drives a day. The Rock River Valley Blood Center ensures that the right blood type is available at the right time for local patients whose lives may depend on it. Patients and their families rely on individuals to provide life-giving red blood cells, plasma, and platelets through blood donation.



## In-and-Out Market Guidelines Updated April 8, 2020

### FARMERS MARKET CUSTOMERS

This season, farmers markets are transitioning from community gathering spaces to transaction based markets, or IN-and-OUT Markets.

#### CUSTOMER GUIDELINES FOR THE 2020 FARMERS MARKET SEASON

- Maintain a 6' distance between yourself, vendor employees, and other customers
- If you are sick, stay home.
- This is not a family event.
- Limit attendance to one member of the household.
- Pre-order products where possible to speed up transaction process.
- Use credit and debit cards for purchases if cash is used, do not expect change.
- Do not pick up any products or produce at vendor stands, ask staff to help you if you prefer a reusable bag, you will need to place purchases in your bag yourself. It will not be filled by vendors. At home, regularly wash your reusable bags.
- If you sneeze or cough, do so only into a tissue (and immediately dispose of it) or into the crease of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Thoroughly wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds according to the CDC Guidelines.
- If hand washing is not available, use a CDC approved hand sanitizer, either 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol.
- At home, wash all products thoroughly before using.

Be patient, and kind - we're all in this together.

#### FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

## Market following new guidelines

BYRON – The Byron Farmers' Market plans to open on Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m.-noon provided Illinois continues on the path to Restore Illinois according to state and local government.

Vendors and customers are asked to practice social distancing and follow healthy guidelines. Please

review the list of Customer Guidelines provided by the Illinois Farmers Market Association.

We regret that the 2020 Market will not be the social event as in years past. Please limit attendance to one member of the household, avoid touching products until you have paid for them, bring small bills to have correct

change, and maintain a 6-foot distance between you and other people. Most importantly, stay home if you are sick. These guidelines will help to keep vendors and customers safe through the 2020 season.

Contact Karen Finch for questions at karen\_f61010@yahoo.com or tinyurl.com/byronmarket.

## Dates for Mount Morris summer events, activities have changed

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.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On June 3, 1800, President John Adams becomes the first acting president to take up residence in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately the White House was not yet finished, so Adams moved into temporary digs at Tunncliffe's City Hotel near the also half-finished Capitol building.

\* On June 6, 1833, in Maryland, President Andrew Jackson boards a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad steam train for a pleasure trip to Baltimore, becoming the first president to take a ride on an "Iron Horse." The B&O Railroad began operation in 1828 with horse-drawn cars.

\* On June 1, 1926, Norma Jeane Mortenson -- who would become known as the actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe -- is born in Los Angeles. During World War II, a photographer "discovered" the photogenic Norma Jeane working in a California munitions factory.

\* On June 2, 1935, baseball great Babe Ruth ends his Major League career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs. The following year, Ruth was one of the first five players inducted into the sport's hall of fame.

\* On June 5, 1949, bestselling thriller writer Ken Follett is born in Wales. After college he wrote a novel just for the \$400 advance, which he needed to fix his car. The book flopped, and after 10 more novels he finally broke through with "The Eye of the Needle" in 1979.

\* On June 7, 1962, the banking institution Credit Suisse opens the first drive-through bank in Switzerland in downtown Zurich. After mounting problems with Zurich's downtown traffic led to fewer and fewer customers, the drive-thru was closed in 1983.

\* On June 4, 1986, Jonathan Pollard pleads guilty to espionage for selling top-secret U.S. military intelligence information to Israel. The former Navy intelligence analyst sold enough classified documents to fill a medium-sized room. He was sentenced to life in prison.

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## Glad I made the decision I did in 1986

I remember the moment that I had to make the choice very well.

I had been out of the Air Force for less than two years, and I was 24. I was working a menial job in San Diego, Calif., and playing in a band that was good but doing nothing.

Did I want this to be my life? Scraping to get by while chasing a dream that seemed far out of reach? Or maybe it was time to head back to Arizona and start college?

I was undecided until I saw a guy working in the local Guitar Center I knew from a band on the local scene. His band was popular locally, and even went up to Los Angeles from time to time to play on the Sunset Strip. This 1986, so the Strip was pretty hot at that time.

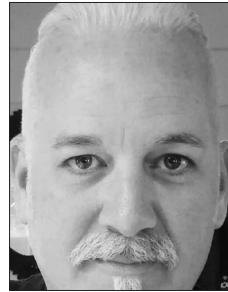
I heard this guy talking. He was 38, had a wife and a couple of kids but was sure this time he was going to "make it." Did I want to be this guy?

No, I didn't. I went back home, went to college and here we are. Yes, I still write and play music and have for decades. But I also have a roof over my head and food on the table.

The reason I bring this up

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



is because many musicians are back to starving these days. Sure, those of us on the local scene have seen our gigs cancelled, and we do miss getting out there and playing music.

We mostly do it for fun. Actually, we only do it for fun. But for many people, playing live music is their livelihood and they are hurting pretty bad right now.

Sure, that does include some local musicians. Playing in an area band that covers popular music can certainly put money in your pocket. It is not enough to make you rich or even very comfortable, but along with a "real" job it can be a nice supplement to your income. And it can help pay for the

thousands of dollars worth of gear that it takes -- guitars, drums, amplifiers, sound systems, lights -- it is not cheap.

But I am talking about national artists here as well. It used to be that you were signed to a large record label and that label funded recording and touring. Once the band made money, they paid the label back. And artists made money from selling actual music as records, tapes or compact discs.

But the Internet has pretty much destroyed that businesses plan. People sharing music for free on the Internet has killed many bands and artists. The days of making real money off of your art are almost gone. Sure, some pop stars still do well, but not every musician wants to be a pop star. They probably don't even care about being rich. But making a living is even hard to do these days.

But there is always touring. Going out and playing, selling T-shirts, having fans pay a little bit to meet their favorite musicians, that is money in the pocket for many artists. It keeps them alive and doing what they love.

Right now all of that is

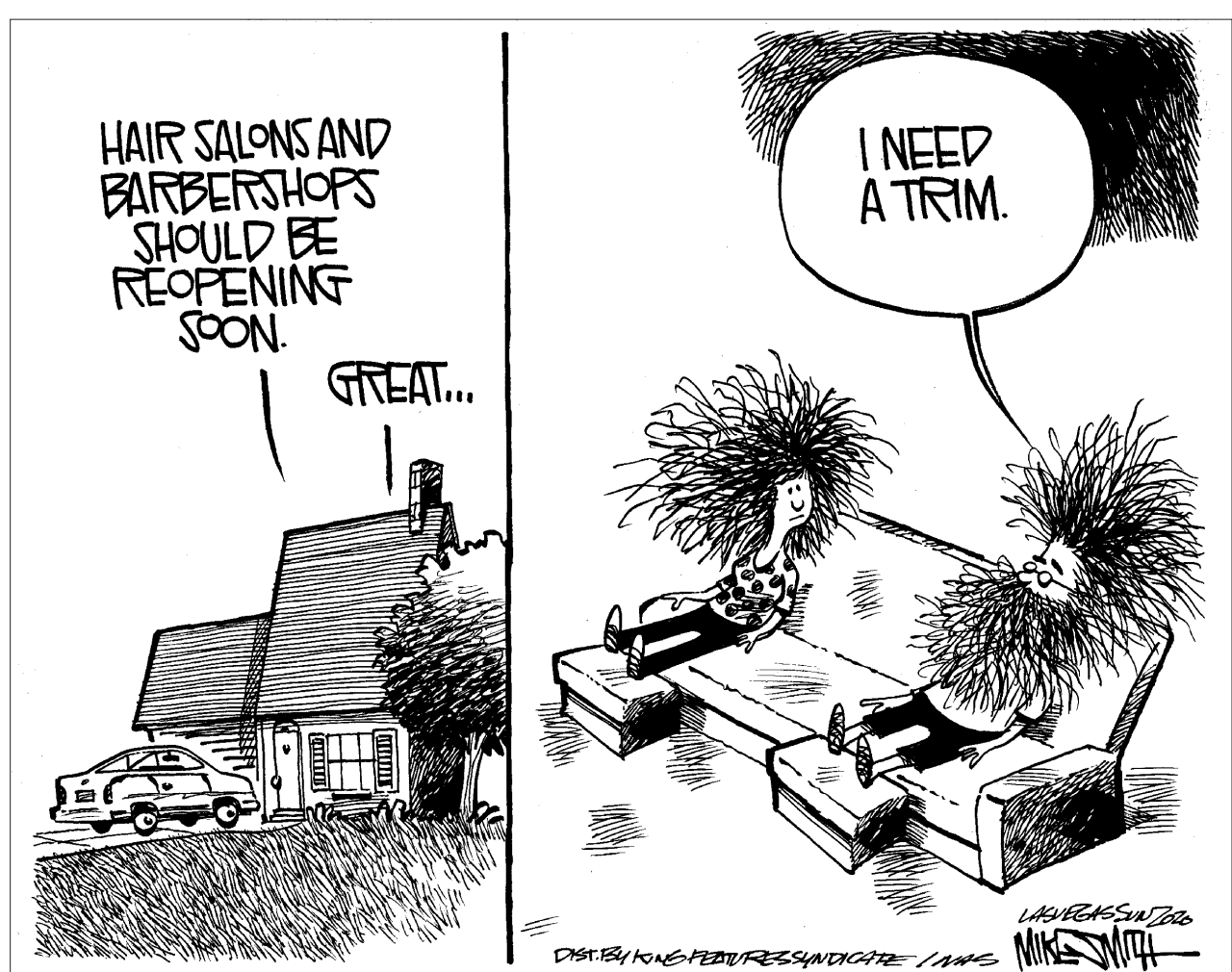
on hold, and some musicians who have been writing, recording, and touring for years -- even decades -- are in bad shape. These are people who lost thousands of dollars a week in income because they simply can't go out and do their job.

And the people I am talking about include many bands and artists you love. It is tough with no road work for artists right now. This is another story of COVID-19 killing off a sector of the economy. In this case, live music is dead, and that is costing artists and venues millions.

I know, many people are currently affected by this virus in the same way. I am not saying these people are any different or special. But we often don't think about people like this who are almost always out on the road, entertaining people in a different city night after night.

I could have been one of those people if I had chosen a different path back in 1986. I am glad I didn't, but I also hope all of these musicians can get back to playing their music live soon. I know I am ready for some live music.

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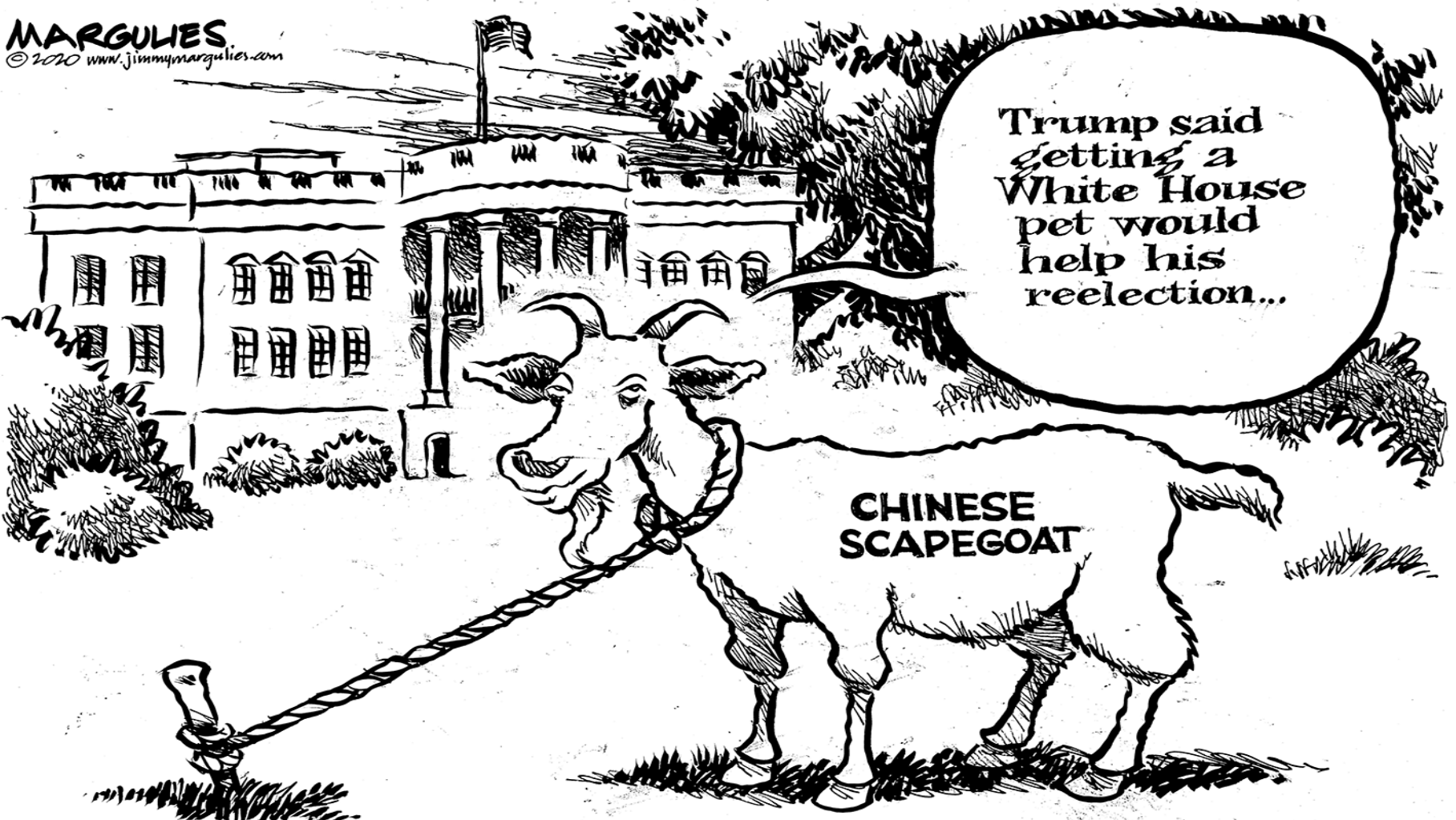
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**\$142,900** dickersonnieman.com/201902888  
**EXCELLENT INVESTMENT PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN BYRON!** 2 buildings w/many improvements w/3 to 4 revenue streams. FF has been remodeled w/2 tenants. Upstairs is an apartment currently rented. Great opportunity for business owner/operator.. New roof. 128-130 2nd Street, Byron  
**BRAD AUKER**  
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**CUSTOM HOME ON 35 ACRES!** 4 bed, 3.5 bath 2 story w/ barn. Formal living room and formal dining room. MF master w/master bath & walk in closet. Barn has large shop/storage area & area 2 stalls. Pasture w/electric fencing & more!  
**7339 E WILDWOOD Road, Stillman Valley**  
**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747



**\$199,900** dickersonnieman.com/202000072  
**10 ACRES IN STILLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT!** 3 bed, 2 bath farm house. 7 acres (MOL) tillable land. Home features Lrg kitchen w/dining space. Slider in the kitchen goes out to a large deck & beautiful views. First floor laundry. Large 2.5 car garage.  
**6196 E MCCORMICK Road, Stillman Valley**  
**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747




**Tom Oracki**  
262-5212



**John Orlando**  
234-7309



**\$187,500** dickersonnieman.com/201907808  
**2 STORY ON 5.62 ACRES!** Cozy 3 bed, 2 full bath on 5.62 acres just N of Rochelle. Built in 1918 this home has been cared for over the years! This home is ready for a new owner! Property features pasture and barns close to town!  
**10410 FLAGG Road, Rochelle**  
**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747



**\$74,900** dickersonnieman.com/201907414  
**OREGON!** 2 Bedroom ranch with large living room, full basement, 2 bathrooms. 2 car garage, gas forced air, CA, newer mechanical. Fenced yard. 1006 S 4TH Street, Oregon  
**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835



**\$59,900** dickersonnieman.com/201907166  
**COZY 2 STORY!** Over 2,000 square feet of living space. 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home. Main floor laundry. Main floor open space. Kitchen, living room, dining room. Needs TLC.  
**101 BLAINE Street, Leaf River**  
**ALISA PATTERSON**  
815-719-0020



**\$639,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906894  
**HOME ON 14 ACRES!** 4 bedroom ranch with open floor plan. Oak floors, custom built hickory cabinets, 2 fireplaces, finished LL, a 100 foot pond off of deck, hot tub, and 3 car detached garage. Property also contains a guest house. Zoned Ag 1.  
**6820 W SPRING Road, Oregon**  
**SHARON BOWERS**  
815-757-7462



**Chris Snyder**  
494-7857



**Tanya Vincier**  
703-6118



**Kelli Wensky**  
543-7657



**Jerre Woodworth**  
494-2237



**\$129,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906730  
**RIVER FRONTAGE!** On large lot in a great location! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has so much character and features a large living room. Plenty of room for all your toys w/1 car attached garage & addt. 2 car plus detached garage! Private backyard. 407 N RIVER Road, Oregon  
**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747



**\$349,000** dickersonnieman.com/201906618  
**10+ AC WOODS & RIVER FRONTAGE!** Unique & private on 10+ wooded acres overlooking Rock River with gorgeous views. Window wall brings the outside beauty to your chairside, yard & patio. If you like to hunt or fish this home is for you. Ranch 3 bed, 2 bath & 3 car garage. 5709 N IL RT. 2, Oregon  
**CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI**  
815-494-7857/ 815-262-5212



**\$79,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906406  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** This 4 bedroom 2-story sits on a cul-de-sac in great area! Sunroom looks over fenced in backyard with mature landscaping. All 4 bedrooms are upstairs, with a full bath. Hardwood floors, great neighbors and close to everything.  
**704 LARKFIELD Circle, Rockford**  
**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747



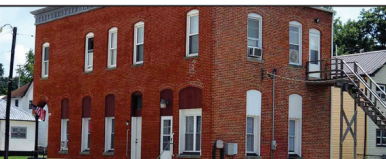
**\$138,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906262  
**BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY!** Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon  
**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619 / 815-440-2835



**\$139,900** dickersonnieman.com/201905652  
**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!** New listing. 3 rental units. Barbershop, 2 story 3 bedroom home & 1 bedroom ranch home. Must be sold as a package. Fully occupied. Close to downtown. Call for listing details.  
**401 & 403 W Monroe Street, Oregon**  
**MIKE LONG**  
815-761-4741



**\$349,900** dickersonnieman.com/201905554  
**A RARE FIND!** Nestled on 2.7 acres. Custom built with character. 4-5 bed, 3 bath. Loaded with amenities first-floor laundry and family room. Finished lower level walk out. So much more!  
**3160 E RIDGEWOOD Court, Oregon**  
**DANA DAUB/ MAYDELL LESSEN**  
815-440-2835/ 815-622-4619



**\$142,900** dickersonnieman.com/201902888  
**HISTORIC BRICK 2 STORY BANK BUILDING!** Building has 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, could be used for business & living quarters. Rubberized roof, newer mechanicals, 1 car garage. Extra lot available - \$10,700. 202 Main Street, Leaf River  
**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835

**LOTS & ACREAGE**

**OREGON!** Two buildable lots in Oregon. Perfect for single family or duplex. Lot size 132x132. City sewer & water at street. \$35,000. dickersonnieman.com/201905097  
**Mike Long 815-761-4741**

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

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





























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**APRIL 2020**

845 Market Update

Homes Sold: 346  
Average Sale Price: \$141,800; +12.9%  
New Listings: 354  
Monthly Inventory: Down 5.8% (Extremely low)  
Sales Pending: 529  
Average Days on Market: 53; -3.6%  
Interest Rates (30-Year Fixed): 3.31%



Rebecca Hazzard  
Manager Broker/ Owner  
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**216 Smith Drive Oregon \$34,000**  
Call Lori 815-973-2180

This lot is just what you want if you are looking for views and potential for walk out basement. Highest lot in the subdivision with views of the cupola of the Ogle County Courthouse. More than 3/4 of an acre site with city water and city sewer already stubbed into the property. Low traffic location has it all.



**151 S German Church Road Oregon \$129,000**  
Call Stephanie 815-985-2055

Just what you have been waiting for a ranch home on just over a half acre! Move in ready with new paint throughout, updated main floor bathroom, updated light fixtures and rustic woodwork added to dining room. Finished basement offers a large family room, 3rd bedroom or office space and a half bathroom. Large backyard complete with working pond, beautiful stone and perennial landscaping and a cement slab just waiting for a hot tub! Don't miss this one!



**100 N Highwood Drive (13.42 Acres) Oregon \$325,000**  
Call Carla 815-985-6235

The ultimate in seclusion with views for miles. This stately 2 story home features 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, loads of character throughout. Hardwood flooring on each level, newer stainless appliances, master BR has fireplace & master bath. Beautifully updated throughout with keeping its original charm. All large rooms plus a 3 season room w/skylights. New furnace & Central Air. Heated attached garage, newer windows & exterior doors throughout, wrap around decking w/views of Blackhawk Statue and downtown Oregon. You'll love the heated 50x32 outbuilding w/concrete flooring & 240 volt electrical for all your toys! This home is definitely one of Oregon's historical treasures. All this and more nestled on 13.42 acres in the North end of Oregon. Be nature's neighbor and enjoy all the seasons from this sweet offering in Oregon



**1103 W Second St Byron \$259,000**  
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

FALL IN LOVE! This custom built, expansive home has over 3,500 sq ft of living space! The first floor boasts a large living room w/ vaulted ceiling, eat in area with a wall of windows adjacent to the stunning kitchen with stainless steel appliances & plenty of granite counter space. There is a formal dining room that currently serves as an office. An appealing master on the main floor has a jacuzzi tub & over sized walk in closet. On the second floor you will find 3 generously sized bedrooms with built in desks and cabinets. An added bonus is the "bonus room" upstairs with great potential for a kids work or play space. Additional 1,400 ft of finished square footage in the lower level is tastefully decorated with a half bath, tons of storage & partial exposure. Furnace, AC & water heater have all been recently updated. Enjoy the soon to come warm weather from your deck overlooking the lovely yard with easy access to walking paths and park. Ideal location for families, close to schools!



**8278 S Clinton St Dixon \$215,000**  
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

GRAND DETOUR STONEHOUSE TREASURE! Beautifully restored 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in historic Grand Detour sits on a .60 acre lot and features a stone fireplace (naturally!) and restored hardwood floors throughout. Here is a fun fact: Orson Welles spent his childhood at this home! Exposed stone walls throughout the home along with wooden beams contribute to the irresistible character and charm that this home offers. Tastefully decorated and featuring an updated kitchen with marble counter tops, Thermador range, apron sink, prep sink & amazing cabinets! Upstairs you will find 3 bedrooms, an updated bathroom with large soaking tub & laundry! With a white picket fence and perennials abound, this property is simply enchanting!



**508 S 3rd Street Oregon \$72,900**  
Call Carla 815-985-6235

You'll love the opportunity in this 4 bedroom home with yesteryear charm throughout. Main floor laundry, newer furnace, central air, hotwater heater..2 bedrooms down and 2 upstairs. Large living room with hardwood floors, formal dining room plus a very large eat in kitchen! So, don't delay call today to see this opportunity knocking!!



**808 W Chinquapin Drive Oregon \$274,900**  
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home situated on a beautifully wooded and landscaped .77 acre lot. Adjacent to the Silver Ridge Golf Course, this home offers a great deal of living space in the upper and lower level. A stunning kitchen with vaulted ceilings, granite counter tops & loads of counter space. The kitchen is open to a large eat in dining area & living room complete with skylights and fireplace. The split floor plan features a master with walk in closet and double vanity. Two spacious bedrooms on the main floor have brand new carpet. In the finished, walk out, lower level you will find luxury vinyl tile flooring, heated workshop & a wood burning soap stone fireplace. A large 4th bedroom and full bathroom is also located in the lower level. Spend the warmer months enjoying the views and peace and quiet on your 3 seasons room and large deck. The community also allows for golf carts as you are just a short drive to the Silver Ridge Clubhouse!



**1954 Hidden Shores Drive Dixon \$212,000**  
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

Welcome Home! 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom condo located in the highly desirable Hidden Shores Subdivision. This unit is very unique as it does not share a common wall with any other units! Main floor features a large master suite with en suite bathroom that includes laundry. The grand and spacious living room boasts vaulted ceiling and gas fireplace. Patio sliders off of the living room lead to your own screened in porch with views of the lake. The kitchen has an open concept to both an eat in area and dining room with granite counter tops and newer appliances. Upstairs you will find a loft space and over sized 2nd bedroom with en suite bathroom. Finished lower level with an extra 800 square feet of space. Loads and loads of updates: carpeting, kitchen flooring, central air & humidifier, furnace, battery back up sump pump & water softener. Let the HOA take care of the mowing, snow removal & all exterior maintenance of your home!



**133 E 5th Street Byron \$164,900**  
Call Jenny 815-440-2145

This is a UNIQUE PROPERTY! 2 bedroom RANCH HOME with additional 2 bedroom IN-LAW APARTMENT attached. This sweet place is MOVE -IN READY with fresh paint and carpet. Main house boasts gorgeous natural hardwood floors, first floor laundry, and attached garage. New sliding glass door leads to 12X22 deck with ramp and a large yard. Apartment built in 1998 has an open floor plan with first floor laundry, new AC and water heater, new furnaces in house and apartment May 2020. Detached 1.5 car garage and blacktop driveway.



**148 S Hillside Court \$153,000**  
Call Lori 815-973-2180

Located just East of Oregon on Route 64, This 3 Bed, 3 Bath house features Central air, 2 wood burning fireplaces, indoor hot tub, and an outdoor pool in the spacious back yard. The main floor is 1770 square feet with a partly exposed basement with washer and dryer hookups. The back yard is accessible via two sets of French doors leading to individual back patios. The back is also home to a 12x12 gazebo and a 10x12 garden shed. Central air was updated in 2007, the pool filter was replaced 1 year ago, and there are new over-sized gutters/downspouts.

# Aplington Middle School Good Citizen Awards

January:	Bailey Dusing Gage Zeigler April Calderon	March:	Cole Chesnut Myah Aceberg Avery Faivre
February:	Laynie Mandrell Kameron Grobe Kirsten Romero	April:	Elsa Monaco Kale Grobe Elleanna Wells

## Dean's List

### University of Minnesota Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, Minn. –The following students have been named to the 2019 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

- Byron – Adam J Lynde, Junior, College of Liberal Arts
- Polo – Christopher Rademacher, Senior, College of Sci and Engineering

### University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2019 semester.

Local students are:

- Byron – Megan Rose, Nursing Undergraduate
- Davis Junction – Carolyn Ptaszek, Health Sciences Undergraduate
- Forreston – Maddison Kirchner, Nursing Undergraduate
- Stillman Valley – Erin Flynn, Letters & Science Undergrad

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with approximately 25,000 students, both undergraduate and graduate.

# Birth

## Gould, Miller welcome son



OREGON – Eric Gould and Brenda Miller of Oregon welcomed son Liam J. Gould, born May 5, 2020 at 10:36 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

He joins proud big sister Kaylee Disch.

Maternal grandmother is Lois Smith of Mt. Morris. Paternal grandparents are Candy and Tom Humphrey of Amboy, and Ted and Anne Gould of Sterling. Maternal great-grandma is Ada Burke Grand detour. Paternal Great-grandparents are Don and Pat Butler of Amboy.

## Baker now a veterinarian

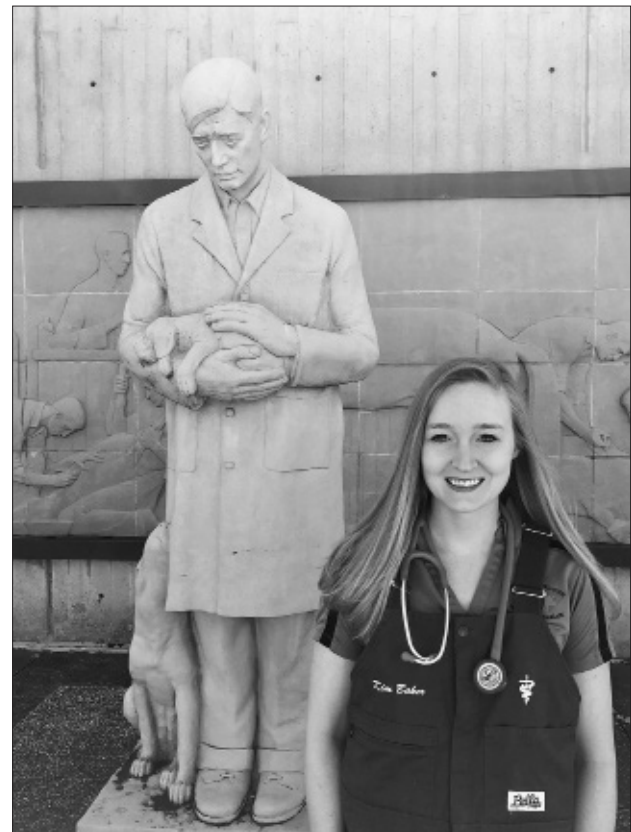
AMES, IOWA – Kimberlee Baker of Stillman Valley, graduated from Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine on May 9, during a virtual commencement ceremony broadcast online.

For Baker and her classmates, the ceremony recognized the completion of a four-year rigorous program of lectures, laboratories and clinical training; and it marked the first milestone of their professional careers as veterinarians.

During the ceremony, Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen conferred the degree of Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Dean Dan Grooms congratulated the Class of 2020 and welcomed them into the veterinary profession.

Dr. Amanda Fales-Williams, president of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, administered the Veterinarian's Oath to the graduates.

The reciting of the oath is a time-honored practice to remind the newly conferred doctors of their obligations.



Baker has accepted a position as a swine veterinarian with JBS Live Pork based in Morning Sun, Iowa. "I'm excited to help Iowa pig farmers continue to provide safe, affordable, healthy, nutritious pork products to consumers around the world," Baker said.

To date, the College of Veterinary Medicine has conferred 8,136 DVM degrees. Iowa State University is one of 32 accredited veterinary schools in the United States.



## BBQ RIB NIGHT

Wednesday, May 20

5 - 8 p.m.

BBQ Ribs, Fried Chicken, sandwiches.

Choice of potato and side salad  
No tacos

1/2 rack of ribs

Full rack of ribs

Curbside service.

Preorder Monday or Tuesday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Owners Dave and Marilyn Balch with grandchildren Alec (Ralphie), Allyse (Lulu), Owen (Louie), Gabe and Timothy

### FOOD HOURS

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Friday and Saturday  
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# Byron Library News

## Byron Public Library Closed

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

## 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!

## Online Book Club

Are you missing the ability to chat with other book lovers? Join us for Hoopla Book Club. There are two ways to participate either virtually or over the phone. The book we will be discussing is "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. It is available on Hoopla either as an ebook or audiobook. We will be "meeting" on Monday, May 18 at 10:00 AM through Zoom. Zoom Meeting information: Meeting ID: 885 8182 2730 Password: 017822 or if you prefer to join us by phone call 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID number and Password. If you have any questions about Hoopla or book club, please email bethm@byron.lib.il.us.

## 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 net-

work 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>

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## Library Cards

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

## Local History

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

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

# Forreston Library News

## Library Closure

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

or through email.

## 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

## Census 2020

Local and state funding depends on an accurate count for the census. If you haven't completed yours, please do. Everybody counts!

# Polo Library News

## Temporary Library Building Closure

In cooperation with the Governor's Stay at Home orders, and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Polo Public Library is closed until further notice and all programs scheduled during this time have been cancelled or rescheduled.

## Online Resources

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

## Need a Library Card?

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

## 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](http://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 mon-

etary donation to the Polo Lifeline Food Pantry. Join us in reading and give back to our community this summer!

## From the history of Buffalo Township Public Library

The Polo Library opened on December 21, 1871 for two evenings and on Saturday afternoon and evening. Miss E. Franc Barber was the librarian and teaching school in the daytime. Miss Barber told in her history sketch that "we were the first Public Library to have open shelves; that is, where people could select books from the shelves rather than from catalogues." Also from her history sketch, I quote "This was the first public library west of Chicago, and two years older than Chicago's, which did not exist until after the great fire of 1871 (then Queen sent them a large consignment of books). So we were pioneers in this work.

In the Tri-County Press, April 22, 1971, a quote, "Despite previous historical writings, the Library is the 23rd oldest in Illinois." - Karen Scholl, Librarian

## 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](mailto:library@pololibrary.org).

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



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## Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline 800-452-7990  
 Smississippi Centers, Inc.  
 Oregon 732-3157  
 Rochelle 562-3801

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

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

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

## Senior Citizens Services

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

## Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

## Veterans' Services

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

## Wellness Services

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

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## Finding joy in every part of your life

John 10:10 has been one of my favorite scriptures for many years. It says: “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)” (AMPC). This verse clearly shows us that God wants us to enjoy our lives—in abundance, to the full, until we’re overflowing with joy!

I remember when God gave me the revelation that it’s His will for me to enjoy my life. It was life-changing because I used to be a miserable person who was emotionally unstable and couldn’t be happy unless I got my way most of the time. Because of the abuse I had experienced throughout childhood, I was insecure, angry and didn’t trust anyone. But once I started seriously studying the Word of God, I came to realize that He didn’t want me to live this way. I could be healed and whole in my mind and emotions, and I could learn how to really enjoy my everyday life.

Now, when I say God wanted me to enjoy my everyday life, I’m talking about doing ordinary life with calm delight and a smile on my face (see John 15:11). It’s about not dreading the daily responsibilities you have to do whether you like it or not, things like cleaning the house, mowing the grass, going to work, and the list goes on and on. And it’s not a “working for the weekend” mentality or an attitude that says “I’ll be happy when...I get to go on vacation” or “the kids are back in school” or “I get that promotion” and so on.

It seems today that most people believe they have to wait for their circumstances to change before they can enjoy life. But the truth is you can make the decision to enjoy your ordinary life and make it extraordinary, regardless of your circumstances.

### *Doing Life with God*

One of the ways you can take ordinary life and make it extraordinary is to learn to do every single thing you do *with* and *for* God. We make a mistake when we separate our sacred life from our secular life. We can be just as close to God in the grocery store as we are at church. And He wants us to do *everything* we need to do WITH Him.

It actually adds an edge of excitement when we let God be involved in everything we do. He’s everywhere, all the time, and He’s just as interested in the routine, mundane tasks of our lives as He is in the more “spiritual” things we do.

It’s amazing to realize that God wants to have fellowship with us—He wants to spend each day with us. Don’t just settle for seeking Him once a week at church or when you’re in a desperate situation. Decide that you are going to enjoy your everyday relationship with God!

### *The Truth About Real Joy*

The abundant life Christ offers goes deeper in our hearts than the way we *feel* about things. It’s an amazing thing when we learn how to have the peace and joy only God can give in every area of our lives, instead of the type of enjoyment that’s just based on emotional excitement.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and don’t make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

### *The World Can’t Give It to You*

In John 15:11, Jesus says, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” The Amplified translation says “that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.” In the ten verses leading up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that’s the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means “to live, dwell and remain in”; it’s not just visiting once a week at church. It’s having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn’t just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you’re desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do. That’s when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

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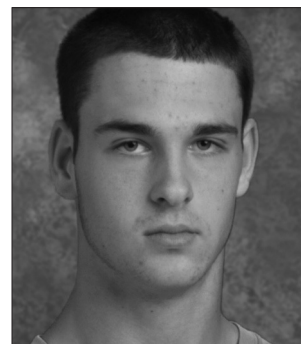
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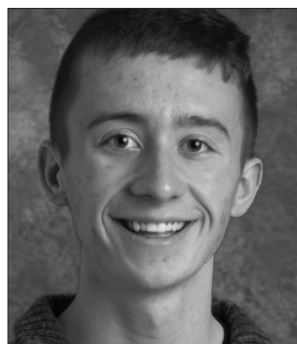
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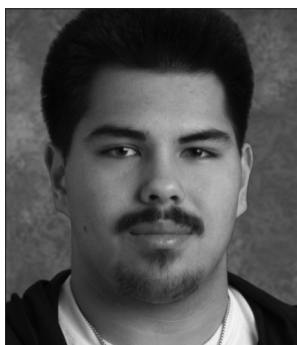
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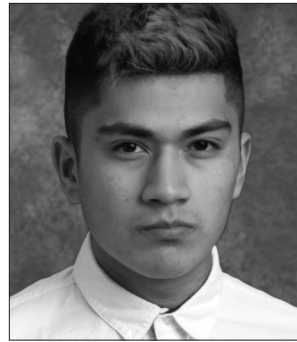
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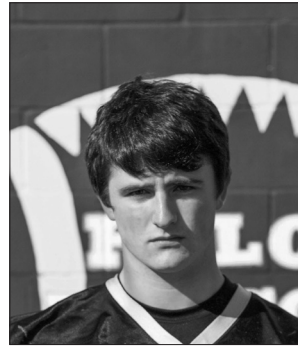
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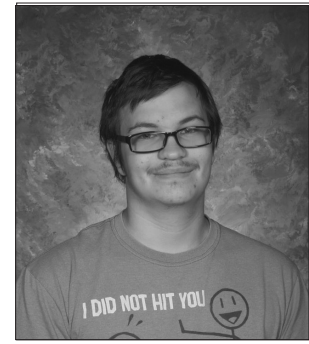
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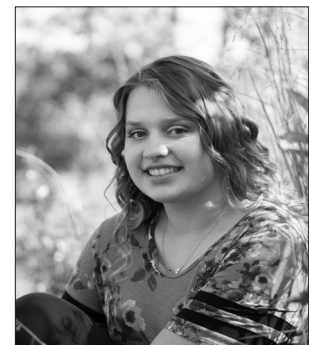
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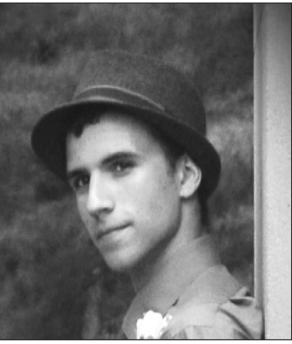
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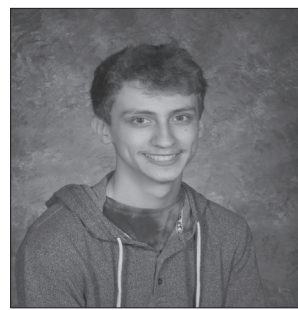
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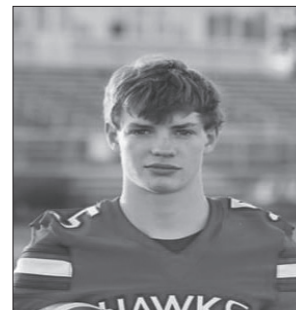
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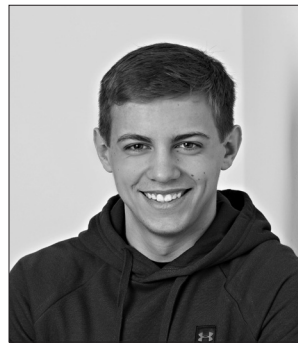
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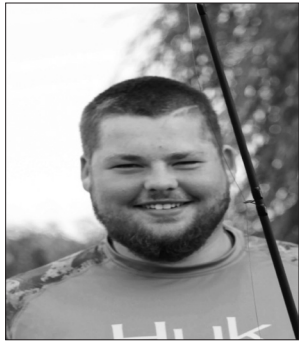
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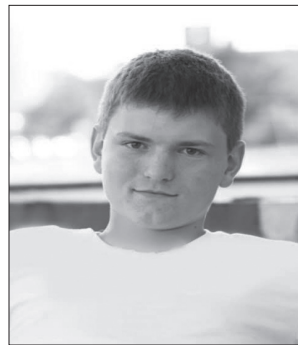
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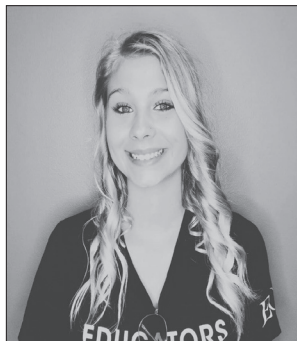
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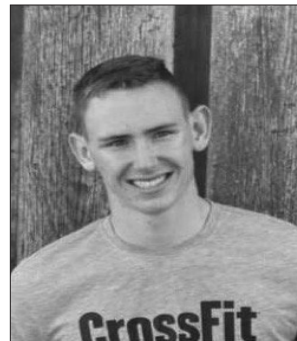
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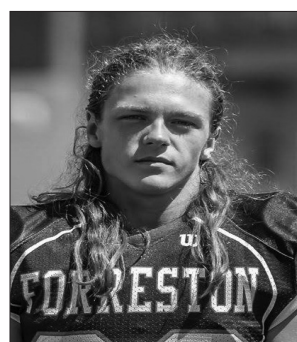
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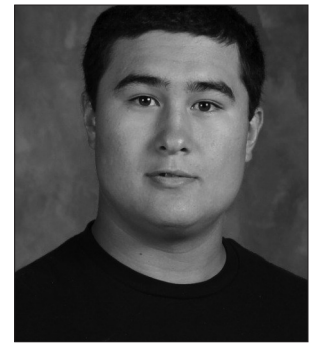
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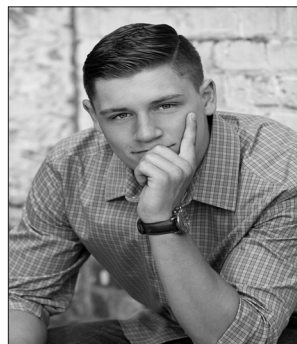
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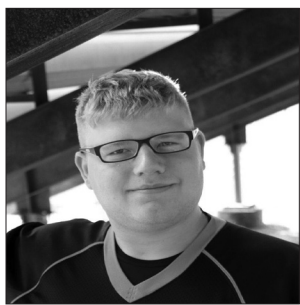
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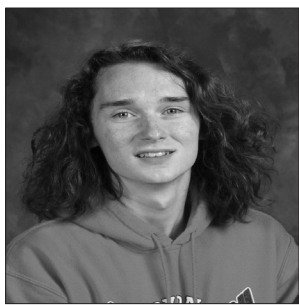
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