



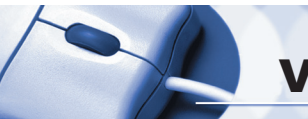
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County 'working tirelessly'

All workers at Rochelle Foods tested for virus

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – Ogle County's health administrator told the County Board at its Tuesday meeting that the Health Department is "working tirelessly" with people who have tested positive with COVID-19.

Kyle Auman said that the county currently has 61 positive cases (as of April 21). He said four people have been hospitalized and one of those people was released. He said to date, only one person has died.

"We're hoping to keep it that way," he said.

The board held a tele meeting on April 21, where board members and the public called into the meeting. The public was



The Ogle County Health Department ordered Rochelle Foods to close on April 17 due to a "large scale" outbreak.

also encouraged to email questions before the meeting that could be answered during the public comment section or call in with questions. No one did.

Auman told the board about the "large scale" outbreak at Rochelle Foods,

leading the Health Department to order its closure on April 17. He said his department started working with Rochelle Foods weeks before the closure, and that the Health Department asked the business to voluntarily close four

times prior to its closure, which it did not.

As of April 17, 24 cases of COVID-19 were linked to the facility. Those included cases in Ogle County, Whiteside County and Winnebago County.

Auman said that the

testing of 840 employees was set to begin on April 23. He said there will be a drive through clinic system set up for testing to lower exposure.

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Schools to stay closed for rest of academic year

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE—Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker recently announced all schools in the state of Illinois will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic school year. The original decision to close schools was announced back in mid-March and students have been learning remotely from home since. The governor's decision to extend the closures through the end of the academic year comes on the same day the Illinois Department of Public Health recorded 1,842 new cases and 62 additional deaths from COVID-19. That was the highest number of cases reported in a single day in the state.

The decision affects 25.2 million schools across the state and Pritzker said the decision was made based off science and much communication with health experts in the field. While many students will not get to experience the final weeks of their school year, returning to school would go against the state's top priority of safety.

"Students gather together at school, meet up with all of their friends and then go home to their families, until the next morning when they do it all again," Pritzker said. "While that routine is a source of joy for so many, it opens up a nearly limitless opportunity for potential COVID-19 infections. At a time when our healthcare workers, researchers, scientists and first respond-



ers need us to bend the curve downward." To help support preK-12 grade schools affected by the decision, Illinois will receive \$569 million dollars from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The funds will be distributed to Illinois Public School districts based on the number of low-income students within the district.

The funds can be used to help equip students with technology and internet access to enhance remote learning, as well as assisting schools to continue providing meals to families within the community. Paper packets will also be given out to students who do not have access to technology or internet, to ensure no student falls behind.

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SVHS students going to state math competition

STILLMAN VALLEY—Stillman Valley High School Math Team competed in the Regional Meet and 3 students qualified for the ICTM State Competition in May. "Our Regional competition is one of the largest and most competitive in the state," said Diane Koenig, SVHS Math Team Advisor. "So, for these three to qualify

is outstanding. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication." Seniors Brooke Mickey and Grant McClendon came in first place in the Oral Presentation category and will compete at State. Mickey is a four-year team member and has qualified for state each year. This is McClendon's first year on the Math Team.

Freshman, Nick Youman came in 5th in Algebra and will also advance to state. Youman competed in local competitions as a 7th and 8th grader but this is his first time he is able to compete at State. The ICTM State Competition will be Saturday, May 2 at the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign.



TESTED: Board also approves cannabis tax

From page 1
In a release, the Health Department said that it tested 608 Rochelle Foods workers on April 23, and the rest were to be tested on April 24. Auman told the Board

that the employees will be paid for the two weeks the plant is expected to be closed. "Everybody's working hard to end this end," County Board Chairman John Finfrock said after Auman's presentation.

In other business: The Board approved a retail tax on marijuana. The tax for businesses selling in unincorporated areas of the county will be 3.75 percent. And the tax on businesses selling in a municipality in the county will be 3 percent.

Birthday greeting

Meridian School District 223 Junior High 6th grade teachers recently surprised one of the teachers with a birthday greeting. They came with blueberry muffins, toy tractors, birthday song and conversation 6 feet apart.



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Obituaries

Randall J. Behmer

FREEPORT – Randall J. Behmer, age 62, passed away at his home on Thursday, April 16, 2020. He was born in Rockford on July 18, 1957, the son of Deryle and Carolyn (Heitz) Behmer.

Randall enjoyed life and always enjoyed making people laugh with his unique sense of humor. He loved his family and playing pool, marbles, and cards, especially euchre. Randall liked to be outdoors and enjoyed working on the farm and gardening. He was an avid Cubs fan and relished being at Wrigley Field whenever possible. He was thrilled that he was able to witness them win the World Series



in 2016. He took pleasure in eating good food, especially if it was his mother's cooking or baking. He also enjoyed spending time with his special dog, Odie.

He is survived by his children: Katrina (Joshua) Linnemann of Pearl City and Richard (Jamie) Behmer of

Winnebago; siblings: Cindy (Dr. Peter) Gale of Kingsport, Tenn., Rick (Teresa Dever) Behmer of Stillman Valley, and Robert (Anisa) Behmer of Stillman Valley; Grandchildren: Isaiah, Elijah, Cassidy, Zachary, Briley, Ronin, and one on the way; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Connie Bolin.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude or the FFA. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com.

Rock River Valley Blood Center to collect plasma from recovered patients

ROCKFORD – The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) is ready to collect plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients, joining other blood centers nationwide in an effort to help care for individuals affected by the virus.

Convalescent plasma is collected from recovered patients and administered to people currently diagnosed with COVID-19. Donors must have proof of a positive nasal swab test for COVID-19 and be 28 days out from their last symptoms. They also must meet the requirements to donate blood.

While there is no proven treatment for COVID-19, it is possible that convalescent plasma collected from recovered COVID-19 patients contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and might provide passive immunity for some COVID-19 patients.

RRVBC is actively seeking recovered COVID-19 patients who had a positive nasal swab test and would be willing to be a donor. Those interested should call 815-965-8751

or visit rrvbc.org.

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.

Picture perfect Easter service



For Easter, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron asked members to send in their picture and then taped them to the pews. They were even able to put some photos in the places those people normally sat in church. The church had a member make a video out of them along with other group pictures. At the end of the streaming of Mass, the video played so members could see it. The church said it is trying to find ways to keep our members connected.



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2019 Ogle County final multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD – Ogle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier”, is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable prop-

ties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Ogle County are at 32.99 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2019 taxes, payable in 2020. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in January 2020 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than

one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.



Donation

Cory Tveit of LR Communications in Leaf River made a \$5,000 donation Wednesday morning. The donation was made to Ogle County Sheriff Brian Van Vickle and Ogle County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Richter. The donation will be used for food banks and other Ogle County feeding operations. A \$5,000 donation was also recently provided by Tyson Foods for food bank operations. Pictured from left are Ogle County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Richter, Ogle County Sheriff Brian Van Vickle and Cory Tveit of LR Communication. (Jennifer Simmons photo)

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Abate keeps it clean

On Saturday, April 18, members of Abate of Illinois Thunder Rock Chapter (a motorcycle rights organization) did its part to help keep Ogle County clean. Even during the coronavirus pandemic, members went out and picked up 23 bags and a few boxes of garbage along Rt. 2 between Byron and Rockford. (The adopted section is the northernmost part of Rt. 2 in Ogle County). The group did, of course, practice good social distancing while doing it.

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Pine Creek Escape to gift free wedding ceremony to a couple affected by COVID-19

OREGON – Pine Creek Escape has announced that it is gifting a freewedding ceremony to one couple who has been affected by COVID-19.

Whether their ceremony was cancelled, the venue closed for good or the couple was affected financially, Pine Creek is asking individuals to submit their story via email to rebecca@pinecreekeescape.com. Submissions will be accepted starting today through May 15. One winner will be announced on Pine Creek Escape's Facebook and Instagram page on May 17.

"So many couples who were planning to wed this year have been affected by COVID-19 and have gone through a lot of headaches and stress during a time that should be full of happiness," said Pine Creek Escape owner Rebecca Jones. "The least we can do is gift one couple a free ceremony to take some stress of their shoulders and ensure they have one of the best days of their lives."

Known for its lush greens, towering limestone and cascading waterfalls, Pine Creek offers six ceremony sites for engaged couples that live both near and far. Pine Creek also has three large cabins for rent year-round and typically offers special events throughout the year from Yoga in the Canyon on Saturday mornings to Live Music in the Canyon once a month on Friday evenings. Additionally, Pine Creek was named one of the most unique wedding venues in the Untied States by YourTango.

For more information about Pine Creek Escape and its free ceremony giveaway, visit www.pinecreekeescape.com, call 815-881-1180 or visit them on Facebook or Instagram - @PineCreekEscape.



Community garden spots in Byron available

BYRON – Gardening season is here in spite of the Covid-19.

What could be better than to eat something that you grew safe in the knowledge that what you grew is disease and pesticide free? The Community Garden that is located between Mary Morgan School and the United Church of Byron is offering four-foot by eight-foot raised beds for the reduced suggested price of \$10 and four-foot square wheelchair-accessible beds for the suggested donation of \$5.

New for this year – besides the reduced price: some compost is available, a small storage shed for those who wish to store their tools and supplies for the season and two bluebird nesting boxes.

Sign-up sheets and plot assignment diagrams are available at the UCB church office located at 701 West 2nd St. in Byron. Call or e-mail the church office at 815-234-8777, ucb@comcast.net or Norm Metz at 815-289-1132, normmetz@comcast.net for more information.

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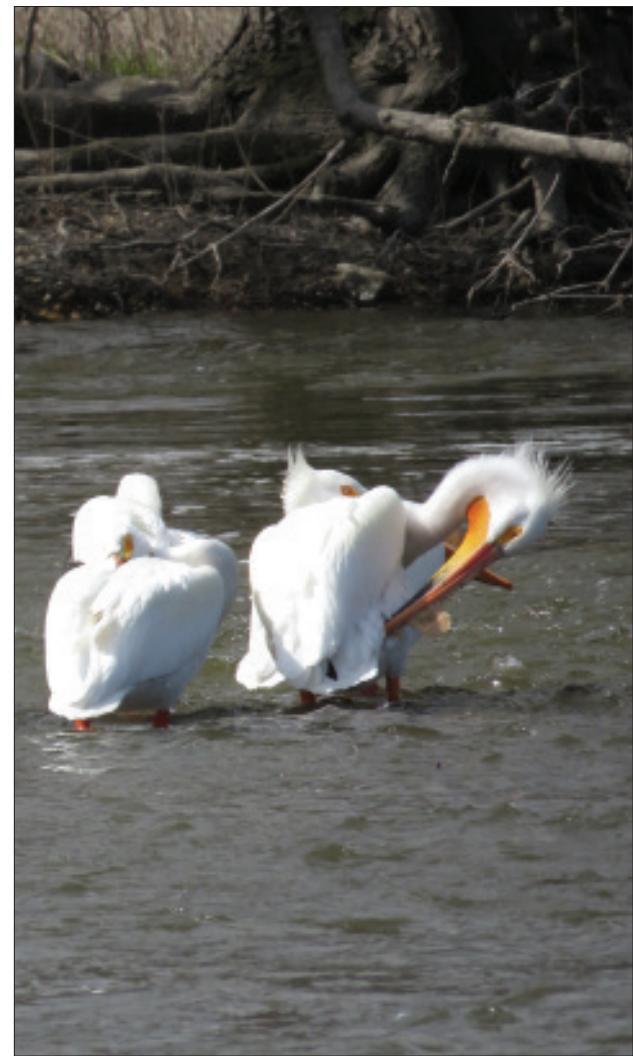
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Pelicans return

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Area students among EPA contest winners

SPRINGFIELD – In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director John J. Kim today celebrates the creativity and hard work of fifth and sixth grade students selected for their artistic and writing skills used to express environmental awareness, as part of the Agency’s 33rd Annual Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest. The students were selected from works submitted by students throughout Illinois.

Each year, fifth and sixth grade students in Illinois take part in the Poster, Poetry and Prose contest as part of the Agency’s Environmental Education initiative. Through the program, participating schools study environmental concepts with an emphasis on the current year’s environmental theme. Many teachers round out the classroom program by having the students create posters or poetry/prose works to illustrate what they have learned and submit these to the Agency. Each participating school is eligible to select four works in each category to submit for competitive judging. This year’s theme, Algae: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly...How Can You Keep Your Local Pond Healthy? focused on understanding how algae affect waterbodies in both good and bad ways, and learning how to prevent nutrient runoff to help maintain healthy water ecosystems.

Educators were asked to incorporate Illinois EPA’s newly created Environmental Pathways: Why is the Pond Green? unit into their classroom curricula that is available free online at: <https://pathways.mste.illinois.edu/>. Students learned how algae can be good and bad in the aquatic environment and why it is important to reduce nonpoint source pollution in our waterways

to prevent the negative effects of too much algae. This curriculum unit is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

“In celebration of Earth Day, we want to recognize these students who are poised to make a difference in their communities,” said Director Kim. “These students did a great job demonstrated the knowledge they gained through their works of art and writing. We are excited to see our Environmental Pathways program explored by so many schools and look forward to classrooms utilizing our newly released STEM curriculum in years to come.”

A panel of representatives from the Illinois EPA judged all entries and selected the finalists, whose entries were then judged by an outside panel of authorities, to determine the top 12 winners. Student awards were mailed to the schools, where the top 12 and honorable mention winners received environmental reference books for their school libraries. The winners, along with all finalists, also received certificates and ribbons for their creative efforts.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 2020 Poster, Poetry and Prose Winners (by School)

- Mary Morgan Elementary, Byron
- Mia Girten, Honorable Mention-Posters
- Jaeden Konkol-Behling, Honorable Mention-Posters
- Juliana Bigham, Special Recognition-Poetry/Prose
- Cam Bukoski, Special Recognition-Posters
- James Clodfelter, Special Recognition-Poetry/Prose
- Myla Draheim, Special Recognition-Poetry/Prose
- Chloe Stienmetz, Special Recognition-Posters
- Meridian Jr. High School, Stillman Valley
- Brooklyn Kay Hodge, Special Recognition-Poetry/Prose

German Valley Days canceled

GERMAN VALLEY – Due to the uncertainty regarding the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, the German Valley Days Planning Committee has decided it is advisable to cancel this year’s event which was scheduled on June 12, 13 and 14.

The committee believes it is in the best interest of all concerned, including those who plan and present the festival, as well as the guests that might attend, that the festival be cancelled this year. We regret that for the first time in 47 years German Valley Days will not occur, but it was a difficult choice that had to be made.

The committee also wishes to announce that next year German Valley Days is moving to a new date. German Valley Days 2021 is scheduled on July 16, 17 and 18, 2021. We will look forward to seeing all of you then.

Polo Police report

April 3
 TIME: 3:45 p.m.
 REPORT: Megan J. Boren, 18, Polo, was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 30mph speed zone. Boren was released on an I-Bond.

Lock Out 1
 Traffic Stops 2

General Calls for Service for the weeks of April 6, 2020 thru April 19, 2020

General Calls for Service for the weeks of March 23, 2020 thru April 5, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist 16
 Juvenile 1
 Animal Complaint 2
 Disturbance /Domestic 1
 Fire/Medical Assist 4

Citizen Complaints/Assist 21
 Animal 3
 Ordinance Violations 1
 Disturbance /Domestic 3
 Fire/Medical Assist 4
 Lock Out 2
 911 Hang Up 2
 Traffic Stops 1



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Masks now required at CGH

STERLING – For the protection and safety of our patients, and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, CGH Medical Center is now requiring patients to bring (and wear) a protective mask to appointments at all CGH locations until further notice. Masks can be those that have been purchased from local retailers, on-line retailers, or homemade fabric masks. If a patient does not have access to a mask, a disposable mask will be provided to them.

Please remember that masks should be worn over the mouth and nose. For directions on DIY masks, including two “no-sew” options, visit www.cghmc.com/covid19. In addition, if anyone in the community has hand-sewn masks that they would like to donate, please call 815-632-5324 or email donatematerials@cghmc.com. We sincerely appreciate everyone’s efforts to help protect yourself, our staff, and the communities we serve.

Spring Salad Supper in May canceled

The spring Salad Supper scheduled for Monday, May 4 which is hosted by former members, friends and neighbors of the Chana Mothers Club is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We encourage the ladies to contact each other and chat and laugh about all the fun

history of the Chana school. We also want to remind everyone that the 150th anniversary of Chana will be in 2021. There was a celebration at 100 years in 1971 and 125 years in 1996. Possible ideas for a special dinner and celebration of 150 years would be welcome.

Church hosting car parade on May 2

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley will be having a car parade on Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m. We will be driving all over the towns of Stillman Valley, Davis Junction and Byron bringing greetings and God’s hope to all the residents. Cars will be decked out, however no candy will be thrown due to ordinances. Bring your lawn chairs out and watch and listen for us.

Cemetery now part of Emmaneul Lutheran

PAYNES POINT – The Mt. Pleasant Cemetery of Paynes Point is now a part of the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery of Paynes Point. Any inquires can be directed to the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery Marvin Schabacker at 815-751-1447, Mike Seaworth at 815-393-4977, or Ron Stocking at 815-732-6054.



February Finds

Edie White, February Finds Coordinator, presents Jim Kaywak, Mount Morris Moose Lodge with a check from proceeds earned from the February Finds Antique Market. Each year a different organization is chosen for the donation.

Oregon Police report

April 15
At 2:34 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash that had occurred in the parking lot of the Dollar General, 1050 Pines Road, involving a 2000 Chevrolet driven by Joann M. Young, 79, Oregon, and a parked 2016 Subaru belonging to Carmen R. Kober, 50, Chana. No citations were issued.

April 17
At 8:38 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Donald J. Bigham, 63, for criminal trespass to property. This violation occurred in the 200 block of S. 4th Street.

April 18
At 6:29 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance at 700 E. Washington Street resulting in the arrest of Taylor R. Young, 22, Oregon, for domestic battery. Young was transported to the Ogle County jail.

4 parking citations issued from 04/13/2020 through 04/19/2020.

General calls for service Through dispatch during the week of 04/13/2020 through 04/19/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	8	Citizen Complaints	6
Animal Complaint	1	Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	2
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2	Disturbance / Dom Battery	5
911 Hang-up / Open Line	5	Lockout Vehicle / Building	1
Alarm Response	1	Traffic Stops	1

- Summertime Ordinance Reminders:**
- * Grass must not be any taller than 6” in height.
 - * Do not mow your grass so that it goes into the street – in addition to this being an ordinance regulation, it is also very dangerous for vehicles / motorcycles / pedestrians.
 - * If you spring clean and have furniture/mattresses/misc. large items – they are not to be just put out on the terrace/curb, you must contact Moring Disposal for a special pick up and place out the evening prior to pick up.
 - * Burning is not allowed on the terrace or street.
 - * Recreational fires and burning yard waste cannot be left smoldering or left unattended.

State Police release activity report

STERLING – Illinois State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced District 1 enforcement figures and activity for February. Illinois State Police District 1.

Troopers issued 446 citations, 496 written warnings, and made 10 criminal arrests during the month of February. Speeding accounted for 257 citations, 34 citations were issued for occupant restraint violations and 20 citations were issued for distracted driving violations.

Troopers investigated 21 traffic crashes, assisted 118 motorists, and conducted 133 commercial vehicle inspections, 16 of which were placed out-of-service for safety reasons. There were 7 arrests for driving under the influence.

District 1, which encompasses Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties, had 1 traffic crash fatality in February.

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From the left, Oregon Lions Club President Mike Hoff, Roger Cain and Lion Grant Afflerbaugh

Roger Cain speaks to Oregon Lions about train depot

OREGON – Roger Cain was the featured speaker at the Oregon Lions Club Meeting on February 27.

He is part of a group that is dedicated to the restoration of the Oregon Train Depot

The Oregon Depot has a history that goes back more than a century. It was built by the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railway in 1913 and served rail travelers until 1971. In 2001 an ambitious and dedicated group of people began a renovation that continues today. Besides being open to the public for tours on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon, on the last Saturday of each month the public is invited to attend programs of historic interest at the Depot.

Roger Cain told Lions members that there is a possibility that a former Burlington Route rail passenger car the Silver View could become a viable part of the Oregon Train Depot Museum in Oregon. There is continuing communication with the owner of this rail car and the Oregon Train Depot Committee. If talks are successful, and after the restoration of this vintage rail car takes place, Roger Cain thinks the Silver View passenger rail car could become an active venue for small social gatherings in Oregon as well as enhance the experience of visitors coming to the Oregon Depot.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 17, 1792, a group of 24 traders gather in lower Manhattan to work out the regulations of the speculative market. The result was the Buttonwood Agreement, a two-sentence contract that gave birth to the New York Stock Exchange.

* On May 14, 1904, the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States open in St. Louis. The 1904 Games were initially awarded to Chicago, but were given to St. Louis to be staged in connection with the St. Louis World Exposition. However, the Games were overshadowed by the world fair.

* On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. Sound films had not yet debuted, and it marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

* On May 15, 1942, a bill creates the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) in the U.S. Army, granting women official military status in a wide variety of roles around the world. The 16,000 women who joined the early WAACs would not receive veterans' benefits until 1980.

* On May 13, 1956, Gene Autry's musical variety show, "Gene Autry's Melody Ranch," airs its final broadcast after 16 years. The show featured short skits about cowboys and rustlers, along with musical numbers by Autry, "America's singing cowboy."

* On May 16, 1975, Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. In 1988, Stacy Allison became the first American woman to successfully climb Everest.

* On May 11, 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Nazi Gestapo chief of German-occupied Lyon, France, during World War II, goes on trial, charged with 177 crimes against humanity. Barbie sent 7,500 French Jews and French Resistance partisans to concentration camps and executed some 4,000 others.

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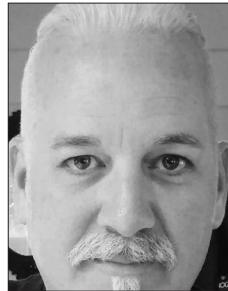
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Please listen to the experts on this

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



We have a Jeep Liberty that has been parked for a couple of years. But we are finally making a move with it, getting some new tires and taking it to someone who can fix a few things that are wrong with it.

So, I think I will take it to my dentist.

Is that not a good idea? Well, how about I take it to Starbucks to see if a barista can fix it? Maybe a cook, or a shoe salesman?

Of course, none of these ideas makes any sense. Who in the world would take a vehicle to a dentist to get it fixed?

No one would. But who would listen to a TV talking head about the seriousness of a pandemic? Who would let a politician who is not a doctor or scientist and who doesn't seem to listen to them tell you what can make you safe, or how serious things are?

I'm sorry, but during this COVID-19 crisis, I have been and will be listening to the doctors who actually know what they are talking about, and the scientists who have spent their distinguished careers studying viruses.

I will not listen to crazy people on social media, or

pillow salesmen or even TV doctors who have apparently forgotten everything about medicine.

I will listen to the CDC director who said a second wave of this virus could be more devastating than the first, and not the Lt. Governor of Texas who said there are more important things than living.

Let's be completely clear here: COVID-19 can kill you. It doesn't care if you scream about your freedom and wave your flag and gather with your buddies to drink beers and hate on your governor. It can kill you.

But more importantly, you can spread it to other people and it can kill them. Even I am shocked by the

groups of people who are protesting staying inside for a number of weeks to keep people from dying. This is not about your freedom — this is about life and death.

Can we just, for once, not make this about politics? This is not about left vs. right. This is not about teaching the cons or owning the libs. If you are looking at the pandemic this way, you are being played by screaming radio people and TV talking heads and politicians with something to gain.

Let's be clear: This pandemic would be much, much worse if people were going about their normal daily lives. If you don't understand that, you are listening to the wrong people.

The numbers change daily, of course, but more than 40,000 people have died from the virus and about 800,000 have contracted it. About 35,000 people in our state alone have it. Imagine what those numbers would be if people went about their business?

Thankfully, it does not kill most people who are infected. That is great news. But do you want to take chance of getting it yourself, or infecting your child, or parent or grandparent? Do

you want to be responsible for their death because you feel like you are secretly being oppressed?

We live in a society where we have to rely on each other. We have to try and work together for a greater good. Going out and protesting in large groups during a pandemic is not being a responsible member of society. It is being a selfish and potentially deadly.

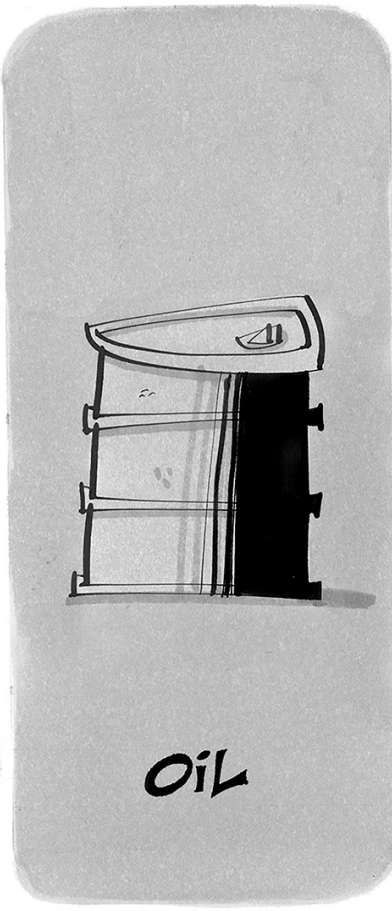
There has been a story in the news last couple of days about a man who complained on social media about this lockdown trampling on his rights and said only idiots would believe there was no "political agenda" behind all of this.

Less than a month later he was dead from COVID-19. He is not the only example of this, and that just makes me sad. If they had listened to what the experts were saying, they could be alive today.

Please, let's be smart and listen to the doctors who study these types of viruses and who actually know what they are talking about. It can and will save an untold number of lives.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

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The animal mind and its mysteries and myths

Our attitudes toward animals are complicated. We love our hamburgers and see nothing wrong with killing cattle to get them, but we pass laws against doing the same to horses. Inconsistencies like these are rooted in the origins of Homo sapiens, where they pose yet-to-be-answered questions about morality and about what it means to be human.

Humanity emerged as a meat eating animal hundreds of thousands of years ago, but it was only in the last 10,000 years that we began to confine, control, and own our fellow creatures. With that, according to Yuval Noah Harari, in his book, "Homo Deus," we abandoned our traditional hunter-gatherer beliefs about the spiritual nature of all animals. Our world was now one in which humans and

Guest Opinion By Lowell Harp



only humans have a soul. Old rules and limitations about our treatment of other animals no longer applied.

We still cling to that ancient mindset about the animals that we eat, but when it comes to our pets and to other animal companions, we find it harder. Horses are our friends, sensitive and knowing. Cattle are dumb

brutes with only the dullest hints of consciousness.

Frans de Waal is one of many scientists who are challenging these time-honored assumptions. His book, "Mama's Last Hug," presents the scientific evidence for thoughts and feelings in animals ranging from chimpanzees to rats and fish. He, along with the above-mentioned Yuval Harari, explains that instinct, our preferred explanation for animal behavior, is too inflexible for the challenges of surviving in the wild. Animals long ago developed emotions and thoughts to guide their behavior, and those mental traits live on today in us and in our domestic animals.

De Waal observes that part of our problem with discerning thoughts and emotions in animals, and

in human infants as well, is that they can't express them through language. For a long time, physicians conducted painful medical procedures and experiments on babies without anesthesia. It wasn't until the 1980's that they finally accepted that the babies' cries and anguished facial expressions did indeed signify pain and fear.

Our non-speaking fellow animals likewise display evidence of consciousness to all who are open to it. Both Harari and de Waal cite many experimental and anecdotal examples of animal mental and emotional behavior, including remembrance of the past and planning for the future. In 2012, prominent researchers from the fields of neurobiology and the cognitive sciences issued the Cambridge Declaration of Consciousness. In it,

they declared that animal brains and nervous systems have the same structures and processes that produce consciousness in humans.

One compelling example of the emotional experiences that we share with all mammals is the mother-infant bond. It was displayed in what Harari calls "a series of famous (and shockingly cruel) experiments... The psychologist Harry Harlow separated infant monkeys from their mothers shortly after birth, and isolated them in small cages. When given a choice between a metal dummy-mother fitted with a milk bottle, and a soft cloth-covered dummy with no milk, the baby monkeys clung to the barren cloth mother for all they were worth... Alas, the cloth-mother never responded to their affection and the little

monkeys consequently suffered from severe psychological and social problems, and grew up to be neurotic and asocial adults."

Our huge factory-style meat and dairy farms routinely sever this mother-infant bond. They do so in pursuit of the efficiencies that have so blessed us with plentiful and inexpensive food. It's one of many examples of our collective denial regarding animal thoughts and emotions, and its resulting cruelties.

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>.

Ink and voice are powerful tools

Dear Editor,

Lowell Harp's opinion piece titled The Unraveling of the American Democratic Web has an acknowledgement of today's America, but no suggested path of restoration. Missing from this piece is the basis of how we became the United States of America and why it sets our style of government above all others.

The literary *Shot Heard 'round the World* was the Declaration of Independence. That document pointed to the sole source of sovereign power on earth – the Individual. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among these life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

To secure these rights framers deliberated, challenged, and debated a form of government unlike any before it – a Constitutional Republic. America is not democracy. It is a representative form of government using democratic principles. Furthermore, the Constitution is a trust document that protects our many rights by granting a few of them to just government.

The way to just government is not a matter for chance. The Declaration and Constitution were not accidents. So, let us raise government above the lot of dice.

We need only knowledge and accountability to bring our present affairs to align with "the Laws of Nature, and Nature's God." The Declaration of Independence is a simple read. The Constitution requires a bit more study. With those two documents we acquire knowledge. The second half is the courage to hold those that go astray accountable to We the People who allotted government only a little, but takes much.

A simple principle is that no man was born with a saddle on his back, nor another born with spurs to ride him. When the spurs are felt, demand accountability, for government is built to serve all equitably.

Today the voting booth is one tool, but ink and voice are more powerful. The ballot enforces accountability, but our voice is the transparent call to do right and I heartily encourage both.

John Dickson, Oregon





Chamber, city are now offering clings, decals

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Oregon together are now offering custom designed heart window clings and vehicle decals to create a COVID-19 business and community recovery fund.

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The heart window clings are 7.5 inches by 7.5 inches and the vehicle decals are 4.5 inches by 4.5 inches.

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Mount Morris community garden plots available

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mount Morris Community Garden has several 4 x 12 foot plots open for the 2020 season.

If you would like to get back to or try gardening for the first time, but don’t have a suitable space, consider joining. Tools are available at the garden.

This will mark the 11th year the garden has provided fresh produce

and outdoor activity to those who participate. Located directly south of the Church of the Brethren at the corner of Brayton and Reynolds, the pantry section of the garden also distributes approximately 5,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to Loaves and Fish Food Pantry guests.

The plots are free; however, gardeners are required to commit to helping with specific tasks related

to the overall upkeep of the garden. Those who are not interested in gardening, but want to help eliminate food insecurity, might also consider joining the Harvesting Team that picks the vegetables for days the pantry is open.

For information on securing plots or being part of the Harvesting Team, contact Mary Francis, 815-734-6994 or francises@comcast.net.

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Don't miss this one. 2 car attached garage, fenced back yard, large family room with fireplace in the basement. Brick wall feature in living room and basement. First floor master bedroom and first floor laundry. Half bath on second floor is huge. Eat in kitchen has all the appliances already there. Rooms are good sizes. This house being sold AS IS.

1100 W Washington St Oregon \$169,900 Call Jenny 815-440-2145

You have to see the recent updates of fresh paint and new carpet throughout this sprawling home in Oregon! It offers so much room to entertain with its unique layout. Large open concept kitchen with an abundance of cabinets, spacious dining area, additional separate dining room, living room with gas fireplace and a massive family room. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, and a 2 car garage situated on a 1.42 acre lot. Master suite has a garden tub, separate shower and a deck with sliders. The basement is partially finished with a large multi-purpose room, bathroom, and kitchen. 2 new furnaces and AC units. Some hardwood floors. Blacktop drive. Don't miss the opportunity to own this beautiful home.

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1008 S 5th St Oregon \$99,000 Call Mark 815-631-1699

Room to romp with just over 1 acre lot in historic Oregon! Welcome to this home sweet home feeling ranch offering 2 bedrooms, over sized garage with a screened porch. Relax the day away on the front porch or the screened in porch off the garage. Snuggle by the wood burning fireplace. Enjoy the newer stainless steel appliances in the kitchen and generous dining room. The home has replacement windows, beautiful original features and an updated bathroom. Walk through the 1 acre lot and imagine yourself here. Seller is offering a Home Warranty plan.

28945 Fulfs Road Sterling \$298,500 Call Carrie 815-677-8656

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8271 E Hales Corner Rd Stillman Valley \$169,000
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

BETTER MOVE FAST! 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch located close to town on a .58 acre lot. There is nothing to do but move right in to this well maintained home that also includes a finished lower level. The kitchen shines with stainless steel appliances, eat in area, large windows and an open flow to the family room. The spacious ranch also has a formal living and dining room with neutral paint, flooring and over sized windows. Master has two closets and en suite bath. Located in the finished lower level complete with a bar and wood burning stove. Located on a quiet street, you will enjoy spending the warmer months in your large yard! Many updates including: roof, water softener, windows, lower level carpeting & paint.

Oregon High School announces new coaching hires

OREGON — At Monday night's Oregon C.U.S.D. 220 Board of Education meeting, the district hired new head coaches to lead its high school volleyball and boys basketball programs.

Farrell Cain was approved as the new varsity volleyball head coach. She replaces Faith McNamee who resigned in February after seven seasons. Nathan Green was approved as the new boys basketball head coach, replacing Quinn Virgil who resigned after 12 seasons.

"We are very excited to move forward with coach Cain and coach Green leading our volleyball and boys basketball programs," said Oregon athletic director Mike Lawton.

"Both of these individuals have absolutely earned this opportunity after being in lead assistant roles for successful programs for several years now. We are happy to have coach Cain lead the program she once played for and we are thrilled to welcome coach Green back to the Big Northern Conference and to the Oregon and Mt. Morris community."

Cain, of Oregon, was a player on the most successful team in Or-



Rockford Lutheran graduate Nathan Green will be the next head coach of the Oregon boys basketball team, replacing Quinn Virgil. (Courtesy photo)

regon volleyball history, the 2006-07 regional and sectional champion squad that went 36-4 and still holds the school record for most wins in a season. She went on to play volleyball at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin where she was captain her senior year in 2011. Since

then, she has served as an assistant coach in the Oregon High School program helping the Hawks claim four IHSA Regional titles and a Big Northern Conference championship during this time.

Green, of Rockford, attended high school at Rockford Lutheran where he was three-year

varsity starter on three straight regional champion teams in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. He played collegiately at Concordia University in Wisconsin for one year before obtaining his degree in physical education from Illinois State University in 2014. He earned his master's de-

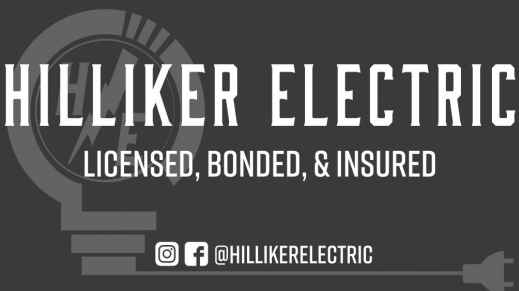


Former Oregon standout Farrell Cain will return to her alma mater and be the next head coach of the Hawk volleyball program. (Courtesy photo)

gree from Concordia University Chicago in 2019.

After college, Green started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at Rockford Lutheran. He then moved on to Rockford Jefferson High School where he served as a varsity assistant for

five years before most recently acting as head sophomore coach at Jefferson for the past two seasons. Green has also worked as a coaching intern at the Tom Izzo Basketball Camp at Michigan State University and at the University of Wisconsin camps.



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- Polo – Hanna Blumhoff and Ethan Cain

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Jurasek ranks in top 2 percent

AMES, Iowa – The following area students are ranked among the top 2 percent of students in their college at Iowa State University.

- Byron – Lucas Jurasek, Senior, College of Human Sciences

Students leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the January Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the January trait – RESPECTFUL and also Leader In Me Habit #5 – Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Kendall Knoll (7th), Evan Jones (6th), Cat Smalley (6th), Xavier Meraz (8th), Lainey Archibald (8th), and Henry Hildreth (7th)



Birth

Kimbell's welcome son

BYRON – Joseph and Kayla Kimbell of Byron are proud to announce the birth of their son, Henry Joseph Kimbell on Nov. 22, 2019 at 5:04 a.m. Henry was born at Swedish American Hospital and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

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This month, the Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) Young Critics Book Club met with Miss Zoey via Zoom to discuss Lisa Pliscou's Brave Jane Austen: Reader, Writer, Author, Rebel. Participants talked about the book, and even did a craft and played a game together!



Fun time this month as Librarian, Joanna, met with adult crafters on Zoom for a DIY Marbled Paper class. Information about registering for the library's May adult craft program is available now under the Events section of the Julia Hull Library Facebook page.

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.

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Facebook

Please check our Facebook page regularly as we are planning to add more e-resources and virtual programs soon!

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 for more information.

Materials renewed

All currently checked out materials have been renewed until May 29th

April is Poetry Month

Do you like to read and write poetry?

Polo Library is inviting you to submit an original poem now through April 30th.

This is open to Grades K - 12th.

We will post all appropriate submissions on Facebook.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- * Submit one poem
- * Poem must be an original work
- * Poem can be about anything; pets, family, friendship, school, nature, etc.
- * Poem can be any form; Haiku, Free-Verse, Rhyme, Acrostic, Limerick, etc.

You can submit your poem (along with your name, grade and if we have permission to share it with the public) by emailing library@pololibrary.org

Coming soon - 2020 Summer Reading Program

Information is coming soon about our virtual 2020 Summer Reading Program. Be sure to watch our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary)) for exciting announcements.

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.

Byron Library News

Byron Public Library closed

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

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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!

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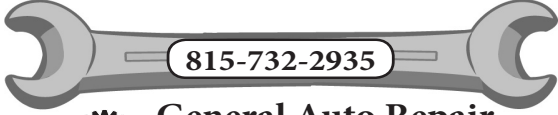

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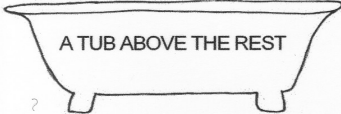
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Wash your car like a pro

Vehicle owners know maintaining a vehicle can be a lot of work. Taking the time to properly care for a vehicle can prolong its life expectancy and help owners avoid breakdowns and other issues along the way.

Regular washing is an aspect of vehicle maintenance that some may classify as a purely cosmetic benefit. Certainly a car wash can keep the vehicle looking its best, but there are other advantages to washing as well. Washing offers preventative maintenance for the car's paint and can help prevent rust and corrosion resulting from dirt, acid rain and road salt. Rust can compromise hydraulic brake and fuel lines, as well as

many moving parts in the chassis and frame. Corrosion of electrical connectors and other parts under the hood can lead to leaks, electrical shorts and a host of additional problems. It's easy to see how washing the car is more essential than one might have suspected.

If you live in an area with a high amount of dust or industry, you may need to wash your car as frequently as once a week. Drivers who live along or near coastal areas may need to wash their vehicles frequently to combat sea salt build-up. Garage-kept vehicles may be able to go longer between washes, but in general washing a vehicle every two to three weeks is a good rule of thumb. In addition, a

good sealant will protect the paint and other trims throughout the year.

The following are some other car-wash tips to follow.

- Always use a proper washing soap solution. This will preserve the car's finish better than other homemade soaps. Avoid using dishwashing liquid, which can strip protective wax coatings.

- Be prompt when cleaning off bugs, sap and bird droppings that may stick to the paint and become difficult to remove over time.

- Wait until a car has cooled down before washing. Heat speeds up the drying of soap and water and can make it more difficult to clean.

- Always use a clean, non-abrasive sponge.

Resist the urge to move the sponge in circles as you clean. Doing so can create noticeable swirl scratch marks. Instead, move the sponge lengthwise across the body panels and hood.

- Keep a separate rinsing bucket to clean the sponge or washing mitt so that dirt is not mixed into the clean, sudsy water.

- Consumer Reports suggests using a soft squeegee to remove most of the water on the body of the car after washing and rinsing. Blot up any extra water with a chamois.

- Wax the car every season to ensure it has maximum protection. In between, apply a liquid spray wax to touch up spots. Water beading is not an ideal indicator of whether or not the car needs a coat of wax.

- Don't forget to pay attention to the interior. Vacuum the carpets regularly to prevent ground-in dirt and routinely clean the upholstery with a product specific to your vehicle's interior, whether that interior is leather or fabric.

Protecting a vehicle investment involves keeping the car clean. Know the right ways to help a car or truck look and perform like new.

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How to maintain car value

When shopping for a new car, savvy buyers know finding the right car involves more than just finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the long-term.

- Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles that look good can make strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.

Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent

the vehicle when entering or exiting their own cars.

- Protect the interior. A well-maintained interior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.

Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.

- Keep maintenance receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying preowned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

Start early to protect resale value

Few drivers start thinking about resale value when driving a new car off of the dealership lot for the first time. Still enamored with that new car smell, drivers can be excused for not thinking of resale value as they put the pedal to the metal and speed off in their brand new ride.

But it's never too early to start protecting a vehicle's resale value, especially if you hope to recoup as much of your vehicle investment as possible when the time comes to sell your car or trade it in for a newer model. The following are some ways motorists can protect the resale value of their vehicles from the moment the dealer tosses them the keys.

- Keep all maintenance records. New cars typically do not require much maintenance. But drivers should keep records of all work and maintenance done on their vehicles, even if that work does not extend beyond routine tuneups or oil changes. Keeping maintenance records shows prospective buyers you prioritized taking care of the vehicle over the years, and that makes the car or

truck more attractive to preowned vehicle buyers who want to avoid buying a lemon or a car that has not been taken care of.

- Don't overlook looks. Looks can be deceiving, but new car buyers who eventually plan to sell their vehicles should do all they can to keep the car looking as new as it did the day it was first driven off the dealership lot. Much like homeowners benefit when selling a home with curb appeal, a car that looks good gives buyers the impression that it was well taken care of. But a dirty car or one with lots of dings and dents is a red flag to preowned car buyers.

- Keep a clean interior. New car owners typically maintain some strict rules with regard to food and beverages in their vehicles. After all, no one wants their brand new car to succumb to stains or spills. But the longer drivers have a car the more lax they tend to become with regard to allowing food and drinks into their cars, and that can ultimately hurt the resale value of the vehicle. Maintain a clean interior whether you just bought

the car or have driven it for a few years. Much like an impressive exterior leaves a lasting impression, a clean interior that has not succumb to coffee stains or muddy boots is more likely to impress buyers than a car with an interior that has seen better, cleaner days.

- Drive defensively. It's not just what you do to a car but how you drive the car that can affect its resale value. Driving defensively reduces your risk of accident, and an accident-free preowned vehicle is a top priority for potential buyers. But driving defensively also reduces wear and tear on your vehicle, as over time constant stop-and-go, aggressive driving takes its toll on vehicle engines and other components.

- Periodically examine the vehicle history report. Today's preowned car buyers know to ask for a vehicle history report before buying a car. If your vehicle history report contains any suspicious or inaccurate information, you may be forced to sell the car for less than it's worth or delay selling until you can have any issues corrected.

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Oregon Library News

Did you know?

When the Oregon Public Library opened in December 1908, all the materials had to be organized in an orderly fashion. Miss Emily Cartwright, Librarian and Miss Elizabeth Burnside engaged in classifying, cataloging and organizing supplies and new books. By May 1909, there were 586 registered borrowers of books. (Information compiled from historical documents found in cupboards in the Library office)

Library closure

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

We now have overdrive for E books

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

Library cards

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

Big news!

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

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

Facebook page

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

Talented Tuesdays – starting April 29, every Tuesday

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

Whay Ya Watchin' Wednesdays – starting April 29 and every other Wednesday

Join the Library Director, Hilaree Lombardo and Adult Programming's, Cari Berg to discuss what you are watching during shelter-in-place. We will share our thoughts on various television shows, Netflix series, Movies, Podcasts, and more. Visit our Facebook page for the Zoom link to our first discussion on April 29th at 7:00pm. Of course, we will cover The Tiger King!

Nailed it! competition

Visit our Facebook page to see the staff compete in their first every Nailed It competition. Puppy cupcakes has been decided for their challenge. All submission will be revealed on Facebook on Friday April 24th. Vote for your favorite!

Senior chat

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

Video story time

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

Summer reading program bookmark contest

2020 Summer Reading Program Bookmark Contest deadline has been extended to April 30, so while you're at home consider this an art assignment!

Goodreads

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

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

Lego challenge

While everyone is practicing social distancing, Oregon Public Library would like to extend a challenge to all those Lego lovers! The challenge begins now and continues to April 30th.

There will be three age categories, 7 years & under, 8-12 years and 13 years & up and there will be prizes. Entries will be judged on authenticity and detail. Entries will be posted on Facebook. Once the Library has reopened to the public, we want to display the winners at the Library.

OPL would like you to construct out of Lego bricks a replica of one of the following:

Oregon Public Library, Chana Schoolhouse, Ogle County Courthouse, The Eternal Indian, Oregon Park West or Oregon Dam area.

It can be no taller than 1-2 feet high and no wider than a placement (approximately 12" by 16"). Landscaping and detail is important...the more detail the better.

Your Lego Challenge entry must contain the following, name, age/grade, address, and 3 photos of your creation. The photos should show the progression of your construction from beginning to end. When submitting your entry please list Lego Challenge as the subject of your email. You need to submit your photo entry no later than April 30 via email to oregonlibrary@yahoo.com.

Calling all adults! Adult coloring challenge: until the 30th of April, we will be accepting adult coloring pages for our patron contest. You can mail your colored picture to the Library or email to cbergoply@gmail.com. Have fun! There will be prizes for the best coloring page. Groups 18-20 years of age and 21-30 years of age and 31 and over. Prizes will be announced via Facebook on May 5th. Have fun everyone and stay safe! You may submit as many pages as you want to send, just make sure your name, phone number or email address is clearly stated somewhere in the email or in the mail.

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), 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.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."- Jacqueline Kennedy

Available resources for your stay at home

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

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

Use our WiFi outside of our building by connecting to the Oregon Library Guest Access WiFi network that doesn't need a password.

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

Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding to the 2020 Census. Most homes should have received a paper questionnaire (sometimes known as the census form). Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1. It takes only a few minutes to complete. Online Response – Visit my2020census.gov to begin. Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. Phone Response - English: 844-330-2020 Phone lines are open every day from 7am to 2am Eastern Time. Paper (Mail) Response If you do not receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau, you may respond online or call their phone line.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE

DOG-EARED WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Easter treat
- 4 Wager
- 7 Retain
- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Rowboat need
- 14 Sleeping
- 15 Flow like molasses
- 16 Chum, nowadays
- 17 Actor Brad
- 18 Grassland
- 20 Opening course, often
- 22 Erstwhile garment
- 24 Hitchcock classic
- 28 Spotted insect
- 32 Radiant
- 33 Champing at the bit
- 34 Bathroom fixture
- 36 Yorkshire river
- 37 Narc's measures
- 39 Croquet equipment
- 41 Catch
- 43 Second person
- 44 Related to 5-Down
- 46 Use a Brillo pad
- 50 Ballerina's frill
- 53 Cauldron
- 55 Japanese

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DOWN

- 1 lds' counterparts
- 2 Get bigger
- 3 Middle East strip
- 4 Go up and down
- 5 Listeners

A O L I G G D B Y W T T R P M

K I F D U B E Y W O T U S Q O

M K I F N D B L R H Z X H H W

U S Q O D N L T G D J S O H F

D C A Y E W G I E O I T V T S

Q P N L R O F R K F D I H F E

C B Z Y D G I W G O V D U S R

G O D P O T D O G G O N E Q P

S Y A D G O D I L I H C N L M

L J G O D L L U B I H F E D S

G O D N R O C I T A M G O D C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: A SHARP ANGLE OR BEND

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|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Bulldog | Dog-tired | Dogma | Sled dog |
| Chili dog | Dogfight | Dogmatic | Top dog |
| Corn dog | Dogfish | Dogtrot | Underdog |
| Dog days | Doggone | Hotdog | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4			1				3
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	7	3					1
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7	3			5			4
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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.

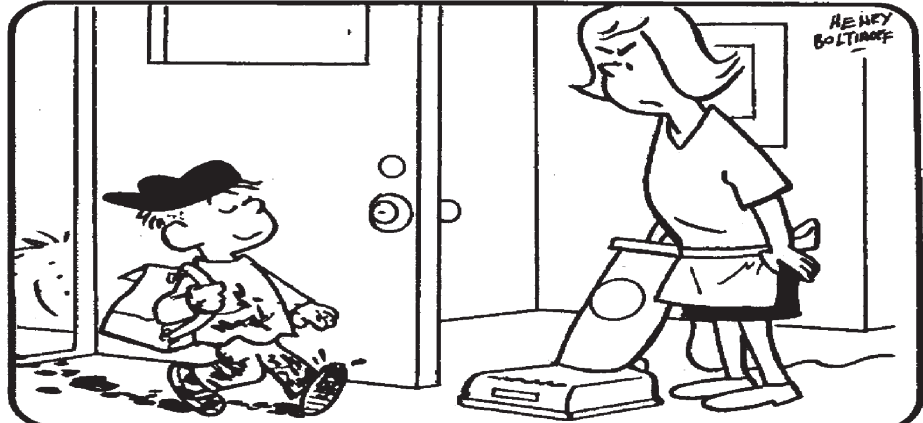
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

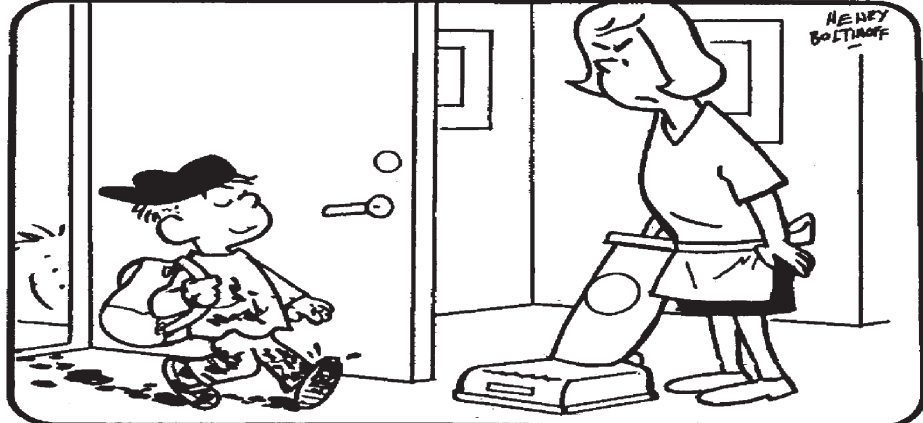
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door knob is different. 2. Door window is missing. 3. Picture is added. 4. Backpack is different. 5. Cord is missing. 6. Woman's hair is different.

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO YOU CALL CRAZY CHICKENS?

CLEANS	___	LANES	CLEARs	___	LASER
SUNSET	___	NESTs	COLLAR	___	CORAL
PRICED	___	PRIED	SAMUEL	___	SALEM
KNEADS	___	DEANS	SCRIPT	___	STRIP
ADORED	___	DARED	SKATER	___	RATES
ONside	___	SNIDE	LOSSES	___	SOLES

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

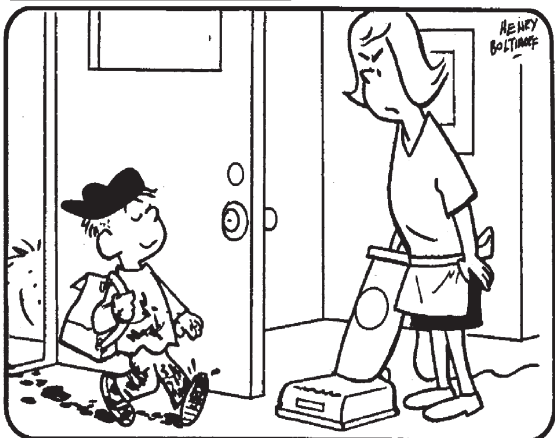
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Beverage container | ___ A ___ | Shiny lip application | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Hank or Burr | A ___ | Snoopy's foe | B ___ |
| 3. Right in the middle | ___ E ___ | Horse's gait | ___ A ___ |
| 4. Ledge | ___ ___ F | Seashore discovery | ___ ___ L |
| 5. Country | ___ A ___ | Fancy idea | ___ O ___ |
| 6. Cloak and | ___ G ___ | Peril | ___ N ___ |
| 7. Join the traffic flow | M ___ | The very edge | V ___ |
| 8. Path finder | ___ ___ U | F. ___ Fitzgerald | ___ ___ T |
| 9. Red gem | ___ ___ T | "Maverick" actor | ___ ___ R |
| 10. Meat grade | ___ ___ M | Lion's group | ___ ___ D |

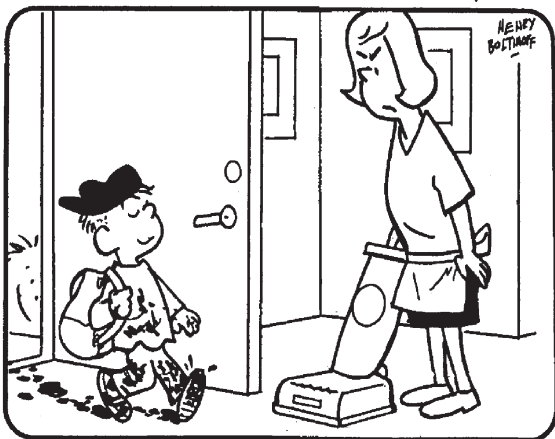
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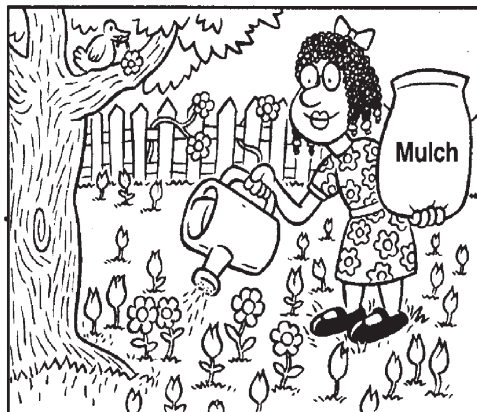


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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

How many flowers are pictured in Mary's garden? (Count them with a friend and see if you both get the same total.)

A BETCHA PUZZLE! Place six ice-cream sticks on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them so that each stick touches all the other sticks!

SECRET: The solution is pictured to the right.



END OF MONTH STUMPER! At right is a word square. Find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

1	2	3	4	5	A
2					P
3					R
4					I
5	A	P	R	I	L

- A serious narrative work.
- What they do to tires.
- Found in a theater.
- Native of New Zealand
- A rainy month (APRIL, in place).

Answers: 1. Drama. 2. Recap. 3. Actor. 4. Maori. 5. April.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

- SUN _ _ _ _ _
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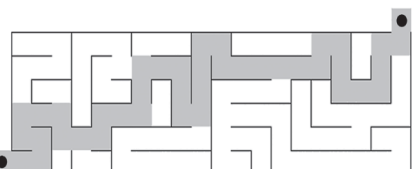
A SUNDAY SPELLING BEE!

Let's see if you can make your vocabulary grow by spelling these six "SUN" words correctly. Hints to the meaning of each word are given below.

DEFINITIONS:

- Gave evidence against (gangster slang).
- Type of disposition.
- Cool and sweet.
- It's useless at night.
- Miscellaneous items.
- A neck protector.

- Answers:
- Sung
 - Sunny
 - Sundae
 - Sundial
 - Sundries
 - Sunbonnet



Kids' Maze Solution

- Glass, Gloss
- Aaron, Baron
- Center, Center
- Shell, Shell
- Nation, Notion
- Dagger, Danger
- Merge, Verge
- Scout, Scott
- Garnet, Garner
- Prime, Pride

Even Exchange

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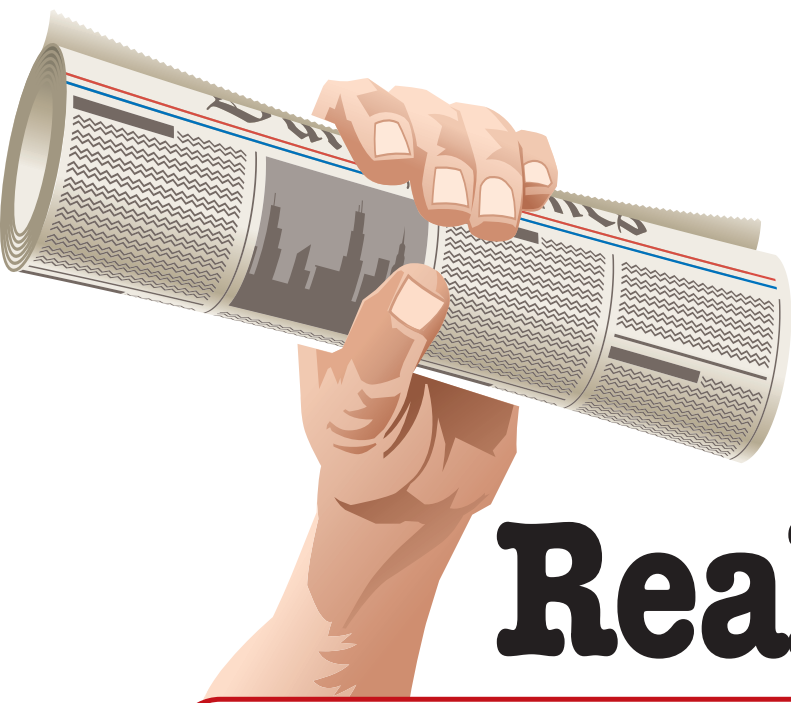
Answer

CLEANS	C	LANES	C	CLEARs	C	LOSSES	S
SUNSET	U	NESTs	U	COLLAR	L	SKATER	K
PRICED	C	PRIED	C	SAMUEL	U	SCRIPT	C
KNEADS	K	DEANS	K	CORAL	L	SALEM	U
ADORED	O	DARED	O	STRIP	C	SKATER	K
ONside	O	SNIDE	O	SALEM	U	STRIP	C

Kids' Maze



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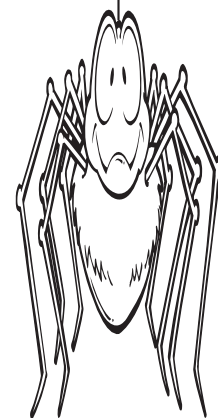
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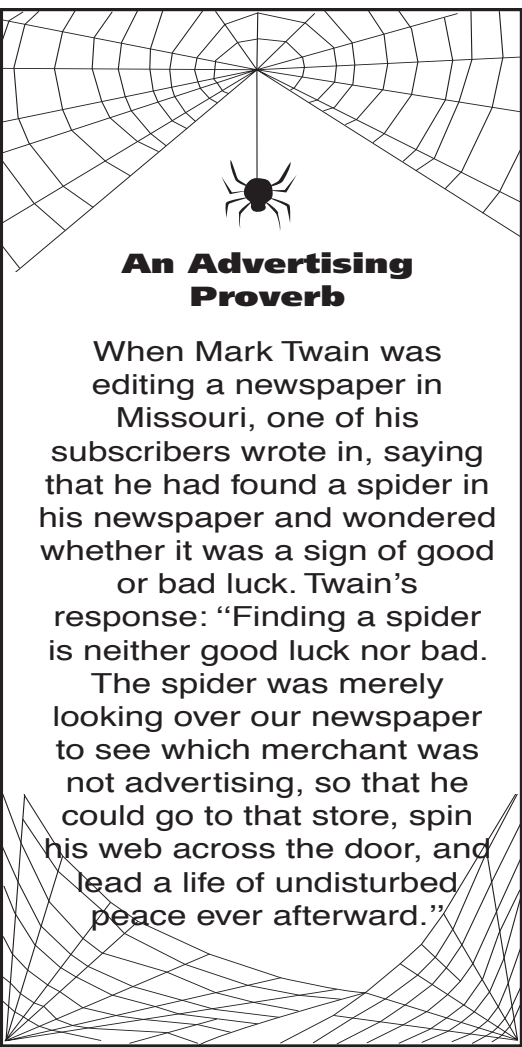
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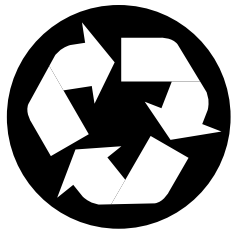


An Advertising Proverb

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

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. May 8, 2020 for:
1. 20-06139-00-WR Thorpe & Klondike Reconstruction.
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
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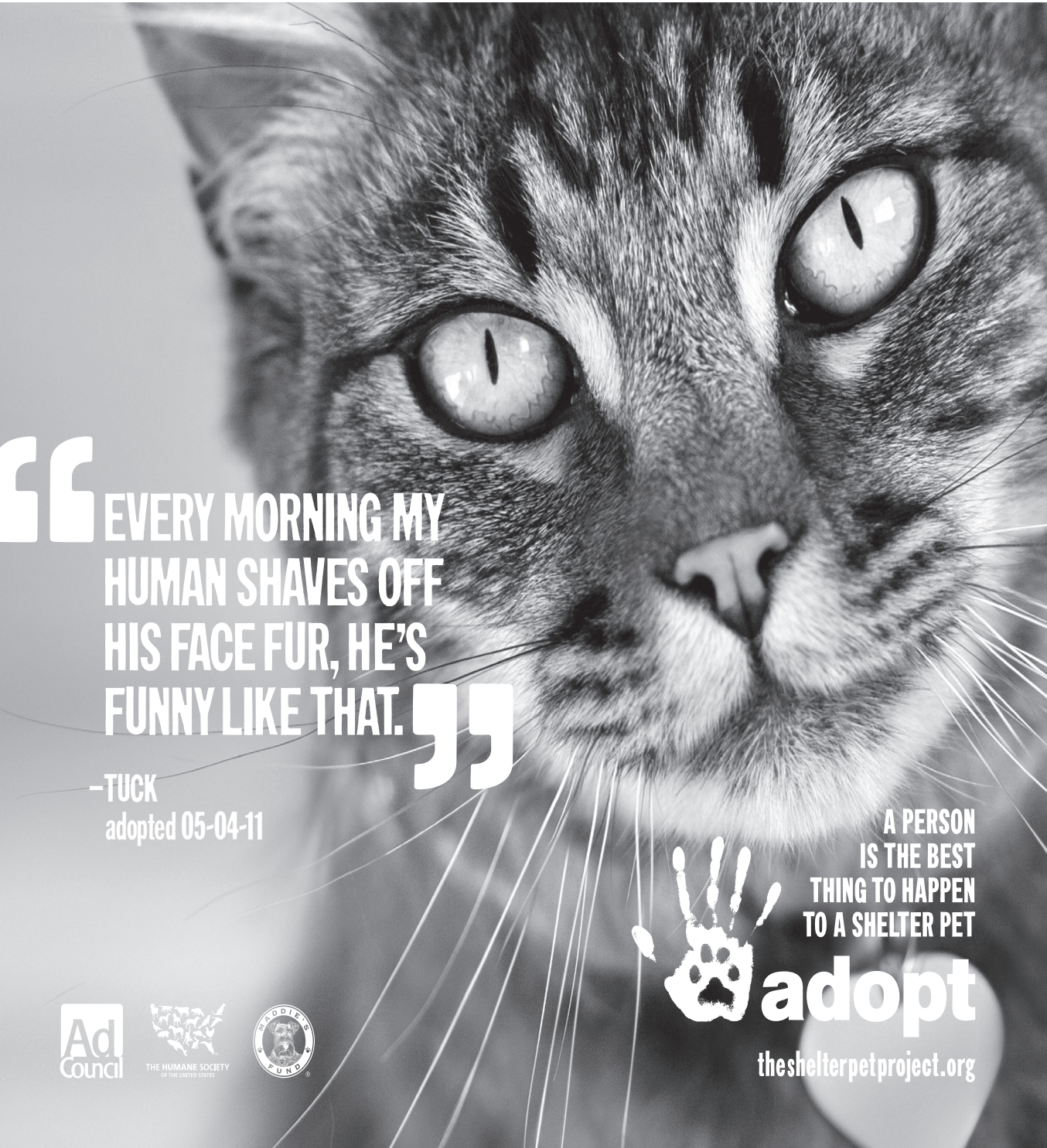
Interested individuals should apply online at www.byron226.org
Under the 'About Us' tab
In the Employment Opportunities Section

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For the 2020-2021 School Year:
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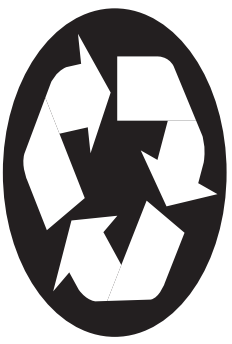
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