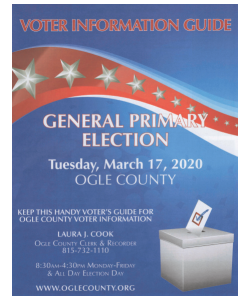




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Rochelle buys Hickory Grove property

Old banquet hall will be demolished for development

By Russell Hodges
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE — A landmark building in the City of Rochelle's north corridor may not be around much longer, but council and city staffers are working to make the future much brighter.

Rochelle City Council members unanimously approved a proposal Monday evening calling for the acquisition and demolition of the Hickory Grove Banquet & Convention Center, located at 1127 N. 7th St. in Rochelle. The building's prospects became public knowledge over the weekend, when Robin Baldwin Gounaris, owner and operator of Abraham's Bar & Grille inside Hickory

Grove, published a lengthy Facebook post about the future of the property.

"For 15 years, I have tried to save [Hickory Grove]," Baldwin Gounaris wrote. "I have come to the decision that I can no longer save it. After many meetings with potential buyers, investors, the county and the city, there are just too many building issues and zero funds to fix them."

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh presented City Council members with the proposal, which calls for the City of Rochelle to purchase Hickory Grove from the Ogle County Civic Center Authority, which currently owns the building, for \$1.

(See HICKORY, A-2)



Family dancing night

The Oregon Park District recently held its Mother/Son Date Night and Daddy/Daughter Dance. The event had a 50's Sock Hop theme as moms and dads and moms and sons dressed in their best 50's outfits – including poodle skirts, leather jackets, scarves, cat-eye glasses and letterman jackets and more. To see photos of the dances and/or to learn more about Oregon Park District special events visit the Oregon Park District Facebook page. Also, see more photos on Page A-18.

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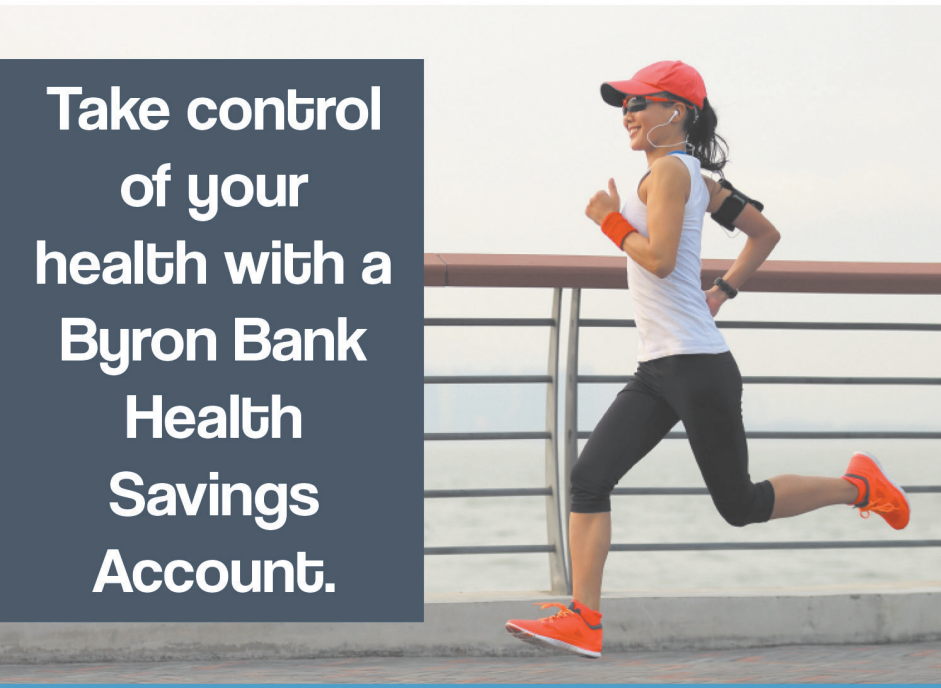
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Lecture to focus on bees

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting the third of its 2020 Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, Feb. 23 starting at 2 p.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road in Byron.

Isaac Stewart, instructor of Biology at Black Hawk College, will discuss how the work of a dedicated group of researchers put the rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*) on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species List in January 2017. This was the first bee species from the continental United States

that had ever been added to the list. He will explore how it was shown that the rusty patched bumble bee abundance has declined 96 percent in the last 20 years and the implications for pollinator diversity in the future.

Domestic honey bees have dominated the news regarding the pollinator crisis, but native bees remain vital to Illinois' ecosystems and agriculture. As pollinators, rusty patched bumble bees contribute to our food security and the healthy functioning of our ecosystems. Bumble bees are keystone species in most ecosystems

that are necessary not only for native wildflowers reproduction, but also for creating seeds and fruit that feed wildlife. They are often better agricultural pollinators for certain crops than domestic honey bees.

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.

HICKORY: City OKs demolition costs

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The city would then demolish the building and secure a private development partner to construct a new mixed-use property on the site.

Demolition estimates (\$250,000), engineering estimates (\$50,000) and city carrying costs (\$12,000) will total roughly \$312,000, with all costs reimbursed by TIFs. Fiegenschuh said the overall goals of the project are property redevelopment and long-term sustainability.

"Although OCCCA is a quasi-public entity, the organization doesn't have any taxing authority," Fiegenschuh said. "The Hickory Grove facility... doesn't generate any property tax revenue, and lease payments are inadequate to continue the operation... I think there are a lot of opportunities on that site to do something

great."

The proposal included the approval of a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with Willett Hoffman & Associates to oversee all aspects of the bidding and demolition of the facility. According to the proposed timeline laid out during Fiegenschuh's presentation, the City of Rochelle would purchase Hickory Grove from OCCCA this week before closing on the property in early March. Hickory Grove would continue hosting scheduled events until closing its doors on July 19, when the city will begin auctioning off materials and equipment to recoup overdue utility costs.

Willett Hoffman would then conduct asbestos and mold inspections throughout early July before beginning the demolition process on Oct. 15. The city would work with a potential developer during the fall and

winter months to acquire and develop the site, with demolition and site preparation work completed during that time period as well. Both Fiegenschuh and Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows clarified Monday evening that any construction work on the Hickory Grove site will not impact neighboring hotel and condominium facilities.

"I'm committed to this project and I will personally oversee this project," Fiegenschuh said. "I think there's a real opportunity to turn that site into a real gem for our community. We've worked really hard over the last few years to redevelop the downtown area, and we're going to continue that, but we can't forget about the other corridors in our community... I think there's an opportunity to turn that site into something we can all be very, very proud of."

Correction

The Ogle County Voter Guide has a Republican Presidential Candidate that was removed by the State Board of Elections. Candidate John Schiess was inadvertently listed on the Republican sample ballot for publication. The Ogle County Clerk's Office apologizes for any inconvenience.

Life staff moving to Rochelle office

Last day in Oregon office is Feb. 27



OREGON — For more than three decades the Ogle County Life newspaper has been delivered free to residents, stores and racks in 12 different communities, including Oregon, Byron, Mt. Morris, Stillman Valley, Polo, Forreston, Leaf River, Davis Junction, Chana and more.

This unique county-wide newspaper has been very popular with area residents, but rising publication costs and tightening advertising budgets have made it more difficult of late to operate this model.

So, in an effort to continue delivering the Life publication free to readers' homes, News Media Corporation will be merging the Oregon office personnel

into the company's Rochelle office location, effective on Monday, March 2.

"The last day we will be open in our Oregon office at 311 W. Washington Street will be Thursday, Feb. 27," said Life general manager Mike Feltes. "However, we will be keeping our same Oregon phone number and same post office box number with the Oregon Post Office, and we will soon be announcing the location of a public drop box in Oregon for article submissions, advertising submissions and payments."

Feltes explained that the Life sales and management personnel have always been located out of the Rochelle office and there will be no change to how customers

are served and news is covered.

"We were already serving several towns from our Rochelle base, so this move will not affect too many customers outside of the Oregon area," he points out. "We are still located in Ogle County and actually we will now offer expanded hours and be available and responsive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in Rochelle."

The Life's office in Rochelle is located at 211 Hwy. 38 E. right next door to Dunkin Donuts. The phone number remains 815-732-2156 and the Life's mailing address will remain Ogle County Life, P.O. Box 378, Oregon, IL 61061.

Soil and water Webinar will be Feb. 20

OREGON — Soil and water interactions will be the focus of a Soil and Water Management Webinar sponsored by University of Illinois Extension on February 20.

The workshop will be held at multiple Extension units throughout Illinois, including Ogle County, 421 W. Pines Rd. Oregon. Presentations will be delivered via PowerPoint and web conferencing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Those attending will hear about the latest information on extreme weather and potential soil impacts from Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford, controlled CRP burns and soil quality from Western Illinois University biologist Dr. Sean Jenkins, and irrigation water use reporting from Illinois State Water Survey hydrologist Steve Wilson. Other presenters are Dr. Kapil Arora from Iowa State University who will discuss in field

drainage management using control structures, and Extension Commercial Ag Educator Nathan Johanning to talk on field research on cover crops and soil quality. Certified Crop Advisors will receive 4.5 continuing education units in Soil and Water Management by attending this seminar.

Registration is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Registration should be completed through the unit location where participants plan to attend.

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Stillman Valley High School junior Jack Orlando, right, and SVHS choir director Jordan Pedigo.

SVHS students earns choir honor

STILLMAN VALLEY — Jack Orlando, a junior at Stillman Valley High School, was recently named and participated in the IMEA All-State Choir.

"The Illinois All-State Honors choir is one of the highest honors an Illinois high school choir student can achieve," said Jordan Pedigo, SVHS choir director. "On top of that, for having one of the highest scores of all of the hundreds of applicants, Jack was given the opportunity to audition to sing the national anthem at various IHSA events! I am absolutely thrilled for Jack, and couldn't be prouder!"

Orlando is also singing the National Anthem at the SVHS Regional Girls' Basketball games and rehearsing for the Musical, "Bye, Bye Birdie" that will be performed in early March.

The Illinois Music Education Association exists to advocate for universal access to comprehensive music education; deliver exemplary professional development for educators; and provide outstanding musical experiences for all Illinois learners facilitated by licensed music educators. Illinois is divided up into nine districts for participation in ILMEA student programs and there are representatives from each district for the All-state Concert. The selection of national anthem singers for Boys Basketball State Final, Girls Basketball State Final and Girls Volleyball State Final is done with the assistance of the Illinois Music Educators (IMEA).

Anyone wishing to submit a student for this honor must enter them into their IMEA district audition first.

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Obituaries

Irma Rose Bauer

DIXON – Irma Rose Bauer, age 90, of Dixon died Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at Liberty Court Assisted Living in Dixon.

She was born November 27, 1929, in Arkansas, Wis., the daughter of Leonard and Alice (Kannel) Schrader.

After working at Cable Printing Company in Mt. Morris for several years, Irma worked in the House-keeping Department at KSB Hospital in Dixon for 29 years and was known for her outstanding work ethic and smile. She retired in 2005.

Irma's passions were cooking, baking and gardening. It brought her great joy to have her family over for holiday celebrations, and was a labor of love putting together a feast for

those she held close.

Irma was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and served on the KSB Caring Friends committee formed to help employees in challenging times. Her dedication to family was like no other. Irma was a great example to her children and grandchildren, teaching them courage, strength, perseverance, kindness, compassion and understanding throughout her life. She was very humble and had a strong faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Robert Bauer, Jr., brother Donald Schrader, sister Marian Grotthus and brother-in-law Doug Brunner.

Irma is survived by her children Dennis Bauer of

Springfield, Diane (Doug) Breunlin of Sycamore, Brian (Kim) Bauer of Oregon and Vicky (Tom) Cable of Zanesville, Ohio; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; one sister Elaine Brunner and one brother Bill (Ruth Ann) Schrader, both of Arkansas, Wisconsin; brother-in-law Oliver Grotthus of Stockholm, Wisconsin and sister-in-law Esther Schrader of Eau Claire, Wis.

A private burial of cremains will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon at a later date. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations be made to their local Hospice.

Michael Lee Reibel

BYRON – Michael Lee Reibel went home to his eternal rest after a brief illness on Feb. 5, 2020. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord." Mike cherished his recent days visiting with family, friends, including those from All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron, his new congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark, and his Wartburg Theological Seminary community.

Mike was born on Jan. 16, 1968 to Bill and Cheryl (Ferris) Reibel in Clinton, Iowa. Mike graduated from Byron High School in 1986. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography and a minor in Biology. On Sept. 21, 1991, Mike married his love and best friend, Bridget Musso at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rockford. Mike was briefly employed by the United States Department of Agriculture as a conservation technician and then by the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District as the Resource Conservationist. On Jan. 1, 1992 Michael began employment with the County of Ogle as the Assistant Zoning Administrator, and was appointed the Zoning Administrator (now Planning & Zoning Administrator) in 1994. Mike was sought as a consultant to help surrounding towns and counties create their own comprehensive plans. A frequent speaker throughout Illinois on planning, zoning and land use; Mike served as both President and Vice President of the IL Association of County Zoning Officials. His love of the outdoors aligned deeply with responsibilities as Planning and Zoning Administrator for many years in Ogle County. Mike saw his role as a true steward of the land.

In August 2019 he retired leaving the Ogle County Planning and Zoning Department. Mike had sensed a call to the ministry for many years and was extremely excited to be responding to God's



persistent call to serve the Church as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. He began his studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary in September 2019 as a first-year Master of Divinity student in the Collaborative Learning program. He was thankful that Trinity Lutheran Church had decided to become a Collaborative Learning site and that he had been assigned to serve Trinity. He was scheduled to spend 3 weeks of study in the Holy Land when his illness surfaced. Mike will be greatly missed by all who were touched by his quiet spirit. Mike was an experienced IHSA basketball official around Northern IL for nearly 30 years. Once again, he was responsible for interpreting and applying rules; this time in exciting basketball contests, with poise and knowledge. In this role he also mentored his son Ben, officiating many games together these past 6 years. They were a dedicated team creating their personal memories. Mike considered himself a renaissance man, he was an expert in the kitchen making homemade bread, sausages, beer, and a schnitzel and spatzle dinner was his specialty. He tapped Maple trees to make his own syrup and was also a beekeeper who enjoyed the flavor of the honey his bees produced. Mike loved reading, gardening, yard work, hiking, hunting, fishing, exercising, bird watching, and riding his motorcycle. He and Bridget enjoyed day trips and have been known to drive out of their way for a good meal or for good cheese. Mike was a self-taught guitarist who loved to share his gift of singing and playing. For his first Christmas Eve sermon, he incorporated his interpretation of the song "What a Strange Way to Save the World" where he then used his gifts of

music to share this song with his congregation.

Survived by his beloved wife Bridget, his son and best friend Ben, who walked the woods, fished, hunted and refereed alongside his Dad. His loyal canine friend Millie. Further survived by his mother and stepfather Cheryl (Keith) Padgett, father Bill Reibel, sisters DeAnne (Randy) Otto, Tonia Wright, Franny (Gunther) Huber and Renee (Klaus Fiedler) Spielberg, brothers Glenn (Holly) Padgett, BJ (Kim) Reibel, father-in-law Myron (Barb) Musso, sisters-in-law Gina (Jason) Kultgen, Chelsea Musso Cole (Nate Hamilton). Many dearly loved nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

Predeceased by mother-in-law, Kathy Musso, grandparents Bernard and Bernadine Reibel, Ralph and Ruth Ferris, Emma Padgett, stepmother Francine Reibel, and brother-in-law Todd Wright.

Mike was an amazing man, our hero. A person who showed incredible faith and strength during a most difficult time. He eased our pain and sadness by letting us know he was not afraid and that he was surrounded by God's love often saying, "God's will be done." Mike continued to be kind and gracious to everyone around him as he offered them a "God bless you" at the end of every visit. It was an honor to watch him preach and to see him begin to fulfill his lifelong dream. Mike shared with us, "I will be with you in every sunrise and every sunset and everywhere in between." A Celebration of Life for Mike was held at All Saints Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Dr, Byron, on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with a visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Visitation was on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 from 3-7 p.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 506 W Merchant St, Byron. Memorials per Mike's wishes may be directed to the family or to Carpenter's Place Outreach Center, Trinity Lutheran Church, All Saints Church, or Serenity Hospice and Home.

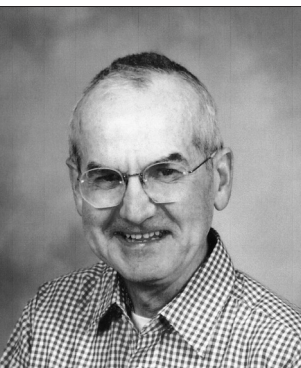
Wallace Dean Mackey

POLO – Wallace Dean Mackey, 88 of Polo, passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 at Polo Rehabilitation Center.

He was born Dec. 4, 1931 in Fair Haven, Ill., the son of Raymond D. and Anna Amelia (Yoeckel) Mackey.

He married Evelyn Louise Bickford on Feb. 3, 1951 and had just celebrated 69 years of marriage. Wallace was a Welder for the former Imeco in Polo for many years. After retirement he enjoyed helping his fellow neighbors with their yard work and taking long walks through town.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn, 3 daughters, Laura Wishard of Norcross, Ga., Cynthia Ditzler of Polo, and Kathy (Steve) Witkowski



of Buckley, Wash., 3 grandchildren – Katie (Dave) Marceau of Polo, Jacob (Candace) Ditzler of Chandler, Ariz., Jason Witkowski of Bonney Lake, Wash.

3 great-grandchildren, Tatum Ditzler of Chandler, Ariz., James Witkowski of Bonney Lake, Wash., Brooklyn Marceau of Polo,

and 1 brother Robert Mackey of Franklin Grove. There are many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents, Raymond and Anna Mackey, 6 brothers, Raymond Jr., Wilbur, Arnold, Warren (Pete), George, and David, 3 sisters, Evelyn Jensen, Carol Mackey and Linda Mackey, and son-in-law, Richard Ditzler.

Visitation was Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 from 10-11 a.m. at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo. Burial will be private at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden, Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed in his name. To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

Ruth Esther Drake

Ruth Esther Drake, age 90, passed away peacefully on February 4th, 2020 at Liberty Village Manor Court in Freeport, after a full and happy life. She was born on the family farm in Ogle County on April 7, 1929 to Esther (Link) Drake and Alfred Henry Drake.



Ruth graduated from Forreton High School in 1947, Cornell College in 1951 and received her Master's Degree from Rockford College. She was a band and music teacher for 30 years at Polo Junior and Senior High Schools before retiring in 1984. Ruth was also very involved in Antique Doll Collecting. She was a member of the ILL/WIS Antique Doll Club and served as the Regional Director (Region 10) of the United Federation of Doll Clubs for several years.

In her free time, Ruth loved teaching her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews about music. She assisted them with lessons and concerts, and also helped with many of their 4H projects. Ruth was an active board member of the Freeport Community Concert Association for many years. Dolls and music were her passion. Ruth was also very active in her faith and was a 73 year member of the First

United Methodist Church, Forreton. During that time, she was the choir director for 45 years. She also really enjoyed being a member of the United Methodist Women and was the President of the Rockford District UMW for several years. After Ruth's retirement from teaching, she enjoyed many wonderful trips to Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, Canada and the New England States with her sister Naomi and many friends.

Another one of Ruth's passions was her flower garden. Her gazebo, pond and flowers filled her entire backyard, which was featured on a few community garden walks.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her brother in law, Robert Lewis.

She leaves behind her sister of 86 years, Naomi Lewis. She was also a second mother to nieces and nephews, Kathy Plecki (Robert), Champaign; Kim Kemp (Mi-

chael), Phoenix, Ariz.; Kent Lewis (Christie), Forreton, IL and Karl Lewis (Kristen), Cary, IL. Ruth will also be missed by grand nieces and nephews, Sarah Clasey (Tyler); Dan Plecki (fiancé Kelsey); Mike Plecki, Max Kemp, Miles Kemp, Marnie Kemp, Dylan Lewis, Sophie Lewis, Jonathon Lewis, Andrew Lewis and one loving great niece Allyson Clasey. Ruth also leaves behind second cousin and close friend, Kenneth Drake and many wonderful and caring neighbors and friends.

Ruth's visitation and funeral were held on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church in Forreton. A short visitation from 10 a.m. to the time of the service preceded the funeral service, which began at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family would like to thank the caring nurses, CNA's and hospice staff at FHN and Liberty Village Manor Court for the comfort provided and support for Ruth and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church 402 1st Ave, Forreton, IL 61030 in honor of Ruth's service and wishes. Please sign Ruth's guestbook at www.burketubbs.com

Janet L. Turner

STILLMAN VALLEY – Janet L. Turner, 79, longtime Stillman Valley resident, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 in Serenity Hospice Home, Oregon. Born Aug. 7, 1940 in Princeton, the daughter of Carl and Pearl (Wade) May.

Married to Donald H. Turner Dec. 27, 1959 in Kasbeer, Ill.; he died Sept. 24, 2015. Janet was a 1958 graduate of Princeton High School. She worked with her husband in dairy farming and was also employed by Stillman Valley schools as a cafeteria worker and then at Cacciatore's Food Mart in



Byron for many years. Janet was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oregon and enjoyed gardening and being with her family.

Survived by her sister, Marilyn Fordham of Ohio, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Also predeceased by her parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the First Baptist Church of Oregon with Pastor David Snow officiating. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, rural Oregon. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Monday in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon. Memorials in Janet's name may be made to the First Baptist Church of Oregon.

Bernard E. Rogers

Bernard "Ben" E. Rogers, 66, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at UW Hospital in Madison, Wis. Ben was born on Oct. 23, 1953 to Benny and Donna (Engstrom) Rogers in Ottumwa, Iowa.

On Nov. 30, 1974, he married his soulmate Mary J. Esterday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rochelle. Ben was a produce manager for 40 years. Many people will remember his smiling face in the Produce Department at Eagle Foods Supermarket where he was the manager for 33 years, three months and three days. After Eagles closed, he finished out his career at Jewel-Osco.

Ben touched many lives and was a loyal friend. He had strong family values, which he imparted to his children and grandchildren. During his lifetime he shared his love of music, movies, do-it-yourself projects, and, of course, the Iowa Hawkeyes.



Ben was preceded in death by his mother: Donna Rogers; sister: Dawn Annette Rogers and sister-in-law: Gail Rogers.

Ben is survived by his wife Mary of 45 years; father, Benny Rogers of Rochelle; four children: Adrienne (Seth) Stafford of Oregon, Natalie (Nate) Gordon of Dixon, Corrine (Dan) Kroger of Dubuque, Iowa and Benjamin (Julia Nusbaum) Rogers of Milwaukee, Wis.; eight grandchildren: Austin Burkhart, Olivia Stafford, Elsie and

Ian Gordon, Graden, Liam, Lillian and Graham Kroger with grandchild #9 on the way; four brothers: Bart (Connie) Rogers, Michael (Becky) Rogers, Mark Rogers and Matthew Rogers; sister, Michele (Albert) Gittleston; and many nieces and nephews.

The visitation was from 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 17 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle, with Father Romke officiating. Burial will follow the service at St. Patrick Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Ben's memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PFF-Tribute/BenRogers>

The Circle M 4H Club in Mount Morris is seeking new members

MOUNT MORRIS – The members of Circle M 4-H Club, Mount Morris, invite you to become a part of this year's 4-H experience.

The club is seeking new members with a zest for learning and teamwork and a desire to serve the community. Membership is open to boys and girls, who were ages 5-18 by Sept. 1, 2019. Participation is \$20 for the year.

In 4-H, youth select projects that interest them from a long and varied list ranging from drones to rabbits. They set learning goals, and then work with older 4-Hers and adults to meet those goals. Ultimately, they have the opportunity to exhibit a product of their learning at the 4-H Fair.

Along the way, they

work with their clubs to do community service projects, learn about citizenship, gain leadership skills, and more.

Behind every successful 4-Her, there is a 4-H family who supports, encourages, and shows genuine interest in 4-H activities. Moms, dads, brothers, and sisters, grandparents – everyone is always welcome at 4-H meetings and events.

This would be a great club for homeschool families, because Circle M 4-H Club hopes to meet during the school day. Meeting dates are flexible.

If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or Circle M 4-H Club membership, then give the leader, Laura, a call at 815-222-3538.

If you are interested in another 4-H Club, call the

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Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 11

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Mary Elmore, 37, of Rochelle for Domestic Battery. Elmore was held at the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

Feb. 10

At approximately 11:55 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle accident at the intersection of Pilgrim Rd. and Cavanaugh Rd. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested Michael Crane, 49, of Burlington, Wisconsin for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Crane was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 9

At approximately 9:40 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in Stillman Valley for the report of vehicular hijacking with a weapon. Sheriff's Deputies conducted a lengthy investigation with the assistance of the Ogle County K9, Illinois State Police, Rockford Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. Pursuant to the investigation, William Silas, 18, of Richton Park IL, was arrested for Vehicular Hijacking, 2 counts of Aggravated Robbery, 2 counts of Aggravated Battery, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, 2 counts of Aggravated Assault and Driving While License was Suspended. Silas was confined at the Ogle County Jail awaiting a court appearance.

At 5:42 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in the 1900 block of North Church Rd. for a Domestic Disturbance. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Craig M. Larson Jr., 23 of Kings, for Disorderly Conduct. Larson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 8

At approximately 2 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 mile marker 102. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested a Juvenile, 17 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License. The juvenile was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lane Usage. The Juvenile was taken into limited custody and released to a guardian.

Feb. 7

At 6:51 p.m., following a traffic stop at Illinois Rte. 251 and Lake Lida Lane in Rochelle Deputies arrested Jacob R. Albers, 26 of Mendota, for Driving While License Suspended. Albers was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 11:45 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of South 7th St. in Rochelle for an equipment violation. After a short investigation, Anthony M. Urrutia, 28 of Sterling, was arrested for Improper Cannabis Container-Passenger. Urrutia was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block on N Meridian Rd. After further investigation, Timothy J Belt, 24, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Timothy was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Timothy was also cited for Speeding and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Feb. 6

Patrick Davis, 22, of Rockford was arrested for Failure to Appear arrest warrant. Davis had a bond of \$471. Davis did post the bond and was released from the Ogle County jail. Davis does not have to return for court.

Feb. 5

Zachary Peppers, 30, of Rockford was arrested for Driving on Suspended License Warrant. Peppers had a bond of \$5,000/10%. Peppers recieved a recog of \$5000 and will return to court on 02/21/20 at 1:00 pm

Feb. 3

At 9:36 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of S. Rt. 2 for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Goldie L. Johnson-Kirksy, 26, of Rochelle was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Johnson-Kirksy was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 MM110 on a vehicle traveling northbound. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Brionna S. Bell, 18 of Montgomery, for Driving While License Suspended. Bell was also issued citations for No Registration Light and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Bell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At 5:26 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19000 block of E. Rt. 64 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Michael T. Dumas, 36, of Elgin was arrested for Improper container of cannabis-Driver, and issued citations for driving while licesne suspended (petty offense), and speeding. Dumas was transported to the Ogel County jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:32 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19000 block of West Illinois Rt. 72 for a speeding violation. After further investigation Austin Borota, 27, of Lanark, was placed under arrest for Driving while License suspended. Borota was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 2

At 4:30 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a stabbing in the Shangri La Mobile Home Park, 10978 E. Fisher Road, Rochelle. The victim, a 22-year-old male from Rochelle, sustained serious injuries and was transported to a Rockford area hospital. He remains in the hospital and his condition is stable. On the afternoon of 2/3/20 Ogle County Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest for Francisco Javier Vazquez, 26 of Rochelle. Vazquez is charged with two counts of Aggravated Battery, both Class 3 Felonies and his bond was set at \$150,000, Ogle/Lee Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information on Vazquez's location can call Crime Stoppers at 888-228-4488 or the Ogle County Sheriff's Office at 815-732-2136. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Rochelle Police Department.

Ogle County Sheriff Deputies arrested Dennis Vineyard, 47, of Belvidere for Criminal Trespass to Residence and Violation of Bond Conditions. Vineyard was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 12:41am, Ogle County Sheriff Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Division and Oregon St. Polo. for a moving violation. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrests Richelle Marks, 42, of Polo for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Richelle was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 31

Rochelle PD arrested Kelly McCoy, 35, of Rochelle on a Outstanding Failure to Appear Warrant. McCoy had a bond of \$152 full cash. McCoy is being held at the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond. McCoy will appear in court on 2/3/2020 at 1:00pm.

On 01/30/2020 at 11:29 p.m. following a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 112 Deputies arrested Jason L Dickson, 37, of Loves Park. for Driving While License Suspended. Dickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Polo Police report

Jan. 31

TIME: 11:40 a.m.

REPORT: Mark M. Milburn, 48, Polo, was issued a citation for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Milburn was released on a I-Bond.

TIME: 2:50 p.m.

REPORT: Elizabeth Lacasse, 68, Polo, was issued a citation for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Lacasse was released on an I-bond.

Feb. 2

TIME: 7:57 p.m.

REPORT: Samuel Molina-Castillo, 46, McConnell, was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and No Insurance. Molina-Castillo was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Feb. 4

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

REPORT: Devin S. Bailey, 36, Polo, was cited for Driving While License Suspended. Bailey was released on an I-Bond.

Feb. 6

TIME: 9:57 a.m.

REPORT: Scott B. Miller, 29, Forreston, was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign. Miller was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 3:31 p.m.

REPORT: Brandon J. Imel, 26, Polo, was cited for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Imel was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of January 27, 2020 thru February 9, 2020

Citizen Complaints / Assist	9
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	1
Fire/Medical Assist	3
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	3
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	14
County Assists	2

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Oregon Police report

Jan. 21

At 7:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael L. Willis, 50, Rochelle, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of Washington and 4th Streets.

Jan. 22

At 1 p.m., Oregon Police issued John H. Watkins, 24, Rockford, citations for failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to obey a police officer. These violations occurred at 3rd and Jefferson Streets and in the 1000 block of E. IL Route 64.

Jan. 23

At 1:20 p.m., Oregon Police took a report of a two-vehicle traffic crash that had just occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets involving a 2014 Chevrolet driven by Tina E. Haupt, 51, Sterling, and a 2019 Ford driven by Daniel J. Lepak, 45, of Marathon, WI. Haupt was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

40 parking citations and 7 verbal/written warnings were issued from 01/20/2020 through 01/26/2020.

General calls for service

Through dispatch during the week of 01/20/2020 through 01/26/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	3
Citizen Complaints	7
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	2
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Alarm Response	7
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1
911 Hang-up / Open Line	2
Ordinance Violations	2

Traffic Stops 12

Jan. 27

At 7:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Riley J. Birnbaum, 18, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th St. and Pines Road.

January 29, 2020:

At 5:59 p.m., Oregon Police took a report of a hit and run that had occurred in the 800 block of S. 4th Street the previous evening between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. where a parked 2012 Town & Country belonging to Alisha J. Fortener, 43, Byron, was struck by an unknown vehicle. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

Jan. 30

At 7:18 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joseph J. Birnbaum, 46, Rockford, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear and for driving while license suspended. Birnbaum was also issued a citation for failure to signal when required. Birnbaum was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 9:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christopher A. Weiter, 43, Loves Park, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. 4th Street.

Jan. 31

At 4:50 a.m., Oregon Police arrested

James M. Wallin, 40, Davis Junction, for driving while license revoked. Wallin was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

At 5:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nathan L. Rebollar-Sosa, 34, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred at the 5th and Madison Street intersection.

Feb. 1

At 11:53 a.m., Oregon Police was dispatched to a domestic call in the 500 block of S. 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of James T. Altherr, 24, Oregon, for domestic battery. Altherr was transported to the Ogle County jail.

13 parking citations and 14 verbal/written warnings were issued from 01/27/2020 through 02/02/2020.

General calls for service

Through dispatch during the week of 01/27/2020 through 02/02/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	5
Citizen Complaints	2
Animal Complaint	1
Juvenile Complaints	1
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	2
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Alarm Response	1
Lockout Vehicle / Building	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	4
Ordinance Violations	4
Traffic Stops	25

Feb. 3

At 9:13 a.m., Oregon Police issued Sean C. Rodgers, 47, Rockford, citations for speeding, 43 mph in a 30 mph zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 200 block of S. 7th Street.

Feb. 6

At 1:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Susan E. Diehl, 74, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

Feb. 7

At 3:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jose Mario Pacheco-Ruiz, 30, Oregon, citations for use of a cell phone while driving and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

7 parking citations and 17 verbal/written warnings were issued from 02/03/2020 through 02/09/2020.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 02/03/2020 through 02/09/2020:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	9
Citizen Complaints	3
Animal Complaints	1
Juvenile Complaints	1
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	7
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	2
Lockout Vehicle / Building	2
Ordinance Violations	2
Traffic Stops	24

Byron Police report

Feb. 4

Byron Police arrested Matthew Zellers, 40 of Byron, on a warrant. Zellers was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Zellers was also issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Garth Anderson, 55 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Feb. 3

Benjamin Love, 22 of Byron, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Signal.

Katherine Schwarz, 57 of Franklin Grove, was issued a citation for Speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Feb. 6

Jonathan Mancilla, age 25 of Bensenville, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Feb. 7

Byron Police arrested Brian Boyland, 40 of Belvidere, on an Ogle County warrant. Boyland was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Anna Williams, 43 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Elyzabeth Derby, 68 of Forreton, was issued a citation for Disobey Traffic Signal.

Feb. 8

Byron Police investigated a one vehicle accident with no injuries that occurred in the 1100 block of W. Blackhawk. Involved was Cheryl Bonte, 71 of Oregon. Bonte was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Byron Police arrested Jeremiah Pumfrey, 30 of Oregon, for Battery. Pumfrey was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 9

Andrew Baum, 18 of Lake Villa, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Feb. 10

Jeffrey Strock, 37 of Chicago, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Signal.

Feb. 11

Linda Black, 73 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Illuminada Danielson, 77 of Machesney Park, was issued a citation for Speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph Zone.



Village of Progress enjoys some dancing and karaoke

OREGON – The Oregon Park District Staff spend many hours preparing and decorating for their annual Daddy Daughter Dance & Mother Son Date Night. This year, the Park District staff decided that even more people should enjoy the dance, decorations and fun. So, we decided to invite the consumers at the Village of Progress to come and enjoy the dance. The theme this year was a 1950's Sock Hop which everyone loved and got a kick out of singing karaoke

to some of their favorite 50's tunes. They enjoyed doing the twist, showing off their dance moves to YMCA, and were all smiles during the balloon drop. The Oregon Park District was very pleased with the success of the Special Needs Sock Hop. In addition to dancing, consumers enjoyed pizza, refreshments, games, decorating a picture frame and the bright red Chevy photo booth. Everyone enjoyed the music, dancing, expressing themselves, hanging with friends, and

all the fun that special events offer to all ages and abilities. It was a joy to see them smile and having fun. Special thanks to all the Oregon Park District staff that made this event possible both from the Park District and Village of Progress. A big thanks to the volunteers who also helped and to Niki Hunt Photography who donated her time and talent to photograph the participants and help them keep the memory of the first Oregon Park District dance for them alive.



Noodle supper is March 14

CHANA – You are invited to the Chana United Methodist Church Annual Chicken-Noodle and Lasagna Dinner serving from 4-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14. Menu includes homemade noodles with chicken, lasagna, salads and cheesecake. Tickets for the supper are, adults \$9 advance and \$10 at the door; children \$5 advance and \$5.50 at the door; children 5 and under are free. Carryouts are \$10. The Church is handicapped accessible. Carryouts are available by calling 732-7683. We have an expanded parking area. The youth will also be holding a bake sale at the supper.

Cat's Pajamas coming to Byron March 23

BYRON – The Cat's Pajamas Vocal Band, a national touring professional a cappella group, will be performing at the Byron Middle School Theater on March 23 at 7 p.m. as part of their thirteenth annual Music in Schools Tour. This tour brings choral clinics, school assemblies, and evening shows to communities across the nation in an effort to raise money for school music programs. To date, The Cat's Pajamas have raised over \$160,000 for music education! Their goal is to inspire students, generate increased excitement and passion for music, and encourage all youth and teens to get involved in the arts. The group teaches and mentors students during the school day, focusing on singing techniques as well as sharing their personal journeys and testimonies about how they have turned their love for music into professional careers. That night, The Cat's Pajamas put on a world class show for the entire community, and they donate a portion of those profits directly to the Byron High School Choir and Theater Department.

The Cat's Pajamas have received national acclaim on NBC's hit show the sing-off and on the PBS special Doo-Wop Generations. They also performed as a headlining act on the boardwalk of Atlantic City, at the Andy Williams Theater in Branson, Mo., and as guest entertainers with Norwegian, Holland America, Royal Caribbean, and Disney Cruise Lines. The Cat's Pajamas perform pop classics and hits from today, including songs from The Temptations and Queen. Also featured in the show are current hits Cardi B, Jason Mraz, Ed Sheeran, and new medleys of Maroon 5 and Bruno Mars, all performed in The Cat's innovative and funk-infused a cappella style. This interactive group appeals to all ages and keeps the crowd laughing, dancing, and singing along for the entire show! To see what audiences from around the world are saying about The Cat's Pajamas, visit www.vocalmeow.com. For ticket purchases, you can get tickets at Byron Middle School and High School offices and Byron Bank. Tickets are \$5/student and \$10/adult.

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Newly appointed Lincoln Building Musical Director Bill Richards (left) and his musical consultant Jim "Mr. Friday Night" Wolber are planning a "barn burner" resurrection of the Third Friday Open Mic shows at Franklin Grove's historic H.I. Lincoln Building on Feb. 21.

Open mic event will kick off Feb. 21

With the ancient stone walls still ringing from a wildly successful Fifth Friday in January Franklin Grove's historic H. I. Lincoln Building is preparing to revitalize its monthly Third Fridays Open Mic shows.

Although the building is in the midst of major renovation newly appointed Musical Director Bill Richards has arranged for special one night re-openings on Feb. 21 and March 20 (first day of Spring!) to maintain the Third Friday tradition.

The music is varied and includes country, bluegrass, blues, soft rock, folk, and mixes of all genres. Musicians from throughout Northern Illinois have been enthusiastic in their support. A drawing for musician's time slots will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the show will be launched at 7 p.m. Each musician/musical group will be featured for 15 minutes.

Admission is by free will donation and refreshments will be available.



Scott Shepherd will perform at the Pinecrest Grove Theater on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

History impersonator to perform in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Encore! Mt. Morris presents Claude Monet with historic artist impersonator Scott Shepherd at the Pinecrest Grove Theater, South McKendrie and Evergreen in Mt. Morris on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

There are no set ticket prices; you may make a free will donation to help support Encore! at the show.

Viewing Scott Shepherd's portrayal of Monet, whether speaking high atop his Japanese bridge, walking amidst his paintings of water lilies, or reliving the challenges he

faced by obstinately adhering to his own vision, Monet teaches us how to let our fascination and love for life prosper. In doing so, we can see our goals overwhelm the obstacles that authority or conventional thinking would otherwise put in our way. Using slides, monologue, theatrical demonstrations, and audience participatory re-enactments, this is a rare opportunity to experience his unique and engaging interpretation of one of the world's greatest painters.

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in 2019.

Before the show starts Encore! will announce their 2020 schedule, stay after the show for cookies and conversation with time traveler, Claude Monet.

Additional information and tickets are available online at EncoreMtMorris.com, or by phone at 815-734-2103.

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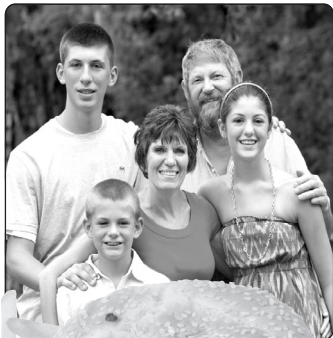
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Township sets 2020 meeting schedule

Pine Rock Township regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 7 p.m.

The meetings are held in the Pine Rock Township Hall, 210 West St., Chana. Additional meetings are also listed with start times followed by the regular monthly meetings:

March 10, April 14 – annual Town Hall meeting – 7 p.m. regular township meeting following annual Town Meeting; May 12 – Town & Road District budget public hearings – 7 p.m. Regular meeting following budget hearings; June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov.10, Dec. 8.

Church hosting pancake supper in March

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

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

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

Oregon Women's Club meets Feb. 21

The Oregon Woman's Club February meeting will be at Rock River Center on Friday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

Local Historian Otto Dick will discuss the history of the OWC and its influence on the life of the Oregon community.

All women of the Oregon Area are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call Rosemary Underwood at 815-732-2210

Senior Lifestyles



What are the pros and cons of early retirement?

A lifetime of working compels many people to look forward to their retirement. Some people even work to retire early. But what are the advantages of early retirement beyond starting a life of leisure? And are there any detriments to this plan?

A 2014 survey by the financial services provider TIAA-CREF found that 37 percent of Americans plan to retire before age 65. However, many of them will not have control over the matter. Those who do may want to consider the pros and cons of early retirement.

Advantages

Many people seek early retirement so that they can live a life free of the constraints of schedules. In retirement, time becomes, more or less, a retiree's own.

Leaving a job can be a boon to a person's health as well. Relieving oneself of the pressures and stresses of professional life can free up the mind and body. Stress can affect mental and physical health, taxing the heart and contributing to conditions such as depression or anxiety. According to the Mayo Clinic, stress can cause headache, muscle and chest pain and contribute to trouble sleeping.

The earlier the retirement, the more opportunity to travel before health issues begin to limit mobility. Early retirement also can be a way to volunteer more or even start a new job opportunity — one where workers have greater control over their schedules and careers.

Disadvantages

One of the disadvantages of early retirement is a loss of income. Contributions to retirement accounts also ceases at retirement. This can lead to financial setbacks if adequate savings were not allocated for retirement. According to the resource Wealth How, some people who retire early fear outliving their savings.

While retiring early may be good for health, it also can have negative consequences. An analysis from the National Bureau of Economic Research found

that retirement can lead to declines in mental health and mobility as well as feelings of isolation. Retiring early may jump start these health implications.

Another consideration is that health insurance provided by an employer typically ends at retirement. That means having to pay out of pocket until a person ages into government-subsidized healthcare, such as Medicare in the United States, at age 65.

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Senior Lifestyles



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A three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch house with a sprawling yard makes sense for families with kids and a dog and bikes and extra cars.

For empty-nesters, though, that big, beautiful house often just becomes a list of Saturday morning chores — mowing the yard, cleaning more bathrooms than you use on a regular basis and vacuuming bedrooms that no one is sleeping in but are filled up with old belongings you think about getting rid of but haven't.

Retirement offers a good opportunity to downsize the house into something more

manageable and less expensive. Kiplinger talked to experts about the questions to ask yourself and priorities to consider as you're looking for a new place.

Consider What You Want

Do you just want a smaller space? Or is locating closer to amenities or in a certain area your top priority? You may want to consider a townhouse or condominium or other property with a homeowner's association to lessen the amount of upkeep you're responsible for. If you want to spend less on a mortgage, you may have to compromise

on location or amenities. Knowing what's most important will make shopping easier.

Consider Your Timeline

If you've been in the same house for 30 years, you've likely accumulated 30 years of stuff. Give yourself a reasonable timeline to pack, purge and clean your house to get it ready for sale. You should also look at the real estate market in your area and the area to which you're relocating. If you hit a market slump, it could be worth waiting to see if the value of your home will increase. Talk to a Realtor about what you can reason-

ably expect to get for your home and how much it will cost you to sell and then buy a new home.

Look into Adult Communities

Active-adult or continuing-care retirement communities may be the right step. These offer lots of amenities and more of a community feel. CCRCs provide assisted living and skilled-nursing facilities. These offer different payment methods, such as simply paying for rent and then paying out-of-pocket for other care as needed or contracts with an upfront fee for lifetime care.

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Did you know?

Retirement can seem like it will never come for young professionals. But time can be a sieve, and retirement age can arrive in the blink of an eye. Young adults who have not planned accordingly for retirement can find themselves in financial straits at a point in their lives when they want to kick back and enjoy themselves. Financial experts from Money, CNN and The Motley Fool advise that financially solvent people should begin saving aggressively for their retirements early on. Ideally people should start saving in their 20s when they first leave school and begin their careers. The sooner one saves, the more time money has to grow. Vanguard says that the person who saves \$4,500 per year over a career spanning 45 years can reach a goal of having more than \$1 million in savings by the time he or she retires. Compounding interest and investment matches from employers can further secure professionals' financial futures.

What do you need to know about Medicare?

Medicare is a federal health insurance plan that working Americans pay into through payroll taxes. It is a valuable benefit, as most Americans' health insurance is tied to their jobs, thus leaving a hole when workers retire, but enrolling in and navigating the program can be a daunting task.

The AARP has a Medicare Question and Answer Tool to walk people through the plans Medicare offers, what health care coverage you need and can afford, and the timeline you should expect as you are signing up.

Basics of Medicare

At age 65, Americans are eligible for Medicare. There are four parts:

- Part A (hospital): Helps pay for the cost of hospital stays and time in short-term skilled nursing facilities, hospice and home health services.

- Part B (medical): Helps pay for doctors, outpatient and preventive care and certain medical equipment.

- Part C (Medicare Advantage): An alternative coverage option that puts all your Medicare benefits into one plan.

- Part D: Helps cover the cost of outpatient prescription drugs.

If you or your spouse have earned a minimum of 40 work credits through paying Medicare payroll taxes, you won't pay monthly premiums for Part A insurance. Work credits

aren't necessary for Part B or D services, though there is a monthly premium for those.

Like traditional health insurance, Medicare does not cover all health care costs.

Plans have different deductibles, premiums and copays. Your income also may be a factor on how much you pay.

How to Sign Up For Medicare

Even after paying payroll taxes and turning 65, most Americans still must apply for Medicare. The initial enrollment period lasts for seven months, with the fourth month being the month you turn 65. You should sign up during this period if you have no other health insurance or have insurance you bought yourself; you have retiree benefits from a former employer; you have COBRA coverage or veterans' benefits; or you're in a non-marital relationship and covered by their insurance.

If you enroll before your 65th birthday, your coverage begins on the first day of the month you turn 65. If you enroll after, there is a delay.

A special enrollment period is available for people who have health insurance past the initial period and allows them to delay enrolling in Part B until their previous coverage ends. There also are exceptions for expatriates or people who are covered through a spouse's insurance.



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Here are some daily steps to keep your heart healthy

Heart disease is a formidable foe. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease accounts for nearly 25 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

Issues relating to the heart affect both men and women, and an estimated 15 million adults in the U.S. have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease. And heart disease is not exclusive to the United States, as the Heart Research Institute says that every

seven minutes in Canada someone dies from heart disease or stroke.

Such statistics are disconcerting, but they can serve as a wake-up call that compels people to prioritize heart health. Fortunately, heart disease is often preventable and people can employ various strategies to reduce their risk.

• **Stop smoking right now.** One of the best things to do to protect the heart is to stop smoking. The Heart Foundation indicates

that smoking reduces oxygen in the blood and damages blood vessel walls. It also contributes to atherosclerosis, or a narrowing and clogging of the arteries.

• **Eat healthy fats.** When eating, choose polyunsaturated and unsaturated fats and avoid trans fats as much as possible. Trans fats increase one's risk of developing heart disease by clogging arteries and raising LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. Read food labels before buying anything at the store.

• **Keep your mouth clean.** Studies show that bacteria in the mouth involved in the development of gum disease can travel to the bloodstream and cause an elevation in C-reactive protein, a marker for blood vessel inflammation. Brush and floss twice daily, and be sure to schedule routine dental cleanings.

• **Get adequate shut-eye.** Ensuring adequate sleep can improve heart health.

• **Adopt healthy eating habits.** Eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

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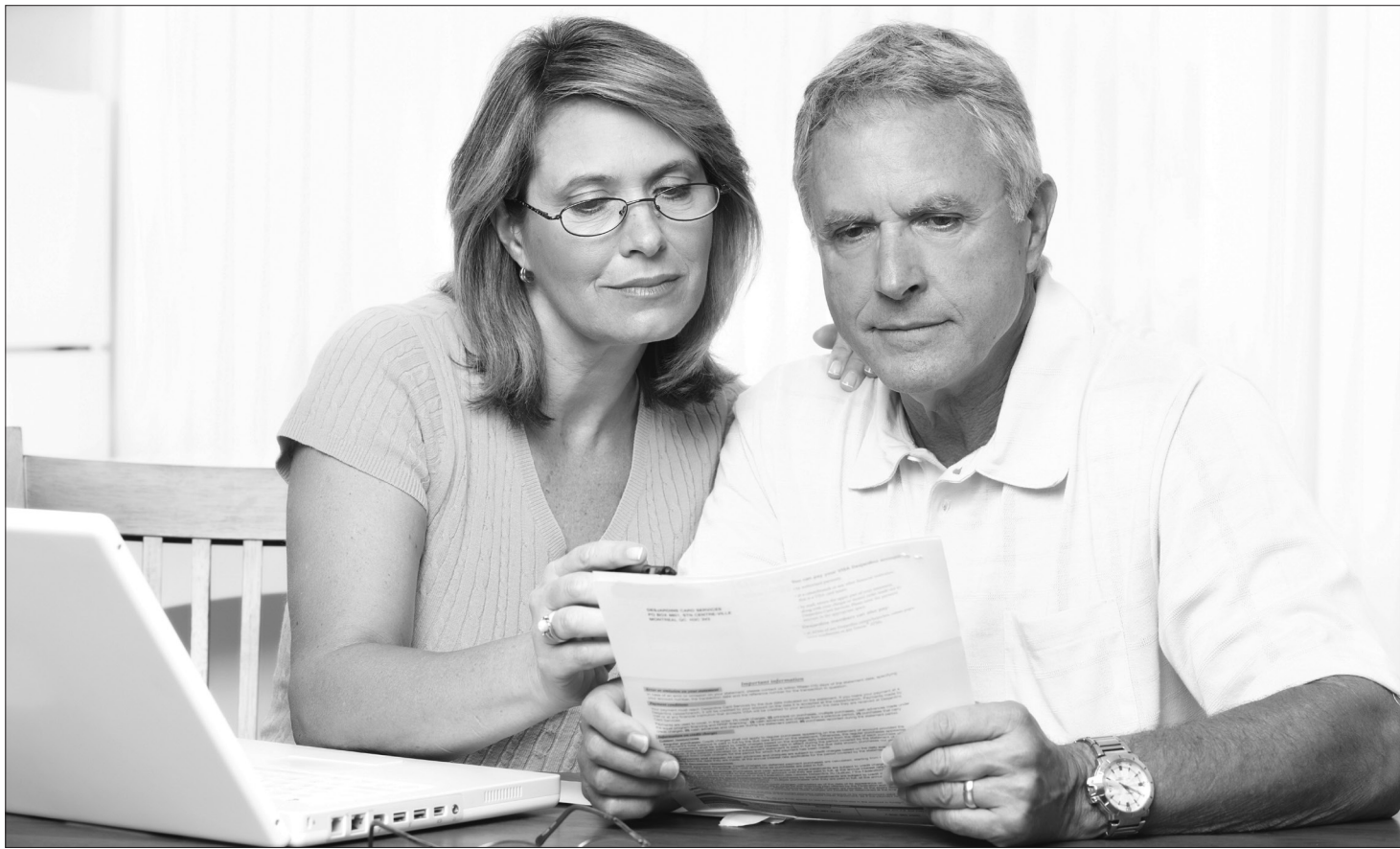
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Senior Lifestyles



Learn the basics about Social Security

Most Americans who work pay into Social Security, which is designed to help people save for retirement.

The payment is automatic, but applying for benefits takes some time and effort — and lots of paperwork.

The U.S. Social Security Administration's website, www.ssa.gov, has a retirement estimator that helps users estimate their monthly benefits, learn their full retirement age and make informed decisions about the process.

When Should I Get Social Security?

Workers who have paid into Social Security can get retirement benefits as early as 62 years old, but they will see reduced benefits if they cash in before full retirement age, which for most people is 66.

Waiting until 70 to start benefits will result in increased benefits.

The SSA recommends applying for benefits four months before you want those benefits to begin. You may want to do this even if you are still working when you reach full retirement age; it could mean more money for you.

If earnings for the prior year are higher than one of the years used to compute your benefit, the SSA will redo that calculation and make the increase retroactive to January the year after you earned the higher way. This could result in higher survivors benefits as well.

If you receive benefits while working, the amount you get may be reduced depending on your income.

What Paperwork Do I Need?

To apply, you need your Social Security number, birth certificate, W-2 forms or self-employment returns for the previous year, military discharge papers, if applicable, and birth certificates and Social Security numbers for your spouse and children who are applying for benefits. The need for records doesn't end when

you're receiving your benefits.

Notify the SSA if you move, get married or divorced, change your name, adopt a child, have a change in citizenship status or start receiving a pension.

What Benefits Can My Family Get?

If your spouse or child qualify, they may receive

a monthly payment up to half of your full retirement benefit.

This will not cut your benefit amount.

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Senior Lifestyles



Become a Road Scholar

A chance for seniors to travel, learn and
experience different cultures

Retired and ready for your next adventure? Look no further than Road Scholar, a nonprofit organization that offers travel, educational opportunities and other experiences for seniors.

The program, started in 1975 as Elderhostel, offers more than 5,500 learning adventures, taking scholars on trips to 150 countries throughout the world, with the aim of educating, introducing people to each other and to different cultures.

These trips are planned with different levels of fitness, finances and experience in mind, with the organization planning the itineraries. Each trip is staffed by faculty experts who take scholars to the usual and not-so-usual attractions of a city or region and let them experience the food, history, customs and lifestyle. Trips are available for solo travelers, couples or groups, and the cost includes lodging, many meals, gratuities and group transportation. On international trips, the organization takes care of airfare as well.

If you're ready to explore the world, Road Scholar offers nature hikes through Costa Rica, a maritime journey in Croatia and Slovenia, or hiking through the Canadian Rockies or Cinque Terre, Italy. For the more historically minded, explore the Caribbean island of Martinique or visit Cuba or the Chesapeake Islands in Maryland. If you want to stay closer to home or take a less expensive trip, learn about the ecology of the Channel Islands National Park off the coast of California or go on a five-day rejuvenation retreat.

Want to explore a little further? Trips include time for independent exploration or optional learning adventures that you can add to your itinerary.

Or, if you want to make Road Scholar an intergenerational experience, check out Grandparent Journeys, which allow you to take your grandchildren with you to swim with sea life in Mexico, go back in time at Colonial Williamsburg or explore the many facets of Paris. There are trips suitable for children as young as 4 years old.

Of course, not everyone has room in their budget for an extended trip. There is financial aid available; Road Scholar offers scholarships to people who want to go on an adventure but cannot afford to. The organization also has caregiver grants to help those who are caring for a sick, disabled or elderly family member pay the costs of arranging substitute care.

For more information, visit www.road scholar.org.



SVHS play March 5

Stillman Valley High School Presents "Bye Bye Birdie" March 5 at 7 p.m., March 6 at 7 p.m. and March 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Stillman Valley High School, 425 S.Pine St. Tickets are \$8.

Byron Museum has upcoming events

Monday, Feb. 17

Kid's History Hunters-Presidents' Day, 10 a.m.-noon

No school? Check out the museum! We will have an open-house style event for kids K-6 grade. Come find out why we celebrate Washington and Lincoln in February, make presidential crafts, play our scavenger hunt, and explore the museum. Kids 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, Feb. 21

Free Classic Movie Night-"The Last Time I Saw Paris," 7 p.m.

Join us for our first free classic movie night featuring "The Last Time I Saw Paris." The concession stand will be open with fresh popcorn, drinks, and desserts and Costa's will be serving a cash bar and a signature cocktail to go with the movie! This 1954 film follows reporter Charles Wills (Van Johnson), in Paris to cover the end of World War II, who marries the beautiful Helen Ellsworth (Elizabeth Taylor) after a brief flirtation with her sister, Marion (Donna Reed). When the family suddenly finds wealth, their marriage begins to unravel until a sudden tragedy changes everything.

The Byron Museum of History and Lucius Read House is an official landmark site with the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program through the National Parks Service and a certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award program. Admission to the museum is free and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. It is located at 110 N. Union St. in Byron, 815-234-5031, and online at www.byronmuseum.org.



FFA donation

On Friday, Jan. 31, Pearl City Elevator employees came to Forreston High School to present a donation to the Forreston FFA Officers. Representing Pearl City Elevator was Dawn Kielsmeier, Pennie Groezinger and Marty Kielsmeier; they told members of the FFA how proud they were to be in the same industry of agriculture and encouraged students to keep building their leadership skills. Employers like Pearl City Elevator continue to look for these skill sets on a daily basis. The officers as well as other FFA members shared their future goals within the FFA and after high school graduation. Kelley Parks (advisor) said, "We are extremely thankful for all the people and local businesses in our community like Pearl City Elevator who give up their time and money to provide amazing opportunities to these high school students. Programs like the FFA would not be possible without these donations."

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1

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2

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3

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at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

4

Shopping Local saves you money and time!

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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:

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7

Shopping Local encourages community growth.

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8

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9

Local shops value you more:

Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.

Family dancing fun in Oregon



The Oregon Park District Mother/Son Date Night and Daddy/Daughter Dance held this past weekend with a 50's Sock Hop theme were a huge success. It was a fun step back in time to the 50's and the gym was full of poodle skirts, leather jackets, scarves, cat-eye glasses, letterman jackets and more. The participants enjoyed dancing, contests, games, gift items, refreshments, a classic car photo booth and more. The boys had the opportunity to play theme related games and earned Cool Cash to spend at the Sock Hop Gift Shop and in keeping with tradition, the girls made commemorative bracelets at the Daddy Daughter Dance. Each night is special, and each dance provides a wonderful opportunity for quality time with children creating memories and fun for a lifetime! Memories were also captured by Niki Hunt Photography. To see photos of the dances and/or to learn more about Oregon Park District special events visit the Oregon Park District Facebook page.





Fire department donation

Two years ago in January, a local influential farmer in the Stillman/Davis Junction area passed away. The family of Todd Pfab contacted the Fire Department and wanted to do something for their fire district. A donation was made to help with the purchase of a CPR assist device. These types of devices can cost anywhere from \$12,000 - \$15,000. With this donation, the Stillman Fire Protection purchased one of these devices. Jacob Phab (Todd's son) came to the fire station to see this life saving equipment that was purchased in memory of his father. Stillman Fire wants to thank Jacob Pfab and his family for making this purchase possible. Devices like this allow consistent and accurate CPR and allow for a set of hands to be free for other life-saving skills in the back of an ambulance. CPR itself is such an important part of the emergency response for a cardiac arrest. Please contact Stillman Fire or your local fire department for more information on learning CPR. You can contact us at www.stillmanfire.com for more information. Thank you again to the Pfab family for this amazingly generous donation that will surely affect many lives in a positive way. Pictured from left are: Paramedic Damien Vant, EMT Jacob Kunce, Trustee Toby Behmer and Jacob Pfab.

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Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

at Community Room at the KSB Clinic at the south edge of Polo at 1107 S. Division Ave (Route 26).

at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road in Byron. Isaac Stewart, instructor of Biology at Black Hawk College, will discuss how the work of a dedicated group of researchers put the rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*) on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species List in January 2017.

Thurs., Feb. 20

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Sat., Feb. 22

For the 60th year, 38 professional antiques dealers from throughout the Midwest will gather on today and Sunday at Forest Hills Lodge in Loves Park. Today's hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 21

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.,

Sun., Feb. 23

The Byron Forest Preserve District will be hosting the third of its 2020 Winter Lecture Series starting at 2 p.m.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention -- the telephone. Bell's patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by only two hours.

* On March 6, 1899, the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co. In its primitive form, the active ingredient, salicin, was used for centuries in folk medicine.

* On March 2, 1925, the first nationwide highway numbering system is instituted to minimize confusion. Later, interstate highway numbering would be improved by colored signs and the odd-even demarcation that distinguishes between north-south and east-west travel.

* On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signs a congressional act making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem of the United States. Francis Scott Key had composed the lyrics as he witnessed the overnight British bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.

* On March 4, 1966, Beatle John Lennon's controversial quote is printed in the London Evening Standard: "We're more popular than Jesus." After a reprint in the U.S., Bible belt radio DJs organized Beatles record burnings and protests, declaring Lennon's remarks blasphemous. Even the Vatican chimed in. Lennon eventually apologized.

* On March 5, 1977, the Dial-a-President radio program, featuring President Jimmy Carter, airs for the first time. Carter answered calls from all over the country from his desk in the Oval Office. Approximately 9 million calls flooded the CBS radio studio during the two-hour broadcast.

* On March 8, 1986, "Mask," starring Eric Stoltz and Cher, opens. Cher, who had launched a serious acting career with her appearance in Robert Altman's "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" in 1982, received the Best Actress prize at the Cannes Film Festival for her role in "Mask."

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The mall as a gathering place is disappearing

How many of you remember going to the mall?

That magical place where young people went to hang out and socialize more than buy things. The local mall was a place to see and been seen. It was like cruising main street on a Friday night, but you were instead walking around a horribly decorated box with ugly carpet and populated with a lot of stores you never even noticed.

It was a magical place.

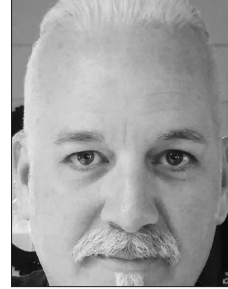
The first shopping mall was built in the 1950s, but they started coming into their own in the 1970s, before becoming the center of popular culture during the 80s. Going to the mall was a big deal for everyone, but especially teenagers.

I remember when my small town got its first mall, Southgate Mall, back in 1973. It was pretty dinky by mall standards, but to us it was an incredible place to hang out, buy a record, have a Coke and waste hours on end.

The mall was a few miles from my house. It was on "the mesa" and I lived in "the

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



valley." But if I rode my bike on the irrigation canal banks from my neighborhood south to 24th Street, then east up the hill to Avenue A, where I would take a right, head south a few more blocks and then dodge through the neighborhood for about a mile, I would eventually reach Southgate Mall, in all of its 1970s glory.

There were many weekends where my friends and I would ride our bikes up to Southgate -- this was the era where our parents, lounging with a cigarette after a long work week, just waved us

off when we said we were going to the mall -- to pick up a record and try to juggle it as we rode home that evening.

I loved the mall. And I have been going to malls in different parts of the country for decades.

But malls are dying, and quickly. Southgate Mall started dying in the 1990s and was torn down in 2014 after years of being a shell full of mostly empty stores.

Have you been to CherryVale Mall in Rockford recently? It is losing anchor stores quickly. Sears is no more. Bergner's is closed. The furniture store that replace Bergner's is closing. And it was recently reported that Macy's is also closing many of its stores across the county -- including the one in Rockford.

Don't forget that store closings mean job losses, something that should be a big concern. In many cases, these are full-time jobs with benefits, like health insurance. I have written about the gig economy before, where people are basically independent contractors

making little money and enjoying zero benefits. That is the future for many of those losing jobs.

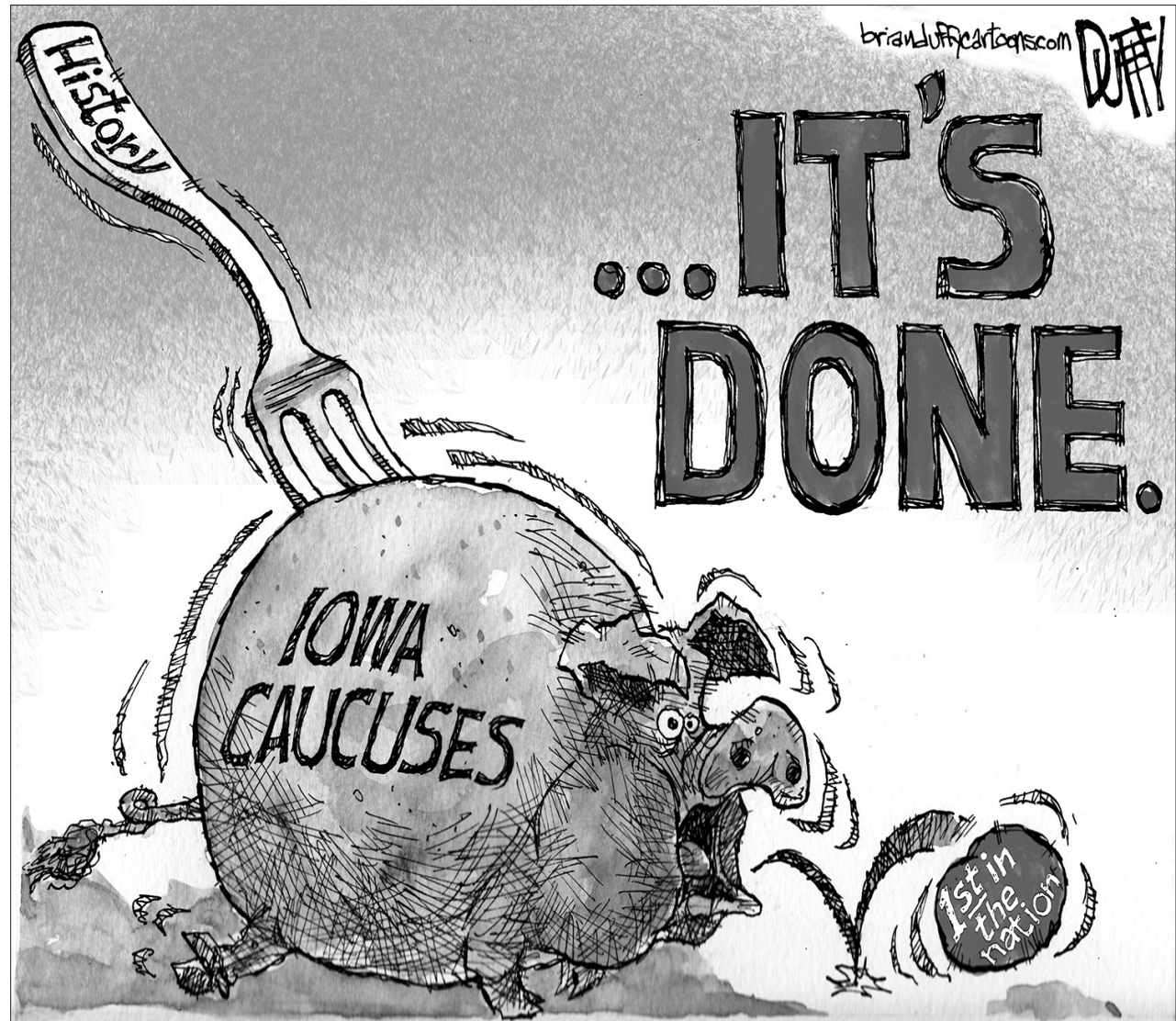
With more and more people ordering everything from electronics to furniture to clothes online, we will see more local retail closures in the future. Malls will be something that our grandkids will read about in books, but probably won't have much experience with.

Sure, I am sad to see the slow death of malls. They were an important place for people for decades, and many of us grew up in malls. They were a great social and retail hub for many communities.

Losing them means losing a little piece of what a community is supposed to be. Instead of being out and about, we can just order what we need on our phones and not have to deal with other people at all.

I wonder what that will mean for society in 30 years? Not sure I want to know.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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Reader believes in a universal public education

Dear Editor,

My life has been defined by an association with the dreaded "government schools." I was educated in the 50s and 60s in government schools in Chicago and the suburbs. I attended a government university for my college degrees. My late husband and I both taught for 33 years in government schools right here in Oregon. My children were educated in government schools and currently continue that process. One of my sons is a principal of a government school. I have felt blessed by these associations and the wonderful people who taught me and later taught with me.

But (during his State of the Union address) my president insinuated that this has been a life wasted in an inferior institution. I do not accept this. I will always be proud of the fine, smart, hard-working people I have been privileged to call my colleagues and those who taught me as a child. In addition, I will always believe in universal public education to support the function of self-governance.

Myrna Hart, Oregon

Great response to donation request

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone for the great response we received when we asked for donations for the Let Freedom Ring Bake Sale that was held at the Mount Morris Moose on Feb. 1 during the February Finds Market.

Thank you to each and every one of you that donated and also to those who purchased goodies from our sale! Our sale was a big success this year and we will be able to make a very generous donation to this year's fireworks, all thanks to the support of our community!

Thank you,
Chris Weller and Bake Sale Committee

Thank you for birthday open house

Dear Editor,

A big thank you for all who attended my 90th birthday open house. It was good seeing everyone. Also, thank you to my family for having the open house. God bless you all.

Marion Kalnins, Mount Morris



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Prospective Children's Center Student Open House

**Tuesday, February 18th
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Children's Center 2020-21 Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Residents may register beginning at 7 a.m. and non-residents may register at 9 a.m. Numbers will be handed out beginning at 5:30 a.m. Annual passholders may register one day early, Monday, February 24, 2020, with residents registering at 7 a.m. and non-residents at 9 a.m. A \$25 non-refundable deposit and a copy of 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. A packet containing an enrollment form and medical form will be mailed to each student in early August to be returned at open house.

Children's Center 3 year old program

meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 p.m.-12:45 p.m. \$85 month/\$102NR month

Children's Center 4 year old program

meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15-11 a.m. or 12-2:45 p.m. \$120 month/\$136 NR month



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May 21 - August 12, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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GORGEOUS 2 STORY IN PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC! Spacious 2 story in established Byron subdivision. 3 large bedrooms and 2.5 baths located in a private cul-de-sac. Large pantry and separate laundry room. Large living room with vaulted ceilings & skylights. 8489 N CRAIG Court, Byron

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WELL MAINTAINED! Charming & well maintained 2sty w/3 BRs, 1.5 baths, beautiful hdwds. Many updates include: new roof '14, remodeled bath, updated kit counters, flrs, siding '15, windows & doors '16, updated electrical '19. Landscaping & cedar fence. 1815 CUMBERLAND Street, Rockford

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LARGE RANCH IN HARLEM SCHOOLS! 3 bedroom & 2 bath ranch minutes away from Rock Cut State Park. 0.7 acre lot. Large living room and family room. 1850 sq ft main level! Harlem Schools! 5385 WIL ACRE Drive, Loves Park

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MIKE LONG
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\$250,000 dickersonnieman.com/202000409

BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON 4.5 ACRES! 4 bed, 3 bath home w/mature trees along the Kishwaukee River. Open concept: family room w/ wood burning fireplace, dining area, & kitchen. Property also has a pond w/bluegill. 3 car garage w/oil pit & new roof. 35404 W COUNTY LINE Road, Kirkland

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815-985-1747



\$252,500 dickersonnieman.com/202000168

5 BR RANCH IN BYRON! This 5 bedroom ranch features hardwood flooring, finished basement, 3 car garage, and sits on nearly a full acre. Beautifully maintained and ready for you to move right in! 5040 E BROOKE Court, Byron

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10 ACRES IN STILLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT! 3 bed, 2 bath ranch home. 7 acres (MOL) tillable land. Home features Lrg kitchen w/dining space. Slider in the kitchen goes out to a large deck & beautiful views. First floor laundry. Large 2.5 car garage. 6196 E MCCORMICK Road, Stillman Valley

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\$119,000 dickersonnieman.com/201907871

DAVIS JUNCTION! 3 bed, 1 bath house w/attached garage on nearly an acre. Legally, non-conforming as a single family residence. Current zoning C3. 5699 N US HWY 251, Davis Junction

HEATHER MANIS
815-871-1269



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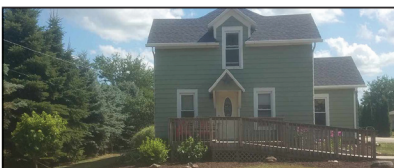
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\$350,000 dickersonnieman.com/201906955

STUNNING BOONE COUNTY HOME! Beautiful 4BR, 2.5 bath 2 story home w/over 3000 SF. Open eat-in kitchen. Office w/build-ins. Hardwood floors. Unique architectural detail. Marvin windows. 1.78 acres. A must see! 11180 STRATFORD Place, Belvidere

ALISA PATTERSON/ CHRISTI STEINES
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LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Great location! Lots of great updates! 3 bed, 1.5 bath. Updated kitchen! New roof & windows! Nicely landscaped lawn. Forrester Schools. Truly a must see! 201 W WILLOW Street, Forrester

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NICE BRICK RANCH HOME! On the southeast side of Rockford. Open flow from living room into the kitchen. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout ML. Three good sized bedrooms. Finished LL w/gas fireplace, bar area & half bathroom. 5431 GOLDEN PRAIRIE Circle, Rockford

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ENJOY COUNTRY LIVING! Nestled among 100 year old trees surrounded by wildlife! Large kit/dining rm w/walk-in pantry w/adjoining lg. LR/14 ft beamed ceilings, 27x37 beamed FR on street level. 3 bed w/2 more possible. 1 OAK KNOLL, Oregon

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815-757-7462



\$195,000 dickersonnieman.com/201905393

READY, SET, MOVE! Nice 4 bedroom home in Byron Hills Estates. 1/2 acre lot with mature trees and room to roam. Large two and a half car garage. 5314 E NORDIC WOODS Drive, Byron

JOHN ORLANDO/ KELLI WENSKY
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\$167,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905343

BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN STILLMAN! Located at the edge of town! Eat-in kitchen w/walkout to large deck. All appliances stay & window shades, full basement w/partial exposure. Located close to high school & close to I-39. 321 E PERSHING Street, Stillman Valley

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LARGE 2 STORY! In master subdivision. 4 BR, 2.5 bath home close to I-39 access. Master BR features walk-in closet & master bath. Kitchen has new granite counters & lighting w/ eat-in area w/ stools & room for a table. Backyard has mature trees. 15958 E LU ANN Lane, Davis Junction

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\$184,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905267

RANCH HOME! Harvest Glenn subdivision. Wide foyer opens to FR, DR & kitchen. Large deck off rear of home. Paver fire pit area. 3 good sized bedrooms. Master bedroom w/walk-in closet & bath. Finished LL area w/shop. Close to I-39 access. 171 HARVEST GLENN Drive, Davis Junction

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\$159,900 dickersonnieman.com/201905027

BEAUTIFUL RIVER PROPERTY! 2 bed, 2 bath home located between Rockford & Byron on Rock River. Large MBR w/views of the river, HUGE walk-in closet, office, & laundry room. 2nd bed w/large walk-in closet. Outbuilding 24x38 w/two overhead garage doors. 9818 SILVER CREEK Road, Rockford

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\$165,900 dickersonnieman.com/201904895

OREGON! Looking for a 3 bedrm ranch in the country sitting on 1 acre MOL w/lots of trees, large sun room, eat in kitchen w/open floor plan. 2 car attached garage, fenced backyard, lrg living room. 10x12 storage shed "as is". NEW Furnace! 3906 S DAYSVILLE Road, Oregon

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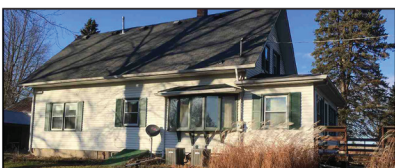
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GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH! Close to the schools, shops, and restaurants. Nice open floor plan. House has a good sized deck with landscaping & mature shade trees. LL has an additional living space & garage entrance. 712 W 2ND Street, Byron

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COUNTY TAXES Hardwd flrs thru-out main level. Formal LR & DR, 3 generous BRs. Beautifully updated full bath on main flr. Finished LL w/rec room, fireplace and 2nd bath. Screened porch & private rear yard. Great location w/county taxes. 403 E LINCOLN Street, Mount Morris

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LOTS & ACREAGE

OREGON! Two buildable lots in Oregon. Perfect for single family or duplex. Lot size 132x132. City sewer & water at street. \$35,000. dickersonnieman.com/201905097

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BYRON SUB Only 5 lots remaining starting at \$69,000. Possible exposures. City water & sewer. Impact fees removed. Open to all builders. Building assistance available. Developer approval required. dickersonnieman.com/201701914 \$69,000. Chris Snyder 815-494-7857 & Tom Oracki 815-262-5212

OREGON! Stunning 1.7 acre parcel just outside of Oregon. Gorgeous, tranquil setting w/ample privacy. Riding & walking trails. Established subdivision to build your dream home. Large common area in cul-de-sac. A must see! dickersonnieman.com/202000416 Tiffany Cravata 815-988-4378

Bread of Life sets upcoming distributions

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

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

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

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

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408 Betty \$120,000
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Welcoming ranch with cathedral ceiling is offering 3 bed 2 bath and with an open kitchen you'll appreciate this well structured floor plan. All appliances stay including first floor laundry washer and dryer. Large yard gives plenty of room to romp. Great neighborhood in great location just blocks from city parks.



308 Center \$105,000
Mark True 815-631-1699

Timeless Beauty! Visit this meticulously maintained home in a marvelous Mt Morris neighborhood. Find your way through this large living space home boasting 3028 sq ft 3 bed 2 bath and 2 car garage. Gorgeous features like arched doorways, crown molding, original hardwood floors, built-ins, wooden doors and the large new windows allow for natural light throughout! This home is family friendly and move in ready.



1650 Meadowbrook \$99,900
Rebecca Hazzard 815-509-8432

UPDATED & CHARMING! 2+ Bedroom, 2 Bath home situated on a quiet street near Krape Park! Current owners did a number of updates including: kitchen, bathroom & main floor laundry room. The kitchen has granite counter tops, breakfast bar, loads of counter space & updated lighting. It is open to the eat in and living room space. Patio sliders and windows throughout this main space bring in plenty of sunshine! The 2 bedrooms are tastefully updated and painted. You will fall in love with the updated bathroom complete with a tile, walk in shower! Laundry was moved to the main floor, but could easily be moved back to the lower level to create a 3rd bedroom. The lower level has a full bathroom and rec room. Previous owners had poured concrete for a garage addition. Situated on a large .37 acre lot & spacious deck, schedule your showing today!



327 W 4th \$49,900
Carla Benesh 815-985-6235

Super cute bungalow in Pecatonica, large updated kitchen with tile floor, new master bedroom with huge walk in closet. Large living room plus enclosed front porch. Extra deep backyard with room for lots of projects, partial finished lower level.



11015 W Haldane \$274,400
Carla Benesh 815-985-6235

Fabulous Farmette on 3+ Acres! 4-5 Bedroom, 2 Bath 2 story. Country living doesn't get any better than this! Huge rooms throughout, new bath, fireplace in kitchen with center island cooktop. Hardwood flooring, finished lower level Rec Room with Wet bar and super sized barns with new steel roof. Barns can accommodate 4 horses or more, 4 stalls. All you need to do is move right in. Polo schools. Call today!



4432 N IL RT 2 \$192,500
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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS- PROPERTY IN BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT! If you are looking for a secluded property with views of the Rock River, look no further! Follow the 250' of concrete driveway to 2,200 sq ft of finished living space with another 1,100 waiting to be finished. This 3 level home is situated on 5.21 wooded acres, ZONED AG! Another added bonus, is the large in ground pool with cement patio and brick retaining wall. Packed with potential, bring your ideas and turn this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home into your dream home! Low Rockvale Tax Rate. Agent Related.



1954 Hidden Shores \$215,000
Rebecca Hazzard 815-509-8432

Welcome Home! 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom condo located in the highly desirable Hidden Shores Subdivision. This unit is very unique as it does not share a common wall with any other units! Main floor features a large master suite with en suite bathroom that includes laundry. The grand & spacious living room boasts vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace. Patio sliders off of the living room lead to your own screened in porch with views of the lake. The kitchen has an open concept to both an eat in area & dining room with granite counter tops & newer appliances. Upstairs you will find a loft space & over sized 2nd bedroom with en suite bathroom. Finished lower level with an extra 800 square feet of space. Loads & loads of updates: carpeting, kitchen flooring, central air & humidifier, furnace, battery back up sump pump & water softener. Let the HOA take care of the mowing, snow removal & all exterior maintenance of your home!



847 Fieldcrest \$145,000
Mark True 815-631-1699

Suburban Splendor with Great Location! Just move right in this beautiful 3 bed 2 bath home that features a large privacy fenced back yard and 2 stall garage. You'll just love this floor plan with two bedrooms on the main floor and one large bedroom with private bath upstairs. Lovely layout and floors that flow. Imagine your family spending playful days in the private back yard or attending popular Byron Schools. Schedule your showing today and see for yourself why this is your next home! Heated above ground pool. Swimsuit not included. 6 person Hot Tub is negotiable. Home has 200 amp service. Up to \$2000 seller paid closing cost incentive.



318 Vermillion \$1,900
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Mount Mercy students named to Dean's List

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – The following student(s) are named to Mount Mercy University's Fall 2019 Dean's List. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better and who are graded for six or more semester hours are eligible for inclusion on the Dean's List.

Byron – Abigail Richardson
Oregon – Abbie Ring

Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mount Mercy's 1,800+ students come from around the globe, creating a vibrant, diverse and open-

mind campus community. Popular undergraduate majors include business, nursing, criminal justice, education and social work. Master's programs are offered in criminal justice, strategic leadership, business administration (MBA), education, nursing, and marriage and family therapy. Doctoral programs offered are Doctor of Nursing Practice and Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy.

For more information on Mount Mercy University, visit www.mt-mercy.edu.

Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mount Mercy University is the regional Catholic, Mercy University that promises students of diverse backgrounds, ages and faiths a challenging, practical education that inspires them to discover knowledge, build community and lead courageous lives. Mount Mercy offers baccalaureate and graduate education to 1,800+ enrolled students and uniquely blends an outstanding liberal arts education with equally outstanding professional preparation.

Lichty leads Lady Cardinals over North Boone

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Valley girls basketball team cruised to an easy victory over North Boone on Feb. 6, winning by a score of 50-19.

Lexi Lichty led the Cardinals with 20 points, while Georgia Ballard and Kayla Boyd each totaled nine points in the game.

Faith Fowler chipped in six points for Stillman Valley

Cardinals drop BNC contest against Rock Falls

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Stillman Valley boys basketball team suffered a tough loss against Rock Falls on Feb. 7, going down by a score of 49-36.

Justin Fisher scored a team-high 20 points for the Cardinals, with Kaden Viverito adding nine points in the loss.

Lady Hawks fall to Kewanee, West Carroll

OREGON – The Oregon girls basketball team fell against Kewanee on Feb. 7, losing by a score of 45-36 and dropping to 16-15 overall. Olivia Lambrigtsen recorded a team-leading 10 points for the Hawks, while Lauren Montavon added nine points and Ella Martin totaled eight.

Oregon also dropped a close game against West Carroll on Feb. 10, falling 46-38 and moving to 16-16 on the season. Olivia Lambrigtsen led the Hawks with 14 points, while Lauren Montavon scored eight points and Breanna DeHaan chipped in six points.

OHS athletic programs earn IHSA Team Academic Achievement Awards

OREGON – The Oregon High School athletic department is pleased to announce that six of its fall sporting programs have qualified for the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award. The six teams include girls cross country, boys cross country, girls golf, boys golf, boys soccer and girls volleyball.

The IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award is designed to reward teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. This award recognizes those teams that maintain a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their respective seasons. OHS is proud of these student-athletes and their teachers, as well as their families who support them.

Polo hosting blood drive

POLO – The Polo High School Student Council will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 7:30 a.m.-noon in the High School Gym, 100 S. Union Ave. in Polo.

It's a new year and time to put your resolutions into action. Members of the Student Council is encouraging community members to join them in donating blood as a part of your regularly scheduled routine appointments. You can schedule your donations for the entire year, like your dentist appointments. Every time you come in to donate this leap year, you help improve the lives of patients and their families who rely on your generosity 7 days a week, 366 days a year. In addition to saving lives, the Red Cross matches PCHS donations with scholarship funds distributed to our students so your donation has double the positive impact in our community and beyond.

Can't make it Feb. 25? Please mark your calendar for the next PCHS sponsored blood drive scheduled for April 30.

Donors may call 946-3314 or go to the American Red Cross website to make an appointment. Walk in donors are also welcome.

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RRC has upcoming activities

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

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.

MyMedicare.gov

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

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Veteran's Assistance available at RRC

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

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

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

NICOR Gas "Sharing" program available

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Cancer Support Group

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

Caregiver Support Group

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

Diabetic Support Group

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

Low Vision Group

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

Byron Middle School 1st Semester 'A and B' Honor Roll Lists

Grade 6 - All A & B Honor Roll:

Gabriel Boehm, Olivia Bonvallet, Mason Burnes, Talia Busser, Zi Han Chen, Ka-leah Dale, Jordan Daskalov, Wyatt Ebens, Brenner Eccles, Ella Fulrath, Kendall Gamlin, Evelyn Hill, Micah Hilliker, Joel Kerchner, Cole Kretsinger, Madison Lane, Laila Madden, Layni Marchini, August Martz, Sophia McCracken, Dacian McElhiney, Andrew Mendoza, Gabriella Northrup, Ryley Ogurek, Lucy Peterson, Tatum Prose, Alya Roschi, Avril Silva, Avelynn Spedding and James Tunink.

Grade 7 - All A & B Honor Roll:

Davis Baker, Gina Baker, Brock Barton, Alyssa Bauer, Kade Boatman, Liam Connell, Sophia Cross, Olivia Cunningham, Maya Gomez, Rebekah Groen, Hunter Haas, Averi Helms, Claire Henkel, Max Johnson, Natalie Kilmer, Brenna Lemke, Audrey Markham, Abigail Moser, Benjamin Mugrage, Jackson Norris, Skylar Palmgren, Jaden Palzkill, Ben Pauley, Miami Poulsen, Joshua Pracht, Madilyn Rhea, Jarett Ross, Neve Schilling and Abigail Vongsiri.

Grade 8 - All A & B Honor Roll:

Maison Brandt, Maggie Burrows, Aiden Carby, Abigail Connell, Taryn Dolan, Andrew Freedlund, Maverick Galster, Carter Groharing, Alexa Gruber, Clair Hildreth, Kyle Hodges, Paityn Kann, Braylon Kilduff, Conner, Lee, Jazmine Mrozek, Faith Rakowski, Hailey Scheck, Sarah Shouer, Macey Stoddard, Sarah Tillett and Ryan Tucker.

1st Semester All A's Honor Roll

6th Grade - All A's: Annabella Barker, Genevieve Braithwaite, Brynn Green, Macy Groharing, Ava Salo, Timothy Starwalt and Molly Wheeler.

7th Grade - All A's: Kendall Boatman, Nicholas Cassens, Xiang Yi Chen, Claire Dietrich, Gianna Franchi, Addison Fuller, Ella Hanes, Delaney Henert, Meredith Jones, Sarah Nyamwange, Liliana Ramos, Bryson Roush, George Sober and Sadie Stoll.

8th Grade - All A's: Abigail Baker, Denise Braithwaite, Brianna Fish, Madison Groharing, Jack Lancaste, Reese Little and Elizabeth Nyamwange.

Students make Drake Univ. Dean's List

DES MOINES, Iowa - The following local students have been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

Byron - Jordyn Conard, Dean's List
Forreston - Hunter Daws, Dean's List
To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2019 semester at Drake. To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2019 semester at Drake.

Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling nearly 3,000 undergraduate and more than 1,800 graduate students. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through six colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa's capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact,

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Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Preschool prospective student open house

Join Mrs. Caposey and Mrs. Teresa on Tuesday, Feb.18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prospective students and parents are invited to meet our teachers, tour the facility, ask questions and learn more about what the Children's Center has to offer.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins on Tuesday, February 25. For more information contact tina@oregonpark.org.

Catch the wave

Registration is now open for March lessons for Catch the Wave swim club. Lessons are held at Nash Recreation for ages 3 months and up. Lessons are offered in half hour sessions for four weeks on either Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. or Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information contact tina@oregonpark.org.

Junior chefs – ages 10-14

Chefs will build off of Culinary Kids and learn how to prepare a meal on their own. This class is for ages 10-14. They will bring home a full meal ready for the oven. Dinner will include appetizer, main dish, side and dessert. Class size is limited to six participants and real kitchen utensils will be used. Our first Junior Chef class meets on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 3:30-5 p.m. Cost is \$32R/\$38NR. Registration deadline is February 20th.

Nicholas Conservatory day trip

It may be the depth of winter, but Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens is teeming with color! Their 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! We are putting on a 1-day trip to Rockford to visit the exhibit with a guided tour. Meet at Nash Recreation Center at 1pm on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to join in the fun. We will be on site for approximately 2 hours and then we will drive to GreenFire 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 February 19.

Paramount Theater day trip – 'The Secret to my Success'

Join the Oregon Park District for a trip to Paramount Theatre in Aurora to see a Broadway performance and the world premiere of The Secret To My Success on Wednesday, March 18! Is success money? A powerful job? A happy marriage? This is a hilarious, heartfelt new musical based on Universal Pictures film. Brantley Foster, a young ambitious Midwesterner moves to New York City to start his dream job at a major corporation, only to be laid off on the very first day. Brantley soon falls in love with a beautiful colleague named Christy Mendez and discovers that his definition of success might be all wrong. Adapted from the smash 1987 Micheal J. Fox movie, The Secret of My Success is a wild look at corporate culture, ambition and making your own way in life. A catered buffet lunch with beverages and dessert will be served before the performance. Transportation departs from Nash at 10:45am. Dining at 12pm. Show time: 2 hours and 30 minutes beginning at 1:30 p.m. Fee: \$68/\$82 NR. Deadline to register is February 27 online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

After school open gym

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

Childcare

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

Free drop-in playtime

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

Paint and sip cone flower

Painting on canvas is so much fun, especially while sipping on your favorite beverage at Cork & Tap. No painting experience is required. 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 a few purple cone-flowers. No need to have DIY mess at home. Sign up through the Oregon Park District. The class is on Thursday, March 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Class fee is \$30/Resident and \$36/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is February 26.

Spring soccer

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

*League Dates April 4-May 9.

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

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

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

Forreston High School 1st Semester Honor Roll

Superior (All A's):

Freshmen: Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, Owen Greenfield, Lily Johnson, Johnathan Kobler, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Madyson Schoonhoven, Brock Smith

Sophomores: Taylor Akins, Natalie Johnson, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells

Juniors: Kylee Curry, James DeWall, Ethan Greenfield, Madison Sketo

Seniors: Nicole Fox, Kaitlin Gruhn, Brittini Hollis, Alexis Houston, Kayla

Janssen, Konur Kivisto, Lauren Melton Excellent (All A's and B's):

Freshmen: Andrew Baumann, Elizabeth Bishop, McKenna Crase, John DeHaven, Kayla Denler,

Jace Engbert, Quinten Frederick, Kyler Ganz, Hailey Greenfield, Sydney Greenfield,

Bryonna Harson, Daemyn Heslop, Dixie Johnson, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Natalie Mealing,

Chloe Reubin, Hailey Schultz, Kobe Southerland, Emalee VanDewarker, Lacie Williams

Sophomores: Aaron Anderson, Mat-

thew Beltran, Carter Daws, Kara Erdmann, Mason Fox,

Christian Gasmund, Dylan Greenfield, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Anthony Jenkins,

Breanna Kloster, Arriana Koerble, Noah Lindquist, Laci Meyer, Joseph Snyder

Juniors: Ashleigh Alexander, Morgan Baker, Paityn Broshous, Abigail Derrer, Mya Greenfield,

Taylor Greenfield, Kaitlyn Harson, Cora Krigbaum, Lukas Lingel, Malia Lowler, Molly Salins,

Ryan Schoonhoven

Seniors: Nedjuwa Al-Mohammed, Julianna Beltran, Kyla Benson, Jakob Boomgarten,

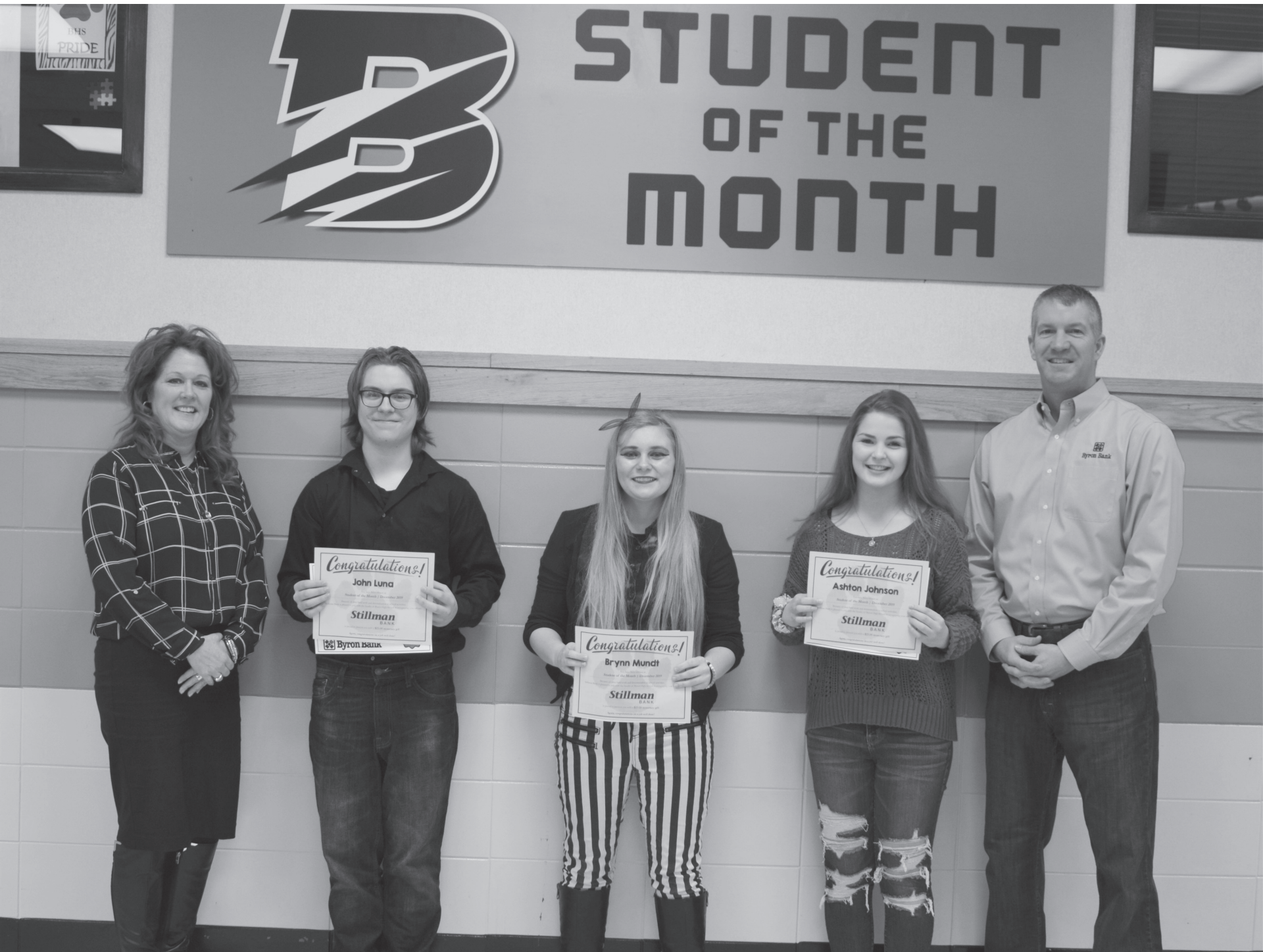
Zachary Cederholm, Dominic Christensen, Bailey Cullor, Shelby Dean, Derek DeVries,

Kolten Dorty, Chase Greenfield, Ashton Grossenbacher, Megan Hagemann, Daniel Hanson,

Kilar Huenefeld, Olivia Johnson, Kaylee Kloster, Lane Lindquist, Bailey Miller, Ethan Mulder,

Seth Nelson, Gabriel Owens, Liliana Pacheco, Jennifer Raum, Tannis Schultz, Brycelynn Smith,

Annastasia Timmer, Taylor Vogt



Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for December. Pictured from left to right are: Peggy Kruger from Stillman Bank, John Luna (10th Grade), Brynn Mundt (11th Grade), Ashton Johnson (12th Grade), and Brent Baker from Byron Bank. Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement. Not pictured: Ava Krall (9th Grade).

Rockford University names Scholars

ROCKFORD – The following students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the fall 2019 semester, earning at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester:

Jozi Grobe, a resident of Polo; Paige Lockard, a resident of Stillman Valley; and Taylor Mundt, a resident of Byron.

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the adult accelerated degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

Rockford Univ. names fall Dean’s List scholars

ROCKFORD – The following students attending Rockford University were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2019 semester, earning at least a 3.5 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester:

Taylor Brubaker, a resident of Oregon; Destiny Darmon, a resident of Leaf River; and Will Rice, a resident of Oregon.

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Anniversary

VanBriesen's celebrate 57 years

OREGON – Pete and Sheri VanBriesen are set to celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.

They were married on Feb. 16, 1963. They have resided in the Stillman Valley, Oregon area their entire lives. They have two children: Todd of Stillman Valley and Brian of South Beloit. They have seven grandchildren.



Birthday



Celebrating 84th birthday

Happy 84th Birthday Dad, Papa and Great Papa. Feb 14. Engelbarts Family

Military

Young graduates infantry training

Phillip Conner Young graduated from Infantry OSUT Dec. 6, 2019 at Fort Benning, G..

Infantry OSUT is a 14 week course designed to indoctrinate new recruits in the Army Values, Warrior Ethos, and customs and courtesies of the United States Army. It is a rigorous and challenging transformation process, after which the civilian is forever transformed into a United States Army Infantry Soldier. While at basic training, PVT Young was certified in the 1st level out of three, of the modern Army combative program (MACP) which is the Army's version of hand to hand combat.

PVT Young is currently a student at University Wisconsin Whitewater majoring in Political Science with an emphasis on Constitutional Law. He is pursuing a commission with the Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC) to graduate as an Officer in the Army National Guard.

PVT Young is the son of Phillip and De-lene Young, Oregon and the brother of Bryant (Lindsay) Sues, Byron.



Oregon Library News

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

Preschool (3-5 yrs. old) story time (new time – 2 p.m.)

Join us for songs, stories, games and crafts on Thursdays.

Oregon Writer's Group

(OWG) – meets at 10 a.m. Second 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.

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

Reading plus w/ Mrs. Himert – Wednesday, Feb. 26, 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: March 18 & 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 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. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Angela's Ashes: A Memoir by Frank McCourt.

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

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

told tale of the Wright brothers' landmark achievement, illustrated with rare historical photos, captures the excitement of the times at the start of the "American century." Please register at 815-732-2724.

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

A Road Scholar Program by Bryan Murley

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

New releases

- The Vanished Birds (Science Fiction)
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- Lost Hills by Lee Goldberg (Mystery)
- The Missing American by Kwei Quartey (Mystery)
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- The Blaze by Chad Dundas (Fiction)
- How Quickly She Disappears by Raymond Fleischmann (Fiction)
- Big Lies In A Small Town by Diane Chamberlain (Fiction)
- The Wife And The Widow by Christian White (Fiction)
- All The Ways We Said Goodbye by Beatriz Williams (Fiction)
- The End Of The Ocean by Maja Lund (Fiction)
- Followers by Megan Angelo (Fiction)
- A Long Petal Of the Sea by Isabel Allende (Fiction)
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The Leaf River Soaring Eagles had fun bowling at Town and Country Lanes in Mount Morris on Jan. 24. Bryan Immel, Natalie Johnson and Ashley Williams' team advanced on to the County 4-H Bowling competition. Pictured in the back row – Lizzie Armbruster, Grant Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Bryan Immel, Alex Williams, Kaeden Motszko and Kiera Armbruster. Middle row – Logan Armbruster, Kaden Lingbeck, Lacie Williams and Emmaline Armbruster. Front Row- Derek Shallow, Lucas Armbruster and Ashley Williams. Submitted by Abigail Wehler, Club Reporter



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Judge visits Byron school

Illinois judges across the state are participating in a literacy project sponsored by the Illinois Judges Association (IJA).

The "Page It Forward" program features retired and sitting IJA judges who volunteer as guest readers in elementary-school classrooms. The effort coincides with this month's celebration of the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln and members of the IJA read Abe Lincoln's Hat on Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12.

Judge Clayton Lindsey, 15th Judicial Circuit in Ogle County, read to student in Byron.

A project developed by the Illinois Judges Association, Page It Forward encourages students to appreciate, value and enjoy reading. Dressed in their black robes, or even as Abe Lincoln, judges bring treats to the classroom, read to stu-

dents and discuss the book and its relevance to today's society.

Hon. Mary Schostok, a judge in the Appellate Court, 2nd District, and former president of the Illinois Judges Association, started Page It Forward in 2014 to encourage reading and learning. This literary tradition now includes many IJA members throughout the state who schedule reading dates with local schools throughout the year.

"Unfortunately, far too many school children are not reading at their appropriate grade level, which can contribute to a high drop-out rate" said Judge Schostok. "Our reading project represents one small step that we hope will inspire young students to appreciate the value of books and learn about history and our system of justice directly from a real judge."

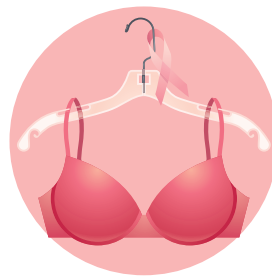
The IJA's Page It Forward reading and tutoring project is one of a series of community programs undertaken by the Illinois Judges Association. Other IJA programs include: "Courtroom in the Classroom," a presentation that celebrates the U.S. Constitution; and "7 Reasons to Leave the Party," covering the legal and personal consequences of drinking and driving, taking drugs, and engaging in other unhealthy behaviors.

The Illinois Judges Association is a membership organization of 1,250 active and retired judges whose purpose is to foster public confidence in the independence of the judiciary, provide services and education to its members, and information about court operations to the public. Funding for the books was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Judges Foundation.



Scholarship Day

Haylee King of Byron took part in Red & Gold Scholarship Day at Simpson College on Sunday, Jan. 26. Only top students were invited to participate in the exclusive event, which provides high school seniors a chance to earn additional scholarship money. Participants were chosen because of their outstanding academic credentials. The day consisted of interview and essay sessions for students and informational sessions for parents. The college is located in Indianola, Iowa.



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Julia Hull Library News



Amateur tween bakers (ages 10-12) were invited to the Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) to compete in a mug cake challenge! Yes, the judges were impressed by all...but only one could win the Great Library Bake-Off!

2020 Winter Reading Challenge

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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.

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Shamrock Shindig

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

Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

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

Tidy Up: Home & Life

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

Fun Day Monday: Painting Party

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



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BAILEYVILLE

BAILEYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

303 W. Franklin Street • Baileyville, IL 61007 • Phone: 815-232-6222
 • baileyvillebaptistchurch.org • Pastor Gary W. Branam • Friendly
 Congregation - Traditional Services - Children's Ministries
Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30a.m., Morning Worship -
 10:40a.m., Evening Worship - 6:00p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
 - 7:00p.m.

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277
 Pastor Janet Wold. Two worship opportunities at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
 Social Hour follows all services. Child care available at Summer Worship
 and 10:30 am Worship. Communion is served every Sunday at all services.
 Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September
 through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students. Adult
 Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon
 at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please
 visit our website at <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office
 for details.

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron (815) 234-8032
www.beaconhillbyron.org
 Pastor: Rev. Gary Cortese, Jr. Service Times: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.;
 Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. "Building Faith for Life"

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church • Sr.
 Pastor: Randy Snider, Associate Pastor: Dirk Miller, Children's Ministry
 Director: Kim Miller • **Worship Services** on Saturdays at 5pm and
 Sundays at 10am. **Children's Worship Services** on Sundays
 at 10am. Nursery Available for both Saturday and Sunday Services. •
 Jr. and Sr. High Underground Youth Group Small Groups on Sundays
 at 6:30pm. • Wednesday Night Family Nights with Dinner at 5:30pm.
 Children's Programs run from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and the
 Underground Jr./Sr High Youth Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm and
 there is an Adult Small Group also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.
 • Numerous Adult Small Groups Available throughout the week.
 Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details.
 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St., Byron, IL 61010 • Phone: 815-234-7431 • Fr. Richard
 Rosinski **Weekend Masses:** Sept.-May: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am
 & 10:45 am - May-Aug.: Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am **Daily Masses:**
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30AM, Wednesday 6PM

FIRSTBORN REACH

135 W. 2ND St., PO Box 1013, Byron, Pastor Patrick Featherston II
Service: Sundays at 10:00a.m.
 TAKING JESUS AS HE IS TO THE PEOPLE AS THEY ARE

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NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-
 5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15
 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
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UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
 701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Spelious
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high
 school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or
 Facebook page or contact the church office.
 Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-
 7683. (E-mail address: chanaumc@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first
 Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open
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 Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.
 Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first
 Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday,
 except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups
 meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups
 please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am.
 For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

501 Third Ave. Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2424 Pastor Lyle Zumdahl.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.
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West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays
 of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service,
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
 Nursery available
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
 Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am;
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
 Food Bank: First 4 Saturdays of Each Month, 9-11am
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

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 9:30 am - Sunday Worship (nursery provided), with social hour following
 10:45 am - Sunday School (children, youth, adults)
www.disciplesumc.org (815) 734-4853
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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 a.m.; Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.; Men's Bible Study, Kids' Club

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

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

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 Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>
 Sunday Evening Worship at 5:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 5th St.,
 Oregon. Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
 Sunday 10:45 a.m.

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • www.st-mary-parish.com • Fr. Joseph P. Nail • Office Phone: 815-732-7383
 Office Fax: 815-732-4742
Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd
 Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pinecrest
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointment
Baptisms: by appointment, **Wedding Arrangements:** 6 months in
 advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
 Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom
 Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
 Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday
 School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's
 and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more
 information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
 Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship
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polo@crossroadscc.com
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 during adult services
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 service at 6PM. Nursery age 0-4 yrs. provided.
 Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns • Associate Pastor: Tim Michalek
 207 W Roosevelt (Route 72), Stillman Valley • Phone: 815-645-2526
 Email: ccoffice1@comcast.net • Website: www.theredbrickchurch.org
 Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am; Sunday School (for all ages)
 at 9:00 am; AWANA (through school calendar) on Wednesday
 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Men, women, and youth bible studies
 throughout the year. See website for all activities or call
 church office for more information.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-
 2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended
 Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School
 Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
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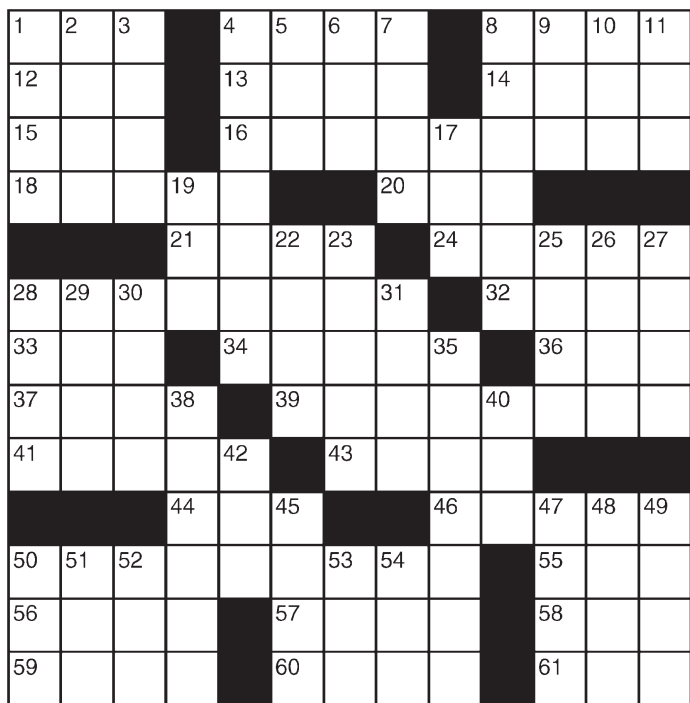
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 Oregon, IL 61061
 Ph: 815-732-2156
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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Satchel
- 4 Nowhere to be seen
- 8 Visored military cap
- 12 — out a living
- 13 State
- 14 Object of worship
- 15 Have a bug
- 16 Dilute
- 18 Up to
- 20 Finish
- 21 Second letter
- 24 Sponsorship
- 28 Negative aspect
- 32 Took the bus
- 33 Fire residue
- 34 Oodles
- 36 Wager
- 37 Amorphous lump
- 39 Onion rings, e.g.
- 41 Takes to the skies
- 43 Carry on
- 44 "That feels so good!"
- 46 Black board?
- 50 Exemplar of dullness
- 55 Cattle call
- 56 Leading man
- 57 Volcanic flow
- 58 Request
- 59 Floor cleaners
- 60 Gasoline, e.g.



DOWN

- 1 Suitor
- 2 Related
- 3 Moolah
- 4 Anarchic
- 5 Eggs
- 6 Prepared
- 7 Genealogy chart
- 8 Actress Margot
- 9 "Green" prefix
- 10 "Bam!"
- 11 Hostel
- 17 Genetic stuff
- 19 — Saud
- 22 Twitches
- 23 Fire-fighting legend Red
- 25 Asian desert
- 26 Mid-month date
- 27 Green or Rogen
- 28 Slight touches
- 29 Norway's capital
- 30 "Halt!"
- 31 Icelandic poetry
- 35 More than just a few
- 38 Lullaby composer
- 40 Society newbie
- 42 Tool with teeth
- 45 50 percent
- 47 Muscat's land
- 48 Small winning margin
- 49 Oxen's harness
- 50 Water barrier
- 51 Berlin's "What'll —?"
- 52 Potential syrup
- 53 Greek cross
- 54 56-Across' partner

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MAGIC MAZE

THINGS WE CHARGE

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

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

- Camera
- Drone
- Laptop
- The enemy
- Car battery
- Earbuds
- Purchases
- Toothbrush
- Cellphone
- Flashlight
- Speakers
- Watch
- Chevy Volt
- Kindle
- Tesla

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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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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

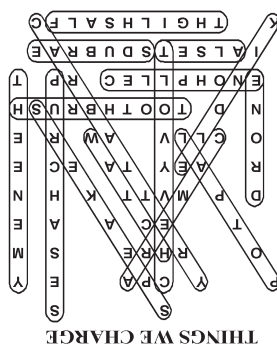


Differences: 1. Towel is missing. 2. Toilet is added. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Hair is added. 5. Pants are different. 6. Soap is added.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers
 — King Crossword —



THINGS WE CHARGE

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Bertolet Library News

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.

LEGO Club

Monday, March 2, 4 p.m.

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

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!

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

Congratulations 5th annual Mini- Golf Winners!

Youth Division- 1st David Wehler, 2nd Olivia Stenberg, 3rd Nora Courtts

Adult Division- 1st Rebecca Rogers, 2nd Dennis Cheatwood & Joseph Bradshaw, 3rd James Burke

Please pick up your trophies at the library! Thank you to all who helped raise money for the library. A special thank you to our hole sponsors- BerryView Orchard, Polished Hair & Nails, Mt. Morris Chiropractic, The Mat, Pinecrest Community, Jen's Artisan Breads, PAG, Aireloom Music, Rob & Karen Urish, Phil & Ferol Labash, and the Library Board! Give all these people and places a hand!

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

February is full of fun for our Story Time kids. Help write our own book on the 19th and illustrate it on the 26th. 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 29th 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 1st, 3rd, and the occasional 5th Wed.

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 3rd Monday. Bring your own plate and silverware.

Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at 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, your choice of quiche, 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.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Cents adult program week 3

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

Monday, March 2 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Birthday Party for Dr. Seuss!

It's Dr. Seuss' 116th birthday and we want to celebrate! Come to the library for a fun craft, Seuss story time, and cupcakes from Bassline Bakery. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Monday, March 9 at 5:45-6:30 p.m. – Lego Club

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

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

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

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 – 2/15 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!

Spring Break Fun – Look for fun events happening over spring break!

Library Board Meeting – Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

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



Kelly Denton teaches her granddaughter to putt.

Polo Library News

Library going fine free

Any items checked out starting March 1 will not accrue late fees.

Lost or damaged materials will still be charged and your card will be blocked if items are not returned.

Winter Reading Program for All Ages January 2nd-February 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 program

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

Lego Challenge: Build a Bridge

Ages 8-14

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

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, Feb. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

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

Adult program

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 case-worker to answer questions about Medi-

care, insurance, home care and anything else to do with caring for the older population. No appointment necessary.

Lifelong Learning

Thursday, February 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 (8x10 or smaller) of your choice. Registration required (Online or 815-946-2713) by Feb. 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.

Coffee with a Cop

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

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

Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

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

Project will be a scarf or a hat - 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 March 19

Yoga

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

Krystal from ADM Studios in Oregon will be our instructor.

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

Book Discussion Groups

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

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Friday, Febr. 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

Byron Library News

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 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 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 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 or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, March 9

6-7:30 p.m.

Ages: 6-12 grades

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

After School Storytime: The Magic Within

Thursday, March 12

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Ages: 3-7 years

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

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - ART SUPPLIES

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Which state do crayons like to visit?**

BOW	C	D	G	M	C	H	A	L	K	
BRUSH	O	L	A	L	A	S	R	O	E	R
BURLAP	S	D	A	P	U	R	E	P	A	P
CHALK	R	Y	O	R	K	E	K	S	F	A
CLAY	R	Y	O	R	K	E	K	S	F	A
FELT	O	B	B	O	E	N	C	E	D	N
GEL PEN	S	U	B	P	W	T	I	Q	R	E
GLITTER	S	R	O	E	N	O	T	U	F	P
GLUE	I	L	W	I	R	E	S	I	E	L
INK PAD	C	A	A	N	O	L	Y	N	L	E
LEAF	S	P	O	N	G	E	P	A	T	G
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Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

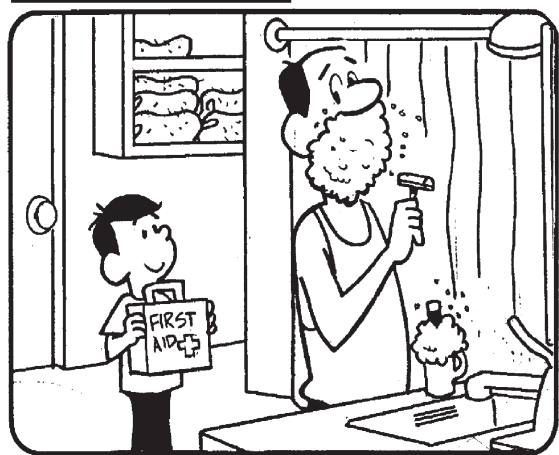
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Playing agate | M _ _ _ _ _ | Sing like a nightingale | W _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Truce | _ E _ _ _ _ | Dwelling | _ L _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Work shift | _ T _ _ _ _ | Canonized one | _ A _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Cook's formula | _ _ _ _ _ P _ | Speak from memory | _ _ _ _ _ T _ |
| 5. Pass on information | _ _ _ _ _ E _ | Procession | _ _ _ _ _ O _ |
| 6. Merit | W _ _ _ _ _ | Compass direction | N _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Gold extractor | _ _ _ N _ _ | Skinflint | _ _ _ S _ _ |
| 8. In the wrong | _ _ _ _ _ T | Task | _ _ _ _ _ D |
| 9. Robbery | _ E _ _ _ _ | Lift with a crane | _ O _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Buffalo coin | _ _ _ _ _ L | Scratched | _ _ _ _ _ D |

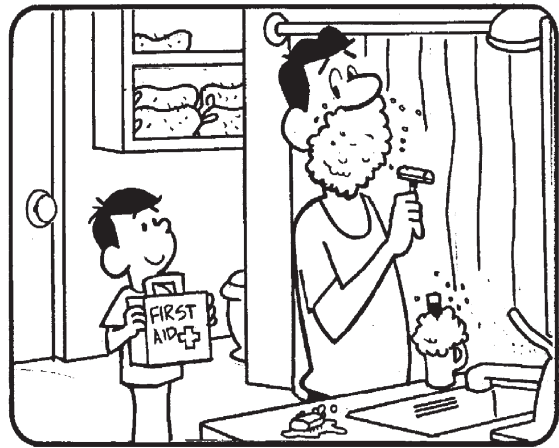
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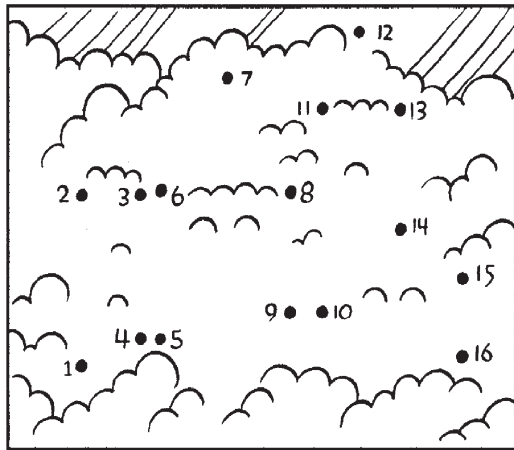
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Towel is missing. 2. Toilet is different. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Hair is added. 5. Pants are different. 6. Soap is added.



RIDDLE-DOTS! Connect the dots and find out what the most beautiful things ever built are.

Castles in the air.
Answer:

A CORNY PROBLEM! A squirrel found nine ears of corn in Farmer Brown's barn. Every day, for nine days, he carried three ears away. Why did it take him so long to empty the barn?

Answer: Every day he removed one ear of corn and his own two ears.



Illustrated by David Coulson

FINGER FLICKIN' FUN! Balance a card, with a quarter on top, on the tip of your middle finger. Bet that you can remove the card and leave the coin balanced on your finger, without touching the coin. **SECRET:** With your other hand, snap a finger against the card edge, sending it spinning. The coin will remain on your finger.



Answers: 1. Turn. 2. Churn. 3. Auburn. 4. Sojourn. 5. Tacturn. 6. Heartburn.

IT'S TEATIME!

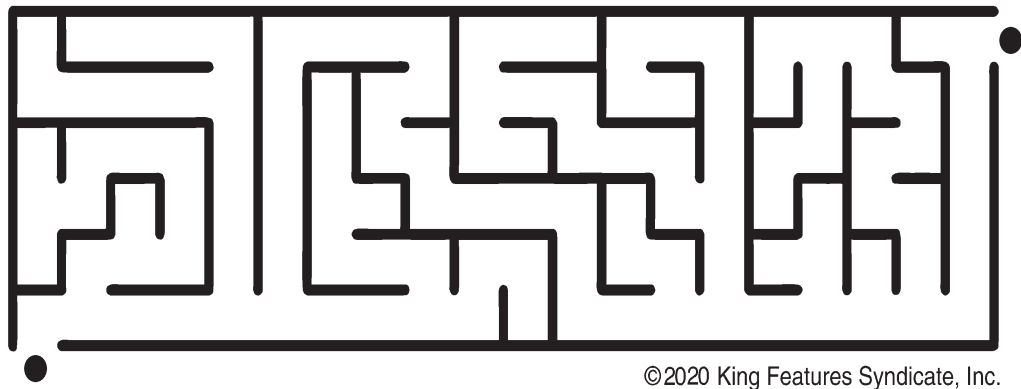
SEE IF you can "urn" an "A" on this vocabulary quiz by finding the letters that are missing from the six words pictured here. They all end with the word URN.

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| 1. _ URN |
| 2. _ _ URN |
| 3. _ _ _ URN |
| 4. _ _ _ _ URN |
| 5. _ _ _ _ _ URN |
| 6. _ _ _ _ _ _ URN |

DEFINITIONS:

- To plow the soil.
- To stir up vigorously.
- A color.
- A temporary stay.
- Habitually untalkative.
- Result of overeating.

Kids' Maze



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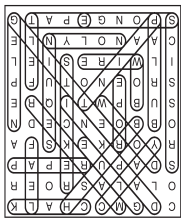


Kids' Maze Solution

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Marble, Warble | 6. Worth, North |
| 2. Peace, Place | 7. Miner, Miser |
| 3. Stint, Saint | 8. Errant, Errand |
| 4. Recipe, Rectle | 9. Heist, Hoist |
| 5. Convey, Convo | 10. Nickel, Nicked |

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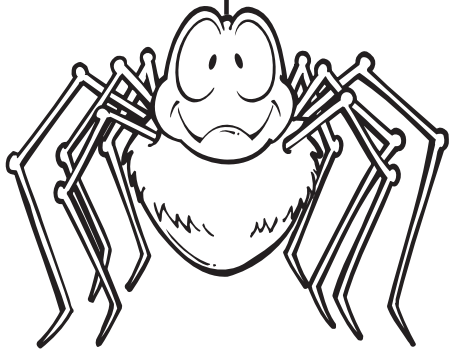
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Equipment

2012 JD 1790 16/32, CCS Seed delivery Planter, twin hoppers, pneumatic down pressure, no till, vacuum, seed firmers, ground driven, Yetter trash wheels, 300 gal. liquid fert. tank, ProMax 40 corn & bean discs, S/N: A01790C730268; **JD 726** Soil Finisher, 30', single point depth control, walking tandems on main frame & wings, 5 bar spike tooth drag; **JD 512** Disc Chisel, 7 shank, 17'6" width, McFarlane 5 bar spike tooth drag, One Owner; **2011 Krause 4850** Dominator, disc ripper, 9 shank, disc levelers, rolling baskets, S/N: 3281; **JD 980** Field Cultivator, 35' walking tandems on main frame & wings, 3 bar tine drag, One Owner; **J & M 1050** Grain Storm Grain Cart, 22" corner auger, hyd. spout, scale, 900/60R32 newer tires, roll tarp, 1000 pto; **JD 1517** Batwing Mower, 15'; **JD 696** Snow Blower, 8', hyd. spout, 1000 pto, 3 pt.; **Ingersoll Rand 125 CFM** portable air compressor, gas; **FFC** box scraper, 7.5', 3pt.; hayrack w/JD gear; 550 gal fuel tank w/electric pump; 1000 gal fuel tank w/electric pump; 1000 gal LP tank; **Lawn Mowers: JD X740** Ultimate, 670 hrs., 62" deck; **JD 190C** automatic, 54" deck; **JD 300** lawn mower; large lawn roller; Fimco 30 gal. spot sprayer; 60 gal lawn sprayer; fert. spreader.

Trucks - Trailers - Gator

2005 Sterling Acterra Semi Truck, day cab, automatic, Mercedes Benz diesel, single axle, air ride, 230,747 miles; **2005 Ford F 250**, 4x4 pick up truck, Lariat, ext. cab, 210,000 miles; **2000 Jet 34'** Steel Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, spring ride, roll tarp; **2008 Progressive** 7'x16' Trailer, w/2' beaver tail; **JD 825i** DOHC Gator, 4x4, 660 hrs., hyd dump; **Shop Equipment:** Millermatic 210 wire welder; Lincoln AC 225 amp Welder; Acetylene torch w/tanks; Black Max 60 gal. air compressor; L.B. White Guardian, 250,000 btu propane heater; JD 3800 psi, 4.06 PM, pressure washer w/motor; (1) Snap On, (2) Craftsman roll away tool boxes; Lawson bolt bin; Craftsman 15" drill press; Craftsman grinder; DeWalt DW871 chop saw; 3 ton floor jack; Werner 24' extension ladder; parts washer; scaffolding; 40' wood extension ladder; JD & Husqvarna chain saws; power tools; hand tools, Snap On, Craftsman.

Farm Toys - Signs - Misc

Farmall Super M pedal tractor; JD pedal tractor; JD wagon; Precision Power Shift 4020; JD 9860 STS Combine; JD 8330 tractor w/duals, Dealer Edition; JD 8020 tractor; JD 9500 Combine, corn & bean heads; Farm Progress 1999/2000 Super H and M, Special Edition, signed by Max Armstrong; JD R diesel tractor; (2) Dale Jarrett 88 race cars; **Signs:** Phillips 66 lighted; Kent Feeds; Meyer Elevators; Lavern L. Olson, Malta, IL.; Ford; Mobil; Henry Weinhard's neon; DeKalb Winged Ear; Martz-Spears
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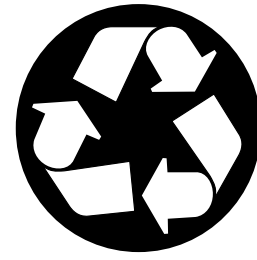
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To apply please contact
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HELP WANTED

Life newspaper carriers wanted in Oregon

The Ogle County Life is updating its list of individuals interested in a carrier route in Oregon, Byron & Mt. Morris

- Deliver just once per week on Sunday afternoons
- No collecting
- Good extra cash for kids or adults

Anyone 10 years or older who would like to earn some extra money by delivering the Ogle County Life should call 815-732-2156

and leave your name and phone number, and you may be contacted in the future when a route becomes available.

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Employment Opportunity – Aquatics & Recreation Program Coordinator

The Oregon Park District is seeking a full time Aquatics & Recreation Program Coordinator. The position will oversee all aquatic operations and recreation program opportunities as assigned. This includes staff supervision, budget management, coordinating and supervising day-to-day operations of program responsibilities, ensuring proper pool maintenance, and providing swim instruction and lifeguarding as necessary.

Qualified applicants must have a degree in Parks and Recreation or related field, current lifeguard instructor certification or the ability to obtain within six months and valid Driver's License. Proficient in swimming and safety skills. Mentally alert to dangerous situations in order to ensure safety for all. Ability to train lifeguards.

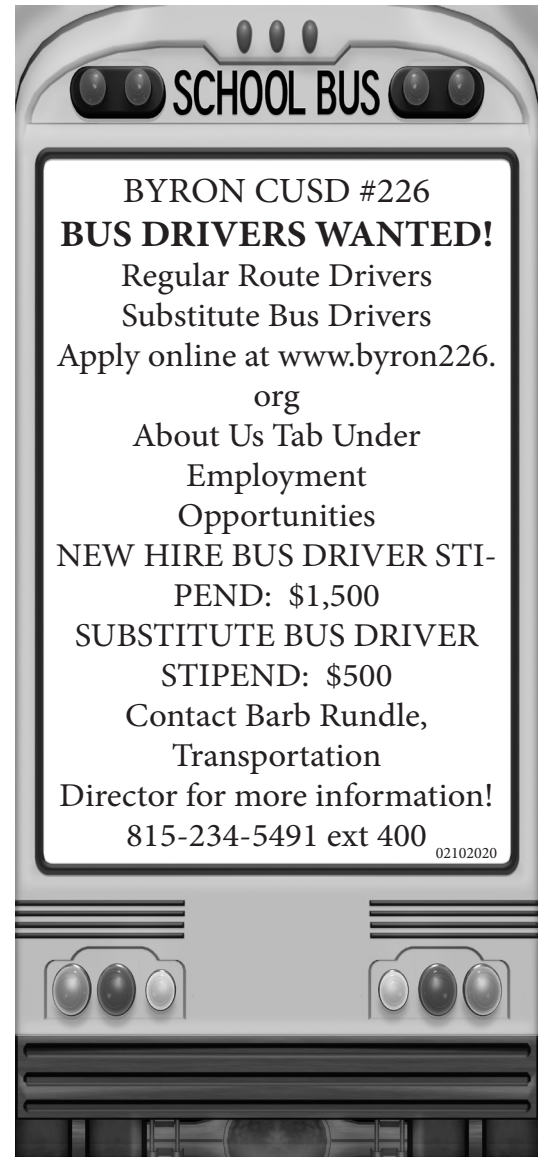
Oregon Park District employees receive a competitive benefits package including health insurance, paid time off, facility membership, and enrollment in a qualified retirement plan. Starting salary range is \$38,000-42,000 DOQ.

The Oregon Park District is an EEO employer and a drug-free workplace. Drug Screen & background verification are required for employment. Interested applicants are required to submit a completed employment application, resume and a minimum of 3 references to Tina Ketter, Superintendent of Recreation at tina@oregonpark.org or PO Box 237, Oregon, IL 61061.



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ONE OWNER
2010 GMC Sierra 1500
Ext. Cab 4x4--Remote Start, Power Seat, Z-71, One Owner, Perfect Autocheck! **\$13,900**



WHY BUY NEW
2019 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sahara
4x4--Only 12,000 miles, Auto, Navigation, Hard Top, Remote Start, One Owner, Perfect Autocheck, Ocean Blue **SALE \$38,900**



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2016 Ford Transit Connect XLT Cargo
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LOADED R/T AWD PACKAGE
2014 Dodge Durango R/T AWD --5.7 Hemi, Dual DVD, Navigation, Sunroof, Heated/Cooled Leather, 3rd Row, Like New Tires, Remote Start, Perfect Autocheck! **\$21,900**



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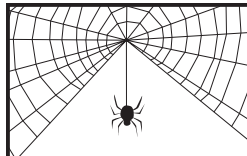


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Hours
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Thurs.-Fri. 9:00-6:00
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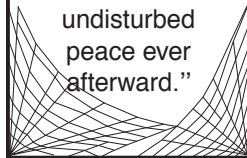
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An Advertising Proverb

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



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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, IL-LINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)No.
ESTATE)2020
DANIELA.)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. Any claim not filed within

that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
ANDRIA K. SHEELY
Independent Administrator
No. 0203 (Feb. 3, 10, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, IL-LINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)20
ESTATE)P 8
OF:)
DON A)
WHITE,)
deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DON 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.

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. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.

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
No. 0208 (Feb. 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received for the following purchases by the Ogle

County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. March 6, 2020 for:

- 2020 County Striping
 - 20-00000-04-GM County Patching Materials
 - 20-XX000-00-GM Township Patching Materials
 - 17-00318-00-CG Gutter Relocations Mt. Morris Rd.
 - 19-00323-01-BR Various Structure Repairs
 - City of Oregon Street Improvements.
- Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
No. 0213 (Feb. 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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105
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

201
DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a childcare service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

203
HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

Class A CDL Drivers
wanted from April thru Nov. Good pay. For more information contact John at **815-716-0459**

Best Beginning's Learning Center is looking for PT & Full time teacher's positions/assistant. If interested please call **815-732-3760** or stop in at 108 N. 2nd St, Oregon

301
ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles

Not sure why business is slow?



is not just a saying in business.

Advertise today and let your business be in sight and in the minds of your customers.

Local Trucking Company
Seeks experienced Class
A-CDL Driver for
Full time year round
employment hauling grain
815-938-3644
Please leave message

Cleaners for
ABM Byron
Exelon Nuclear
plant.
Temporary
position \$15.00
an hour. Apply
on Jobalign.
Or call MJ
815-406-2430.

Part time server
needed at Rock
River Senior
Center in Oregon.
Mon-Fri, 2 hours
a day. Must be
21 years of age.
Ability to move 50
lbs. Call
815-732-4393
to apply. EOE.

-\$3 per Bundle. End Roll-
Cost Depends on Weight
of Roll. Available Monday-
Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY.
SEE RECEPTIONIST AT
FRONT COUNTER Ro-
chelle News-Leader.

**315
WANTED TO BUY**

WANTED: Coin operated
machines, slot machines,
pinball, arcade, trade
simulators, jukeboxes.
Working or not working.
815-397-6586.

**405
HOUSES FOR SALE**

ALL REAL ESTATE ad-
vertised herein is subject
to the Federal Fair Hous-
ing Act, which makes it
illegal to advertise any
preference, limitation or
discrimination based on
race, color, religion, sex,
handicap, familial status,
or national origin, or in-
tention to make any such
preferences, limitation or
discrimination. We will
not knowingly accept any
advertising for real estate
which is in violation of
the law. All persons are
hereby informed that all
dwellings advertised are
available on an equal op-
portunity basis.

**501
APARTMENTS FOR
RENT**

ROCHELLE: CLEAN,
Quiet, No Pets/Smoking.
Parking in Rear. Coin
Laundry. 630-858-4180.
(02-19-20)

Local Advertising, Oak
Icebox, Iron Door Stop
and Antique Lighting...
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ANTIQUES WANTED:
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furniture, glassware, pot-
tery & crocks, tin & iron
toys, sterling silver, de-
coys. If it's antique, I'm
interested in looking! Call
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**307
MISCELLANEOUS FOR
SALE**

BUNDLED Newspaper

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All size rental
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Oregon, 1- 2Br
& 1- 3Br luxury
apartments, 2 full
bath, gas applian-
ces, washersdryers,
fireplace, granite
counters, hardwood
floors, garage &
elevator. Starting at
\$750.
Call
847-331-1722.

**409
LOTS & ACREAGE**

LAND FOR SALE

3.7 Acres - Corner of Pines & Rt. 2
Oregon, IL - Zoned Commercial
\$250,000

NEW ACREAGE
South Edge of Oregon

33.7 - Acres South of Railroad and West of Rt. 2.
33 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial
\$9,500 Per Acre

45.4 Acres South of Pines Road Between the Railroads.
19.4 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial.
\$6,535 Per Acre

Daniel J. Boehle, Managing Broker
510 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL
815-732-6050 815-751-0037

**OREGON/
MT. MORRIS**
Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR
APTS. Water, sewer,
garbage inc. w/most
units. HOUSES some
w/garages, all in
like new condition.
Starting at \$295/mo.
815-734-4348 or
815-590-2302

Now taking applications
for upcoming family
apts. in Mt. Morris. Equal
housing opportunity.
References required.
No pets.
Call **815-677-0353**

2 bd. apt. w/garage. 412
W. 2nd St, Byron. \$595
mo. and Large Stg. unit
\$95 mo.
Call
815-234-8866

Oregon - 2 BR apt. all
electric. Yard with
firepit, shed. No
smoking or pets.
References req.
\$550/mo./dep
815-440-2570

Charming 1 bd. Apt.
in Oregon. No pets.
Appliances, water/gar-
bage included. \$425
per mo/+ deposit.
Call **815-440-0373**

**511
STORAGE UNITS**

**CAROL'S
SELF
STORAGE IN
OREGON**
Reasonable
Rates
Sizes 10'x24' &
6'x10
Call **732-2466**

**K&P SELF
STORAGE**
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron
(next to D&W Garage)
815-247-8518
OUTSIDE STORAGE
NOW AVAILABLE
Storage Unit Sizes:
5' x 10' 10' x 10'
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10'x30'

**Buy, Sell, Trade or Rent
through the
Marketplace**

**601
VEHICLES FOR SALE**

**Green's
Motor Company**

We Buy Cars

Mon-Fri
8-5PM
Sat 9-2PM

SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

CABIN FEVER RELIEF

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SALE

**ALL VEHICLES FULLY SERVICED!
PRICES ARE REDUCED FOR GREAT SAVINGS!
GREAT SELECTION - GREAT PRICES!**

FINANCING AVAILABLE - Rates as low as 3.95% APR to well qualified buyers

2019 RAM 1500 CLASSIC CREW CAB, 4X4, LOADED, 1 OWNER, ONLY 11K MILES.....	\$26,887
2018 CHEVY SILVERADO LT, CREW CAB 4X4, ONE OWNER, ONLY 13K.....	\$32,586
2018 GMC SIERRA Z71, 4X4, 4 DR., HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START.....	\$29,842
2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 DR., Z71, 4X4, CUSTOM WHEELS, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START.....	\$28,299
2017 JEEP CHALLENGER, 3 SPD., 125C, 2 TO CHOOSE FROM.....	\$1,200 EA.
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START.....	\$17,264
2017 FORD FUSION SE, LOADED, ONE OWNER, MOON ROOF, 33K.....	\$16,687
2017 FORD EDGE SEL, AWD, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 21,000 MILES.....	\$23,879
2017 CADILLAC XT5, AWD, LOCAL ONE OWNER.....	\$27,463
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, MOONROOF.....	\$17,630
2017 JEEP PATRIOT 4X4, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 23K.....	\$17,791
2016 JEEP WRANGLER, 4 DR., 4X4, ONE OWNER ONLY, 27K MI.....	\$27,581
2016 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS 4X4, LOADED ONLY, 17 K MI.....	\$24,984
2016 JEEP COMPASS 4X4 LATITUDE, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START.....	\$15,822
2016 FORD F150 XLT, CREW CAB, 4X4, HEATED SEATS, LOADED.....	\$27,819
2016 JEEP PATRIOT LATITUDE 4X4, REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS, 29K.....	\$15,831
2016 GMC TERRAIN SLT, AWD, V6, LOADED, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$16,873
2015 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD, PANO ROOF, HEAT SEATS, CHROME WHEELS.....	\$15,956
2015 GMC TERRAIN SLT, MOON, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS.....	SOLD
2015 NISSAN MURANO SL, AWD, LEATHER, MOON, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$20,563
2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT, DUAL POWER DOORS, REMOTE START, LOCAL TRADE.....	SOLD
2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 H.D. 4X4, DURAMAX DIESEL, LOCAL TRADE.....	\$13,494
2006 FORD F150 4X4, 4WD, MOON BUCKETS, VERY CLEAN.....	\$9,432
2005 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 H.D. 4X4, CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE.....	SOLD

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It's time for taxes so... it's time for a new Sedan!

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Thank You

Ogle County Life Honorary Staff Members Make Contributions and Share Views

“Thank you for your on-going service to the local communities through your publication.”
Carol Sutton, Chana

“Thank you for the Life”
Mrs. Donald Hoffman, Oregon

“Thank you for keeping the Ogle County Life a free paper! Keep up the good reporting.”
Raymond & Ardis Kump, Leaf River

“Thank you, Ogle County Life, for your newspaper. We enjoy it and look forward to the paper each week.”
Lovanne Nelson, Stillman Valley

“Thank you for doing such a GOOD JOB for us!
My cousin was editor-in-chief/owner of a small town newspaper that served a number of small communities in northern Minnesota. Due to rising costs & decreased subscriptions, she was forced to close her office at the end of 2018. Everyone misses the Review NOW!
I appreciate your efforts to control your expenditures. A local newspaper is a GREAT asset to the entire area.”
Janet Boehm

“Thank you for a wonderful paper! We enjoy it, and always look forward to its arrival. Have a great day!”
Bob & Bobbi Cupp, Oregon

“Thank you so much for the Life. Look forward to it each week.”
Monte & Judith Nixon, Mt. Morris

“Thank you for keeping us informed. God Bless.”
Gail Arobgast, Oregon

“Thank you for the wonderful job you do. We enjoy the Ogle County Life.”
Harry & Karen McKnight

“Thank you for a great little paper”
Eleanor Albright, Polo

“Love the Ogle County Life paper! I look forward to it every week. Thank you!”
Linda Nesemeier, Byron

“Not only do you send out papers at no charge, you also donate some of your monetary contributions to local services! Keep up the good work.”
Don & Linda Orsted, Mt. Morris

“I want to personally thank you for your support each week in listing our Al-Anon meeting each Friday at the KSB Clinic in Polo. We are the fastest growing meeting in our district which extends from Galena to DeKalb. I truly believe we could not have accomplished this without your help. We have gone from 4-5 members to 10-13 each week. We pride ourselves on the solutions provided in our Twelve Step Program rather than the “war stories” which are to be handled with individuals and their sponsors.
My husband Bob and I participate in the I-Read Program at our elementary school here in town. At the end of our reading session, our students so enjoy the puzzle pages in the Life. They especially like the two pictures that have six things different. Our two students love that competition. They also like the word search, so thank you also for those.
Bob and I enjoy the paper so much and are happy to support your efforts.”
Karole Glaser

10 % of all contributions made by February 29 is going to area senior centers as a donation to help provide services for our county’s senior citizens.

Thank you to all of our **Honorary Staff Members for your comments and support. We couldn’t do it without you!**”

Sincerely, Mike Feltes, General Manager

