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Oregon Music Garage will go north of existing business

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – No one can ever accuse John Lindhorst of not thinking big.

Sure, the Oregon business he owns – Ukulele Station America – is housed in a 208 square foot building. But that successful little shop is about to get a bigger neighbor.

Lindhorst said the plan now is to break ground by early May on the Oregon Music Garage, which will be built just north of the Ukulele Station America building at 10th Street and Rt. 64.

“My goal is to have the shop open by fall,” Lindhorst said.

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The Oregon Music Garage will be built on this land, just north of the Ukulele Station America. It will feature a variety of string instruments and world percussion. (Brad Jennings photo)

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MUSIC: Plan includes a possible stage area in the showroom

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The Oregon Music Garage will be a 2,000 square foot space housed in a unique building that Lindhorst said is not really a barn or a shed, but will be a post frame building with some upgrades. It will also have garage doors on one end and be, "very industrial and cool looking."

Lindhorst said it will be built about 30 feet north of Ukulele Station America and will extend along Mix Street. There will be parking, a patio and maybe even a firepit. But Lindhorst wants to be clear

on one thing: Ukulele Station America will stay put.

"I want people to realize, Ukulele station America and the little stone building will continue as is," he said of the popular business, opened in the summer of 2015.

The idea behind the Oregon Music Garage is to offer instruments other than ukuleles. Ukulele Station America will still be a space full of ukuleles and some lessons and meetings could still be held there.

But the Music Garage will house acoustic guitars, banjos, mandolins, dulcimers, world per-

cussion and other "folky" stuff, Lindhorst said. And yes, there will also be ukuleles there.

"I may have a few electric guitars," he said.

The space will include an entryway, two handicap accessible restrooms, a second level private office, a workroom for inventory and a large showroom. Lindhorst said he hopes to have a stage area in the showroom, possibly something that can be moved.

"Once it's built, I'll be able to figure it out more," he said.

Brands that will be available in the new store include Fender,

Gretsch, Deering and Gold Tone banjos and mandolins.

"I'm not trying to be the guitar store, the banjo store," Lindhorst said, adding that he wants to attract people who are looking for something special.

With a possible performance space, people might wonder if Lindhorst is bringing back the live music he used to have in the 80s when he had the Washington Street Mercantile and Coffee House at 221 Washington St.

"Maybe a little," he said.

But there is still a lot that has to happen between now and then

on a project Lindhorst said was a big one for him.

"This is the biggest financial project I have ever undertaken," he said, adding that the people at Union Savings Bank in Mount Morris, where he got his loan, were great about making this dream come true.

Once the Oregon Music Garage is up and running, he said he might also start doing Internet sales, something he has thus far avoided. He said he is trying to find a way to make buying an instrument from him more personal.

"It's not a pair of socks," he said.



A rendering of the proposed new building that will house the Oregon Music garage.



The new building will be built behind the existing Ukulele Station America. Lindhorst said it will basically be one business with two names (Brad Jennings photo).

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Ogle County has first COVID-19 death

Ogle County had its first death from COVID-19, the Ogle County health Department reported on April 8.

It also identified four more positive cases of novel coronavirus disease: Two individuals in their 40s and two in their 30s for a total of 17 cases in Ogle County by early April 10. The death was an individual in their 80s.

Ogle County Health Department would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. Further details about

the individuals will not be released to protect the privacy of the individuals and their families. The individuals 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.

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 * 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, keep non-essential trips to a minimum. 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

Forreston teacher earns technology award

FORRESTON – Kelley Parks, Forreston Ag Teacher and FFA advisor, is one of the three high school science teachers in the nation to receive the Vernier Technology Award this year.

On Saturday, April 4, she had planned to be in Boston to receive this award but due to COVID-19 the NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Conference was cancelled.

A partnership of Vernier Software & Technology and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), this award recognizes the innovative use, or potential use, of data-collection technology (e.g. probes or sensors) interfacing with a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom. Seven awards will be presented in the following categories: one elementary (grades K-5) award; two middle level (grades 6-8)



Parks teaching students how to use the new probes on their mini aquaponics system

awards; three high school (grades 9-12) awards; and one college award.

Parks wrote in her award application "Our students in this day and age work with information that is instant; most of the information they can receive right at their fingertips. The Vernier Go Direct System connected to our class iPad will allow students to measure, evaluate, and act on those measurements in real-time. This enables my

classroom to simulate the real world of data collection and problem-solving that happens every day in the science labs, experimental fields, and agriculture."

This award gave the department \$3,000 to spend of Vernier equipment, \$1,500 travel voucher to Boston for the Conference and \$1,000 award for Parks. The Vernier equipment has already arrived at the high school and the students are excited to

do more experiments with it and use the probes to test the department's new aquaponics system (aquaponics is the raising of fish and vegetables and a unison system).

"I am so honored to receive this award," Parks said. "I really wanted to get this equipment for the students and I found a grant that I could allow us to have the equipment without asking our very generous local businesses. Premier leadership, personal growth, and career success is what we strive for in the Forreston High School Agriculture Science Education Department. We aim to offer the highest level opportunities for students with this high-level Vernier equipment we can continue to reach for mastery. Our students are ready to explore, learn about, and change the world around them with data that is accurate and instant."

Scholarship deadline extended to May 4

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 pursu-

ing 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 Forreston. 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.

For questions, contact Betty Clementz at the Regional Office of Education at bclementz@roe47.org or Kirk Pearson at US Bank in Freeport at 815/235-8516 or kirk.pearson@usbank.com.

E-mail news items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com

Sinnissippi Centers Services during the Coronavirus outbreak

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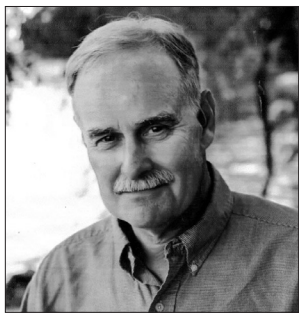
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Obituaries

Darrell Floyd Paigen

OREGON – Just as dawn was breaking on Monday, March 30, 2020 Darrell Floyd Paigen, 66, left his earthly body to meet his Savior in eternity. He was surrounded in love, comfort and prayers by his wife, mother and children. He was born on June 25, 1953 in Forrest City, Ark., to Robert and Betty Jo Paigen.



He grew up in St. Charles, and graduated with the class of 1971. Darrell spent the early years of his career as a regional manager for The McDonald's Corporation and was awarded "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1984 for his excellent work there. He was also a member of the Chicago Painters and Decorators Union for nearly 30 years. He then enjoyed being self-employed, where his attention to detail and craftsmanship shined. His clients adored him and many became long-time friends. He married the love of his life, Kathryn A. Leighton on December 8, 1973. Darrell and Kathryn have been residents of Oregon since 1990.

Darrell had courageously battled cancer since December of 2018. His prognosis was poor from the start. And the fact that we had him here with us for the last 15 months is truly a miracle. We

will treasure each moment we were given. His faith was unshakeable during his cancer journey. He shared his testimony with anyone he came in contact with. He never stopped believing in a miracle for his healing. Although we are grieved that the Lord's will wasn't to heal his physical body, we take comfort in knowing that he is completely healed and restored in Heaven. He was a lover of nature and wildlife. As well as an avid hunter and fisherman, he also loved to search for fossils and artifacts. You would often find him wandering his property or the banks of the river looking for something. He loved to pass on the history and knowledge of each "treasure." Darrell was a passionate teller of stories and had a way of drawing in anyone who would listen. You couldn't help but smile and laugh as he animatedly

told his tales.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. He was a living example of sacrificial love. His relationships with people were very important to him. He always put others first and was known for his willingness to help family and friends, in big things and small. He was a man who loved his people well. He left an amazingly beautiful legacy of character, love, laughter and faith.

Darrell leaves behind his wife Kathryn, their three children: Charlotte (Christopher) Bauer of Janesville, Wis., Nathaniel (Avita) Paigen of Oregon, and Amber (Keith) DeLeo of Algonquin; five grandchildren: Emma, Sophia, Maxson, Jack and Ethan; his mother, Betty Jo Paigen of Oregon; and two sisters: Diana (Jim) Catalano of Grand Detour, and Linda (Donald) Sorenson of St. Charles.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Farrell J. Paigen and their father, Robert K. Paigen.

A Memorial Service will be held with a date yet to be determined. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon, assisted the family with arrangements.

Helen Ruth Girton

OREGON – Helen Ruth Girton, age 99, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Oregon Living and Rehab. She was born in Dixon on Oct. 8, 1920 the daughter of William and Ruth (Hardesty) Girton.

Helen was a hard-working

woman who loved being outdoors and enjoyed discussing the weather. She loved cats and was a great cook.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister Luella.

She is survived by many dear friends. A special thank

you to everyone at Oregon Living & Rehab and Unity Hospice for their loving care of Helen. A private burial will be held at Washington Grove Cemetery. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellholland-gale.com

Sheila A. Norup

BYRON – Sheila A. Norup, age 67, passed away surrounded by her family on April 6, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born on June 25, 1952 in Momence, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Lorraine (Gosley) George.



Sheila married Stephen Norup on Jan. 14, 1994. She worked as a realtor for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. She was passionate about her work and loved staging and organizing homes. She was a proud grandmother and enjoyed attending her grandchildren's events. She always liked to keep busy but in her spare time, she liked camping with her husband and spending time with her little dogs.

She is survived by her husband, Steve of Byron;

daughters, Sherry (Drew) Cerasani of Rockford, Laura (Mario) Zapata of Loves Park, Samantha Norup of Byron, and Brandy (Matt) Foltz of New Milford; siblings, Ken (Pat) George of New Lenox, Sharon (Rich) Yucius of Plainfield, and Mary (John) Ward of Alabama, and Patricia George of Illinois; grandchildren, Kaylee (Jake) Bianchi,

Krista Cerasani, Kamille Cerasani, Isabella Zapata, Drew Zapata, Alexa Zapata, Gabriella Zapata, Justin Foltz, Aliyah Foltz, and one grandchild on the way; numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends Sally Harrolle of Byron and Margie Bergmark of Wisconsin.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date to celebrate Sheila's life. Memorial cards may be sent to the Norup family, P.O. Box 683 in Byron, IL 61010 or memorial donations can be made to the Sheila Norup Memorial Fund established at Byron Bank. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellholland-gale.com.

Tammy Rae Sigler

OREGON – Tammy Rae Sigler, 57, of Oregon, darling daughter of William and Lorretta Sigler, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, April 4, 2020 surrounded by her loving family, joining her Savior Jesus Christ. Born July 23, 1962 on Scott Air Force Base, the daughter of William and Lorretta (Bone) Sigler.



Tammy was a 1984 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School. She was employed by Village of Progress, Inc. and VOP Janitorial Services of Oregon, working at Byron Nuclear Power Station, Mt. Morris Clinic, IDOT Rest

Facility at Paw Paw, and Unimin Corp and FN Smith Corp in Oregon. Tammy was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Dixon where she served in the Altar Guild, as an acolyte and offertory collector. She enjoyed bowling and needle work. Tammy was also among the first participants

in the Special Olympics.

Survived by her parents of Oregon; sister, Gwen (Rob) Zimmerman of Oregon; brother, Bill (Julie) Sigler of N.C.; nephew, Michael (fiancée, Samantha Albrecht) Smidt; nieces: Candice Smidt, Lindsey (Sam) Gendusa and Zoe Sigler; and great nephew, Dean Anthony Gendusa.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tammy's name may be made to the VOP -Attendants' Grant Fund, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Homer W. Sell

OREGON – Homer W. Sell, 95, lifelong area resident, died Friday April 3, 2020 in Pinecrest Manor, Mount Morris. Born July 8, 1924 in Mount Morris, the son of Orville and Marjorie (Walker) Sell.



Married to Dorothy Helfrich June 9, 1963 in Oregon; she died in 2002. Homer was a 1942 graduate of Oregon High School and had worked at Kable Printing in Mount Morris, Wood Bros. Manufacturing in Oregon and at Castle Rock State Park. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon and its Men's Group and also attended Immanuel

Lutheran Church, Dixon and was a life member of the Oregon Kiwanis Club. Homer enjoyed bird watching, gardening, bowling, traveling and spending time with family.

Survived by nieces: Pam (David) Rogula, Patti (Jon) Spoor and Paula (Donald)

Warner, all of Oregon; nephew, Jim McPherson of Rockford; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lucille McPherson; and nephew, Michael McPherson.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Private burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon. Memorials in Homer's name may be made to Pinecrest Manor, Mount Morris or St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

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Obituaries

Emory L. Cragg

OREGON – Emory L. Cragg, age 91, died Thursday, April 2, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 30, 1929 in Corning, New York the son of Orrin and Ruby (Thorpe) Cragg.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952-1954. He married Virginia “Ginny” Przestrzelski on Oct. 1, 1963 in Edwardsville, Ill. Emory worked for IBEW Local 196 as an Electrical Construction Lineman and was in supervision recently receiving his 60 year pin for service. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon where he was often seen helping with maintenance projects. He was also a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge including Oregon Lodge #420, and a Past Master of the Minooka, Ill., Lodge.

Emory was known as an artistic person who excelled in woodworking. He



handcrafted many works of art including miniature buildings, windmills, waterwheels, and bird houses. He and his wife Ginny traveled throughout the United States camping. He loved to dance and was always up for a card game with his family. Everyone who knew Emory loved him.

He was predeceased by his parents and 2 brothers Bert LaVerne Cragg and Burnell Cragg.

He is survived by his wife Ginny of Oregon, children Sharon “Sher-

ry” (Carmin) Choppie of Cherry Valley, Emory L. (Sherry) Cragg, Jr, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., his family in New York; Elaine (Ron) MacBride, Emily (Bill) Decker, Debbie(Jeff) Boylan and their families, and 4 grandchildren; Jason (Megan) Jones of Oregon, Nathan Jones of Rockford, Hannah Jones of Cherry Valley, and Joshua (Sara) Cragg of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Private family service will take place at the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Oregon with the Rev. Rich Tomlinson pastor of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will also take place at a later date. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home and the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon assisted the family.

W. Maxine Noirfalise

MOUNTMORRIS–W. Maxine Noirfalise, 93 of Mount Morris, died Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 12:10 p.m. at Pinecrest Manor, Mount Morris.

Maxine was born on Sept. 21, 1926 in Solo, Mo., the daughter of Charles Elmer and Ruby Olive (McKinney) Blankenship.

Survivors include: two daughters: Pondalea (Al) Titterton of Byron, and Jannan Quinn of Pontiac, Ill.; four grandchildren: Britney (Jacob) Koenig, Samantha Quinn, Grant Titterton and Meredith (Joe) Barnes; five great grandchildren: Makenna, Adalynn, and Hudson Barnes and Elsie and Ellie Koenig. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, a son: Royce Noirfalise, a grandson: Kevin Quinn, and a sister: Naomi Montgomery.

Maxine owned and oper-



ated Maxine’s Beauty Salon and later was employed at the Army Ammunition Plant in Joliet, and at Quantum Chemical Corp. in Morris, Ill.

Retiring to Houston, Mo., Maxine volunteered at the Texas County Memorial Hospital and worked on a committee for the Ozark Cemetery. Maxine enjoyed yardwork, gardening, and traveling with her family and friends. She loved spending time with her

grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Maxine was a member of the Baptist faith. Private family graveside services will be held at South Side Cemetery, Pontiac, Ill., with Rev. Gretchen Stinebaugh officiating. Memorials in Maxine’s name may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061; Pinecrest Community Good Samaritan Fund, 414 S. Wesley Ave., Mount Morris; IL Spina Bifida Association, 2111 N. Oak Park Ave, Chicago, 60707; or Middle TN Spina Bifida Association, 1032 Tyne Blvd, Nashville, Tenn. 37220. Calvert & Martin Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday

Sara Ann Miller

Sara Ann Miller was born on Dec. 23, 1998 in Dixon and grew up in Mount Morris and Oregon. She graduated from Oregon High School.

Sara gained her wings and went to be with the lord on April 2, 2020.

Survivors include her mother Brenda Miller (Eric Gould) of Oregon, father Joseph Miller (Monica Miller) of Oregon; she was a wonderful big sister to 2 sisters Kaylee Disch, 8, of Oregon, and Mona Miller, 13, of Leaf River, and 1 brother Skylar Miller, 15, of Leaf River; maternal grandmother Lois Smith of Mount Morris, maternal grandfather Robert (Linda) Smith of Savanna, Ill., maternal great-grandmother Ada Burke of Grand Detour, paternal grandparents Terry and Cindy Weil of Mount Morris and several



aunts, uncles and cousins.

Proceeded in death by great grandparents Archie Burke, Gary and Romaine Marshall.

Sara was known as a sassy, feisty, outgoing kind-hearted girl. Her smile would light up the room. She liked to go shopping, listen to music, color and hang out with friends and family.

Celebration of life to be announced at a later date due to COVID-19. Fly High baby girl! Love you to the moon and back.



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Thank You

The family of Wayne E. Heater would like to thank everyone for their kind words, letters of condolence and donations. We would also like to extend a thank you to the staff at Swedish American Hospital, Serenity House, the Byron Fire Department and Farrell Holland Gale funeral home for their support during a most difficult time for our family. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the health and safety of everyone the April 27th “celebration of life” for Wayne has been cancelled. Instead the family will hold a private celebration and remembrance. Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all.

Family of Wayne E. Heater

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,
We face times of uncertainty. We do not know what the future holds for us and our loved ones.

Our hearts grieve for those that have lost family members or close friends to the virus. We pray that God will be your comfort. And for those who are sick with the virus we pray for your healing. And for our government leaders, we pray that God would give them wisdom to know what decisions need to be made. We also pray for the doctors and nurses, and others working close with the sick, that God would grant them protection.

At times like this God is calling us to draw close to Him. Allow these Scriptures to encourage and strengthen you.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

Psalms 23

“God desires to be our comforter. He will lead us to green pastures. But He cannot lead if we do not follow.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27

We at Little Prairie Mennonite Church desire to help and encourage where and when we can. We realize with schools closed that a lot of children are spending time in the house. We would like to offer a free story book to the children to enjoy during this time at home. If you are interested please EMAIL YOUR ADDRESS TO tk2008@ibyfax.com or call 779-861-3700 to talk directly with someone. Please feel free to share with us how we can help. We would be glad to pick up groceries, medications, and run errands for any who are finding it difficult to get out.

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Annual Polo High School alumni event June 19

POLO – The 47th Annual Polo High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 19, at Crossroads Community Church.

The time is yet to be determined.

The speaker will be Margret Ebert, Renaissance Faire Acrobat and 2006 Polo Community High School graduate.

Obituary

Spencer Blanchard

Spencer "Craig" Blanchard was born on July 17, 1956 at Rockford, the son of Spencer J. and Eleanor T. Blanchard, and passed away on April 2, 2020 at Fredericktown, Mo., at the age of 63 years.

Craig was preceded in death by his father, and one (1) sister Teresa Blanchard.

Craig is survived by his wife Joanne Blanchard, who he married on Dec. 11, 1976 at Ebenezer Church in Oregon, one (1) daughter Carrie Blanchard, two (2) grandchildren Jessica Camling, Rebecca Marchal, and two (2) nephews Mark Webster and Matthew Webster.

Craig was of the Christian Faith was retired from the U.S. Army Reserves where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant, and enjoyed carpentry, had volunteered for state disasters, and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

Burial was held in Ebenezer Cemetery in Oregon, Illinois on April 6, 2020 and a memorial service is to be scheduled at a later time this year.

HOPE of Ogle County is ready to help

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Social service agencies that provide victim/survivors services in Ogle County are providing service information to our local communities and the services we are providing for survivors of abuse during this challenging time.

HOPE of Ogle County Domestic Abuse Services Announcement:

Domestic abuse is about power and control, and abuse may be more than pushing, grabbing, restraining, strangulation or biting. Some non-physical abusive tactics include intimidation, emotional abuse, economic abuse, isolation, coercion and threats. Five million children are

exposed to some form of family violence over their entire childhood (0-17 years). Children who experience abuse are at higher risk to develop behavioral or emotional difficulties such as withdrawal, aggression, depression, and anxiety. Exposure to domestic violence may significantly alter a child's DNA and age them prematurely by 7-10 years.

If you or someone you know is involved in an abusive relationship, please call the 24-hour agency for support and information about how we can help: 815-562-8890.

During these challenging times, the health and personal safety of our clients and staff remain a priority, therefore, our

goal is to continue to provide as many client services as possible with necessary restrictions, however some of our services will be put on hold or modified due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will be asking incoming persons who contact HOPE three important COVID-19 response questions prior to providing any services in-person at our Rochelle, Oregon and Polo offices. This is to better ensure the welfare of clients, staff and the community.

The following HOPE Services are currently being provided.

* 24/7 Domestic Abuse Hotline (815)-562-8890

* By appointment counseling for Adult and Teen Clients

in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo

* Telephone Counseling by appointment

* 24/7 Crisis Counseling, referrals, resource education, and safety planning

* Order of Protection Assistance within the provisions of the 15th Judicial Circuit and the Ogle County Court.

* Emergency Shelter is available although space availability is more restricted due to recommendations of sharing close quarters. We are currently working with state funders to increase shelter availability.

HOPE is following recommended guidelines from the CDC, The Department of Health, State and Federal guidelines and from funders.

County discourages open burning due to ongoing pandemic

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) discourages all open burning at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The open burning of landscape waste and ground vegetation is particularly risky at this time due to the nuisance smoke conditions produced by open burning and the possibility of uncontrolled fire spread.

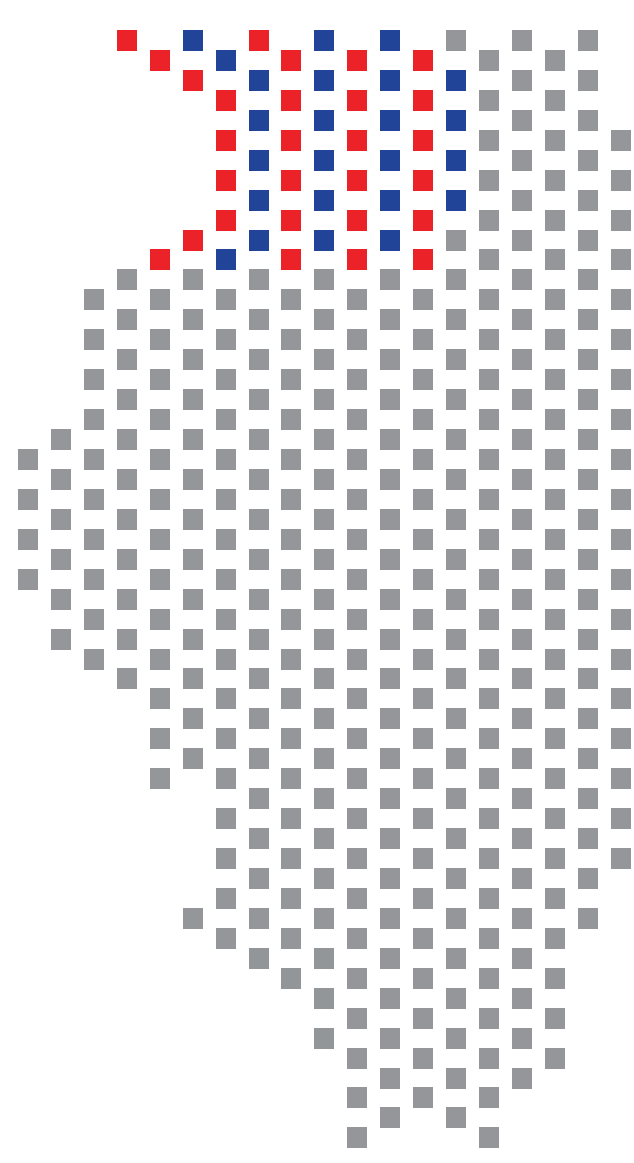
Since the COVID-19 virus is a respiratory virus, nuisance smoke conditions can cause breathing issues and make pre-existing condi-

tions, such as asthma, worse. Nuisance smoke conditions may also make the impact of the virus worse on afflicted residents and can lengthen the time we are all dealing with this situation. In addition, when fires are uncontrolled and first responders are required, this places those personnel in close contact during the response and can spread out emergency personnel and resources unnecessarily.

The OCSWMD encourages county residents to forgo open burning at this time, and encourages other means of dealing with landscape waste,

such as mulching thatch and dead leaves with a mower, using a home compost pile for grass, leaves, and twigs, or having your waste hauler take it away if that service is offered in your area.

These efforts should help to flatten the curve and help everyone put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us. If you have questions regarding landscape waste, composting, or open burning please contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, on Facebook at Ogle County Solid waste Management Dept., or visit the county website at www.oglecounty.org.



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Retired teachers to mentor students virtually

SPRINGFIELD – Members of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a statewide association of retired educators, their families and supporters, are volunteering during this COVID-19 pandemic to assist students tackling the unprecedented challenge of finishing the school year

at home.

“We want to help students learn,” said John Flaherty, a former high school and special education teacher and current president of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. “Our members are ready to help students build their learning skills and tutor in highly advanced subject

areas like chemistry and mathematics. For elementary students, self-paced and self-directed learning is a foreign concept. A teacher-mentor will help students take their own initiative and focus their learning at their own pace.”

Parents desiring to match their student with a re-

tired teacher may sign up on the Association’s website, www.irtaonline.org. Mentors are on a first come, first serve basis. Mentors will meet with students in virtual environments. Mentorships will last from now until the end of the school year or June 1st. Mentorships are at the sole discretion of the

teacher-mentors.

“A retired Illinois public school teacher’s depth of knowledge is so great, it may be just what parents need to energize their children into at-home students,” Association Executive Director Jim Bachman said. “Retiree-mentors can specifically target aspects of learning

that need the most attention, whether it’s mathematics, science, history, writing or reading.”

IRTA encourages former teachers, spouses and supporters of teachers to join the Association. Learn more, join or renew your IRTA membership today at <https://www.irtaonline.org>.

Chamber, city offer decals

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

One-hundred percent of your purchase of these custom designed hearts will go directly to this fundraiser. Share some positivity and support our local economy.

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

They are \$10 each and your purchase will fund projects to re-stimulate our local economy. You can purchase online at oregonil.com or call 815-732-2100 to place your order over the phone for shipment to your home or business. You can also pick them up at Hector’s Cocina, Merlins, Super Valu, and Snyders.



County cancels recycling events that were set for April

OREGON – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD), in following the state-wide guidelines for COVID-19 restrictions, has cancelled all recycling events scheduled for April.

Both the April 18 collection event for latex paint and paper shredding and the April 24 residential electronics event are cancelled. The OCSWMD plans on holding the scheduled May 2020 residential electronic recycling events, scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and Friday, May 29, if the state-wide restrictions are lifted. The County Annex building, at 909 Pines Road in Oregon, is currently closed to the public and no entry is permitted. No dumping of electronics or other items is permitted.

For more information regarding county recycling events and cancellations, please call the OCSWMD office at 815-732-4020 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or check the county website at www.oglecounty.org, or Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

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Teachers on parade



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COVID-19 TRIAGE LINE

Call: (815) 561-8829

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Do you have questions about COVID-19 symptoms, please call the RCH Triage Line at 815-561-8829 for further instructions. This line has been activated to answer any questions you may have about COVID-19. You can reach one of our nurses Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have symptoms such as cough, fever, chills, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting or muscle aches, you could have a virus. This virus COULD BE COVID-19. We are still in the midst of flu season as well.

WHEN THE TRIAGE LINE IS UNAVAILABLE

If you have general questions about COVID-19 and the triage line is closed, please call the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hotline at 1-800-889-3931 which is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week . You can also email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

Two county educators honored with award

On April 6, the Ogle County Leadership was notified that two OCEC employees were selected for the Illinois Principal Association Awards within the Northwest region for the 2019-2020 school year.

The northwest region includes more than 200 schools in Carroll, JoDavies, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties. The Leadership Award Ceremony has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; therefore, the OCEC leadership team surprised both candidates at their homes last week with the information.

Julie Preston Mondello was

selected by the Illinois Principals Association Northwest Region committee to be recognized as the recipient for the Certified Support Personnel Leadership Award. There were over 50 nominations.

Preston Mondello, Certified School Psychologist, has worked for the OCEC for 12 years. She has demonstrated leadership throughout her career at the cooperative. Her current assignment is in in Oregon Community Unit School District #220 at Oregon Elementary School and David L Rahn Junior High.

She successfully leads families,

students and teams toward achievable and positive student programming. She has provided on and off sight consultation for students with Autism, and provides individual and group counseling. Julia is an amazing clinician, analyzing data to drive goals and outcomes. Personal characteristics include, drive, determination, perseverance, problem solving, relationship building and dedication to students, staff and families. S

he was nominated by Assistant Director of Special Education, Amy Henkel.

Tim Bowerman has been se-

lected for an Illinois Principals Association Northwest Region Teacher Leadership Award. Bowerman was one of three teachers selected out of over 50 nominations. Bowerman is a special education teacher at Chana Education Center, a part of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative district. He is well-known by fellow staff and students for making learning fun and engaging. He leads others by example with a philosophy of "learning by doing."

In his classes, students can be found rebuilding and restoring old pinball and arcade game machines,

completing the elements of a home build in a mock room construction, or developing strategy and critical thinking, all while learning history, in a game of Viking Kubb. Bowerman is a role-model for students to be life-long learners. He demonstrates a daily commitment to ensuring that he is fostering interactive and authentic learning experiences for his students. He was nominated by Assistant Principal, Lynn Kalnins.

OCEC is proud to spotlight outstanding staff and is fortunate to have such high-quality, impactful individuals in our organization.

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.

Mount Morris cemetery maintenance changed

Due to the financial strain, the cemeteries Plainview, Silvercreek and Oakwood in Mount Morris will be mowed and trimmed twice a month.



Garden plots are available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chana Play Day scholarships offered

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

The candidates must be high school graduates or the equivalent with ties to the Chana area.

Applicants who are current or former residents of Chana or who have parents or grandparents who attended the Chana School or participated in Chana Play Day may apply. Two-time recipients are not eligible to reapply.

The \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the candidates who best meet and complete the requirements listed in the application.

Scholarship forms may be picked up at the Oregon High School guidance office or Stocking Equipment, four miles east of Oregon on IL Route 64.

Please deliver or mail the application to Ron Stocking, Stocking Equipment, 3749 East Pine Rock Road, Oregon, IL 61061.

The completed application must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

Byron American Legion Post cancels meeting

BYRON – The Byron American Legion Post 209 regrets to inform all American Legion Post 209 members that the April General Meeting scheduled for 15 April is hereby cancelled due to the quarantine currently in

place for the state of Illinois. The Post Officers urge all members to please continue to support your community by following all quarantine guidelines, including sanitizing and social distancing and supporting your local

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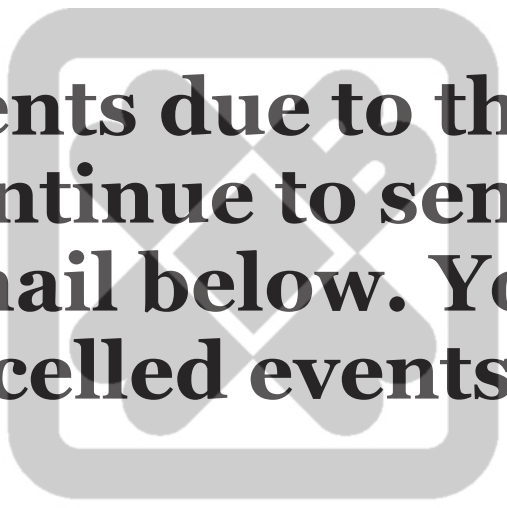
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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 3, 1469, the Italian philosopher and writer Niccolo Machiavelli is born. Machiavelli became one of the fathers of modern political theory. The term "Machiavellian" is used to describe an action undertaken for gain without regard for right or wrong.

* On May 1, 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building. The building went up in just over a year, under budget and well ahead of schedule.

* On April 30, 1948, the Land Rover, a British-made all-terrain vehicle, debuts at an auto show in Amsterdam. The first Land Rover was made from an old American-made Willys-Overland Jeep and had a boxy, utilitarian design, four-wheel drive and a canvas roof.

* On April 28, 1967, boxing champion Muhammad Ali refuses to be inducted into the U.S. Army, citing religious reasons, and is stripped of his heavyweight title. Ali was convicted of draft evasion, but never served any of his five-year prison sentence.

* On May 2, 1972, after nearly five decades as director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover dies. By 1969 the media, the public and Congress had grown suspicious that the FBI might be abusing its authority. Congress passed laws requiring Senate confirmation of future FBI directors and limiting their tenure to 10 years.

* On April 29, 1992, a jury in the Los Angeles suburb of Simi Valley acquits four police officers who had been charged with using excessive force in arresting black motorist Rodney King. The verdict prompted the L.A. riots. The arson and looting finally ended three days later.

* On April 27, 2009, the American auto giant General Motors announced plans to discontinue its 80-year-old Pontiac brand. Initially known for making sedans, Pontiac gained acclaim in the 1960s for its fast, sporty "muscle cars," including the GTO, Firebird and Trans Am.

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Hey leaders, show some leadership

When I was a kid, my mom taught us a lot of valuable lessons.

She taught us to not lie. She taught us to be respectful of others. She taught us not to take too much guff from other people, too.

My mom also taught us a very important lesson that I have taken with me in my life: Accepting responsibility.

When I was a kid and we did something wrong, if we accepted responsibility my mom was more likely to go light on the punishment. If we blamed everyone else and pointed the finger, she would come down hard.

It was a lesson that some of our political leaders apparently missed.

This pandemic is – once again – showing the true colors of some people at the top. The search for a scapegoat is more active than a search for the cure. It is pretty sickening, no pun intended. If you see a person in charge during a period when something goes wrong and that person accepts zero responsibility, that per-

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



son is a terrible leader. Period.

But there have been some shining stars, too. Many governors have done a great job of at least trying to protect the people of their state. They have risked alienating people on the national level to call out bad actors. That takes courage – something we need in our leaders.

We also need to call out the conspiracies that are already popping up with this virus. No, this is not a Chinese plot against America. No, this is not being overblown by

the "liberal media," whatever that means. And no, the number of deaths is not being "inflated" by anyone. Ridiculous.

People who don't take this seriously can die or spread this virus to people that could die from it.

Look at UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who downplayed the coronavirus, even shaking hands with COVID-19 patients. As I write this, he is in intensive care being treated for the virus.

I just hope that the lesson he learns is not fatal.

This has proven to me that the U.S. is clearly not ready for a pandemic. Our federal leadership has failed us, clearly. And by leadership, I mean both parties. But let's be honest, the buck stops at the top. We need calm, clearheaded leadership that accepts responsibility and works to keep all people safe. Leaders have to admit mistakes, learn the lessons and improve how they are doing things.

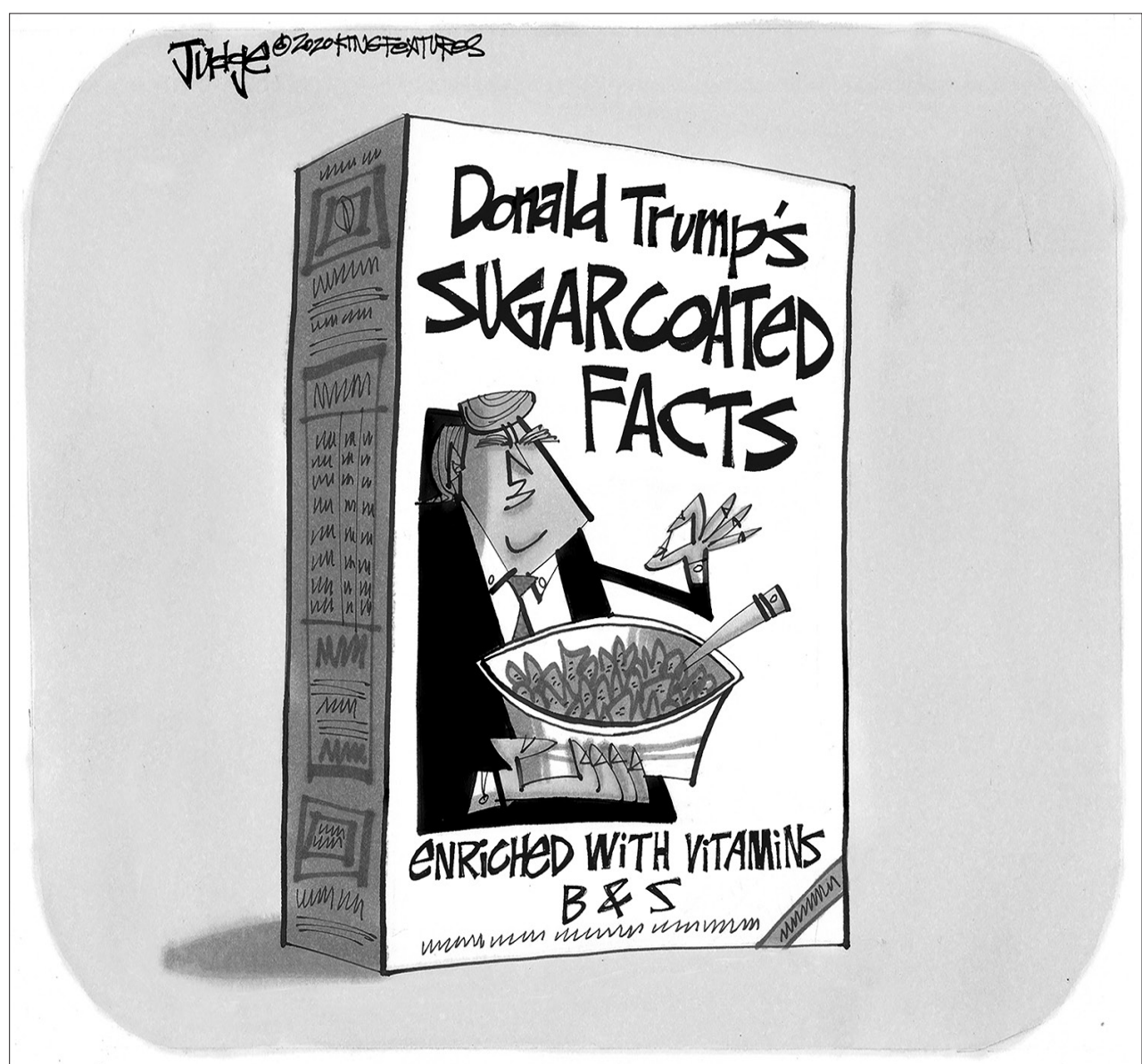
And how about we actu-

ally let the medical experts lead the way here? That makes perfect sense to me, and I would assume most people. If I want medical advice, I talk to a doctor. This isn't rocket science, but if it was, I would seek advice from a rocket scientist.

Easy, right? Well, not when egos get in the way. And this is the worst time for egos to get in the way. Sadly, they have. The same old name calling and responsibility dodging we have gotten used to happens on a daily basis. And not just in Washington. It is happening everywhere. The partisan divide is now a giant crack in the earth and we are all in danger of falling in.

So, I ask our leaders, please accept responsibility for your failures. Learn from your failures and try hard not to make them again. We know you are human and can forgive you. But right now, many of you are operating in an unforgivable way.

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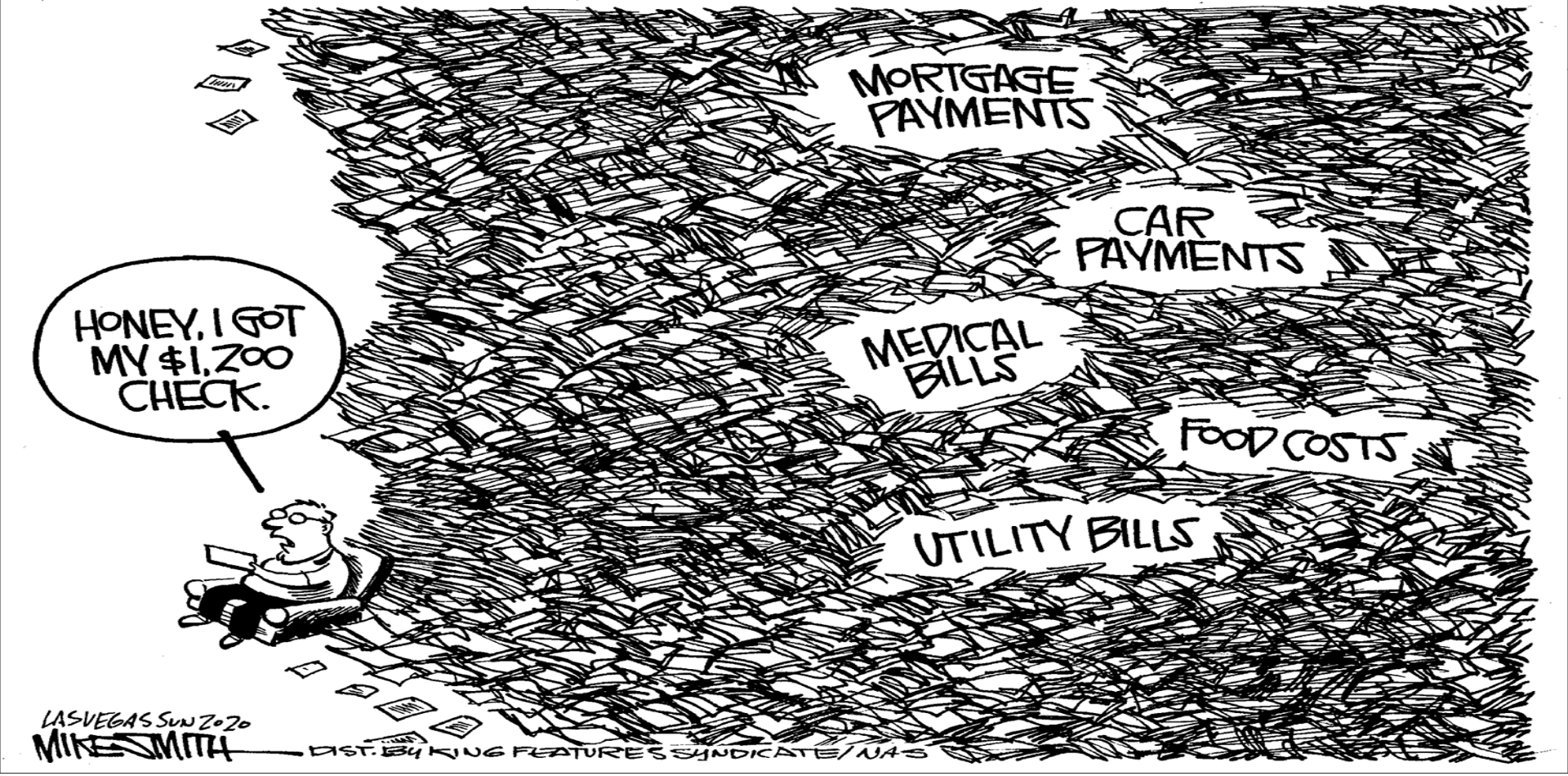
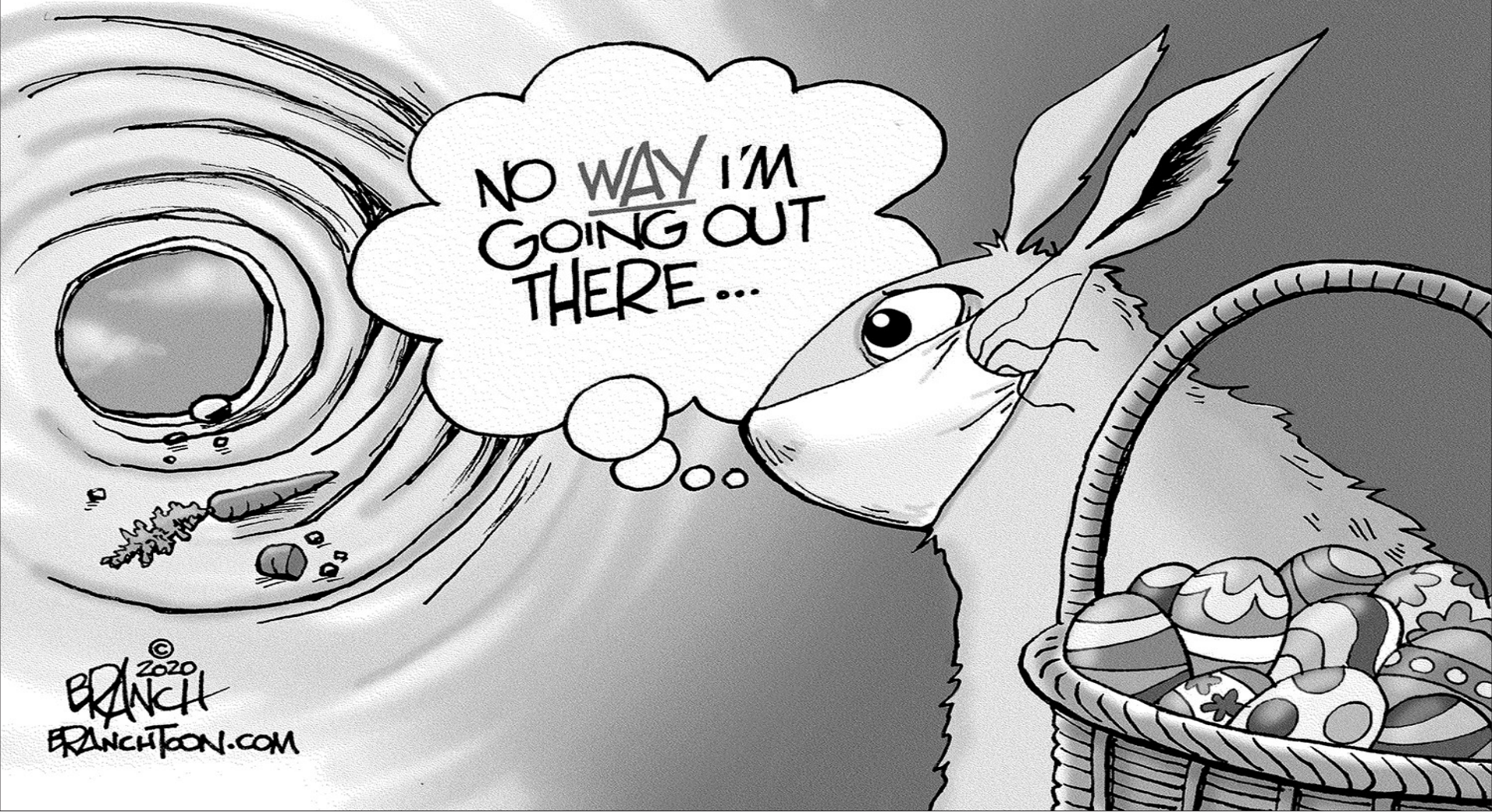
Reader appalled by the amount of trash in yards, on the streets

Dear Editor,
What have I been doing with my "social distancing" time?
I have become a street walker. I have been walking the streets of Byron for exercise and to keep from going stir-crazy.
I am once again appalled by the amount

of litter/trash strewn along the streets and in the yards.
Imagine if people would not throw their trash out of their cars.
Imagine if everyone cleaned up their own yard and block.
Imagine if each subdivision or community

got together and picked up trash.
My subdivision has been collecting and recycling aluminum cans for about 5 years and has removed over 23,000 aluminum cans from the environment and donated the \$300.00 to local charities.
All it takes is one to lead the charge!

On a positive note: today (3/30/20) on my walk past the high school another citizen was cleaning up trash along the path next to the railroad tracks. I would like to publicly thank that individual!
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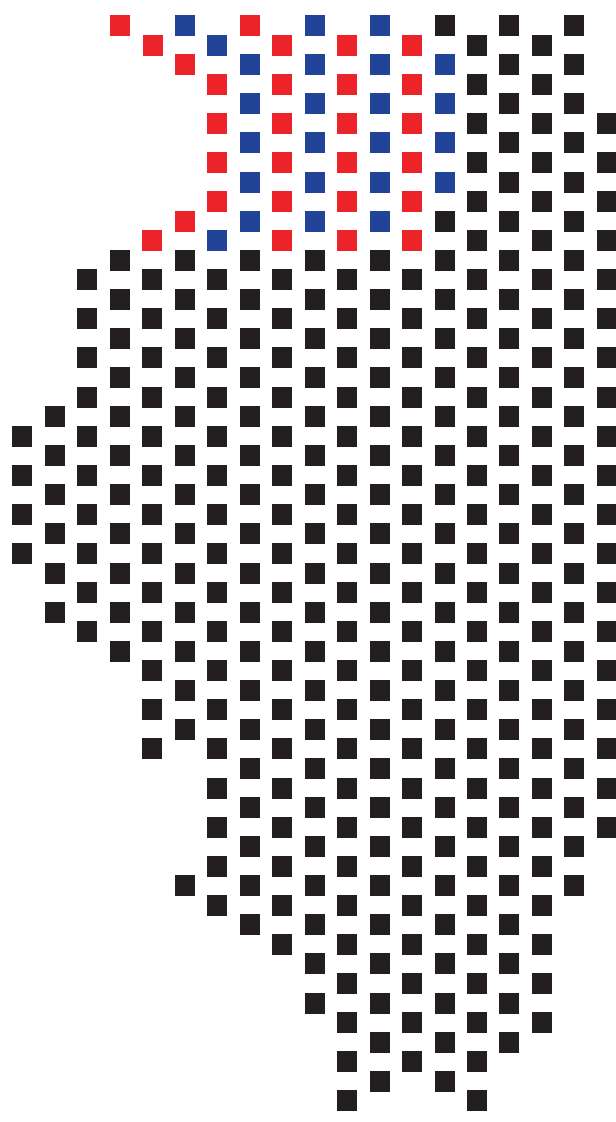
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Born and raised in Northern Illinois, Andrea and her husband moved to the Rock Valley area nearly a decade ago. Andrea obtained her BSN with emphasis in Psychology from Aurora University, and worked mostly as a GI and Pre-op/PACU nurse since 2012. During her nursing career, she was recognized for exemplary knowledge, care and teamwork. Andrea has a solid foundation for working in a fast paced environment, served as an advocate in the medical field, has strong attention to detail, and always puts the person's best interest first. Putting her expertise to work, whether buying or selling, Andrea recognizes the value and trust clients place in her, and strives every day to exceed their expectations.

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Student leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the December Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the December trait – KINDNESS and also Leader In Me Habit #4 Think Win-Win. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Row 1: Grace VanBriesen (8th), Aidan Oates (7th), Row 2: Jett Shook (6th), Lauren Young (6th), Nick Wythe (7th), and Luke Tompkins (8th).




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Forest Preserve District offers free oak seedlings to residents

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be distributing free oak tree seedlings donated from the Living Lands & Waters MillionTree Project starting Wednesday, April 15 at their Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North river Road in Byron.

There will be a total of 750 bur oak, red oak and swamp white oak trees for distribution on a first come first serve basis. Local Ogle County residents can take up to 10 seedlings each to plant on their property while supplies last. The seedling can be found at the Jarrett Prairie Center front drive.

The MillionTrees Project was initiated in 2007 to help further the Living Lands and Waters mission to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment of our nation's major rivers and their watersheds. Their mission is to not only clean up the riverways but to also enhance the watershed by planting native trees and removing invasive plants.

From the Heart winners for March

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| <p>March 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners</p> <p>March 1 - Richard Clayton, Compton, \$50</p> <p>March 2 - Megan Egyed, Amboy, \$25</p> <p>March 3 - Barby Holt, Milwaukee, Wis., \$25</p> <p>March 4 - Sarah Moris (CHS), Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 5 - Melissa Folkers, Sterling, \$25</p> <p>March 6 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$25</p> <p>March 7 - Danielle Worley, Chana, \$25</p> <p>March 8 - Linda Thompson, Rochelle, \$50</p> <p>March 9 - Joan Bakken, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 10 - Madlyn Parks, Franklin Grove, \$25</p> <p>March 11 - Amy Ritter, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 12 - Mari Fout, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 13 - Melissa Stacy, Byron, \$25</p> <p>March 14 - Tom Remsen, Rockford, \$25</p> <p>March 15 - Gary Bunger, Ashton, \$50</p> <p>March 16 - Steven Truckenbrod, Rochelle (CHS), \$25</p> | <p>March 17 - Robert Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$250</p> <p>March 18 - Bettye Chadwick, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 19 - Glenda Bloomingdale, Davis Junction, \$25</p> <p>March 20 - Madeline Hogan, Leaf River, \$25</p> <p>March 21 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 22 - Martha Miller, Rochelle, \$50</p> <p>March 23 - Angie Agnos, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 24 - Adam Burch, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 25 - Mike Dale, Edgerton, Wis., \$25</p> <p>March 26 - Mike & Sarah Wiseman, Latham, NY, \$25</p> <p>March 27 - Cathy Cox, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>March 28 - George Bigelow, Kings, \$25</p> <p>March 29 - Christine Kyler, DeKalb, \$50</p> <p>March 30 - Chris Harrington, Hazel Crest, \$25</p> <p>March 31 - Dan Harper, Rochelle, \$25</p> <p>Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month</p> |
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Leaf River Summer Daze Festival has been canceled

LEAF RIVER – The decision has been made to cancel the Summer Daze Festival due to the unknown situation with the Coronavirus at this time.

The festival was scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7. As of this time everything has or is being canceled. This includes the events like fireworks, car show, vintage tractor show, tractor pull and all associated concessions.

You may think this is too early, but it is the time the organizations are out soliciting donations and contributions for the festival. Also making parade arrangements are done at this time so the deci-

sion to cancel was made. There have been contracts signed for the festival that must be canceled and that also requires plenty of advance notice or financial obligations apply.

Some things may be rescheduled but this also takes a lot of coordination to get everyone's dates open to get them back together. The Leaf River Lions Club regrets having to make such a decision but felt it best at this time.

The Leaf River Lions may still hold their Pork Chop BBQ if the virus issue has subsided so please watch the papers for further details.

Arts Guild scholarship now available

Scholarship applications for Performing Arts Guild are now available and can be downloaded from the website at: performingartsguild.com

These scholarships are limited to individuals living in Mount Morris and Oregon or attending the Oregon School District. Applications are open to anyone interested in studying the arts. This includes, but is not limited to, performing, directing, teaching drama, music, visual arts, technical crafts, set design, etc.

Scholarship application deadline is April 30.

Local students on Monmouth Dean's List

MONMOUTH – These students achieved at least a 3.5 GPA for the Fall 2019 semester at Monmouth College while taking at least three academic credits.

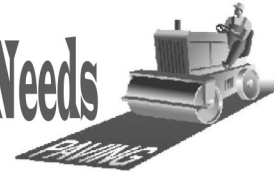
Kaitlin Korf of Forreston; Maddisen Nelson of Byron.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

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RRC plans July Sinatra tribute trip

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Frank Sinatra Tribute at Starved Rock – July 20

Join us for the day on Monday, July 20, as we travel to Starved Rock Lodge in Oglesby, Illinois for a Tribute to Frank Sinatra! Peter Oprisko will delight you with this tribute to the Chairman of the Board! A fresh and unique, ultra-modern salute to Ol' Blue Eyes, this exciting and memorable celebration showcases Sinatra like never before. Enjoy such hits as: New York New York, The Way You Look Tonight, My Way, and many more.

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Each performance is priced to include RT transportation, buffet lunch, performance by talented entertainers, all applicable taxes and gratuities.

Reservation and payment deadline: June 15. Note: All reservations and payments must be received by the deadline.

At this time checks, credit cards and Rock River Center gift certificates are accepted.

Reservations and prepayment should be made by contacting Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon by phone or mail. Seating is limited.

Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information on any of our shows.

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County's Heller wins Key Award

The Illinois 4-H Key Award recognizes youth leaders who mentor and serve their community. This year eight 4-H teens were honored with this award. The award is sponsored by the H. Richard and Sarah F. McFarland Endowed 4-H Youth Leadership and Character Development Support Fund through the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

The late Richard McFarland was a 4-H and University of Illinois alum who experienced tremendous success in the food industry, agriculture, and real estate; and he shared the fruits of that success with the organizations he treasured, said Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation Executive Director.

"When it comes to professional achievement, Dick believed that character and leadership development were just as valuable as formalized classroom education," Barnard said. "Not only did he model entrepreneurial success, but he also made sure that Illinois 4-H youth and College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences students were afforded opportunities to build a similar path."

Each year, 4-H members who exemplify the traits he admired receive the 4-H Key Award. This year's winners included, Anne Becker, Morgan County; Alexander Ford, DuPage County; Julia Heller, Ogle County; Anthony Joiner, Macoupin County; Lydia Oker, Kendall County; Reagan Parks, McLean County; Noah Vancina, Will County; and Dalton Wachter, JoDaviess County.

"Our awardees embody the true spirit of 4-H, having made a difference not only in their communities, but also Illinois and the nation," said Lisa Diaz, U of I Extension assistant dean and director of Illinois 4-H.

About our local Ogle County Winner:

Julia Heller, Key Award Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club, Federation, 4-H Ambassadors, Livestock Ambassador Team, Youth Leadership Team.

Julia's project work focuses on poultry and veterinary science. She advocates for the livestock industry as an ambassador and teaches others at events such as the Youth Livestock Conference. She led a group of teens in a Salvation Army



service project during Illini Summer Academies as a production team member for the conference.

"Through 4-H, I discovered what I wanted to have as a career and developed great leadership skills. I have met and built relationships with people that will last a lifetime," she said.

Heller will study animal science at University of Illinois in the fall with hopes of completing her DVM at the College of Veterinary Medicine. She hopes to concentrate her work in the poultry and pharmaceutical areas.

About 4-H: Illinois 4-H prepares and empowers youth for success. University of Illinois Extension

provides 4-H programs in every county in Illinois. Illinois 4-H impacts the lives of 200,000 youth each year through sustained learning clubs and groups and short-term programming.

About Illinois 4-H Foundation: The Illinois 4-H Foundation's mission is to build relationship to generate financial resources for Illinois 4-H. Funding from individual donors, our Illinois 4-H Project Partners, companies, and friends of Illinois 4-H help the Foundation support statewide programming initiatives along with scholarships, assistance to National events, grant opportunities, Teens as Teachers and assists us in filling funding gaps.

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Autism Awareness Month

6 ways to recognize autism awareness

Autism has become a household word because of the vast number of lives impacted by this highly scrutinized and often confusing series of conditions. In 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that 1 in 59 children currently has autism spectrum disorder in the United States.

ASD can affect the entire body, but it is typically marked by repetitive patterns of behavior, interests or activities. Difficulties with communication, intellectual disabilities and impaired social interactions also are noted. The autism awareness organization Autism Speaks estimates that one-third of people with ASD are nonverbal as well.

Research implicates genetics as the cause of ASD in the vast majority of cases. Generally speaking, children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having autism than those born to younger parents. Despite controversy, there is no definitive link between ASD and immunizations.

Each April is Autism Awareness Month. April also hosts World Autism Day (April 2). The Autism Society, one of the leading autism organizations, established the observance month to "promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life." There are many steps people can take to help the group achieve that goal, both in April and throughout the year.

1. Wear blue. One of the significant markers of autism support and awareness is the displaying of the color blue. Many organizations sell blue t-shirts and other promotional items that help raise awareness and money for the cause.

2. Attend an event. There are many marches or fundraisers for ASD in April. Participating in such events shows those with ASD that people care about them.

3. Go to a sensory friendly event. Venues like movie theaters and amuse-



ment parks offer "sensory-friendly" days for individuals with ASD and their families.

4. Embrace the ribbon. The puzzle piece ribbon represents the complexity and diversity of those with

ASD. Pin a ribbon to clothing or attach ribbon magnets to cars.

5. Learn more. Dr. Temple Grandin is an autism expert who is on the spectrum herself. Through her own words, Grandin shares

unprecedented insights into what the autistic brain experiences. This education can be used in one's own life or in the classroom. There are other educators with ASD who also offer their expertise online.

6. Donate when possible. Although there is no cure for autism, researchers continue to work to learn more about it and any potential treatments that can improve the lives of those with ASD.

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During these uncommon times, they would love a card shower. Please send kind regards in the mail if you would like to: the Kalnins, 111 W. Main St., Mount Morris, IL 61054.



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!

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

Introducing Hoopla!

Big news! The Byron library has added Hoopla to our digital services! Patrons now have access to online e-books, movies, music, comics and audiobooks for FREE with your library card. Hoopla is available on your computer and on your mobile phone or tablet with the Hoopla app. Check it out in your app or play store or on hoopladigital.com today! Available 24/7!

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

Local History

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

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

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 29.

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

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 visit our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary)) or 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.

Bertolet Library News

Due to the shelter-in-place order, Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed through May 3. We tentatively plan to reopen on Monday, May 4. This is subject to change. All due dates have been extended through May 29. There is no need to worry about late fines. Our drop box will be closed to returns until we are able to reopen.

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

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

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, originally scheduled for April 13, is cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates during this closure.

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.

Meeting Cancelled

Due to the current shelter in place order, the monthly board of trustees meeting scheduled for April 13th has been cancelled. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.



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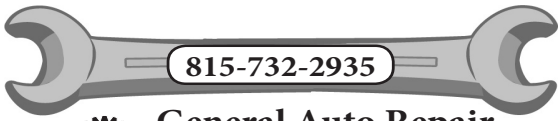

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Lehman makes President's List

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Byron's Martin makes Dean's List at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum of 12 graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

Following is a list of area honorees by hometown, with their year in school, college(s) and academic major(s) or program.

Byron: Kirk Patrick Martin, junior, Dean's List, College of Business, economics



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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

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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 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.

Adult coloring contest

Adults: Are you sitting at home with your kids, why should they get all the cool links and projects? Are you just stuck at home and boredom setting in? Pull out those Adult Coloring books and get coloring. Oregon Public Library will be holding an ADULT only coloring contest. You can print a coloring page off the internet or rip one out of your Adult coloring books. You have until April 30th to mail your coloring sheet to the Library. Must include Name, email address and phone number on the back. There will be two age categories: 16-20 years of age and 21 and up. Prizes and winners will be shared on our Facebook page and website.

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.

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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 thru May 1, so while you're at home consider this an art assignment! Sent it to us via email or mail it to the Library.

Available resources for your stay at home

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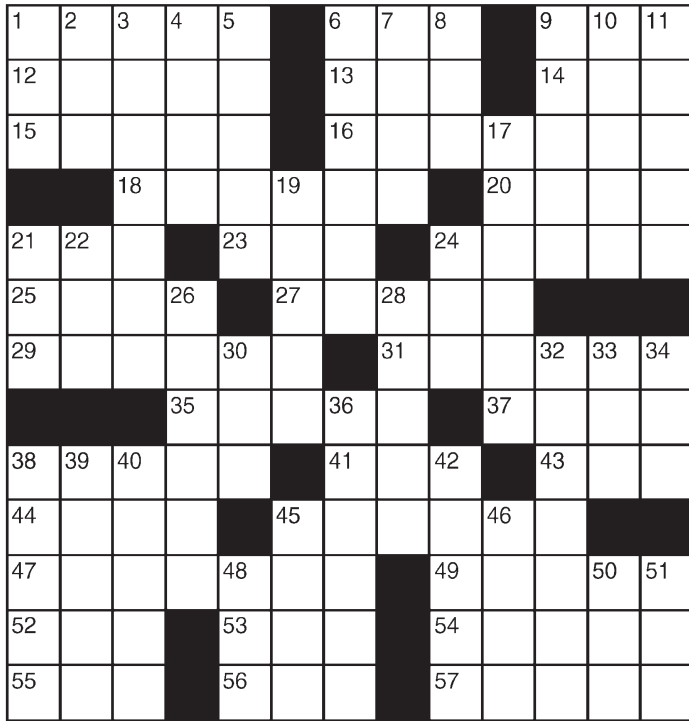
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- 6 Try the tea
- 9 Cleveland cager
- 12 Memorable mission
- 13 "— Little Teapot"
- 14 Blackbird
- 15 Make obscure
- 16 "Material Girl" singer
- 18 Bold alternative
- 20 Check
- 21 Dogtag wearers
- 23 — good deed
- 24 Founded (on)
- 25 Love god
- 27 Ill-suited



- 29 Praying bug
- 31 Tiny
- 35 Vote for
- 37 Prego rival
- 38 Start a rally
- 41 Moon vehicle acronym
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Shaving cream additive
- 45 Cut aid
- 47 Insanity
- 49 Free of frost
- 52 Inseparable
- 53 Bullring bravo
- 54 Beetle
- Bailey's bully
- 55 Commotion
- 56 Trawler need
- 57 Hiker's route
- DOWN**
- 1 Slight touch
- 2 Hearty quaff
- 3 Wisconsin's capital
- 4 Leave out
- 5 Wanderer
- 6 Ape
- 7 Apple product
- 8 Cushion
- 9 Christmas candies
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- 22 A Gershwin brother
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- 28 In the cards
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- 34 Summa — laude
- 36 Storage area
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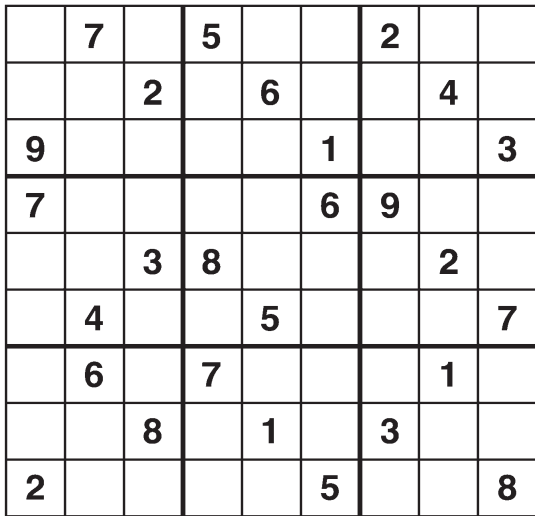
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

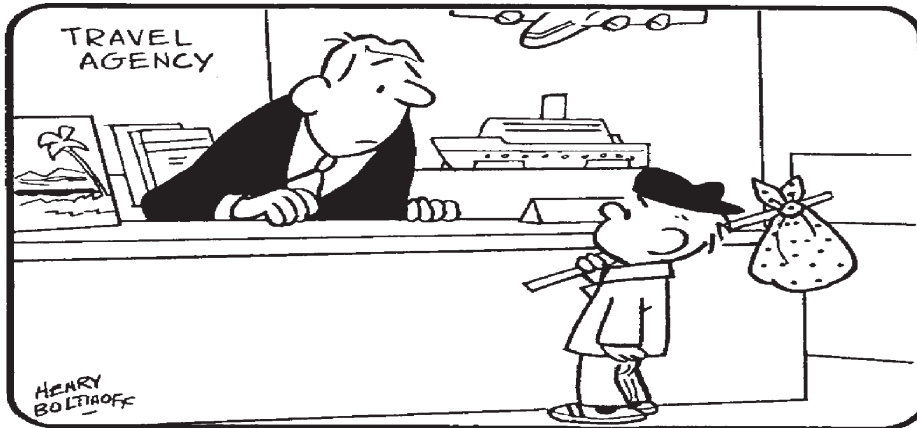
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- ◆ Moderate
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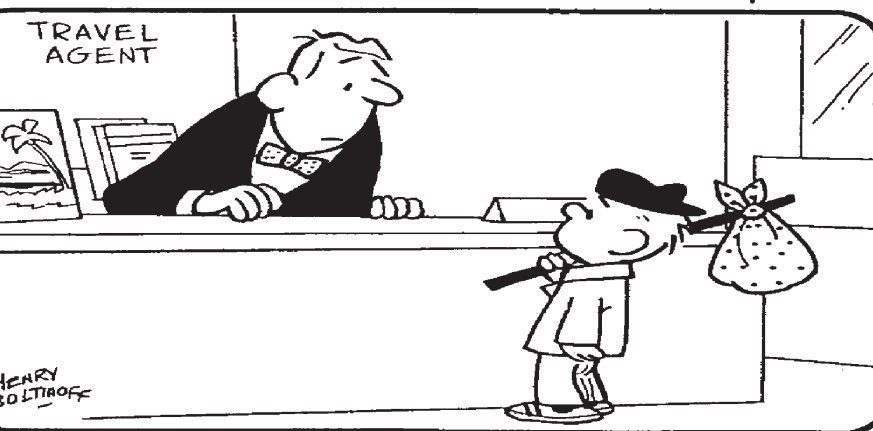
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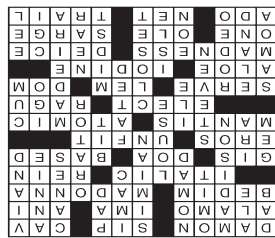
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



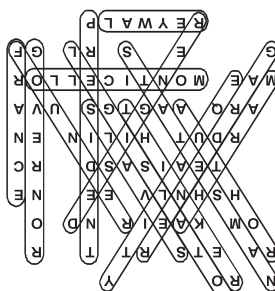
Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Plane is missing. 3. Ship is missing. 4. Window is added. 5. Hobo stick is different. 6. Word changed to "agent".



Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —



THOMAS JEFFERSON

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – LET’S MAKE MUSIC!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?**

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|-----------|---------------------|
| ACCORDION | X H A R M O N I C A |
| BANJO | Y A N M O L L E C L |
| CELO | L R A A U T U C B O |
| DRUM | O P A T G R O T E I |
| HARMONICA | P R E C O R D E R V |
| HARP | H O R N D O O O Y I |
| HORN | O T P I A N O O L O |
| LUTE | N H O J N A B P A L |
| LYRE | E N O H P O X A S I |
| OBOE | Z I T H E R S T E N |
| ORGAN | |
| PIANO | |
| RECORDER | |
| SAXOPHONE | |
| VIOLA | |
| VIOLIN | |
| XYLOPHONE | |
| ZITHER | |

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Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Tear-causing veggie | __ N __ _ _ | Night sky hunter | __ R __ _ _ |
| 2. Moan and groan | __ _ M __ _ _ | Like a hidden talent | __ _ T __ _ _ |
| 3. Goofy | __ I __ _ _ | Charlie Brown’s sis | __ A __ _ _ |
| 4. Become fainter | __ A __ _ _ _ | Coffemaker strainer | __ I __ _ _ _ |
| 5. Place a bet | __ _ G __ _ | Thirst quencher | __ _ T __ _ |
| 6. Cushion | P __ _ _ _ _ | Drooping tree | W __ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Use one’s noggin | __ _ _ _ K | Object | __ _ _ _ G |
| 8. Airplane garage | __ _ _ _ A _ | Closet accessory | __ _ _ _ E _ |
| 9. Temporary tire fix | __ A __ _ _ | Throw like Cy Young | __ I __ _ _ |
| 10. Soapy fizz | __ _ B __ _ _ | Stagger | __ _ M __ _ _ |

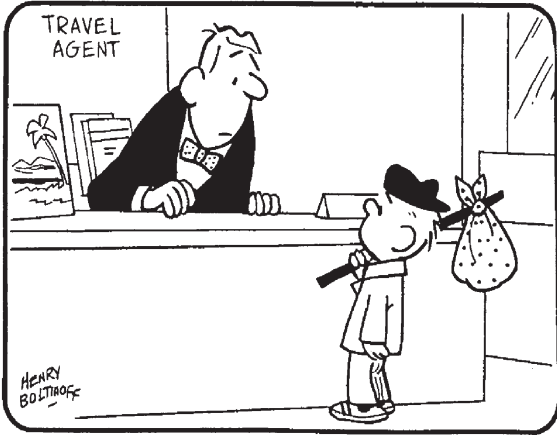
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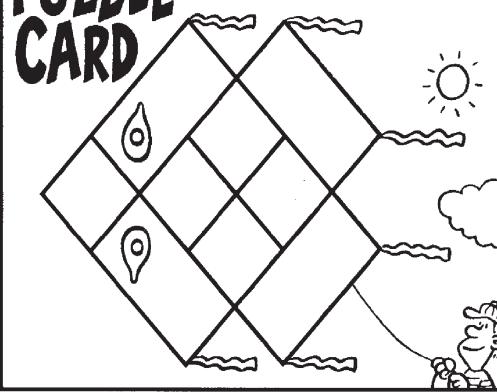
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PUZZLE CARD

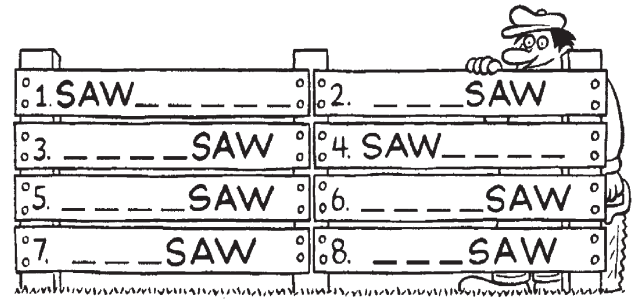
How many different size squares are there in this puzzle kite?



Illustrated by David Coulson. Answer: 11 squares.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



SAWMILL SHENANIGANS!

The mill foreman, "Bucksaw" Williams, has painted eight partially spelled words on the fence. Each word contains a "saw" in it. Use the hints below to complete each word.

- Used to hold things up.
- Has a lot of ups and downs.
- Scrutinized with care.
- A \$10 bill.
- Long, two-handled saw.
- Knew beforehand.
- Used to cut sharp curves.
- Used to cut along the grain.

Answers: 1. Sawhorse. 2. Seesaw. 3. Oversaw. 4. Sawbuck. 5. Whipsaw. 6. Foresaw. 7. Jigsaw. 8. Ripsaw.

THE WINNING EDGE! Hand anyone an ice-cream stick and bet them that they can't drop it from two feet above the table and have it land on its edge.

SECRET: When it's your turn to go, bend the stick in half before dropping it. This will cause it to land upright on its edge.



FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

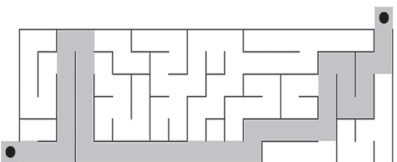
- Lean to one side
- A social insect.
- To look over quickly.
- An airtight container.



Mystery word: Scant.

Answers: 1. Cant. 2. Ant. 3. Scan. 4. Can.

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|----|----|----|--|----|
| S | | | | T |
| | 1. | | | |
| | | 2. | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| | | | | 4. |



Kids' Maze Solution

- Onion, Orton
- Pillow, Willow
- Think, Thing
- Lament, Latent
- Silly, Sally
- Father, Filter
- Wager, Water
- Bubble, Bumble

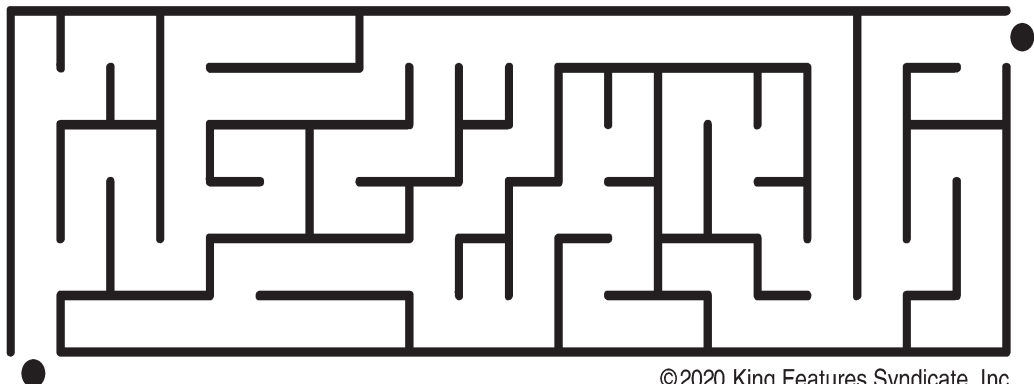
Even Exchange answers

Riddle Answer: A tuba toothpaste.

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| Z | I | T | H | E | R | S | T | E | N |

Answer

Kids' Maze



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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Village of Davis Junction, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for a Concrete Gutter Installation project until 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 6th day of May, 2020, at the Village Hall, located at 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois 61020 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The proposed work

for which the Village is soliciting bids consists of one contract: "Ogle Crossings Detention Pond Repairs - 2020" and includes the installation of a concrete low-flow channel.
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. Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website

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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. The Village of Davis Junction is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Village of Davis Junction, Illinois reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Village of Davis Junction, Illinois 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 13, 2020
No. 0407 (April 13)

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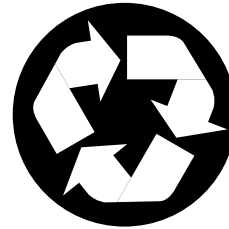
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