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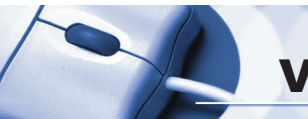
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Get ready for year-around golf

PrairieView set to open Toptracer course

By Brad Jennings
Editor

BYRON – Soon, area golfers will be able to enjoy their favorite game year around.

That's right – even in the winter.

PrairieFire Golf & Grill, located at the PrairieView Golf Club in Byron, is now set to open on April 2. It features not only a full-service bar, shareable food items and great seating, but is also a Toptracer golf range.

Toptracer technology, which is owned by Top Golf, allows golfers to combine technology with real clubs and balls to play a variety of games.



PrairieFire Golf & Grill will feature eight bays for groups to enjoy a variety of golf games. There will also be food and a full-service bar.

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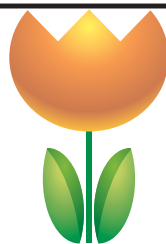
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Byron nuke plant marks anniversary

BYRON – Last week the Byron Generating Station in Northern Illinois is celebrating an impressive 4,500 consecutive days producing carbon-free energy for Illinois and beyond, while also marking 45 years on site.

Employees, retirees and local leaders were on hand recently for a cake cutting to mark the occasion. Oregon's own O's Bakery designed an incredible edible replica of the plant for the occasion.

Construction work started at the Exelon Generation location in Byron in 1975, with the Unit 1 reactor coming online in 1985 and Unit 2 in 1987. Nuclear reactors like the ones at the dual-unit Byron Station are very reliable, running around the clock. Every 18 months, operators shut down a reactor for only few weeks to support refueling and maintenance. Over the past 13 years, when one reactor shut down for maintenance, the other unit stayed online allowing the facility to continuously provide electricity to the region. The nuclear plant's 700-plus workforce prides itself on precision monitoring and maintenance programs, which help the plant sustain its status as a model of reliability.

The plant generates enough carbon-free electricity to power more than 2.3 million homes and businesses while preventing the release of nearly 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. Over the lifetime of both units' operation, that's the equivalent of taking approximately 2.5 million cars off of the road every year.

"Clean power-generating facilities like Byron Station are on the front lines of combatting climate change," said Byron

Station Site Vice President Mark Kanavos. "Americans want carbon-free electricity, which our nuclear plants deliver to millions every day. They also want reliability, and nuclear plants are the unquestioned champion of reliable electricity production in this country."

The average nuclear plant in the United States operated at full power about 92 percent of the time of 2019. On average, Exelon's nuclear plants ran at full power more than 95 percent of the year. Byron Station topped the company's and country's average run time by operating at full power more than 96.9 percent of the time in 2019. The always-on aspect of nuclear power isn't lost on its residents.

"Living in this area my whole life, I can attest to the importance of the station for both its important part in electricity distribution and its positive effect on the economy," said Sarah Downs, executive director of the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce.

"When one reactor goes offline for a maintenance project, there's still a positive outcome as local businesses see a big uptick in sales. With hundreds of contractors temporarily staying in the area during refueling projects, our business owners are staffing up – with some even extending their hours – to take care of the workers visiting our shops, restaurants and stores."

Byron Generating Station is about 20 miles southwest of Rockford. With both units at full power, the site produces almost 2,500 megawatts, enough electricity to power more than 2.3 million average American homes.

The new fax number for The Ogle County Life is 815-562-2161.

Byron Museum hosts indoor market

BYRON – The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market on March 14, April 11, and May 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the indoor market for cupboard staples, tasty treats, and unique gifts.

Many of the market's vendors are at the Sunshine Park Farmer's Market during the summer, providing homegrown produce, handmade gifts, baked goods, and all-natural body care. Museum and Indoor Market admission is always free.

Spring Art Show: The Byron Museum is currently displaying art submitted by the Eagles Nest Art Group through March 2. A watercolor painting by Marjorie Lippert is up for silent auction. Proceeds from the

sale of the painting will go to support the work of Hands On Oregon (HOO), a non-for-profit dedicated to improving Oregon. View the art and place a bid during museum hours; Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boozy Bingo: Tuesday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. Come play free for fun and prizes, 50/50 and basket raffle, cash bar by Aero, and concessions. Pre-register on our Facebook page. Ages 21 and up.

History Hunters: St. Patrick's Day: Friday, March 6, 10 a.m.-noon. There's no school, so come join us to learn more about this holiday with crafts, games, and a Leprechaun hunt! Open for kids K-6th grade, must be accompanied by an adult.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House - which is a listed site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Permanent museum exhibits include; Agriculture Then and Now, Underground Railroad, Local Veterans, Byron Business, Outhouses, Trains, and A.G. Spalding. Open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at 110 North Union Street, Byron IL 61010. www.byronmuseum.org.

GOLF: Excitement for opening is high

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The driving range features eight bays where groups up to eight players can compete in games including longest drive competitions, hitting lighted targets or even playing classic courses like Pebble Beach.

Players can watch the flight of their ball in front of them, or on the screens mounted at each bay.

"Basically, it allows people, when they are using the bays in the driving range, the Toptracer will track the ball to see how fast it's going, how high it's going, how far it's going, that type of thing," said Scott deOliveria, Assistant General Manager at PrairieView.

He said it is the same technology that tracks the ball on televised golf events. But deOliveria said this is an actual driving range too.

"You are actually hitting

out onto a range, so you can actually see the flight of the ball all the way to the ground," he said.

There is also a separate bay that will be used by head PGA pro Andrew Schlupp to give lessons.

But PrairieFire isn't just for golfers. There will be plenty of comfortable seating, food and a bar with 10 draft beer lines that will feature some craft and seasonal brews.

"There's an entertainment factor involved, to come out and enjoy some food and drinks," deOliveria said. "(It is) a very cozy, relaxed atmosphere with the lounge furniture and the lighting and the heated bays. It's kind of set up to be a real social experience."

PrairieFire will be open from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and from 9 a.m.-midnight on Friday and Saturday. Reservations are highly recommended

for those who want to golf, deOliveria said. Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per hour, depending on the day and time. He said that for a foursome to play a specific course on the Toptracer range, it will take about three hours.

With winter being down months for a golf course in this region, deOliveria said this type of year-around golf experience will help the bottom line.

"We can continually generate revenue throughout the year to support the golf operation," he said.

He said many courses in the area are keeping an eye on PrairieFire.

"I get the feeling that this will be a trend that golf courses will definitely be taking a look at."

And the golfing community is already primed for it to open, as deOliveria said the feedback has been great and excitement for the opening is high.

Spaghetti supper to benefit United Way set

MOUNT MORRIS – The Pinecrest Community Employee Committee is sponsoring a spaghetti supper to benefit United Way on Monday, March 9 at Disciples United Methodist Church, Mount Morris, from 4:30-7 p.m.

The church is located at 102 Maple Ave. Donations will be taken at the door.

For more information, call Howie Herman at Pinecrest, 815-734-1715.



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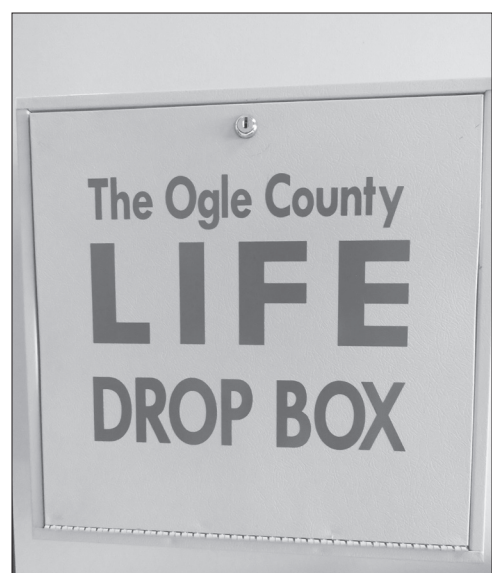
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Life Drop Box now at Conover

The Ogle County Life drop box is now located at Conover Square in Oregon. The box will be located just inside the North entrance of Conover and will be checked daily during the week by Ogle County Life staff.





Teen earns Eagle Scout

STILLMAN VALLEY Stillman Valley Boy Scout Troop 315 participated in an Eagle Court of Honor on Feb. 8.

At that time, Liam O'Sullivan was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. At only 14 years old, O'Sullivan is part of a small group of scouts that have reached the Eagle rank at such a young age.

Over the past four years, while working towards his Eagle rank, O'Sullivan has completed 26 merit badges, gone on 20 weekend camping trips with his troop, gone on four week-long summer camping trips with his troop, went to a week-long National Youth Leadership Training camp, helped a large group of scouts work on their robotics merit badge, and helped four other

scouts with their Eagle Scout projects. He has volunteered numerous hours with Bread of Life Food Pantry, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and has helped the Lion's Club with rose deliveries.

In 2019, Liam was elected by his troop to the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Currently, he is the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of his troop and plans to continue helping other scouts work on their requirements for ranking up while working on more of his own merit badges.

O'Sullivan's Eagle Scout Project was to help First Covenant Church of Rockford expand their Community Garden by building four more large, raised garden boxes. With his troop's help,

this was completed in the fall of 2018 and was used for planting in 2019.

O'Sullivan also spends his time mowing lawns, helping with his church's children's programs, mentoring a FIRST LEGO League robotics team, is very active with the Rockford Robotics competition team, enjoys creating plans for things to print on his 3D printer, has taught himself how to use CAD, and has started refurbishing a used truck for himself.

O'Sullivan is currently a homeschool student and takes some classes at a home-school co-op in Rochelle. He is the son of Sean & Audrey O'Sullivan of Davis Junction, and the grandson of Russell & Karen Carlson of Stillman Valley and Gail O'Sullivan of Chicago.

Market outlook webinar March 16

If you are looking for a marketing outlook heading into harvest season then look no further – you found it.

On March 16 the Ogle County Farm Bureau will host a webinar-based market outlook with AgriVisor Senior Analyst Joe Camp. Camp prepares and edits the "Cash Strategist" for the Illinois Farm Bureau FarmWeek and Iowa Spokesman. He

speaks at many Farm Bureau and other agriculture meetings as well as contributing to RFD Illinois and WILL radio.

The webinar begins at 6:30 p.m. Members can participate in the webinar by accessing the webinar from your home computer. In order to access from your computer, you will need to download specific software free from the internet and use

the webinar access code. To find instructions for downloading the software and to access the webinar link go to the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at www.oglefb.org

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'Fake news' seminar March 12

OREGON – This March, the Oregon Public Library will host a presentation on Sifting Through the Ashes of Truth, beginning with John Peter Altgeld, Bryan Murley will lay out an alternative to the toxic media environment that permeates our times and enable citizens to become informed news consumers using media literacy tools online and off.

"Sifting Through the Ashes of Truth" will take place March 12 at 6 p.m. in the Oregon Public Library Art Gallery. The event is free and open to all audiences. For more information, please visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or contact Cari Berg, cbergoply@gmail.com or 815-732-2724.

John Peter Altgeld was Illinois' first "progressive" governor, serving from 1893-1897. An immigrant, he fought for workers' rights, women's rights, penal reform, child labor laws, and angered industrialists by refusing to break up the Pullman Strike. Throughout his public life, Altgeld learned much about how the press could twist and obscure the facts of events to present "fake news." Yes, "fake news" was as much a problem for the 19th century as it is today. The difference for us is that there are more tools available to combat lies and distortions created by political operatives intent on damaging the credibility of legitimate news. How can we as citizens in a democracy better navigate the oceans of information surrounding us and make sense of it all?

The event will be co-produced by the

Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, which invites Illinois authors, artists and educators to share their expertise and enthusiasm with people throughout the state, enabling local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities. The current edition of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, presented in cooperation with the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, consists of presentations exploring Illinois history and culture in recognition of the state's 200th anniversary.

Murley teaches journalism at Eastern Illinois University, focusing primarily on digital media, ethics and media literacy. A castle, a union, and a state budget crisis led him to the writings of Illinois Gov. John Peter Altgeld. In the intervening years, Murley has studied this enigmatic 1-term governor for lessons about journalism, politics, and progress for all humanity that might be gleaned for the 21st century. Murley, a Texas native, considers himself an Illinoisan by choice. Murley creates art, writes songs, plays guitar, and ponders existence from his home base in Charleston.

Illinois Humanities strengthens the social, political, and economic fabric of Illinois through constructive conversation and community engagement. Founded in 1974 as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Illinois Humanities is the only statewide proponent of the public humanities in Illinois.

Annual Shop Hop hitting area March 6-7

The annual Vintage Shop Hop, which showcases 400 vintage shops and boutiques in Northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, is coming to Ogle County.

It will take place on March 6 and 7 and is a self-guided visit to vintage shops, boutiques, barn sales, shops and stores. You can find the map for the event at <https://vintageshophop.blogspot.com>.

Each shop owner may have a promotion going on and have special extended or additional hours. The map breaks down the location and shop type, hours, etc.

Local businesses involved in the Shop Hop include Cheri Picked Vintage, Sweet Blessings and The Artists' Garden in Rochelle; Free Spirit Vintage, Just Antiques and Collectibles and Split Decisions in Oregon; Vintage Chicks & Feed in Leaf River; K. Paige LLC and Mairzedotes for Cherished Boutique in Byron; Our House Antiques in Polo; and Roadhouse Antiques in Creston.

Typical store hours are to open at 9-10 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. or after. Be sure to check the list or map for exact hours of each shop.

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Obituaries

Lucille E. Black

OREGON – Lucille E. Black, age 104 died Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at the Serenity Hospice and Home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 26, 1915 near Dixon, the daughter of Herman and Avis (March) Haenitsch.



She married Harold Black on June 17, 1939 in Clinton, Iowa. He preceded her in death in 1978. Lucille worked for many years doing washing and ironing for local residents. She also worked at the sewing factory in Oregon, Rockford Screw Products, the shoe factory in Dixon, and Mid State in Rockford. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon. She was also a member of the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge since 1970 where she was often seen helping with banquets and

gatherings. Lucille loved playing bingo, gardening, flowers, and watching the deer and wild turkeys in her back yard.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband Harold, 2 sons Eugene and James Black, son-in-law Robert Hammes, daughter-in-law Jill black, 2 sisters Alice Sword and Wilma Shoemaker, 2 brothers Chuck and Don Hae-

nitsch, and 2 nieces Beverly Lauder and Shirley Wilsted.

She is survived by her daughter Marjorie Cox-Hammes of Oregon, 5 grandchildren; Carol (Todd) Cline, David (Kim) Cox, Patrick (Tammy) Cox, Sandra (Jim) Young, and Corey Black, 11 great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon with the Rev. Karen Gerhard-Conner officiating. Visitation was prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. A memorial fund is established in Lucille's name. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Debra S. Bryant

MOUNT MORRIS – Debra S. Bryant, 62, of Mount Morris, passed at home Friday, Feb. 21, 2020. Deb was born May 31, 1957 to Larry and Deloris (Miller) Gilmer (formerly of Mount Morris).



Deb was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother and wife. She shared her love with many family members, friends and animals. She often could be seen walking her black lab "Oreo" in parks and on rural roads around Mount Morris. Following her birth in Huntington, Ind., she moved with her family to Mount Morris, where she attended elementary school, and moved again to Elmhurst, where she graduated from York High School.

She was admitted to NIU in DeKalb, where she received a Bachelor's Degree. Deb remained in DeKalb where she tried several careers, eventually choosing permanent employment at NIU. She held numerous positions as she advanced from personnel officer to Associate Vice President for Operations for labor/management negotiations. After 28 years at NIU she retired and settled with her husband in rural Mount Morris in a home they designed and built to enjoy a bucolic life together.

Deb was a member of St. James Lutheran church in Forreston and served on the church council for several years. On behalf of the church she regularly sent get well and condolence cards to congregation members, bought Christmas gifts for children who would not otherwise receive

them and contributed baked goods for church functions, especially the annual Ice Cream Social.

Also a member of Ogle County Master Gardeners, she dedicated many hours volunteering for garden-related presentations in several retirement homes in Ogle County. She loved seeing the excitement in the eyes of the residents working on craft projects each month, almost as much as she did planting and nurturing her gardens. From planting and trimming trees to achieving the perfect lawn her efforts were tireless.

Deb was politically involved as well, serving Ogle County Democrats as precinct representative and secretary. She and Oreo walked in many county parades or went door-to-door canvassing for signatures or support at election time. On election days she served as an election judge.

She is survived by her parents and her sister Diane (Barry Nathan) along with several nephews and nieces. From her first marriage she is survived by her son Rory (Kelly Gardner) Schlarb, daughter Dayna (Jacob Greer), and beloved grandchildren Clara, Row-

an and Levi Greer. Her ties to her Schlarb in-laws after divorce remained pleasant through regular communication and combined family events.

In mid-life she married James (Jim) Bryant and accepted new in-laws and step-family members, all of whom she received with her special brand of acceptance without the need for the prefix "step" or suffix "in-law." She is survived by her husband, daughter Lora (Jim McGrath) and daughter Stephanie (Mathew Freistadt). Along with the new daughters came many more who called Deb "Grandma" including: Mallory and Alexandra Drevline, Patrick McGrath, Isabel, Lily, Logan and Brody Freistadt. Surviving new siblings are Ed, Mike and Tom (Donica) Bryant.

For most of her adult life Deb struggled with the symptoms and side-effects of Crohn's Disease. It hampered her abilities but never her determination, optimistic outlook, or loving disposition. In lieu of flowers, she would ask for donations to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation to help in the search for a cure (www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org)

Memorial service will be held on Saturday March 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Morris, with Rev. Karyn Kost officiating. Visitation be on Saturday March 7, 2020 from 9 a.m. until service time in Finch Funeral Home. Deb requested cremation and a private burial when spring arrives and the forsythia are in bloom.

Connie Jean Feary

LEAF RIVER – Connie Jean Feary, age 73, passed away on Friday February 21, 2020 in her home. Connie was born on Dec. 27, 1946 in Freeport, the daughter of Dwight and Rosella (Christian) Hilliard.



She graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1965. Connie married William Amos Feary on Jan. 18, 1964 in Leaf River. She grew up and raised a family in Leaf River.

Connie loved gardening, crocheting, quilting, making doll clothes, going shopping, reading, going camping, and going on road trips with Bill in the camper. Most of all she loved playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing cards and computer games.

Connie is survived by her husband: Bill Feary, Leaf River; children: William A. Feary, Freeport, Tammy J. (Feary) Shippert, Freeport, and Allen (Jill) Feary, Leaf River; grandchildren: Dawn Little, James Feary, Nichole Norris, Morgan Shippert, Michael

Shippert, Maria Shippert, Joshua Suarez, and Hayley Feary; great-grandchildren: Michael Little, Lucas Norris, Griffen Norris, Maddox Stewart, Emerson Monigold, and Rowan Artman; sister: Carolyn (Mike) Scharfenberg, Sterling.

Connie is preceded in death by her parents, twin children: Patty and John; brother: Orville; and sister: Sharon.

Funeral services was held Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, at 10:30 a.m. Burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Oregon. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 in Finch Funeral Home from 9:30 a.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers memorials to be determined.

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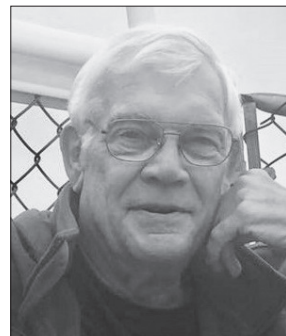
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Kenneth Stahl

OREGON – Kenneth Stahl age 74 of Oregon, formerly of Arlington Heights. Retired Mt. Prospect Fire Department. Beloved husband of Barbara Stahl loving father of Kendra (Jeremy) Hannert and Courtney (Robert) Thorson; cherished grandfather of Jacob, Dana, Noelle and Annika; dear brother of Glenn (Diane) Stahl; fond uncle of several nieces and



nephews. Memorial Visitation Fri-

day March 6, 2:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service 6 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, P.O. Box 911, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral information 847-255-7800 or www.friedrihsfh.com.

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Obituary

Dean Thomas Cunningham

Dean Thomas Cunningham, 74, passed away Nov. 30, 2019, at his home in Roseville, Calif. He was born May 5, 1945, in Dixon, to John T. Cunningham, Jr. and Annabel (Stauffer) Cunningham.



Growing up in rural Polo, Dean was a 1962 graduate of Polo Community High School, attending National Science Foundation summer programs at three different colleges. Dean earned a BS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1966. Immediately following his graduation, he joined Union Carbide Corporation (Linde Division, Praxair) for a life-long career, retiring in 1999. His work was briefly interrupted in 1967-1969 by his Army military service; subsequent work assignments took him to both U.S. coasts, Geneva, Switzerland, and Milan, Italy. These changing locations inspired his retirement travels, cruising to and experiencing many different countries around the world with family and friends.

A life-long sports fan, Dean was an avid supporter of the UW Badgers and the Miami Dolphins. Living in California, he also found Bay Area pro teams to be entertaining and held season tickets for the Oakland Raiders. In his early retirement, he traveled to Arizona for MLB spring training. For many years, Dean played for the Sun City Roseville Sr Softball Club, relishing the activity, camaraderie, and their outstanding won-loss record! Dean's retirement also allowed him to pay closer attention to cultivating beautiful roses and Italian heirloom tomatoes. Still a little "farm boy" left

in him!

Survivors include Dean's wife, Nancy; his daughters, Jennifer and Alyssa Cunningham (Chicago, area) and son Michael (Kathleen) Cunningham (Chicago and Lake Tahoe, Nev.); Nancy's son Christopher (Kathy) Derner, (Spanaway, Wash.) and daughter Kim (Veikko) Meilonen (Lockport, N.Y.); and five grandchildren: Michael (Gerilyn), Zachary (Melissa), Veikko, Megan, and Jenna. Also surviving are Dean's sisters: Carolyn Cunningham Hillsten (Ken), Orange, Texas and Sylvia Cunningham Howell (Thomas), West Lafayette, Ind.; and nephews Kevin (Catherine) Hillsten, Alex (Priscilla Goble) Howell and Tony (Allison) Howell. Dean was predeceased by his parents and two nieces: Denise Hillsten Taylor and Monica Elizabeth Howell.

Expressions of sympathy or condolences may be shared with the family through Polo Family Funeral Home: pffh.condolences@gmail.com. A hometown memory celebration may be scheduled in the spring. Any memorial contributions may be made in Dean's name/ PCHS Class of 1962: Polo Community Schools Foundation, Polo Unit #222, 100 South Union Avenue, Polo, IL, 61064.

Serenity offers grief class

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce it will be starting an 8-week class entitled, "Understanding Your Grief."

This class will run each Tuesday evening from March 10-April 28. The group will meet at The Serenity Shed located at 131 N. 3rd St. in downtown Oregon from 5-6:30 p.m.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional,

cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hospice's Bereavement Coordinator. Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt. Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class - 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren.



Park District offers Spring Break fun

OREGON – Are you staying in town this Spring Break and still want your child to have a blast? The Oregon Park District will keep your child safe, entertained and busy with lots of fun adventures, swimming, games, craft and fun at the local parks.

Spring Break Camp will run from Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27 each day from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon. The fee is \$125/Resident and \$150/Non-Residents.

Deadline to register is March 16 and it will be here before you know it! Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Wellness Fair is March 14

STILLMAN VALLEY – Join us at the Spring Wellness Fair on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Stillman Valley High School

Organizations that will be at the fair include: SV Lion's Club, Fitness Junction, Circle of Wellness, Spear Family Chiropractic, Ogle County Chiropractic, SV Fire Dept, Ogle County Sheriff's Dept, Because of Ruth, and Juice Plus, with more vendors expected to be added. Free services offered include: chair massages, flexibility and

mobility screening, body fat testing, blood pressure screening, hearing screening and vision screening. Each person in attendance at the fair will be entered to win door prizes.

"We're looking forward to this fun event to help promote health and wellness," said Kayla McKinney, director of Health Services for Meridian 223. "The event is open to the community and located in the multi-purpose room at Stillman Valley High School. We hope to see you there!"

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

C.M. HALL & SONS, LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)Case
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HOLCOMB STATE BANK n/k/a HOLCOMB)
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Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment for Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned case, the Sheriff of Ogle County, Illinois, or his deputy, on the 20th day of March, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, IL 61061, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, property known as:

Permanent Index Numbers: 10-13-300-002 and 10-24-100-001

This property is commonly known as North Meridian Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, which is a farm land, and may contain improvements. This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash or its equivalent in accordance with the terms and provisions of said judgment through which the Plaintiff is owed at least \$374,997.98. The successful bidder is required to deposit 20% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Ogle County Sheriff, with the balance to be paid by noon of the Monday following the sale. For information regarding this real estate, including the possibility of inspection, interested parties may contact Amber L. Bishop or Michael G. Cortina, SmithAmundsen, LLC, 475 W. Terra Cotta Ave, Suite C1, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, 815-337-4900.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 25

Eric N. Holbrook, 45, of Ashton was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's office for an illegal Transportation of Alcohol warrant. Holbrook had a bond of \$1,500/10%. Holbrook did not post bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Holbrook will return to court on 03/20/20 at 9 a.m.

At approximately 5:17 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 14,000 block of West Coffman Rd, for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joseph Polizzi, 53, of Lanark for Driving While License Suspended and a valid Warrant out of Carroll County. Polizzi was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 24

Jacob H. Magana, 29, of Sterling was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's office for Failure to Appear. Magana has a bond of \$369. Magana will appear in court at 9 a.m. Magana did not post bond and remains in Ogle County jail.

Feb. 23

At approximately 1:21 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of N. Route 251. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Alejandro Sorto, 33, of Rockford for No Valid Driver's License and No Valid Registration. Alejandro was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 22

At approximately 12:25 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of North 6th Street in Oregon. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested Richard Davis, 47 of Oregon, for Driving While License Revoked. Davis was also issued citations for Operating and Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lane Usage. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:39 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in Chana for the report of shots being fired from a firearm. Pursuant to the investigation, Elias Frankfoter, 24 of Chana, was charged with Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, Violation of the Concealed Carry Firearms Act and Disorderly Conduct. Chet Harrolle, 38 of Leaf River, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct. Both Frankfoter and Harrolle were confined at the Ogle County Jail awaiting a court appearance. Sheriff's Deputies were assisted by the Illinois State Police and the Oregon Police Department.

Feb. 21

At approximately 3:59 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and Condon Road just into Winnebago County. After investigation Deputies placed Gene Wheller, 25 of Rockford under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Wheller was additionally issued citations for Speeding and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Wheller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 10:32 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 8500 block of E. Valley View Drive. After investigation Deputies placed Brandon Barber, 36 of Stillman Valley under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Barber was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle and a citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle when the Registration is Suspended. Barber was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:49 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 2000 block of South Ridge Rd. After further investigation Tyler Bunting, 29 of Leaf River, was arrested for Improper Cannabis Container-Driver. Bunting was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 18

At approximately 9:39 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violations at the intersection of IL Rte 251 and Interstate 88 in Rochelle. The vehicle, a black BMW passenger car, did not stop for Deputies and fled from the scene. The vehicle was later located on Creston Road in rural Rochelle after being involved in a minor accident. The driver, Joseph Calamia, 44 of Wheaton, was taken to Rochelle Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and subsequently discharged. Calamia was charged with DUI, Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Aggravated Fleeting to Elude, Driving while License Revoked, Reckless Driving, Possession of Stolen Property and numerous traffic violations. Calamia was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Sheriff's Deputies were assisted by the Rochelle Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

Feb. 16

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Melinda A. Burkhart, 50, in the 1000 block of South Blackhawk Rd for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Melinda was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Henry Rd and IL Rte 26 for a traffic lane violation. After a brief investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jesus Valdez Jr., 34 of Sterling for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jesus was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Aaron Funches, 24, of Freeport for driving while license suspended. Funches was arrested by deputies on Rte 64 near Mulford Road after being stopped for speeding. Funches was held in lieu of bond at the jail.

Feb. 15

Ogle County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Tevin Gray, 24, of Rockford for driving while license revoked. Gray was arrested by deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Gray was held in lieu of bond at the jail.

At 6:58 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff Officers along with the Lynn Scott Rock Fire Dept responded to a two-vehicle injury crash on I-39 at mile marker 105. Investigation by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies revealed that a southbound suv operated by Angelo Coglianese, 58 of Rochelle rear ended an SUV operated by Stevie Lear, 55 from Belton KY. Lear and his passenger Mary Stratton age 54 also from Belton, K.Y., were both transported by Lynn Scott Rock ambulance to Rochelle Hospital for minor injuries. Coglianese was cited for failure to reduce speed.

Feb. 14

At approximately 2:45 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two-vehicle rollover accident at the intersection of Illinois Rte. 52 and Freeport Road just outside of Polo. It was determined that a Dodge Ram pick-up being driven by Jonathan Trogilo, 22, of Peoria was Northbound on Freeport Road and a tractor-trailer semi being driven by Ronald Steger, 57, of Epworth, IA., was westbound on Illinois Rte. 52. Troglio was stopped at the stop sign but stated he did not observe the semi approaching and pulled into the intersection. Steger was unable to stop and the pick-up was struck. Both occupants of the pick-up were uninjured and refused medical transport at the scene. Steger's semi rolled onto its side and he was transported to CGH Hospital in Sterling for minor injuries sustained. Troglio was cited for failure to yield right of way at an intersection.

Feb. 13

At 9:43 p.m., Deputies, along with Byron Fire, responded to the 10000 block of Illinois Rte 2 for a one vehicle crash. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Michael O'brien, 21 of Rockford for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. O'brien was also cited for Improper Lane Use, Driving on the Shoulder, Unlawful Transportation of Alcohol, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. O'brien was transported to a Rockford Hospital for minor injuries. O'brien will appear in court on 03/06/2020 at 9 a.m.

Feb. 12

At 9:13 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Illinois Rte 64 and Mongan Drive for a 1 vehicle crash. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Larry Barnes, 30 of Oregon for DUI and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis Improper Container. Barnes also received citations for no insurance, improper lane use and no valid driver's license. Barnes was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on an I-bond and will appear in court on 3-6-20 at 9:00am

At 9:23 a.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, Polo Police Department, Polo Fire Department, and the Polo Ambulance responded to a one vehicle rollover accident on Cavanaugh Rd at RT. 26. A grey Toyota Avalon driven by Einar S. Dahl, 90 of Prospect Heights IL was southbound on Cavanaugh Rd at RT 26. when the vehicle left the right side of the road. The Toyota then crossed back over the roadway striking an embankment causing the Toyota to rollover in the field. Dahl was transported to KSB Hospital with minor injuries by The Polo Ambulance.

Oregon Police report

Feb. 15
At 5:11 p.m., Oregon Police issued Austin D. Mitchell, 18, German Valley, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Feb. 17
At 9:02 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a cars sign at the corner of W. Washington and N. 2nd Street involving a 2009 Chevrolet driven by Debra L. Grove, 72, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 8:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Edward H. Hendrickson, 59, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 6th Street.

Feb. 18
At 5:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Erika L. Austin, 17, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 43mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued one female juvenile, 17, of Sterling, civil citations for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Madyson M. Clark, 17, Chana, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the

intersection of Adams Street and Hawk Drive.

Feb. 19
At 3:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation to Michael R. Hurst, 41, Davis Junction for unlawful window tint. A civil citation was also issued to Hurst for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Feb. 20
At 4:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Damien R. Jacobson, 20, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with a loud muffler. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 5:10 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jeffrey D. Corcoran, 64, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street,

At 5:44 p.m., Oregon Police issued Matthew J. Rogers, 33, Oregon, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Feb. 21
At 6:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Megan A. McLain, 23, Freeport, a citation for speeding, 44mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 9:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shayann L. Stone, 25, Oregon, a citation

for speeding, 44mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tobias M. Whetsel, 38, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Oregon Trail Road and W. Washington Street.

Feb. 22

At 10:42 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of the 300 block of N. 3rd Street where a 2014 GMC driven by Cory J. Schroeder, 31, struck a parked 2014 Ford belonging to Christine A. Wegrzyn, 53, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Feb. 23
At 8:50 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kristopher M.

Mockovak, 19, Mt. Morris, and Amanda F. Swanson, 20, Mt. Morris, both were charged with theft by deception. Both Mockovak and Swanson were transported to the Ogle County jail.

20 parking citations and 13 verbal/written warnings were issued from 02/17/2020 through 02/23/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 02/17/2020 through 02/23/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	4	Animal Complaints	1
Citizen Complaints	4	Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	5
Disturbance / Domestic	1	Assist EMS / Other Dept.	4
Alarm Response	2	911 Hang-up / Open Line	5

Polo Police report

Feb. 10
TIME: 2:28 p.m.
REPORT: Steven A. Johnson, 39, Polo, was arrested on a warrant for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. Johnson was transported to the Lee County Jail.

Feb. 11
TIME: 10:05 a.m.
REPORT: Timothy d. Boezio, 29, Itasca, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Boezio was released on an I-Bond.

Feb. 17
TIME: 2:13 a.m.
REPORT: Christine A. Jones, 52, Dixon was arrested for speeding 42 mph

in a 30 mph speed zone and an Outstanding Lee County warrant. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of February 10, 2020 thru February 23, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	15
Animal Complaint	5
Fire/Medical Assist	9
Alarm/Open Door	1
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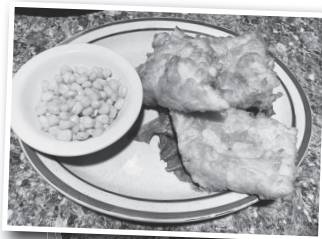
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Museum open Election Day

The Mount Morris Historical Museum will be open on Election Day, March 17, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. just across from the voting area in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Village Hall. Access is from the south entrance where you enter to vote off of Brayton Road. New items are added from time to time to enhance toe collections. If you have things that are a part of Mt. Morris history that you'd like to donate they are always welcome. Donations to the museum can be dropped off in the Village Clerks office during normal business hours.

First Fridays music back at Oregon VFW

OREGON – The Oregon VFW Club will host a First Fridays Open Stage Music Show on March 6 at 7. p.m.

The Oregon VFW is located at the west edge of Oregon (IL Rte. 64 & Oregon Trail Rd.).

Musician's drawing for preferred schedule positions will take place at 6:30 p.m. Each musician (or band) will take 15 minutes at center stage, continuing until each group has been featured. Instruments are all acoustic and professional sound system engineering is provided by Mike Bratt.

Talented musicians from across Northern Illinois, and often neighboring states, appear on a regular basis. The music is varied and includes country, bluegrass, blues, gospel, folk, soft rock, and eclectic mixes of all of the above. Participation is encouraged so bring your instrument (or voice) and join the show or relax and just enjoy the music.



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Succulent gardening class in Oregon focused on education

OREGON – The Oregon Park District, Merlin’s Greenhouse, Hagemann Horticulture and Cork & Tap joined forces to offer a fun succulent gardening class in February. Twenty-seven people enjoyed their evening out at Cork & Tap planting their very own succulent garden in a bowl.

Tyler Hagemann, Merlin’s Greenhouse Horticulturist, educated the participants on succulents to include: planting tips, propagating, watering, fertilizing, light, and pests. Participants chose from a large variety of succulents and enjoyed planting their gardens.

Watch for more classes offered by the Park District in the future by visiting www.oregonpark.org or checking out our facebook page. If you are interested in classes on gardening, instructed by Tyler Hagemann, sign up now for the April 2nd Herb Container Garden class or one of the Spring Container Gardening classes on April 28 or 30. More information can be found at www.oregonpark.org.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., March 2

Lego Club at the Bertollet Library in Leaf River, 4 p.m. Bring a friend and join us for an hour of designing and building with our large assortment of bricks and figures.

Tues., March 3

The meeting of the Ogle County Democrats is at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 8739, 1310 W Washington St., Oregon. We will discuss our support for all our candidates, especially our local

candidates.

Thurs., March 5

Understanding Nuclear Power presentation at the Byron Library, 7 p.m. Learn the basics of nuclear energy and find out how a power plant really works. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/ signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Fri., March 6

Al-Anon Family Groups offer help to those who are

affected by someone's drinking. Join us each Friday for a free meeting, 10-11 a.m., at Community Room at the KSB Clinic at the south edge of Polo at 1107 S. Division Ave (Route 26).

The Oregon VFW Club will host a First Fridays Open Stage Music Show at 7 p.m.

Sat., March 7

There will be a Meet the Candidates coffee at the Chana United Methodist from 9-11 a.m. Candidates

for local offices and County Board District 2 members have been invited. The Primary election will be Tuesday March 17.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Paynes Point will host its annual pancake and sausage supper from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The church is located at 764 Stillman Road in Oregon and is handicap accessible.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 22, 1765, in an effort to raise funds to pay off debts, the British government passes the Stamp Act. It levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice.

* On March 21, 1804, the Napoleonic Code is approved in France. The Code strengthened the authority of men over their families, deprived women of any individual rights, and reduced the rights of illegitimate children. All male citizens also were granted equal rights under the law, but colonial slavery was reintroduced.

* On March 17, 1834, Gottlieb Daimler is born in Germany. In 1885, he and Wilhelm Maybach developed a new version of the four-stroke internal-combustion engine, which they attached to a wooden bicycle, creating the world's first motorcycle.

* On March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published. The novel was so widely read that when President Abraham Lincoln met Stowe, he reportedly said, "So this is the little lady who made this big war."

* On March 16, 1903, Roy Bean, the self-proclaimed "law west of the Pecos," dies in Langtry, Texas. Bean's claim to fame rested on his often humorous and sometimes-bizarre rulings as a justice of the peace in western Texas during the late 19th century.

* On March 18, 1933, American automaker Studebaker, then heavily in debt, goes into receivership. It eventually rebounded from its financial troubles, only to shut down the assembly line and transition out of the automobile business in 1966.

* On March 19, 1957, Elvis Presley puts a down payment on a home for his parents, a southern Colonial mansion on a 13.8-acre wooded estate. With a \$1,000 cash deposit against a sale price of \$102,500, Elvis Presley agreed to purchase the home called Graceland.

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Who couldn't use a nice hug right now?

I know what you need right now. You need a hug.

I mean, who doesn't like a good hug? OK, I know there are some people who do not like to be touched. I get that. But most folks like a little comforting contact.

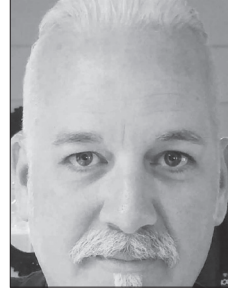
I am a hugger raised in a family of huggers. My parents are from the South, where hugging is almost as popular as fire and brimstone religion. I have been hugging people and have been hugged for as long as I can remember.

Things can be a little tricky for us huggers in today's society. I do understand people have personal boundaries and I respect that. But if you come into my hugging zone and I know you and that you are OK with a hug, you will probably get one.

I think we need more real huggers in the world, and not those side huggers. That is not really a hug. A half-hearted hug is no hug at all in my book. Give me a full-on hug or don't hug me.

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



My dad was an elementary school principal and a well-known hugging machine. He would hug kids, teachers and parents.

My family were not only famous huggers, we are also kissers and people who say I love you – a lot. My mom always said that it feels great when someone tells you they love you, so when you feel it say it. That means even if it is 50 times a day. She believed that loving someone is so special that hearing it will never get old.

I can tell you that I wasn't so sure as a teenager, but I am sure now. She was totally right.

I tell me wife I love her often. I tell my kids I love them every time we talk, and more than once. I say it to my brothers and sister and my father. I also say it to my friends – yes, even my male friends.

My best buddy, who is from Minnesota, owns his own business and competes in Iron Man events. We were like brothers from the beginning and we have long told each other "I love you, buddy" at the end of a visit or conversation. If you have a problem with adult friends expressing love for each other, that is clearly your problem and I feel a little sorry for you.

Hey, it's nothing a good hug wouldn't help.

I respect that not everyone is as hug happy as I am, and I will never force a hug on anyone. And, again, in today's society we have to be especially careful about

invading anyone's personal space. Message received.

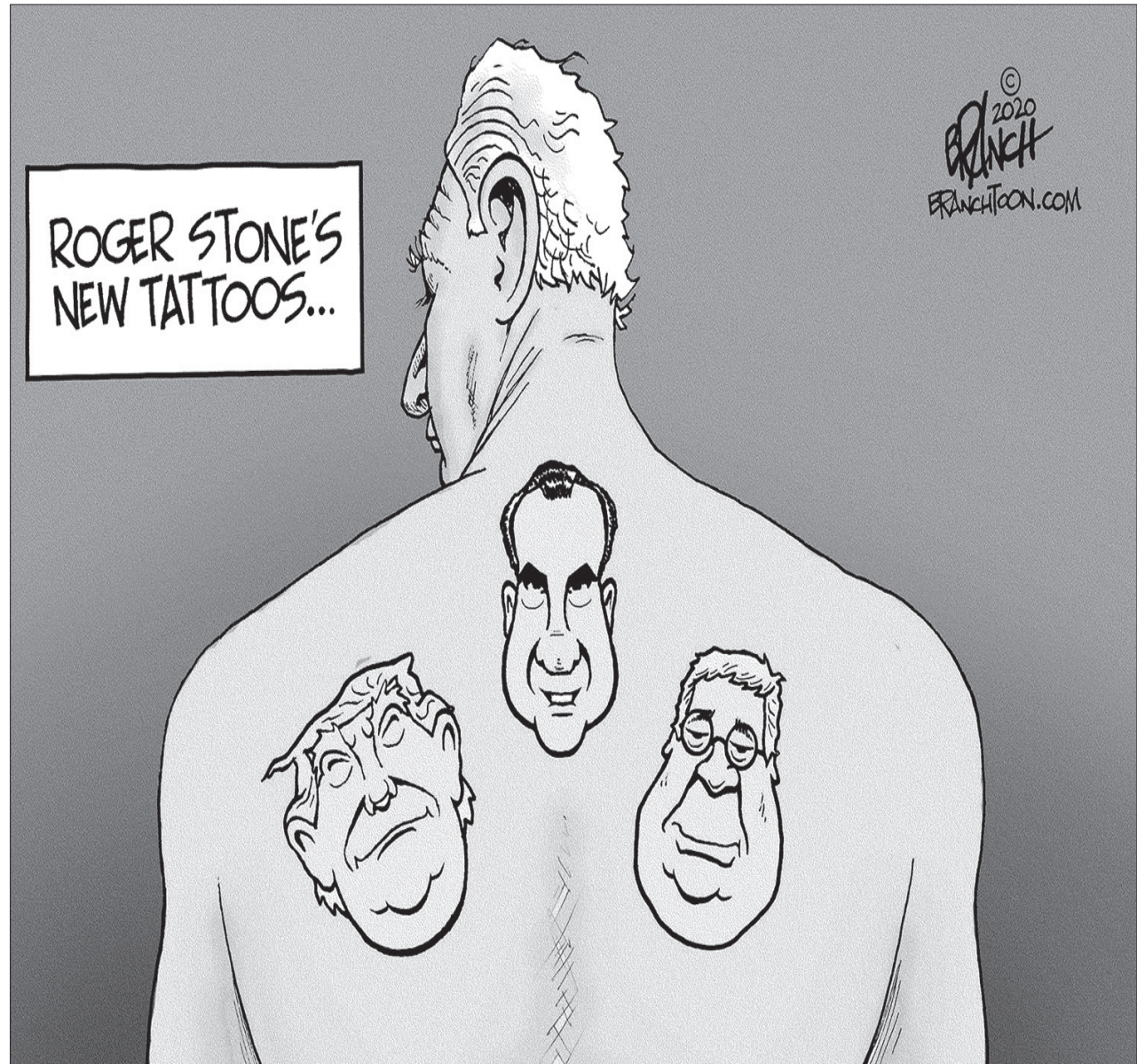
If my dad was working at a school today, he would have to keep his hands to himself. That's just the way it is, and I get it. Trust me, I don't go around hugging my co-workers.

I know plenty of people who grew up in homes where their parents did not express much love, either verbally or physically. Some of them seem to be starved for some emotional connection to their parents, even as adults. It's pretty sad.

It is never too late to tell your loved ones that you love them and give them a hug if the moment is right. With the way the world is right now – filled with anger and divisiveness and hate – we could use hugs now more than ever.

Is that too simplistic? Maybe. But sometimes a simple gesture can mean so much.

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Nostalgia, politics, and the merchants of bad

The '60's were the era of riots and flag-burnings, free love, anything-goes drug abuse, and a divisive war. Parents and children split into hostile tribes on these and other issues, a chasm embodied in the motto, "Don't trust anyone over 30." Violent radical political groups waged war on society. Three widely admired leaders were assassinated.

The political problems of today are worthy of our concern, but they don't measure up to those of the '60's, when I and other baby boomers came of age. We're also better off economically, in spite of rising income inequality. And contrary to the moans and groans of boomers, moral behavior today, especially among youth, is superior by almost any measurable standard.

Guest Opinion
By Lowell Harp



Steven Pinker, often quoted in this column, documents these improvements with fact after fact in his detailed and broad-ranging books, "The Better Angels of Our Nature," and "Enlightenment Now." Other writers have also offered impressive statistics to show that in most ways we're better off now than

ever before. How, then, do we account for the widespread impression that the past was better?

Mike Mariani, at the January 25, 2018 Nautilus website, reports on research conducted at North Dakota State University on nostalgia, the common tendency to hold on to unrealistically rosy impressions of the past. They've shown that in most situations bad memories fade faster than good ones do. The researchers suggest that nostalgia serves a useful purpose by promoting a strong and positive connection to our past selves, which in turn helps us to deal with the challenges of the present.

The price we pay, though, is a distorted image of the past and an overly pessimistic view of the present, where, as declared by psychologist

Roy Baumeister, "Bad is stronger than good." He and other researchers have found that negative events in our surroundings impress more strongly on our consciousness than positive ones do. Baumeister and journalist John Tierney, in the Review section of last December 28-29's edition of the Wall Street Journal, trace the power of the bad to the days when we humans were hunter-gatherers, living in a dangerous world and forced to pay exquisite attention to any possible threat. Researchers measuring electrical activity in the brain have found that our brains to this day devote more attention and energy to the bad than to the good.

The bad thrives in television, radio, and the internet, where it spreads like a virus among liberals and con-

servatives alike. Bad news sells. No news program that emphasized good news could survive in the race for ratings.

Baumeister and Tierney put it this way: "Today we're assailed around the clock by the merchants of bad. Politicians and journalists tap into primal emotions by hyping threats from nature, technology, foreigners, political opponents - whatever will instantly trigger the brain's alarm circuits." MSNBC and Fox News, where each day brings tales of outrages and calls for vigilance, are prime examples.

We can't come to grips with today's real problems when nostalgia distorts our perception of the present and our addiction to bad news spirals into irrationality. This is how politics degenerates into tribalism. It's how legitimate

Republican concerns about illegal immigration escalate into xenophobia. It's how Democrats end up in a futile and self-injurious impeachment trial.

My experiences as a counselor taught me the futility of simply identifying and attacking problems. You can't build on weakness. Finding strengths is critical to success.

Rejecting the merchants of bad is a good place to start. Remembering that we've survived problems as bad as or worse than today's is another.

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

Readers support Mike Rock for State's Attorney

Dear Editor,

I am voting for Mike Rock for Ogle County States Attorney in the upcoming Republican primary election. Mike Rock serviced our county as Assistant States Attorney and then he was enthusiastically appointed to be our States Attorney when a vacancy occurred.

Public service is a value that Mike Rock and I share I served on the Oregon City Council and as Oregon mayor for over 20 years. I also served on the Ogle County Board for six years and was chairman for

two years. Many times, when I had questions or needed advice, I called on Mike Rock. My interactions with Mike were always positive, forthright and helpful. Mike Rock is a stand-up guy and the type of person that we need in our States Attorney Office now more than ever.

Mike Rock has the integrity and the work this for the job and I hope you will join me in voting for Mike on March 17.

I do not believe you will be disappointed in your vote.

Jim Barnes, Oregon

Dear Editor,

As a former Sheriff and member of law enforcement I am joining many of my colleagues in their support of Mike Rock for Ogle County State's Attorney. Mike Rock has served Ogle County in the past as both an Assistant State's Attorney and then as State's Attorney. We need Mike Rock back in that office bringing his experience and his integrity.

Law enforcement officers have con-

fidence in Mike Rock and his ability to prosecute crimes and run a professional operation. The current State's Attorney has nowhere near the experience that Mike Rock has and many of us have been frustrated with his handling of some prosecutions. Mike Rock will restore confidence in the State's Attorney's office.

We all need to vote for Republican Mike Rock on March 17.

Greg Beitel, Byron

Dear Editor,

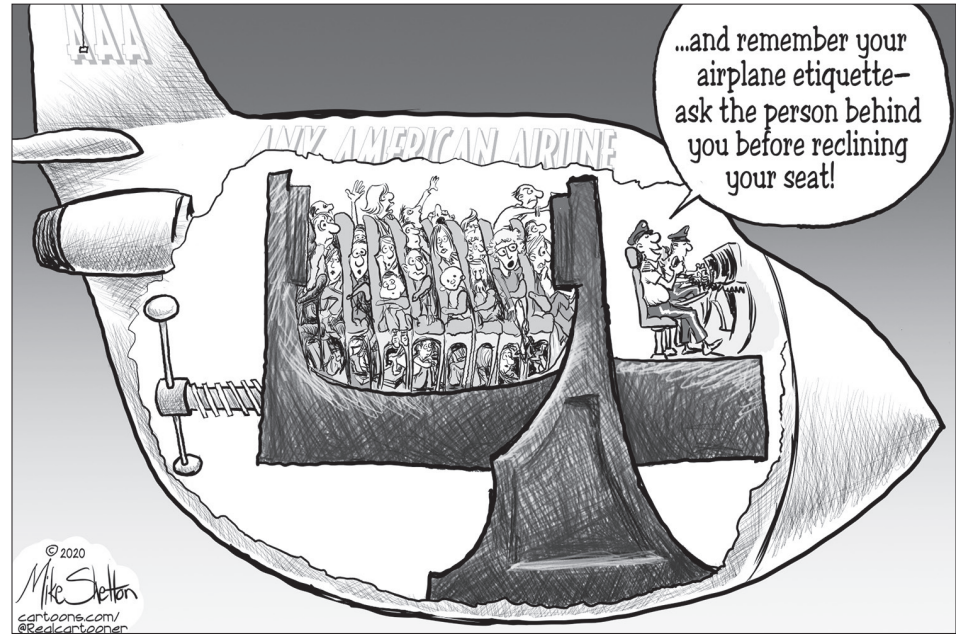
I am writing to endorse Mike Rock for Ogle County State's Attorney. I have known Mike for many years as a strong Christian, family man, community member and lover of the law. Mike's reputation and competence as an attorney is above reproach.

There is an old expression, "Justice delayed is justice denied." This expression relates to the need for a speedy trial as it is unfair for the injured party to have to sustain the

injury with little hope for resolution. More importantly, when Americans perceive the justice system is a stacked deck for those with influence or power, lawlessness in the form of vigilante justice can occur.

Whether it is on the national stage or local stage, Americans expect law enforcement to uphold the laws of the land equally and without bias or prejudice. Mike Rock understands this.

Mark Schwendau, Byron





Final lecture series event March 8

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting their fifth and final lecture of its 2020 Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, March 8 starting at 2 p.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road in Byron.

Ferrel Anderson, co-founder of the Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology and President of the Quad Cities Archaeological Society, will present a program on the archaeological findings regarding the people of the Sauk Nation. The geographical and spiritual center of Black Hawk and the Sauk

people was their village named Saukenuk and graveyards at the mouth of the Rock River near the present day Quad Cities.

Black Hawk, in his autobiography, stated that he returned to Illinois in 1832 in protest of the 1804 treaty, an action that precipitated the Black Hawk War. Anderson will describe his efforts to locate at least three sites of the Saukenuk village occupied in the 100 years that the Sauk resided in the general vicinity of the lower Rock River valley. Using historical records and archaeological evidence, this effort has been successful in locating

the location of the Saukenuk village occupied immediately before the Black Hawk War, 800 acres of Sauk and Fox agricultural fields, and several grave yards. He will also discuss the events and political climate that led to the war, and its final results.

This lecture is free and no advance registration is required to attend. For more information contact the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

The 2020 Winter Lecture Series is co-sponsored by Exelon Generation Byron Station and the award winning Jarrett Prairie Center Museum.

Floski Scholarship applications available

BYRON – Applications are now available for the Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership.

The \$1,000 scholarship is being offered for the 12th year to a graduating Byron High School senior who has demonstrated service beyond self-interest and beyond Byron High School to the wider local, state, national or international community, and who has developed as a young leader as a result. The winner will be someone who plans to further his or her education in the fall of 2020. Family income and GPA are not

considerations.

Applicants will be asked to write a brief essay discussing the personal benefits they have received from public service and to submit the number of service hours they have performed during high school that they would like the committee to consider. Applicants are encouraged to understand that, while the number of service hours is a consideration of the judging committee, the scholarship is not always awarded to the student who submits the most hours: Committee members are prepared to be impressed by how the student has grown as a person while performing

public service.

This year's committee is comprised of: Dickerson & Nieman Realtor Alisa Patterson, Byron City Council member Christy Hanlin, and Byron certified public accountant and community volunteer Laura Hopkins.

Other details and applications for the scholarship may be obtained at the Byron High School Guidance Office and on the students' Naviance-Family Connection accounts.

Application deadline is 3 p.m. Monday April 20. The winner will be announced at BHS Honors Night Wednesday May 13.

Mt. Morris Park Board seeks members

MOUNT MORRIS – Are you a resident of Mount Morris? Are you interested in helping your community and making it a better place for everyone? Join the Park Board.

The board needs three new members. It meets the second Thursday of every month February through November at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall in Mount Morris.

For more information call 815-734-6425 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

E-mail news items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com

Local boy named ambassador for Down syndrome organization

CHANA – Lane Schabacker of Chana was announced last week as an ambassador for Nothing Down, an organization aiming to change the way the world views Down syndrome.

One-year-old Lane is one of 29 new ambassadors from across the globe. He was chosen to represent Nothing Down and, alongside his family, will assist the organization through community outreach, fundraising and social media promotion for the duration of 2020.

The mission of Nothing Down is to provide support, advocacy, education and opportunities for individuals and families that have been touched by Down syndrome. They aim to change the way that the world views Down syndrome and eliminate the stigmas that are often associated with disabilities. The organization produces documentaries, viral photo and video projects, an annual calendar, and social media campaigns that highlight the promise and beauty of individuals with Down syndrome. In addition, Nothing Down runs several programs- Blessing Baskets of

Hope, which supports new and expectant parents of babies with Down syndrome, and a nationwide World Down Syndrome Day school program that celebrates differences and fosters acceptance among students. The school program raises awareness and funds for participating schools during the week of World Down Syndrome Day (March 21.)

Nothing Down ambassadors and their families support the organization's mission by promoting such programs and by educating the public on the potential and abilities of individuals with Down syndrome.

Nothing Down announced the application process for their Ambassador Program in January. They received well over 500 applications, hailing from 42 states and 11 different countries. Lane and his 28 fellow ambassadors were announced this week through a slideshow on the Nothing Down Facebook page. To keep up with the ambassadors and their mission, follow along at www.facebook.com/nothingdown, www.instagram.com/nothingdownorg/ or www.nothingdown.org.

Pancake supper is March 7 in Oregon

OREGON – Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Paynes Point will host its annual pancake and sausage supper on March 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Adults are \$7 and kids 5-11 are \$3. Ages 4 and younger eat free.

The church is located at 764 Stillman Road in Oregon and is handicap accessible. Proceeds from the event will benefit several local charitable organizations.

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Bread of Life has March distribution

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District.

If you are in need, please join us for a snack, conversation and groceries to bring home.

We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us from 3-5 p.m. and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. Upcoming dates are March 10 and April 7.

Winter reminder: We follow the Meridian School District closure calendar. If Meridian schools are closed, we are closed. For any questions please call Bread of Life at 815-645-8872, Ext. 15.

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KEEPING CURRENT MATTERS

Freddie Mac

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794 N IL RT 2, Sun March 8th 2-4 PM
Hosted By Stephanie Wendt \$325,000
Call Stephanie Wendt 815-985-2055

Stately 2400 Sq ft Colonial 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with all of the modern luxuries on 1.2 acres & 100 feet of Rock River Frontage! When entering you will fall in love with the spacious custom kitchen addition featuring marble counter tops, modern white cabinetry, a large kitchen pantry & stainless steel appliances. This home boasts 10 foot ceilings, crown molding & bamboo flooring throughout, energy efficient 2x6 construction to the addition & double brick walls & 2x6 framing in the original portion of the home, dual heating & cooling units & was recently annexed into the city water/sewer. Master bedroom & large 4 piece en suite with soaker tub & walk in tiled shower w/ 2 shower heads & oversize walk in closet. Custom decks were recently added & are perfect for entertaining or enjoying the breathtaking view of the Rock River.

NEW LISTING

3982 W Grove Road Leaf River \$239,900
Call Carla Benesh 815-985-6235

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 & granite counter tops, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms on the main level with the master offering a huge master bath with whirlpool tub & separate shower. Main floor laundry. Walk out lower level, loads of room to finish off for future expansion of bedrooms, rec room & bathroom. Wood burner heating & gas forced air furnace. Covered deck & fenced yard. Over sized 4 car garage with concrete drive. All this & more conveniently located just off of Rt 72. Don't delay, call today!

NEW PRICE

1735 N Sauk Trail Oregon \$325,000
Call Rebecca 815-509-8432

RIVERFRONT HOME! 5+ Bedroom, 3.5 Bathroom stately, two story home with over 5,000 sq ft of finished living space. The main floor is grand & spacious with a two story entry way, formal dining room, formal living room, eat in kitchen area, family room & an additional space currently being used as a main floor bedroom. Upstairs there are 4 large bedrooms & 2 bathrooms including a master suite with fireplace, separate Jacuzzi tub & shower & large walk in closet. Finished lower level with new flooring, pool table & two bonus rooms. Many updates including: flooring, paint, water treatment system, ADT & heated garage. The ultimate home to entertain in with over sized back deck, fire pit area, pool & Rock River frontage! All of this situated on 1.87 acres in a very desirable subdivision in Oregon.

NEW PRICE

6239 E Bradley Road Byron \$245,900
Call Erin Spence 815-262-5555

Imagine coming home to your 2,800 sqft, 4 bd, 2.5 bth home on quiet cul-de-sac. Shake off the cold in front foyer before entering the large kitchen w/SS appliances, perfect for large family gatherings! Formal dining room accommodates all your guests & living room to keep an eye on the kids. Fans accommodate the game in huge family room w/half bath, spare bdrm & access to heated 3car garage. After dinner, relax on the double-tier deck while kids roast s'mores around the built-in firepit on block patio. After the fire dies down, retire upstairs to 2 large bedrooms and large master with ensuite and his & her closets. All the toys can be kept in 30x40 heated outbuilding! Meticulously maintained single-owner home, storage galore, newer mechanicals, solid teak floor, central vac, beautiful landscaping, desirable Meridian Schools. Call, email or schedule showing & receive full list of features.

3536 N River Road Oregon \$224,900
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Year round vacation home plus a cabin on the waterfront. Includes private dock, golf cart & riding lawnmower. 125 feet of Rock River frontage!! This 2 bedroom ranch home with vaulted ceilings & skylights, offers country living plus its own cabin on the Rock River's edge. Nearly 2 acres, main house has walkout lower level that is plumbed for 3rd bathroom with additional room to finish off for future expansion. 2 car attached garage, nice wooded setting located between Byron & Oregon on River Rd. Don't delay, call today!

2200 Second St Oregon \$170,000
Call Carla Benesh 815-985-6235

Your very own hideaway! This 5 acre treasure is where the Rock River & Kyte Creek meet. Incredible fishing just off your front porch. Cozy 3 bedroom one bath cabin with all appliances. Huge 21x9 screened porch, wooded acreage with over 500 feet of shoreline. Long private 500+ feet of driveway. Total seclusion & privacy are yours to enjoy. Don't miss out on this one!

1873 Wildcat Court Dixon \$28,000
Call Lori Peterson 815-973-2180

Just off Palmyra road in Dixon, this 1.78-acre lot is located on the back end of Wildcat Ct. with an open field to the South & plenty of room to build your dream house. Being just 3 miles from downtown Dixon, you get the benefit of being in a low traffic area while having quick access to all the amenities living in town has to offer. With 1.78 acres & being set back as far as it is, there will be plenty of room for kids to play without having to worry about busy roads or prying eyes, & the field to the South means no neighbors on one side! Trees already line the South & West sides of the property providing a partial visual block & could be filled in to add even more privacy.

301 E First St Leaf River \$95,000
Call Lori Peterson 815-973-2180

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

312 Knollwood Drive Dixon \$199,000
Call Rebecca Hazzard 815-509-8432

WOODED OASIS! Here is your chance to own an open concept ranch on a large wooded .79 acre lot in Lost Nation. This home features an open concept living space, large living room with vaulted ceilings & gas fireplace. There is also a formal living room space that could be an additional bedroom or office. First floor laundry & an attached 3 car garage. Kitchen has brand new appliances! The master suite boasts a large walk in closet, whirlpool tub, shower & double vanity. A walk out lower level complete with fireplace, second kitchen & workshop that could also be finished into another bedroom. There is a 12x16 storage shed on the property with electricity. Plenty of room for entertaining outside in your screen in porch, deck or patio. Priced to sell- call for your showing today!

912 Timber Trail \$3,500
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Park District to launch Lazyman's Triathlon

OREGON – The Oregon Park District has a new fitness challenge that anyone of any age and ability can participate in.

The Lazyman's Ironman Triathlon is an opportunity for everyone who is just looking for a new challenge or has ever dreamed of competing in an Ironman Triathlon. In a traditional Ironman, participants swim/row 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run/walk 26.2 miles all in 1 day!

But don't panic, this is the lazyman's version and though the distances are the same, but you have 6 weeks beginning March 30 through May 9 to complete the require-

ments. Activities can be done via our stationary equipment and pool as well as outdoors on your own terms and pace. That's 42 days to swim or use the row machine, bike, run or walk at any pace that you choose. Individuals of all levels are encouraged to participate in this event! Make the commitment before the Spring Break and feel the sense of accomplishment by summer! What a great start to the warm weather.

This also simultaneously gives the opportunity to train for the OPD Sprint Triathlon on July 18.

Everyone who has the courage to register for our lazyman ironman

will receive a T-shirt at the conclusion of the Lazyman Ironman program. Those who complete the full distance will receive a certificate.

You will receive a log in sheet via email the Friday before the event kicks off! Keep this with you and track as you go. Simply submit to the OPD Fitness Center or front desk upon completion.

Deadline to register is this Wednesday, March 23. The fee is just \$10/Resident and \$12/Non-Resident. Registration can be complete over the phone at 815-732-3101 or by stopping in at Nash Recreation Center located at 304 S. Fifth Street, Oregon.

Oregon will have first pub crawl on March 14

OREGON – Get your tickets for the first pub crawl in Oregon on March 14.

Get your tickets before March 5 to be guaranteed a free T-shirt. Tickets are available online at <http://oregonil.com/shamrock-the-town/> at all participating pubs and at Hazel's Cafe, Hectors Cocina, JTI Salon and Spa, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers, and The Chamber of Commerce.

Come check in at the Chamber office between 2-4 p.m. on March 14 to begin your shenanigans.

Included in the event are a free one of a kind t-shirt, two free drink tokens, six free food tickets, free courtesy shuttle to transport you and your friends, bar games, scorecard, prizes and a map.

The participating bars are Cork n Tap, Breakers Saloon and Eatery, Chile Pepper, Franklin Street Pub, The Hunt Club, Messies Bar and Grill, Northside BarbaQ, Sledgehammer's and the Tipsy Hog.

Points awarded throughout the night for things including dressing in costume, going to all participating bars (2x points for outlying bars), being good at crazy pub games (like Jello Shot Jenga, Shamrock Shuffleboard, foot bags and more).

Be sure to turn in your scorecards to us at Cork n Tap by 9 p.m. because there will be prizes.

Limited to those 21 and older.

Area students earn academic honors at UW-Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,275 undergraduate students from its campuses in Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wausau for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who earned:

* **HIGHEST HONORS** had grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A)

* **HIGH HONORS** had grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89

* **HONORS** had grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Personalized certificates of scholastic achievement are sent to those who earned highest honors distinction.

Students who received honors include:

Byron – Eryn Murphy, Sophomore, Highest Honors

Leaf River – Jason McQueary, Junior, Honors

Oregon – Zachary Stromberg, Junior, Honors

Rose named to Dean's List at Wisconsin Lutheran College

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Anna Rose, of Byron, a Senior, has been named to the college's Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. Anna is a graduate of Stillman Valley High School.

To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent Christian college grounded in the liberal arts

and located on the border of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa. Founded in 1973, it is committed to preparing the next generation of ethical Christian leaders for service in nearly any career field across the world. The college is recognized for its academic excellence and superior student experience and in 2019 was named a national College of Distinction. *Learn more at wlc.edu.*

Students make Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University

BOURBONNAIS – To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Area students include:

Hannah Bartlett of Byron; Hope Hickey of Davis Junction; Bryant Linhart of Byron; Emily Ogden of Stillman Valley; Nathan Rohrer of Davis Junction; Josiah Snider of Forreston.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 50 miles south of Chicago. Additional sites are in Rolling Meadows and Oak Brook, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Michigan; and more than 100 School of Graduate and Continuing Studies learning locations throughout Chicagoland and the Midwest. From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

Coffee with candidates March 7

CHANA – There will be a Meet the Candidates coffee at the Chana United Methodist Church on Saturday March 7, from 9-11 a.m.

Candidates for local offices and County Board District 2 members have been invited. The Primary election will be Tuesday March 17.

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Hickory Nuts

(Top photo) On Jan. 5, the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club had their monthly meeting at T-Byrd Lanes in Rochelle.

At the meeting, the club discussed the upcoming county fundraiser selling cookie dough and garbage bags as well as the Day of Dabbling and Penny Carnival. After the meeting, club members had fun bowling.

Submitted by Veronica Vaughn, Hub Hickory Nuts Event Reporter



(Bottom photo) On Feb. 8, members of the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club participated in the Ogle County Day of Dabbling event at the Church of God in Oregon.

At this event, kids are given a chance to learn about hands on activities using several methods. Classes ranged from cooking, science and simple at home fun activities for all ages and families.

Submitted by Cassidy Vincent, Hub Hickory Nuts Event Reporter



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'Pot of Gold' tickets are now on sale

BYRON – Tickets are now on sale for the Rotary Club of Byron's Annual "Pot of Gold" draw down fundraiser Saturday, March 21 at PrairieView Golf Pavilion.

The event – presented in partnership with Holcomb State Bank – once again features a \$3,000 Grand Prize!

"This has always been a much-anticipated community event," Pot of Gold Volunteer Alisa Patterson said. "It's also an important fundraiser for Rotary's charitable giving program."

All proceeds from this year's event have been dedicated to renovation of the Veteran's Memorial at Byron Cemetery, and to assist those suffering from loss of their homes and businesses due to the Australian wild fires.

Tickets to Pot of Gold are \$100 and they admit two to the event, which includes a buffet catered by local Byron restaurants, complimentary beer, a cash bar, live music, black jack, and more. In the draw down, every ticket will win a prize donated by area businesses; every 10th ticket will win \$100 cash, and the grand prize winner will leave with \$3,000.

Side raffles will include opportunities to bid on premiere items including a signed Byron Tigers team ball, premiere bourbon and electronics.

Tickets can be purchased in Byron at Country Companies Insurance, Dickerson & Nieman Realtors, Floski Law, LLC, from any Byron Rotary Club member or on Eventbrite.com.

In addition to Presenting Sponsor Holcomb State Bank, other sponsors for this year's event include: Exelon Nuclear-Byron Station, Dickerson & Nieman Realtors, Byron Bank, Envoy Mortgage of Byron, Floski Law, LLC, Custom Concrete, Inc., Virtus Capital Partners, Inc.

Businesses that would like to donate a prize of \$10 value or greater or take advantage of a larger Pot of Gold sponsorship should contact spinzone1@aol.com or any Byron Rotary member.

In addition to local charitable efforts, Byron Rotary also supports the international fight against life-threatening diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria, and helps fund international clean water and community hygiene projects.

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions on our programs or services. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

**Don't miss the deadline – call now
See Jay Leno live Friday, April 17**

The one and only Jay Leno is coming for a hilarious night of stand-up comedy as only the former king of late night can deliver. After hosting The Tonight Show for more than two decades, Jay Leno has earned the right to take it easy, but then he wouldn't be known as "the hardest working man in show business."

We have a group of tickets for his performance scheduled in our area.
Paramount Theatre

Friday, April 17

Depart RRC around 4 p.m. We will stop for dinner and then go to the theater.

If you miss seeing him on TV, come see one of the absolute masters of comedy live in person. Act now. Once tickets go on sale, they will go fast.

Cost (includes RT transportation and Live Performance):
\$140 Members / \$145 Non-Members

Reservation/payment deadline: March 1.

Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to make your reservation.

Computer Class Offering

The Computer Technology Center at Rock River Center is free and open to the public, and available weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 2 –Intro to Email – 9:30-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of sending and receiving email. Experience using a mouse is required.

Registration is required by the Friday before the class.

MyMedicare.gov

Have you signed up to use MyMedicare.gov? If not, you may want to consider doing so. Through this web site you can access your personal Medicare related information. For example, you can:

- * check to see the status of your new Medicare Card. Look for the message, "your card is in the mail"
- * view information about your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan or your Medicare Advantage Plan enrollment.
- * view a list of your prescription drugs.
- * view your Medicare Summary Notice and learn about the status of your Part B deductible, whether it has been met or not.

Plus, just as with signing up for a MySocialSecurity account, when you sign up for a MyMedicare.gov account, it keeps scammers from using your information to sign up for an account.

If you would like help signing up for a MyMedicare.gov or a MySocialSecurity account, we can help you. Just call us at Rock River Center, 815-732-3252, or 800-541-5479.

NICOR Gas "Sharing" program available

NICOR Gas Sharing Program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150 percent of poverty level and less than 250 percent of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$2,602, 2-person household, \$3,523, 3-person household, \$4,444, etc.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Linda at 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

Veteran's Assistance available at RRC

A Veteran's Service Officer is available at Rock River Center on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Except Federal Holidays)

The Veteran's Service Officer comes to Rock River Center to serve Veterans of all ages and assist them with applications and other benefits available to them. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

This is a free service that has been provided for many years and you need not travel out of town. If you have any questions, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252.

Cancer Support Group

Meets 4th Thursday of March, June, September & December from 3-4 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call Patti Kilmer at 815-234-2511 or 815-298-7004.

Diabetic Support Group

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center. A different topic is discussed each month and recipes are shared as well.

Low Vision Group

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at noon at Rock River Center.

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Oregon Park District announces upcoming events, activities

First Friday in the pool

Join us on Friday, March 6th for our First Friday in the Pool featuring The Lion King. First Friday activities will be from 6-8 p.m. The movie will be playing in both the pool and snack bar. Fun inflatables will be set up in the gym and snacks will be provided from 6-7:30 p.m.

5th & 6th grade lock in

Grades 5th and 6th are invited to their own lock-in at Nash Recreation on Friday, March 6 from 8-10 p.m. Enjoy full use of the facility to swim, play basketball, wallball, baggo, gaga ball, inflatables or just enjoy being with your friends. Admission is \$3 and snacks and drinks are included. The event will be supervised, no parent supervision is required. Parent permission will be needed for students to leave before 9:45 p.m.

Beginner guitar

Bring your guitar or borrow one from Aireloom Music. We will be teaching you the basics of how to play the guitar in a fun group environment at Aireloom Music in Mt. Morris. Acoustic and electric are welcome. Two class dates offering of Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, March 22 from 2-3:30 p.m. Deadlines for each class is 1 week before class. Each class fee is just \$15 for Residents and \$18 for Non-Residents. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

After school open gym

Calling all 8-14-year olds, join us at Nash Recreation Center for a safe and supervised afternoon in the gym. This program is free! We will have a light snack along with a new sport each Monday from 3:30- 5 p.m. Drop in and make new friends

in a friendly environment. This program is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

Childcare

We offer childcare for four days a week from 4:45-6:45 p.m., Labor Day to Memorial Day, to allow our patrons an opportunity to enjoy our facility while having peace of mind that their child (3 months to 9 years) is in a safe environment with experienced staff. Parents must always remain in the building while using the program. This service is free for annual pass-holder and non-annual pass-holders only pay \$5 for the first child and \$1 for each additional child (maximum of \$7/family).

Free drop-in playtime

Come drop in to meet friends and actively play at Nash Recreation Center in Oregon. We will have mats, balls, pop up tents, music and more set up in the multipurpose room for children to exert some energy and get out of the house. Come enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids play. Program occurs each Friday from 9:30 a.m.-noon. This is free to members and a daily fee for non-members.

Herb container garden

The knowledgeable staff at Merlin's will instruct this hands-on herb planting workshop at Cork and Tap on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Choose between the 6-7 p.m. or the 7:30-8:30 p.m. class time. You will plant your herbs in a trendy hanging basket and learn the in's and out's of caring for and using your herbs. Class fee is \$43/Resident and \$52/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 25.

Circa 21 - Saturday Night Fever

This day trip to Rock Islands fabulous Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse is on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Enjoy Saturday Night Fever, the musical based on the 1970 movie phenomenon that launched the disco era and made John Travolta a household name. The van departs from Nash Recreation Center at 10 a.m. Enjoy lunch and the performing wait staff before the 1:30 p.m. show. We will return around 5:30 p.m. Trip fee includes transportation, theatre admission and a fantastic lunch! Register before the March 20 deadline. Fee: \$57/Resident or \$67/Non-Resident.

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Spring soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Spring of 2020! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning April 4th in Oregon and surrounding towns. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org. Deadline for Registration is March 10th. Practices start the week of March 23rd. Register online at www.oregonpark.org, at Nash Recreation Center or by calling 815-732-3101.

*League Dates April 4th-May 9th.

U6- Born in 2014 & 2015. Fee \$50/\$60NR

U7- Born in 2013. Fee \$50/\$60NR

U9- Born in 2011 & 2012. Fee \$65/\$78NR

U11- Born in 2009 & 2010. Fee \$65/\$78NR

U13- Born in 2007 & 2008. Fee \$70/\$84NR

U15- Born in 2005 & 2006 (No H.S. Players allowed). Fee \$70/\$84NR

Women's 3-on-3 basketball

Women's Basketball League is back at the Oregon Park District! Games are played 3-on-3 on a half court at either Nash or the Black Hawk Center. Teams will compete in a regular season followed

by a tournament to conclude the season. Fun opportunity for all skill levels to compete in a competitive atmosphere. Number of teams is limited, so register early! The league will be self-officiated, and all players must be 18+ years old and graduated from high school. Registration per team is \$100. Register online at www.oregonpark.org, at Nash Recreation Center or by calling 815-732-3101.

Registration Deadline: 4/1/20

Youth baseball and softball

Registration is open for all our Baseball and Softball programs, featuring options for ages 3 years old through 14 years old. Whatever your skill and age level, we have a program that will help develop your skills and ensure that you will have a fun season! Coaches are needed for all levels, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested in coaching.

Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 5/21

T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/23

Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/2

Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/2

Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/2

Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/2

Coach Pitch Girls Softball (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/2

Minor Girls Softball (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/2

Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/2

Intermediate Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/2

Register at Nash, by calling 815-732-3101 or online at www.oregonpark.org.

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Engagement

Greenfield, Ackert to wed in May

Scott and Sandra Greenfield of Stillman Valley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren Greenfield, to Nathan Ackert, son of Beth Ackert, of Rock Falls.

Lauren and Nathan are 2012 graduates of Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling.

Lauren is a 2016 graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island, and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies. Lauren is currently a Catering Sales Representative at the Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf/Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, Iowa.



dorf, Iowa.

Nathan is a 2016 and 2018 graduate of St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa and received both his Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science

and Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Nathan is currently practicing Outpatient Orthopedics at CGH Medical Center in Sterling.

A May 2020 wedding is planned in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Bertolet Library News

LEGO Club

Monday, March 2, 4 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for an hour of designing and building with our large assortment of bricks and figures.

Create-a-Card with Jessie

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 a.m.

Whatever your level of creative abilities, you'll be able to make beautiful cards for any occasion with Jessie's tips and techniques. All materials are provided and registration is not required so stop in this month and join the fun!

Toddler/Preschool StoryTime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Winter is a great time to get out of the house and bring your favorite little one to the library to share stories, songs, and activities. This relaxed program is designed to help children make friends, practice new skills, and experience the joy of sharing books with people they love.

Legion Fundraiser

The American Legion Post #1148 is once again offering a wide assortment of plain and chocolate covered nuts, fruits, and candies. Limited quantities are available so stop in to support this fundraiser while your favorites are still here!

Plastic Recycling

We are still collecting film-type plastic such as shopping bags, sandwich bags, bread wrappers, or any bag-type plastic. Wrap from new furniture (especially mattresses) is also welcome. All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue. Please do not bring hard plastic as that is not allowed in this program. We are located on the south end of Leaf River at 705 Main Street. Thanks for your help!

Forreston Library News

Forreston High School art display

The Forreston High School art department will be displaying their artwork in the library beginning on March 3 through the end of March. Please stop by during normal business hours and enjoy the display by our very talented art students.

Story hour

All children are welcome to Pre-school Story Hour for stories, crafts and playtime. Please join us every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. when school is in session.

Book club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday evening March 24 at 7 p.m. The book selection for March is Top Gun: AN American Story by Dan Pedersen. Stop by the library and pick up a copy of the book to read and then join the club for lively discussion and light refreshments.

Byron Library News

Understanding Nuclear Power presented by Mark Rasmussen

Thursday, Mar. 5

-7 p.m.

Learn the basics of nuclear energy and find out how a power plant really works. You may be surprised how easy it is to understand. Mark Rasmussen is a professor Nuclear Engineering and an industry veteran. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, Mar. 9

6-7:30 p.m.

Ages: 6-12 grades

Earn volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board. This month we will finish making fleece pet blankets for the Tails Animal Shelter. No registration is required.

After School Storytime: The Magic Within

Thursday, Mar. 12

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Ages: 3-7 years

Express your imagination and creativity. Join us for a special after school storytime presented by members of the National English Honor Society from Byron High School! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

The Chautauqua Institution Experience

presented by Norma Freeburg and Meredith Townsend

Wednesday, Mar. 18

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Norma and Meredith share their adventures and offer advice on navigating the Chautauqua experience from start to finish. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Card Creations

Thursday, Mar. 19

6-7:30 p.m.

Boost your creative side by making beautiful handmade greeting cards to give to your family and friends. The prep work is done, so all you have to do is join

us and get creative. All materials are supplied. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Chess Enthusiasts

Saturday, Mar. 21

1-3 p.m.

Ages: Adults and children ages 7 and up

Come work on your chess strategy and learn a new move or two. Beginners welcome! No registration is required.

Probate vs. Trusts presented by Kristine Pihl Youman

Wednesday, Mar. 25

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Get started on your legal to do list with the help of Attorney Youman. She will explain probate and how it can be avoided using trusts. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Interactive Movie: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure

Tuesday, Mar. 31

2-4 p.m.

Ages: Grades 6 - 12

Whoa dudes! You certainly don't want to miss this most excellent adventure at the Byron Library! Snacks and props will be provided at this interactive movie. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

Wednesday, Apr. 1

11-11:45 a.m.

Ages: All ages

No foolin'! This show is amazing. Join us for a one-of-a-kind vaudeville style stage production featuring magic, comedy, interactive storytelling and of course, Smarty's award-winning, larger-than-life balloon props. Children under the age of 6 should be accompanied by an adult. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Please register for all programs by visiting byron.evanced.info/signup or by calling 815-234-5107.



Audience members Jan, Allen, Martina, Jeannine, Naomi and Faith help sport the fashion of the 20's in the Chicago True Stories Portrayal of Flora the Flapper at the Byron Public Library on Feb. 19.

Oregon Library News

It's That Time – 2020 Summer Reading Program bookmark contest

Entry forms for the 2020 Summer Reading Program Bookmark Contest are now available at the library. The 2020 theme is "Dig Deep: Read, Investigate, Discover!" Students in grades K-12 and adults are eligible and entries will be accepted through March 28. Come by and pick up your entry form. All entries will be displayed at the Library in April and selected bookmarks will be duplicated and used during the 2020 Summer Reading Program.

Library book clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Angela's Ashes: A Memoir by Frank McCourt. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Reckoning by John Grisham. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides..

18-24 months story time club (9:30 a.m.)

Preschool (3-5 yrs. old) story time (new time – 2 p.m.)
Join us for songs, stories, games and crafts on Thursdays.

Oregon Writer's Group (OWG) – meets at 10 a.m.

Second (March 10) and Fourth (March 31) Tuesdays of the Month

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process. The Oregon Writers Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

A doggone good time (2nd grade & up) Wednesday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.

Spend a little time with Evie, a Catahoula therapy dog, and her owner, June! Bring a book or find one at the Library to share with Evie, then create a craft to take home.

Wright brother, wrong story – Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Guest Author, William Hazelgrove

William Hazelgrove makes a convincing case that it was Wilbur Wright who designed the first successful airplane, not Orville. He shows that, while Orville's role was important, he generally followed his brother's lead and assisted with the mechanical details to make Wilbur's vision a reality. Combing through original archives and family letters, Hazelgrove reveals the differences in the brothers' personalities and abilities. He examines how the Wright brothers myth was born when Wilbur Wright died early and left his brother to write their history with personal friend John Kelly. The author notes the peculiar inwardness of their family life, business and family problems, bouts of depression, serious illnesses, and yet, rising above it all, was Wilbur's obsessive zeal to test out his flying ideas. When he found Kitty Hawk, this desolate location on North Carolina's Outer Banks became his laboratory. By carefully studying bird flight and the Rubik's Cube of control, Wilbur cracked the secret of aerodynamics and achieved liftoff on Dec. 17, 1903. Hazelgrove's richly researched and well-told tale of the Wright brothers' landmark achievement, illustrated with rare historical photos, captures the excitement of the times at the start of the "American century." Please register at 815-732-2724.

Murder, mayhem and the mob (part 2)

After Al: The Mob Moves into the Modern Era: Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

Prohibition ended with a bang AND a whimper. Unbeknownst to the millions who knew of Al Capone – and to Capone himself – his successor was in place before his stretch in Al Catraz began. This talk picks up near the end of Capone's reign and continues into the 1950's. Registration required 815-732-2724.

Afternoon movie – Wednesday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.

Early dismissal from school means movie time at the Library. Mark your calendar... we will be showing Jumanji (the original) -rated PG.

Trivia night – Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

Join us for a fun night a trivia with topics to include but limited to Star Wars, Leap Year, the Roaring 20's. Come alone or make of team of up to 4 people. Snacks and refreshments served. Registration required 815-732-2724.

Sifting through the ashes of truth: John Peter Altgeld, The Press and The Internet's Fake News Conundrum – Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

A Road Scholar Program by Bryan Murley

John Peter Altgeld was Illinois' first "progressive" governor, serving from 1893-1897. An immigrant, he fought for workers' rights, women's rights, penal reform, child labor laws, and angered industrialists by refusing to break up the Pullman Strike. Throughout his public life, Altgeld learned much about how the press could twist and obscure the facts of events to present "fake news." Yes, "fake news" was as much a problem for the 19th century as it is today. The difference for us is that there are more tools available to combat lies and distortions created by political operatives intent on damaging the cred-

ibility of legitimate news. How can we as citizens in a democracy better navigate the oceans of information surrounding us and make sense of it all? Beginning with Altgeld, I will lay out an alternative to the toxic media environment that permeates our times and enable citizens to become informed news consumers using media literacy tools online and off. Registration required 815-732-2724.

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Passport fair – Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oregon Public Library

The Oregon Public Library is hosting a special passport event on Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov or contact the Oregon Public Library at 1-815-732-2724. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th) – Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.

Reading plus w/ Mrs. Himert – Wednesday, March 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Join Mrs. Himert, a retired reading specialist with years of experience, for entertaining ways to interact with reading. This NEW program is designed for 1st-4th grade with read alouds, reader theater and a drawing for 3 free books each session. Other session date: April 22. Registration requested.

Save the date: Friday, March 27: Evening of Art at Cork n' Tap

With recent donated pieces as the fore front of the show, the Oregon Public Library will be displaying pieces from local artists that have continued the legacy of the Eagle's Nest Art Colony in the city of Oregon. Horderves will be provided. Join us for an Evening of Art at Cork n Tap from 6:30-8 p.m.

College is possible – March 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Attention: Middle School student and parents! It is never too early to start planning for college. This program outlines the college and financial aid processes in general terms, lays the groundwork for what to expect with the college-going process, and provides tips and tools students and parents can use to learn more about planning, applying, and paying for postsecondary education. Registration required (815) 732-2724

Adult yoga, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Family yoga, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Will not meet until March.

Benefits of yoga include developing a mind-body connection and present centered awareness. Strength, flexibility, stamina/endurance and a sense of calm for both the mind and body will increase with repeated practice over time. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat and water bottle. Mats will be provided to those in need on a first come, first serve basis. Registration required.

Knit and crochet

A friendly and dedicated group meets every Monday evening, 6 p.m. at the Library. These crafty people share their time and energy with anyone who enjoys the delights of the yarn. Working on projects can come to a complete halt if someone has a question or a good story to share.

New releases

The Worst Best Man by Mia Sosa (Fiction)

We Had To Be Brave by Deborah Hopkinson (Non-Fiction 940.53 HOP)

What's Your Pronoun? Beyond He & She by Dennis Baron (Non-Fiction 425.55 BAR)

Running Against The Devil: A Plot To Save American From Trump-And Democrats From Themselves by Rick Wilson (Non-Fiction 973.933 WIL)

Triggered: How The Left Thrives On Hate And Wants To Silence Us by Donald Trump Jr. (Non-Fiction 973.933 TRU)

Tightrope: Americans Reaching For Hope by Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn (Non-Fiction 306.0973 KRI)

Murder, Interrupted by James Patterson (Non-Fiction 364.152 PAT)

Reading Behind Bars: A True Story Of Literature, Law, And Life As A Prison Librarian by Jill Grunenwald (Biography BIO GRU)

The Lady From The Black Lagoon: Hollywood Monsters And The Lost Legacy Of Milicent Patrick by Mallory O'Meara (Biography BIO PAT)

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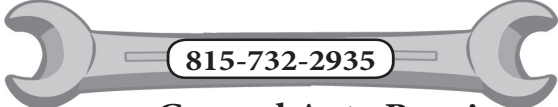

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The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. The following local students made the

list: Taylor M Conley, of Byron, was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall 2019. Carly Rose Koenig, of Stillman Valley, was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall 2019.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education.



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Julia Hull Library News



Crafters at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) had a great time learning how to make simple macrame feathers, then turning each into a chic bohemian necklace!

Spring Storytime

Spring into the library for one of our weekly storytimes: Babies & Books (Wednesdays at 10 AM); Big Kid Storytime (Thursdays at 10 a.m.); and Terrific Ts! (Fridays at 10 a.m.). Drop-ins and newcomers are always welcome.

Tween Scene: Taco Tuesday Game Night

Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m., tweens are invited to a hilarious night at the library with some crazy taco-themed games. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Crafternoon: Green Grub

It's not easy being green, but it sure is tasty! Stop by the library after school to create, decorate, and devour some delectable green desserts. Friday, March 6 at 2:45 p.m. Ages 13-18. All supplies provided. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Shamrock Shindig

It's true what they say: everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day! On Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m., we'll make something green, taste something green, play something green, and wear something green...but we'll end this party by searching for something gold. Ages 4-7. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Pick up a copy of Lisa Pliscou's *Brave Jane Austen*, then join fellow young critics Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Copies of the book available to borrow at the library. Registration required.

Tidy Up: Home & Life

How would your life change if your home were clutter free? Chicago's first platinum certified KonMari Consultant, Kristyn Ivey of For the Love of Tidy, will share home

organization tips that focus on what you keep (does it "spark joy?"), rather than what or how much you discard. Kristyn will shift your understanding of what it means to be organized in your home and life and inspire you to take action by tidying once and for all. This interactive workshop includes live demos and giveaways that feature Kristyn's #1 Amazon Best Seller *The Tidy Home Joy Journal*, mobilizing Marie Kondo's revolutionary KonMari Method™. Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611. *Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Fun Day Monday: Painting Party

It's Fun Day Monday, Spring Break Edition! Your budding young artist will learn to drip, mix, drop, blow and scrape paint to create a variety of works of art. Monday, March 30 at 1 p.m. Dress for a mess. All materials supplied. Grades K-5. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Native Pollinators

Join Master Gardener of Ogle County Leah Patapack for a presentation on Native Pollinators: Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Why should I care? Many plants that provide food for humans and wildlife cannot reproduce without the help of pollinators. From bees to butterflies, moths to wasps, beetles, flies, birds and bats, Leah will share a wealth of information and garden tips to help our native pollinators. Registration required. Call 815-645-8611.

Best Art Museums of Europe

Europe is for art-lovers! Join Joanna and Wayne on a travelogue through Europe's best art museums. They'll highlight both major and lesser known museums throughout the continent, and important works of art to see when you get there. Don't know anything about art? These seasoned travelers are chock full of tips and tricks for looking at a work of art to make your museum experience a more meaningful one. Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Mount Morris Library News

Story Time time Change – beginning March 4 Story Time will be at 11:30 a.m. We hope this helps our preschool families!

Wednesday March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 11:30 a.m. – Story Time

Come to the library, we'll have a good time, while Dr. Seuss teaches us how to rhyme.

March is Dr. Seuss month here at the library. We have plenty of games, crafts, and activities to help with our rhyming skills. All ages are welcome.

Wednesday March 4th and 18th at 3-4:30 p.m. – After School STEAM

Enjoy early release days by coming to the library for STEAM fun! This month is all about Dr. Seuss STEAM! Ages 5+ are encouraged to join. Children under age 8 must have a responsible party present. Occurs every 1st, 3rd, and the occasional 5th Wed.

Monday, March 9 at 5:4-6:30 p.m. – Lego Club

We are building a Seuss themed world this month! Occurs every 2nd Wed. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, March 11 at 3:45 p.m. – Adult Book Club

Did you know we have a book club? They meet every 2nd Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. to discuss that month's book. Stop into the library to get your copy and start reading!

Thursday, March 12th & 26th at 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Cents adult program

This class will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Please call or stop in to sign up and alert us of any allergies.

Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. – Tri County

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ty has to offer you and the community.

Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. – Cookbook Club

This month's cookbook is "Rachel Ray's book of 10." Stop into the library to choose your recipe. This occurs every 3rd Monday. Bring your own plate and silverware.

Spring Break Fun

Monday, March 23rd – Dr. Seuss Movie Night at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th – S.T.E.A.M Day at 1-5 p.m.

Friday, March 27th – Life Sized Chutes & Ladders at 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 19th at 2 p.m. at the Disciples United Methodist Church – Library Tea Fundraiser (Rescheduled Date)

We will be having our annual tea fundraiser to raise money for the library. It is only \$15/ person. Enjoy tea, baked goods,

live music from Await the Rain, raffles and a silent auction as well as great company. Bring your own tea cup, saucer, small plate, silverware, and cloth napkin. Please stop in or call for more details.

Story Time Kids Wrote a Book!

Check out the book "If you take a kid to the library" created by our story time kids. It is available to see at the library!

Tax forms available – If you would prefer to do your taxes on paper we have all the forms you need.

Drop Off Site for Film Plastic Recycling – You can now recycle your clean and dry film plastic, which is any plastic that can be wadded into a ball, to be turned into a bench! Stop in for more details.

Library Board Meeting – March 18th at 7 p.m.

Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult for all programs.

Polo Library News

Winter Reading Program for All Ages

Winter Reading Program ended February 29th. Please return all reading logs to Polo Library by March 7 to be eligible for reading rewards

Children's programs

Parents or caregivers must remain in the library if their child is under 8.

Lego Challenge: Build a Bridge
Ages 8-14

Tuesday, March 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Early Out Program

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, March 11, 1-2:30 p.m.

Movie: Angry Birds 2

Tales for Tots

Pre-K/Kindergarten Story Time

Ages 3-5

Saturday, March 14, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Theme: Weather **Book:** *Who Took the Farmer's Hat?* by Joan L. Nodset

Parent/guardian/care giver must stay with child during the program.

Pokemon Club

Ages 8-14

Tuesday, March 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This club is open to Pokémon card collectors. Join in to play games and trade cards.

Teen programs

Teen Scene

Ages 13-18

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

Snack Food Olympics. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by March 20

Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

Adult programs

Seed Exchange

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.-noon

Hosted by the Polo Woman's Garden Club

Bring your saved seeds (please no GMOs, hybrids or old seeds) and exchange them with other gardeners. Have questions about gardening? Master Gardeners will be on site during the exchange along with reference books to help you find the answers.

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, March 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for refreshments and conversation monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

Yoga

Monday, March 16, 6-7 p.m.

Krystal from ADM Studios in Oregon will be our instructor.

Bring a mat if you have one. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by March 14

Euchre

Thursday, March 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

Time to play cards, bring a friend

Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

Saturday, March 21, 1-3 p.m.

Project will be a scarf or a hat - We will provide the needles, attendees will bring bulky weight yarn in a color of their choice. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by March 19

Rock River Center representative

Wednesday, March 25, 10 a.m.-noon

The Rock River Center provides a caseworker to answer questions about Medicare, insurance, home care and anything else to do with caring for the older population. No appointment necessary.

Lifelong Learning

Thursday, March 26, 6-7 p.m.

Join us as author of "Top-to-Bottom Home Organizing", Caralyn Kempner, presents a program on "How to Sort, Declutter, and Arrange your Home Space". Just in time for spring cleaning! Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by March 25

Board @ the Library - Games for Adults 18+

Saturday, March 28, 1-3 p.m.

Join us for table top games (options include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Codenames, and Betrayal at the House on the Hill) and snacks. To allow for better game play, this is an adults only event.

Adult Pinterest Party

Tuesday, April 7, 6-7 p.m.

Button Easter Egg Wall Hanging. Participants need to bring approximately 200 buttons of various sizes and in whatever color they prefer. All other supplies will be provided. Registration required (Online or 815-946-2713) by April 3

Book Discussion Groups

Extra books are always available for these discussions. Please check one out and join us.

Afternoon Book Club @ the Library

Monday, March 23, 1:30-2:30pm

Selection: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

March 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: *Joey* by Jennifer Bleakley

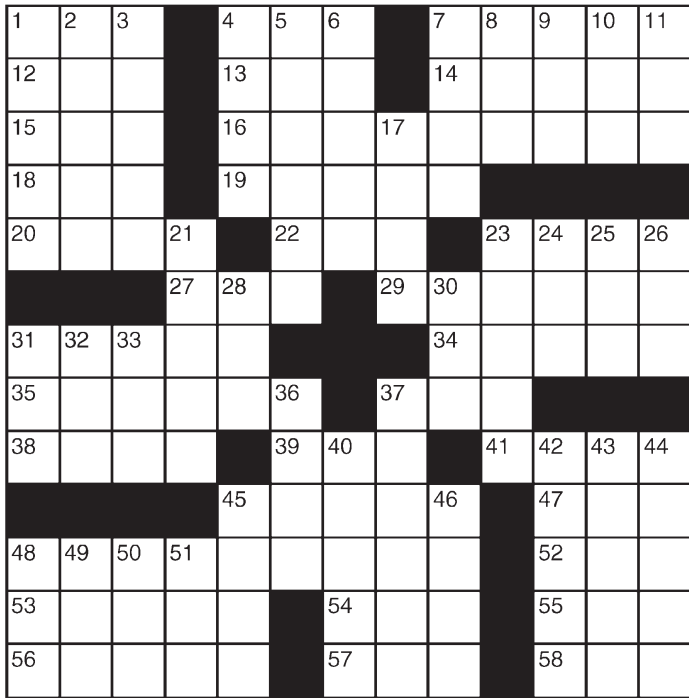
King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE

CARING WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 TGIF part
- 4 Bing's buddy
- 7 Block the flow
- 12 Just out
- 13 "Hail!"
- 14 Become one
- 15 Meadow
- 16 High-flying tourist
- 18 \$ dispenser
- 19 Soviet cooperative
- 20 Genius
- 22 Decorate
- 23 Boast
- 27 Discoverer's cry
- 29 Weaken, in a way
- 31 Nary a soul



- 54 Hockey surface
- 55 Superlative ending
- 56 That is (Lat.)
- 57 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
- 58 Vast expanse
- DOWN**
- 1 Extended family member
- 2 "Choppers" writer
- 3 Hindu ascetic
- 4 Mexican peninsula
- 5 Exaggerate
- 6 White or
- 7 One-on-one fight
- 8 Pismire
- 9 Bay State sch.
- 10 Multipurpose truck
- 11 Apiece
- 17 Start a garden
- 21 Regions
- 23 All-out attack
- 24 Carpet
- 25 Consumed
- 26 Solidify
- 28 That woman
- 30 Anger
- 31 Siesta
- 32 Praise in verse
- 33 Eggs
- 36 Unruly kid?
- 37 From what place
- 40 Use
- 42 Church recesses
- 43 Din
- 44 Busybody
- 45 Old card game
- 46 Distort
- 48 Tackle moguls
- 49 Scuttle
- 50 Exist
- 51 Scale notes

E E B Y S V S Q N R K H E B Y
 W R T R O C R L E J G E B Y W
 U E A R P N A E K I S G D B Z
 X V R C S Q R R V S O M K I G
 D E C A I A A Y E I W U S Q P
 N A L J C D H L F F G E C A Y
 X V Y **E L D E R C A R E** F U L
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 H H F C E R C B H Z Y X V U C
 T R E K A T E R A C R I A H R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Careen
- Caregiver
- Child care
- Home care
- Career
- Careless
- Day care
- Scare
- Carefree
- Caret
- Elder care
- Skin care
- Careful
- Caretaker
- Hair care

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

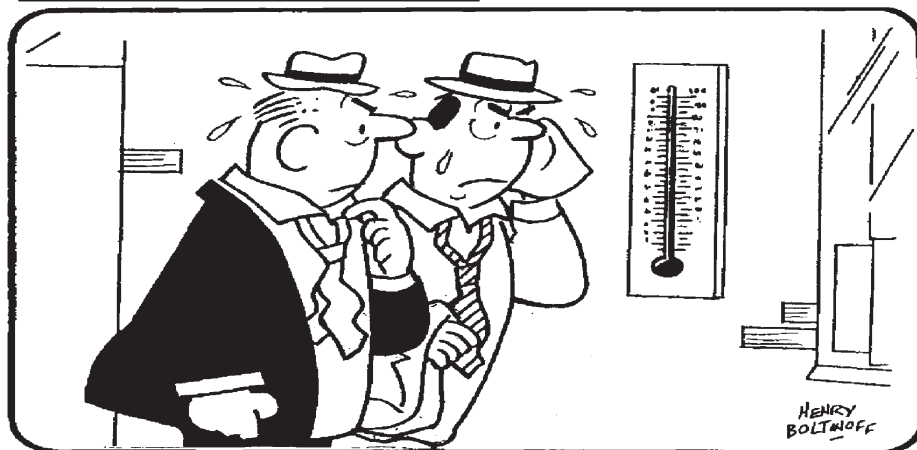
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

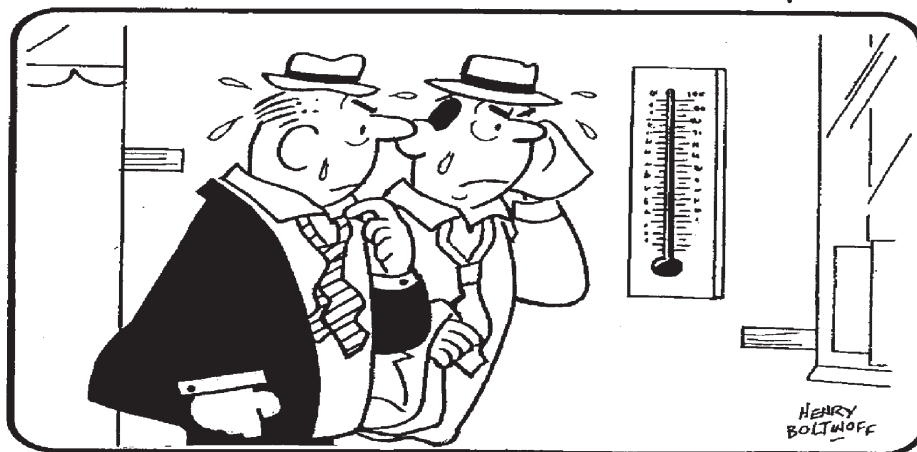
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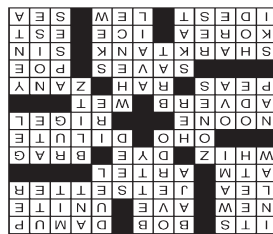
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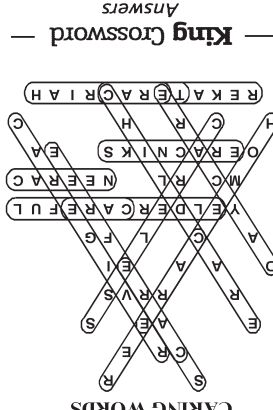
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Droplet is added. 2. Ties are swapped. 3. Step is missing. 4. Buttons are added. 5. Temperature is higher. 6. Awning is different.



Solution time: 27 mins.



CARING WORDS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

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

HOW DO YOU CUT AN OCEAN IN HALF?

BOWING ___	BINGO	LEMONS ___	MELON
LASSIE ___	SEALS	EVADER ___	RAVED
SPROUT ___	POURS	VALISE ___	EVILS
THRONE ___	TONER		
		SPACES ___	CAPE
SPARSE ___	PRESS	BEAUTS ___	TUBES
		SWERVE ___	VEERS

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

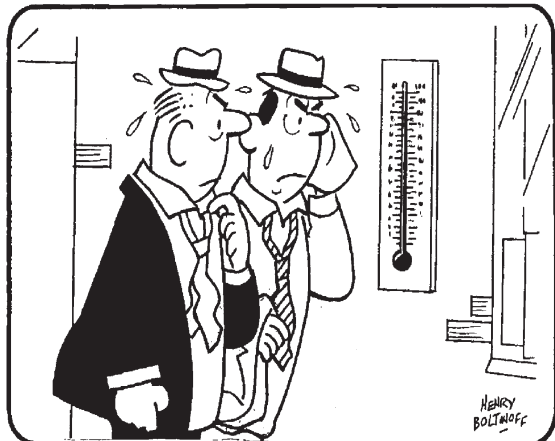
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Iberian capital | ___ _ _ B ___ | Boxer Sonny | ___ _ _ T ___ |
| 2. Flambeau | ___ _ R ___ | Feel | ___ _ U ___ |
| 3. Actress Field | ___ _ _ L _ | Pretzel's flavor | ___ _ _ T _ |
| 4. Specialist | ___ _ _ R _ | Anticipate | ___ _ _ _ C _ |
| 5. Reiterate | ___ _ P ___ | Put in the microwave | ___ _ H ___ |
| 6. Leo's group | ___ _ _ D _ | Cost | ___ _ _ C _ |
| 7. More recent | ___ _ W ___ | At no time | ___ _ V ___ |
| 8. Air travel | ___ L ___ | Sudden scare | ___ R ___ |
| 9. Beehive product | ___ _ _ _ Y | Sharpened | ___ _ _ _ D |
| 10. President Ford | G ___ _ _ _ | Praise loudly | H ___ _ _ _ |

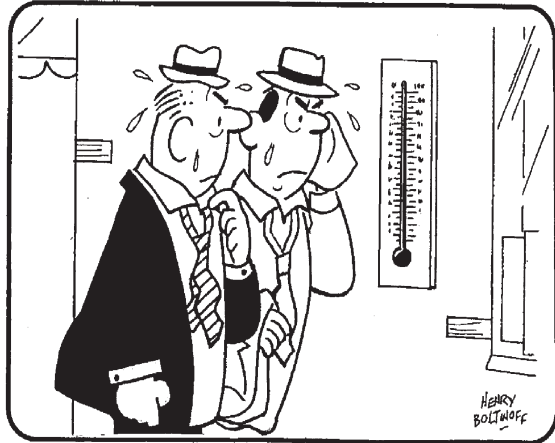
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

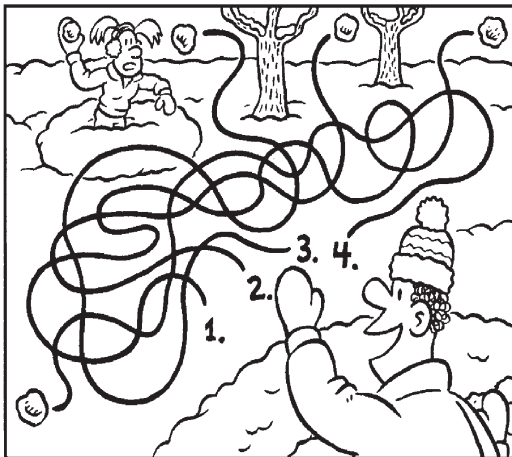


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WINTER SPORTS! See if you can guess which toss clobbered Paul's opponent. You only get one try.

The third toss.
Answer:

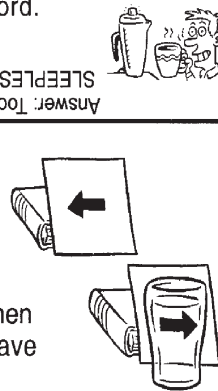
A PROBLEM FOR THE WIDE AWAKE PUZZLER! See if you can rearrange the following letters to form a common word. Lots of coffee will help you answer this one.

EEEELLNPSSSS

Answer: Too much coffee will give you SLEEPLESSNESS, the word we're looking for.

THE FLIPFLOP ARROW! Here's a neat way to stump your friends. On a square of cardboard draw a one-inch arrow pointing to the left. Bet anyone that you can make the arrow point to the right without touching the card or moving the table. Secret: Fill a tall clear glass with water and place it about two inches in front of the card. Now, when you look at the arrow, through the glass, it will appear to have flipped and point.

Illustrated by David Coulson



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS?

1.	G					E
2.		G				E
3.			G		E	
4.				G	E	
5.		E			G	
6.		E				G
7.	E					G

USING THE definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. The letters in the two anagram words, for each definition, must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

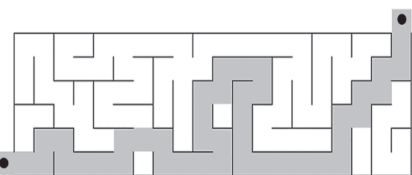
DEFINITIONS:

- Used in jewelry
- Disturbed or upset
- A bone connector
- Harried or pestered
- An adolescent
- Something passed down
- Giving more

ANAGRAMS:

- song + meet
- date + gait
- game + lint
- deed + grab
- tear + gene
- gate + hire
- grin + cone

Answers: 1. Gemstone. 2. Agitated. 3. Ligament. 4. Badgered. 5. Teen-ager. 6. Heritage. 7. Encoring.



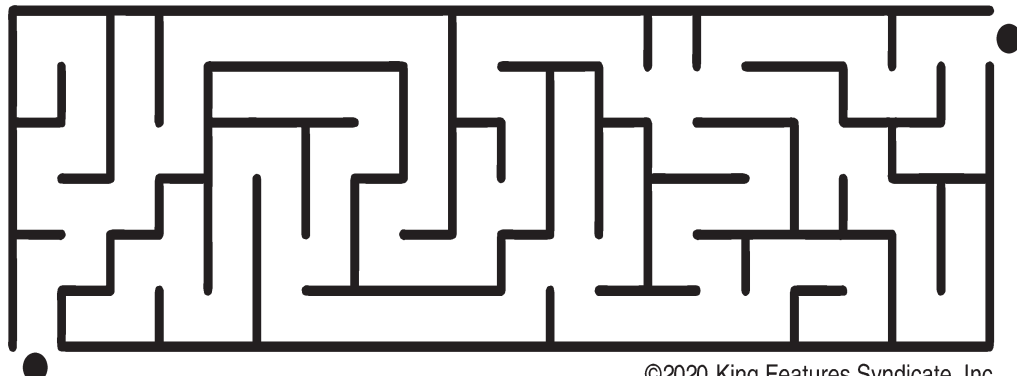
Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange answers**
- Lisbon, Lisbon
 - Torch, Touch
 - Sally, Saily
 - Expert, Expect
 - Repeat, Reheat
 - Pride, Price
 - Newer, Never
 - Flight, Fright
 - Honey, Honed
 - Gerald, Herald

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Answer

BOWING W BINGO
LASSIE I SEALS
SPROUT T POURS
THRONE H TONER
SPARSE A PRESS
LEMONS S MELON
EVADER E RAVED
VALISE A EVILS
SPACES S CAPE
BEAUTS A TUBES
SWERVE W VEERS

Kids' Maze



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Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Katie slipped up, causing Sally to become suspicious of whether she told Wyatt about her terminal illness. Hope attempted to comfort Douglas by telling him that in time he would become used to his dad and Zoe being married. Vinny slammed Thomas for the terrible way he was treating his own son. Liam admitted to Steffy that not living with Hope and Beth was very difficult for him. Thomas showed Zoe the wedding dress he designed for her. Hope blew up at Thomas for confusing Douglas. Steffy overheard a private conversation that changed her point of view. Carter told Zoe that she could do better than Thomas. Liam professed his love for Hope and told her that she would always have his heart. Steffy made a confession. Wait to See: Douglas has a meltdown.

the lethal injection began, Ben relived his memories of Ciara. Kristen told Gabi how she really felt. Xander was upset when he ran into Dr. Raynor, who knew about the baby switch. Ben flatlined. Rafe made an appeal to Evan to find David. Nicole suspected that Xander and Dr. Raynor shared a secret. Maggie prepared to turn herself in. Justin and Marlena met with Stefano to negotiate Kayla's release. Jennifer had an intense confrontation with Gina. Wait to See: Eli and Lani's reunion is interrupted by some unhappy news.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Multiple casualties were admitted to the ER at General Hospital. Laura became confrontational, and Sonny demanded answers. Brando was advised to steer clear. Willow prepared for the worst. Brook Lynn became anxious. Michael turned to Ned for support. Alexis offered her legal expertise. Julian wasn't fooled. Peter struggled with his charade. Jason confronted Curtis. Willow had a hard time facing reality. Chase looked to Michael for advice. Belle began her de-

fense. Brook Lynn was incensed. Olivia presented a reminder of what could be. Ava visited Elizabeth. Peter contacted Anna. Carly let Nelle have it. Wait to See: Molly confides in Jordan.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Jack called Ashley and suggested that she come home to visit Dina. Abby initially turned down Phyllis' offer to buy her shares of the Grand Phoenix but later gave her a letter of intent. Adam gave Chance his blessing to break into Phyllis' suite and steal the recording of their conversation in Vegas. Amanda had a nightmare about Ripley. Rey was called in to help with the ice storm while Faith took care of Sharon. Victor invited Adam to come to the ranch to discuss the future of the company. Their conversation got heated, and they soon found themselves trapped during the storm, forcing them to hash out their differences. Wait to See: Nikki travels outside of her comfort zone.



Eileen Davidson stars as "Ashley" on "The Young and The Restless." PHOTO CREDIT: Monty Brinton/CBS

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Ciara tried to stop Ben's execution. Evan told Sonny his secret. Kayla was horrified by Rolf's suggestion regarding Marlena. Justin turned to John for help. As

Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

What Makes Us Happy?

What makes us happy as we get older? Below are the results of an informal poll of seniors at the local coffee shop.

* Having enough income. It turns out that many who are living only on Social Security can have enough to make it through the month if they made wise decisions before retiring. Paying off the mortgage is a big one.

* Being listened to, or at least not be-

ing disregarded. There's something about aging that seems to make us melt into the background, and if we have opinions or comments, people don't always listen. Medical staff seem to rank very high on this list of people who really aren't listening. Being heard is important.

* Freedom. This comes in many forms. It might mean continuing to drive; it might mean watching only what we want on television.

* Having a social life. For some of us that might mean being part of a group that

meets regularly. For others it might mean talking to friends on the phone daily.

* Laughing. Finding something amusing every day ranked high on the list of what makes us happy. Sometimes it was reading the next page of a joke-a-day calendar. Sometimes it was talking to a friend who had a great, skewed view of the world.

* Having a reason to get up every day. Whether it's a hobby, a good book or a social gathering, having a reason to look forward to the next day was key.

And what does it mean if we're happy?

A study monitored 3,000 seniors over the course of eight years to see how happiness impacted physical function. Researchers found that happy people decline more slowly. Conversely, unhappy people were three times more likely to develop health problems.

Where do you fall on the happiness spectrum?

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

'Cotton Ball' Sensation Is a Sign of Neuropathy

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 63-year-old male diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia, Type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease. I am 5 feet, 11 inches and weigh 240 pounds. I have two stents and take Sprycel for the CML. My levels are good, and the coronary disease is under control.

For a few years I've had what feels like "cotton balls" under the skin in the area of the balls of my feet. Now it feels like it's migrating to the arch. While not too uncomfortable, it is almost impossible to walk barefooted. Some type of foot covering is needed to keep from noticing the feeling. My doctor says it's the diabetes, and to lose weight or see a podiatrist. Other than losing the weight, do you have any opinion about this? -- N.M.

ANSWER: Cotton-ball sensation is one way that many people describe the beginning of neuropathy, a general term for a variety of different conditions that affect the nerves of the body.

In a person with cancer (like CML, chronic myelogenous leukemia, a cancer of the bone marrow) and a new symptom, it is always wise to consider whether it could be due to the cancer, the treatment for the cancer or from something else. In your case, usually CML is not associated with neuropathy. However, the medicine you are taking, dasatinib (Sprycel), has been associated with a severe kind of reversible neuropathy. I read the case reports of this condition carefully, and I doubt that is what is going on with you, as the symptoms you have are different from those reported.

People with longstanding diabetes frequently develop a particular disease of the nerves, diabetic neuropathy. This almost always begins with sensation changes in the feet. I agree with your doctor that diabetes is the most likely cause.

Seeing a podiatrist is absolutely a good idea. He or she can test you for this condition (usually a careful physical exam will make the diagnosis), in addition to looking carefully for any early signs or risk factors for injury or infection. You also should learn how to do a daily inspection of your feet and recognize the signs, so you can get to medical attention promptly should any damage to your feet occur. The podiatrist will make sure you have appropriate footwear.

Many people with diabetes benefit from weight loss, but the important thing is to be sure your diabetes is under good control. This is achieved through good diet, regular exercise and medication, if needed, in addition to weight loss in people who are overweight.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Due to cancer, my prostate was removed about seven years ago. My PSA reading has increased since 2012 from 0.09 to 0.304. Should I be concerned? I am 78 years old and in relatively good health. -- B.D.

ANSWER: PSA readings can go up and down, but a threefold increase could mean that the cancer is coming back, and you should see the specialist taking care of your prostate cancer to discuss getting additional testing.

Not having disease for seven years after treatment is a good sign, but the PSA test is pretty specific for cancer recurrence if two separate readings are above 0.2. You may need additional therapy, but only further investigation will show how concerned you need to be.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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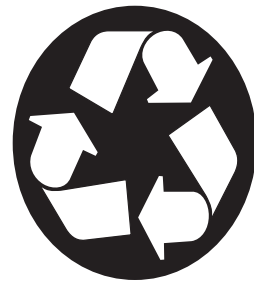
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Trot Town Studios, 4206 W. West Grove Rd., Leaf River, IL 61047.
 Dated: February 7, 2020
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0214 (Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 2)

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

IN THE)
 MATTER)
 OF THE)No.
 ESTATE)2020
 OF)P-15
 NANCY)
 L.)
 SCHUMACHER,) Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of NANCY L. SCHUMACHER, of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 3, 2020, to CONNIE B. SCHUMACHER, whose address is 906 N. Cartwright Ave., Ashton, IL 61006, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than August 24, 2020, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
 FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for CONNIE B. SCHUMACHER, Administrator of the Estate of NANCY L. SCHUMACHER, deceased
 No. 0217 (Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9)

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 Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment for Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned case, the Sheriff of Ogle County, Illinois, or his deputy, on the 20th day of March, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, IL 61061, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, property legally described as follows:
 PARCEL 1:
 THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 24, NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
 PARCEL 2:
 THE NORTH HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTH HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
 Permanent Index Numbers: 10-13-300-002 and 10-24-100-001
 This property is commonly known as North Meridian Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, which is a farm land, and may contain improvements. This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash or its equivalent in accordance with the terms and provisions of said judgment through which the Plaintiff is owed at least \$374,997.98. The successful bidder is required to deposit 20% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Ogle County Sheriff, with the balance to be paid by noon of the Monday following the sale. For information regarding this real estate, including the possibility of inspection, interested parties may contact Amber L. Bishop or Michael G. Cortina, SmithAmundsen, LLC, 475 W. Terra Cotta Ave, Suite C1, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, 815-337-4900.
 Dated this 20th day of February, 2020.
 Brian E. VanVickle
 Sheriff of Ogle County
 Ruth E. Robinson
 Michael G. Cortina
 Amber L. Bishop
 SmithAmundsen, LLC
 Attorney for C.M. Hall & Sons, LLC

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 No. 0222 (Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Taylor Township Meeting Schedule
 Monthly meetings of Taylor Township are held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m.
 Join us at the Taylor Township Building at 280 W. Flagg Rd., Dixon, IL at 7:00 p.m. monthly.
 The annual town hall meeting will be held April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The statement of condition will be presented at this time. The township books will be audited. A regular meeting will follow the annual meeting.
 Marian Baker, Clerk
 No. 0301 (Mar. 2)

Dated: February 20, 2020
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0302 (Mar. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice of Public Hearing on Township Budget
 Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Buffalo, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file at the Polo Town Hall, 117 N. Franklin Ave Polo, IL and available for public inspection from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm on March 11, 2020.
 Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordination will be at 7:30 pm on April 14, 2020 at Polo Town Hall. Final action on this ordination will be taken at a meeting to be held at Polo Town Hall at 7:30 pm on April 14,

2020.
 Dated this 26th day of February 2020,
 Phillip Fassler
 Supervisor
 Judith A. Norris, Clerk
 No. 0303 (Mar. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Buffalo Township Road District, County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and available for public inspection at Polo Town Hall, 117 N. Franklin Ave Polo IL from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm on March 11, 2020.
 Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordination will be at 7:30 pm on April 14, 2020 at the Polo Town Hall. Final action on this ordination will be taken at a meeting to be held at Polo Town

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 Dated: February 19, 2020
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0221 (Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9))

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

C.M. HALL)
 & SONS, LLC,) Plaintiff,
 vs.)
 RANDLE)Case
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 HALL,)

Hall at 7:30 pm on April 14, 2020.
Dated this 26th day of February 2020
Phillip Fossler, Supervisor
Judith A. Norris, Clerk
No. 0304 (Mar. 2)

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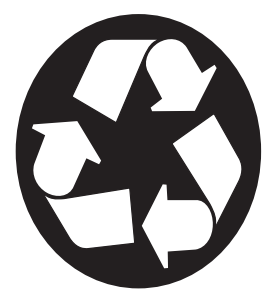
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