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# Keeping busy at home

## Area residents share ways they are keeping active

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

There is no doubt that this is a unique time for everyone. Daily life has been altered in a way that is unprecedented, and people are working to find a new "normal" during days spent at home or at a much-altered place of work.

People are coping with this in different ways, of course. Some are spending quality time with family, while others are doing what they can to help others.

We reached out on Facebook to people in Ogle County to hear how they are doing. Here are some of the responses we received.

**Matt Keller, Stillman Valley**

Keller said he is at home every day with his five children while his wife, an essential worker, is putting in extra hours.

"Four of my five are in school," he said. "Younger ones (7, 5) are doing 3-4 hours a day of e-learning, reading, drawing, puzzles, and whatever else I can think of. Outdoor play as weather permits. Chores and some screen time when I need a break from them."

He also has two kids in high school. He said they are doing their homework and spending a lot of time in their rooms.

"Keeping in touch with friends through social media and online gaming. My 14-year-old has discovered biking as a way to get out of the house and burn some energy."

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Darrell Reber sent this photo of more than 80 vehicles doing a parade by the home of a child for his birthday.

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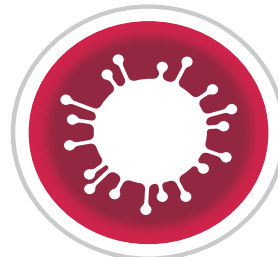
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General Manager of the Ogle County Life

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David and Katie Sheely of Leaf River have been working and keeping their kids (right top) busy during this shelter at home period. They have been doing school work, projects and even making cinamon rolls.

Pamela Highbarger Lindsley, below, has spent much of her time making masks. Since March 20th she has made 374 and donated them to nursing homes and hospitals.



# HOME: Working, taking care of kids

From page 1

“My 2-year-old is my biggest challenge. He’s very busy!”

### Pamela Highbarger Lindsley

“Since March 20th, I have made 375 masks,” she said, posting a picture of herself wearing one of those masks. “I have donated over half, to nursing home’s, hospitals, hospice. Friends and family also. I have donated to California, Minnesota, Arizona, Missouri and New York.”

### Darrell Reber

He has kept busy by participating in a few car parades for kids birthdays.

“This where some of us car people cruise past the individual’s home who’s birthday it is to help them celebrate their birthday. Plus, it gives us a chance to get out a little bit.”

They had more than 80 vehicles for one boy’s birthday, including firetrucks from Stillman and Byron.

### Sandy Nealon, Mount Morris

“At home with both my kids,” she said. “One is old enough to do for herself. We mostly go out front and run our RC cars. Best money ever spent.”

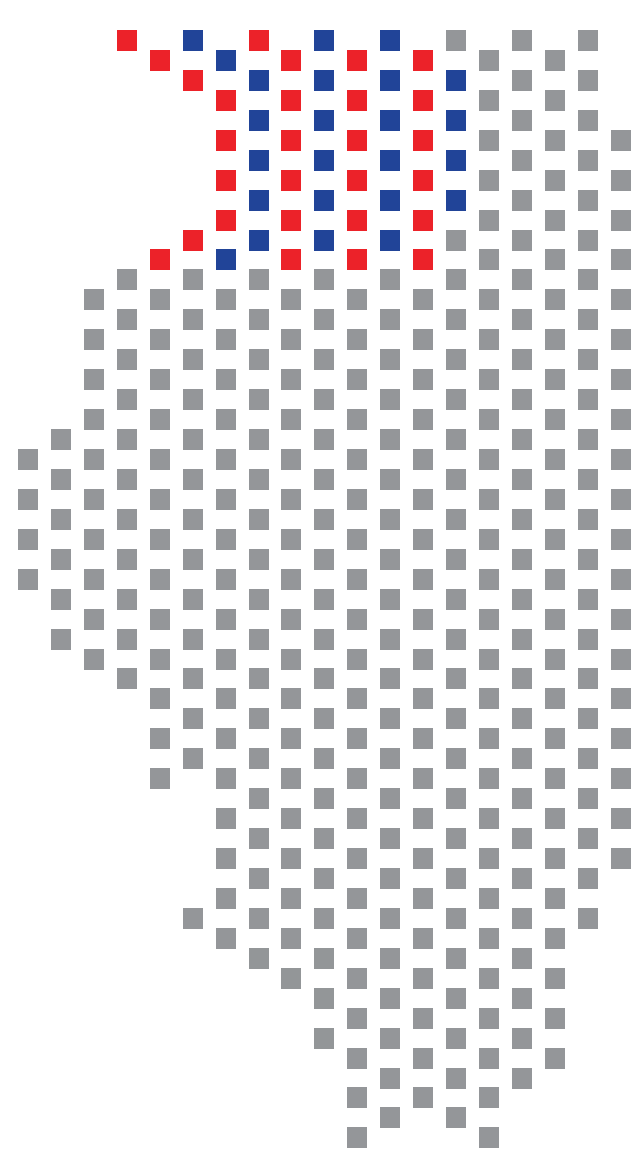
### Katie and David Sheely, Leaf River

Katie Sheely said the science teacher, Mr. Groom of Forreston, had their kids make a water filter and COVID-19 lists.

The family is spending time doing schoolwork, reading and even took the time to make cinnamon rolls. Mom Katie is still working 3rd shift at Pinecrest Community, and dad David is still working at the John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour.



“I enjoy taking sunset pics from my home!” – Marian Strang, Stillman Valley



# Kids at home? Count them. Take the Census.

details at [nwilcounts.org](http://nwilcounts.org)

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#815counts  
2020 CENSUS



# County now has 29 COVID-19 cases

Ogle County has identified one more positive case of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

One individual is in their 50s for a total of 29 positive cases in Ogle County as of Thursday. Further details about the individual will not be released to protect the privacy of the individual and their family. The individual and their close contacts are being monitored by the Ogle County Health Department.

This case reinforces the importance of actions the public can take to protect themselves and prevent

the spread in the community. The Healthcare partners in Ogle County are working closely with IDPH, the CDC, and regional partners to monitor, respond, and help limit the spread of the disease.

Unless it is an emergency, we advise individuals who think they may have COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone diagnosed or under evaluation for possible exposure, to stay home and call their healthcare provider for further direction. (Close contact means having been within 6

feet of that person for an extended time or being exposed to their cough or sneeze.) Do not go to the emergency room, a walk-in clinic, health department, or to your doctor's office. Call ahead and follow your healthcare provider's instructions. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough (or other cold or flu-like symptoms), difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath.

What The Public Can Do:

\* **STAY CALM:** You are not alone in this, your community is

here to support you. Talk to your friends and family and let them know if you are having concerns.

\* **STAY APART:** Keep at least 6 feet away from others.

\* **STAY PUT:** Stay home! In an effort to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 disease, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued an order for Illinois residents to remain in their homes starting Saturday, March 21. This state-wide order means residents will only be able to leave the house for basic needs, including visiting the doctor or buying

groceries, medicine, gasoline or similar supplies.

For more information about coronavirus (COVID-19), and the latest updates and guidance please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or for local resources visit <https://coronavirus-response-ogle.hub.arcgis.com/>

For general questions about COVID-19, call the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)

## Life parent company offers advertising match

ROCHELLE – News Media, Inc. newspapers, the parent company of the Ogle County Life, has established \$100,000 in matching advertising credits to help local businesses get back to full strength by subsidizing local marketing efforts through matching advertising dollars.

“We know businesses and workers here are hurting,” said Mike Feltes, Life general manager. “We’re hurting, too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this. Here at the Ogle County Life, we want to do everything we can to help everyone get through the pandemic and get back to work. With these matching advertising credits, we can help local businesses tell their story as they rebuild.”

Businesses operating in the Life’s market can apply for matching advertising credits up to \$10,000 today at <https://oglecountylife.com/communitymarketinggrant/>. Applicants will receive a response to their

application within one to two business days.

The matching advertising credits are open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus whether or not they are current Ogle County Life advertisers. The matching advertising credits can be used for local print and online advertising in the Ogle County Life and on [www.oglecountylife.com](http://www.oglecountylife.com) between April 15 and June 30, 2020.

“Community journalism is only as strong as the community it serves,” Feltes said. “As a family owned business operating for almost 45 years, we know the only way to get through tough times is to stand with our partners, customers and readers. We are proud to offer any assistance we can to locally owned businesses, which are the heartbeat of the community we publish in.”

For more information and to apply, visit <https://oglecountylife.com/communitymarketinggrant/>.

## Items sought for Chana School Museum's annual rummage sale

OREGON – Spring is here, and it’s time to clean out clutter and unused items for the 1883 Chana School Museum’s annual rummage sale.

We are all following the “stay home” order right now because of Covid-19. Get your mind off being stuck at home and focus on the positive idea of making space at your house or apartment by doing the long overdue chore of sorting, organizing, throwing out, and gathering of old unwanted items.

Set aside those collected items that you may not want anymore but would be a treasure to someone else. Start in a bedroom or hall closet and slowly go through your house or apartment separating items that you currently use from those items that don’t fit anymore, are out of date, or just aren’t what you want anymore.

Put items in bags or boxes and store in a corner of a room,

porch, garage, or basement. You will feel so much better cleaning out unwanted items that are taking up space.

We are not able to pick up items right now. The date and location is pending at the moment. We will have our annual fundraiser that brings in usually enough funds to pay the year’s expenses for the Museum. However, with the “stay home” order in place we are on hold like so many businesses, schools, etc.

We ask you to focus on cleaning out at home. If you haven’t worn the item or used the item in 10 years most likely you are storing this item for your children to clean out after you are gone. Do them a favor and downsize now.

Large entertainment centers, large appliances, microwaves, blinds, and a few other items will not be accepted for our sale. Once we have a date, we will announce phone numbers to call

for pick up of large items such as couches, tables, etc. or any other questions that you may have.

We will give you more information about when and where for the sale as soon as we can. Your support in years past have saved the old building, restored the 1883 schoolhouse, and presently maintain the building and programs. The 1883 Chana School is on the National Register of Historical Places Since 2005. It is open to the public by appointment.

The schoolhouse is available for programs, weddings, and special groups.

The school is the location for many school field trips where the children dress in 1800s attire and experience a whole day of education and traditions from that era in Rural Illinois. Thank you for your continued support. Stay home and stay safe!



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## Sinnissippi Centers Services during the Coronavirus outbreak

Sinnissippi Centers is continuing to provide care and offer hope to individuals with a behavioral health concern during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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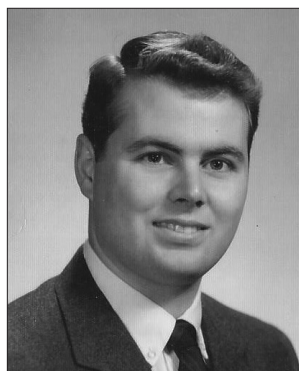
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# Obituaries

## Bruce E. Carby

BYRON— Bruce E. Carby, 77, of Byron, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa, Wis. He was born on October 4, 1942 in Streator, Ill., the son of Esthel and Mildred (Larson) Carby. He graduated from Streator High School in 1960 and received his bachelor's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in 1968. He also received two advanced degrees from Northern Illinois University including a master's in education in 1975 and a master's Certificate of advanced study in 1981. He married Betty Jane Tatman on June 9, 1963 at the First Baptist Church of Streator. They moved to Byron in 1968 and Bruce began his teaching career of 32 years at Byron High School. He taught business and account-



ing classes and also drove a school bus, coached volleyball and bowling and filmed the Byron football team for a number of years. Bruce also had a TV repair business in Byron for many years.

Bruce enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and IPSC competitive pistol shooting. Bruce worshipped and served for many years at the First Baptist Church of Byron, Maywood Evangelical Free Church of Rockford,

and the Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley since 2009.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Carby of Byron, son Terrell (Terri) Carby of Byron, daughter Laura (Rob) Petrie of Rockford, grandson, Aiden Carby of Byron; brothers Marvin (Valerie) Carby and Larry Carby; sisters Elaine Tatman and Nancy LaBee; and many nieces and nephews.

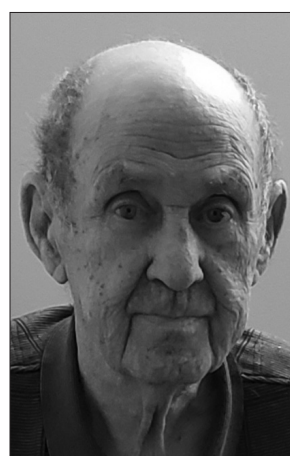
He is predeceased by his parents.

A memorial fund is established for the Red Brick Church building fund in Stillman Valley. A private family graveside service will be held at the Byron Cemetery with Rev. Chris Brauns of the Red Brick Church officiating. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Byron is assisting the family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence.

## Clarence H. Hartsell

OREGON — Clarence H. Hartsell, 89, longtime area resident, died Monday, April 13, 2020 in his home in Oregon. Born Jan. 24, 1931 in Dandridge, Tenn., the son of Raymond and Mary (Riley) Hartsell.

Married to June Kendel Sept. 26, 1956 in Mt. Morris; she died Feb. 12, 1998. Clarence was a 1949 graduate of Mt. Morris High School and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Japan during the Korean War. He was employed as a typesetter at Kable Printing in Mt. Morris for 24 years, then at Combined Communication Services in Oregon and lastly at Alpha-Omega in Mt. Morris before retiring. Clarence was a member



of Oregon VFW Post 8739, a St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed travelling.

Survived by his son David Hartsell of Rochelle; daughters, Debra (James) Tension of Dixon and Robin Hartsell of Lincoln,

Neb.; 13 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; brother, Douglas (Jane) Hartsell of Dandridge, Tenn.; and sister, Sarah Wible of Machesney Park.

Also predeceased by his parents; step-father, John Acatee; daughter, Brenda; son, Paul; and sister, Ruth (Joseph) Hiscox.

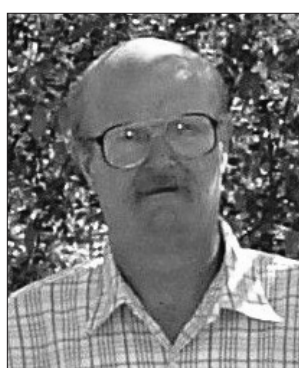
A private family visitation and service will be held. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. A Celebration of Life will take place for Clarence at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

## Edward J. Getzelman

Edward J. "Ed" Getzelman, age 64, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Life Care Center of Gwinnett, Lawrenceville, Ga., after a short illness. He was born Oct. 16, 1955 in Rockford, the son of the late Barbara Getzelman.

He graduated from Byron High School in 1973 where he participated in football and baseball. After graduation, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Japan. He relocated to Lawrenceville, Ga., in 1986 where he spent 25 years working in the digital graphic arts field.

Ed is survived by his brothers, Gregory Getzelman of Roscoe, and James



(Christie) Getzelman of Byron; his aunt, Dolores Millard of Rockford; his cousins, Candace (Michael) Quinn of Loves Park, and Christopher (LouAnn) Millard of Byron; his nieces and nephews, Jeanine (Jon) Kaplan of Rockford, Matthew Getzelman of Cham-

paign, Lauren Getzelman of Milwaukee, Wis., Mallorie Getzelman of Byron, and Nathan Getzelman of Aurora; his great-nieces and great-nephew.

He was predeceased by his mother, Barbara Getzelman; his uncle, Ronald Millard; his sister-in-law, Devonne Getzelman.

The family will remember Ed with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Cremation rites accorded with private interment at Saint Mary Cemetery in Byron. Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to [www.genandtfuneralhome.com](http://www.genandtfuneralhome.com).

## Marie G. Young

STILLMAN VALLEY — Marie G. Young, age 89, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born June 15, 1930 near Stillman Valley the daughter of Frank and Elsie (Friday) Baker.

She attended Stillman Valley Schools. Marie formerly worked for 4th Street Greenhouse in Rockford. She married James Baxter in 1948; he preceded her in death in 1990. She then married Wesley Young in 2010, he preceded her in 2017. Marie was a member of the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the New Milford Methodist Church.



She loved spending time with her family and friends playing cards.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, 3 sisters; Alta Mae Kerr, Marjorie Reints, and Lorraine Strang, and brother Roy Baker.

She is survived by her children Gary (Trudy) Young of Stillman Valley, Steve (Mary) Young of

Madison, Wis., and numerous grandchildren, 2 sisters Dorothy Kittleson of Rockford and Lorretta Holtman of Franklin Grove, and many nieces and nephews.

Private funeral service will be held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with the Pastor Jaci McNeil from Faith Wesleyan Church in Rockford and Pastor Casey Fiut from New Milford Methodist Church co-officiating. Private burial will be at the Big Mound Cemetery near Davis Junction. A memorial fund is established in Marie's name. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Marie.

## Kenneth Sieberns

Kenneth Eugene Sieberns, 87, a longtime area resident, died after a long struggle with lymphoma on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at The Meadows in Franklin Grove. Kenneth was born, Sept. 14, 1932, in Harmon, to John and Dora (Jacobs) Sieberns.

In 1950, he married Ila Mae Roger and together they raised their two daughters Susan and Sharon. On March 18, they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. After farming most of his life, Ken and Ila Mae changed careers and next owned and operated the supper clubs "Ken's 1890 Club" and the "Dead End Inn", as well as the restaur-



rants at Lost Nation Golf Club and Oregon Country Club. After retiring from the restaurant business, Ken started a third career as the Food Supervisor at the Dixon Correctional Facility where he retired. Ken was particularly known for his smile and a story as he was a friend to all who met him.

He is survived by his wife Ila Mae; two daughters, Susan (Hilo) Hanson, Sharon (Brent) Stanford; two grandchildren, Sean (Justin) Stanford, Maddi (Jonah) Buckels; his brother, Elmer Sieberns and sister Charlene Smith.

Kenneth was preceded in his parents. A celebration of life for Ken will take place later as soon as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

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# Celebrating 40 years Byron Forest Preserve District



## Byron Forest Preserve District offers guide

BYRON – To celebrate the 40th anniversary of their organization’s founding, the Byron Forest Preserve District has developed its first ever Preserve Guide & Trail Maps for all of the preserve sites and facilities in the District.

The new preserve guide features a road map of District boundaries with the locations of the District’s nine different preserves, golf course and other indoor facilities on the front side with detailed individual preserve maps, trail guides, special preserve features, and other information needed to enjoy the outdoors on the back side.

The free Preserve Guides & Trail Maps will be available for people to pick up starting on Monday, April 20 at 8 a.m. from an outdoor box located in front of the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 North River Road in Byron. The interior of the building is currently still closed due to the Covid-19 virus.

“We had wanted to have a big promotional effort and have the maps available to be distributed to the Byron and Oregon Chambers of Commerce, Byron Public Library, Oregon Public Library, Julia Hull Public Library, Byron Park District, Oregon Park District,

Blackhawk Waterways CVB and our Jarrett Prairie Center and PrairieView Golf Club” said Mark Herman, Superintendent of Education, “but with the Covid-19 shelter in place restrictions, we wanted to get these maps out as soon as possible, so that people can use our preserve trails as a safe place for social distancing exercise and stress relief.”

The new Byron Forest Preserve District Preserve Guides & Trail Map project has been nearly two years in the making. The District partnered with the Ogle County GIS Partnership and they researched the boundaries for over 2,100 acres of preserve land. During the summer of 2019, GIS Technician, Jodi Heitkamp walked nearly 36 miles of Byron Forest Preserve District trails with a GPS device to plot the trails exact locations and distances. This information was then sent to Assistant Superintendent of Education, Janet Dahlberg who spent many hours color coding individual trail routes, adding facility features, amenities, dog walking locations, and descriptions of the individual preserves habitat types, plants and wildlife. The result is a quality fold up pocket map that will

should increase use of some of the Districts lesser known preserve sites for both local residents as well as for tourists and nature enthusiasts from outside of the area.

The next part of the 40th anniversary project is to produce individual trail maps for each preserve site and to put up trail junction directional signs at some complex trail intersections to help hikers and runners better enjoy their outdoor experience.

The Byron Forest Preserve District is located on the rolling hills along the Rock River in northern Ogle County. Established in 1980, the District currently manages more than 2,100 acres of protected land at nine different preserves. The preserve lands include dolomite tallgrass prairies, gravel hill prairies, sand prairies, oak-hickory forests, oak savannas and wetlands.

The mission of the Byron Forest Preserve District is Preservation, Education, and Recreation. The agency is devoted to purchasing, protecting, and managing natural areas, both to increase biodiversity and to conserve the rare plants and animals of our region. For more information visit the Byron Forest Preserve District Facebook page.

## Byron food pantry is still open to serve

BYRON – People Helping People, the food pantry in Byron, remains open during our regular times and is assisting those in need of food, as we normally do all year round.

During this Corona outbreak, we request that anyone in need of food living in our six (Byron, Marion, Rockvale, Monroe, Scott and Leaf River) township service area, to call 872-205-0799 to set up an appointment to receive food. We will have our regular distributions on April 13 and April 27 from 10-11 a.m.

We are located at the southwest corner of the Byron city hall, and emergency help can be provided at any time with a phone call.

## City of Oregon accepting grant applications

OREGON – The City of Oregon will now be accepting applications for Oregon businesses for the CDBG Economic Development Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant.

This is a Federal Grant. For more information on how you can apply please call the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-732-2100. We can also schedule you for a free confidential consultation with experts to help fill out the applications.

## Obituary

### Margaret L. Strite

LEAF RIVER – Margaret L. (Deen) Strite, 69, of Leaf River passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2020 in her home after years of prolonged illnesses. Margaret was born on July 18, 1950 in Sedgewick, Ark., the daughter of Henry and Gay (Maple) Deen.



son, Gas City, Ind.; and Chris Strite, Leaf River. Grandchildren: Tasha, Todd II and Carrie; 6 great grandchildren; brothers: Bill (Cheryl) and Jack (Bobbi) Deen; sisters: Sandy (Phil) Bennett and Betty (Steve) Armbruster; countless extended family members.

She attended Leaf River High School and later achieved her GED at Highland Community College in 1992. Margaret enjoyed spending time with her

family and friends, gardening and birdwatching. Margaret is survived by her children: Rick Schreiber, Riddott, Ill.; Amy (Todd) Strite-Hen-

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents; son: Mike Schreiber; and nephew: Jino Deen. Memorial Service will be scheduled for a future date.

## Scholarship deadline is extended

Deadline to submit complete applications with all supporting attachments has been extended to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15, to the attention of Betty Clementz at the Regional Office of Education, 1001 West 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081.

Due to the pandemic, as well as the closings of schools and of the regional office, the deadline has been extended to be assured that personnel will be in the office on the deadline date to receive faxed copies or hand deliveries of applications.

Scholarships are available to benefit Ogle

County students pursuing a four-year degree. Theodore Schoon established a trust in honor of his parents, Dr. Theodore G. Schoon and Margaret Schoon, who were residents of Forrester. Ogle County students who were recipients in the past year are eligible to apply using the renewal form. Both applications forms may be downloaded from the website of [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org). For questions, contact Betty Clementz at the Regional Office of Education at [bclementz@roe47.org](mailto:bclementz@roe47.org) or Kirk Pearson at US Bank in Freeport at [kirk.pearson@usbank.com](mailto:kirk.pearson@usbank.com).



## BBQ RIB NIGHT

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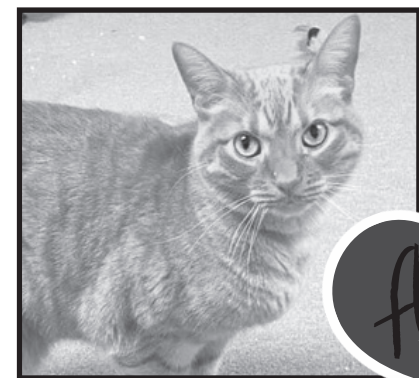




### Delivering Easter cards

The member of the Oregon Woman's Club delivered more than 70 Easter greeting cards to the residents of the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center on S. 10th St. in Oregon. Members prepared the cards at their homes and delivered them to staff at the Center for distribution to the patients. Pictured are Rosemary Underwood (left) and Sandi Chasm.

**Tails** **PET OF THE WEEK**  
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**Woozle**  
 "There's a Woozle in the house!!" I'm hoping I can say that one of these days soon and maybe, with your help, I can. Woozle is my name and I've been having a hard time finding a home because I'm shy at first. But once I feel safe and secure, I'll look for you for some lovin'. One of my charms is that you'll never know just what strange place you'll find me sleeping in. I keep to myself except when there is food involved. A shake of that box and I'll come a runnin'! If your lap is warm and cozy, I might just curl up for a snooze and some cuddles! I'd prefer a calm home without rambunctious animals or wild youngsters. Please make an appointment to meet me ASAP! All you need to do is email [info@tailshumanesociety.org](mailto:info@tailshumanesociety.org) to ask for a time.

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# Home Improvement

## Tree services can protect property

Cold weather can take its toll on a property, especially in regions of the world where winters are harsh. Most parts of the landscape are vulnerable to damage from winter storms, but trees may be especially susceptible. By the end of winter, many homeowners wonder if their trees would benefit from some professional TLC.

Tree services provide a host of services. While fall is a popular time to remove trees from a property, doing so in spring is not unheard of, especially if trees were affected by winter storms and now pose a threat to a home and the people who live inside it.

Homeowners considering tree services can explore the following ways that some professional arbor attention can protect them and their homes.

- Tree services can help protect a home's foundation. Old trees that stretch well into the sky can be

captivating, but they also can pose a threat to a home's foundation. Such trees may have especially large root zones that may extend beneath walkways and even a home. In the latter instance, foundations may crack as roots try to stake their claim to the ground beneath a home. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, homeowners pay an average of just over \$4,000 to repair foundation issues, though major problems can cost considerably more than that. A professional tree service can remove aging trees that might be beautiful and awe-inspiring but still pose a threat to a home and the areas surrounding it.

- Tree services can improve visibility. Trees that have aged a bit since their last trimming might affect the view of a property from inside a home. Overgrown branches can compromise residents' ability to see and experience the natural

beauty just outside their windows. The average homeowner may be able to trim short trees on his or her own, but if views from the second floor of a home or higher have been compromised, it's much safer to call a professional tree service. Such services have the right tools and experienced personnel necessary to safely trim high branches on tall trees.

- Tree services can help prevent future damage. Even if trees made it through a recent winter unscathed, that's no guarantee next winter or even the coming seasons of spring, summer and fall won't ultimately prove their undoing. Travelers Insurance notes that weather-related roof damage, including damage resulting from falling limbs and branches weighed down by snow during the winter months, accounted for more than half of all Travelers property loss claims between 2009 and 2016.



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# Home Improvement



## There are many reasons to hire an interior designer

How many times have you sat on the sofa pouring over a home magazine wishing your rooms could be ripped from its pages? Some people are gifted with a natural talent to impart a space with perfectly balanced colors and schemes that fit with one's lifestyle and design preferences. Others are not as equipped. But that doesn't mean design has to suffer. An interior designer with knowledge and resources who's in your corner can make all the difference.

Many people are hesitant to bring in professional designers because of cost. But contrary to popular belief, working with an interior decorator is not something reserved for the rich and famous. Designers actually can save homeowners money in

the long run. A good designer will choose the right amount of high-quality elements that will be durable and timeless. This means less money will ultimately be spent on replacing cheap materials or redesigning rooms that have gone out of style.

According to the design experts at Homepolish, utilizing a designer to transform a space can create rooms that are more in tune and balanced with homeowners' needs — helping to improve mood and functionality. That can extend to other areas of a person's life and well-being. Putting the task of designing a home's interior in someone else's hands frees up time to focus on other projects as well.

Designers can look at a space with a careful eye and

not be influenced by items that have sentimental attachment. He or she can help decide if anything should be repurposed or removed. Plus, an interior designer can help homeowners stay on budget.

Designers also can serve as liaisons for clients who have difficulty communicating with builders and architects. Designers are trained to think about things that homeowners tend to overlook, such as placement of lighting, outlets and room flow. He or she also likely has contacts within the industry that can be utilized, saving even more time and money.

A good designer can be worth the investment. The end results will be an interior that homeowners will be proud to call home.

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## Did you know?

Investing in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and floors

can take three to six months. But if ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two. The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the average home renovation taking between four and eight months. Homeowners need to consider time when planning their home projects.





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# Home Improvement



## Quick, simple ways to make front door pop

Visitors' impressions of a home are often dictated by the home's entryway. Just as one may judge a book by its cover, the same can be said about the impression that a front door and entryway can create, regardless of how accurate that impression is.

Making certain changes to an entryway can go a long way toward improving curb appeal. Entryways also can set the scene for a home's interior. Whether one chooses to be classic or bold, modern or traditional, there are various ways to quickly transform a home's entryway.

- **Bold front door color:** Color can dramatically enhance an entryway. Painting an existing door or replacing it with a more vivid option can do the trick. The DIY Network says certain colors stand out as favorites. These include turquoise, yellow, red, indigo, orange, and black. The door color should complement the other shades of the home, such as those on siding and trim.
- **Custom walkway:** Guide guests right to the front door with an attractive (and safe) walkway. Stamped concrete or decorative paver blocks may fit the bill. This walkway can extend to the street or to the driveway.
- **Contain plants.** Landscaping around the entryway should be neat and well-tended. Overgrown plants or shrubbery may give off an air of neglect. Container plants and carefully curated shrubs can create a neat and inviting aura.
- **Highlight the address.** Make sure the home can be found easily with bold and decorative house numbers. Consider two different address signs: one illuminated and easily viewed from the curb, and another closer to the front door.
- **Utilize high-end materials.** The relatively small area of real estate by the front door enables homeowners to splurge on more opulent materials that can really add a feeling of luxury. These can include colorful tiles, ornate planters, decorative wooden doors, or elaborate knobs and lighting fixtures.



## Time to replace old wiring?

Old homes can be charming and contain architectural elements not often seen in many modern housing developments. But what older homes may have in design appeal, they may lack in updated features.

While cosmetic changes are not necessarily difficult, one area of concern in historic homes — and sometimes even in houses built 40 or 50 years ago — is archaic wiring. Wiring provides power to every room of the home. In today's electronics-driven society, electricity that works is an essential component of daily life. Over time, wiring can be compromised through simple aging, pest

infiltration, weather, or other conditions. Deteriorated wiring can present a shock hazard and also a serious fire hazard, warn the home renovation experts at The Spruce. Furthermore, the home improvement site This Old House advises that the amperage of old wiring may not be able to meet the needs of the devices used in homes — overpowering the circuits. This can cause breaker blow-outs and other problems, such as overheated wires that may spark and cause fires from within the wall.

Wiring often falls into the "out of sight, out of mind" category. Homeowners may make allowances for inadequate electrical systems, such as running extension cords or using multiplug connectors to increase their wiring capacity. However, they may not be diligently keeping on top of upgrades needed to stay safe. Confirming that a home's electrical system is safe is a necessary part of home maintenance.

For those who haven't already done so, schedule an inspection with a licensed

electrician to go over the home's wiring. He or she can determine if any areas pose a safety risk and/or do not conform to local code requirements and the National Electrical Code. Failure to meet code can lead to difficulty obtaining permits to make other home renovations, or difficulty selling a home later on.

The electrician can also go over improvements that can improve safety and function. Additional outlets, including GFCI outlets in kitchens and bathrooms, may be part of the plan, as well as rewiring a fuse box or circuit panel to allow for better flow of power around the house. Frayed wiring or underinsulated wiring also may need to be replaced.

Owners of old homes should recognize possible electrical system dangers that require attention. Plus, considering electrical codes change quite frequently, it is always in a homeowner's best interest to work with a qualified electrician to keep wiring inspected and up to date.

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# Local pastor running help food banks

Matthew Rosebrock is pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood



LINDENWOOD – Pastor Matthew Rosebrock will be running 19 solo miles of social “distancing” to raise funds for local food banks. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood, where Rosebrock serves as pastor, has provided a food bank for Ogle County residents for 10 years and it remains open as an essential service. Volunteers have followed proper protocols of changing their distribution strategy for the safety of both patrons and volunteers.

However, Immanuel’s food bank, like many others, are facing challenges in the future to keep operating at full capacity. The initial goal of \$1,000 for Immanuel’s food bank was met within 24 hours. This means that any future giving will go to other food bank services in the area. Rosebrock will begin his run on Sunday, May 3 at 1 p.m. (weather permitting) from the old Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon (where he resides) making his way almost completely

on open country roads and finishing with a short loop around Lindenwood. Along the way, he will provide a live track of his progress and photos. For updates, visit Immanuel Lutheran’s Facebook Page or website: [www.immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://www.immanuel-lindenwood.org). For contributions go to the GoFundMe Page: [www.gofundme.com/f/19-miles-of-social-distancing](http://www.gofundme.com/f/19-miles-of-social-distancing) Rosebrock wishes to thank all those who have contributed and plan to do so for this important cause.

# City, Chamber offer help

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Oregon are teaming up to help resident businesses and property owners. Please call the business and community help hotline at 815-732-2100 for a free and confidential consultation with the experts on all of the new loan programs available to you. There are many new programs and

updates. Speak to the experts to help you understand the many options available to you. Please call 815-732-2100 to schedule your virtual consulting session either over the phone or online conferencing. Community members please call the same number if you have any questions. We are here to help.



## Loaves and Fish food pantry remains open

MOUNT MORRIS – The Loaves and Fish Food Pantry in Mt. Morris is open. The pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m., and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. April dates are: April 13 (2-4:30 p.m.), April 16 (4:30-7 p.m.), and April 27 (2-4:30 p.m.). To comply with social distancing guidelines and to protect both pantry clients and volunteers, clients will receive pre-pack boxes of food delivered curbside. 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 815-734-4573 and leave a message.

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# United Way awards grant money to local non-profits

United Way of Rock River Valley (UWRRV) announced last week that it, in collaboration with the 815 Community Response Team, has awarded \$250,000 in the first round of grants from its COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund to 33 non-profit organizations in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties that are responding pragmatically to the needs of individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences.

United Way of Rock River Valley distributed \$250,000 in this first round thanks to a donation from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, a collaboration between The United Way of Illinois, the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations and the Office of Governor JB Pritzker. UWRRV was one of 30 Illinois organizations to receive an allocation from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund.

“We are very pleased to have

been entrusted with the \$250,000 from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund as it reflects on our ability to act quickly on behalf of local social service organizations,” said Paul Logli, president and CEO, United Way of Rock River Valley. “This pandemic is creating a new normal for us, but what is not new is how United Way is able to respond, getting the funds quickly and efficiently to local, non-profit human service organizations that are best able to meet our communities’ greatest needs.”

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 in-

cludes Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Transform Rockford and the Workforce Connection.

Including the \$250,000 allocation from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, United Way of Rock River Valley’s COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund is nearing \$550,000 in donations, including a \$125,000 donation from the Kjellstrom Family Foundation, and is a testament to the trust the public places on United Way to raise and distribute funds effectively and fairly so organizations can continue providing critical services to their clients. The additional funds will allow a second and possibly third round of grant funding for emerging needs.

“One hundred years ago, the organization that would become United Way of Rock River Valley, was established, and their first campaign raised \$92,000 which was \$1 million in today’s dollars,” said

Logli. “That money was raised not only through company donations, but from one dollar, two dollar and five dollar donations from average, hardworking individuals. They showed that small donations make a big difference and that’s true today. We are as grateful for the \$25 donations as we are for the \$25,000 as it has allowed us to make a difference immediately.”

The Ogle County grant recipients are:

- Mount Morris Loaves and Fishes Pantry – \$1,000
- Serenity Hospice – \$2,000
- Rochelle Christian Food Pantry – \$2,000

Additional grants will be awarded on a monthly basis, as funds allow. The next deadline is May 1 and grant applications are available at [unitedwayrrv.org](http://unitedwayrrv.org). In order to be eligible for a grant allocation from the United Way COVID-19 Emerging Needs Fund, nonprofit agencies must:

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## Oregon Police report

4 parking citations issued from 03/30/2020 through 04/05/2020.

General calls for service through dispatch during the week of 03/30/2020 through 04/05/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	9	Citizen Complaints	9
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	5	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Disturbance / Dom Battery	1	Alarm Response	1
911 Hang-up / Open Line	5	Ordinance Violations	1

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Thank you all for your cooperation and we wish all the citizens of Oregon good health and patience through this trying time.

April 6  
At 11 p.m., Oregon Police issued Donald J. Bigham, 63, a citation for smoking in public places. This violation occurred at the Oregon Laundromat, 210 S. 4th Street.

April 8  
At 12:43 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 400 block of N. 3rd Street, resulting in the arrest of Michelle M. Hose, 39, Oregon for domestic battery and resisting a peace officer. Hose was transported to the Ogle County jail.

April 9  
At 6:19 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of N. 3rd Street involving a 2017 Toyota driven by Anna J. Withers, 15, Oregon, and a parked 2004 Chrysler belonging to Alyssa M. Beauchem, 28, Oregon. No citations were issued.

April 12  
At 1:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Samantha R. Norup, 25, Byron, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for resisting a peace officer. Norup was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 6:39 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a car vs building traffic crash just west of the intersection of 2nd and W. Washington Streets where a 2007 Chevrolet driven by Jeffery A. Reber, 37, Oregon, struck the corner of the building located at 201 W. Washington Street. Reber was transported to KSB Hospital and then issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%.

At 8:01 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jo Allen M. Taylor, 46, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 54mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of N. 4th Street.

5 parking citations issued from 04/06/2020 through 04/12/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 04/06/2020 through 04/12/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	8	Citizen Complaints	8
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	2	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	3
Disturbance / Dom Battery	5	911 Hang-up / Open Line	5
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1	Open Door/Window	1
Alarm Response	1	Ordinance Violations	1
Traffic Stops	2		

## Scholarship application deadline extended

STERLING – The scholarship application deadline has been extended from April 1 to May 1 for both the CGH Auxiliary and CGH Health Foundation grants for college education.

There are eight nursing/healthcare scholarships open to the public for the CGH Health Foundation – with one application. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. One requirement is proof of acceptance into your professional school of healthcare study. Residents of the CGH service area are eligible, including individuals living in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Carroll and Bureau counties. Scan completed forms to Foundation Executive Director Joan Hermes at [joan.hermes@cghmc.com](mailto:joan.hermes@cghmc.com) by 5 p.m. Friday, May 1. Call her at 815-625-0400, Ext. 5672, for more information.

There are two separate applications, both of which can be found at [www.cghmc.com/scholarships](http://www.cghmc.com/scholarships).

The CGH Auxiliary awards several \$1,000 scholarships to students who reside in the CGH service area. Students must have been accepted into their professional school of healthcare study and meet the criteria established by the Auxiliary. Last year nine scholarships were awarded. Scan completed forms to Auxiliary Coordinator Deb Keaschall at [debra.keaschall@cghmc.com](mailto:debra.keaschall@cghmc.com) by 5 p.m. Friday, May 1. Call her at 815-625-0400, Ext. 5672, for more information.

## Several Chana Play Day scholarships offered

CHANA – The Chana Play Day Committee has announced competition for several scholarships.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On May 9, 1671, in London, Thomas Blood, an Irish adventurer better known as "Captain Blood," is captured attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. King Charles II was so impressed with Blood's audacity that he made him a member of his court.

\* On May 10, 1749, the 10th and final volume of Henry Fielding's novel "Tom Jones" is printed. The serialized novel told the humorous story of the attempts of the illegitimate but charming Tom Jones to win his neighbor's daughter.

\* On May 7, 1902, Martinique's Mount Pele begins the deadliest volcanic eruption of the 20th century. The city of Saint Pierre was buried and virtually everyone died instantly when a cloud of superheated gas sent an avalanche of boiling ash down the mountain.

\* On May 6, 1937, the airship Hindenburg, the largest dirigible ever built and the pride of Nazi Germany, bursts into flames upon touching its mooring mast in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers and crewmembers.

\* On May 4, 1965, San Francisco Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record. Mays would finish with 660 career home runs, good for third on the all-time list at the time.

\* May 8, 1988, Stella Nickell is convicted of murder by a Seattle jury. She was the first person to be found guilty of violating the Federal Anti-Tampering Act after putting cyanide in Excedrin capsules in an effort to kill her husband. She began planning his death after their 1976 honeymoon.

\* On May 5, 2002, the comic book adaptation of "Spider-Man" becomes the fastest movie ever to earn more than \$100 million at the box office. Its \$39 million opening day bested the previous record of \$32 million, set by "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in 2001.

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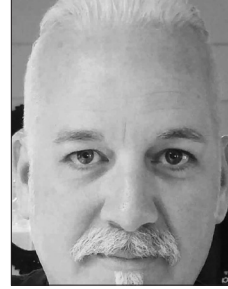
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## Not doing well with my shelter in place goals

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



People across the state knew that starting Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m., they were going to get down to business. OK, maybe they would start the next morning, or on Monday morning, but they were serious.

That is the time the "shelter in place" directive came down from Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker due to COVID-19. Some people complained, but I thought it was a smart idea. You can't fix dead.

Like a lot of people, I thought this would be the perfect time to get something done. Many people have talked about working on a car they are re-building or learning another language or staying home and making masks for people.

These are all grand ideas, so I decided this would be a great time for me to get back into shape. Besides work, I didn't have much on my plate - pun intended - so I had a vision of myself coming out the other end of this looking like an Adonis. Things got off to a rough

start on Monday morning, however, when I realized my lovely wife had purchased Eggos. Now, I haven't had an Eggo in decades, but when you are buying food that for an emergency situation, Eggos make more sense than kale. Needless to say, I stuffed some Eggos down my throat. Yes, they were delicious.

I could recover from this, no problem. The next morning I would just start a challenging workout rou-

time. My plan was to get up, feed the dogs, do some work and then get a little exercise.

So, the next morning I got up, fed the dogs and got on my computer to do some work. I turned on the TV in the background to the History channel. Yes, I missed my workout that morning, but you can't just shut off a marathon of "Ancient Alien" episodes, can you? I mean, this is the History Channel. It's important!

I felt pretty guilty about it at lunch, but it was nothing a few rolled tacos couldn't fix. Seriously, this is comfort food people.

It was not going well. It was not going well at all. I only had a couple of weeks to get myself moving in the right direction. Thankfully, the governor extended shelter in place until the end of the month. Yes! I had more time!

It felt right to celebrate this win with a pizza. And I mean a pizza from a local restaurant. Helping a local business helped dim the

shame of stuffing slices of pizza into my face.

Look, you know how this is going to go. I don't need to give you all of the bloated details. Let's just say that a "Star Wars" movie was on TV recently and when I saw Jabba the Hutt I thought I was looking in a mirror.

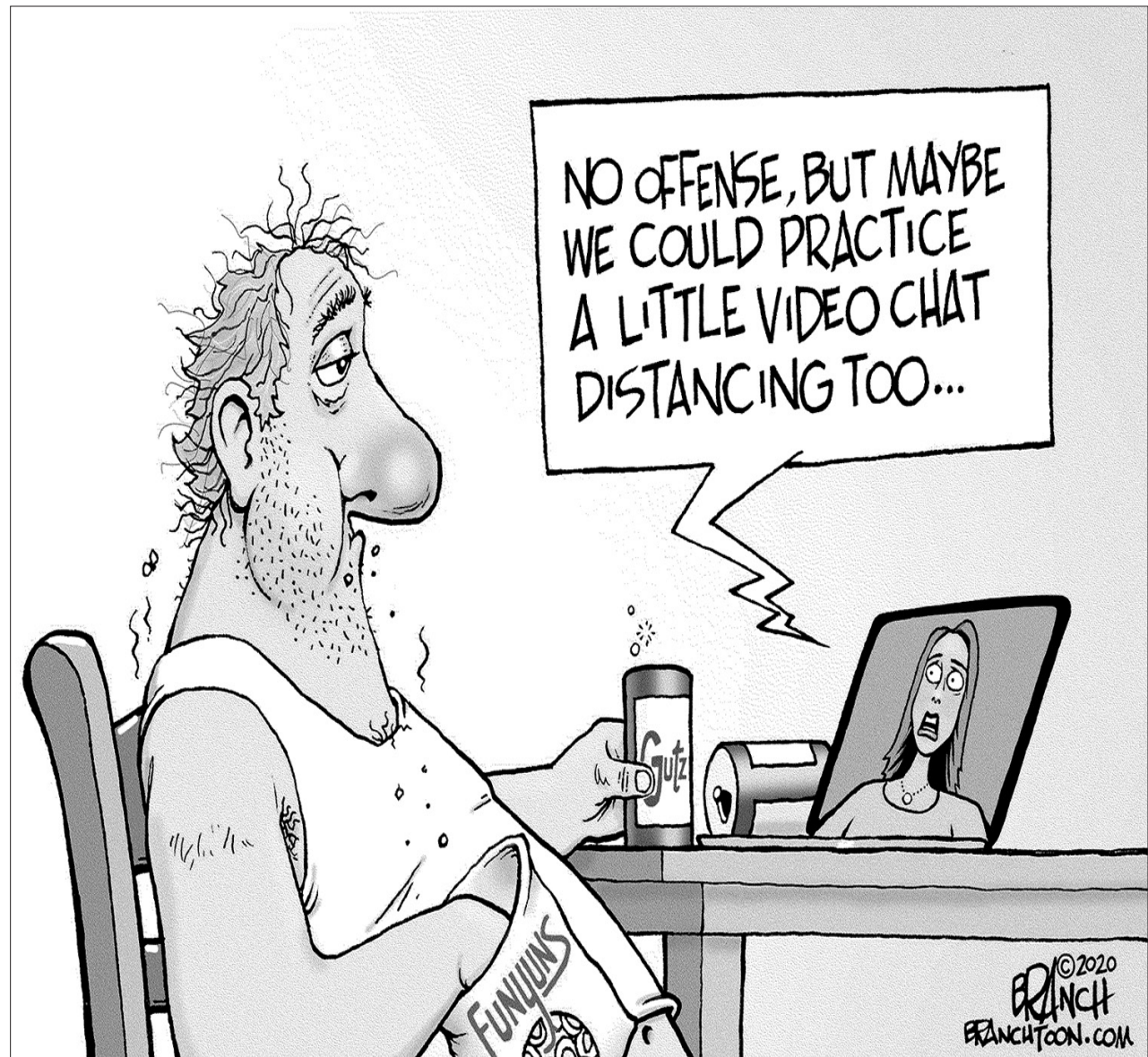
I was so ashamed I had a few scoops of ice cream.

Something has to give soon. I always used to eat a Lean Cuisine for lunch, but recently I couldn't make it to the curb to grab our garbage cans without packing a light lunch. And by light lunch I mean a hoagie sandwich.

My only saving grace at this point is that the governor will extend this lockdown another few weeks. Seriously, if this doesn't end soon, I might not be able to get outside - as in, get through the door.

Man, this is depressing. I need some Chinese food.

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## Ideas to keep us positive during this difficult time

Dear Editor,

As we all do our part to stay at home until the Covid-19 pandemic passes, we are faced with how to keep our sanity.

We are tired and bored with cooking, the usual weekly cleaning chores, reruns on TV, and those loved ones that we are housed up with. Finding something to really entertain us and give us a sense of accomplishment seems to be the goal. Here are a few ideas to help keep our brains and attitudes

on a positive level.

1. Setting a game time several times a week would get the household communicating and laughing. Take turns picking the board game or card game.

2. Take the time to organize and share old photos. This is a great way to learn about ancestors and past events in the family. Stories will evolve from the pictures that you can share.

3. Share a book together. Taking turns reading the book

instead of turning on the TV. Everyone benefits from the process of reading and talking about the story.

4. Take walks in your neighborhood making sure to keep your distance from others. There are so many plants to see coming to life. The birds are also busy building their nests. The fresh air will make everyone rest better. Start with short walks and build up to longer distances. Exercise is very important to good health.

5. Wash your vehicle in your driveway. You will be outside in the fresh air and accomplishing something.

6. Clean your grill and get the outside lawn furniture clean for the warm months ahead.

7. Wash your windows that are easy to reach. The world will look brighter when the winter dirt is off the window.

8. Rearrange the furniture in a room. This change will get your brain solving a

simple problem of placement which will challenge you in a healthy way. Members of the family can help by moving the furniture. Each member of the family could draw how they would like to see the furniture in the room. Then everyone could vote on which model to try.

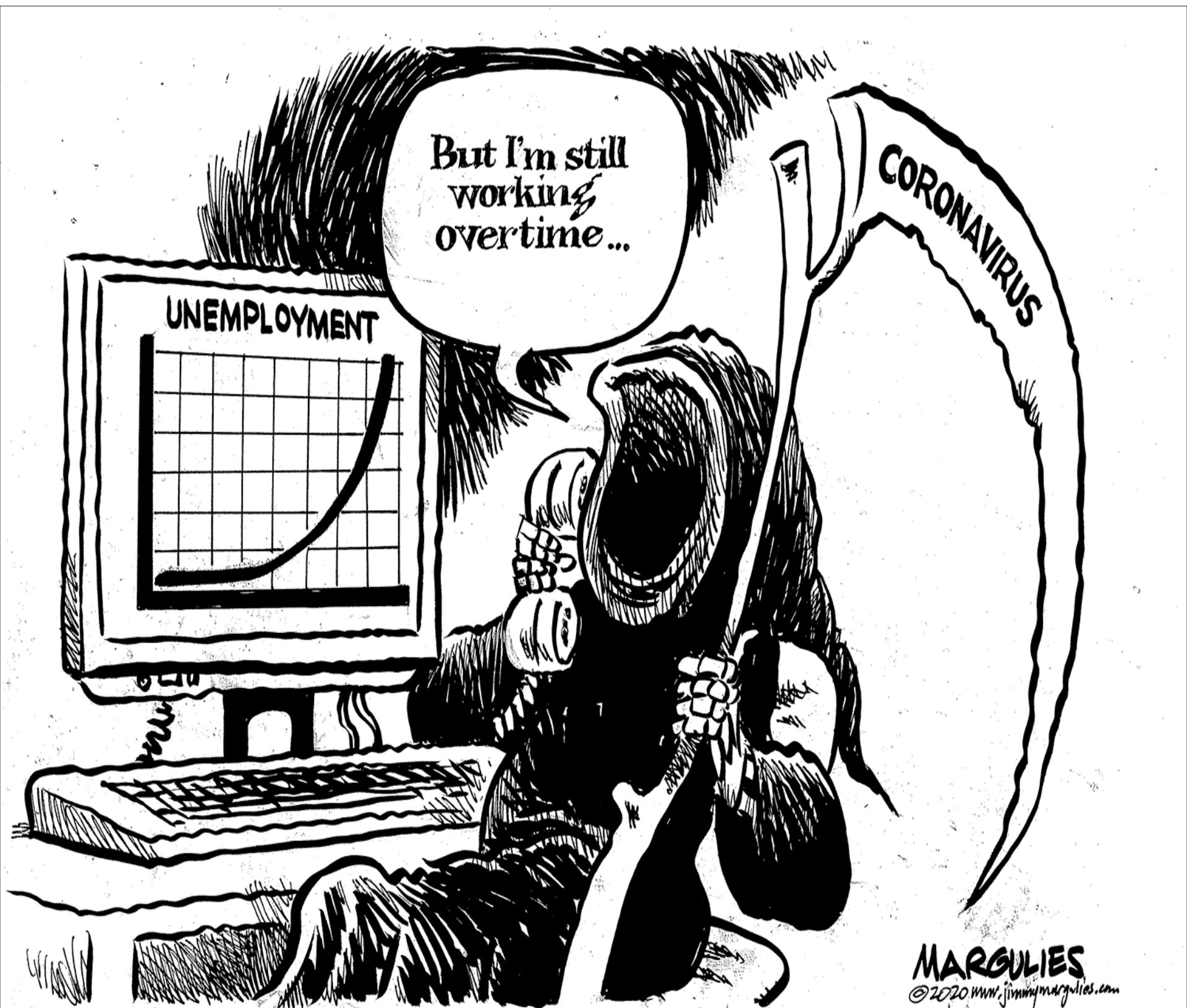
9. Finish those old projects that you started sometime ago that are in the basement, garage, or attic. If you don't want to finish it now, then it may be time to donate it to

some non-for-profit like the Salvation Army.

10. Call distant family and friends. Even better do FaceTime or messenger to see these people for a few minutes. Plan your time together, so you could play a game or make cookies for examples of special moments together.

We all wait for our lives to return to Normal. We are all in this together, so make each day a good experience.

Connie Stauffer, Oregon





# IDHS closes remaining local office lobbies as Covid-19 peaks in Illinois

Last week, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) took another step to protect its staff and residents of Illinois by temporarily closing 11 Family Community Resource Centers (FCRCs) to the public. In ordinary times, IDHS operates 75 FCRCs, the public facing offices individuals and families can use to secure essential nutrition, income and medical supports.

IDHS's principle goal is to ensure that all eligible residents can receive life-sustaining benefits while protecting the safety and health of all staff and customers.

"This is not a decision we make lightly. However, we have to balance the urgent needs of residents facing hunger and poverty with extremely serious public health directives. Even as many IDHS offices close, our State's safety net remains available," said IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou. "Please know that every local office has an urgent call team available to respond right away to emergency cases." (The phone numbers of local urgent call teams are online and posted on the front doors of all FCRC offices.)

Since last month, IDHS has been urging customers to stay home unless absolutely necessary. Foot traffic into local offices has plummeted, while online and telephone applications for food and medical benefits

are skyrocketing, with nearly 30,000 people seeking first-time medical or food benefits each week compared to the usual 10,000 weekly applications.

"The coronavirus crisis calls upon IDHS and all of us to address difficult and unprecedented questions. There are strong competing priorities. It is essential to try to balance the safety of people needing assistance, the workers who serve them, and the general public in the effort to control the spread of the virus. It is also essential to get vital services to people with heightened needs in this difficult time. IDHS's plan for how to address all of these factors appears to strike the right balance. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation closely and contribute to any needed improvements. We commend IDHS for this decisive, but also careful and balanced approach," said John Bouman, President of the Shriver Center.

IDHS continues to encourage all customers to apply for and manage their benefits online at [www.ABE.Illinois.Gov](http://www.ABE.Illinois.Gov) and to call the IDHS Help is Here toll-free line at 1-833-2-FIND-HELP. IDHS will keep both its customers and employees updated as to office reopenings in the weeks ahead.

Since March 29, 14 of Illinois' 75 public facing FCRCs remained open, with a reduced workforce and

a variety of safeguards in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. As of April 14, 11 local offices remained open. Three (in Rockford, Chicago's Englewood neighborhood and in West Suburban Melrose Park) were recently closed out of an abundance of caution following positive COVID-19 tests of staff employed in those offices.

Staff who usually work in the public-facing FCRCs will work remotely to process important benefits, and about 180 ABE (Access to Benefits Electronically) call center agents will be taking calls from customers across the state.

IDHS is also exploring making non-public "back offices" available to IDHS staff who find themselves unable to work from home due to technology limitations – so casework and telephone support can continue to the maximum possible extent.

The department has developed each of its significant local office changes throughout the COVID-19 emergency in strong partnership with AFSCME Council 31, hunger relief and disability rights advocacy organizations across the state.

IDHS continues preparing to broaden and strengthen all of its remote options for consumers - and will use every available resource to ensure that residents of Illinois are not harmed by this temporary reorganization.

# Department on Aging provides \$7 million in meal assistance for older Illinoisans

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is distributing \$7 million across the state to meet the growing demand for meal assistance by older Illinoisans impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

IDoA distributed the funds, provided through Emergency Assistance Services grants, to the state's 46 Care Coordination Units (CCUs) to support meals programming for older Illinoisans at highest risk for malnutrition and hunger.

Last year, more than 85,000 seniors were provided meals at congregate meal sites and an additional 43,000 seniors received meals delivered to their homes.

As a result of temporarily suspending meal service in the 399 congregate din-

ing sites statewide, seniors who previously received meals at these sites are now being included in IDoA's home delivered meal programs. In a one-week period between March 30th and April 3rd, a total of 178,599 meals were home delivered reflecting an average of 35,000 meals per day.

In that same week, a total of 4,907 new referrals for home delivered meals were processed - that's on average close to 1,000 new referrals per day.

"We have been supplying our providers with more dollars to assist them with unmet needs, and we have anticipated that the demand for home delivered meals is going to continue to increase, as we have already seen," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA.

"I would also like to

encourage everyone to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors, and check in to see how they are doing. Find a creative way to communicate with them during this time and monitor their health. As Governor Pritzker said, we are all the first line of protection in our communities." #AllinIllinois

IDoA, our 13 Area Agencies on Aging, and 46 Care Coordination Units are working around the clock to ensure that the services provided – specifically the home delivered meals program that our seniors depend on – will not be interrupted during this ongoing situation. If you or an older family member, friend, or neighbor are in need of any kind of assistance, please know we are here to help you.

# Forreston FFA helps hand out plants at CGH in Sterling

STERLING – CGH Medical Center out of Sterling handed out their staff appreciation gifts on Wednesday, April 15, with the help of Mrs. Parks, Forreston Jr./Sr. High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor).

CGH approached Parks and the Forreston FFA last year to start the planning for this beautiful spring time gift. Parks ordered the 3,400 plants for CGH this summer when she ordered her normal greenhouse order. The plants came arrived in Forreston early February and the students went to work.

During class time the plant science, and horticulture classes learned how to transplant, water, pinch and care for the plants while also filling the needs of their customer.

The unforeseen event of COVID-19 left Forreston FFA and CGH at a loss; but both agreed now more than ever we really needed to thank our medical staff for all they are doing.

So they set up a drive through flower pick up.

Dylan Lewis, the student in charge of the greenhouse under Parks, said, "We had to keep the plants a little longer than expected due to our world condition but we made it work in our greenhouse because we knew these workers really needed our thanks."



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# Spring salad supper event is cancelled

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.

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Believe it or not, there are lots of things you can do to prep your house for a sale without even going to the store.

Your real estate plans don't have to be completely on hold even while we've hit the pause button on other parts of daily life.

Tackling small projects from cleaning the corners you may normally skip to tidying up your yard are easy and necessary wins if you're thinking of listing your house and making a move

### What You Can Do to Get Your House Ready to Sell

<p><b>Clean Beyond the Basics</b></p> <p>Beyond disinfecting all of your high-touch surfaces, it's a great time to buckle down on the tasks you usually avoid doing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean your vents and baseboards</li> <li>Empty and wipe down your bathroom cabinets and drawers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Organize Your Space</b></p> <p>There's no shortage of home organization projects that can yield big results, and the options below won't require a trip to the store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean out and organize your closets</li> <li>Tidy up your entryway and clean your door mats</li> </ul>
<p><b>Freshen Up Your Walls</b></p> <p>Walls may not be the first thing you think of when it comes to home projects, but a few updates can make a big difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Touch up your interior wall paint</li> <li>Swap out any personalized photos and frames</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluate Your Lighting</b></p> <p>Lighting is one of the most important elements in design, and our homes can go from stark and unwelcoming to cozy and warm just by swapping out a few bulbs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace your light bulbs</li> <li>Clean your lamps and shades</li> <li>Wash your curtains and blinds</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dig Into Your Kitchen</b></p> <p>Beyond the regular duties of washing dishes or cleaning out the fridge, the tasks below will help your kitchen look better and function more smoothly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean out and organize your closets</li> <li>Wipe down and declutter your cabinets</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tidy Up Your Yard</b></p> <p>Whether you have a small outdoor balcony or a sprawling yard, here are a few places to start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweep your patio and deck</li> <li>Clean and prep your planters</li> <li>Scrub your outdoor furniture</li> </ul>

**NEW LISTING**

**148 S Hillside Ct Oregon \$162,000**  
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 oversized gutters/downspouts.

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**NEW LISTING**

**xxx Devil's Backbone Rd (10 Acres) Oregon \$94,900**  
Call Carla 815-985-6235

Here's your opportunity to build your dream home on 10 acres - zoned R-1, which allows one hooved animal per acre. This wooded acreage offers privacy with natural surrounding beauty. Buy now, build later. Oregon schools, conveniently located a mile off Ill Rt 2 just South of Oregon.

**NEW LISTING**

**2345 N German Church Rd Oregon \$325,000**  
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**NEW LISTING**

**600 N Sauk Trail Oregon \$29,900**  
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One of the last remaining buildable lots in Blackhawk Trail Estates - Waterfront park access. Buy now and build later. Bring your own builder. Private well and private septic required. \$200 Annual HOA fee allows you to utilize an 8 acre private park, private pavilion and boat launch for subdivision residents. Rockvale township. Irregular sized lot. Sizes are approximate.

**NEW PRICE**

**3982 W West Grove Rd Leaf River \$217,500**  
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Better than new! You'll love this sprawling ranch on an acre in the county! This home has been refurbished top to bottom including all mechanicals! Nice open floor plan with solid oak flooring throughout. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace on main floor, Huge kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counter tops, Formal dining room, 3 bedrooms on the main level with the master offering a huge master bath with whirlpool tub and separate shower. Main floor laundry, Walk out lower level, loads of room to finish off for future expansion of bedrooms, rec room and bathroom. Woodburner heating and gas forced air furnace. Covered deck and fenced yard. Oversized 4 car garage with concrete drive. All this and more conveniently located just off of Rt 72.



# Oregon to be part of Be The Light event

The Oregon High School athletic department along with many of its fellow schools in the Big Northern Conference will be participating in the nationwide #Be-TheLight movement this Friday evening, April 17.

At exactly 8:20 PM (20:20 military time), the stadium lights of Landers-Loomis Field (as well as other fields in the Big Northern) will be turned on for exactly 20 minutes. "Be The Light" is an initiative to support student-athletes who have had their season taken from them because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our hope is that our lights shining in the dark can be a beacon for our community representing not only hope but the idea that we are all in this together.

Our Oregon High School athletes spent countless hours preparing for their spring seasons and they are understandably hurt — especially the seniors who may see their final year of high school athletics come to an end. As a whole, athletics are an important part of the high school experience, treasured by students who will remember them as some of the best parts of their time in school.

We believe it is important that our community recognizes this and continues to move forward to support these students.

Students, families and community members are welcome to drive by Landers-Loomis Field on Hawk Drive during this time to view the light. All persons should remain in their vehicles at all times and maintain appropriate social distancing norms.

# Ogle Jolly



Members of the Ogle Jolly 4-H club participated in the annual Penny Carnival held on March 7 at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon. The theme this year was "Build your future with 4-H." The club had a career Jenga game that participants could play to win prizes.

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)  
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### ISA SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR BOARD SEATS

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) seeks qualified candidates to fill a board seat representing District 1 (Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson & Winnebago Counties). Paul Rasmussen, current director, will term off the board in July 2020. The Illinois Department of Agriculture directs the election process.

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) represents the interests of more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois through the state soybean checkoff and membership efforts. ISB, which is one of the entities of the ISA organization, manages and invests Illinois soybean checkoff funds.

Board members serve a term of three years and are eligible for up to two terms. The ISA board is comprised of 18 district directors and six at-large directors.

Eligibility to serve requires candidates be Illinois residents of legal voting age that contribute to the soybean checkoff. Candidates must also be residents within the district and maintain eligibility during their term(s). Directors may need to devote about 24 days per year, depending on level of leadership and representation needs.

Petitions are available through the Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield, or by contacting ISA representative Dustin Scott at 309-808-3603 or [scottdd@ilsosy.org](mailto:scottdd@ilsosy.org). Contact Scott with questions or for additional information.

To have your name placed on the ballot, petitions must be completed and filed with the Illinois Department of Agriculture director in Springfield no later than 5 p.m., May 15, 2020. A candidate's petition must carry the signatures of at least 250 of the qualified producers from the district where the candidate seeks office, or five percent, whichever is less. Any person running as a write-in candidate must also meet the eligibility requirements and submit a Declaration of Intent to the IDOA Acting Director Jerry Costello no later than 5 p.m., June 30, 2020.  
Elections will be held July 7, 2020.

# Olivia Kerr Named to Dean's List at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, Ga. – Olivia Kerr of Stillman Valley, made the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

One of the nation's leading research universities, the Georgia Institute of Technology is in the business of Creating the Next - the next idea, the next technology, and the next legion of agile minds well equipped to imagine and engineer our future. More than 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled, and Georgia Tech is ranked among the nation's top five public universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.





Caylen Kirchner, a Forreston 1st grader, enjoys the pig feed sack she made as part of an Ag in the Classroom program through U of I Extension.

## Forreston first graders learn all about how pigs are raised

FORRESTON – First grade students at Forreston learned how and why pigs are raised.

A month ago, we weren't talking about a possible shortage of pork products. It's not because the farms have stopped raising pigs rather a shortage of workers. It takes a lot of people at the facilities that harvest the livestock and package it for grocery stores and restaurants, Covid-19 has made working in a place with large numbers of people problematic. At some locations there are rapidly spreading cases of Covid-19, and at other locations workers are just not showing up because they are afraid. This causes an oversupply of market animals due to plant shutdowns while we may have emptier shelves with no way to make the connection between them. However, farmers are still taking care of animals and crops hoping things return to normal soon. They want to provide consumers with plenty of healthy foods.

Forreston 1st graders did watch a 5 minute DVD called, "The Amazing Pig." Class discussion involved how hog production has changed over the years. Pigs were known for being dirty animals because they wallowed in the mud. Today, most farmers keep their animals in a building that is temperature controlled so that the pigs don't get too cold or too hot because pigs can't sweat.

Farmers used to feed their pigs slop, a mixture of leftovers from the farmhouse. Today, farmers feed their animals a balanced mixture of corn, soybeans, vitamins, and minerals. They also have a constant

supply of water available to them. The students had previously learned about corn so they were reminded of corn and were able to learn more about soybeans. In order to remember the balanced diet that pigs are fed, students made pig feed sacks. Students put food items that represented the pig's diet into snack size bags. Their feed sacks included: Corn Pops for corn, roasted edamame for soybeans, sunflower seeds for healthy fats., and M&M's were vitamins. While waiting their turn to make a feed sack, students completed a pig search, a word search that included terms they had learned such as piglet, boar, and sow.

Students also learned many meat products as well as by-products come from pigs. These by-products are then turned into things we use daily like glue, crayons, butons, and insulin.

Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Students learn that thousands of farm products are in the world around them – on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191.

## Webinar offers best practices for disabilities in workforce development

Workforce development programs are now more equally accessible to disabled and non-disabled persons as society has continued to increase accessibility in various aspects.

The Americans with Disability Act tools and practices are used by organizations, institutions, and government agencies to maintain and improve accessibility.

Sherry Sparks, workforce development unit manager from the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), will provide best practices for inclusion of persons with disabilities in workforce programming as part of University of Illinois Extension's Local Government Education webinar series. Disabilities in Workforce Development Programming will be offered free online at noon, April 23. Register prior to the webinar; <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22180>

The DRS is the state's lead agency serving persons with disabilities. Staff

work one-on-one with individuals and their families to empower them to reach their employment, education, and independent living goals.

"Staff work closely with state, regional and local employers and partner agencies to connect employers and qualified employees together," said Nancy Ouedraogo, Extension community and economic development specialist, "allowing people with disabilities find and maintain quality employment that pays a living wage and offers opportunities for advancement."

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Nancy Ouedraogo at [esarey@illinois.edu](mailto:esarey@illinois.edu) at least 48 hours in advance.

About the speaker: Sherry Sparks currently serves as the Workforce Development Unit Manager for the Division of Rehabilitation Services. She

pre offices of DRS and was also a vocational rehabilitation counselor. She has previously worked for the Illinois Department of Employment Services as a program and service representative. Sparks also served as Director of Community and Continuing Education for John Wood Community College and was the promotions/development director for the Quincy Family YMCA and associate director of the United Way of Adams County.

She received a bachelor degree in journalism and public relations from Indiana State University, Terre Haute and master's degree in rehabilitation services and administration from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She is a 4-H alumna and served as a volunteer 4-H leader for nine years. She held leadership roles in Home and Community Education in Paloma. She has received the Maggie Thomas Communications Award and Character Development Award from the YMCA of the USA.

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 200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

## Mental Health

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## Moving Up Higher

with

# Joyce Meyer



## The strategy to gain freedom from deception

Deception is a dangerous problem, and something Jesus warned us about in the Bible. In Matthew 24:4, He said, “Be careful that on one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error]” (AMP). There are other places in Scripture where we’re warned to watch out and be alert because we have an enemy who is trying to deceive us.

When you’re deceived, you believe a lie. This is dangerous because when you believe a lie, even though it’s not true, it becomes your reality.

I used to believe I would always have a second-rate life because my father had sexually abused me throughout my childhood and I was “damaged goods.” This lie made me insecure, bitter, hard to get along with, and absolutely miserable.

But when I discovered the truth in God’s Word, that He would heal my soul and pay me back for the shame of my youth, I had hope that I could move forward in His plans and purposes for my life. I began growing in my relationship with Jesus, learning how to trust Him to restore my mind and emotions—my heart—and how to live according to the wisdom in His Word.

### Breaking Free from the Lies That Tormented My Soul

A major key to overcoming the wrong mindsets I’d lived with for many years, I had to obey His command to walk in love and forgive everyone who had hurt me. Luke 6:27-28 says, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (NIV). And Romans 12:21 urges us to “not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.”

I realize that choosing forgiveness is one of the most difficult things God asks us to do, especially if we believe that whoever hurt us is in the wrong and doesn’t deserve to be forgiven. But staying mad won’t help you either; the truth is it actually causes you more hurt and misery if you refuse to get past the offense.

I remember the day I was praying for God to show me someone I could help and He spoke to my heart about my parents. At the time, they were older and needed help with the activities of their daily life. I felt that God wanted me to move them close to where my husband, Dave, and I lived and take care of them until they died.

At first, I resisted this idea because there was nothing in me that wanted to see them, much less spend money on them and meet their needs. But I told Dave what I was thinking, and he said if God was telling me to do this, we should do it. It wasn’t what I wanted to hear, but he was right, so we moved them into a house near us and took care of them until they died.

This was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done, but I can honestly say now that it is one of the greatest decisions I’ve ever made. God honored my obedience and gave me the grace to do the right thing, and before he passed away, my dad asked me to forgive him and he accepted Christ as his Savior.

The reward of forgiveness has far outweighed the pain I lived with for so many years. It has literally changed my life. And I firmly believe it was one of the hardest punches I could ever throw at the enemy!

### Choose the Truth

Whatever your challenge may be today—the pain of an injustice, fear of the unknown, sickness, a broken relationship, or any other hardship—I want to encourage you to trust God and focus on the truth of His Word. Remember that He loves you unconditionally, and He is always with you. He is on your side as you go through the difficulties you face and He has your best interest at heart at all times. God is close to you when you’re hurting the most, and He will fight your battles as you trust and obey Him.

Spend some time studying scriptures that will help you overcome any lies that have kept you from the peace and joy God wants you to have through your life in Christ. Scriptures like Psalm 34:18 and 147:3, Romans 8:1-2 and 37-39, Romans 12:1-2 and 21, and John 10:10 are good places to start.

Also, our team at Joyce Meyer Ministries is here for you, to pray for you and encourage you during the difficult, painful seasons of your life. You can contact us online at [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org). Remember that we love you, and most importantly, God loves you. That’s the most amazing truth of all!

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# Polo Library News

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.

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

You are still be able to use Axis 360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for e-resources (books, au-

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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.

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

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!

## Parking Lot WiFi

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

## Check out our eBooks!

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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!

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 Forrestville Valley schools reopen. All programs/activities are cancelled and all due dates have been extended. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

## eBooks/WiFi

Even though the library is closed, you may still enjoy eBooks through Axis 360. If you would like more information on creating an account, please message us on our Facebook page or email forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com and we'll help you get set up. You may also access the internet outside the library by connecting to our WiFi. No password is required.

## Facebook

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

# Julia Hull Library News

## Library Closed

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

## FREE Digital Materials

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## Virtual Programming

We may not be at the library, but we're still trying to engage with our patrons at a distance. From book clubs, to craft programs, to hands-on learning, visit us on Facebook and Instagram for video tutorials and links to access to online programming.

## Need to Get In Touch?

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



*Since we couldn't meet in person, some of Julia Hull Library's regular adult book club attendees gathered via Zoom to discuss Malcolm Gladwell's provocative new book, Talking To Strangers. Next up? A phenomenal work of fiction, Phantoms, by Christian Kiefer. Copies available for download through Axis 360. And if we can't meet in person, we'll gather again by Zoom. Always the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.*





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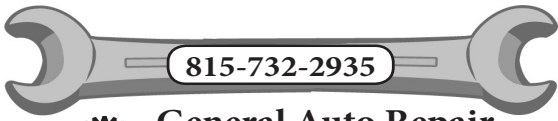

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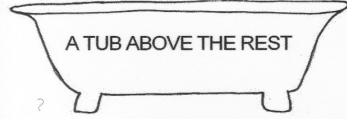
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Don't forget... you can get new reading material in audio book and E-book form on the Axis 360 app or Biblioboard. Find links at our website: [www.bertoletmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.bertoletmemoriallibrary.org)

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Email: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net) Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Spelious  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am  
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:  
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am  
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am  
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am  
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

## CHANA

### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

## DAVIS JUNCTION

### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

## FORRESTON

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### FORRESTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## LEAF RIVER

### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## LINDENWOOD

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

## KINGS

### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

## MOUNT MORRIS

### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## OREGON

### CROSSWALK MINISTRIES

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

### Ebenezer Reformed Church

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

### EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

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

### FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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

### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • [riverstoneccc.com](http://riverstoneccc.com)  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • [www.st-mary-parish.com](http://www.st-mary-parish.com) • Fr. Joseph P. Nail • Office Phone: 815-732-7383  
Office Fax: 815-732-4742  
**Masses:** Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pincrest

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointment  
**Baptisms:** by appointment, **Wedding Arrangements:** 6 months in advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

## POLO

### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## STILLMAN VALLEY

### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

## WINNEBAGO

### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Byron 815-234-5626	Oregon 815-732-7956	<i>Your Local, Independent Community Bank Since 1882</i>
Rochelle 815-562-7071	Rockford 815-332-8100	
Roscoe/Rockton 815-623-1800	Stillman Valley 815-645-2266	
		



311 W. Washington St.  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Ph: 815-732-2156  
Fax: 815-732-6154



# Oregon Library News

## Did you know?

In December 1908, the new Carnegie library in Oregon was ready to be occupied. The books and pamphlets were all dusted and packed into boxes by the librarian, then slid down the long flight of stairs at the First National Bank building, placed on wheelbarrows and wheeled over to the new building. The library was not closed during the move and books were given out as usual all but one evening. On December 12, 1908, books were circulated from the new building for the first time. (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.

## National Library Week – April 19-25

The theme for National Library Week, "Find your place at the library," was chosen months ago before the emergence of a global pandemic. While most libraries have closed their physical spaces in the interest of community health and safety, Oregon Public Library is open for business online, providing virtual services and digital content our community needs now more than ever. We have expanded our access to ebooks, movies, music, video games, virtual storytimes and activities, and so much more – all from the the comfort of your home.

This year during National Library Week, let's celebrate by showing our appreciation for the many innovative ways libraries, librarians and library workers are continuing to serve their communities during a time of crisis. Post a picture to our National Library Week Facebook Event Page of how you are participating with us; either by virtual book club, using our ebooks (through Axis 360 or our New online catalog OMNI), virtual storytimes, virtual adult programs or any of our activities.

You just might win something for best picture! We miss all of you and look forward to when we are back in the building to serve you.

## Reading plus w/Mrs. Himert – Wednesday, April 22

Join Mrs. Himert, a retired reading specialist, via video for a story she had planned to share during her library program. The video will be posted by noon on Wednesday.

## Books on Tap club

Books On Tap Book Club which would typically meet at Cork N Tap on April 23 at 6 p.m., will now meet via Zoom. Please visit our Facebook Event page for the link to join our discussion via Zoom. The book for this discussion is *This Life Is In Your Hands* by Melissa Coleman.

## 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.

## Goodreads

"Anybody else miss having the libraries open? Are you

**Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2020**

Libraries are communities where all are welcome—no matter your age, interests, or background, the library is a space where you belong. You can explore new passions and discover who you are through your library's varied array of free materials, programs, and services.

**Visit your library today!**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Video story time

While the Library is closed, we will try and post a Video Story Time to our Facebook page every Thursday. It could be just stories and suggested activities or maybe some off-site guests. So check out the Oregon Public Library Facebook page.

## 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

## 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!

## 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/>

## 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/](http://oregonpubliclibrary.com/online-resources/)

TumbleBookLibrary ([www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://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](http://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

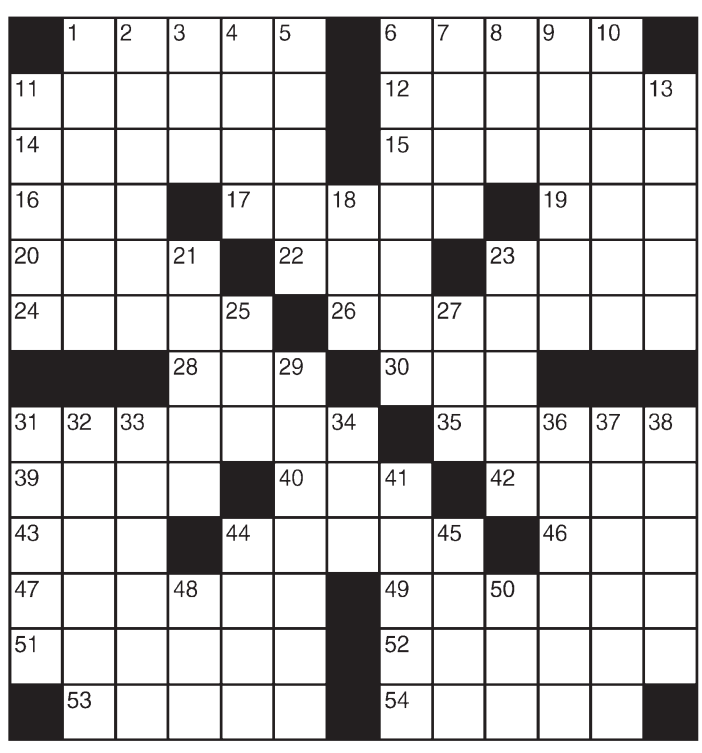
## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE

## SEAWORTHY WORDS

### ACROSS

- 1 Resided
- 6 Things
- 11 Demosthenes or Cicero
- 12 Cancel out
- 14 Ubiquitous fastener
- 15 Early spring bloom
- 16 Feedbag tidbit
- 17 — the manger
- 19 Owns
- 20 Press
- 22 Ballet step
- 23 — song (cheaply)
- 24 Force measures
- 26 Decorum
- 28 Quite some time



- 30 Actor Stephen
- 53 Stationery brand
- 9 He-men
- 33 Neighbor of Georgia
- 31 Went sour
- 54 Is inclined (to)
- 10 George Washington portraitist
- 34 Female deer
- 35 Contents of some trays
- 11 Egg-shaped
- 36 Risk
- 39 Responsibility
- 12 Cheerless
- 13 English composition
- 37 Cheers up
- 40 Court
- 2 "The Compleat Angler" author
- 18 Leg, slangily
- 38 Some lilies
- 42 Story
- 3 And so on (Abbr.)
- 21 Must have
- 41 Lash — (berate)
- 43 Donkey
- 4 Angler's neighbor
- 23 Banquet
- 44 Comic strip possum
- 46 Sudden turn
- 4 Tennyson title
- 25 Scale member
- 45 Nap
- 47 Traditional usage
- 5 Cavalry unit
- 48 Body art, for short
- 49 Love apple
- 6 Canine's neighbor
- 29 Cronkite, Rather, et al.
- 50 Calendar abbr.
- 51 Medical prioritization
- 7 Sea bird
- 31 Work together
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- 8 Id counterpart
- 32 Doubtful

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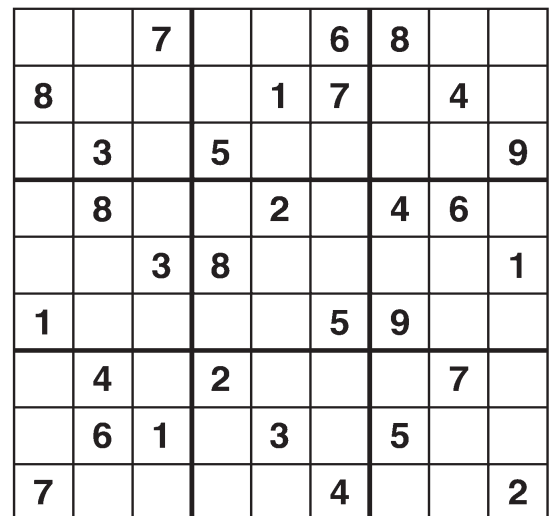
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: FISH WITH HORSE-LIKE HEAD

- Black Sea
- Sea anchor
- Sea captain
- Sea slug
- Coral Sea
- Sea bag
- Sea devil
- Seabird
- Dead Sea
- Sea bass
- Sea gull
- Undersea
- Red Sea
- Sea bottom
- Sea level

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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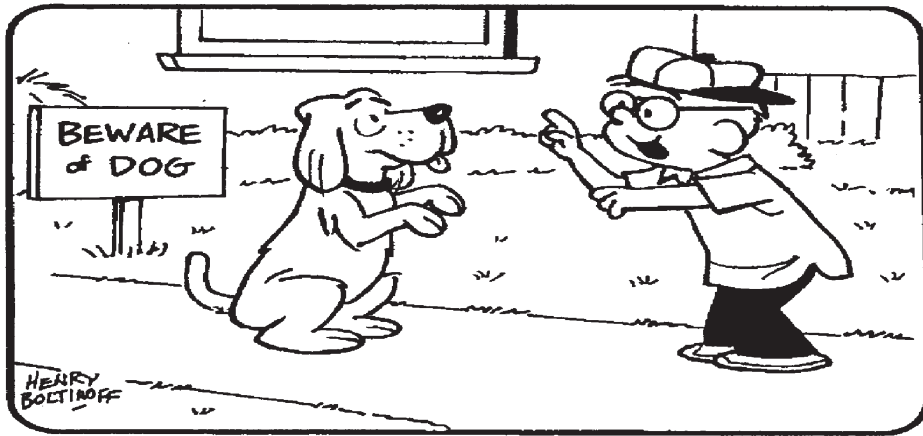
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

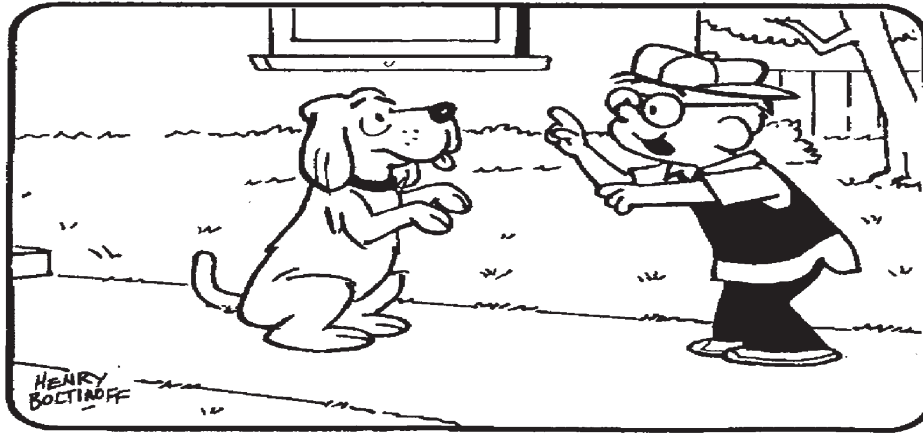
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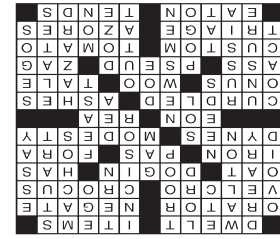
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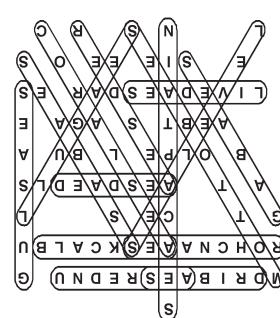
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Step is added. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Tree is added. 5. Vest is added. 6. Hat is different.



Solution time: 24 mins.  
Answers



### SEAWORTHY WORDS

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

Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU



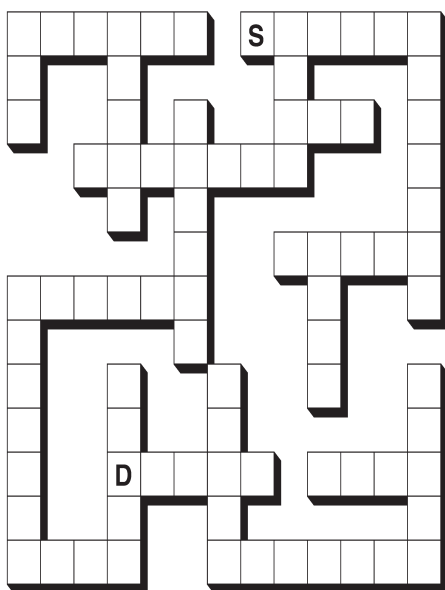
# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS - "AY" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters  
AYE  
HAY
- 4 Letters  
AWAY  
BAYS  
GRAY  
TRAY
- 5 Letters  
DELAY  
ESSAY  
MAYOR  
OKAYS  
RAYON  
TODAY
- 6 Letters  
AIRWAY  
HURRAY  
PAPAYA  
STAYED
- 7 Letters  
DAY CARE  
HOLIDAY  
PLAYING  
SOMEDAY



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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

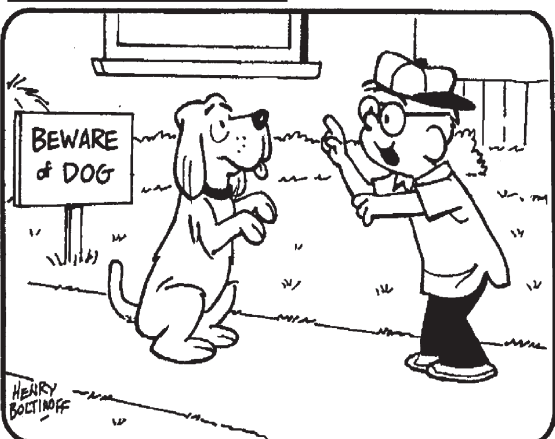
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                      |               |                    |               |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Eat up hungrily   | _____ R _____ | Pious              | _____ T       |
| 2. Ohio tire town    | _____ K _____ | Chef's garment     | _____ P _____ |
| 3. Bella or Gigi     | _____ L _____ | Computer device    | _____ M       |
| 4. Guitar maker      | _____ S _____ | Long-armed ape     | _____ B _____ |
| 5. Bracelet bauble   | _____ M _____ | Graph              | _____ T       |
| 6. Noisy crow        | _____ P _____ | Bart's baby sister | _____ G _____ |
| 7. Third place medal | _____ Z _____ | Emily or Charlotte | _____ T _____ |
| 8. Postage sticker   | _____ T _____ | Gator's quagmire   | _____ W _____ |
| 9. Pounding tool     | _____ M _____ | Laundry container  | _____ P _____ |
| 10. Fuzzy fruit      | _____ E _____ | Steam an egg       | _____ O _____ |

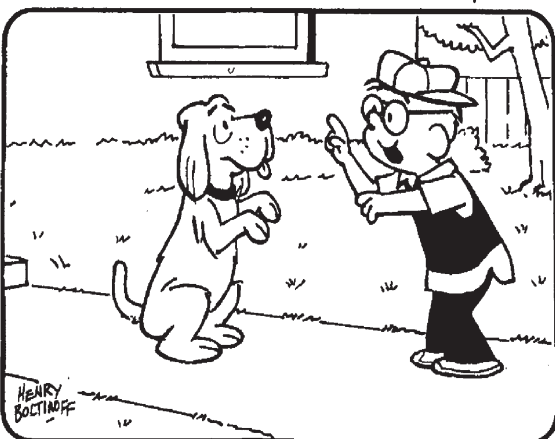
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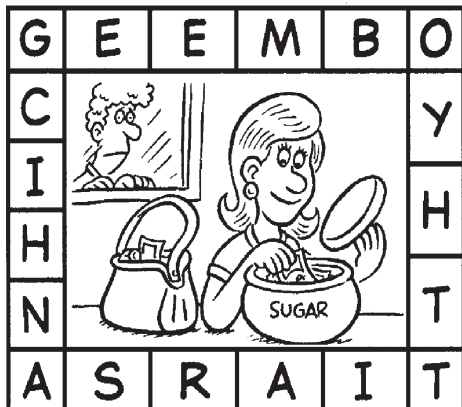
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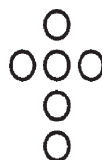
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**HIDDEN** in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "C" on the left, "Charity begins at home."

**LOOSE CHANGE!** Challenge your friends to move one of these coins to a new position so that there will be four coins along each arm of the cross. **SECRET:** Pick up the bottom coin of the cross and place it ON TOP of the middle coin.



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Answers: First row: 12, 15, 18, 5. Second row: 17, 6, 11, 16. Third row: 7, 20, 13, 10. Fourth row: 14, 9, 8, 19.

	6	11	
	20	13	

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

## A SECRETARY PUZZLE!

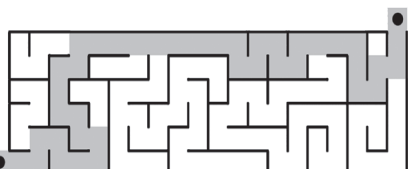


Illustrated by David Coulson

Let's celebrate Secretaries Day, April 21, with a neat little word problem. Starting with the word **SECRETARY** at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following hints are from the bottom up:

1. A record keeper (**SECRETARY**).
2. Goes back over.
3. Found on the moon.
4. Hardest to find.
5. A type of flower.
6. To satisfy fully.
7. An aromatic beverage.
8. In or near a location.
9. Top grade.

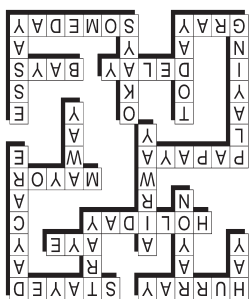
Answers: 1. Secretary 2. Retraces 3. Craters 4. Rarest 5. Aster 6. Sale 7. Tea 8. At 9. A



Kids' Maze Solution

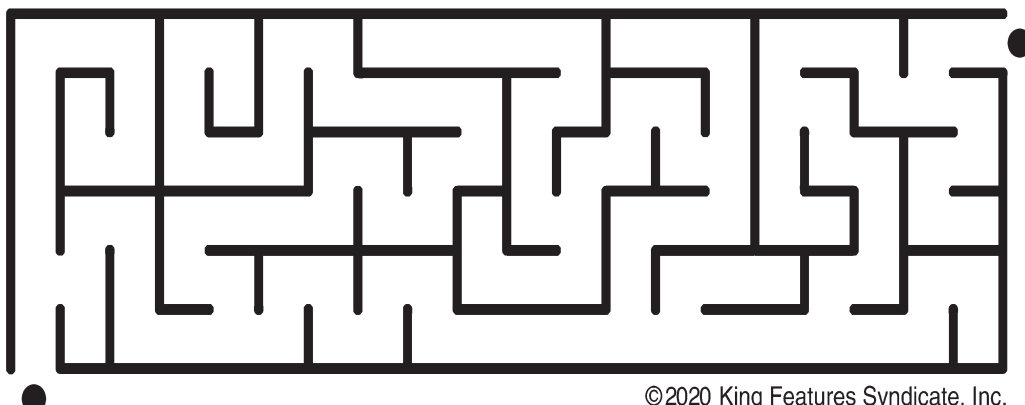
1. Devour, Devout
2. Akron, Apron
3. Model, Modern
4. Gibson, Gibbon
5. Charm, Chart
6. Magpie, Magpie
7. Bronze, Bronte
8. Stamp, Swamp
9. Hammer, Hamper
10. Peach, Pouch

## Even Exchange



Answers

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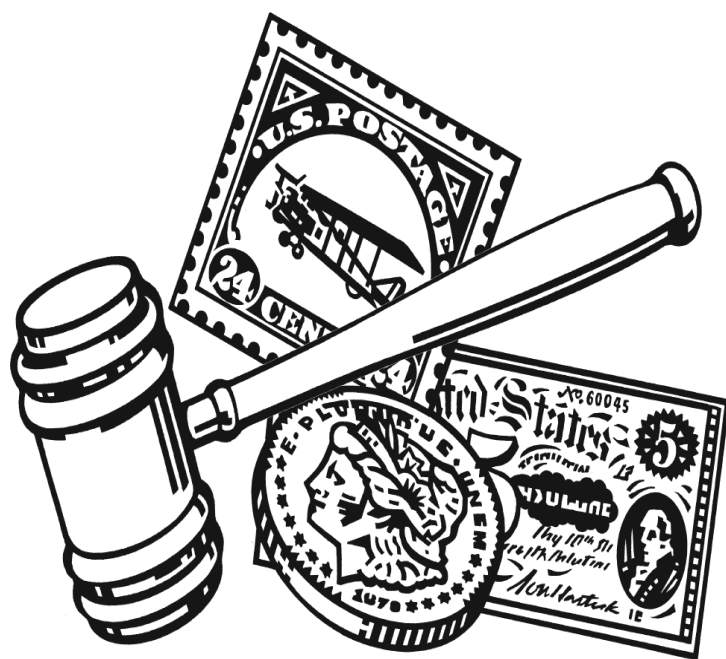
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The proposed work for which the Village of Davis Junction, Illinois is soliciting bids consists of one contract, "ELEVATED STORAGE TANK PAINTING AND REHABILITATION", and includes the following:

"Overcoating the exterior and blasting to bare metal and providing a new paint system to the wet and dry interior of the Village's existing 500,000-gallon elevated composite water storage tank"

The contract documents, including Drawings and Specifications, and form of contract and bonds for performance and payment, are on file at the office of the Village Clerk, 106 N. Elm St., Davis Junction, IL 61020 and at the office of the ENGINEER, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 East 2nd St., Dixon, IL 61021.

Copies of the Contract Documents, including Project Manual and the Construction Drawings, shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at [www.willetthofmann.com](http://www.willetthofmann.com). Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The eBidDoc# (project number) is 7012551 for this project. The Project Manual, Construction Drawings and Bid Documents PDFs can be downloaded from the website by depositing fifteen dollars (\$15.00) by credit card. Contractors can also obtain the Contract Documents in PDF format on a CD by depositing \$50.00 with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 East 2nd Street, Dixon, Illinois for each DVD obtained. Said deposit is NONREFUNDABLE.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Village of Davis Junction negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries

and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Village of Davis Junction is an equal opportunity employer. The Village of Davis Junction does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Village of Davis Junction reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Village of Davis Junction for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.

BY ORDER OF  
VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS  
By: Sandie Maahs, Village Clerk  
DATE: April 20, 2020  
No. 0410 (April 20)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing  
Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Meridian Junior High School within the District Office when school is in session and electronically by emailing Superintendent Caposey at [pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org), from and after 8 a.m. on the 7th day of May, 2020.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., on the 4th day of June, 2020, at 207 W Main Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois in the Board Room of Meridian Junior High School within Meridian School District, dated this 15th day of April, 2020, School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.  
By Elaine Nicholson  
Secretary  
No. 0414 (April 20)

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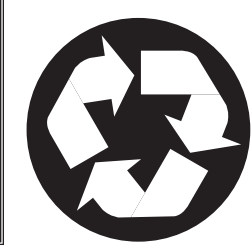
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