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# Making it count

Oregon High School Open Program students pictured in front from left: Bella Koertner, Faith Marquardt and Taylor Rufer. Middle: Riley Crichton, Maya Key, Mia Ortega, Avery Sellers and Nadia Theisen. Back: Liam Dickson-Harriett, Eden Nielsen and Paige Beauchem. Not pictured: Abby Duke and Dre Smith.



## Oregon students helping with census

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

**OREGON**—For a sophomore in high school, Maya Key certainly knows a lot about the upcoming U.S. census.

"I personally like government, so it was always an interest of mine," she said.

She is not alone. The 13 students in the Open Program at Oregon High School are all getting an education in

the census this year, and are spreading that knowledge to get as many people in the area to fill out the census form as possible.

"They have been doing a really nice job of working together and trying to do events that will reach different kinds of people," said teacher Kim Radostits.

The open program is like a self-taught classroom — with guidance from teachers. There is a math and English

portion, and in the second semester a community project.

"In the past, these community service projects were typically individualized — each student would pick a passion project that they would then do to support the community," Radostits said.

This year, someone from NIU pitched the census idea and as a group the class decided to take it on.

(See Census, A-2)

## Did you get your voluntary pay envelope?

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Ogle County Life is offering readers a chance to become honorary staff members of the paper by participating in the annual Voluntary Payment promotion.

Envelopes were inserted into our Feb. 3 issue. If you didn't receive an envelope or have any questions, call our office at 815-732-2156. Also, 10 percent of any money donated in February will be donated to our local senior centers.

For 35 years, we have been providing the Life to readers free of charge. We expect to continue to be able to do this for many years to come.

However, newsprint and postage costs do continue to rise, and any contributions that readers can make greatly help defray these costs and enable us to provide the best product possible.

"Our readers' generosity has played a big part in helping us achieve our goals, including adding an e-edition, which we continue to offer for free for our loyal readers," said Life general manager Mike Feltes.

In addition to helping out the paper, anyone making a voluntary payment will also be helping our local senior citizens, as we in turn make a donation to area senior centers on your behalf.

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**MOUNTMORRIS**—Ready for spring? How about putting the Encore! Mt. Morris-sponsored bus trip to Chicago, March 31, on your calendar?

Participants will ride to Chicago in a comfy charter bus (leave 8 a.m.), spend the morning taking a walking tour of the quaint Lincoln Park neighborhood, visiting the Lincoln Park Nature Center or Zoo, or shopping in the area (your choice). In the afternoon, enjoy an informative tour and exploration time at the Art Institute, and conclude the day with a delicious dinner and exploration of creative Italian foods at Eatery, also in the city (arrival home by 8:30 p.m.). What a fun spring fling to look forward to!

Participants will enjoy the humor and knowledgeable commentary about Chi-

cago history and other Chicago highlights from Howie Herman, trip host and former resident of Chicago. The trip fee is \$55 for children 14 and under. Seniors and students 15 and older pay \$70. All other adults, \$75. Fees cover all transportation, the entry into the Art Institute, and bus snacks. Meals in the city and other incidentals are not covered. More details at [encoremorris.com](http://encoremorris.com).

To sign up, click the Chicago Visit button at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com) or sign up at the Mount Morris Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln St. All reservations must be received by March 9 to confirm the bus reservation and group rate at the Art Institute. A minimum of 15 participants are needed for the trip to go. Gather your friends and enjoy a hosted trip to Chicago! Questions? [mollyb@encoremorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremorris.com)

## Polo Senior Center hosting trips

The Polo Senior Center will host an Ohio Island hoppin' trip featuring Kelly Island and Put-In-Bay Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25.

This is a four-day, three-nights trip includes 3 night lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 deli-style lunch, 3 full course dinners, Island Hoppin

Cruise on Lake Erie, visit Kelly Island, tram tour on Put-In-Bay, African Safari Wildlife Park tour, Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial, Merry-Go-Round Museum & Carousel Ride, Antique Car Museum, Butterfly House, Maritime Museum of Sandusky all luggage handling, taxes and meals gratuities and motor coach transportation.

The cost is \$620 per person double occupancy, triple occupancy \$610 per person and single occupan-

cy \$828. Deposit due at sign up of \$75 final payment due Thursday April 16.

If you are interested in this trip and want more information or to reserve your seat call the Polo Senior Center at 815-946-3818 or Barb at 815-238-8645.

### Bad Lands, Mount Rushmore and more

The Polo Senior Center is hosting a trip from Sunday, Aug. 30 through Tuesday, Sept. 8 to Mount Rushmore, Badlands, Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

The 10-day, and 9 night trip will be thorough Charter Service Wiersma Charters of Morrison.

Package includes 16 meals: 9 breakfasts and 7 dinners. 9 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in South Dakota,

and luggage handling. You will see; Mount Rushmore, Wildlife Loop Road at Custer State Park, admission to the Unique Journey Museum, guided tour of Deadwood, plus gaming at a Deadwood Casino, visit to Crazy Horse Memorial, Badlands National Park, guided tour of Yellowstone National Park and much more.

Trip cost is \$1,260 per person double occupancy. We have single and triple rates available. \$75 deposit required at sign up. Final Payment due June 15. Insurance price per person for double occupancy \$94. Travel Insurance is recommended.

If you are interested in this trip and want more information or to reserve your seat call the Polo Senior Center 815-946-3818 or Barb at 815-238-8645



## Popper Shoppe closes

The Popper Shoppe in Oregon, formerly Hopper's Poppers, has closed. Scoops, the sub and deli business also located at 108 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., will remain open while renovations are made. Former owner Ryan Hopper recently returned to Oregon to take the popcorn equipment back North Carolina, where he and his family relocated last year.

## CENSUS: A lot of false information

From page 1

"We figured it's a once in every 10-year opportunity, so we figured why not try it?" Key said.

The students all have different jobs. There are news liaisons – Key and Liam Dickson-Harriett

Event planners, writers, presenters and data people on who has and hasn't been reached.

"They have been doing a really nice job of working together and trying to do events that will reach different kinds of people," Radostits said.

"Right now, we are in a stage where we are forwarding information to people that it's coming – it's on its way," said Dickson-Harriett, also a sophomore.

That is the key – letting people know that the census is coming and how to complete it.

"Right now, we are in the awareness stage," Key

said. "We're just going to be telling them correct information, because there's a lot of incorrect information that goes go out regarding the census."

That false information includes the belief that the government will get your name from the census. Key said people are identified by a number. The citizenship question, requested by the Trump Administration, has also caused concern for some.

"A lot of people worried about the citizenship question, but that was completely ruled out," key said.

This year the census will be available electronically for the first time – from March 12-20 – and anything new can cause confusion and concern.

"Since it's a new option, people may not know," Key said of the electronic version of the census.

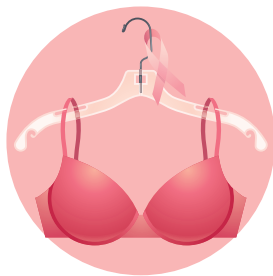
So, the students are helping not only raise awareness of the census, but train

people on how to complete it. They have been doing some events to raise awareness, and have also talked with student groups to get the word out.

"They are trying to reach some of those hard to count population," Radostits said. "Part of the hope is that perhaps if they can reach the elementary school students or some of the high school students and encourage those kids to fill out that paperwork, then that could perhaps help with some of that hard to reach population."

Oregon Mayor Ken Williams has also asked the group to be involved with an event planned for The Nash Recreation Center in Oregon. Williams has secured tablets so people can come in and, with the help of the students, fill out their census form there.

There will also be a paper census form made available after the online form period has ended.



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## Children's Center open house will be on Feb. 18

**OREGON** – Registration for the Oregon Park District's Children's Center for the 2020-21 school year will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Annual members may register one day early on Monday, Feb. 24. Residents may register at 7 a.m. and non-residents at 9 a.m. both days. The Children's Center will help prepare your child for Kindergarten as they learn to interact with their peers.

An open house for prospective students will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Children's Center, located in Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth Street, Oregon. Parents and children are invited to meet Mrs. Caposey and Mrs. Teresa to tour the Children's Center, ask questions and learn more of what the Children's Center has to offer.

The three-year-old program meets on Tuesday and Thursday from either 8:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. The four-year-old program meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15-11 a.m. or 12-2:45 p.m. All program supplies are included in the monthly tuition payment. Children receive a snack daily.

Tuition for the three-year-old program is \$85 per month for residents and \$102 per month for non-residents. Tuition for the four-year-old program is \$120 per month for residents and \$136 per month for non-residents.

A \$25 non-refundable deposit and your child's birth certificate are required at registration. Children must be toilet trained and be the appropriate age on or before September 1, 2020.

Children's Center Coordinator Jacquie Caposey and assistant Teresa Nehrkorn will guide your child through play and learning in both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old program.

Learning through play is a child's principle means of discovering his or her

world and both our two days a week and three days a week programs are largely play-based.

During the two-hour, two days a week program designed for three-year-old learners, children have opportunities to develop social skills such as sharing, taking turns and caring for one another, as well as small motor skills, such as cutting, gluing, drawing and "writing" and large motor skills, through both teacher-directed and self-directed play. Color, shape, and name recognition, as well as counting, patterning and sorting are all topics that are addressed in this program.

The 2.75-hour, three days a week program is designed as a kindergarten prep program for those learners age four and five. Through stories, art, games, self- and teacher-directed play, and gym activities, children will learn cooperation, manners and self-regulation skills to establish positive and appropriate social interaction with peers and adults. Learners also develop readiness skills, such as number concepts, problem solving, recognition of capital and lowercase letters, name printing, as well as early printing practice of all letters, and letter-sound recognition, that will help promote their success in kindergarten. Learners will also take field trips in the community.

The Oregon Park District is excited for the 2020-21 school year to supplemental tuition for families that meet income guidelines though a donation from the A. Charles & Lillemore Lawrence Foundation.

Application and guidelines for the A. Charles and Lillemore Lawrence Scholarship are available at the front counter of the Nash Recreation Center.

Inquire at the Oregon Park District for all Children's Center registration details and information, 815-732-3101 or email [tina@oregonpark.org](mailto:tina@oregonpark.org).

## Medicare, Soc. Sec. program Feb. 19

**BYRON** - A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St..

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron.

## Obituaries

### Frank Woodrow Allen

**BYRON** – Frank Woodrow Allen, 74, of Byron passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 in his home from his family's hands into the Hands of God. He was born Jan. 2, 1946.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during the Vietnam War. Married PeeNee Goodwin of Byron, on September 14, 2002 in Monroe Center. Retired from Warner Electric on May 5, 2006 after 15 years. Frank



enjoyed camping, girls' softball and watching NCIS. Survivors include wife,

PeeNee Goodwin-Allen; children, Shelley (Chuck) Stodder, Frank (Jennifer) Allen, Craig (Tracy) Goodwin, Jody (Randy) Pagles; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; siblings, Norman, Elaine, Jeannette, Mary, Thelma, Paul; and several nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by parents; and siblings, Ron, Eugene, Linda and Brenda.

A private family service was held.

### Becky K. Merritt

**STERLING** – Becky K. Merritt, 61, of Sterling and formerly of Oregon, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford. Born Nov. 30, 1958 in Oregon, the daughter of Roger and Judith (Gigous) Steffa.

Becky was a 1976 graduate of Oregon High School and had been employed

as a CNA at Sterling area nursing homes.

Survived by her mother, Judi Fore of Oregon; daughter, Shelly Merritt of Rockford; sons, Justin Merritt, Bradley Merritt and Clayton Merritt of Elkhorn, Wis.; grandchildren: Paige, Aubrey, Miranda, Gustavo, Carlos and Rosa; and sisters, Teresa

(Eric) Grover of Chana and Donna (Doug) Harriett of Oregon.

Preceded in death by her father.

No services are scheduled at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.



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# Obituaries

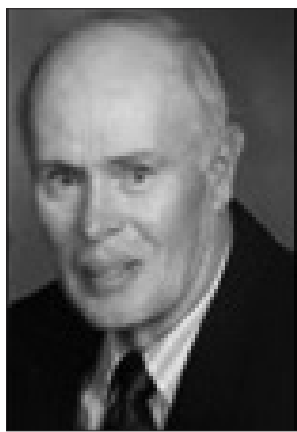
## Jim J. Lalor

Jim J. Lalor, 85, of Woodstock, (formerly of Hebron), closed his kind blue eyes one last time as he made his journey to meet the love of his life, Patricia Harris whom he fondly called "Patty," when he entered the gates of heaven in the early morning hours of Jan. 29, 2020.

Jim was an amazing and kind man born of Irish heritage on Nov. 19, 1934, the son of Walter and Marguerite Lalor. Irish to the core, his family originally hailed from Lisronagh County, in Tipperary, Ireland.

Jim, or "Grandpa" or "Papa" as his grandkids called him, was a saint with the bases loaded. On Jan. 2, 1966, after going bowling he asked for Patty's hand in marriage on the same day the Green Bay Packers beat the Cleveland Browns in the NFC Championship Game. Paul Horning scored on the last touchdown with a sweep to the left. Mom said "yes", and although he believes he bowled a 120 that day, that would be the last time he ever bowled.

He loved God, and he loved his beloved Patty immensely. Their love story began on September 22, 1965, but only after he'd called twice and missed her each time. Third time was the charm as the Dodgers game was on; Sandy Koufax



was pitching and going for the all-time strikeout record. They eventually had to pull him after a home run was hit with the bases loaded.

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They had a beautiful marriage since they wed on May 22, 1966, and he's missed her terribly ever since her passing on June 14, 2007.

He grew up in Hebron, attended school in the one room schoolhouse on Johnson Road in Hebron, and

went on to graduate from St. Mary's in 1952. He played basketball against, and admittedly lost to, the infamous '52 Hebron State Championship team.

He served in the United States Army in 1957, and after being stationed at Fort Dix in New Jersey, was deployed to Wiesbaden, Germany and served in the Communications and Missile Tracking capacities. He was proud and honored to serve his country.

He saw Pope Pius the 12th in St. Peters Basilica, the '60 Olympics venue in Rome and the 100th Anniversary for the Healing of Fatima. He saw a bullfight in Madrid and ventured on a religious retreat to Birches Garden and saw Big Ben in London. He saw things across the world, and he appreciated

his time in the service as a great experience for someone who had never left home. He went on to paint houses, and then managed his own Lalor Family Dairy Farm for decades until his retirement after 39 years.

He was a simple man with simple ways; simple philosophies, and simple kindness all his life. He tried to be kind to all, and to always do the right thing. Selfless; always asking about everyone else,

every time.

As an avid and lifetime fan of the Chicago Cubs, he stayed up long past his 8 o'clock bedtime to watch the Cubs clinch the World Series in 2016. He was a fan of the Green Bay Packers since their days playing in Milwaukee, and the last game he watched was the Bears vs. Packers and could be heard yelling "Come On" and "Get 'Em"; and at the end of the 21-13 game, he said, "that was too close."

In 2007, he found a new calling and started giving of himself and of his personality by volunteering for more than 6,264.92 hours at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock until April '19. He volunteered on average of 3-4 days a week, when expected to only volunteer one day a week.

In 2013, he was recognized as an Everyday Hero for simply being himself. He didn't work for pings; but he gave of himself and he loved making others feel comfortable in his care during their most vulnerable times. He aspired to know everything about everyone he guided through the hospital, and those he worked with. He knew everyone, and they loved him. He didn't see people's challenges or negativities; he simply saw

people as God's children.

As a diehard sports and football fan, he and his wife were loyal followers and could be found in the stands at Stillman Valley, Marian Catholic and Ripon football games as they enjoyed watching their sons coach their respective teams. He remembered scores and plays better than almost anyone.

He loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart. Few things gave him greater joy than to watch their athletic activities, or spend time playing cards, UNO, Skipbo, whiffle ball or ESPN trivia with them at family gatherings. And, don't think for one second that he would take it easy on them as kids. No, he would play to win, regardless of their young ages. He said that would be what he would miss most after leaving, it would be watching them play in their games.

For the last several months, he has been cared for in his home, and enveloped by his loving family and his incredible caregivers Benji, Shy and many others with the utmost of love and compassion.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter Lalor (1951) and Marguerite Lalor (1965), and his wife Patricia

Ann Lalor (2007). He is survived to carry on his legacy by his children, Laura Lalor, Joe and Jennifer Lalor, Mike and Heather Lalor, Tim and Colleen Lalor; and Chris and Sarah Lalor; his brother Tom (Ann) Lalor, and his sister Mary Hart, and his grandchildren who loved him so: Tera Lalor, Owen Lalor, Logan Lalor, Olivia Lalor, Brad Lalor, Ryan Lalor, Gwen Lalor, Monica Lalor, Josh Lalor, and numerous nieces and nephews.

His legacy was honored with a visitation, Funeral mass with military honors and a dinner and open microphone where friends and family were able to share their favorite stories and memories.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask that you offer random acts of kindness as you go forth in your days. Donations may be made in his honor to St. Vincent de Paul, or to The Lalor family for the establishment of a private Jim Lalor scholarship fund to be made in his honor to help students in need.

He was humble and selfless to the nth degree; the exact epitome of the type of people this world needs more of, and he will be missed beyond measure.

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## Wayne E. Heater

BYRON - Wayne E. Heater, 91, of Byron, passed away at Swedish American Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. He was born on April 26, 1928 to Lloyd and Emma (Drury) Heater.

He graduated from Leaf River High School in 1945. He married Mary Murphy on Oct. 5, 1946 in Pecatonica. Wayne was a lifelong resident of Leaf River. He was born on the family farm and continued living there, farming and trucking until 2006 when he and Mary moved to Byron. When he was just 16 he would drive the family stock truck to Chicago which began his love of trucking. In 1969 Wayne had his own trucking company becoming an owner/operator hauling merchandise for various



local companies.

Wayne enjoyed traveling with Mary in their RV visiting throughout many states. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and having morning coffee with friends at local cafes.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years Mary of Byron; 2 daughters, Cheryl Heater of Crest Hill and

Cathy Williams of Byron; 2 grandsons, Justin (Janelle) Williams of Naperville and Jamie (Shannon) Williams of Leaf River; 2 great grandchildren, Owen and Paityn Williams, sister-in-law, Patricia Fisher; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Russell Williams.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. In lieu of flowers memorials are established for Serenity Hospice & Home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Swedish American Hospital for their loving care and support.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

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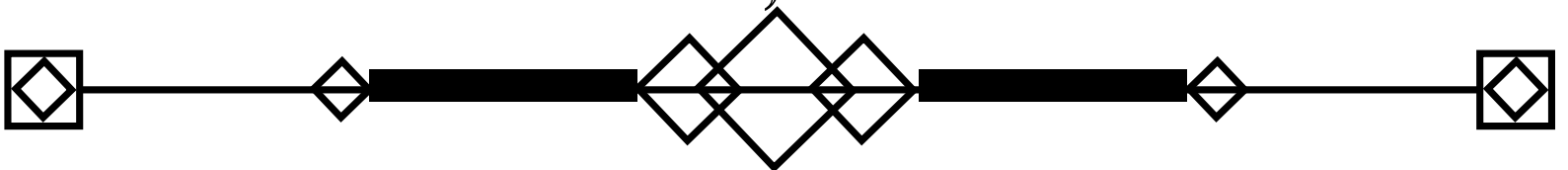
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## Bobcat program Feb. 16 in Byron

**BYRON** – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting the second of their 2020 Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, Feb. 16 starting at 2 p.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road. Jennifer Kuroda, founder of the Illinois Bobcat Foundation, will cover every facet of the elusive cats, including history, biology, predator perception and management and will speak about the ongoing bobcat population study by Dr. Christopher Jacques at Western Illinois University. Bobcats, named for their short, bobbed tails, are about twice the size of a common

house cat. They use their keen sight and hearing to hunt rabbits, squirrels, small rodents and some birds. They are mostly nocturnal, reclusive animals that prefer forested or wooded areas. Once hunted almost to extinction in the Midwest, bobcats have been making a comeback in recent years. 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.

## Meetings focus on farm programs

**OREGON** –Farmers must act now if they wish to enroll in the 2019 Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. Your farms will not be eligible for potential payments if you fail to enroll by the deadline. The ARC/PLC programs trigger payments if market forces create substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. Executive Director Philip Newendyke will host ARC/PLC meetings at the Ogle County Service Center at 1213 Pines Road, Oregon. Meetings will focus on price and yield scenarios comparing the ARC and

PLC programs; you will be able to make educated program elections following the meeting. Seating is limited. Monday, Feb. 10 – 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 – 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. No meetings Feb. 17 – Federal Holiday Thursday, Feb. 20 – 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 – 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 – 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Appointments for enrollment are greatly appreciated, please call 815-732-6127. The deadline is March 16. Please contact the Ogle County FSA Office in Oregon at 815-732-6127. www.fsa.usda.gov/.

## Polo center has upcoming events

**Graying Gracefully with Pastor Brian LeBaron** will meet twice a month and always on Tuesday afternoons February class is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18. All classes start at 12:30 p.m. Sub Sandwiches will be served for a donation. If you have not been to any of his classes please come. Please sign up for these classes I need to know how many Sub Sandwiches to order come to the Senior Center to sign up or call 815-946-3818. Please if you have signed up and cannot make it please call the Senior Center. This class is for members as well the public.

**Brain Wits Class** –We are starting a new class and it is free to anyone who would like to join us. Members and Non-Members are welcome. The class is for men and woman regardless of age. We will have lots of fun and at the same time exercise our brains. Kathy LeBaron will be our instructor; Kathy is a lot of fun, and she comes from a medical background where she worked as RN. We will meet bi-weekly and we will always meet on Mondays. All classes will start at 10 a.m and will end at 11 a.m. Our first class will be on Monday February 10th this will be our first class; and again on Monday, Feb. 24. Sign up is required for the classes please call the Senior Center or stop in to sign up. The Senior Center phone number is 815-946-3818.

**Friday, Feb. 14**, Valentine's Day, join us at 10 a.m. for Ice Cream Sundae's. We will not serve rolls or donuts on this day.

**Saturday, Feb. 15** starting at 12:30 p.m. Tina Buck will be instructing a button art class on wood. Come into the Senior Center to see the samples. All supplies will be provided for you except the buttons you will need approximately 60 – 70 buttons of all sizes. The class fee for members is \$20 and non-members \$35 class is for adults of any age. Please no children. Remember members, if you would like to take this class but cannot afford it please let Barb know. You must pre-register for this class by Monday, Feb. 10. Call Barb at 815-946-3818.

**Bottle Craft** on Monday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. We will teach you how to dress an empty wine bottle. A very easy class. We will have all the supplies unless you want jewelry on your bottles these you will have to bring from your collection. This craft will delight your daughters, daughter in laws and

older grandchildren. Bottle art is lots of fun to do. We have samples at the Senior Center. Members cost \$6 Non-Members \$12. You must register for this class by Monday February 10th. We have samples at the Senior Center come and see. Remember members if you would like to take this class but cannot afford see Barb or call her at 815-946-3818

**Wednesday, February 19 Birthday & Bingo** starting 10:30 a.m. and Lunch at 11:30 a.m.: We will be serving chicken casserole, chocolate cake and ice cream. Sign Up today. Don't forget February birthdays eat for free. Everyone else \$6.00 donation if you cannot afford the \$6 just let us know. We want everyone to come regardless of income. Come and talk to Barb confidentially if you cannot afford to come or give her a call 815-946-3818.

**Game Night Friday, Feb. 21** at 6:30 p.m. Come play with us and learn new card games. Come and join in the fun. We will be playing, Phase 10, Euchre and Hand & Foot. The evening is for adults only. We take up donations and order Pizza. Please bring your own pop or water, coffee is furnished.

**Pass Potluck Tuesday, Feb. 25** starting at 11 a.m. this month speaker is Chief Joh Mandrel he talking will be talking about all the SCAMS you are faced with on a daily basis. Please join us everyone is invited members & non-members bring a dish to pass and your own place service.

**Fit for Life exercise class** Tuesday and Thursday is Exercise Day! "Fit for Lif," the exercises are low-impact that combines slow movements with music to improve; balance, strength, flexibility and over all physical health. Class meets every Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Classes are for men & women of any age. Our class instructor is Cher Weegens. Please before taking part in any type of fitness class, check with your doctor. Pay \$20 for every 9 sessions you attend. This means if you are not able to come to class you will not be charged for your missed session. You will not have to pay for exercise class again until you have used all of your 9 sessions then after the 9th session you will pay another \$20. If any members want to take part and can't afford please see Barb

**Line Dancing Do you like to dance?** Have you always wanted to learn how to line dance? Here is your

opportunity. Our line dancing group is looking for more dancers. Do not worry if you do not know how our instructor will help you learn. Class meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. except the 4th Tuesday of the month we do not have class. This class is for men or women. Come and join us it's fun and great exercise, the classes are free and are open to members as well non-members. For more information call the Sr. Center at 815-946-3818

**Have you paid your membership dues?** Please if you are a member and want to continue please send a \$20 check or stop in, we would love to see you! If you are not a member and would like to join please contact us or stop in. 815-946-3818 Your Senior Center Needs Your Support.

**Income tax** – Our AARP Tax-Aide Counselors will be at the Polo Senior Center Friday March 6, Friday March 13 and Friday March 27 if needed. Appointments will start at noon and last appointment 3 p.m. You must call the Senior Center to make an appointment. We will not take walk-ins. Please be sure you have all of your documents before your tax appointment. In addition to the usual W-2 and 1099 forms, there will be a new tax form 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements) that will be sent to taxpayers who purchased health care coverage through the Illinois Marketplace. Please watch for health care insurance information on your W-2, SSA-1099 or the new 1095 forms. Tax payers are reminded to bring a copy of last year's returns (for each of the above); at least one picture ID for themselves and each dependent (such as a driver's license, passport etc.) Social Security cards for the entire household; income statements; and other official documentation for household members that apply to the year of 2016. These representatives will not be able to complete your return if you have a business, farm, partnership or rental property or need to file a return from another state (but will file a return if it is winnings from gambling in another state). Even if you have not had to file income tax in prior years please call and make an appointment for our preparers to evaluate your individual situation. Remember this service is free of charge. Questions or to schedule your appointment call the Senior Center at 815-946-3818.

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## Rockford garden trip will be on Feb. 25

**OREGON**—It may be the depth of winter, but Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens is teeming with color.

Its annual orchid exhibit is sure to impress, with hundreds of tropical orchids creatively displayed in the warm tropical exhibition area. Orchid sales and orchid vendors, presentations and workshops—there's something for everyone.

The Oregon Park District is putting on a special one-day trip to Rockford to visit the exhibit with a

guided tour. Meet at Nash Recreation Center at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to join in the fun. We will be on site for about two hours and then we will drive to Green Fire Restaurant for an early dinner.

Dinner will be on your own expense.

The trip, itself, will cost \$11 per Resident and \$13 per Non-Resident.

Deadline to register is Feb. 19. Register online at [oregonpark.org](http://oregonpark.org) or by calling 815-732-3101.

## School's out events set

**OREGON** — Join the Oregon Park District for a safe, positive and interactive environment for your child on two no school days approaching on Friday, Feb. 14 and Monday, Feb. 17 for Schools Out Fun.

Children will enjoy a full day of fun pre-planned activities including crafts, games and peer interaction. The Friday program will be held at the Blackhawk Center in the ET room.

The Monday program will be held at Taft Campus and include a homemade lunch.

Each Schools Out Fun day is \$25/child and \$30/Non-Resident child. Each program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline to register is Feb. 7 for Friday and February 10 for the Monday program.

Register can be done online at [oregonpark.org](http://oregonpark.org) or by calling 815-732-3101.

## Park District sets dog events

**OREGON** — Dogs have a strong instinctual need to socialize with and explore the world.

The Oregon Park District introduces pack walks to satisfy this need. Dogs can safely socialize without physically interacting. Even though the dogs are not physically touching each other, they can smell and see the other dogs, which is still considered socialization.

Each walk will be approximately 1 mile on pathways in our parks from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Bring a 6-foot leash, a proper collar, water and

treats. One dog per handler but family members are welcome to join.

Each walk is \$2/Resident and \$3/Non-Resident. Registration can be done online at [oregonpark.org](http://oregonpark.org) or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Pack Walks will be held:  
\* Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Park West Deadline Feb. 13

\* Tuesday, March 3 at Fairgrounds Park Deadline Feb. 27

\* Monday, March 16 at Park West Deadline March 12

\* Monday, March 30 at Fairgrounds Park Deadline March 26

## Historian to speak at meeting

**OREGON** — Local historian, Otto Dick, will present a brief history of the Oregon Woman's Club (OWC) and its role in the life of the community over the last century at the group's next meeting on Friday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Rock River Center.

Dick is a well-known contributor to local papers about the history of the Oregon area.

All women are invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information about the program or the OWC and its programs, contact Rosemary Underwood at 815-732-2210.

## Chamber hosts Focus on Fitness

**OREGON** — The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to Rise & Grind: Focus on Fitness, Feb. 13 at 8 a.m. at Cork 'n Tap, 305 W. Washington St.

This free morning event will feature presentation by The ADM Studios, Blackhawk Nutrition, Curves of Oregon, Oregon Park District and Reign XT.

Feel free to BYOB (Bring your own breakfast) or grab something from next door at Hazel's Café.

# District to hold election on Feb. 20

**OREGON**—The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual election for directors of the District Board on Feb. 20.

The election will take place at the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in the U.S.D.A. Service Center at 1213 Pines Road, Suite 3, Oregon. Ballot voting will take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone who owns or occupies land within Ogle County is eligible to vote.

There are five directors on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Directors serve 2 year terms and must be owners or occupiers of

land within Ogle County. This year three director positions are up for election. The following three candidates have been placed on the ballot to fill the three open positions; incumbents Kayse Rushford of Oregon, Cody Considine of Byron and Cade Bushnell of Stillman Valley.

The other two director positions are currently held by, Marcia Heuer of Oregon and Jon Pearson of Mount Morris.

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District is a not for profit, local unit of government in Ogle County, formed in 1942, to help

provide landowners technical and educational assistance in applying conservation practices. Today, the Ogle County SWCD has the responsibility to inform the public on the wise use of natural resources, addressing nutrient management, the application of conservation practices, wildlife habitat, forest uses, water quality, natural resource education, construction and zoning uses.

If you would like more information about the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District, please feel free to contact any of the directors or the district office at 815-732-6127.



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## Top valentine gifts

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show the ones you love just how much you care about them. This is achieved through various gestures, including giving heartfelt gifts.

Research from Business Insider found that 51 percent of Americans now celebrate Valentine's Day. While a recent poll from Insights West found that although many Canadians view Valentine's Day as overly commercial, 75 percent still plan on celebrating it. People are still spending big bucks on making Valentine's Day special. The National Retail Federation indicates Americans spent more than \$20.7 billion on the holiday in 2019 and forecasters predict similar spending in 2020.

Every Valentine's Day, certain gifts emerge as the most popular. While certain gifts are common, there are ways to make them seem fresh and exciting. Here are some ideas for Valentine's Day gifting.

### Flowers

The National Retail Federation estimates that people spend around \$2 billion on flowers for gifts. While roses are much sought after, thinking outside the bouquet can produce unique results. Choose different blooms, perhaps a loved one's favorite flower or something regional. Potted plants also will last longer than cut flowers, giving them more staying power. Skip bouquets in favor of table centerpieces, which can be eye-catching.

### Jewelry

Gifting jewelry can be tricky because it is such a personal gift that must tie into a sweetheart's style. It may be tempting to go with something large and flashy or full of diamonds, but a better option is to take inventory of what your loved one wears on a daily basis and try to mimic the size and scope in your gift. Other thoughtful jewelry gifts include understated pendant necklaces or bracelets engraved with key dates or the names of their children. Colored gemstones in lieu of diamonds also may be a striking choice.

### Entertainment

Dinner and a movie is a classic date night, but on Valentine's Day restaurants and theaters may be overcrowded and only offer limited menus. An alternative can be to arrange for a gourmet meal to be delivered and wrap up a new streaming movie/TV device already primed with a subscription to his or her favorite streaming service. Then all you need to do is snuggle on the sofa for a romantic night in.

### Chocolates and candy

Roughly \$1.8 billion is spent on candy each Valentine's Day, says the National Retail Federation. A box of chocolates certainly can fit the bill, but other options abound. Perhaps a sweetheart has a favorite candy that recalls his or her childhood or prefers a chocolate maker from his or her hometown. Purchase those items to add a bit of nostalgia. Make the holiday magical by setting up a candy bar right at home, where your sweetheart can pick and choose from candies displayed in eye-catching bowls and canisters.

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# Don't Forget Valentine's Day

February 14

## Is a Valentine's Day proposal right for you?

Valentine's Day is a special day when thoughts turn to love and romance. Couples contemplating tying the knot may feel like Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to pop the question and begin their journeys toward marriage.

Even though Valentine's Day is a very popular day to propose, it's tricky to keep such a proposal from becoming a cliché. By considering some dos and don'ts, Valentine's Day proposals can be unique.

**DO** ensure that you're both on the same page. It's one thing for couples who have already been talking about marriage to build on the romance of Valentine's Day with a proposal. But it's quite another if this is a push to wow him or her and you don't have the same goals; it may not go according to plan. Couples are urged to have honest conversations about key topics (i.e., children, compatibility, finances, living arrangements) to see if marriage is a desire they both share.

**DON'T** overlook the element of surprise for the proposal. Sure it is easy to have a waiter bring the ring after a meal at a favorite restaurant,

but it can be even more special to catch your sweetheart off guard. Why not propose before you get to the restaurant, such as in front of where you first met, and then you can enjoy your meal without butterflies?

**DO** consider your sweetheart's personality before the proposal. A shy person may not like the attention of a crowd. However, someone who loves to be the center of attention may feel that more is merrier.

**DON'T** go overboard with the details. One or two big surprises is all it takes. The more details, the more things that can potentially go wrong, which can adversely affect the overall proposal.

**DO** get input from friends and family, but do not feel pressured to do it exactly as they say. A close friend can help select a ring or contribute to the surprise by keeping the special someone unaware of the plans at hand. Having a helper can make the proposal go more smoothly.

**DON'T** feel pressured to propose on Valentine's Day or a birthday, Christmas, or other big holiday because it's "what you're supposed to do." A proposal and a marriage are unique



to each couple, and individuals should abide by their preferences when making such important decisions. Only propose when it feels

completely right. Valentine's Day can be a perfect day to propose if the timing and planning is right.

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# Popular candies share sweet words of love

There are many ways to say, “I love you,” For Valentine’s Day celebrants, various sentiments may be expressed with candy — particularly candy hearts.

Candy hearts, also called Conversation Hearts® and Sweethearts® (similarly Love Hearts in the UK), are sweet, chalky confections that have been around for more than 100 years. The conversation about candy hearts began back in 1847 when Oliver Chase, a Boston pharmacist, wanted to get in on the apothecary lozenge craze that was

popular at the time. Lozenges were common remedies for sore throats and bad breath, and were growing in popularity as a convenient medical treatment. Chase invented a machine that could roll out lozenge dough and press it into perfect discs, a time-saving improvement to the manual process used until then. Chase eventually abandoned making lozenges and the pharmacy business, ultimately realizing his machine could be used to make candies. He formed the New England Confectionery Company and began

producing what would eventually be known as NECCO wafers.

Wanting to get in on his brother’s candy empire, Daniel Chase saw an opportunity to build on the growing popularity of Valentine’s cards by printing words on candy with vegetable dye during the cutting process. In 1866, conversation candies began as round confections and were much bigger than today’s heart varieties. It wouldn’t be until 1902 that conversation candy hearts became available.

Through the years, the candies

became smaller and the sentiments expressed on the hearts have been updated to stay current with the times. Phrases like “LOL,” “BFF” and “Text me” have replaced some less modern sentiments.

At the height of the candies’ popularity, NECCO estimated that it made nearly 100,000 pounds of the hearts each day throughout the year in preparation for Valentine’s Day.

In 2019, NECCO filed for bankruptcy and did not produce the iconic candy hearts while it was

being purchased by an investment company called Round Hill Investments, LLC. Round Hill decided to sell NECCO to another candy company. Fortune magazine reported Spangler Candy Co., which took over rights to NECCO’s iconic brands, would manufacture candy hearts in 2020. Similar conversation hearts also are available through Brach’s candy company.

Candy hearts have long been a way to share sweet words of affection and a sugary treat with the ones you love.

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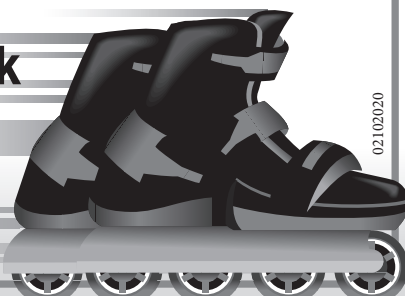
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# Focus House announces scholarship opportunities

The Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming announces scholarship opportunities for students in Ogle County.

The F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship Fund was established in April, 2003 by his family following his death. As an Ogle County Circuit Judge, Judge Lenz elected to be the juvenile court Judge. In his capacity as juvenile Judge, he was one of the instrumental supporters of the opening of Focus House in 1975. From the bench he believed in the value of having community based programs and was an advocate of Focus House until his death.

One F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship will be awarded for \$500.

The LaVerne Adams Scholarship Fund was established in May of 2002 following Adam's death. A long time resident of Ogle County, Adams sat on the Ogle County Board from 1972 until 2002. At the time Focus House was established in 1975, Adams was appointed and served as the chairperson of the county committee that oversaw the operation of the program. His family started the scholarship in LaVerne's name due to his commitment to the youth of Ogle County and the Focus House program. One LaVerne Adams Scholarship will

be awarded for \$500.

Foundation for Focus House General Scholarship – The Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming exists to receive and administer contributions, gifts, memorials and bequests for the exclusive purpose of enhancing programming at Focus House and offering community programs that enhance, enrich and supplement individuals involved in Court Services. Two Foundation for Focus House General Scholarships will be awarded for \$250 each.

Applicants must be Ogle County residents that are gradu-

ating from high school or already enrolled or attending a post-secondary institution. The scholarships focus on positive impact or personal growth that the applicants have made in their lives or in their community. A priority is given to past Focus House residents, former probationary clients, youth that have had police contact or youth that are studying criminal justice, but all students are welcome and encouraged to apply. Past recipients have enrolled in a variety of educational programs including: 4-year college, 2-year community college, CDL training, CNA training, and other vocational

programs. No program is too big or too small to be considered. The Scholarship Committee looks forward to reading about successful youth in Ogle County.

Applications can be obtained by clicking on the scholarship info link at [https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/focus\\_house\\_2/scholarship.php](https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/focus_house_2/scholarship.php) or request by email - contact Jeni Hardin [jhardin@oglecounty.org](mailto:jhardin@oglecounty.org). The deadline for the application is April 15, 2020. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Winners will be notified by May 1st and presented the scholarship at their schools' awards night.

## Mount Morris Senior Center announces activities

### Tea for You

Let's talk about love while we enjoy a delicious luncheon and tea together on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon. We will make a craft to share with a loved one, learn about love languages, and enjoy activities together. The cost is \$5 and all are welcome. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP!

### C.A.S.T. Games

We will be traveling to Chana Education Center on Feb. 11 for C.A.S.T. (Chana And Seniors Together) gathering. We will play games and have snacks while we enjoy each other's company. All are welcome! If you would like to join us give us a call at 815-734-6335, so you can be added to the carpool. We will leave the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

### Biscuits & Gravy

Don't forget about weekly biscuits and gravy at the Mt. Morris Senior Center! Every Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. we serve delicious biscuits and gravy. All are welcome to join us. The cost is just \$2 for a half order and \$3.50 for a full order. Plus, only 50 cents for all the coffee you can drink!

### Bingo and Birthday Lunch

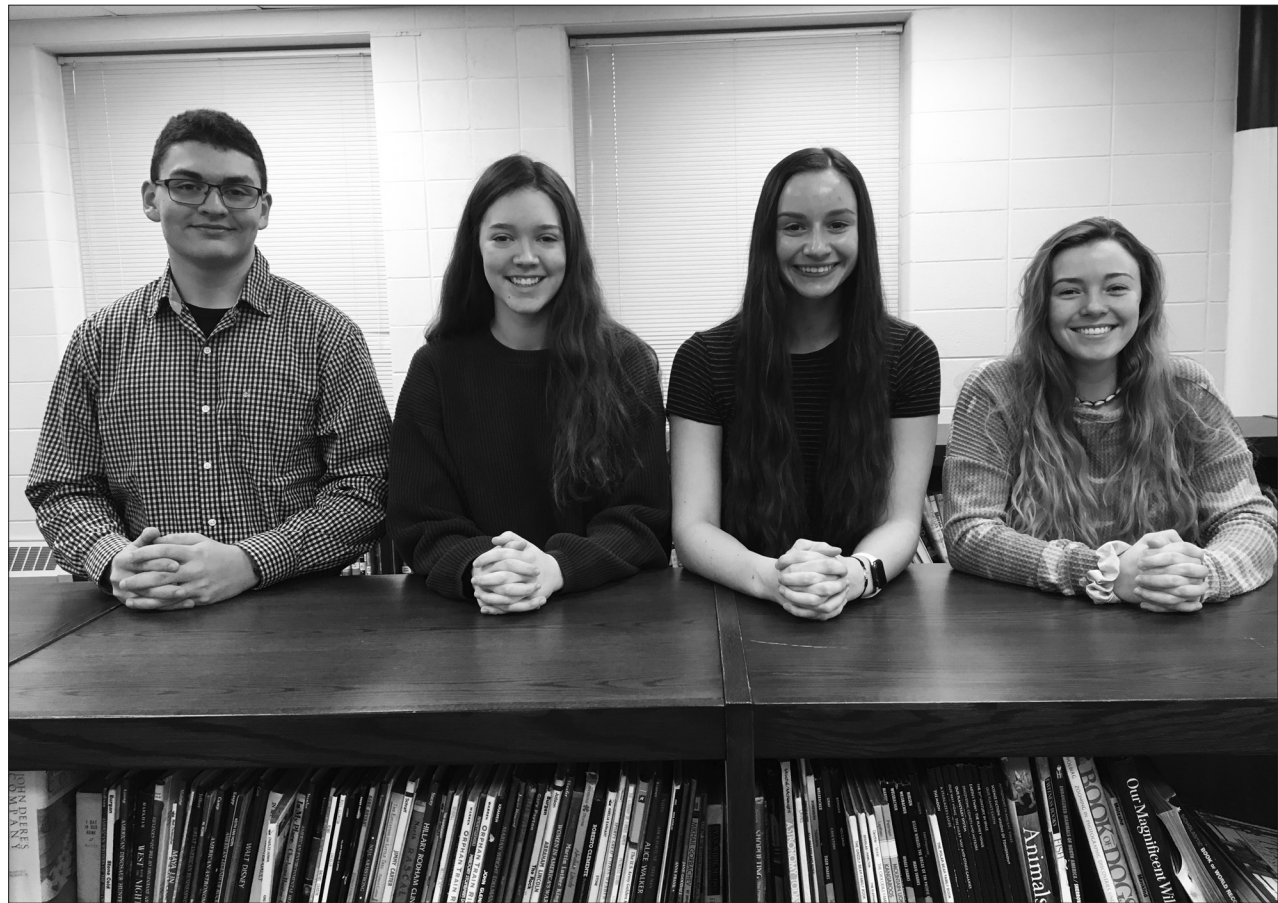
Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 19 for some free Bingo and a delicious \$6 birthday lunch. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. For lunch, we will be having turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cake, and ice cream. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.

### Potluck

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will be having a Mardi Gras Potluck on Friday, Feb. 21 at noon, and everyone is welcome to attend! Please bring a dish to pass (or a donation for the Senior Center) and your own table service. We will enjoy many different dishes, some fun, and a lot of great fellowship.

### Mark your calendars for our upcoming activities!

Feb. 19- Birthday Lunch and Free Bingo, Feb. 21 – Potluck, Feb. 26 – Jam Session, February 28 – Casserole and a Flick, March 3 – Self Defense Class, March 6 – Lunch Bunch at Dos Reales, March 10 – Free Lunch, March 12 – Holland International Meal, March 13 – Dinner and OHS Musical, March 17 – C.A.S.T. at the Rock River Center, April 4 – Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Call 815-734-6335 today to find out more!



## Forreston recognizes state scholars

**FORRESTON** – Forreston High School Principal, Travis Heinz announces that four students have been recognized as “2020 Illinois State Scholars.”

Forreston High School is honored to recognize the following students as Illinois State Scholars from the 2020 graduating class: Nicole Fox daughter of Dean and Kim Fox, Brittini Hollis daughter of Todd and Jodi Hollis, Lauren Melton daughter of Bradley and Courtney Melton, Seth Nelson, son of

Shawn and Jennifer Nelson.

This prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) which is recognizing 17,577 high school students from across the state as this year's State Scholars.

Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and six semester class rank. State Scholars rank in the top ten percent of high

school seniors from 726 high schools across the state.

“To be recognized in the top 10 percent of graduating seniors in the State of Illinois is a tribute to the students' work ethic, desire to succeed, their teachers, and the support they receive at home,” Heinz said. “The nice thing about each of these students is that they are not only successful in the classroom. Many of these students are leaders outside the classroom in the many extra-curricular activities they are involved as well.”

## Annual Polo Farm Toy Show returns on March 7

**POLO** – The 35th annual Polo Farm Toy Show will be Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Polo High School.

The event, sponsored by the Polo Lions Club, will feature about 100 dealer tables and a 50/50 drawing.

The cafeteria will be open during the event and run by the Polo Boosters.

Admission is \$3. Children ages 12 and under are free.

For dealer information, call Irene Short at 815-946-3730.

## Park District to host paint and sip event in Oregon

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District, local Artist, Amy Fenwick, and Cork & Tap enjoy collaborating to offer popular paint and sip classes.

A variety of classes offered through the Park District are being offered at Cork & Tap as many of the participants enjoy the atmosphere and they like to

sip on one of their favorite beverages while they work on their project.

The upcoming paint and sip class at Cork & Tap is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No painting experience is needed for these classes. The instructor walks you through the painting process step by step and you will

be proud of your painting for sure!

This canvas is 11” x 14”, and you will paint purple cone-flowers. If purple is not your color, the instructor will have a few other colors on hand for participants to paint their flowers. No need to have DIY mess at home. Sign up with friends and leave the mess to us!

Be sure to register through the Park District before the Feb. 26 registration deadline at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org). Stop at Nash Recreation Center to register or call the Park District at 815-732-3101. Class fee is \$30/Resident and \$36/Non-Resident. For more information, contact [debbie@oregonpark.org](mailto:debbie@oregonpark.org) or call Nash Recreation Center.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Mon., Feb. 10

Teen Advisory Board, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Byron Library. For ages: 6-12 grade. Earn volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board. This month we will be working on displays for Valentine's Day. No registration is required.

## Tues., Feb. 11

Lego Challenge: Build Your Name, for ages 8-14, at the Polo Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Weds., Feb. 12

Don't forget about weekly

biscuits and gravy at the Mount Morris Senior Center. Every Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. the center serves biscuits and gravy. All are welcome to join us.

## Thurs., Feb. 13

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to Rise & Grind: Focus on Fitness, at 8 a.m. at Cork 'n Tap, 305 W. Washington St. This free morning event will feature presentation by The ADM Studios, Blackhawk Nutrition, Curves of Oregon, Oregon Park District and Reign XT.

## Fri., Feb. 14

C.A.F.E. (Coffee and Friends etc.) 9:00 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N 3rd St. Oregon. This group is open to all Adult bereaved and graduates of other support groups in the community.

Please call our office at 815-732-2499 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday Feb 13 to register.

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).

## Sat., Feb. 15

Create-a-Card with Jessie, 9:30 a.m. at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River. Jessie Ross comes in to offer suggestions and guidance as you design uniquely personal items for your friends and family. All materials are provided and registration is not required so come for an hour or stay the whole morning.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com).

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Feb. 26, 1564, poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe is baptized in Canterbury, England, two months before the birth of his fellow playwright William Shakespeare. Historians believe Marlowe served as a spy for Queen Elizabeth while at Cambridge. He was nearly denied his master's degree in 1587, until the queen's advisers intervened.

\* On Feb. 27, 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. Early French settlers brought the tradition of Mardi Gras to the U.S. Gulf Coast at the end of the 17th century.

\* On Feb 24, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives votes 11 articles of impeachment against President Andrew Johnson, nine of which cite Johnson's removal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, a violation of the Tenure of Office Act. He was the first president to be impeached in U.S. history.

\* On Feb. 25, 1873, Enrico Caruso, the greatest tenor who ever lived, is born. Caruso recorded scores of arias of three and four minutes in length -- the longest duration that could fit on a 78 rpm record.

\* On Feb. 29, 1940, "Gone with the Wind" is honored with eight Oscars, including one for Hattie McDaniel for her portrayal of "Mammy," a housemaid and former slave. She was the first African American actor ever to win an Oscar.

\* On March 1, 1961, President John Kennedy issues Executive Order No. 10924 to establish the Peace Corps, which would send trained American men and women to foreign nations to assist in development efforts.

\* On Feb. 28, 1983, the celebrated sitcom "M\*A\*S\*H" bows out after 11 seasons, airing a special two-and-a-half hour episode watched by 77% of the viewing audience. It was the largest percentage at the time ever to watch a single TV show.

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## Focus on the things you should be upset about

Well, another "Big Game" (the NFL hates when you use their term for it) has come and gone and I didn't watch one second of it. Not even one of the commercials.

OK, I did watch the commercials online the day after the game, but I did not watch them live.

I don't think I watched a single football game this season, really. It's not that I am against football or don't like football, it's just that I have better things to do most of the time.

That was not the case during the "Biggest Game in the History of the World" played recently in Miami. In fact, my wife and I actually had some down time on Sunday. But we opted to watch the "Breaking Bad" marathon AMC. Yes, we have seen the entire series more than once, but it is a dark, brilliant masterpiece. Once you watch a little, you can't turn it off.

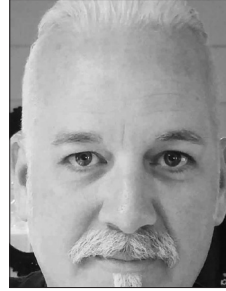
So we missed the game. And the commercials. And the halftime show.

Ah yes, the halftime show.

It seems that a lot of people were up in arms over the entertainers not being

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



more conservatively dressed during the halftime show -- namely Jennifer Lopez and Shakira. I did see some highlights of the performance and I must say, both were amazing performers. Also, their outfits weren't any more scandalous than the average NFL cheerleader.

But many people were outraged over this. One mom even said she had to scoot her 13-year-old son from the room. Yeah, not sure that was his idea.

My question is where have you been? If you were that shocked by a halftime performance, I can only imagine your disgust at a Hooters restaurant or the

words about women that have come from our own president.

Yes, there are things to be shocked and upset about, but the halftime show is not one of them. Here are a few:

\* We are killing the environment. Global warming is real and we are ignoring it at the peril of our children and grandchildren. This is our world we are talking about. The government just got rid of protections that were in place to keep waterways from being polluted. That is something to be upset about.

\* The national debt is more than \$22 trillion. That's right -- trillion. That is an increase of more than \$2 trillion since 2017. This is the largest debt ever and Congress and the president are doing nothing about it except adding to it. Tax cuts for wealthy people are fine for wealthy people, but we are saddling future generations with a mountain of debt that won't be able to dig out of.

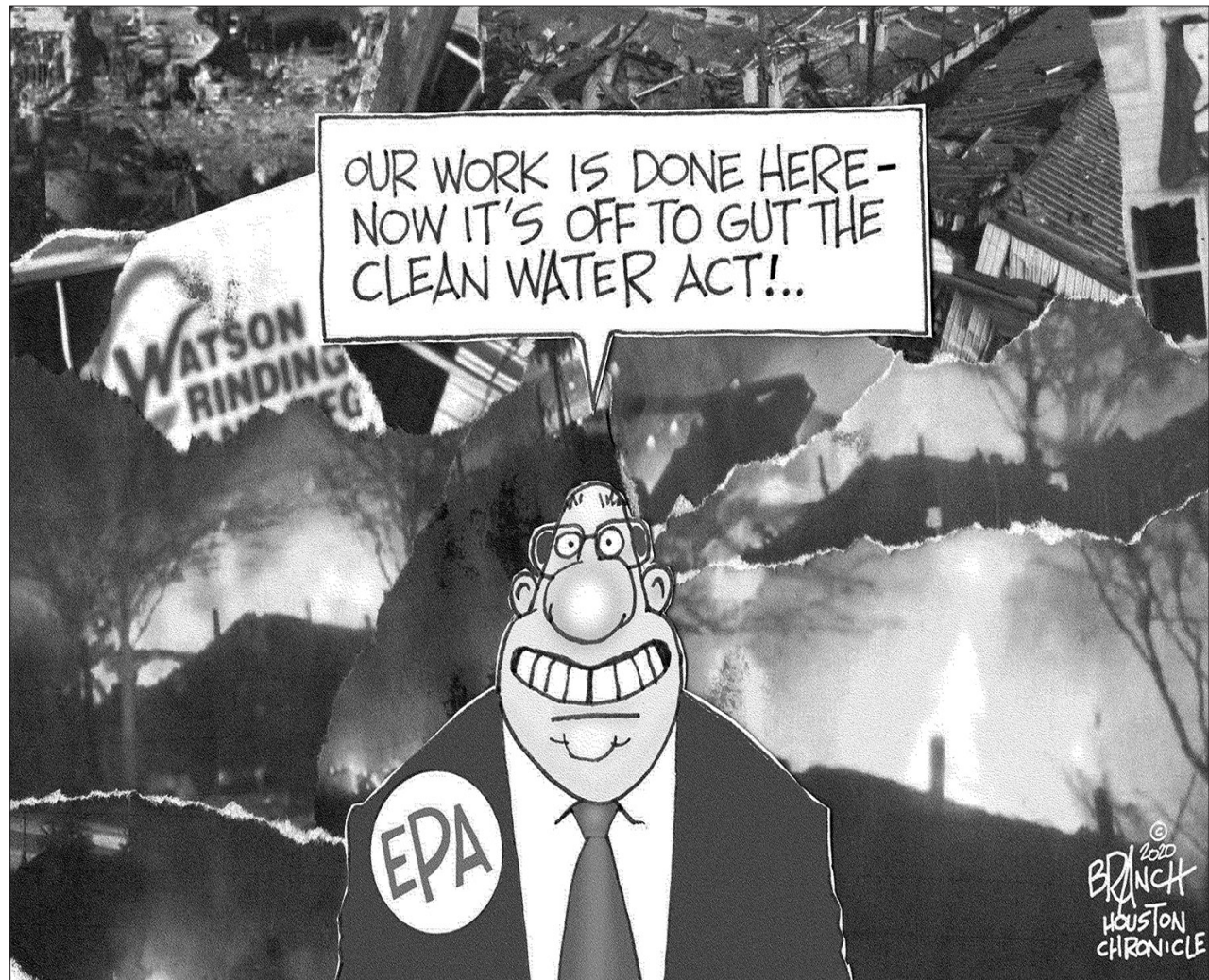
\* Our healthcare system is horrible. Yes, there are fine doctors and hospitals, but who can afford them? Even if you have good insurance, one major illness can wipe a family out financially. I

know a lot of people who have had to hold fundraisers to pay their medical bills. That is wrong, and something we should all be upset about.

\* Low unemployment is great, but the "gig" economy is an anchor around the necks of future generations. The days when you had a good job for decades and an excellent pension are pretty much gone. The average CEO now makes 271 times more than the average employee. In 1965 it was 20 times more. See a problem there? Young people now get paid like part-time employees and usually have no benefits at all while the boss makes out like a bandit. This is the norm, and it is something we should be gravely concerned about. The gulf between the haves and the have nots is growing to Grand Canyon proportions. Eventually this will tear the country apart.

A halftime show at a football game? Nah, that doesn't get me too upset. There are actual huge problems in this country that are worth the outrage. Focus on those.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



BRANCH 2020 HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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## Thanks for help with Christmas tree recycling program

Dear Editor,

The 2019-2020 Christmas Tree Recycling Program recently wrapped up and was successful despite some weather difficulties. Even though the winter has been very mild, timely winter storms hampered the local high school FFA collections as the safety of the students took priority.

There were approximately 500 trees that were chipped in Ogle County this year, which is about 13 tons of waste diverted from the landfill. About 15,400 trees have

been recycled since the beginning of the program in the winter of 1998-1999, which is about 386 tons of trees that have been kept out of the landfill.

Drop offs were located in seven communities, including Byron, Forreston, Leaf River, Monroe Center, Oregon, Polo and Rochelle. In addition, high school FFA organizations from Byron, Oregon, Polo and Forreston were scheduled to collect trees on Jan. 11 and on Jan. 18. The weather caused some difficulties each of those days, but

the FFA programs adjusted and went out when possible and coordinated with local street departments to ensure trees were collected. The trees were all chipped into usable mulch, which is available at some of the sites for pick-up. Contact the Solid Waste Department at 815-732-4040 if you are interested in the free mulch in your area.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department wishes to thank the following groups for their contribution to the Ogle County Christmas Tree Recycling

Program: The City of Byron, Byron High School FFA, Lichty's Landscaping Service, Village of Forreston, Forreston High School FFA, Village of Leaf River, Oregon Park District, Oregon High School FFA, Flag-Rochelle Park District, City of Rochelle, Polo High School FFA and Morgan's Tree Service.

Sincerely,

**Paul Cooney, Solid Waste Mgmt. Spec.,  
Ogle County Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept.**



### Swamp Thing

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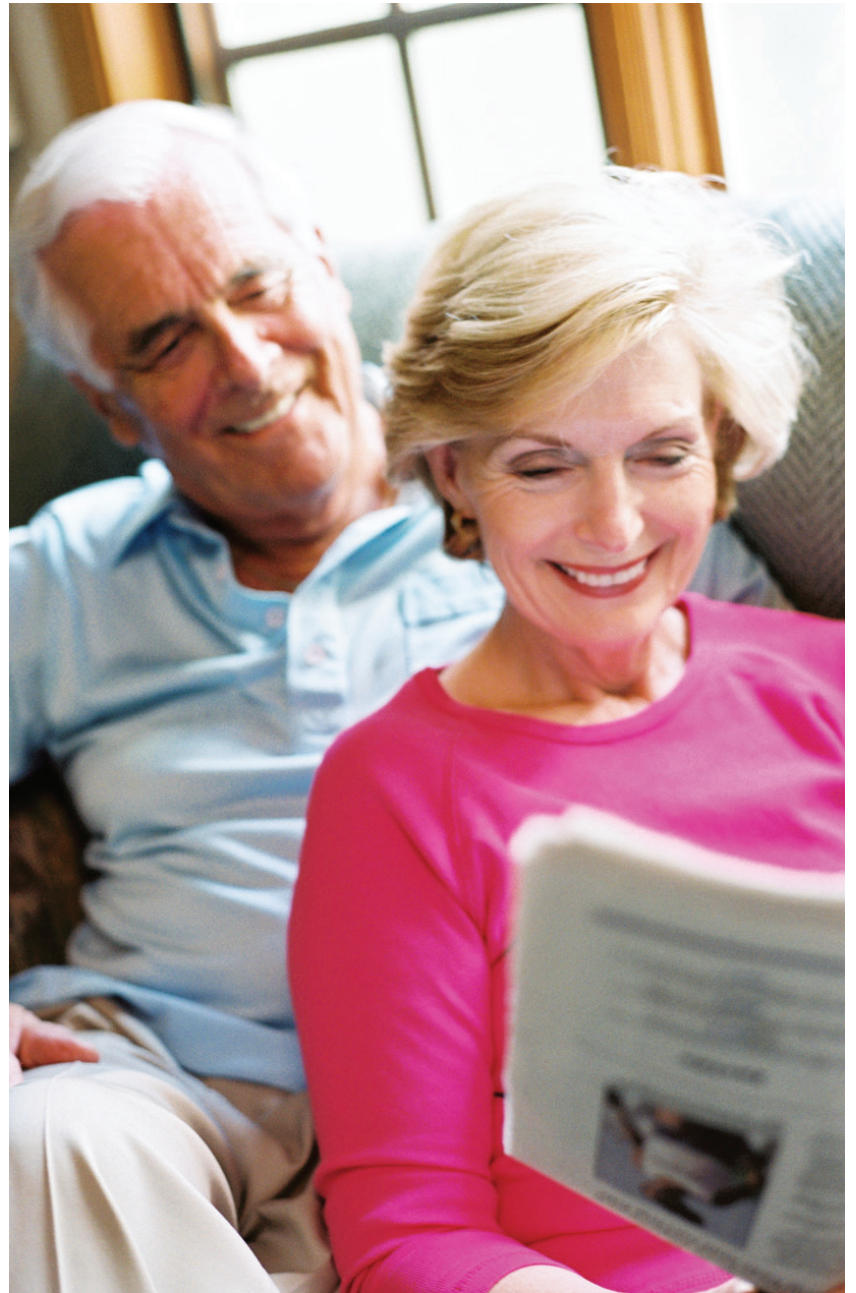
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Thank you,  
Mike Feltes, General Manager



## Join our staff by February 29 and you can help out our local senior citizens too!

This year if you elect to become a 2020 Honorary Life Staff Member by making a small voluntary payment by February 29th. A contribution of 10% will be forwarded in your name to area senior centers throughout Ogle County for provision of services to senior citizens.

**p.s.**

In an effort to prevent any undue confusion and concerns, it should be clear that no one is obligated to make a voluntary payment. Regardless of whether you elect to become an Honorary Staff member or not, your decision has no effect on receiving your Ogle County Life paper each week, nor will it affect in any way the services provided by the area senior centers in Ogle County.

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# Annual Leaf River alumni event is March 7

**LEAF RIVER** – The 46th Annual Leaf River Alumni Event will be held on March 7, at the River Valley Complex (former Leaf River school). Doors open at 4:30 p.m. A sandwich supper will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Volleyball games start at 5 p.m. The program to recognize the class of 1970 will begin at 6:30 p.m. The basketball game will begin at 7 p.m. The alumni band will also be performing, so bring your instrument if you are interested in playing. There is a \$5 donation for game and supper (\$2 for basketball and band players.) If you are a graduate of the class of 1970 and will be attending or, if you are willing to help with the event, please contact Linda Borneman at 815-938-2129 or lborneman@frontier.com.

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**418 N Hannah Mt Morris \$155,000**  
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OPEN HOUSE

**802 Franklin St Oregon \$84,900**  
**Sun Feb 16th 2-4 Hosted by Stephanie**  
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NEW LISTING

**434 River Bluff Dr Dixon \$159,999**  
**Call JD 815-677-1873**  
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NEW LISTING

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**724 N Fawn Ridge Circle Oregon \$164,900** Call Carla 815-985-6235  
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NEW PRICE

**000 Route 2 Oregon \$114,000**  
**Call Carla 815-985-6235**  
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## Oregon boys beat North Boone, later fall to Rock Falls at home

**OREGON** — The Oregon boys basketball team took down North Boone 73-44 on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Trey Woolsey became the all-time leading scorer for the Hawks in the victory, running his career total up to 1,605 points. Woolsey scored 20 points in the game, while Riley Birnbaum added 13 points and Eli Rufer chipped in 10 points.

Oregon hosted Rock Falls on Saturday, Feb. 1 and fell by a score of 47-43. Eli Rufer led the Hawks with 12 points and Riley Birnbaum scored 10 points.

## Oregon girls win two games, drop one

**OREGON** — The Oregon girls basketball team defeated Rockford Christian 65-47 on Friday, Jan. 31. Olivia Lambriksen shined for the Hawks, scoring 27 points while Ella Martin followed with 18 points and Breanna DeHaan added 10 points.

Oregon faced Forreton on Saturday, Feb. 1 and fell by a score of 47-40. Lauren Montavon and Olivia Lambriksen each recorded 15 points for the Hawks. The Hawks beat Morrison 53-26 on Tuesday, Feb. 4 behind 21 points from Lambriksen and 14 points from Breanna DeHaan.

## Byron boys basketball beats Stillman Valley

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — The Stillman Valley boys basketball team fell against Byron by a score of 57-41 on Saturday, Feb. 1. Ethan Davidson led the Cardinals with 12 points, with Grant Ogden scoring nine points and Kaden Viverito totaling seven points.

## Aireloom holding beginner native flute class

**MOUNT MORRIS** — Aireloom Music Studio is hosting a beginner Native Flute group class on Feb. 29 at 11 a.m.

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# Polo Aplington School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

### Grade 6 Straight A Honor Roll

Kason Allen  
Lydia Anderson  
Carlee Grobe  
Camrynn Jones  
Joya Katner  
Keilee Ketchum  
Laynie Mandrell  
Grace Miatke  
Elsa Monaco  
Nikolas Mummert  
Addisyn Quinlan  
James Stephenson  
Aiden Messer  
Leah Tobin

Brianna Kuhn  
Abbigail Merrell  
Gus Mumford  
Natalya Witkowski

### 7th Grade B Honor Roll

Bridget Call  
Kylie Cisketti  
Noah Dewey  
Jeffrey Donaldson  
Ramsie Grenoble  
Kailin Gulbranson  
Logan Nelson  
Shane Hollis  
Mazy Queckboerner  
Mariah Tarbill  
Baylee Woodin  
Alayna Young

### Grade 8 Straight A Honor Roll

Alex Albano  
April Calderon  
Karlea Frey  
Madison Glawe  
Allissa Marschang  
Benjamin Ryan

### 8th Grade A Honor Roll

Landen Brooks  
Joshua Conway  
Aylvia Danekas  
Courtney Grobe  
Kailey Helfrich  
Tori Leesman  
Jacob Monaco  
Eleanna Wells  
Zoie Wyatt  
Nathaniel Yingling

### 8th Grade B Honor Roll

Jayden Alvarado  
Isabelle Blumhoff  
Caden Brooks  
Shaylin Diehl  
Ellia Escobar  
Avery Faivre  
De'Angelo Fernandez  
Emmalee Gilbert  
Nolan Hahn  
Teegyn Heather  
Mariah Johnson  
Johnathan Mummert  
Gabriella Oliver  
Alivia Schmidt  
Brock Soltow  
Madison Williams  
Riley Wooden

### 6th Grade A Honor Roll

Nevach Altherr  
Wyatt Brooks  
Evan Carlock  
Cole Chesnut  
Ryplee Custer  
Iyianna Drowns  
Bailey Dusing  
Jada Garcia  
Taryn Heather  
Daniel Johnstone  
Dustin Kolberg  
Elizabeth Merrell  
Joseph Rowland  
Izabella Witkowski

### 6th Grade B Honor Roll

Leah Calderon  
Korbin Cavanaugh  
MaKayla Cisketti  
Carson Coffman  
Ravyn Dixon  
Rylie Eaton-Anderson  
Ariel Foster  
Avalyn Henry  
Damon Rowe  
Sophie Watts  
Jeven Weems  
Noah Yingling

### Grade 7 Straight A Honor Roll

Myah Ackeborg  
Isabella Bergstrom  
Kaitlyn Rockwood  
Cheyenna Wilkins  
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## Local students earn Highland honors

**FREEPORT** — Highland Community College announces the dean's list for the Fall 2019 Semester.

Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average (GPA), based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list. Highest Honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High Honors distinction is given to students with a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA, and Honors students

have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

**Highest Honors**  
Forreton: Afrdita Aliu, Benjamin H. Holze, Sarah E. Meyers, Carli A. Thomas, Madysun R. Thomas, Aaron C. Wubbena  
Mt. Morris: Danielle M. Hagemann  
Oregon: Elizabeth N. Oltmanns  
Polo: Ashlee L. Griffin

Davis Junction: William A. Keast

Forreton: Dalton W. Becker, Jordan N. Green, Rachel R. Metzger, Hannah M. Noble, Jacob W. Norris  
Leaf River: Bailey A. Brooks, Taylor R. Cargill, Taylor L. Yordy  
Oregon: Emily A. Corbin, Jonathon S. Groenhagen, Madalin J. Russell

**High Honors**  
Byron: Allison E. Kulgen, Jonathon D. Silvers

**Honors**  
Forreton: Jacob M. Swanson



### Forreston Jr./Sr. High School December Students of the Month

Front Row from left: Elizabeth Bishop, Freshman; Gavin Fox, 6th grade; and Caylee White, Junior. Back Row from left: Sophia Lewis, 7th grade; Sydni Badertscher, 8th grade; Principal Travis Heinz; Lauren Melton, Senior; and Taylor Akins, Sophomore.

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 Oregon 732-3157  
 Rochelle 562-3801

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

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

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

## Senior Citizens Services

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

## Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

## Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

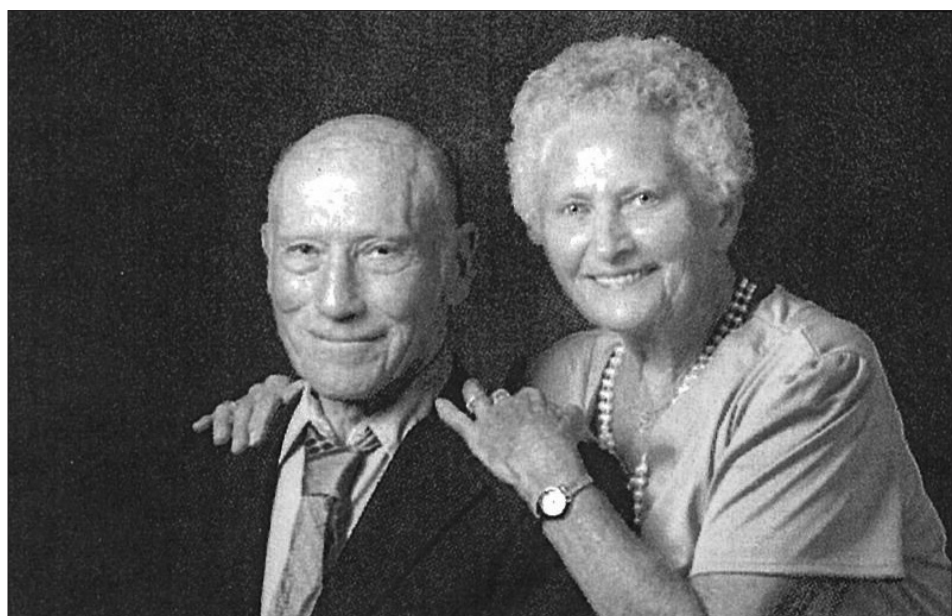
## Veterans' Services

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 Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499  
 Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co. 255-9181  
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## Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept  
 907 W Pines Rd, Oregon 732-7330  
 510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976  
 Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499  
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## Anniversary



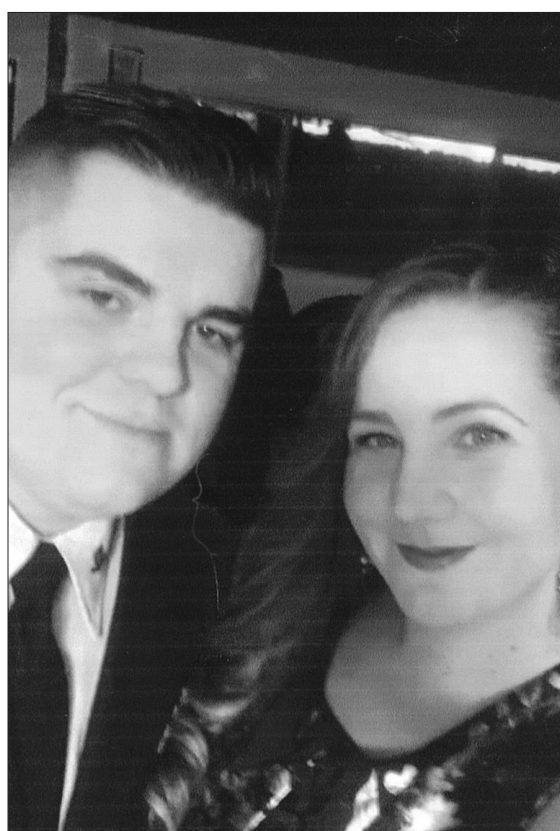
## Couple celebrates 70 years

OREGON – Harry A. Travis and Martha R. Schabacker were united in marriage on Feb. 12, 1950 at Lutheran Church in Rochelle.

They are the parents of Terry (Cheryl), Randy (Racheal), Edward and June. They have been blessed with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harry and Martha will also be celebrating their birthdays in that week. Those wishing to send greetings may address cards to: 2166 Honeycreek Rd., Oregon, IL 61061.

## Engagement



## Zimmerman, Streibeck engaged

Dusti Zimmerman and David Streibeck would like to announce their engagement.

The bride to be is a 2007 Oregon High School graduate and is in the U.S. Coast Guard. She is the daughter of Cheri Wright of Oregon.

David is the son of Bill and Diane Streibeck of Spokane, Wash. David is also in the U.S. Coast Guard.

They are both stationed in Seattle, Wash., where they will be married this June.

## Augustana announces fall Dean's List

ROCK ISLAND – Augustana College announced more than 1,000 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2019-20 fall semester.

Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Allison Bandera of Oregon; Isabelle Bartscher of Byron; Brix Clayton of Polo; Jordan Cone of Byron; Justine Gorzny of Polo; Patricia Plachno of Polo; and Brooklyn Schelling of Oregon.

Founded in 1860, Augustana College is a selective four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences. The college is recognized for the innovative program Augie Choice, which provides each student up to \$2,000 to pursue a high-impact learning experience such as study abroad, an internship or research with a professor. Current students and alumni include 170 Academic All-Americans, two Nobel laureates, 13 college presidents and other distinguished leaders.

# RRC has upcoming events, activities

## 2020 American Classic Tours Preview

It is time for a special Tour Preview highlighting our 2020 Tour Schedule. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Rock River Center.

Joe Conroy, President of American Classic Tours, Inc., will provide an informative program schedule complete with beautiful images of these destinations.

American Classic Tours, Inc. of Grayslake, offers deluxe, well-paced, all-inclusive tours throughout North America. Come and learn about their unique, top quality itineraries. American Classic Tours, Inc. has been a proud partner of the Rock River Center for many years.

Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 by Friday, Feb. 14 if you plan on attending.

Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

## Looking for a special gift idea? 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, 2020

Depart RRC around 5 p.m. Full itinerary to follow.

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.

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- \* 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.

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## Dean's list

Adam Wenberg and Daniel Miller are freshmen at Illinois State University where they both made the dean's list with a 4.0 GPA. They graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 2019 and played varsity soccer together. They are currently roommates at ISU.

# From the Heart winners for January

January 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Jan. 1 - Rosemary VanKirk, Rochelle, \$1,000

Jan. 2 - Carol McCarthy, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 3 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25

Jan. 4 - Corrin Shore, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 5 - Betty Dearth, Rochelle, \$50

Jan. 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Jan. 7 - Gwen Coil, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Jan. 9 - Nolan Shore, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 10 - Jackee Ohlinger, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 11 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 12 - Todd Capes, Rochelle, \$50

Jan. 13 - Matt Wolf (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25

Jan. 14 - Merlin Hagemann, Oregon, \$25

Jan. 15 - Doug Burnette, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 16 - Paige Humphrey, Machesney Park, \$2

Jan. 17 - Laura Owen, Peoria, Arizona, \$25

Jan. 18 - Grace Malyszczek, Chana, \$25

Jan. 19 - Tim Remsen, Maple Park, \$50

Jan. 20 - Tina Hoffmann, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 21 - Michael Folkerts, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$25

Jan. 22 - George Gould (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25

Jan. 23 - Jan Heal, Creston, \$25

Jan. 24 - From the Heart auction, \$25

Jan. 25 - Jodie Hart, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 26 - Kyle Aldridge, Rochelle, \$50

Jan. 27 - Jeff Hayenga, Kings, \$25

Jan. 28 - Lisa Chidley, Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 29 - Denver Alexander, Plainfield, \$25

Jan. 30 - Andrew LeFevre (Johnson Tractor), Rochelle, \$25

Jan. 31 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountyilife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountyilife.com)  
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# Meridian Junior High School 1st semester Honor Roll

## 8th Grade A Honor Roll 1st Semester

Ana Bradle  
Kevin Chavers  
Valynnzia Correa  
Grace Costello  
Macey Dauphin  
Johnathan DeKlerk  
Braden Engel  
Parker Gensler  
Lauren Hager  
Ada Haner  
Haley Jones  
Noah Klaren  
Holland Reynolds  
Jacob Rhodes  
Braden Rogers  
Carson Showers  
Mairin Welden

## 7th Grade A Honor Roll 1st Semester

Gwendolyn Baker  
Jaxon Barrett  
Connor Dundas  
Andrew Gibbs  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Elizabeth Larson  
Brooklyn Lee  
Elise Lundine  
Alec Medford  
Amanda Nicklaus  
Gavin Sweat  
Ethan Szarkowicz  
Hannah Wilson  
Nicholas Wythe  
Katherine Youman

## 6th Grade A Honor Roll 1st Semester

Avery Britnell  
Abigail Dennis  
Gavin Evenson  
Josephine Gibson  
Brooklyn Hodge  
Dawson Johannsen  
Colin Metcalf  
Joslyn Nanni  
Audrey Payne  
Zaiah Reed  
Catalina Smalley

Jack Sparrow  
Charles Steele  
Brady Stewart  
Isabella Sugden  
Lauren Young

## 8th Grade A/B Honor Roll 1st semester

Adrienne Allvord  
Laney Archibald  
Malachi Bagg  
Paul Baker  
Jordan Barranco  
Alex Bengtson  
Sofia Berg  
Matthew Burkhart  
Alexis Camp  
Avery Christenson  
Aiden Cicogna  
Chase Clegg  
Delaney Connors  
Lainey Dorsey  
Charles Drake  
Isabell Edge  
Lillie Gebel  
Rosalyn Goldstick  
Keegan Hall  
Addison Hanners  
Isaiah Herebia  
Sada Hughes  
Rosa Jaimes-Benites  
Mya Janssen  
Isabella Jimenez  
Jan Johnson  
Hailey Jones  
Layla Joy  
Hannah Keep  
Jonathon Kinzler  
Colby Kleinschmidt  
Katheryn Knepler  
Abigail Larsen  
Noah Latham  
Kristin Lewis  
Devyn Light  
Jackson Martindale  
Darren McCarty  
Kaenan McDevitt  
Keira McNeal  
Zavier Meraz  
Matthew Meyer  
Ara Michigan  
Amelia Mueller  
Bailee-Jo Nelson

Micah Nelson  
Victoria Nunez  
Liam Palmer  
Coby Parks  
Gavin Pennington  
Austin Pittman  
Keaton Rauman  
Micah Reed  
Lilly Rudsinski  
Madeline Shaw  
Trystelle Spiegelberg  
Brooklyn Thomason  
Grace Vanbriesen  
Rylie Vatch  
Harleigh Wallin  
Kennady Way  
Kaelyn Williams  
Emelia Winstead  
Ryder Zilm

## 7th Grade A/B Honor Roll 1st semester

Jasey Batson  
Anna Bogner  
Megan Bowen  
Holly Marie Cain  
Kiera Carow  
Lucas Cheeseman  
Ameris Correa  
Taylor Davidson  
Carter Denton  
Makayla Dodrill  
Aidan Dundas  
Cynthia Estrada-Rodriguez  
Callan Farris  
Abigail Gilliam  
Gwendolyn Hall  
Elizabeth Hernandez  
Henry Hildreth  
Nola Ivy-Friberg  
Kendall Knoll  
Aurora Lagerhausen  
Logan Lalor  
Mekdes Lenth  
Trevor Miller  
Nathalia Molina  
Jackson Musial  
Aidan Oates  
Michael Orlando  
Landon Paff  
Michael Pannarale  
Helen Pfeiffer

Ella Pollock  
Ian Seper  
Allison Spires  
Oliva Voltz  
Emily Wythe

## 6th Grade A/B Honor Roll 1st semester

Vinicio Arias  
Alyvia Bagg  
Bradley Baney  
Dawson Boyd  
Schyler Brinkmeyer  
Gage Broski  
Cannyn Carlson  
Alexis Davis  
Devin Drew  
Jenessia Elder  
Blake Erdmann  
Dayanara Flores  
Lily Garkey  
Kelvin Gebel  
Kaiden Gosch  
Kylah Gretschnmann  
Taylor Grobe  
Taylor Haymes  
Robert Hazen  
Grace Jacobson  
Aubrey Janoski  
Avalyn Janssen  
Chase Jones  
Evan Jones  
Cale Kleinschmidt  
Seath Lawrence Shepard  
Chloi Maahs  
Angel Marquez  
Mia McGuire  
Tegan Menet  
Cole Montavon  
Liam Neeld  
Cambria Nelson  
Kelsie Protano  
Raegan Reynolds  
Breanna Rowl  
Christopher Rydeberg  
Jett Shook  
Evan Stahl  
Ruben Vazquez-Avila Jr  
Dathyn Vera  
Noah Wright  
Presley Zilm  
Johanna Zinke

# Meridian Junior High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

## 8th Grade A Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

Anna E. Bradle  
Kevin J. Chavers  
Avery Christenson  
Valynnzia S. Correa  
Grace Costello  
Macey A. Dauphin  
Johnathan De Klerk  
Braden R. Engel  
Parker J. Gensler  
Lauren A. Hagar  
Ada M. Haner  
Haley Jones  
Noah B. Klaren  
Zavier Meraz  
Gavin Pennington  
Keaton Rauman  
Holland Reynolds  
Jacob M. Rhodes  
Braden L. Rogers  
Mairin D. Welden

## 7th Grade A Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

Gwendolyn L. Baker  
Jaxon D. Barrett  
Connor B. Dundas  
Andrew Gibbs  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Elizabeth Larson  
Elise M. Lundine  
Alec J. Medford  
Amanda Nicklaus  
Ethan Szarkowicz  
Hannah W. Wilson  
Nicholas Wythe  
Katherine P. Youman

## 6th Grade A Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

Avery E. Britnell  
Abigail J. Dennis  
Gavin L. Evenson  
Josephine R. Gibson  
Brooklyn Hodge  
Dawson Johannsen  
Cale Kleinschmidt  
Mia McGuire

Joslyn Nanni  
Audrey G. Payne  
Zaiah E. Reed  
Breanna Rowl  
Catalina L. Smalley  
Jack P. Sparrow  
Charles E. Steele  
Isabella Sugden  
Lauren Young

## 8th Grade A-B Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

Laney N. Archibald  
Malachi J. Bagg  
Paul Baker  
Jordan C. Barranco  
Alex J. Bengtson  
Sofia C. Berg  
Matthew O. Burkhart  
Alexis L. Camp  
Aiden C. Cicogna  
Chase D. Clegg  
Lainey K. Dorsey  
Charles Drake  
Isabell Edge

Lillie E. Gebel  
Rosalyn Goldstick  
Keegan Hall  
Addison T. Hanners  
Isaiah C. Herebia  
Storm Hickey  
Sada Hughes  
Rosa Jaimes-Benites  
Mya Janssen  
Isabella Jimenez  
Jan Johnson  
Hailey R. Jones  
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Darren McCarty  
Kaenan McDevitt  
Keira McNeal  
Matthew J. Meyer

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# Meridian Junior High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Amelia Mueller  
Bailee-Jo L. Nelson  
Micah J. Nelson  
Victoria Nunez  
Liam C. Palzer  
Coby Parks  
Katelynn Parson  
Micah J. Reed  
Cambria Saathoff  
Lucas Schultz  
Madeline Shaw  
Carson Showers  
Brooklyn M. Thomason  
Luke Tompkins  
Jaron Tracy  
Rylie Vatch  
Jose Vazques-Avila  
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2nd Quarter

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Dawson E. Boyd  
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Vanna Stone  
Noah Town  
Ruben Vazquez-Avila Jr  
Dathyn Vera  
Brodie Watterson  
Noah Wright  
Presley Zilm  
Johanna K. Zinke

**7th Grade A-B Honor Roll**  
2nd Quarter

## Mount Morris resident earns degree from WGU

**SALT LAKE CITY** – Camery Peterson of Mount Morris, Ill. (61054), has earned a Master of Science, Nursing - Leadership and Management (BSN to MSN) degree from Western Governors University (WGU).

The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 167,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997. WGU has recognized 5,617 undergraduate and 4,302 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since October 2, 2019. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health profes-

sions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was 2 years, 2 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 6 months. The average age for those who graduated is 38 years old.

**About WGU**

Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 119,000 students nationwide and has more than 167,000 graduates in all 50 states. Learn more at [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).

## Upper Iowa University announces Fall Dean's List

**FAYETTE, Iowa** – Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester.

To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.

The honored students included:

Monroe Center, Alexandra Green; Chana, Kari Corson; Davis Junction, Katelyn Mernack.

**About Upper Iowa University**

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,200 students-nationally and internationally-at its Fayette, Iowa, Campus, 21 U.S. locations, as well as a location in Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit [www.uiu.edu](http://www.uiu.edu).

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- 5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Ogle County's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community
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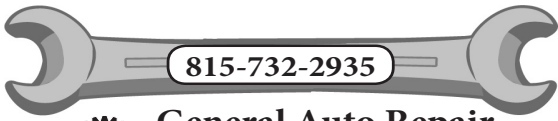

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**BYRON** – Byron Park District will be facilitating an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class.

This class is perfect for those wishing to lifeguard over the summer months and will be the only course offered by the Byron Park District prior to the start of the swim season. The primary purpose of the American Red Cross lifeguarding program is to train lifeguards to act with speed and confidence in emergency situations both in and out of the water. Upon successful completion of written and skill tests, participants will receive Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification.

Class dates are as follow: March 4, 5:45-7:15 p.m., prerequisites; March 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Water Entries & Rescues; March 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Breathing Emergencies, CPR & AED; March 11, 5:30-9 p.m., First Aid, Head & Back Injuries. March 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Final Written, CPR & Water Skills Tests.

Participants must attend all classes; no make-up dates available. The fee is \$110 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. The course is open to anyone, 15 years and older. Registration deadline is Feb. 26.

Contact Carrie Stralow at 815-234-8435 for more information or visit [www.byronparks.org](http://www.byronparks.org)

# Kiwanis offering scholarships

**BYRON** – The Byron Kiwanis Club is offering two scholarships for high school seniors again this year.

The Student Service Scholarship was established in 1999 for outstanding service to school and community. This scholarship for post-secondary study recognizes outstanding high school students who have been actively involved in community service in the Byron or Meridian school districts.

The Rachel Jonakin Memorial Scholarship was established by the Kiwanis Club of Byron in 1994 in partnership with the Joseph Jonakin family,

to honor the memory of their daughter and Key Club member Rachel Jonakin, who was killed in an automobile accident during her freshman year. An active member of Key Club, Rachel participated in many community activities. This scholarship honors her memory by providing funds for post-secondary study for a Byron Key Club member.

Students apply for the Kiwanis scholarships through their high school counselors and recipients can utilize the funds for vocational or technical training, apprenticeship, college, or university. Applicants

must write an essay about their high school accomplishments pertaining to community service and leadership; illustrating how they demonstrate "service above self." This can be public service, Scouting, volunteerism through high school student leadership, church, etc. They must also provide two letters of recommendation from adults who can speak to their service participation. GPA, class rank and family income are not considerations.

The deadline to submit is end-of-school day Wednesday, March 25, and winners are chosen by committee.



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# Oregon Library News

## Oregon Writer's Group (OWG) – meets Feb. 11 at 10 a.m.

Second and Fourth 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.

## Afternoon movie – Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m.

Early dismissal from school means movie time at the Library. Mark your calendar...we will be showing Lady and the Tramp (2019)-rated PG.

## Couples cooking class – Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.

This class will be held at Cork N Tap and taught by Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen. Bring your spouse, significant other or friend to Cork N Tap for a fun evening of baking. Each couple will make 12 mini cheese cakes to take home to enjoy on Valentine's Day and a drink of choice at Cork N Tap. There is a cost of \$15 per couple, you can come alone for \$20.00. Please reserve your seats at 815-732-2724. Payment and RSVP's due by Feb. 11. Must have at least 5 couples registered to hold class.

## Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th) – Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.

## Reading plus w/ Mrs. Himert – Wednesday, Jan. 29, 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 dates: February 26, March 18 and April 22. Registration requested.

**What is the census? – Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.**  
Learn about the 2020 Census - how to respond, and why it matters.

## Library book clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Help by Kathryn Stockett. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

## 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

## Murder, mayhen 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 wimper. 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.

## 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 Murrell  
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? 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.

## Computer classes

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## New releases

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- The Dutch House by Ann Patchett (BOCD Fiction)
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- The Institute by Stephen King (BOCD Fiction)
- Filthy Rich by James Patterson (BOCD Non-Fiction 364.1 PAT)

# Byron Library News

## Teen Advisory Board

**Monday, Feb. 10**  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Ages: 6 – 12 grade  
Earn volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board! This month we will be working on displays for Valentine's Day. No registration is required.

## Crafting with Cathy: Chalkboard Clipboards

Thursday, Feb. 13  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Create a fun and functional DIY chalkboard clipboard for all your to-do or shopping lists! All supplies provided. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Chicago True Stories

Wednesday, Feb. 19  
1-2 p.m.  
Actress Martina Mathisen portrays a flapper named Flora who tells us how fashion, crime, and prohibition shaped the 1920's. Learn fact from fiction and how reality relates to the 2002 Oscar winning film "Chicago". Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Will It Waffle?

Monday, Feb. 24  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Ages: 6 – 12 grade

We will experiment with foods you wouldn't expect to cook in a waffle iron! Come hungry and willing to experiment! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Understanding Nuclear Power Presented by Mark Rasmussen

Thursday, March 5  
6-7 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](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Escape Room: The Lost Leprechaun

Friday, March 6 or Saturday, March 7  
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Ages: 1st-6th grade  
There's a leprechaun caught in the box. Hurry up and figure out the combos, so we can open the box and make the leprechaun lead us to his Pot of Gold! Groups of 3-4 should register for a 45 minute time slot (An adult contact for group should register). Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

Please register for all programs by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or by calling 815-234-5107.



A large crowd turned out for the Princess Di: Gone But Still Kicking! musical at the Byron Public Library on Jan. 28.

# Alcohol & Drug Awareness



## Opioid addiction still a major health threat

Addictions to opioids such as heroin, morphine and prescription pain relievers continues to affect people from all demographics. According to the World Drug Report 2012 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and United National Office on Drugs and Crime, between 26 and 36 million people abuse opioids worldwide.

Opioids can lead to physical dependence and possible addiction, which is why legal versions of opioids are carefully monitored and prescribed. Opioid addiction can cause long-term changes to the biological structures of the brain and affect brain function, according to the Association of American Physicians.

Opioid abuse is on the rise. A 2013

study titled "Global, regional, and national age-sex specific all-cause and cause-specific mortality for 240 causes of death, 1990-2013: A systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013" and published in the Lancet found that use disorders resulted in 51,000 deaths worldwide in 2013, up from 18,000 deaths in 1990. While there's no single underlying cause for this increase in opioid abuse, some say the greater number of prescriptions written for medications such as codeine, oxycodone and similar pain relief pills, and greater social acceptability of these drugs have contributed to the spike in opioid-related deaths.

Data from IMS Health's National Pre-

scription Audit indicates that, in the United States, the number of prescriptions for opioids like hydrocodone and oxycodone escalated from around 76 million in 1991 to nearly 207 million in 2013.

Opioids are highly addictive because they can produce a sense of well-being and euphoria in addition to the pain-blocking benefits for which they are designed. The National Institutes of Health says opioids act by attaching to specific proteins called opioid receptors, which are found on nerve cells in the brain, spinal cord, gastrointestinal tract, and other organs in the body. When these drugs attach to their receptors, they reduce the perception of pain; however, they can also produce drowsiness,

mental confusion and nausea. Many opioid abusers develop a tolerance over time, requiring them to use more and more of the medication to reach the same level of efficacy.

When individuals addicted to opioids can no longer gain access to prescription pills, many turn to illegal means to satisfy their addictions and cravings. Many simply segue to heroin, which is cheaper and, in some communities, easier to obtain than prescription opioids. Many communities have seen heroin use spike considerably in recent years. Heroin is even more dangerous because of the transmission of other diseases through the sharing of intravenous syringes.



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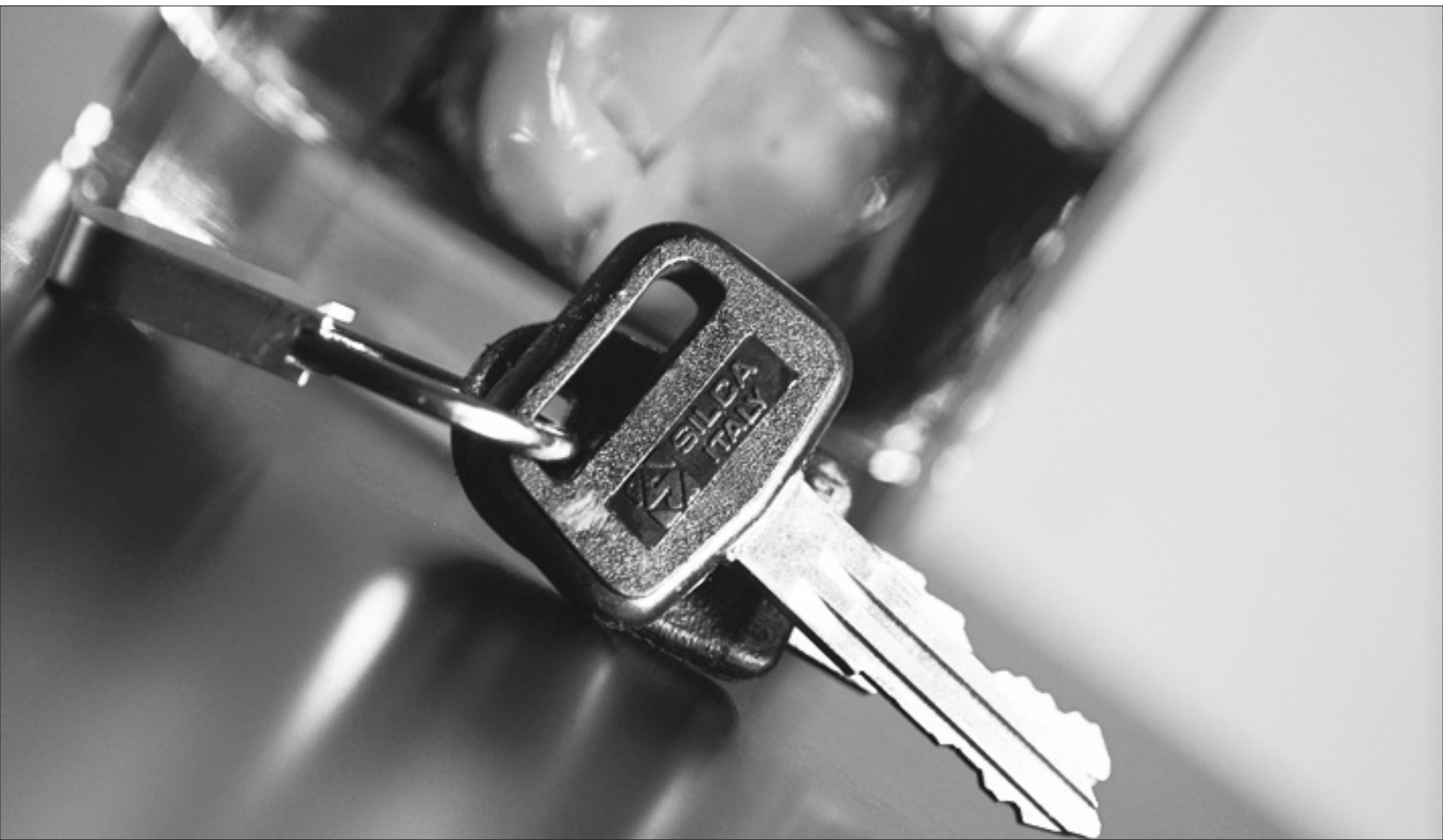
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# Alcohol & Drug Awareness



## Work to prevent impaired/distracted driving

Some of the most festive times of the year are associated with an increased risk of automotive accidents due to impaired driving. Any time alcohol, drugs, exhaustion, distractions, and driving are mixed, the results can be unsafe driving conditions that increase the risk of injury or death.

### Impaired driving

Twenty-eight people die each day in the United States in vehicular accidents that involve an alcohol-impaired driver, accounting for one death every 51 minutes, offers the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Statistics Canada points out that impaired driving remains one

of the most frequent criminal offenses in Canada and is among the leading criminal causes of death. While alcohol-impaired driving has decreased over the past several decades, drug-impaired driving is on the rise.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says alcohol and certain drugs reduce functions of the brain and impair thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination. These are all skills that are essential to the safe operation of motor vehicles. Some of the typical effects of impairment increase proportionally to the level of blood alcohol concentration. Furthermore, interactions

between alcohol and other substances in the body can increase the level of risk when driving.

Impairment laws vary by area. Blood alcohol concentration laws typically consider a blood alcohol content, or BAC, of .08 percent or above as criminal. The NHTSA says that a BAC of .08 or higher contributes to poor muscle coordination, leading to slower reaction control, decreased balance and impaired vision and hearing. Memory may be diminished and self-control and reasoning are compromised at this point as well.

### Distracted driving

It is important to note that driving under the influence of

illegal substances, alcohol and even prescription medications can lead to crashes. But a recent and increasingly pervasive driving problem is distracted driving. The Federal Communications Commission says the use of mobile devices behind the wheel can cause unintended and deadly consequences. The NHTSA says that at any moment during the day, approximately 660,000 drivers use cell phones or manipulate electronic devices while driving — a figure that has remained stable since 2010.

Preventing vehicular accidents, injuries and fatalities comes down to using common

sense.

• No one should text and drive. Store phones out of reach or set “away” messages and quiet alerts while behind the wheel. If a phone must be used, pull over to a safe area to do so.

• Know the side effects of medications you are taking and how they can impair driving. If taking a newly prescribed medication, do not operate a vehicle until you understand how it makes you feel.

• Pull over if you are feeling drowsy behind the wheel. Opening the window or listening to loud music may not be enough to keep you awake.

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# Alcohol & Drug Awareness

## Screening can help reduce drinking

At least 38 million adults drink too much and most are not alcoholics. Drinking too much includes binge drinking, high weekly use, and any alcohol use by pregnant women or those under age 21. It causes about 88,000 deaths in the US each year, and costs the economy about \$224 billion. Alcohol screening and brief counseling can reduce drinking on an occasion by 25% in people who drink too much, but only 1 in 6 people has ever talked with their doctor or other health professional about alcohol use. Talking with a patient about their drinking is the first step of screening and brief counseling, which involves:

Using a set of questions to screen all patients for how much and how often they drink.

Counseling patients about the health dangers of drinking too much, including women who are (or might be) pregnant.

Referring only those few patients who need specialized treatment for alcohol dependence.

Doctors and other health professionals can use alcohol screening and brief counseling to help people who are drinking too much to drink less. The Affordable Care Act requires new health insurance plans to cover this service without a co-payment.

Doctors, nurses, and other health professionals should screen all adult patients and counsel those who drink too much.

Most adults have not talked with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional about how much they drink.

Drinking too much is dangerous and can lead to heart disease, breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, sudden infant death syndrome, motor-vehicle crashes, and violence.

Public health experts recommend alcohol screening and counseling should happen more often than it does. Yet, people report a doctor, nurse, or other health professional has rarely talked with them about alcohol, the important first step for addressing problems with drinking too much:

Only 1 in 6 adults have discussed their

drinking.

Few binge drinkers (1 in 4) have talked about alcohol use. Binge drinking is defined as men drinking 5 or more alcoholic drinks or women drinking 4 or more, in about 2-3 hours.

Even among adults who binge drink 10 times or more a month, only 1 in 3 have discussed drinking.

Only 17% of pregnant women have talked about drinking.

Most states had less than 1 in 4 adults who discussed their drinking. Washington, D.C. had the highest percentage with 25%.

Alcohol screening and brief counseling has been proven to work.

It can reduce how much alcohol a person drinks on an occasion by 25%.

It improves health and saves money just as blood pressure screening, flu vaccines, and cholesterol or breast cancer screening.

It is recommended for all adults, including pregnant women.

What can be done:

Federal government is:

Studying how to best achieve alcohol screening and counseling at federally qualified health centers.

Requiring states with expanded Medicaid to cover a set of preventive services, including alcohol screening and counseling, through the Affordable Care Act.

Adopting clinical guidelines to carry out alcohol screening and counseling.

Teaching providers about billing and insurance coverage for alcohol screening and counseling services.

Health professional organizations can:

Tell doctors, nurses, and other health professionals how well screening and brief counseling works.

Teach all health professionals how to do alcohol screening and counseling.

Provide e-tools for doctors, nurses and other health professionals to deliver these services to patients.

States and Communities can:

Encourage health care plans and provider organizations to start screening and counseling.

## Alcohol's effects on the body

Drinking too much – on a single occasion or over time – can take a serious toll on your health. Here's how alcohol can affect your body:

### Brain:

Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways, and can affect the way the brain looks and works. These disruptions can change mood and behavior, and make it harder to think clearly and move with coordination.

### Heart:

Drinking a lot over a long time or too much on a single occasion can damage the heart, causing problems including:

Cardiomyopathy – Stretching and drooping of heart muscle

Arrhythmias – Irregular heart beat

Stroke

High blood pressure

Research also shows that drinking moderate amounts of alcohol may protect healthy adults from developing coronary heart disease.

### Liver:

Heavy drinking takes a toll on the liver, and can lead to a variety of problems and liver inflammations including:

Steatosis, or fatty liver

Alcoholic hepatitis

Fibrosis

Cirrhosis

Pancreas:

Alcohol causes the pancreas to produce toxic substances that can eventually lead to pancreatitis, a dangerous inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels in the pancreas that prevents proper digestion.

### Cancer:

Drinking too much alcohol can increase your risk of developing certain cancers, including cancers of the:

Mouth

Esophagus

Throat

Liver

Breast

### Immune System:

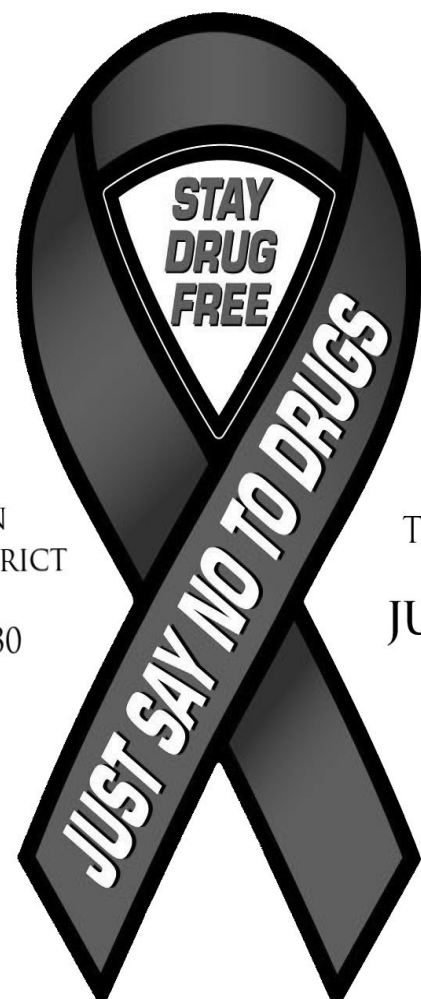
Drinking too much can weaken your immune system, making your body a much easier target for disease. Chronic drinkers are more liable to contract diseases like pneumonia and tuberculosis than people who do not drink too much. Drinking a lot on a single occasion slows your body's ability to ward off infections – even up to 24 hours after getting drunk.



**The Rochelle Fire Department supports the National Institute of Drug Abuse's initiative to Shatter the Myths of Drugs and Alcohol.**

Visit <http://teens.drugabuse.gov> for more information

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# Alcohol & Drug Awareness



## Addicted seniors a serious problem: Opioid use among the older population

The public is quickly learning that drug abuse goes beyond the illegal substances that are purchased on the street. Abuse of drugs extends to the prescription medications sitting in many medicine cabinets.

While teenagers and young adults may be the first to be stereotyped as prescription drug abusers, seniors may have unwittingly become mixed up in one of the most misused prescription classes: opioid pain relievers.

The problem of opioid abuse has been a growing issue for years. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates 2.1 million people in the United States suffer from substance abuse of opioid pain relievers. Older patients are increasingly and repeatedly prescribed opioids to address chronic pain from arthritis, cancer and other prob-

lems that become more apparent as people age.

Data from U.S. Medicare recipients found that, in 2011, roughly 15 percent of seniors were prescribed an opioid after being discharged from the hospital. When followed up on three months later, 42 percent were still taking the medication. Fast forward to 2015, and almost one-third of all Medicare patients were prescribed opioid painkillers by their physicians, says AARP. The Canadian Institute for Health Information says adults between the ages of 45 and 64 and seniors age 65 and older had the highest rates of hospitalizations due to opioid poisoning over the past 10 years.

AARP also indicates nearly three million Americans age 50 or older have started

to take painkillers for reasons beyond what their doctors prescribed. Experts from the Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing warn that dependence on opioids can set in after just a few days. Discomfort and side effects can occur when the pills are stopped. Opioids can decrease pain at first, but many people find they can be less effective over time. As a result, patients need to take greater amounts. Although many people can take opioids in small doses for short periods of time without problems, many find themselves overcome by a troubling addiction. Some doctors prefer not to use opioids as a first line of treatment for chronic pain.

Another possible risk of opioids among seniors is that the medication can cause disorientation that may lead to falls and

fractures. The senior care resource A Place for Mom also says that prescription narcotics may increase risk of respiratory arrest. What's more, an older body may not absorb and filter medicines as effectively as younger bodies can. This means that older adults might become addicted to or have side effects from a prescription drug at a lower dose.

Seniors concerned about opioids can discuss other options with their doctors, such as nonopioid medications and alternative therapies for pain management, like massage or acupuncture. If opioids are prescribed, ask for the lowest dose and don't exceed the time frame for taking the medicine. Only take the pills when absolutely necessary, and never mix opioids with alcohol or other substances.

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*Concerned that a loved one is experimenting with drugs?*

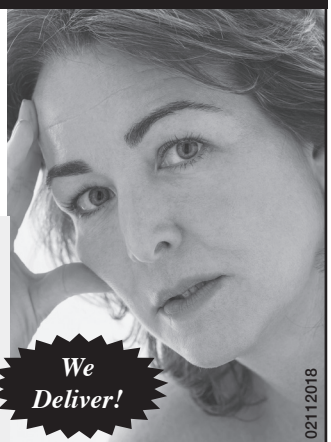
**Over the counter drug test kits will give you the answer in the privacy of your own home.**

Remember to keep drugs locked safely away from children.

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# Forreston Library News

## Job opening

The Forreston Public Library has an opening for a Library Director/Librarian. The position is for 22-28 hours per week.

Requirements: High School diploma or equivalent. Must be able to lift 25 pounds and stand for long periods of time.

Experience: Experience preferred in public service and computer technology.

Responsibilities: Under the direction of the Board of Trustees, the candidate will assume overall responsibility for the development and delivery of library services and for the administration, operation, and security of the library. Stop by the library for a complete list of job duties or visit the Forreston Public Library Facebook page.

The deadline to receive applications is Feb. 17.

Please send resume and references to:

Forreston Public Library

Attn: Board of Trustees

PO Box 606

Forreston, IL 61030

## Story hour

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

## Book club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday evening Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The book selection for January is Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. 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.

# Polo Library News

## Winter Reading Program for All Ages

Jan. 2nd-Feb. 29th

Pick up your age appropriate Reading Bingo Card or Reading Log at the Polo Library front desk starting January 2nd and warm up with a good book!

## Children's programs

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

## Lego Challenge: Build Your Name

Ages 8-14

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Valentine STEM Program

Ages 6-12

Friday, Feb. 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of Valentine crafts and activities

Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by February 8

## Pokemon Club

Ages 8-14

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

## 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.

## Teen programs

### Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

### Teen Scene

Ages 13-18

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

The Great Oreo Taste-Off. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by Feb. 21

## Adult programs

### Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

### Health & Wellness Program

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2-3 p.m.

Ogle County Health Department will be teaching a program about Heart Health and Diabetes awareness. Join us to learn more about these illnesses and how to help prevent and treat them. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by Feb. 12

### Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-3 p.m.

Learn to knit a scarf - The Library will provide the needles, the attendees will bring bulky weight yarn in color of their choice. Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by Feb. 13

### Euchre

Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

Time to play cards, bring a friend

### Board @ the Library - Games for Adults 18+

Saturday, Feb. 22, 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, please no children.

### Rock River Center representative

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 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, Feb. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Hidden Timbers Garden's presents "Incorporating Natives into your Landscaping". Registration Required (Online or 815-946-2713) by Feb. 26

### Adult Pinterest Party

Tuesday, March 3, 6-7 p.m.

Cork Popper Message Board! Bring a frame (11x14 or smaller) of your choice. Registration required (Online or 815-946-2713) by February 26

### Seed Exchange

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

Hosted by the Polo Women's Garden Club

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

### Yoga

Monday, March 17, 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 16

### Book Discussion Groups

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

#### Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Friday, Feb. 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: My Love Story by Tina Turner

#### Afternoon Book Club @ the Library

Monday, Feb. 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: The Gifted School by Bruce Holsinger



# Julia Hull Library News

## 2020 Winter Reading Challenge

Read a book, complete a review form, and enter to win prizes! Yep, it's that easy. Now through Feb. 29. Drawings held weekly. Pick up a flier for more details. Adults only.

## Teen Photo Contest: Shades of Winter

Show off your artistic skills by taking part in our first ever Teen Photo Contest. Take and submit a digital photo that interprets our theme "Shades of Winter" - Feb. 3 through Feb. 24. Ages 13-18. See any librarian for full contest rules and submission requirements.

## Fun Day Monday: Play Dough Party!

School's out for the day, so stop by the library for creative play! We'll roll, cut,

shape and build using everyone's favorite sculpting material. All materials supplied. Grades K-5. Monday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Pick up a copy of Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder's *A Dragon's Guide to the Care & Feeding of Humans*, then join fellow young critics on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

## Macrame Feather Jewelry

Join us for a special Saturday Craft-erday, Saturday, February 22 at 10 a.m.! We'll learn to make simple macramé feathers (no experience required!), then turn each into a chic bohemian necklace. Add

a matching set of earrings, if you wish. All materials supplied. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## 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.

## 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.

# Bertolet Library News



Selena, Olivia, and Mona enjoy a game of bingo.

## Create-a-Card with Jessie

Saturday, Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m.

Looking for ways to save money and start a new hobby in 2020? Stop buying overpriced greeting cards at the store and join our popular card making club. Every month, Jessie Ross comes in to offer suggestions and guidance as you design uniquely personal items for your friends and family. All materials are provided and registration is not required so come for an hour or stay the whole morning!

## 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.

## Food for Fines

During the month of February bring in paper products or non-perishable foods and we'll deduct \$1 from your fines for each item received. This applies only to materials that have been returned. Don't have any fines? Bring in food anyway to help out our area food pantries. Please check expiration dates before donating. Thanks for

your help!

## Movie Madness

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m.

Early out from school means movie time at the library! This month's feature is a newly released sequel featuring two sisters on a quest to save their homeland with a little help from a their friends, including a reindeer and a talking snowman. Popcorn and drinks provided.

## 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!

# Mount Morris Library News

## Wednesday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26 at 11:15 a.m. – Story Time

February is full of fun for our Story Time kids. Create Valentines while eating donuts on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Then help write our own book on the 19<sup>th</sup> and illustrate it on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Every kid will get a copy of this book. We will also be learning about cause and effect by reading the "If you give a mouse a cookie" book series! All ages are welcome. Occurs every Wed.

## Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 3-4:30 p.m. – After School STEAM

Enjoy early release days by coming to the library for STEAM fun! On the 29<sup>th</sup> we will crack a secret code to get to some fun prizes in a scavenger hunt then play a game involving a dice and a finish line. Ages 5+ are encouraged to join. Children under age 8 must have a responsible party present. Occurs every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Wed.

## Monday, Feb. 10 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. – Lego Club

We are building a circus this month! Occurs every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. All ages welcome.

## Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Census Q&A

This is an open time to come and ask questions from a member of the Census on upcoming job opportunities.

## Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 3:45 p.m. – Adult Book Club

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

## Thursday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Cents adult program week 3

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

## Monday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. – Cookbook Club

This month's cookbook is "The Immigrant Cookbook." Stop into the library to choose your recipe. This occurs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Bring your own plate and silverware.

## Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Disciples United Methodist Church – Library Tea Fundraiser

Its that time of year again. 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.

**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.

## Upcoming Events:

**What is Tri County** – Come get information on all Tri County has to offer.

**Tax efficiency with Thrivent Financial** – Learn about where to put your money so it works best for you!

Library Board Meeting – Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

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

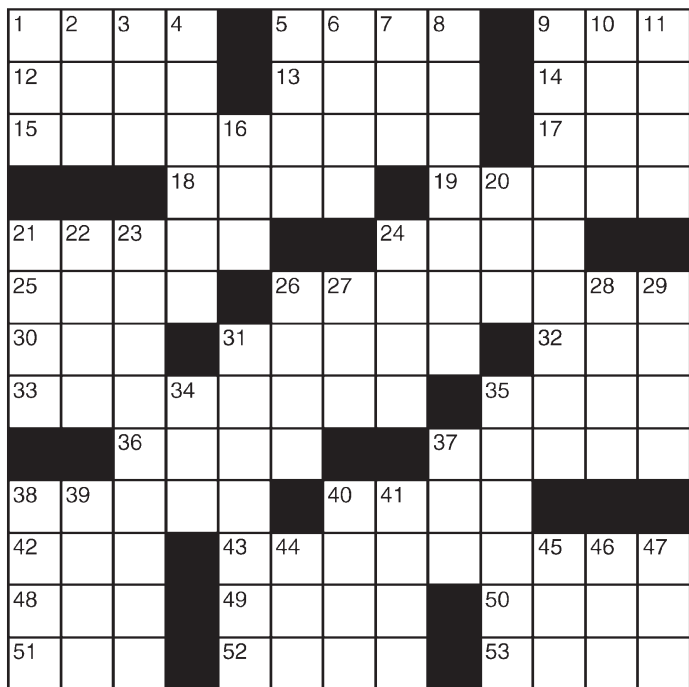
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● 3-D WORDS

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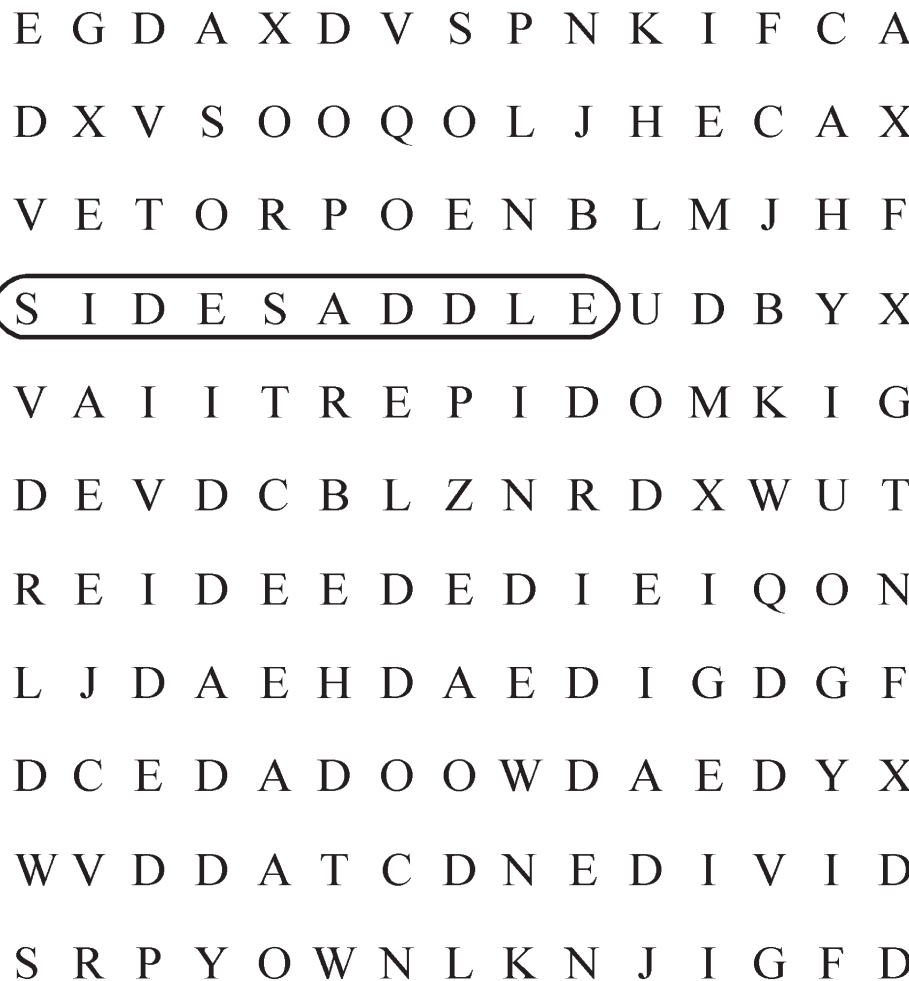
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- 17 Exist
- 18 Ardor
- 19 Cuts into cubes
- 21 Extra
- 24 Rover's friend
- 25 Difficult
- 26 Hawk trainer
- 30 Carte lead-in
- 31 Eliot's Marner
- 32 Rotation duration
- 33 Outwardly curved on both sides
- 35 Bouquet holder
- 36 Reed instrument
- 37 Essential points
- 38 Prenatal test, for short
- 40 — morgana
- 42 Island neckwear
- 43 Grayish metallic element
- 48 A Gershwin
- 49 Author Hunter
- 50 Medicinal



- amount
- 9 Huge snakes
- 28 Right on the map?
- 51 X rating?
- 10 Bush opponent
- 29 Deli loaves
- 52 Force measure
- 11 Rams fans?
- 31 Took a nap
- 53 Unseen hitch
- 16 U.K. ref. bk.
- 34 Japanese sash
- 20 Altar affirmative
- 35 Food
- 21 Moby-Dick's pursuer
- 37 Classic muscle car
- 22 "The Persistence of Memory"
- 38 Settled down
- 39 nembellished
- 40 Drescher or Lebowitz
- 23 Severe
- 41 Zits
- 24 Linen source
- 44 Poison —
- 26 Basketball team
- 45 Charged bit
- 46 Portion of N.A.
- 27 Brewery product
- 47 "Family Guy" daughter

### DOWN

- 1 Crow's call
- 2 Clay, now
- 3 "Help!"
- 4 Left an impression
- 5 Actress Paquin
- 6 Missing
- 7 Omega preceder
- 8 Municipal magistrates



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

- Added
- Deadhead
- Diddle
- Doodad
- Addendum
- Deadwood
- Didgeridoo
- Sidesaddle
- Bedridden
- Decided
- Divided
- Wadded
- Coddled
- Deeded
- Dividend

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

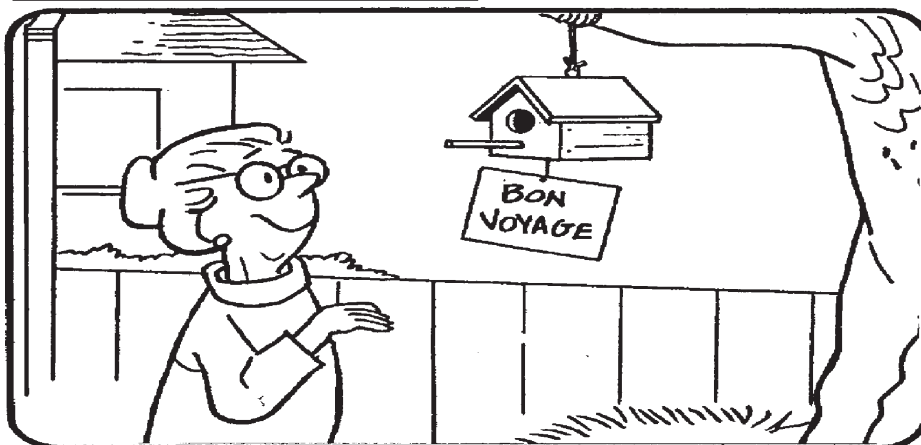
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

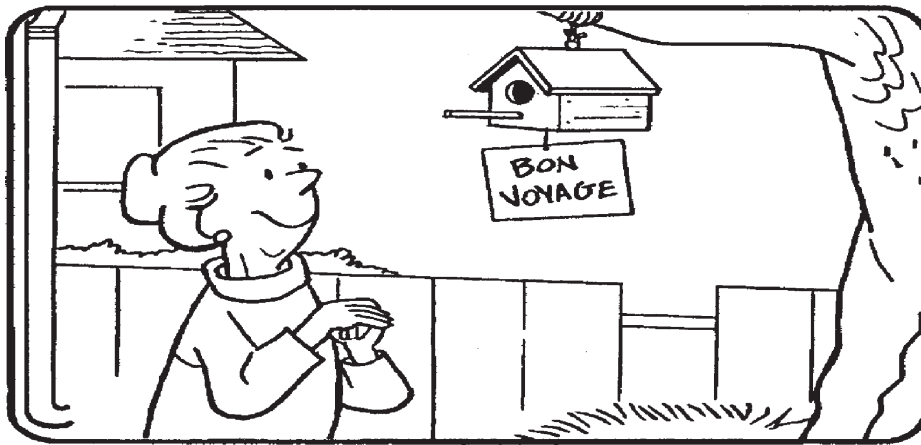
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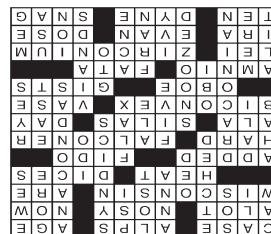
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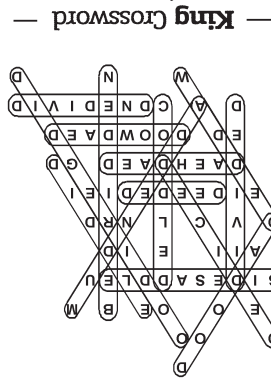


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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers



3-D WORDS

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS – GEORGE WASHINGTON WORDS\*

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

3 Letters  
GET  
NEW

4 Letters  
HEAR  
NINE  
RAIN

5 Letters  
AGENT  
GIANT  
HONOR  
RENEW  
RIGHT  
TWINE  
WORTH  
WRIST

6 Letters  
EASIER  
GINGER  
OTHERS  
STRING  
WAITER

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AIR SHOW  
NEITHER  
REGIONS  
WINNERS

\*All words are formed from the letters in GEORGE WASHINGTON

# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

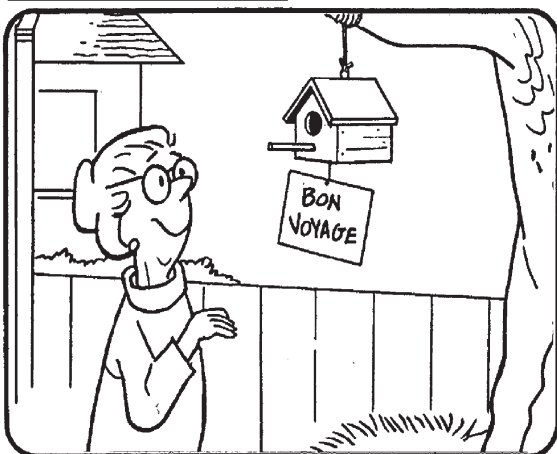
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Ledge               | ___ _ _ _ F | Seashore souvenir | ___ _ _ _ L   |
| 2. Hit the tab key     | ___ _ D ___ | Create            | ___ _ V ___   |
| 3. Foot pedal          | ___ _ A ___ | Out of money      | ___ _ O ___   |
| 4. Depart              | ___ _ V ___ | Rental contract   | ___ _ S ___   |
| 5. Large gun           | ___ _ _ _ N | Is unable to      | ___ _ _ _ T   |
| 6. Angelic instruments | ___ _ _ _ S | Groucho's brother | ___ _ _ _ O   |
| 7. Dickens Artful      | ___ D ___   | Hotel guest       | L ___ _ _ _   |
| 8. Gawk                | ___ T ___   | Dole out          | ___ H ___     |
| 9. Convenient          | ___ _ N ___ | Robust            | ___ _ R ___   |
| 10. Scanty             | ___ _ G ___ | More malicious    | ___ _ _ N ___ |

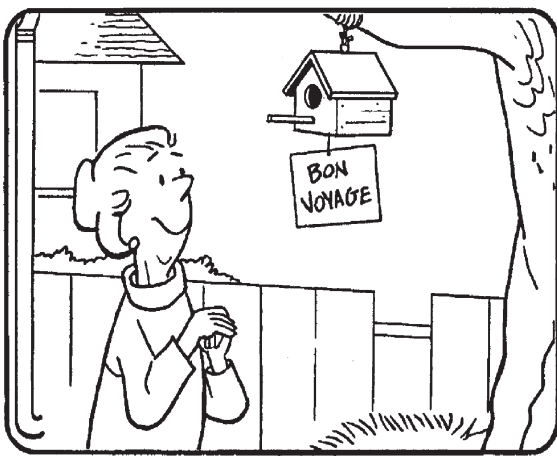
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THIS popular young lady is running out of room to display her valentines. We counted at least 25. How many can you find?

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Y	S	D	R	A	C	N	T
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L	O	D	H	R	W	L	O
O	L	N	R	N	B	S	P
H	F	A	R	O	S	E	S
Z	R	C	U	P	I	D	F

Illustrated by David Coulson



HIDDEN in the diagram at left are 13 words associated with Valentine's Day. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the 13 words you're looking for:

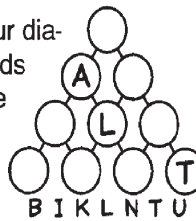
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| Candy    | Love    |
| Cards    | Poems   |
| Cupid    | Red     |
| February | Roses   |
| Flowers  | Sweets  |
| Heart    |         |

**FOUR-BY-FOURS.** Here's an interesting dictionary quiz. See if you can find four 8-letter words that contain, in turn, four A's, four F's, four G's and four L's.

Answer: Maharaja, Maharaja, rrrraff, giggling and bellpull.



**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight 4-letter words can be read top to bottom along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answer: The words are, top to bottom, left to right: Ball, ball, ball, ball, bulk, bulk, bunt, bunt.

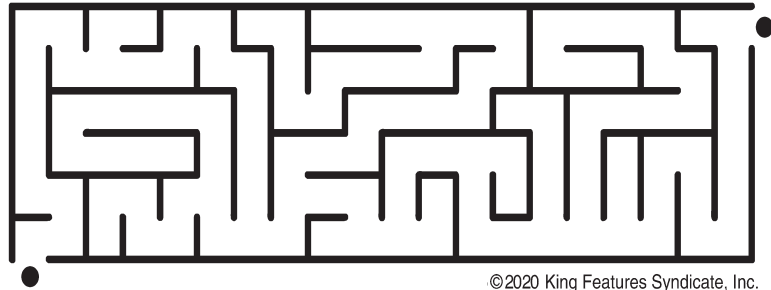


Kids' Maze Solution

Answers

1. Shell, Shell	6. Harps, Harpo
2. Indent, Invent	7. Dodger, Lodger
3. Brake, Broke	8. Stare, Share
4. Leave, Lease	9. Handy, Hardy
5. Cannon, Cannot	10. Meager, Meamer

## Kids' Maze



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Answers

# Soap Opera Update

## THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Thomas and everyone at Forrester Creations threw Zoe a surprise birthday party. Katie continued to share Sally's confidential medical diagnosis. Carter offered Zoe a special gift. Vinny called out Thomas for how his plan was affecting Douglas. Katie made Wyatt promise to keep Sally's secret to himself. Brooke found Thomas' birthday party for Zoe very suspicious. Ridge made it clear to Brooke exactly what was keeping them apart. Vinny pleaded with Thomas not to make the same mistake twice. Flo welcomed Shauna back to her apartment. Wyatt reached out to Sally. Brooke encouraged Liam to make things right with Hope. Zoe tried to connect with Douglas. Wait to See: Thomas makes the ultimate sacrifice.

## DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Marlena made a sacrifice to save John's life. Stefano and Chad came to blows. Ben and Clyde's prison escape went awry. Chad and Abigail got locked inside Gina's lair. "Steve" sought help from Kayla. Jennifer finally remembered it was Hope who pushed her off the balcony. Kayla smuggled "Steve" out of the hospital. Sarah and Eric received news about the bone marrow search for Mickey. Kristen kept a secret from Brady, even as they grew closer. Ciara hid Ben at the DiMera gatehouse. Shawn confronted Princess Gina and tried to get through to his mother. "Steve" continued to deceive Kayla. Wait to See: Gabi and Eli's wedding begins.

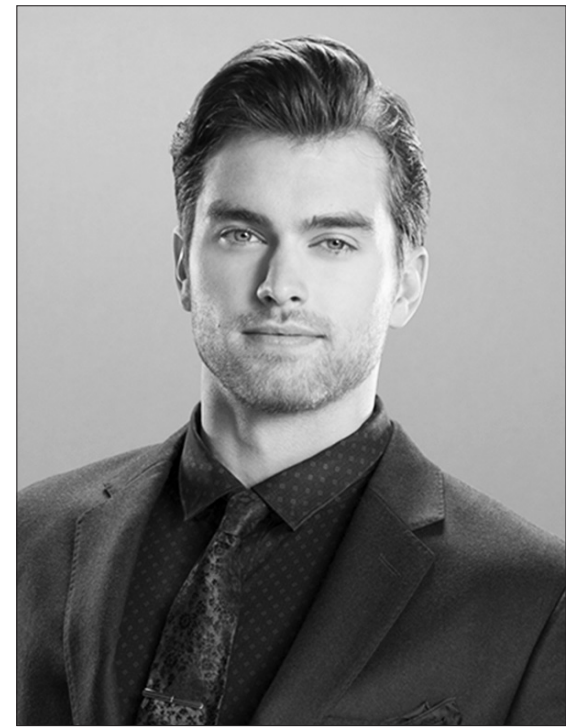
## GENERAL HOSPITAL

Valentin ran into Lulu. Carly and Bobbie made solid plans. Chase followed up on a police report filed by a waitress at Kelly's. Lucas struggled with flashbacks. Molly vocalized her opinions. Brad thanked Willow. Sonny delivered a stern warning. Nelle made a discreet exit. Curtis confronted Jordan. Mac and Taggart got caught up on each other's lives. Trina received a visit from a family member. Jason offered his opinion. Jordan came in contact with an old enemy. Curtis was put on notice. Sonny tried to make sense of a situation. Carly struggled to figure out what was best for the baby. Wait to See: Chase becomes the bearer of bad news.

## THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Kyle admitted that he never got Summer out of his system and that he couldn't be the husband that Lola deserved. Jack was shocked when he found out that Billy tried to kill Adam. Mariah and Rey made Sharon laugh as she settled in for her first chemotherapy treatment. Adam told Chelsea that he needed to go to Las Vegas to settle unfinished business and that he would fill her in when the time was right. Chelsea decided to trust him. Kevin finally admitted he secretly asked the nurse about the gender of his and Chloe's baby. Nate tested Billy for a concussion and said that he had an addiction to adrenaline, but Billy laughed at the diagnosis. Wait to See: "Y&R" airs a special episode to honor Eric Braeden's (Victor) 40th anniversary.

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Pierson Fode stars as "Thomas" on "The Bold and The Beautiful."



## Couch Theater

"Playing With Fire" (PG) -- John Cena stars as a tightly wound supervisor of a top tier team of firemen. He and his squad -- comedy backup by Keegan-Michael Key as Mark, and John Leguizamo as Rodrigo -- rescue a trio of plucky kids (Brianna Hildebrand, Christian Convery and Finley Rose Slater) from a raging wildfire, and they're going to have to look out for them until their parents are located. Big boy babysitters get a lesson in wildly unpredictable forces of nature: kids. The laughs resonated with the 10-13 set. Also stars Judy Greer as Amy Hicks, a child psychologist and wholesome love interest.

"Doctor Sleep" (R) -- Building on the 1980 iconic terror of "The Shining" and loosely based on Stephen King's story,

we find little Danny Torrance (Ewan McGregor) all grown up and 40 years removed from the snow-encapsulated events at Overlook. Now in control of his psychic abilities, he's a hospice worker in a small East Coast town. Abra (Kyliegh Curran), a teen who shares Dan's strange powers, seeks to form an alliance against a group of roving extrasensory power thieves called the True Knot. Headed by Rose the Hat (Rebecca Ferguson), the group has targeted Abra, and Dan must submit to his own powers in order to help her.

"The Nightingale" (R) -- A young Irish woman (Aisling Franciosi) is bound to the cruel Lieutenant Hawkins (Sam Claflin) in colonial Australia. At the end of her indentured service, he refuses to free her, and she

is victimized by Hawkins and his cadre of friends. With no saviors, and no authority to turn to, she enlists the help of an aboriginal man named Billy (Baykali Ganambarr) to guide her as she tracks down her attackers. Although distrustful, he helps the girl, and the pair find commonalities between them. Determination for retribution is a fearsome thing to behold, and the mood is set perfectly by director Jennifer Kent.

"Last Christmas" (PG-13) -- Emilia Clarke and Henry Golding play an odd couple in director Paul Fieg's sassy comedy based on a song by the 1980s pop group Wham! It's meant to be inspirational -- and in many ways it is -- but as cute as the leads are, it doesn't quite live up to its promise. Kate (Clarke) is a retail clerk in a year-

round Christmas shop. She isn't the most successful elf, having just been kicked out of her apartment. One day she meets an extraordinary man named Tom (Golding) who is affable and uplifting, generous and optimistic. As London blossoms into full magical Christmas season, she is influenced enough by him to open up about an illness she's just gone through. There's a heck of a twist at the end.

**NEW TV RELEASES**  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

To help settle the Edwards Estate we will offer at Public Auction the following described quality line of personal property. This Auction will be held at our indoor facility located at **10786 Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL, 61068**. Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs from Flagg Rd. & Rt. 251 at the North edge of Rochelle IL. Visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th, 2020**  
 9:00 AM

**Comfort station** **Lunch**  
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2002 Dodge Dakota pickup, 2WD, V8, ext. Cab, Needs engine & body work; 10" Craftsman radial arm saw; Craftsman 12" wood lathe; Craftsman joiner planer; Bench vise; Assorted hand & power tools; Cart table; Rockwell drill press; Disc/belt sander; Torch kit; Cement mixer; Roadmaster girls bike; Power X suspension bike; Electric pressure washer; Portable air compressor; 2 Horse saddles; several primitive tools and items; Upright hand corn sheller; Roller blades;

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**Real Estate Auction**

Having decided to sell the Real Estate described within, the Byron Forest Preserve will offer at Public Auction the following described Real Estate. Located at **5500 N Silver Creek Road, Mt. Morris IL 61054**. This Auction will be held indoors on site. Visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**Saturday, February 22nd, 2020**  
 11:00 AM

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This is an extremely well kept newer (1996) 2 story home which has approx. 3300+ sq ft., sitting on 4.266 acres. The description of the many upgrades and features are many, and a written description does not do it justice. The views and location are in a class all its own. This is a must see. Plan now on attending!!!

**DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:** This home is a newer (1996) construction home with large open rooms, vaulted ceilings, fantastic views from the wrap around porch, and many upgrades. It is surrounded on 3 sides by the Byron Forest preserve, and therefore seclusion and privacy is a feature hard to find. On the first floor, there is a large open kitchen, dining and family room, complete with fireplace, hardwood floors and views that are incredible both from inside, as well as the forever wrap around deck. There is also a formal dining room and living room. The grand entry to the home leads to an open stairway, and power chandelier, and a 1/2 bath off entry. Throughout this home, storage and closets were one of the dominant focuses. Oak cabinetry & floors as well as solid 6 panel doors and trim throughout. Upstairs, the Huge master bedroom complete with fireplace has a 26x12 walk in closet, a full large bath with 2-person jetted tub and separate shower. The other two bedrooms each have a double closet with one having 2 closets. There is a common Bath for the two bedrooms complete with full tub and shower. There is a large laundry room with built in ironing board, folding counter and separate sink. The full finished walkout basement provides yet another family room and fireplace, possible den/bedroom, and another 3/4 bath with shower. Mechanicals include central Vac system, LP Gas Forced air furnace, central air, 200-amp C/B, water softener, gas hot water heater, iron out filter and security system. There is a 1000-Gal LP tank that stays with the home. There is supplemental electric heat in the lower level as well. There is also an outside 36'x28' storage barn., For a private viewing, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150

**REAL ESTATE TERMS:** \$7,500.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before March 31, 2020 at which full possession will be given. It should be noted, the sellers are prepared to close sooner if the buyer so chooses. Seller is to provide an appropriate stamped Deed as well as a Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of the auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

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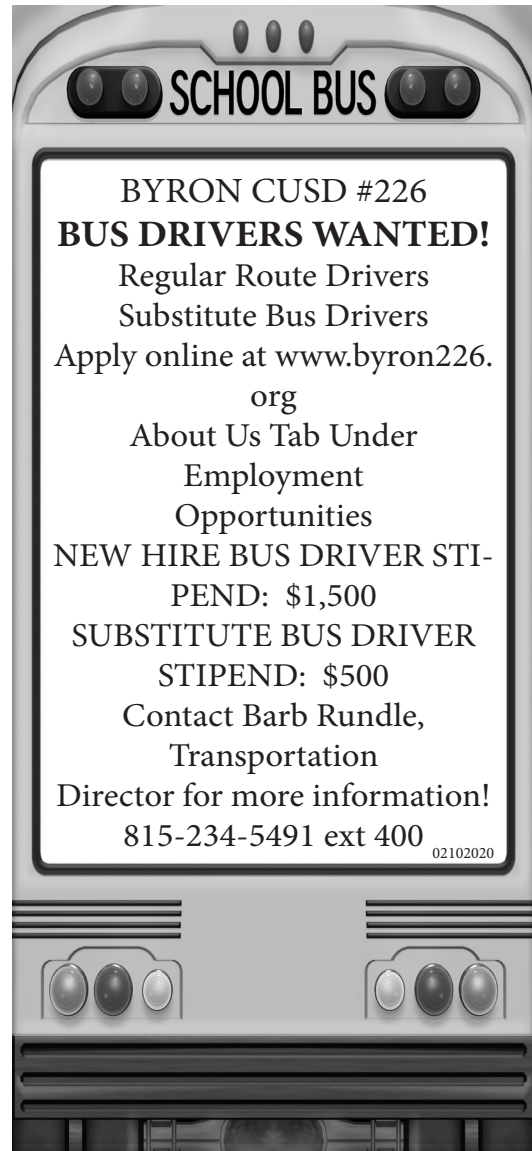
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COUNTY OF OGLE

IN THE )  
MATTER )No.  
OF THE )2019  
ESTATE )P 70  
OF: )  
WILLIAM )  
M. )  
HUBBARD, )  
JR., )  
Deceased. )

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Hewitt & Wagner  
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Catherine M. Krabbe,  
Independent  
Administrator for the Estate of  
Carol Ann Hubbard  
No. 0123 (Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10)

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CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY, IL-  
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IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )2020  
DANIEL A. )P 5  
SHEELY, )  
deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DANIEL A. SHEELY of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 15, 2020, to ANDRIA K. SHEELY of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & O'Brien, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later.

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Hewitt & Wagner  
Attorneys for  
Catherine M. Krabbe,  
Independent  
Administrator for the Estate of  
William M. Hubbard, Jr.  
No. 0122 (Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF OGLE

IN THE )  
MATTER )  
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ESTATE )2019  
OF: )P 71  
CAROL )  
ANN )  
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**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CAROL ANN HUBBARD of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 10, 2020 to CATHERINE M. KRABBE whose address is 215 S. Ridge Street, Creston, Ogle County, Illinois, and whose attorneys are Hewitt & Wagner, 1124 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, 61068.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Oregon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, no later than July 27, 2020 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim

ANDRIA K. SHEELY  
Independent Administrator  
No. 0203 (Feb. 3, 10, 17)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for a 2005 White Ford F-350 Regular XL Cab 4WD with utility box, with 73,000 miles. This vehicle will be sold as is and will be sold with a bill of sale, until 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 21st day of February, 2020, with a starting bid of \$3500.00 at Village Hall, located at 105 West Lincoln Street, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid specifications may be picked up at Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The vehicle may be viewed at Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln Street. The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process. Bids may be held by the Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois for a period not to exceed NINETY (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

BY ORDER OF  
VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS  
By: Paula Diehl, Village Clerk  
DATE: January 30, 2020  
No. 0206 (Feb. 3, 10)

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OGLE COUNTY, IL-  
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IN THE )  
MATTER )No.  
OF THE )2020  
ESTATE )P 8  
OF: )  
DONA )  
WHITE, )  
deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONA A. WHITE of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 22, 2020, to ROBERT J. WHITE of Rochelle, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & O'Brien, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

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Hewitt & Wagner  
Attorneys for  
Catherine M. Krabbe,  
Independent  
Administrator for the Estate of  
Dona A. White,  
No. 0207 (Feb. 10, 17, 24)

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ROBERT J. WHITE  
Independent  
Administrator  
No. 0207 (Feb. 10, 17, 24)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 4, 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: AG Sales Support, 3959 E. Mockingbird Ln., Byron, IL 61010.

Dated: February 4, 2020  
Laura J. Cook,  
Ogle County Clerk  
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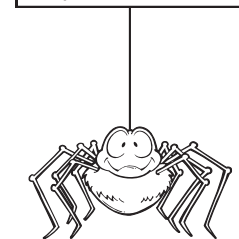
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