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Scaffolding has been removed from the Black Hawk statue near Oregon as restoration work comes to an end. For more photos, see Page A-2. (Brad Jennings photo)

Black Hawk Statue work completed

All scaffolding has been removed

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The scaffolding is finally being removed from the Black Hawk Statue near Oregon as a long restoration process comes to a close.

Crews began the process of removing the special scaffolding used on the project last week, and it was completely removed by Wednesday. The fencing around the statue was still in place.

The statue has been under wraps for much of the past couple of years while funding was sought to restore it. Created by Lorado Taft and completed in 1911, the statue was in desperate need of repair.

“On behalf of Oregon Together, thanks to all of the people who donated to preserve our beloved statue,” said John Lindhorst, president of Oregon Together.

The work was originally scheduled to be completed in early November 2019, but was pushed back.

The Illinois Conservation Foundation is overseeing the work – and writing the checks from money donated locally as well as state matching funds. Locally, \$225,000 was raised, including \$100,000 donated last year by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

The original forms were used to pour new concrete for the arms of the statue, Lindhorst said. Workers even brought red granite from the same northern Wisconsin quarry for the restoration that Taft used.

The next step will be the re-design of the grounds around the statue, which should happen this summer. That will include all signage and parking. Lindhorst said the funds are already “locked in” for that work.

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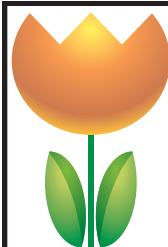
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Body of one missing boater found in river in Dixon

DIXON – The body of one missing Ogle County boater was recovered on Jan. 3 from the Rock River in Dixon, while the other is still missing.

The body of James Swift, 64, of Forreston, was recovered near the dam in Dixon, according to Lee County Coroner Jesse Partington. Swift was one of two boaters to go missing Nov. 20 when the boat he and another fisherman were in capsized near Oregon on the Rock River.

“The body was trans-

ported to the Ogle County morgue and was positively identified by tattoos on the body,” Partington said.

At the time of the boaters’ initial disappearance, recovery efforts were made by area dive teams. At one time, a body was located about a mile south of the dam in Oregon. Officials tried to use a remotely operated vehicle and divers to recover the body, but the high flow of the current made recovery impossible.

“We are grateful for the recovery of Mr. Swift and

the closure it will bring to his family and friends,” Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. “The Sheriff’s Office continues to plan and implement future river operations with hopes of locating the second individual in the near future.”

The fishing boat was initially found at about 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 20 upside down on the west side of the river near the dam. VanVickle said a truck and trailer were found at Castle Rock which were used to haul the boat.

Man charged in fatal fire back in court

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The volume of documents and other items being reviewed by the lawyer representing the Byron man accused of killing his wife and son in 2016 has again delayed the next pre-trial hearing.

State’s Attorney Eric Morrow told Judge John Roe at a hearing on Jan. 8 that his office has provided defense attorney Christopher Derango with “thousands and thousands” of pages of discovery related to the case against Duane Meyer. Derango told the judge he needs more time to go through it all.

He also said that he has an expert looking at cellphone data related to the case and that he does not have a timeline as to when that expert will complete his examination.

Meyer is accused of setting the 2016 fire in Byron that killed his ex-wife Maggie Meyer and 3-year-old son Amos Meyer.

Roe set the next pre-trial hearing for March 4 at 1 :30 p.m.

Meyer was charged on Oct. 9, 2019 with four counts of first degree homicide, two counts of aggravated arson and one count of concealment of a homicidal death. He is currently being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond.

Standing proud



All of the cracks and crumbling parts of the Black Hawk statue have been fixed. Next up is work to be done on the grounds of the statue. (Brad Jennings photos)

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County releases voter information

OREGON – Ogle County Clerk, Laura J. Cook, announces that her office complies with the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act.

Disabled voters who find it difficult or nearly impossible to go to the polls on Election Day may now ask for a Vote by Mail ballot without having a signature from their physician. They must contact the office of the County Clerk and ask for an application. You can Early Vote in person at the County Clerk's Office, or request a Vote by Mail ballot. We will send an application to be filled out and on return of that application, we will then send out the ballot.

You can download an Application by visiting the Ogle County Official website at www.oglecounty.org by going to the "I Want To" tab, select "Application for Vote by Mail". This application must be filled out and mailed or hand delivered to the County Clerk's Office, who will then mail the Vote by Mail ballot to the voter. After voting the Vote by Mail ballot it must

be mailed or hand delivered back to the County Clerk's Office so it can be counted on Election Day.

The Ogle County Courthouse is accessible to disabled citizens for voter registration. We will send a deputy registrar to the residence of any person who wishes to register to vote and is unable to go to a registrar. For information on this service, please call the County Clerk's Office at 815-732-1110.

The last day to register to vote or change your address is Feb. 18, 2020, (with the exception of grace period voter registration and transfer of registration beginning Feb. 19, 2020 and ending March 17, 2020, in the office of the Ogle County Clerk.)

Early Voting will be conducted at the Ogle County Clerk's Office located at the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, Feb. 6, 2020 thru March 16, 2020, for all Ogle County Precincts.

Early Voting will be conducted at the Flagg Township Building located at 303 W. Rt. 38 in Rochelle March 11, 2020 thru March 13, 2020 from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. and March 14, 2020 from 9 a.m. to noon, for Flagg and Dement Precincts, only.

The first day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot for the March 17, 2020, General Primary Election is Dec. 18, 2019. The first day to mail a Vote by Mail ballot is Feb. 6, 2020 with the last day for mailing a ballot from the County Clerk's Office being March 12, 2020. Early voting in person at the County Clerk's Office may be done through March 16, 2020, until 4:30 p.m.

If there are any voters in Ogle County who cannot get into the polling place, we can send two Judges of Election within 50 feet of the polling place with the ballot. A request should be made prior to the Election on a form provided by the County Clerk's Office. If we can assist you in any way, within the law, please let us know.

If the Clerk's Office can help or assist you in any way, our regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, telephone 815-732-1110.

Training for election judges Jan. 31, Feb. 1

OREGON – Ogle County will be conducting schools for Judges of Election in the coming weeks and has scheduled different times.

All schools will be held at the Ogle County Courthouse 105 S. 5th St., Oregon. The classes will meet in the County Board Room on the Third Floor. Select the school that best fits your schedule and call 815-732-1110.

- * Friday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.
- * Friday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m.
- * Friday, Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.
- * Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.

The school will be an extensive review of Election Day procedures. We will present a thorough PowerPoint presentation reviewing Election Day procedures.

We are always in need of additional Judges. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor that would be willing to serve.

Illinois State Statute requires Judges of Election to attend training. Judges receive a salary of \$120 if they attend a school. The Judges' salary will be \$100 if the Judge does not attend school.

We hope to see you at one of the schools, not only for the extra \$20 for Election Day, but because the training will enable you to serve as an informed and knowledgeable Judge.



Polo students help homeless

Third graders from Polo's Centennial Elementary School – along with staff – collected and donated non-perishable items to PADS homeless shelter in Dixon.

Thank you to all of you who were kind enough to remember us on our 70th wedding anniversary with such lovely cards, gifts, and best wishes. We have been truly blessed with wonderful family and friends.

Sincerely,
Bob and Leona Groenhagen

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God is good all the time. Thanks to everyone that called, sent cards and attended my 80th birthday party. My six grandchildren were here from five different states. What better way to celebrate than with family and friends. There were many surprises and the theme was The Wizard of Oz because the Wizard was 80 too. Thanks to all who made my 80th very special.

Beverly Huston
GB to the grandchildren

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February Finds event will be Feb. 1 in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Plan to attend the Annual February Finds Antique and Collectibles Market, Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Moose Lodge #1551 Family Center, 485 East Hitt St., Mount Morris.

The Market is a fund-raising event for the Mount Morris Moose Lodge Family Center #1551. The February Finds Market will be open Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9

a.m.-4 p.m.

Dealers have been carefully selected to participate in this Market. More than twenty dealers have reserved booths; at the present time, all dealer spaces are filled.

All displayed antiques, vintage collectibles, and artwork are for sale. Merchandise includes: antique furniture, antique tools, primitives, tins, lamps, vintage clothing and jewelry,

tin toys, quilts and linens, artwork, stamps, postcards, local advertising memorabilia, glassware, Tea Leaf and Majolica pottery, retro décor, enamelware, Fiesta ware, vintage holiday, chair caning demonstration, local Maple syrup, and numerous other collectibles.

Admittance to this event is \$3 per person. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking is free and the building is handicap accessible.

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the Market. Food and beverages, prepared by the Moose, will be available for purchase. No food or drinks will be allowed in the designated Market area.

Whether you attend February Finds to shop or just browse, the Market promises to be an enjoyable event.

From the family of
Nancy Schumacher
A heartfelt thank you to friends, family and such caring neighbors for all your kindness at this difficult time. Thank you for the food, calls, visits and donations. It sure means alot. Special thanks to Pastor Andrew Kayes, Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Paynes Point for a wonderful luncheon, the Davita team of Rockford and Hospice.

God bless you all.
The Schumacher Family

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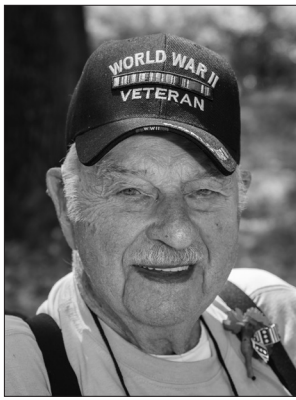
Obituaries

Robert Bennett

LEAF RIVER – Robert Eugene Bennett, age 95, died peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at his home in Leaf River. He was born June 14, 1924 in Pine Rock Township, Ogle County, the son of John and Mabel (Stonebraker) Bennett.

He attended Kings High School for 3 years and graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1943. Bob married Doris Cleo Grover at the bride's home in Chana on March 25, 1945 while on leave from the Navy. They spent over 60 years of marriage together. He entered the Navy on March 9, 1944 during WW2 and was Honorably discharged as a Seaman First Class USNR on Jan. 11, 1946. Bob was employed at Ogle Service Company for 16 years and was self employed until early 2000's as a painting contractor.

There probably wasn't a barn in Ogle county or even surrounding counties that he didn't touch with a paint brush. He was a lifetime member of the Leaf River American Legion, charter member of the Leaf River Lion's Club, and a 32nd degree Master Mason. He served as civil defense



director of Ogle County for 10 years, and served the Leaf River Fire Dept. for over 50 years as a fireman, chief, and then as a trustee. He also served 10 years with the Leaf River Town Board in various capacities as Police Commissioner, sewer and water commissioner, and street and alley commissioner. Bob also served as a committeeman for the Leaf River Boy Scouts. Bob was very proud of his Farmall Collection and loved his farm.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, his wife Doris in 2005, his son Dennis in 2015, his grandson Dennis James "Jamie" Bennett, his sisters; Harriette, Ruth, and Mary, and brother's Paul, James, and Carl.

He is survived by his 2

daughters; Joy (Jon) Wirth of Freeport, and Carla (Bradley) Miller of Leaf River, daughter-in-law Joan Bennett of Plainfield, sister Joan (James) Proper of Dixon, and brother Frank (Gail) Bennett of Princeton, 6 grandchildren; Angela (Dave) LoConte, Jill (Ryan) Rissman, Kara (Chris) Sussek, Hannah (Sean) Hosseini, Heidie Miller, and Haylie (Dallas) Evers, 5 great grandchildren Madalynn, Bennet, Allison, Layla, and Cora and a 6th great grandchild will arrive in June, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral service was 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street Oregon, with the Rev. Tim Mitchell pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Dixon officiating. Burial followed at the Lightsville Cemetery near Leaf River. A memorial luncheon will follow the graveside service at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron. Visitation was Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 from 1-4 p.m. at the Funeral Home in Oregon followed by a 4 p.m. Masonic Service. A Memorial fund is established in Bob's name.

Doris Olsen

BYRON – Doris Olsen, age 82, passed away on Jan. 4, 2020 at The Meadows in Franklin Grove. She was born in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Auvine and Edna (Kush) Voyles.

She married John Olsen on Dec. 7, 1968. Doris was a Marine Corps veteran. She was a member of the Boot Scootin Seniors. She loved to travel especially to

Washington D.C. and Texas where she learned to line dance and clog. Her passion was hosting and entertaining her family and friends.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Cindy (Rob) Fisher, Tammy (Todd) Modrzejewski, Keith (Ann) Olsen, Gary (Doris) Reed, Ricky Reed, and Brian Reed; sibling-in-law, Elaine Reed; cousins,

Milton (Judy) Welch and Gary (Julie) Hoyland; and special friends, Jo Bevins, Donna Jaeger, the whole Boot Scootin Crew, and many other friends.

Per Doris' wishes a private burial in Byron Cemetery will be held with no other services.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Kathy Lynn Colbert

OREGON – Kathy Lynn (Hilliard) Colbert, 63, of Oregon, passed away Jan. 4 at the UW Madison Hospital. She died a peaceful and contented death with family by her side, six months after being diagnosed with cancer.

Kathy was born Sept. 14, 1956 in Rockford, the daughter of Richard and Delores Hilliard. She grew up in Holcomb, before moving to Carbondale, Colorado, where she graduated from high school. It was there she developed a life-long appreciation of mountains and inklings of being a grade-school teacher.

In her first semester at Kishwaukee College in 1976, she met her future husband Andy Colbert. The two were married on March 31, 1979 at Elim Reformed Church in Kings.

A son and daughter were soon born and Kathy interrupted her studies to stay home to raise her children. In 1988 she graduated from NIU with a degree in teaching, making her mother and father very proud. Later she would obtain a master's degree.

Her first elementary teaching job was at Ashton for a year, followed by stints at Rahn Elementary in Mt. Morris and Etnyre Middle School in Oregon.



Kathy's favorite subject to teach was history, with math her least favorite. School kids were her first love, as borne out by the wide number that consider "Mrs. Colbert" their favorite teacher.

Kathy especially appreciated the relationship with fellow grade-school teachers and they appreciated her quiet manner and willingness to take on any project.

She was also grateful for all the support and help offered by the retired teaching community in her time of need.

Kathy favorite past-times were reading and watching football on TV. She was also noted as a quilter and home decorator.

Her greatest joy was spending time with twin 6-year old granddaughters. On her very own, Kathy relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah two years ago to be with them. She stayed for six months before returning

to Oregon.

She is survived by her husband Andy of Oregon, son Blair Colbert of Salt Lake City, daughter Jorie (Carlton) Getz of Salt Lake City, grandchildren Alexandra and Liliya Getz, father Dick Hilliard of King, Wis., brother Rich Hilliard of Tampa, Fla., brother Rob Hilliard of Tomah Wis., mother-in-law Bobbie Colbert of Rochelle, brother-in-laws Bo (Cindy) Colbert of North Carolina and Tony (Catherine) Colbert of Wyoming, sister-in-laws Jodi (Brett) Kemp of Montana and Suzie Colbert of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her mother Delores.

The visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13 at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 Seventh St., Oregon. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, also at the funeral home with Pastor Chris Bradshaw of Crossroads Community Church of Polo officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Kathy's name to the Oregon Educational Foundation. Cremation care has been provided by Farrell-Holland-Gale, with the ashes to be scattered over the mountains of Salt Lake City by request of the deceased.

John Jacob Hubbard

FORRESTON – John Jacob Hubbard, age 89, passed away on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 in Walnut Acres Nursing Home. John was born on June 4, 1930 in Mendota, the son of William C. and Esther (Vogler) Hubbard.

He graduated High School in Dubuque, Iowa and then he received his college degree from Dubuque University. John served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Margaret Vorthmann on June 20, 1952 and she preceded in death on Sept. 29, 1985. John worked for several industries but he retired from Honeywell, Freeport. While working for Honeywell he began to farm and once he retired he farmed full time. John was an active member with St.



James Lutheran Church, Member of the Leaf River Legion where he served as Chaplain for many years, he was a member of the 60's Alive Group, and he loved his time with his family.

John is survived by his daughter: Marta Poppen, Forreston; grandchildren: Marcie (Loran Marceau) Poppen, Polo; Melissa (Nate) Husman, East Moline; and Staff Sargent Melinda (Mindy) Poppen,

Albuquerque, N.M.; great-grandchildren: Sawyer & Keandria Marceau, Polo; sister: Joyce Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., and several nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents; wife: Margaret; brother: William; sister: Janice Caufield; and son in law: Mark Poppen.

Funeral service was on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston, with Rev. Karyn Kost officiating. Burial in West Grove Cemetery, Forreston. Visitation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 from 4-6 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 Eat Hitt, Mt. Morris.

In lieu of flowers memorials to St. James Lutheran Church and/or L.O.M.C.

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Obituaries

Judi Ranz

FORRESTON – Judi Ranz, 74, of Forreston, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born Oct. 31, 1945 in Chicago, the daughter of Joseph and Florence (Rogalinski) Turek.

On April 8, 1967 she married Alan Ranz in Oregon. Judi was a caregiver for disabled children in Dixon, until becoming a full time mother and farm wife. She was the center of the family, enjoyed cooking and photography. Judi dearly loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She



was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Polo.

She is survived by her husband Alan of Forreston; two sons, Michael (Niccole) Ranz of Rockford and Ted (Julie) Ranz of Sterling; sister Beverly Cassens of

Sterling; and three grandchildren, Dawson, Grace and Lilah.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and brother-in-law Henry Cassens.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church (211 N. Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064). Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreston with a rosary at 7 p.m. Please sign Mrs. Ranz's guestbook and share a memory at www.burke-tubbs.com.

Diane C. Breedlove

BYRON – Diane C. Breedlove, age 66, passed away at her home on Jan. 5, 2020. She was born in Rockford on Sept. 28, 1953 the daughter of Roscoe and Barbara (Smith) Dular.

She was a graduate of Byron High School. Diane married the love of her life, Lee Breedlove who passed away on March 5, 2013. Diane was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling around the United States with her husband.

She is predeceased by her parents, husband, and sister



Vicki Engelkes.

Diane is survived by her son, David Dular of Day-

ton, Tenn.; siblings, Billy Joe (Margie) Mondon of South Beloit, Linda (Ray Grande) Pinkston of Rockford, Peggy (Jerry) Sanders of Rockford, and Julie (Arthur) Debnam of Byron; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

A memorial visitation was held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Roger R. Burkholder.

POLO – Roger R. Burkholder, age 74, passed away on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 from natural causes. He was born on Jan. 31, 1945 in Dixon, IL to Fay and Kathryn (Rogers) Burkholder.

Roger was a lifelong resident of Polo, where he farmed all of his life. He owned a riding stable, a dairy farm and later bought and sold livestock which took him all over the country. He had a nickname for everyone and an uncanny ability to memorize numbers.



He enjoyed horses, county fairs, trail rides, dancing, cooking, camping and fishing with friends and family.

He is preceded in death

by his parents, sister Rhonda Burkholder and brother Arlyn Burkholder.

He is survived by his daughters Jennifer Burkholder of Byron, and Silvia Duncan of Mansfield, Texas; sister Shirley Campbell of Alexis, Ill.

A special thanks is extended to friends Josh Miller, "Doc", Gayle Puegh and Marsha Handel. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Jordan Township building, 28950 Penrose Rd, Sterling, on Friday, Jan. 31 from 5-8 p.m.

Free presentation on Medicare, Social Security will be on Jan. 15 in Byron

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

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

Byron Police report

Nov. 23

Robert Stout, 61 of Mt. Morris, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Disobey a Traffic Control Device.

Nov. 27

Tommie Hurst, 29 of Byron, was issued citations for No Valid Driver's License and Failure to Transfer Title.

Dec. 4

Amanda Wallace, 40 of Rockford, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Dec. 5

Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred in the 100 block of N. Walnut. Involved were Jordan Thibodeau, 23 of Byron, and Kari Jaskiewicz, 50 of Mt. Morris. Thibodeau was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Dec. 6

Byron Police arrested Cody Logan, 26 of Byron, on an Ogle County warrant for Failure to Report Annually. Logan was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 7

Byron Police arrested Noah Haught, 19 of Byron, for Unlawful Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor and Unlawful Possession of Alcohol by a Minor. Haught was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Haught was also issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident.

Byron Police arrested Matt McKenzie, 51 of Oregon, on an Ogle County warrant. McKenzie was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Byron Police arrested Stan Smith, 36 of Rockford, on an Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Robert Portner, 40 of Sterling, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Dec. 8

Kyle Lowe, 31 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Handicap Parking Violation.

Dec. 9

Breanna Erickson, 23 of Dixon, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Dec. 11

Dylan Phelps, 23 of Byron, was issued a citation for Failure to Report Accident to Police Authority.

Dec. 19

Mark Herman, 65 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Speeding 52 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Dec. 22

Tyler Bradford, 44 of Byron, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Control Signal.

Dec. 23

Andrea Manis, 52 of Oregon, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Expired Registration.

Dec. 24

Kileen Casey, 29 of Chicago, was issued a citation for Speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Dec. 27

Karen Pedersen, 60 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Byron Police investigated an accident with no injuries that occurred in the 100 block of S. Union. Involved were Kayla Rayburn, 20 of Stillman Valley, and Ashley Freeman, 24 of Rockford. Rayburn was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Katelin Croffoot, 22 of Freeport, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Byron Police arrested Melissa Cantwell, 32 of Loves Park, for Driving While License is Suspended. Cantwell was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Cantwell was also issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Brett Runyard, 33 of Davis Junction, was issued a citation for Speeding 53 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Kim Boyer, 63 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding 52 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Dec. 28

Jamal McGee, 28 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Dec. 29

Andrew French, 57 of Princeton, was issued citations for Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device and No Proof of Insurance.

Michael Silbaugh, 29 of Princeton, was issued citations for Expired Registration and No Proof of Insurance.

Dec. 30

Noah Saunders, 22 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 53 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Dec. 31

Megan Moseley, 30 of Dixon, was issued a citation for Speeding 43 mph on a 30 mph Zone.

Jan. 2

Paul Shaffer, 28 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Logan Kirk, 20 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding 56 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Jan. 4

Byron Police arrested Franklin Attaway II, 55 of Oregon, for Driving While License is Revoked.

Financial Matters

Good credit key to financial future

BYRON – Byron Bank and the Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA) are encouraging consumers to start the New Year right by establishing good credit habits and financial wellness goals to get on the path to financial prosperity.

“Having good credit is important to a strong financial foundation, so it’s important to build a record of responsible credit practices that demonstrate good money management,” said Brent Baker, President of Byron Bank. “Remember, it’s much easier to build a credit score than repair a damaged one. Byron Bank is here to help as you embark on your credit journey and help you avoid costly missteps.”

Byron Bank and ICBA offer the following tips to help consumers build and maintain good credit.

- * If you are just beginning to establish your credit history, open a checking account and keep careful track of your balance.

- * Use debit and credit cards for convenience and safety, but not to overspend. Missed or late payments damage your credit and hurt your credit score.

- * A good mix of credit (such as a revolving credit line and an installment loan) also boosts your credit score and further shows that you can manage different types of credit.

- * Demonstrate stability in the three to six months before a major purchase. Avoid opening or closing accounts or moving large amounts of money around.

- * Build an emergency fund equal to at least six months of living expenses. If the unexpected happens, you will still be able to pay fixed expenses instead of falling behind.



- * Alter your credit focus as you approach different stages in your life. As you near retirement, for example, start paying down major purchases, such as a mortgage.

- * Monitor your credit regularly so you can correct any errors and detect any potential signs of identity theft. Order a copy of your credit report annually from www.annualcreditreport.com.

“Maintaining good spending and saving habits early can help you retain sight of your financial goals and navigate life’s unexpected twists and turns,” said ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey. “Call on your trusted community banker as you navigate life’s major financial milestones.”

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Byron Bank is a third-generation community bank whose mission has remained constant: to provide superior customer service and a variety of products to help our customers reach their financial goals. Located

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Finance tips

Follow the tips below to get one step closer to financial independence and sustainability. Your future self will thank you.

What is Your Job Worth?

One of the first questions to ask yourself is if you’re making enough money for your skills and geographic location. Here are some ways to find out.

Check out Salary.com or Glassdoor.com for resources that can guide you in this area. These sites break down common salaries for professionals with your title, background and location. Once you see how much your peers are making you can use that information to negotiate your pay or stay selective on your job search.

Talk to a local career coach. These professionals have a strong grip on the latest job trends and best practices in your area.

They also can guide you in determining your professional value by helping you uncover skills or experiences you may not be marketing correctly. This kind of personal discovery can position you for a better-paying job or career, helping you become more financially stable.

Are Your Spending Habits Healthy?

No matter how much or how little you’re paid, you’ll never reach financial success without keeping your spending in check. Remember, every little purchase adds up at the end of the month. The more you can keep your spending under control, the more you’ll be able to move into your savings account from each paycheck.

Spend four weeks writing down every purchase, including both your required bills and entertainment spending. Then make goals to lower your spending the next month. Before you know it, you’ll have a healthy savings account.

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Your savings plan

Make sure you have plan for the future and make sure you stick to it

What is your Savings Plan?

So you've got a budget and good spending sense. Now you need to plan how to save. Savings, after all, offers you protection against life's little surprises that would otherwise put you in a tough financial spot.

Your savings plan doesn't need to reach such incredible heights that it becomes unattainable. It's easy to get swept up in lofty financial plans that, in the end, will only become a source of disappointment if you don't actually achieve them.

Where to Start

The National Endowment for Financial Education's website Smart About Money has these tips to make sure you're building a solid savings plan.

List savings as a fixed item in your spending plan. You're less likely to spend money you already have earmarked.

Use automatic savings tools from your bank or other financial institutions. Some will move your spare change from purchases into your savings account automatically, making it easy to increase your savings without much effort.

Save all or part of a certain type of income. This can include your tax refund, annual bonus, tip money or extra freelancing cash.

Create an emergency fund with the goal of having three to six months' of expenses covered. This can buy you and your family some time if there were to be an unexpected injury or job loss that hampered your incoming cash flow.

Accountability

What good does a savings plan do for you if you don't stick with it? Find an accountability partner to routinely check in on your finances to make sure you're staying the course. This can be your spouse, a trusted friend or a qualified financial professional who can help you stay on track. If you ask for accountability, however, be prepared to have some tough conversations. Your accountability partner is there to help you maintain your discipline so be prepared to accept their questions and advice along the way.

Different Types of Accounts

Once you have enough money stashed away, there are many different ways to put it to work for you. Talk to your bank about interest-bearing savings accounts that can earn you money, but may have withdrawal or other limits. There are also CDs and other investment options to explore.



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How to get out of debt ... and stay that way

Debt can quickly sneak up on a person. However, it can take much longer – sometimes decades – to get out of debt. And that's a big concern when considering just how much debt the average person has incurred.

Northwestern Mutual's 2018 Planning & Progress Study says the average American has about \$38,000 in personal debt, excluding home mortgages. A survey from the insolvency firm MNP Ltd. found that 31 percent of Canadians do not make enough to cover their bills and 46 percent are a mere \$200 or less away from failing to pay debts at month's end.

Researchers in the United Kingdom analyzed data from 1.4 million credit card holders and found that people typically choose ineffective methods to paying off debt. These tips can make it easier to get rid of debt.

Stop the flood

Avoid new debt at all costs. Stop using credit cards, cease taking loans, do not buy any big-ticket items, and scale back on general purchases.

Learn about avalanches and snowballs

The avalanche method is a way to pay off debt. According to NerdWallet, a popular online financial resource, the debt avalanche approach encourages debtors to pay off debts with the highest interest rates first. That seems like an effective way to get out of debt quickly. However, in a 2016 investigation for the Harvard Business Review, researchers found that the

snowball method, which prioritizes paying off the smallest debt balance first and then moving on as debt amounts increase, is the most effective strategy. It tends to have the most powerful effect on people's sense of progress because they gain momentum by watching debts disappear.

Cut back temporarily

Cut back nonessential spending, such as cable subscriptions or gym memberships for the time being. Repurpose that extra money to pay off existing debt.

Get a lower interest rate

Customers can call customer service centers to see if they can lower debt by negotiating a better interest rate, says Credit.com. Since much of a credit card payment goes toward monthly interest charges and not toward the actual balance, this can be a way to get a handle on debt. Some people prefer to use a balance transfer to get a lower rate on another card and try to pay off the balance before the promotional rate expires.

Consolidate or settle

When debt is so substantial that debtors cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel, they might ask a creditor to accept a one-time, lump sum payment to satisfy the debt. Debt consolidation companies also can help by negotiating with creditors and streamlining debt into one payment per month instead of many.

With an effective plan in place, people in debt often can dig themselves out of financial peril.

Financial Matters

How do you avoid financial peril after losing your job?

Losing a job can be devastating. Even in a strong market, companies can go out of business or reduce payroll. Being let go can initially tug at one's pride, and after a layoff sets in, it may cause individuals to start worrying for their financial futures.

While many people can survive and may even enjoy a few weeks of rest and relaxation after a job loss, financial concerns may surface soon thereafter. A 2017 GOBankingRates survey found that more than half of American adults have less than \$1,000 in their savings accounts. Financial planners typically advise people to have at least three month's worth of earnings socked away for emergency situations, like a medical issue or a job loss. Even though the survey also found more than a quarter (27 percent) of respondents have \$10,000 or more saved, that might not be enough to survive a job loss for six months or more.

These strategies can help professionals who recently found themselves out of work avoid financial difficulties.

- Get references. Leave on amicable terms and ask your former employer for a reference. You should not burn any bridges, as a good reference can be invaluable as you look for your next opportunity.

- Live off of cash reserves first. Before cashing in investments or retirement accounts, tap your emergency fund first. If you have any tangible assets, like an unused car or a boat sitting idle, sell these items for cash to tide you over.

- Contact your credit card company. Many companies have programs designed to help customers facing financial hardships. Reach out promptly to let them know you may be anticipating missed payments. It is better if you initiate contact rather than going into default. The same tactic can be used for mortgage or rent payments.

- Assess your budget carefully. You naturally will have to make concessions that impact finances, particularly as it pertains to spending. Cut back on non-necessities like dining out, gym memberships, streaming subscriptions, and other luxuries. Avoid adding other new debt.

- Apply for aid benefits. There may be government benefits, such as low-cost healthcare or food subsidies, that can help you get through financial difficulties until you get back on your feet.

- Involve the entire family. It can be embarrassing to lose a job, but look to family for support. Children may not need to know every detail, but they can have a cursory awareness of family finances and understand they may have to cut back until Mom or Dad is working again.

- Prioritize saving. Lightning may not strike twice, but plan ahead for another job loss by prioritizing savings in the future.

A job loss can come as a shock. However, with level-headedness and smart planning, many people can avoid dire financial situations in the wake of a layoff.



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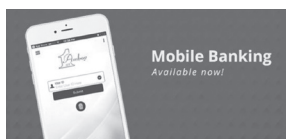
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Focus on long-term financial planning

The effects of your financial decisions can be felt for many years to come — even for generations — so it's critical to think about how you will support and supplement your family members after you're gone.

From building a last will and testament to making sure you're carrying enough life insurance, there are many simple things you can do today to prepare for a brighter financial future for you and your family.

Create a Will

A 2019 survey from Caring.com, a senior living directory company, found that only 40% of Americans actually have a will, but nearly 80% of respondents said having a will was important.

One of the best ways to set your family members up for success after you're gone is to set up your will while you're here. Help your family members avoid confusion or fights about what you've left behind by working with your local attorney now to create an airtight contract.

Your legal professional will be able to walk you through the best practices of building a will and divvying up your assets appropriately. Be sure to discuss your plans with your spouse or any relevant family members before settling on a final version of your will.

They may be able to help you think of things that may be missing or help you avoid any family conflicts that could pop up related to the content of your will.

Consider Life Insurance

Life insurance is another great way of caring for your family. Term and whole life insurance policies offer varying levels of protection, so talk with a local broker to determine the best life insurance plans for you and your family.

Here are some questions to ask your life insurance broker:

- How much coverage do I need?
- How much should I pay for life insurance?
- What are the different types of policies for which I can qualify?

How much life insurance you need depends on your personal situation. If you have no dependents, you probably don't need life insurance. If you aren't the primary breadwinner for your family, an expensive life insurance policy probably doesn't make sense.

Ogle County Sheriff

Jan. 8

The following people were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding Warrants:

Thomas Minton, 36, of Rockford for an outstanding Ogle County Failure to Appear Warrant. Minton had a bond of \$1,735. Minton posted bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail with no return court date.

Juan Olguin, 37, of Rochelle for an outstanding Ogle County Failure to Appear Warrant as well as a Petition to Revoke. Olguin had a bond of \$5,000/10% and \$666 Full Cash. Olguin did not post bond and will appear in court on 1/8/20 at 12:30 p.m.

Matthew Marsili, 48, of Cherry Valley for an outstanding Ogle County Failure to Appear Warrant. Marsili had a bond of \$1,000. Marsili did not post bond and will appear in court on 1/8/20 at 1 p.m.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the intersection of Hedge Road and Water Road in Byron for a one vehicle accident. After an investigation it was determined that a 2015 Ford F150 pickup being driven by Claude Yoakum, 60 of Byron, was traveling on Hedge Road toward Water Road. Yoakum's vehicle crossed Water Road, at a slow speed, and struck a tree where the vehicle stopped. Yoakum was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS personnel. Yoakum's condition is not known at the time

of his release.

Jan. 7

At 8:42 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-88 mile marker 75 west bound on a 2003 Toyota for an equipment violation. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Ronald Jason Santiago, 47 of Davenport, Iowa., for Driving While License Suspended. Santiago was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 6

At 10:44 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 108 north bound for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Marco Almonaci-Vera, 50 of Rockford, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Almonaci-Vera was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 10:24 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11000 block of West Illinois Rte 64 for a traffic violation. After an investigation Alexandria Stover, 22 of Polo, and Brandon Hitchcock, 24 of Oregon, were arrested for Improper Container of Cannabis. Stover and Hitchcock were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:43 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Town Line Road

and IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Cody Lorenzen, 28 of Dixon under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Lorenzen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 5

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested James Watkins, 26, of Rockford for Driving While License Suspended. Watkins was arrested by Deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Watkins was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Thomas Lyons, 42, of Rockford for Driving While License Revoked. Lyons was arrested by Deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Lyons was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Jan. 4

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Tony Coleman, 22, of Chicago for Driving While License Suspended and for an outstanding Whiteside County Failure to Appear Warrant. Coleman was arrested by deputies on I-88 near Rochelle after being stopped for speeding. A passenger in the vehicle Ronald Bryant, 22, also of Chicago was arrested for an outstanding Whiteside County Failure to Appear Warrant. Both Coleman and Bryant are being held at the Ogle County Correctional Center in lieu of bond.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies

conducted a traffic stop at IL Rte 64 and IL Rte 26. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested Christine Starkweather, 55, of Hanover for No Valid Drivers License. Starkweather was then transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 3

At approximately 7 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 10,000 block of North Illinois Rte. 2 for a one vehicle roll-over accident. After an investigation it was determined that a 2018 Hyundai Elantra being driven by Bradley R. Benhoff, 62, of Rockford, was northbound when he drove off of the roadway. The Hyundai struck a tree nad rolled onto the passengers side. Benhoff was extricated from the vehicle by Byron Fire Personnel and transported to Swedish American Hospital for influence of alcohol and illegal transportaion of alcohol. he was issued citations and given an I-Bond at the hospital. Benhoff is due to appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

Jan. 2

At 10:24 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 104, as a result of this stop Deputies arrested Gregory Williams, 22, of Rockford for Driving While License Suspended and cited him for driving without valid insurance. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail and is held in lieu of bond.

Polo Police report

Jan. 3

TIME: 9:50 p.m.

REPORT: Gary Severns, 63, Polo, was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Severns was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 19

TIME: 3:14 p.m.

REPORT: Brian M. Barrett, 42, Polo, was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign. Barrett was released on an I-Bond.

Dec. 25

TIME: 9:51 a.m.

REPORT: Stephanie J. Kuzlik, 45, Polo, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Kuzlik was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for service for the weeks of December 16, 2019 thru December 29, 2019

Citizen Complaints / Assist	
18	
Juvenile	1
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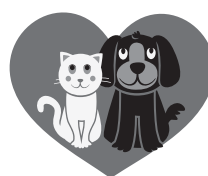
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Mon., Jan. 13

Dance Party at the Byron Library, 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 18 months-5 years, with caregiver.

Join us for a monthly music and movement program! Explore new music and move with shakers, scarves, and ribbon wands. No registration required.

Tues., Jan. 14

Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen meets at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, from 3-5 p.m.

Bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Weds., Jan. 15

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

Fri., Jan. 17

Teen Challenge: Break A World Record at the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley. Think you have what it takes to break a world record?

You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! At 2:45 p.m., come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Al-Anon Family Groups offer help to those who are affected by someone's drinking. Join us each Friday for a free meeting, 10-11 a.m., at Community Room at the KSB Clinic at the south edge of Polo at 1107 S. Division Ave (Route 26).

Sat., Jan. 18

Create-a-Card with Jessie

at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River, 9:30 a.m. Looking for ways to save money and start a new hobby in 2020? Stop buying overpriced greeting cards at the store and join our popular card making club. Every month, Jessie Ross comes in to offer suggestions and guidance as you design uniquely personal items for your friends and family. All materials are provided and registration is not required.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Jan. 31, 1606, at Westminster in London, Guy Fawkes, a conspirator in the plot to blow up the British Parliament building, jumps to his death before his execution for treason. On Nov. 5, 1605, Fawkes had been found lurking in a cellar of Parliament with two tons of gunpowder.

* On Feb. 1, 1781, the Articles of Confederation are finally ratified. The Articles had been signed by Congress and sent to the individual states on Nov. 15, 1777, but bickering between Virginia and Maryland delayed final ratification for almost four years.

* On Feb. 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather.

* On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party (or Nazi Party), is named chancellor (Fuehrer) of Germany. Hitler immediately ordered a rapid expansion of the state police, the Gestapo.

* On Jan. 27, 1943, future President Ronald Reagan, an Army Air Corps first lieutenant during World War II, is on assignment with the Army's First Motion Picture Unit. He had been tapped to star in a motion picture called "Air Force."

* On Jan. 28, 1964, the U.S. State Department angrily accuses the Soviet Union of shooting down an American jet that strayed into East German airspace, killing three U.S. officers aboard the plane. The Soviets said the flight was a "gross provocation."

* On Jan. 29, 1977, "Roots," a groundbreaking television program, premieres on ABC. The eight-episode miniseries, which aired on consecutive nights, follows a family from West Africa through generations of slavery and the end of the Civil War.

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Sometimes we have to make changes

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Newspapers have long been the fabric of many communities. Papers report on the birth of children, the lives they lead and even their deaths.

Council meetings, church services, school awards, arrests — newspapers cover pretty much everything.

For decades papers also had plenty of extras, like comics sections and TV guides. They were cheap to produce and gave readers a real premium. Plus, back in the day there was hardly any other place to get your TV listings or to see comics.

Well, times have changed.

I remember when I went to work in the corporate editorial office for a very large newspaper company in 2011. One of my early assignments was to look at how much comics and TV listings were costing the company.

I am not exactly Capt. Spreadsheet, so this took me weeks and weeks to complete. Ultimately, the savings the company could

have by dropping comics and TV guides were huge. It was decided that individual newspapers could make the decisions, and most cut down on comics and got rid of TV listings.

Why? To save money. Newspapers were once a very profitably business. But the days of large profit margins are long over. A spike in the price of paper alone has killed many newspapers. More than one large newspaper company I used to work for are now no

longer in newspapers at all.

Another reason papers have dropped TV listings is that you can find them in seconds on your phone. Yes, most TV services have a guide that will tell you what is on and what is coming, but this information is also available online.

Printing a listing of TV shows costs newspapers paper, ink and manpower. Those are some heavy costs, quite frankly. Especially for something that you can get very quickly on a handheld device.

We at The Life were faced with the decision to cut some costs and drop our TV pages recently and made the decision to drop them. Yes, we should have given our readers some notice, but there was simply no time. We had to let our syndicator know and we chose to go forward without the TV pages.

I personally know it is a problem for many of our fantastic readers, and I am sorry for that. You have

reached out to us in calls and through letters. In fact, you have reached out with many, many calls.

We do appreciate your feedback, seriously. If we had received zero feedback, I would have been concerned that no one was reading the paper! I know that is not the case, but it is crystal clear that many of you enjoyed the TV pages. I wish we had been in a situation to give you a head's up.

But that would not change the fact that our business environment is changing, and to survive we must change with it. That is Business 101. We have to make hard choices, like any business.

The good news is that you can find what you need as far as TV listings go elsewhere, more so now than ever before. Also, our paper is still providing the community information that our readers want. And we will continue to do so.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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Here's what I did and didn't learn from the recent debate

Dear Editor,

What I learned or didn't learn by watching the Democratic presidential candidate debate on 12/19/2019.

I learned that when given the chance they can be cruel and vicious (and I thought the male Polar Bear was the only one who would "eat their own"). I do not agree with Pete Buttigieg's point of view, however he was attacked at length by the other candidates; Andrew Yang (I don't agree with him either) was the only one who did not lower himself to this level.

I am a believer in live and let live, however I am also a fiscal conservative. I could not survive and support my family if I operated on the ideas and policies that were being

proposed during the debate. "Free" college, "free" healthcare (I believe this system is broken but turning it over to the government and making it "free" is not in my mind the answer), "free" release of debt, well just about "free" everything.

Everything has a cost associated with it. As the old saying goes "there are no free lunches."

One of the "free" ideas thrown out (by Elizabeth Warren I believe) was giving everyone a thousand dollars a month. This thought struck me, so I did some quick research.

There are 331 Million people (counted) in the USA. And the population grows by 1 every 18 seconds. At \$1,000 a month that is

\$12,000 per year per person times 331 Million people, that would equal 3.972 Trillion dollars a year. Now let's compare that to the Gross National Income (GNI) (formerly called the Gross National Product (GNP)) of the USA.

GNI is an estimate of total value of all the final products and services turned out in a given period by the means of production owned by a country's residents.

2019 GNI for the USA is 19.4 Trillion dollars. Giving everyone \$12,000 a year would be equal to 20.5 percent or 1/5th of our GNI. Economically this by itself would not be feasible, let alone all the other "free" stuff!

Let's think about this. First who is everyone? Second of all, if I am to get a thousand

dollars a month why should I first give it to the government so they can give it back to me, can't I just hang on to it and cut out the middle man?

Going down this slippery slope of "free" stuff for all, sounds good if you are to receive the "free" stuff, but what it does in the long run is destroy responsibility, accountability and productivity, and ultimately ambition and self-worth. After all, if you are going to "give" me \$12,000 a year I can be \$12,000 a year less productive!

Other things I learned: One Trillion seconds is over 31 thousand years. 1 Trillion pennies stacked on top of each other would make a tower 870,000 miles high.

William Pirnat, Byron

Family sends out thanks

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank each and every one that have helped us during Charles' illness and since his passing. Thank you for the many cards and donations to the memorials in his name. We are so appreciative of all that was done. We are fortunate to have such a strong community of family and friends.

Our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather will be missed. He is at peace now.

The Charles Heng Family (Marian, Sue and Stan, Mike and Joan, Michelle, Justin and Kylar, Marc, Renee, Haiden and Gavin, Chuck and Jeanie, Jennifer, Brooke and Abby).

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Serenity, Park District host summer camp for bereaved kids

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and the Oregon Park District will be hosting a one-day summer camp for bereaved kids ages 6-17 on Feb. 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Nash Recreation Center in Oregon.

The camp is geared toward children who have experienced the death of a significant loved one.

"The camp will allow kids to connect with others who are their own age and who has experienced the death of a loved one and also enjoy a fun day of traditional camp activities," said Cathy Warren, Serenity's Bereavement Coordinator. "Studies show that these types of camps can be instrumental to kids as they work through their grief."

The Oregon Park District is hosting the event at Nash Recreation Center in Oregon and some of the activities the kids will be able to participate in are

swimming, racquetball and the new game phenomena "pickleball." These normal camp activities will be interspersed with activities organized by Warren and her team of volunteers.

A meal and two snacks are included and the cost to attend is only \$10, scholarships are available if this is a problem.

This is the second camp being sponsored by Serenity and the Oregon Park District. Even if your child attended the last camp, they are invited to also attend this camp.

"Serenity is a resource in our community," Warren said. "And this is just another way that Serenity is able to serve and accomplish our mission of helping all people, whether or not they were a hospice family."

If you have further questions or would like information about registration, please call Warren at 815-732-2499.



Drop in for fun

Come drop in to meet friends and actively play at Nash Recreation Center in Oregon. The Oregon Park District 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 9:30am-12pm. This is free to members and a daily fee for non-members. Some days may include extra special activities such as arts/crafts or even a jump house!

Grand Detour sets 2020 township meetings

GRAND DETOUR – The Grand Detour Township would like to invite everyone to attend its monthly meetings.

They are held the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Detour Town Hall. The April meeting will be held on the second Tuesday at 7:30. If the date or time of the meeting should change it will be posted outside the town hall.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lowry, town clerk, at 815-652-4543.

Meeting dates are: Feb. 12, March 11, April 14, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, and Jan. 13.

Quilt guild will meet on Jan. 20 in Forreston

FORRESTON – Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will meet Monday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Rd. Forreston.

The evening program will be presented by Jared Monroe, from Polo. He will be discussing the history of spinning from drop spindles to the development of the spinning wheel; the variety of spinning wheels, and the 3 drive systems of spinning wheels. He will end with demonstrations of drop spinning and spinning on a modern wheel.

Guild meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Visitors are charged \$5 at the door. Anyone interested in the joy of quilting and the inspiration of quilts are welcome.

For more information call Bonnie at 815-232-4769.

SWCD Board nominations sought

OREGON – To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Nominations are being accepted for three, two year terms as directors of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nominations can be made at the District's office, 213 West Pines Road, Oregon, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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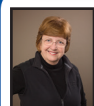


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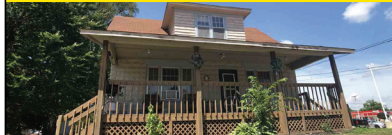


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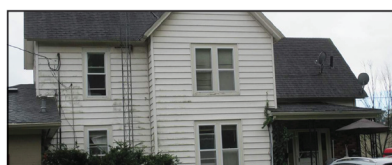
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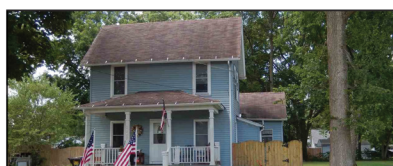
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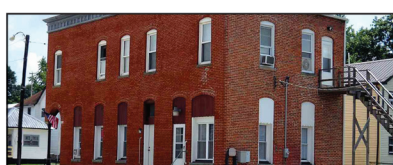
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We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us from 3-5 p.m. and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. Our April distribution will be changed to 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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2 BR, 2.5 BA condo located in the highly desirable Hidden Shores Subdivision. The grand and spacious living room boasts vaulted ceiling and 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 and dining room with granite counter tops and newer appliances. Finished lower level with an extra 800 square feet of space. Loads of updates: carpeting, kitchen flooring, central air & humidifier, furnace, battery back up sump pump & water softener.

Rebecca at 815-509-8432
1954 Hidden Shores Dr, Dixon, IL \$220,000



2-bedroom mobile home with 980 sq ft open floor plan and detached 2+ CAR GARAGE. The garage is equipped with drywall, electric and heat. The lot is on quiet, outer edge of family friendly Mt Morris Estates, A Hauck Homes Neighborhood. The bright and beautiful kitchen has updated cabinets and counter tops complimented by wood laminate flooring. The bathroom cedar ceiling is stunningly paired with the updates. Everywhere you look you'll find updates and neat features, freshly painted drywall/trim, newer windows, wood laminate flooring and carpeting.

Mark at 815-631-1699
3747 W Rt 64 Lot 112, Mt Morris, IL \$16,500



Welcome home! This quite 2 bed 1 bath home has a dry full basement, large fenced yard and 1 stall garage. Windows, siding, roof and insulation updated in 2009. The kitchen with pantry has a dining area that overlooks the large yard. Convenient lower level laundry room and bonus spacedownstairs. Appliances stay, water softener, all electric NO gas bills!

Mark at 815-631-1699
305 N Seminary St, Mt Morris, IL \$60,000



18x14 enclosed porch at back of house. Double lot. 2 car garage plus garden shed. Bathroom has newer tub and toilet. Large eat in kitchen. House to be sold in AS IS condition. No survey, repairs or mitigation. Currently on private well. Needs to hook on to city water within 90 days of closing.

Lori at 815-973- 2180
100 S Ottawa, Cortland, IL \$59,000



Come home to Wooded Serenity on 5 acres. Zoned AG-1, this is a well maintained 3 Br, 2 Ba raised ranch. Nestled among the trees in a small community of homes that share your own private lake, you will enjoy the peace and privacy of being surrounded by State Parks and nature. Low maintenance home with metal roof and all electric mechanicals. Large garage with additional toy storage/workshop attached.

Erin at 815-262-5555
1776 Iron Springs Rd, Franklin Grove, IL \$179,900



Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Over sized 3 car garage with heated shop & full loft perfect for a playroom or man cave. Spacious backyard and additional shed. Inside boasts brand new 1/2 bath, hardwood flooring and some new paint. The 3 season room is perfect for entertaining.

Stephanie at 815-985-2055
206 N 5th St, Oregon, IL \$115,900



With lots of places to add your own touch, this meticulously maintained 2 bedroom, 1 bath property will not stay on the market long. The smell of home cooked meals from the sparkling, vintage kitchen and eat in area will greet you as you walk into the front foyer. Just past the kitchen is the large living room and formal dining. The spotless basement has racks and storage for all your belongings. Water heater and AC replaced in 2018, & roof, gutters and siding in 2008, so you have nothing to worry about!

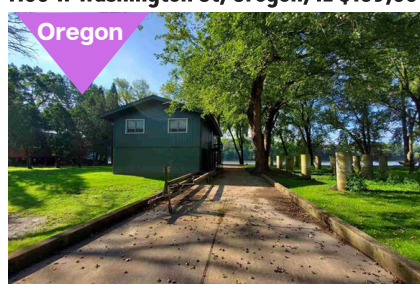
Erin at 815-262-5555

719 Emerson Dr, Rockford, IL \$92,500



Sprawling three bedroom home in a desirable location in Oregon. The home has a large kitchen with an abundance of cabinets, spacious dining area, additional separate dining room, living room with gas fireplace and a massive family room. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, and a 2 car garage situated on a 1.42 acre lot. Master suite has a garden tub, separate shower and a deck with sliders. The basement is partially finished with a large multi-purpose room, bathroom, and kitchen. 2 new furnaces and AC units. Some hardwood floors. Blacktop drive.

Jenny at 815-440-2145
1100 W Washington St, Oregon, IL \$169,000



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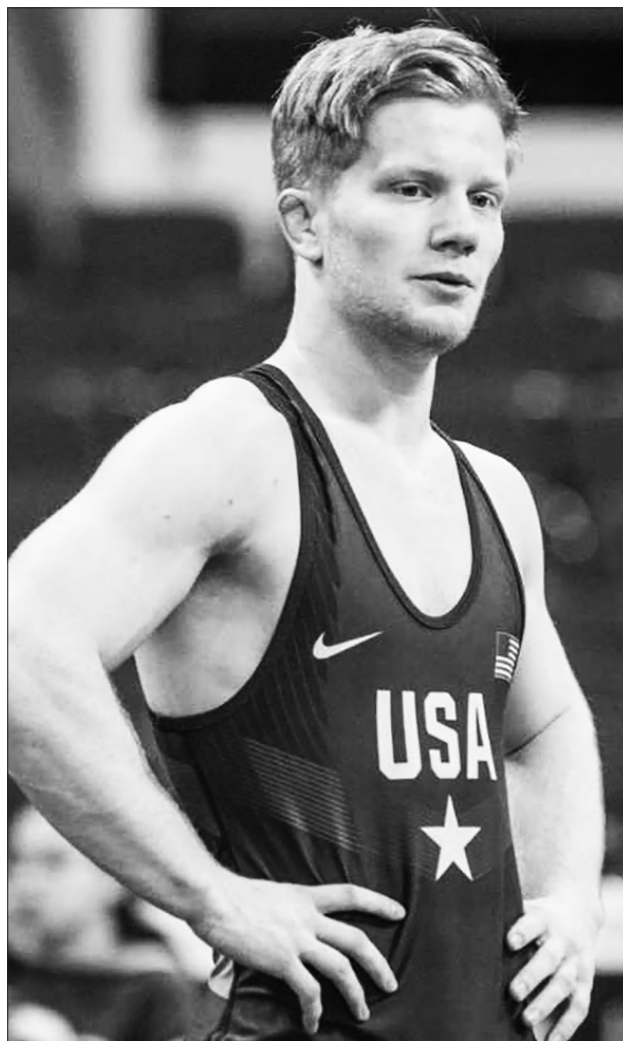
Carla at 815-985-6235
2863 S Brooke's Island Rd, Oregon, IL \$136,900

Byron wrestler Baker qualifies for Olympic Trials

FORT WORTH, Texas — On Dec. 22, Byron's Nolan Baker qualified for the Olympic Trials at 67 kilograms in Greco-Roman wrestling by placing fourth at USA Wrestling's Senior Nationals. Baker was seeded fifth in the tournament, which featured over 20 of the top wrestlers in the nation at his weight.

En route to his fourth-place finish, he defeated the No. 4 and No. 2 seeds. He lost the third-place bout 13-13 by criteria. The top-5 placers at this tournament earned a place at the Olympic Trials, which will be held at Penn State University from April 4-5.

Baker recently earned an award for Five Point Moves Outstanding Individual Performance for his third-place finish at the 2019 World Team Trials and was recently picked up by the prestigious New York Athletic Club as a sponsored athlete. Baker currently lives and trains at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and attends the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs as a full-time student.



Nolan Baker took fourth place in the USA Wrestling Senior Nationals to earn a spot in the Olympic Trials. (Courtesy photo)

Stillman Valley basketball teams take down local opponents

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley boys basketball team split a pair of games recently. The Cardinals defeated Harvard 64-34 on Jan. 5 after falling 50-25 against Pecatonica on Jan. 4.

Justin Fisher led Stillman Valley with 19 points

against Harvard, while Kaden Viverito added 12 points and David Wilhite recorded 11 points. Viverito had 10 points in the loss to Pecatonica.

The Stillman Valley girls basketball team took down Marengo 53-40 on Monday, Jan. 6. Lexi Lichty led

the Cardinals with 15 points while Georgia Ballard added 11 points. Faith Fowler and Payton Barger each recorded nine points in the game. Stillman Valley won 44-33 over Rockford Christian on Jan. 7 behind 19 points from Georgia Ballard and 12 points from Faith Fowler.



Stillman Valley basketball player Brett Pierce was selected by STUDENTathleteWorld to represent the United States in the 2020 World Games. (Courtesy photo)

Pierce selected to represent USA in 2020 World Games

STILLMAN VALLEY — Brett Pierce, a local basketball student-athlete from Stillman Valley High School, has been selected by STUDENTathleteWorld to represent the United States in the 2020 World Games,

an International Sporting Competition to be held in Italy, Germany and Austria on June 22, 2020.

Student-athletes are chosen for the team based on a combination of their athletic ability as well as their academics, leader-

ship ability, and character. The trip includes not only the international sport competition but also sightseeing and opportunities for personal growth and leadership development through international travel.

Oregon basketball teams win over Indian Creek, Morrison

OREGON — The Oregon girls basketball team

topped Indian Creek by a score of 44-33 on Saturday, Jan. 4. Jenae Bothe shined with 26 points in the victory, while Breanna DeHaan added nine points and Jadyn Bothe chipped in seven points.

Oregon fell by a score of 56-48 against Rockford Lutheran on Tuesday, Jan. 7 despite 23 points

from Olivia Lambrigtsen and 13 points from Jenae Bothe.

The Oregon boys basketball team won over Morrison by a score of 57-39 on Friday, Jan. 3. Trey Woolsey dominated the matchup for the Hawks, scoring 33 points while Ryker Finch posted seven points.

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Oregon bowling teams defeat Dakota

OREGON — The Oregon boys bowling team cruised over Dakota by a score of 3,500-2,185 on Jan. 7. Jacob Smith led the Hawks with a 654 series while Isaac Kaltenbrun added 607 and Brandon Rowe rolled 596. Kyle Strite shot 582 for Oregon. The Oregon girls bowling team won over Dakota 3,285-1,922. Sammantha Meyers propelled the Hawks with a 635 series while Rebecca Meyers added 586 and Alysa Conley totaled 558.

Oregon wrestling team falls to Harvard

OREGON — The Oregon wrestling team lost 59-9 against Harvard on Jan. 7. Jokiah Sewell and Adam Glendenning recorded the only wins for the Hawks, with Sewell earning a pin at 170 pounds and Glendenning recording a 5-4 decision at 182 pounds.

Boys, girls bowling meeting will be Jan. 26

MOUNT MORRIS — There will be a parent meeting for anyone interested in participating in the Oregon Area Boys & Girls 5th through 8th Grade bowling teams at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26 at Town & Country Lanes, Mount Morris.

Bowlers will practice after school 1-2 days per week and participate in matches in Mt Morris, Dixon, Sterling and Freeport.

Competition utilizes a Handicap system to allow beginning bowlers to

be competitive with more experienced bowlers. This program is a must for anyone considering bowling in High School. Students who attend Blackhawk Junior high are eligible to participate on the IESA State Tournament teams in April, which will be selected from traveling team members. There is an \$80 participation fee.

Anyone interested should attend the meeting. Additional information is available on the Town & Country Lanes website www.tclanes.com.



Oregon Park District sets activities

Catch the wave swim lessons
Catch the Wave Swim Lessons will begin on Saturday, Feb. 1. Lessons will be offered on a 4-week cycle February-December. Lessons are available for ages 3 months-adult. Registration deadline is January 20. For more information visit www.oregonpark.org.

Toddler/preschool gym
Bring your little one to Nash to burn off some energy this Winter! These structured classes include song, dance, play and more with Instructor, Nancy Crandall. Toddlers must be accompanied with an adult. Deadline to register for January classes is 1/6.

Toddler Gym (Walking-3 years)
Wednesdays 10-10:45am
1/8-1/29
Fee: \$16 / \$19 NR
Preschool Gym (3-5 years)
Wednesdays 11-11:45am
1/8-1/29
Fee: \$16 / \$19 NR

Tumbling
Our tumbling program has proven effective. Kids Spot Inc. utilizes interactive tumbling instructors to provide your child the best experience possible. We offer a variety of class offerings from Tiny to Intermediate classes at 3-time frames of 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 pm for 3-year old and up. Our December classes run for 4 weeks and are Wednesday evenings beginning 1/8 through 1/29. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Monday, January 6.

School's out fun
Join us for a safe, positive and interactive environment for your child on the no school day of Monday, January 20 during a program called Schools Out Fun. Children will enjoy a full day of fun pre-planned activities including crafts, games and peer interaction at the ET Room in the Blackhawk Center. Each Schools Out Fun day is \$25/child and \$30/Non-Resident child. Program runs from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Deadline to register is Jan. 13.

After school 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, IL. 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.

Dog training offerings
We are quickly becoming a popular and affordable choice for dog training in our community. We are having a full series of indoor training sessions available beginning in January and offered through April! There are a variety of class offerings to fit your dog's needs. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.
Upcoming class: Advanced Dog Training Thursdays January 16-February 20 6-7pm Fee: \$60 / \$72 NR Deadline: January 9. This advanced obedience class with trainer Bree Pazera will be a fun challenge for you and your dog. The next step for fun-loving dogs who have graduated past obedience classes. Dog must be at least 1 year of age.

Indoor soccer
This growing indoor recreational

soccer program will take place on Saturday mornings. The league is split into 2 age groups, 4-5 year olds and 6-7 year olds. The season runs Feb. 15th- March 14th. Each day the program will start with practice followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org.

Deadline for registration is Jan. 30th and the cost is \$35/ \$42 NR

Co-ed volleyball league
Co-Ed Volleyball is back at the Nash! Games will be played on Thursday Nights. This is a fun and semi-competitive league and will consist of a regular season and an end of the year tournament. Teams may have a maximum of 6 players on the court at one time with no more than 3 males at once. Mandatory captain's meeting will be held on 2/6 at 5:30 p.m. at Nash Recreation Center. A maximum of 8 teams will be allowed, register early! Registration deadline is February 5th, and the season runs February 13th through April 30th. Fee \$215 per team.

Girls youth basketball night
Come and support the Oregon Lady Hawks Basketball Team! Friday, Jan. 31 at the Blackhawk Center. Oregon Park District 2-5 Grade Girls basketball players, wear your team jerseys! 2/3 grade girls teams will scrimmage during the JV game halftime. Game starts at 5:45 p.m. 4/5 Grade girls teams will scrimmage during the Varsity game halftime. Game starts at 7:15 p.m. Wear your OPD jersey for free admission and a free hotdog from the concession stand. Door prizes will be given away!

Pop up and play dodgeball game
Looking for something fun to do on Martin Luther King day? Stay active and join us on Monday January 20th for a fun dodgeball game in the Nash Gym from 2-3:30 p.m. This is a free event and is open to all ages. A light snack will be provided. This program is brought to you by our presenting sponsor, E.D Etnyre and Co. Any questions, please call Lesley at 815-732-3101.

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From the Heart cash winners named

From The Heart November 2019 Cash Calendar Winners.

Nov. 1 - Larry Hageman, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 2 - Larry Cich, Creston, \$25
 Nov. 3 - Savannah Ikens, Amboy, \$50
 Nov. 4 - Bud Norcross, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 5 - Dore Cevene, Caledonia, \$25
 Nov. 6 - Steve Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 7 - Lester Miller, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 8 - Sharon Booth, St. Charles, \$25
 Nov. 9 - Adrian Garcia, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 10 - Wanda Weishaar, Ashton, \$50
 Nov. 11 - Terry Ufsiu, Rochelle, \$250
 Nov. 12 - Lydia Roberts, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 13 - Mary Ellen Berg, Casselberry, Fla., \$25
 Nov. 14 - Debbie O'Brien, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 15 - Jackie Hill, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 16 - The Rack Bar & Grill, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 17 - Mike Ross, Rochelle, \$50
 Nov. 18 - Laura & Vince Kerkett, Sycamore, \$25
 Nov. 19 - Devon Gugerty, Dixon, \$25
 Nov. 20 - Iron Skillet, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 21 - Darrell Richardson, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 22 - Pam Kelley, DeKalb, \$25
 Nov. 23 - Diane McBride, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 24 - Lynn Jordal, Rochelle, \$50
 Nov. 25 - Tessa Sturgeon, New Albany, New York, \$25
 Nov. 26 - Harper Speakes, Byron, \$25
 Nov. 27 - Robert Danekas, Rochelle, \$25
 Nov. 28 - Dr. Lonn Brander, DeKalb, \$500
 Nov. 29 - Sue Platner, Chicago, \$25
 Nov. 30 - Carl Brune, Rochelle, \$25

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

From The Heart December 2019 Cash Calendar Winners.

Dec. 1 - Phil Nye Jr., Rochelle, \$50
 Dec. 2 - Cody Dale, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 3 - Ann Marie Green, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 4 - John Dobbs, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 5 - Dore Cevene, Caledonia, \$25
 Dec. 6 - Steve Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 7 - Lester Miller, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 8 - Matt Hussey, Rochelle, \$50
 Dec. 9 - Dorothy Vargen, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 10 - Dennis Neal, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 11 - Ashlynn Tinsley, Johnson Tractor/Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 12 - Joni Spartz, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 13 - Shane Huber, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 14 - Super Lube, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 15 - John Greenfield, Rochelle, \$50
 Dec. 16 - Betsy Adams, Dixon, \$25
 Dec. 17 - Dave Louis (grandkids), Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 18 - L.O.T.S., Dixon, \$25
 Dec. 19 - Jake Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 20 - Sue Messer, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 21 - Mrs. Shawn Schabacker, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 22 - Megan Jacobs, Glendale, Arizona, \$50
 Dec. 23 - Richard Hamas, Byron, \$25
 Dec. 24 - Sam Johnson, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 25 - Bret Johnson, Rochelle, \$1,000
 Dec. 26 - Mindy Lange, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 27 - Nick Eul, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 28 - Joe Suarez, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 29 - Nancy Kaiser, Mendota, \$50
 Dec. 30 - Dylan Etes, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 31 - Valerie Mortenson, Rochelle, \$25

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Healthy Soup Class with Lynn

Lynn Kauffman of Lynn's Kitchen will be back at Rock River Center on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m., to share her ideas for Healthy Soups that can be frozen.

Learn how to prepare a heart healthy minestrone soup full of veggies. Sample the meal and take home a complimentary recipe, including nutritional information.

Lynn's goal is to provide easy food prep, healthy eating tips, and cooking options that can be frozen and reheated without losing flavor. There will be a question and answer period.

Call the Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up. Registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 15.

AARP income tax assistance every Wednesday, Jan. 29-April 8

AARP will provide trained tax aides to prepare Illinois tax returns for individuals with low to modest incomes. Returns for a business, farm, partnership, or rental property cannot be done by these representatives. It is not necessary to be a member of AARP or of a particular age to participate in this free program.

Appointments are now being taken. You must have an appointment so call

732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479. The calendar fills quickly, so call early.

When you schedule your appointment, you will be instructed which documents you are required to bring. Come by Rock River Center in advance and pick up the pre-registration forms to be filled out.

Rock River Center is located at 810 S 10th Street in Oregon. Again, please remember arrive early, have the completed registration forms, and the correct documentation to help the preparers.

RSee 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

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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.

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Reservation/payment deadline: March 1. Please call RRC at 815-732-3252 to make your reservation.

Anniversary



Weber's celebrate 50 years

BYRON – Ronald Weber from Dubuque, Iowa and the former Alice Vincenti from River Forest, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on Jan. 3, 1970 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in River Forest.

They have resided in Byron since 1992 and have two children: Christopher of Byron and Heidi Stenberg of Barrington Hills, Ill. They have five grandchildren: Malia and Kaiona Weber and August, Anders and Alexia Stenberg.

Birthdays

Beck turning 100 on Jan. 22

POLO – Adaline Beck will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Jan. 22. An open house will be hosted by her three daughters, and their families, on Saturday Jan. 25, at Pinecree Café in Polo from 1-3 p.m.

Adaline was married to the late Dale Beck and together they had four children, Bev Merdian (Bob deceased), Rodger Beck (deceased), Linda Grossnickle (Steve), Donna Soltow (Kenny). She has six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Birthday cards can be sent to 609 S. Division St, Polo, IL 61064. Omission of gifts.



Aurand set to celebrate 80 years

Happy 80th birthday to Karen Aurand on Jan. 16.

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Bertolet Library News

Create-a-Card with Jessie

Saturday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m.

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

Toddler/Preschool StoryTime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

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

people they love.

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!

Polo Library News

All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and accessible. Please note that some programs require registration.

Library Closed

Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, Jan. 20

Winter Reading Program for All Ages Jan. 2-Feb. 29

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

Children's programs

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

Lego Challenge: Book or Movie Character

Ages 8-14

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Build a character from a favorite book or movie.

Early Out Program

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1-2:30 p.m.

Movie: The Lion King (new release)

Call to register, 815-946-2713

Pokemon Club

Ages 8-14

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Tales for Tots

Pre-K/Kindergarten Story Time

Ages 3-5

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Theme: Snowmen

Book; Mouse's First Snow by Lauren Thompson

Parent/guardian/caregiver must stay with child during the program. Call to register, 815-946-2713

Teen programs

Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

Teen scene

Ages 13-18

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 5:30-7 p.m.

Cookies and Canvas Painting Party. Call to register, 815-946-2713

Adult programs

Euchre

Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30-7 p.m.

Time to play cards, bring a friend

Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1-3 p.m.

Monthly on the third Saturday

Learn to knit a scarf - The Library will provide the needles, the attendees will bring bulky weight yarn in color of their choice. Call to register, 815-946-2713

Rock River Center representative

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

Lifelong Learning

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6-7 p.m.

Monthly on the fourth Thursday

University of Illinois Extension, Celebrations and Traditions: Strengthening Family and Community. Plan to discuss the importance of traditions, explore ideas for maintaining family traditions or creating new ones, and create a plan for documenting celebrations. Call to register, 815-946-2713

Board @ the Library - Games for Adults 18+

Saturday, Jan. 25, 3-5 p.m.

Monthly on the fourth Saturday

Yoga

Monday, Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.

Krystal from ADM Studios in Oregon will be our instructor.

Bring a mat if you have one. Call to register, 815-946-2713

Coffee with a Cop-New Day, Same Time

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

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

Book Discussion Groups

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

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Friday, Jan. 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Afternoon Book Club @ the Library

Monday, Jan. 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: Educated: a memoir by Tara Westover

Byron Library News

Special Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20 for a staff training day. We will re-open with our regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Library Dance Party

Monday, Jan. 13

10-10:45 a.m.

Ages: 18 months-5 years, with caregiver

Join us for a monthly music and movement program! Explore new music and move with shakers, scarves, and ribbon wands. No registration required.

Navigating the College Search Process

Monday, Jan. 13

6-7:30 p.m.

College starts with identifying colleges that will fit you best. This informational seminar, intended for parents of high schoolers and their students, will cover how college admissions has changed recently and how parents can prepare. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Unicorn Magic Party

Tuesday, Jan. 14

6-7 p.m.

Ages: 3-8 years, with caregiver

Channel your unicorn love in an evening devoted to all things unicorn! This is a repeat of our November program, due to high demand. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Matinees at BPLD: Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles

Friday, Jan. 24

10-11:30 a.m.

This documentary looks at the origins of Fiddler on the Roof, one of Broadway's best-known musicals. Max Lewkowicz's "Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles" provides an entertaining overview of the unlikely success of Fiddler on the Roof, which won 9 Tonys and is the longest running musical in Broadway history. Refreshments provided. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Super Bowl LIV Scoop presented by Sean Considine

Monday, Jan. 27

5-6 p.m.

What does it take to get into the

Super Bowl? What makes an underdog and how are the odds determined? What do the referee calls mean? Novice football watchers and devoted fans alike will enjoy Sean's stories and professional knowledge. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Princess Di: Gone But Still Kicking!

Tuesday, Jan. 28

1-2 p.m.

Jilann Gabrielle of Paradise Playhouse presents a cabaret style show. Princess Di cut a deal with St. Peter at heaven's gate and will be allowed to stay with her sons at the palace, but in return she will age. Don't miss this performance and chance to learn about Princess Diana's public and personal life within the British Royal Monarchy. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

National Hot Chocolate Day

Friday, Jan. 31

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy a free cup of hot chocolate with your choice of stir-ins and toppings! No registration required!

Byron Pioneers and the History of the Census

Wednesday, Feb. 5

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Find out which Byron pioneer undertook the first U.S. Census for Ogle County in 1840 and other interesting stories about Byron settlers. Also learn how the census adds value to our community with our Director, Emily Porter. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Totally Radical 80s Time Travel Adventure Escape Room

Saturday, Feb. 8

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages: 18 and up

You've gone back in time! Use your knowledge of all that was rad in the 80s to get back to the present day. One person should register your group of 3-5 for a 45-minute time slot. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

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

Oregon Library News

The board of trustees approved to go fine free beginning Jan. 1, 2020

Over the years libraries have charged fines for overdue materials to ensure patrons return the items. In January 2019, the American Library Association issued a resolution that added to their policies “The American Library Association asserts that imposition of monetary library fines creates a barrier to the provision of library and information services”. Since our library is supported by your taxes, we are discovering that fines are unnecessary and can be seen instead as a deterrent to use the library. Of the 2059 registered cards at Oregon, 34% have fines and 17% of these cards cannot check out materials because the amount is over \$5.00. Oregon Public Library strives to make our resources available to the public and our patrons while providing an accessible and less stressful experience. We are lucky to have a historical library filled with a variety of materials manned by knowledgeable and friendly staff and we want to share these resources with you.

How does Fine Free work? Materials will still have due dates, but fines will not be accrued when they are overdue. Renewals can still occur unless there are holds on the materials. Patrons are still responsible for the items they have checked out and if these materials are kept longer than 14 days past the due date, the patron account will be blocked. At 21 days the items will be charged to the account at a replacement value. The account will remain blocked until the items are returned. As of January 1st, 2020 all overdue fines will be waived and moving forward all overdue fines will not accrue. Replacement charges for items that are damaged or lost still apply. If you have outstanding library materials you can return them with no fines. If you have not been in for a while, we’d love to see you again! Please call the Oregon Public Library at (815)732-2724 if you have questions.

1,000 books before kindergarten

The objective of the 1,000 Books Foundation (a non- profit public charity based in Nevada) is to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and to encourage parent and child bonding through reading. Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Beginning in January, the Library will offer this nationwide pre-kindergarten challenge to its’ district patrons. How does this work? Come to the Oregon Public Library, register, receive your reading folder & instructions and off you go! Seems impossible? For more information, call the Library at 815-732-2724.

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 beginning January 9

Murder, Mayhem and the Mob Part One: Chicago’s Beer Wars –Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.

Who was Al Capone, and why are we still so fascinated by him? A century after the beginning of Prohibition, we continue our conversations and debates about that brief period in Our Town’s history and the man at the center of the story. To learn more about “Scarface,” the Roaring Twenties, and the true story of the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre, please join Clarence Goodman for “Murder, Mayhem, and the Mob Part One: Chicago’s Beer Wars.”

Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th) - Tuesday, Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m.

Reading plus w/ Mrs. Himert – Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Join Mrs. Himert, a retired reading specialist with years of experience, for entertaining ways to interact with reading. This NEW program is designed for 1st-4th grade with read alouds, reader theater and a drawing for 3 free books each session. Other session dates: February 26, March 18 and April 22. Registration requested.

National Puzzle Day – Wednesday, Jan. 29

Come celebrate national Puzzle Day at the library. We will have puzzles out for you to do in our gallery all day long.

Library book clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Special Guest for both Afternoon Book Club and Books on Tap: Conversation with the author, Kathleen Grissom, via phone! The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

Adult yoga Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. – Family yoga Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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

Oregon Writer’s Group (OWG) – Will not meet in January, See you Feb. 11

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.

Explore more Illinois

Explore More Illinois is a service of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS). RAILS is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Library through the Office of the Secretary of State Jesse White and provides a number of different programs and services for Illinois libraries and library users.

Oregon Public Library now offers Explore More Illinois, a cultural pass program that provides discounts and other offerings from museums, historical societies, performing and visual arts centers, and other attractions across the state of Illinois. The program is free for adults 18 years and older who have a library card from a participating library. Offerings differ by attraction and include free or reduced admission, free parking, discounts at attraction shops, and more.

Explore More Illinois is available 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. Visit <https://exploremore.quipugroup.net/?Oregon> and log in using a valid library card number and password to review and reserve offerings by attraction and specific dates. Current attractions include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield), Chicago Children’s Museum, and Discovery Center Museum (Rockford).

Visit exploremoreillinois.org to see a complete list. New attractions are added on a regular basis so be sure to check back frequently.

Contact library staff for more information at 815-732-2724 or email us at oregonlibrary@yahoo.com

New releases

Limetown by Zack Akers (Fiction BOCD)

Disney’s Land by Richard Snow (BOCD Non-Fiction 791.06 SNO)

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Firewall by Eugenia Lovett West (Mystery)

Invitation Only Murder by Leslie Meier (Mystery)

Lady Takes The Case by Eliza Casey (Mystery)

Making Comics by Lynda Barry (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 BAR)

Stranger Things. Six – Vol. 2 (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.58 STR)

Forever Friends by Sarah Mackenzie (Fiction)

The Camera Never Lies by David Rawlings (Fiction)

Mount Morris Library News

Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. – Tax Efficiency for adults

Brian from Thrivent financial will be here to help you understand tax efficiency. Learn about where your money goes, what needs taxed, what all these terms mean for you.

Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Cents adult program week 2

Learn how to eat healthy on a dime. This will be hands on and interactive class to help adults and their families stay healthy without breaking budget. There will be a taste test of a delicious recipe at each class. This class will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Please call or stop in to sign up.

Sunday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. – What is Tri County

See all of the great things Tri County has to offer, ask

questions, and be informed!

Drop Of 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:

Mini Golf Fundraiser – Our annual mini golf fundraiser will be coming in February! If you would like to sponsor a hole please contact Kaitlyn at the Library.

Reoccurring Programs:

Story Time – Every Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. all ages (Upcoming dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29)

After School Club – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @3:00pm ages 5 and up (Upcoming dates 1/15, 2/5, 2/19)

Lego Club – Every 2nd Monday of the month at 5:45 p.m. all ages (Upcoming dates 1/13, 2/10)

Cookbook Club – Every 3rd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. for adults. Visit the library to choose your recipe. (Upcoming dates 1/20) *The day has changed*

Library Board Meeting – Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., Feb. 19 at 7 p.m

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

Julia Hull Library News

2020 Winter Reading Challenge

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

Teen Challenge: Break A World Record

Think you have what it takes to break a world record? You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! On Friday, Jan. 17 at 2:45 p.m., come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Fun Day Monday: Winter Diorama

School's out for the day, so stop by the library for creative play! From snowmen, to snow covered trees, participants will each create a unique 3D winter wonderland using cardboard boxes, paper, cotton batting and more. Monday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. Grades K-5. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Pick up a copy of Jonah Winter *Elvis Is King*, then join fellow young critics on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

Storytime With Elephant & Piggie!

Join us for a hysterically good time featuring the popular books and characters from the Elephant & Piggie series by Mo Willems. On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m., we'll read books, sing songs, and make a craft even indecisive Gerald would approve of! Both costumed characters, Gerald & Piggie, will join us for fun and photos. Bring a camera! All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Travel Tips: TSA Precheck, Global Entry & Real ID

Do you dread airport security? There are 3 specific ways to help manage the stress: TSA Precheck, Global Entry and Real ID. Frequent fliers, Joanna & Wayne, will give you the ins and outs of each, then review all the information you need to know before you apply. Monday, January 27 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Photo Contest: Shades of Winter

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

Tween Scene: The Great Library Bake-Off

Tween amateur bakers are invited to the library on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. to compete in a mug cake challenge! Will your recipe impress the judges? After receiving a brief baking lesson, tweens will be free to create their own delicious flavor from a variety of ingredients provided. Who will take home the win? Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.



No snow? No problem! Julia Hull District Library tweens (ages 10-12) made their own snow, then added a variety of touches to make an original, colorful work of art (Stillman Valley).



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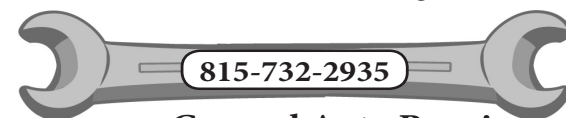


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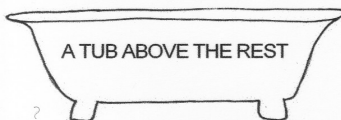
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Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30a.m., Morning Worship -
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Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon
at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please
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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.;
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Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high
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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
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For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

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

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402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
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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

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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
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Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

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102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 815-734-4853 Rev. Julie Bunt 1st &
3rd Sun: 9:30 am Traditional Worship, Nursery provided, 10:40 Coffee Hour
2nd & 4th Sun: 9:30 am Praise Worship, Nursery provided, 10:40 Coffee
Hour SEP-MAY: Sun. 10:45 am Sunday School; Mon. 5:30 pm chimes; 6:45
pm Choir Monthly Groups: Youth, 2nd Sun., 6 pm; Men, 3rd Sun., 7:30 am;
Women, 3rd Tues., 9 am

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE 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 .
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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.;
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OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642
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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.

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1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
• 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
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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
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Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after
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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

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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
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KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY

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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.valleycov.org
Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children and Families
Sunday Mornings: Worship at 10:15 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church
Provided). Communion is served the first Sunday of the month. Coffee and
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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
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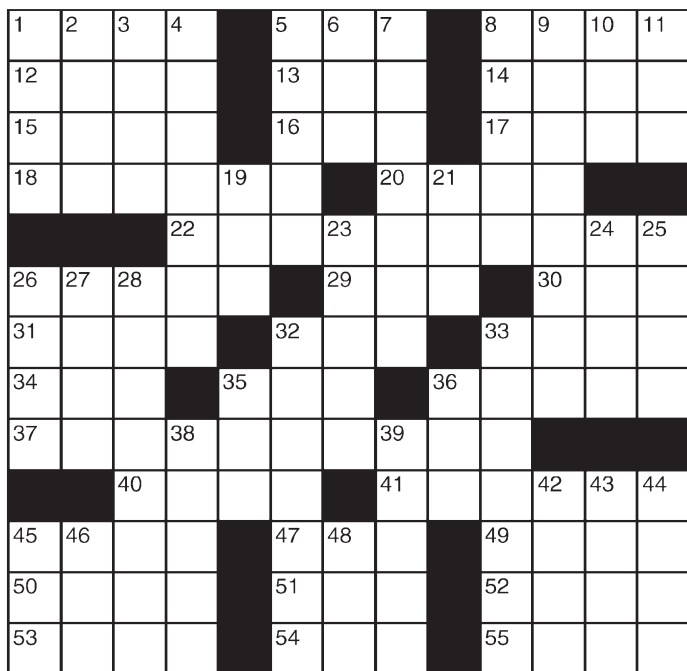
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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cleans the floors
5 Pouch
8 One of the Three Bears
12 Admitting customers
13 Time of your life?
14 Change for a five
15 Draped dress
16 Sailor
17 Western state
18 Deceptive
20 Melody
22 Lengthwise, to 16-Across
26 In spades
29 Actress Farrow
30 Mai — (cocktail)
31 Exceptional
32 Corral
33 Check
34 Film trickery, for short
35 One of the Brady Bunch
36 Cartoonist Trudeau
37 Everywhere
40 Surround
41 Attachments
45 Blunder
47 Rowing need
49 Help in crime
50 Padlock fastener
51 Oilfield struc-



- ture
52 Fourth dimension
53 Vocal comeback
54 Hearty brew
55 Surmounting
DOWN
1 Rolling stone's lack
2 Colorful fish
3 Graceful woman
4 Cold symptom
5 Attendant of Bacchus
6 — Khan
7 Foolproof
8 100 pence
9 Enemy of an "army"?
10 Shade of green
11 Shade of blonde
19 Plaything
21 Actress Merkel
23 Make corrections
24 Equitable
25 Wee
26 St. Louis landmark
27 Creche trio
28 Annoyingly proper
32 Internet radio
provider
33 Numbers to be crunched
35 Cookie container
36 Deity
38 Ballerina in "Fantasia"
39 Ginormous
42 Last write-up
43 "Finding —"
44 Flight component
45 That girl
46 Fond du —, Wis.
48 Have something

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MAGIC MAZE ● SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME

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

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

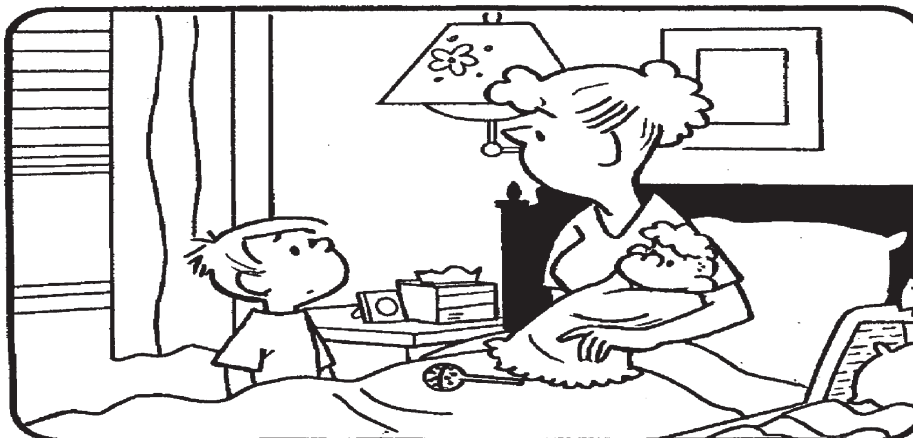
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

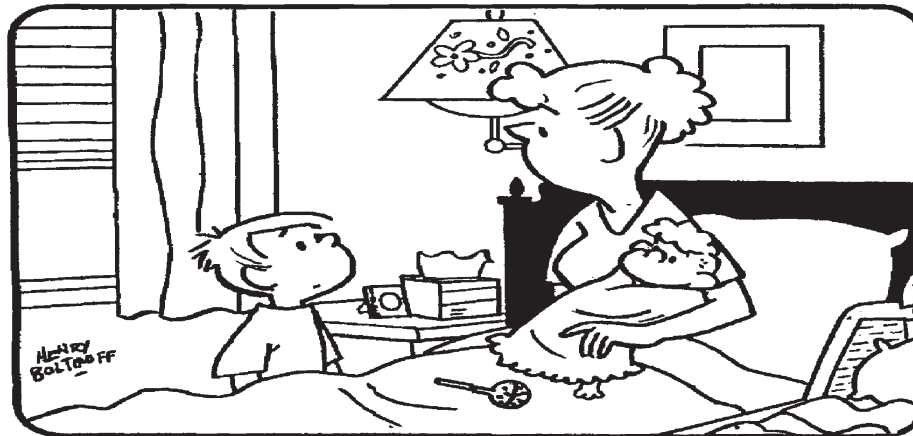
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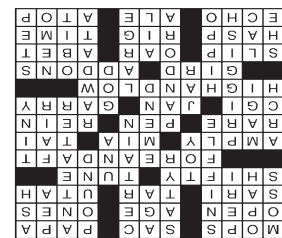
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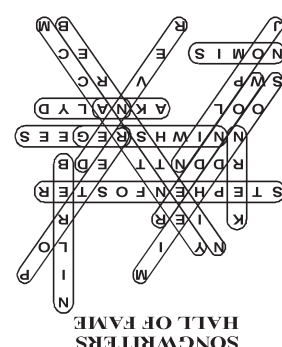
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Rattle is moved. 4. Foot is showing. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Tissue is higher.



Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
— King Crossword —



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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

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

WHAT HAS LOTS OF RINGS BUT NO FINGERS?

CLAIMS	MAILS	TRIPLE	RELIT
ESTEEM	TEEMS	STARCH	CARTS
HALTER	EARTH	PERIOD	PRIED
LEVERS	SERVE	SENSOR	ROSES
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		TASSEL	STALE

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

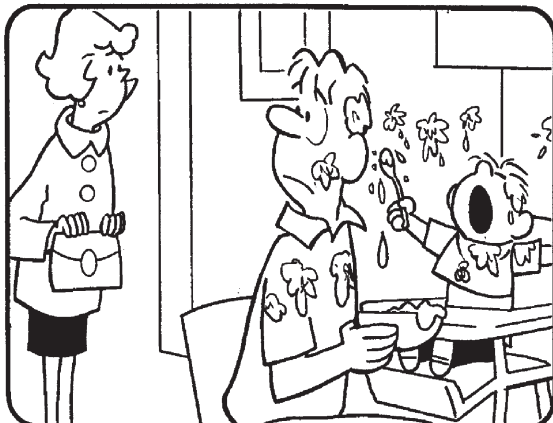
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Old Glory feature	___ _ _ _ P _	Refuse to work	___ _ _ _ K _
2. Shortstop's mitt	___ _ _ V _	Round Earth map	___ _ _ B _
3. ___ Powers, spy	A _ _ _ _ _	Actor Hoffman	D _ _ _ _ _
4. Four-leaf plant	___ _ O _ _ _	Ingenious	___ _ E _ _ _
5. From Athens	___ _ _ K _	Dr. Seuss' eggs	___ _ _ _ N
6. Take a taste	___ A _ _ _ _	As easy as pie	___ I _ _ _ _
7. Smart and stylist	N _ _ _ _ _	Caesar's L	F _ _ _ _ _
8. Harbor	___ _ _ _ A	Gomer Pyle's corps	___ _ _ _ E
9. Children	Y _ _ _ _ _	Estuary	M _ _ _ _ _
10. Hooded jacket	___ _ _ A	Playgrounds	___ _ _ _ S

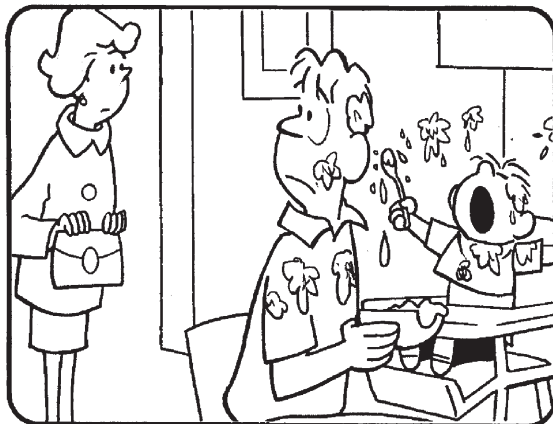
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Button is missing. 2. Skirt is different. 3. Food spat is missing. 4. Chair back is lower. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Hair is different.

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DETRIMMING THE TREE! Christmas trees come down a lot faster than they go up. How many ornaments can you count in the above picture? It's up to you to decide.

SUMMING SEVEN IS SIMPLE! See if you can arrange these seven numbers so that they add up to 100:

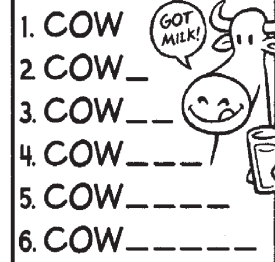
Answer: 15 + 36 + 47 + 2 = 100.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 = 100

TRY CHEWING ON THIS ONE! It's blue ribbon time if you can find the following "cow" words. All of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with the word COW. Use the following definitions:

1. COW (in place).
2. Monk's hood.
3. Frightened off.
4. Cattle herder.
5. Tuft of hair.
6. Yellow primroses.

1. Cow. 2. Cow. 3. Cow. 4. Cow. 5. Cow. 6. Cow. 7. Cow.



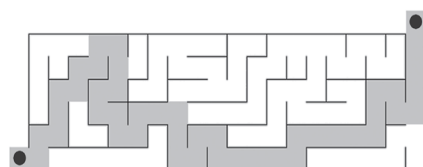
Illustrated by David Coulson

DOWN THE LADDER!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FEET to CLAY in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. CAMP to SITE
2. WORK to FAME
3. BELL to ROPE
4. LIMP to CANE
5. DADO to CUTS

1. CAMP, CAME, SAME, SATE, SITE.
2. WORK, FORK, FORE, FARE, FAME.
3. BELL, BOLL, ROLL, ROLE, ROPE.
4. LIMP, LIME, LINE, LANE, CANE.
5. DADO, DADS, DUDS, CUDS, CUTS.

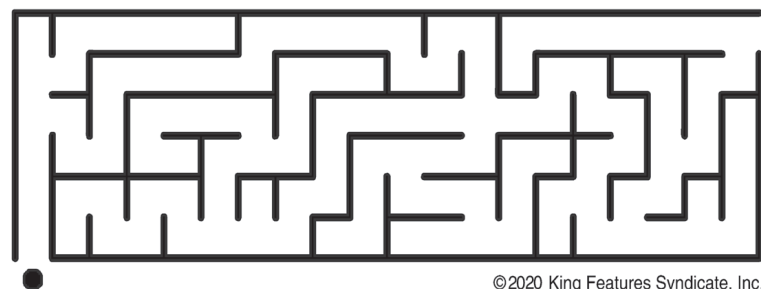


Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange

- answers
1. Stripe, Strike
 2. Glove, Globe
 3. Austin, Dustin
 4. Clover, Clever
 5. Greek, Green
 6. Sample, Simple
 7. Nifty, Fifty
 8. Marina, Marine
 9. Youth, Mouth
 10. Parka, Parks

Kids' Maze



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Answer
CLAIMS C
TEEMS E
EARTH L
SERVE L
RELIT P
CARTS H
PRIED O
ROSES N
DARES E
STALE S

Super Crossword

**APT
OCCUPATIONS**

ACROSS

- 1 Ship parts
6 One in a veil
11 Very small: Prefix
15 Sealed, say
19 Early TV's Stu
20 Posteriors
21 Stick — in the water
22 Songwriter's creation
23 Martin the ticket collector?
26 Actor Bana or Stoltz
27 Pay to play poker
28 Game with Wild cards
29 Clinton the doctor?
31 Caught at a rodeo
33 Pollen lover
34 Hardly fresh
35 Worldwide
38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?
45 More greasy
49 Ending for Israel
50 Ilk
51 Car owners' org.
52 Kelly the minister?
54 "Let's go!"
- 55 Former Apple messaging software
57 See 64-Down
58 Primate studier
59 Benny the golfer?
61 Markey and Bagnold
63 Actor Hinds of 2017's "Justice League"
65 Negligent
66 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview
67 Bailey the philosopher?
72 Folder flap
75 Meal tie-on
76 Rice-based Spanish dish
77 Ivory's counterpart
79 Benatar the dairy owner?
85 Fuzzy stuff
87 Departure
88 Standoffish
89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)
90 Nolte the clockmaker?
92 Skeleton part
93 +
94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.

- 95 Girls in the family
96 Liotta the lamp designer?
100 Gets dilated
102 Basic deg. for designers
103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala
105 End profit
110 Behar the chef?
116 Airport stat
117 Hotel chain
118 Morales of film and TV
119 Arden the demolition contractor?
122 Shady giants
123 Get-out-of-jail money
124 Super-mad poet John
125 "The Flea"
126 Blog addition
127 Pot for stew
128 Lauder of makeup
129 Evil smile

DOWN

- 1 Get gold, e.g.
2 Target
3 Center, e.g.
3 Smacks
4 Spork parts
5 — -cone
6 "Viva Zapata!" star
7 Alter totally
8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"
9 Bounced down the court
10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films
11 Spam, say
12 Langston Hughes poem
13 Athletic team assoc.
14 Film anew
15 Not wobbly
16 Throw
17 Troop body
18 Pt. of MIT or STEM
24 Nuclear reactor tube
25 Polar vehicle
30 Polar pixie
32 Curved arch
36 High jump on a skateboard, informally
37 Lacking a key, in music
39 "Semper Fi" mil. branch
40 Weirdo
41 Rubik of cube fame
42 Aiea's island
43 Broccoli —
44 Kit — (candy bars)

- 45 Poet Nash
46 Twisted wit
47 — lazuli
48 Frosted
53 Abbr. on a pay stub
54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"
55 "Veni," in English
56 Nero's 160
59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"
60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"
62 Spruce (up)
64 With 57-Across, Ali ring strategy
68 Abate
69 "Fighting" Big Ten team
70 Cut, as pizza
71 Cold and wet
72 Like poison
73 Japanese cartoon art
74 Measures of memory
75 Scaring cry
78 — noire
79 One of Henry VIII's Catherines
80 Et —
81 Mug in a pub
82 Jamaican citrus fruit
83 Mean ruffian
84 Wife on "The Addams Family," to her hubby
86 Cover for a truck bed
90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps
91 Jab deliverer
93 Control in a clinical study
97 Certain wind player
98 Very loudly, musically
99 9-to-5er's weekly cry
101 Main dish
104 Art house film, often
106 Went aboard
107 Nitrogen compound
108 Words after all or hole
109 San Fran griddler
110 All-terrain vehicle
111 Fjord city
112 Tasty tubers
113 Egg-shaped
114 Eye, in Paris
115 Nut with caffeine
116 Rock finale?
120 Perched
121 LP replacers

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Soap Opera Update

By Dana Jackson

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Thomas told Liam to get used to having him in his life. A new man asked Steffy out on a date. Thomas became suspicious when he walked in on a private conversation between Steffy and Zoe. Hope demanded the truth from Thomas about his threat to Liam and his relationship with Zoe. Ridge revealed to Carter that he thought Liam still loved Steffy. Thomas made some big accusations against Liam to Hope. Ridge and Steffy shared a warm-hearted father/daughter moment. Liam tried to make Hope realize that Thomas was still obsessed with her. Steffy told Liam she didn't want to hear about how much he still loved Hope. Thomas secretly tailed Hope as she drove to Steffy's. Ridge queried Brooke about Liam's ultimatum. Brooke made it clear that one day Ridge would see Thomas' true self. Wait to See: Flo returns to town and goes after the man she loves -- Wyatt.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Evan and Sonny shared a kiss. Kayla pressed Steve to tell her about the woman

he loves. Ciara's confrontation with Victor took a stunning turn. Xander threatened Ben. Eli questioned Lani about why she threw a rock through Gabi's window. Meanwhile, Kristen used Gabi to get what she wanted. Xander blamed Ciara for Victor's medical crisis. Brady learned about Victor's condition. Lani confided in JJ, who offered his help. Gabi tried to cover her tracks with Eli. Kate warned Will about Evan. Nicole lied to Kristen about her relationship with Brady. Later, Kristen was caught off-guard when someone showed up on her doorstep. Brady decided to go along with Nicole's ruse. Xander warned Ciara to stay away from Victor. Wait to See: Gina squirms as John questions her about Steve.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Nina asked Maxie for help. Valentin was very perplexed. Peter was caught off-guard. Joss felt let down. Trina and Cameron made a pact. Ava's luck took an unexpected turn. Anna was at the right place at the right time. Laura was very concerned. Finn was fascinated by what he experienced. Sonny called a truce. Alexis was put off by Sam's actions.

Jason looked to Robert for help. Carly was highly annoyed. Sonny found himself reluctant. Lulu, however, was ready to fight. Michael was concerned. Sonny confronted Julian. Jason was prepared to make a deal. Finn met with Jax. Nina praised Maxie. Julian was surprisingly fearful. Wait to See: Elizabeth is blind-sided.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Billy and Amanda searched for common ground. Theo needed Summer, while Mariah wanted answers from Tessa. Victor gave Adam a warning. Abby counseled Devon. Jack's plan to support Theo backfired. Rey sensed trouble with Sharon. Adam and Chelsea made an important decision. Phyllis opened up to Nick. Later, Nick and Sharon reminisced about their past. Nate was recruited for a new venture. Phyllis pushed Abby's buttons. Victoria confronted Billy about his behavior. Devon made a confession about Amanda. Wait to See: Tensions rise between Summer and Lola.



Melissa Ordway stars as "Abby" on "The Young and The Restless." Photo credit: Cliff Lipson/CBS

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Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

Senior Flu Vaccine Leaves Us Vulnerable

You got your flu shot this year, right? Even though it's no longer the beginning of the flu season, it's never too late to get your shot. At this point we're only in the middle of an elevated-level flu season with months still to go.

Flu hits seniors harder than any other demographic. More of us end up hospitalized and with complications if we get the

flu. At least 70% of deaths from flu are seniors.

There's a special shot for us with three types of vaccine at four times the strength. Our shot contains two A virus strains and one B. I asked my pharmacist, "Why don't they give us all four vaccine types?" His answer was that decision makers calculate each year which flu three strains will be strongest and go with those ... to save money.

This year, however, a B virus, which usually comes out in February, was the flu

that launched the season.

How do we get the flu? From others, often by breathing air that has the virus in it from someone's sneeze or cough (from 6 feet away and airborne for several hours) or by touching a hard surface that has flu germs on it from someone else (for 24 hours).

Some of the ways of protecting ourselves are so simple we have no excuse for not following them. Take sanitizing wipes with you in a baggie when you go to the store and wipe down the cart han-

dle. (Then throw the wipe away.) Wrap sanitizing wipes around the doorknobs in your home and let them dry overnight. Wash your hands often. And get your flu shot.

The next time you talk to your senators, tell them we need a four-way four-strength vaccine for seniors. Saving lives and hospitalizations makes it worth the extra cost.

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Doctors Disagree on Blood Pressure Target

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 91-year-old male. When I switched primary care physicians, my new doctor shook his head because my previous doctor had never told me about my low GFR readings and being borderline diabetic. In the past I had assumed that if the doctor didn't mention any low or high blood test results, everything must be OK. I no longer assume: I ask for a copy of the results and question them.

The new doctor referred me to a nephrologist. My blood pressure at the time was usually in the 130-140/60-70 range. He told me that for a person of my age, that was too low. He gave me a target of 159/89. Then on my next visit to primary care, I was told that my blood pressure was too high; I was prescribed losartan. I am testing my blood pressure daily, and the past few days it has been in the 170s. So, what is a good target for my blood pressure? Which doctor is correct? -- A.L.

ANSWER: There is no absolute

right answer to your question. On the one hand, overaggressive treatment of blood pressure in a 91-year-old is unnecessary and may lead to symptoms of lightheadedness, especially upon standing. Other blood pressure drugs may have additional side effects.

On the other hand, a 91-year-old has a higher risk for heart disease and stroke, and in someone with a low GFR reading (a measurement of kidney function) and borderline diabetes (which further increases the risk of heart attack and stroke), most experts would aim for a blood pressure goal that is closer to 120-130/80-85, as long as it isn't causing annoying symptoms. I'm not clear why the doctor wasn't happy with your usual blood pressure, since a level of 130-140/60s seems very reasonable for a man your age if you aren't having side effects. If 170 is the usual systolic pressure on your new regimen, I would ask about going back to the old one.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I always have had small breasts. Suddenly, in my mid-70s, my breasts grew, and now at 80 I have outgrown most of my clothes. My doctor said that it is fat,

but I have gained only a few pounds. Could this be hormonal? Have you addressed this issue before? -- S.F.

ANSWER: I haven't addressed this before. Breasts change size during a woman's life for many reasons. Breast tissue is a mixture of fat and glandular tissue. For young women, there's proportionally more glandular tissue, the amount of which tends to decrease over time. After menopause, the breasts become less glandular; what is lost is replaced by fat, as there is less estrogen.

About 20% of women will notice significantly larger breasts after menopause; however, this usually occurs along with overall weight gain. Significant breast enlargement without much weight gain is not common in my experience.

Hopefully, your doctor did a thorough examination. However, I think it is very unlikely that your breast size changes represent a tumor. Very rarely, there are estrogen-producing tumors, so if there were other reasons to be concerned, your doctor might check blood levels of hormones, including estrogen.

Super Crossword

Answers

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LAND AUCTION

330 Acres MOL
Ogle County Farm Land

Thursday February 6th, 2020

10:00 AM

Land Location: , 5922 E Holcomb Rd., Oregon IL These parcels are all located in the same area and are adjacent. **For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.**

Auction Location: For your comfort & convenience this auction will be held offsite, indoors at the **Bearrows Auction Center, 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068** Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs off Rt. #251 & Flagg Blacktop just North of Rochelle IL **Visit our web site at www.bearrows.com for further information & full color pictures, or Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows for more information.**

Auctioneers Note: This property will be offered in several parcels from 6.5 to 195 acres. Parcels will be tillable, some pastureland, and a home site with cattle facility, and an impeccably maintained 50's ranch home. All announcements made day of the auction take precedence over any and all prior statements and or advertising.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS:

Parcel 1: Approx. 6.5 acre homesite with cattle feeding set-up, 3 silos, loafing shed and a 1900 Sq Ft Story and 1/2 home, Very well Kept.; **Parcel 2:** Approx. 195 Acres, without any improvements, and a PI# 125 **Parcel 3:** Approx. 20 acre recreational site with Creek, some tillable land, and access from Holcomb Rd.

Parcel 4: 37 Acres+- with access on the North edge across Tract 5 onto Stillman Blacktop. This parcel is located West of parcel 5 and has a PI# 135 **Parcel 5:** 37+- Acres with access on Stillman Blacktop. This parcel is located East of parcel 4 and has a PI# 134

TERMS AND CONDITION OF SALE: A minimum deposit of 10% of the purchase price in the form of cash, certified check, bank draft or personal check shall be made by the successful Bidder(s) on the day of sale for parcels 2,3,4 & 5 or any combination of them. The homesite, parcel 1, will be \$5,000.00 down, At such time, the successful Bidder(s) shall enter into purchase contract. On or before **March 18th, 2020**, the Buyer(s) shall pay the balance of the purchase price in full. A copy of the purchase contract will be available for inspection at the closing desk on the day of the auction, or by contacting the auctioneer.

POSSESSION: Buyer(s) to receive full possession of all parcels upon closing. The current tenant has interest in renting this property back for 2020 season, should the buyer need someone to operate it. **TAXES:** Seller(s) pays all 2019 Taxes due in 2020, in the form of credit at closing based upon the latest available information. No further pro-rations will be made after closing. **SURVEY & DEED:** Seller(s) will provide survey, commitment letter of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price and stamped Trustee's deed to Buyer(s) at time of closing **SALE ORDER:** **Sale Order:** We will offer all Parcels separately, followed by the combination of 1&2, and the combination of 4 & 5

Owner: John & Jennifer Kruse

Attorney For The Seller:

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Real Estate Auction

Having decided to liquidate the following property, the owners will offer at Public Auction the following described commercial property, formerly used a church. This Auction will be held on site at **13741 E Flagg Rd., Rochelle IL 61068** Visit our web site at www.bearrows.com for further information & pictures.

Thursday, February 27th, 2020

5:30 PM (Auction Held On Site)

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: So many possibilities---Very large spacious building located on Flagg Rd. across from Rochelle Township High & Bike path! Sanctuary + large gathering room, kitchen, dining area, offices, nursery, classrooms, 4 bathrooms, loads of storage rooms +more! Great square footage and large lot 2.43+- acres! Cant beat the price or the location! Past use was a religious facility, buyer needs to contact City of Rochelle for any/all allowable future zoning uses! **For a private viewing, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150**

REAL ESTATE TERMS: \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before **March 31, 2020** possession will be given. The seller is ready and prepared to close as soon after the auction as you would like. Seller is to provide an appropriate stamped Deed as well as a Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of the auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

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Owner**



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FARMLAND AUCTION Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at 10:30 A.M

**Sale to be held at: CedarStone
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90 Acres +/- ONE PARCEL:
Section 28 of Pine Creek Township in
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103 AUCTIONS

Real Estate Auction

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

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

11:00 AM

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

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: This home is a newer (1996) construction home with large open rooms, vaulted ceilings, fantastic views from the wrap around porch, and many upgrades. It is surrounded on 3 sides by the Byron Forest preserve, and therefore seclusion and privacy is a feature hard to find. On the first floor, there is a large open kitchen, dining and family room, complete with fireplace, hardwood floors and views that are incredible both from inside, as well as the forever wrap around deck. There is also a formal dining room and living room. The grand entry to the home leads to an open stairway, and power chandelier, and a ½ bath off entry. Throughout this home, storage and closets were one of the dominant focuses. Oak cabinetry & floors as well as solid 6 panel doors and trim throughout. Upstairs, the Huge master bedroom complete with fireplace has a 26x12 walk in closet, a full large bath with 2-person jetted tub and separate shower. The other two bedrooms each have a double closet with one having 2 closets. There is a common Bath for the two bedrooms complete with full tub and shower. There is a large laundry room with built in ironing board, folding counter and separate sink. The full finished walkout basement provides yet another family room and fireplace, possible den/bedroom, and another ¾ bath with shower. Mechanicals include central Vac system, LP Gas Forced air furnace, central air, 200-amp C/B, water softener, gas hot water heater, iron out filter and security system. There is a 1000-Gal LP tank that stays with the home. There is supplemental electric heat in the lower level as well. There is also an outside 36'x28' storage barn., For a private viewing, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150

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

**Byron Forest Preserve
Byron IL**



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Byron Fire Protection District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Structural Fire-fighting Protective Jacket and Pants that will meet or exceed NFPA Standard #1971 and OSHA for structural firefighters protective clothing.

The Byron Fire Protection District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Structural Fire-fighting Pull-on Boots that will meet or exceed NFPA Standard #1971 2013 Edition and NFPA Standard #1992 2012 Edition for structural firefighters protective clothing.

Bidders may submit bids on the Jackets/Pants and or the boots. Byron Fire will be purchasing 10+ sets of Jackets/Pants and 25+ pairs of boots.

Sealed bids are desired from reputable vendors of compliant gear that meet the specifications of the Byron Fire Protection District.

Bids must be received in a sealed envelope, prominently marked "SEALED BID FOR Structural Fire-fighting Jacket/Pants and/or Structural Boots" with the Name and Address of the Bidder.

Sealed Bids MUST be received on or before Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the office of the Fire Chief Phil De Mik, 123 N Franklin Street, Byron, IL 61010.

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ing the design, construction and testing of the equipment MUST be obtained by contacting Michele Trzcinski-Ramos at mjrtrzcinski@es-il.org or by calling 815-234-4911, ext. 4470 and asking for them to be faxed or e-mailed. No. 0105 (Jan. 13)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice to Bidders
Notice is hereby given that the Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010 will receive bids at the office of the Executive Director until Friday, January 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM for the purchase of baseball/softball field dugouts. All

requirements and details are described and listed on the equipment specification list. All proposals for equipment are to be the same or equivalent to the specifications on file in the office of the Executive Director, Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. Prospective bidders may ob-

tain equipment specifications from the office of the Executive Director, Byron Park District, 420 N Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. Requests may be made by phone 815-234-6277 or email pzepezauer@byronparks.org
The Byron Park District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to accept the proposal that the Byron Park District Board of Commissioners believes to be in the best interest of the Byron Park District. By order of:
Rachel Oracki
Byron Park District Board of Commissioners
No. 0106 (Jan. 13)

been filed.
JULIA E. COFFMAN
Independent Administrator
No. 0107 (Jan. 13, 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
Request of:
Amy Lynn Henkel
Case No.
2020 MR7

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Amy Lynn Henkel to the new name of: Amy Lynn Zbinden Henkel. The court date will be held on Mar. 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL in Courtroom #304.
/s/ Amy L. Henkel
No. 0110 (Jan. 13, 20 27)

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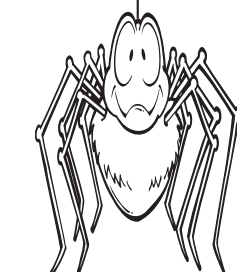
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Held at Janssen Ag Services LLC 4779 S Daysville Rd, Oregon IL 61061
Directions: Approx. 5 miles South of Oregon IL on Daysville Rd to site or 7 miles North of Franklin Grove on Daysville Rd.

Auctioneer's Note: 2019 has been a rough year for the "American Farmer" dealing with mother nature.... So far 2020 weather is just as unpredictable! We are very proud to say we have gathered some of the nicest, lower houred, clean, farmer and dealer owned equipment in northern Illinois from consigners that are "highly motivated" sellers. **Due to mother nature, there will be **LIMITED** parking on site, so PLEASE arrive early if you plan to attend. ** we will provide **FREE coffee** all day. Equipment/ Tractors will be mixed thru-out the auction in NO specific order. **Sale Order:** 9 am SHARP small & misc., 10 am SHARP larger items & equipment. (Internet bidding also starts at 10 AM via PROXIBID and LEVEL. With that being said, I hope we can have a successful first annual Ogle Co. Farmers Consignment Auction. **Thank You!** from Janssen Ag Services LLC, Accu-drain LLC, Point Farms, Hines Farms, Becker Farms, Hook Grain Farms, Taylor Farms, R-Equipment, Delhotel Farm, Olson Logging, Willet Farms, Maple Acre Farm, Benesh & Sons, and many more.

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Planning for Spring showers

SPRING temperatures make the season an enticing time for brides and grooms to celebrate their union. The comfortable climate affords outdoor weddings with beautiful views and an exciting atmosphere. However, spring's wet weather can demand you to completely change the plan for your big day and it can leave your guests out in the rain if you don't prepare.

Since most weddings are planned long in advance, it's important to have both a wet and dry weather plan in place. If you're dedicated to hosting an outdoor event, find a venue or planner who is efficient when making quick adjustments. With details for both types of events in place, you can enjoy your special day without worry.

Backup tent or venue

Most spring climates in the United States will be comfortable enough for an outdoor wedding. The problem many run into is precipitation. If your chosen venue doesn't feature a building dedicated to indoor events, ask the owners if a canopy or tent is permissible. Make sure to bring this up during your venue visits to learn their rules about bringing tents on the property; some may prefer you to work with a specific vendor. It's important to inquire about additional fees from the venue and receive a quote from a tenting company to add to your wedding budget.

Other concerns

Another outdoor wedding concern should be the condition of the grounds. Even if your big day isn't spoiled by rain, previous precipitation can create muddy



or slippery conditions. When viewing an outdoor venue, ensure they have a walkway of concrete or stone that leads to the altar. Wind may be another factor that can spoil your exciting event. If it is in the forecast, make sure all your decorations are secured.

Rain accessories

When there's a chance of light showers, a simple canopy and items like umbrellas or ponchos can keep your wedding guests comfortable. If it is in your budget, try to color coordinate the accessories to your theme.



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Did you know?

WHILE flowers certainly add beauty and a wonderful aroma to wedding ceremonies and receptions, there are other reasons behind their inclusion in such festivities.

In ancient Rome, brides carried or wore flower garlands because the Romans believed flowers signified hope, fertility and new beginnings. In the Middle Ages, brides did not carry flowers, but rather strong-smelling spices and herbs. The rationale was that the herbs and spices would drive away bad luck and evil spirits.

Flowers also served another practical purpose. In eras when bathing was a luxury, different flowers and herbs helped mask body odors. It wasn't until the Victorian era, when flowers were used to symbolize romantic love, that they became part of wedding ceremonies, according to Modern Weddings magazine.

SPRING BRIDES | VENDORS

The professionals you need

PLANNING a wedding requires a lot of moving parts and the list of available wedding professionals is long. How do you know which one you need to enlist while staying true to your budget?

These are some common experts who can take the stress of planning a wedding off your shoulders and allow yourself more time to enjoy the experience.

Planning service

Hiring a wedding planner is a great way to ensure all the boxes are checked before the event. You should ask yourself how much help you will need. Here are a few things to expect when working with an expert.

Consultation: During the initial meeting, you should express your expectations for the wedding. They will discuss available packages and determine if they are needed for full service, day of coordination or both.

Find a venue: Based on your specifications, a planner can show you different locations to become the setting of your dream day.

Big day: If you hire a full-time planner, they will be a crucial component during each aspect of the wedding event. They are efficient ensuring vendors are setting up correctly and providing direction



to your wedding party and guests.

Photographer

Of course, one professional present at nearly every wedding is a quality photographer. Through their vision and direction, images of your special day will be captured forever. Before hiring this expert, ask for referrals and examples of their previous work. You should be clear about the type of photos you want pre-wedding, during the event and those after the vows.

Florist

To get the most out of the beautiful blooms of spring, a local florist

is an efficient expert in creating centerpieces, bouquets and accents. If you're traveling for a destination wedding,

research experts in the area for the best results in a location you are not familiar with.

Keep in mind, most

communication will likely be done through phone calls or emails, so it's imperative to cover your wishes with great

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Venue decoration tips

ONE of the most exciting parts of planning a wedding is decorating the venues where you will say your vows and celebrate afterward. Spring encourages colorful displays of bouquets, romantic centerpieces and attractive treats.

If the adventure of planning a wedding doesn't fit into your busy schedule, hiring a planner can take much of the stress away. Allow them to be creative while sticking to your greatest desires.

The event's image will stay true to your expectations while taking the brunt of the responsibility off your shoulders.

Whether you decorate yourself or hire an expert to help, here are some ways to make the most out of the spring atmosphere while making your wedding experience one to remember forever.

Beautiful Color Palette

Choosing a venue like an arboretum, conservatory or greenhouse can create a beautiful atmosphere for a spring wedding. Once you have the perfect place in mind, take advantage of attractive colors that are naturally present during this comfortable season.

Flowers featuring pastel hues, buoyant blossoms and cheerful

colors make a great contribution to a gorgeous backdrop. If you're hosting an outdoor event, ask the venue owners about which flowers are typically in bloom during the month of your scheduled event.

Spring-Themed Centerpiece

Create an amazing display at your reception venue by building spring-themed centerpieces. For your guest tables, consider wild-flowers overflowing from vases, sprigs of accent branches and astounding blooms.

The bride and groom's table should feature an impressive display of flowers related to your color palette. Think seasonal springtime flowers that give your table plenty of pop. Peonies offer beautiful colors and boisterous blooms that serve as a perfect addition to your celebration photos.

Hiring a local florist is an efficient way to obtain the most attractive blooms to give your wedding a natural appearance. Ask your friends, family members and colleagues if they know of any local professionals who can add some flair to your floral arrangements and centerpieces.

SPRING BRIDES | BE PREPARED

Importance of a rehearsal

THE events during your wedding day can often give you butterflies or feelings you aren't familiar with. The entire wedding party may find themselves nervous about making a mistake during the ceremony. A rehearsal is a great way for everyone involved to familiarize themselves before the big day.

A rehearsal should involve the entire party, especially young children who may be a flower girl or ring bearer. They should understand the importance of their role and exactly what is expected of them. Don't be impatient if they don't get the hang of it the first time.

Here are some tips to throw the perfect rehearsal so your wedding can go on without a hitch.

Lining up

Decide which of your party will be accompanying each other down the aisle and in what order. Many brides choose to sort appearances by height or factors like how long they have been

friends. This order should be discussed before the rehearsal, so each member knows where to line up.

You should also determine the pace you wish your party to travel down the aisle. Plan to choose a point for them to stop for a photo opportunity before the next couple begins. Take the time to practice this until you are satisfied with the progression.

A quick tip for success is to ask your wedding party to wear the shoes they will use at the event. This makes it easy for them to get a feel for walking in heels or uncomfortable dress shoes.

Test

equipment

Once you are confident that your wedding guests are proficient in the wedding process, you should ensure the equipment that will be used is working properly. Test lighting fixtures or spotlights if they will be in use during the ceremony.



It's also beneficial to check the sound equipment if you will be playing music to accompany you down the aisle. Unless you are hiring a professional to operate these important details, give the task to a trusted guest from the wedding.

Celebrate with dinner

After the rehearsal, reward your friends and

family for their hard work and dedication to make your wedding day

special. An affordable meal and celebration is usually a grand gesture

that everyone appreciates.

Plan to treat guests in extra-special ways

WEDDINGS may focus on the couples getting hitched, but weddings also are special thanks to the many family and friends couples involve in the festivities. Some of the more successful weddings are ones in which couples honor their guests and let them know how much they're appreciated. By incorporating these ideas into their wedding ceremonies and receptions, couples can let their guests know how much they're loved.

- Arrange seats at the ceremony (if practical) in a circular pattern around you so that everyone can have a great view when you exchange vows.

- Create a bathroom convenience basket for both the men's and women's bathrooms. Stock items that might come in handy, like mouthwash, toothpaste, first aid items, spare pantyhose, hair spray, sanitary products, moisturizer, gum, and whatever other niceties you can think of.

- Provide prearranged to-go boxes so that guests can take home tasty tidbits from the meal or dessert table.

- Offer transportation between the ceremony and reception.

- Customize "do not disturb" door tags for overnight guests so they can ensure they get enough shut-eye after partying into the wee

hours of the morning.

- Make sure the photographer takes photos of everyone at every table and then share those photos on a wedding website or via social media. Create a hashtag unique to your wedding so that guests can easily find the photos.

- Provide inexpensive slippers or flip-flops so that avid dancers can rest their toes in between songs.

- If valet parking service is not included, ask for an add-on so that guests get door-to-door treatment.

- Always be considerate of special needs by seating guests in places where they're most likely to be comfortable. Keep elderly guests away from speakers and near exits to facilitate trips to the bathroom.

- Be mindful of all food allergies or requirements and have accommodations set up in advance.

- Honor those people who could not be at the wedding in a special way, including deceased family and friends.

- Include information about how guests can request songs at the reception. Pass on the information to the band or DJ.

- Remember to thank everyone for coming and follow up those in-person sentiments with handwritten, personalized thank-you notes after the wedding.



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Wedding day emergency kit

PACKING an emergency kit before your wedding can help tend to mishaps during the big event. With proper planning, you can alleviate the worry of torn clothing, makeup disasters and even hunger pangs from getting in your way.

Whether your wedding is local or away from home at a luxurious location,

keep these crucial items nearby. That way you're not stuck in a state of panic when you should be focused on celebrating the next stage of your life.

Sewing kit

A simple kit can be a lifesaver during a wardrobe emergency. Bring along an assortment of needles, different colored threads, scissors, hem thread and safety pins. Learn to master these tools in case of a disaster like an ill-fitting dress or accidental tears. When you're prepared for small problems to arise during your wedding day, knowing the solution can make them much less stressful.

Touch-up supplies

Since you will likely be dressed and prepared for your wedding long before you say your vows, it's important to keep beauty supplies accessible. Here are some items you should consider.

Makeup: Mascara, foundation and lipstick are infamous for smudging or running. Especially if you will be outdoors for pictures, the need for a touch up may be crucial when a photo opportunity arises.

Hair accessories: You should also be prepared to address messy hair situations. Keep items like bobby pins, hairspray and a brush in the dressing area to touch up your hairdo before walking down the aisle.

Perfume and deodorant: Assume that you will sweat during photographs in your wedding dress. Ensure you smell as good as you look by keeping these important toiletries nearby.

Snacks and water

With all the nerves and excitement you will experience during the buildup to your wedding, it's easy to forget basic needs like nourishing yourself. Of course, you don't want to have a generous meal before your catered meal at the reception, but you should plan to bring along healthy snacks like granola bars, nuts and protein bars.

Keeping yourself nourished and hydrated throughout the day will ensure you feel your best when it's time to walk down the aisle in front of your closest family and friends.



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Did you know?

A first dance song at the wedding reception often sets the tone for the upcoming festivities and can exemplify just how newlyweds feel about each other. Couples may agonize over which song to choose, but there are many different resources available that can help couples narrow down their options. Spotify, the popular streaming music service, has compiled a list of the most popular wedding songs for 2018, based on global respondents. Their top pick was "Perfect," by Ed Sheeran, a song that many might suspect was composed with wedding dances in mind. Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud," Etta James' "At Last," John Legend's "All of Me," and Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love" filled out the remaining top five spots on Spotify's list.

SUMMER WEDDINGS | TRENDS

Silicone: It's a ring thing

WEDDING rings have been exchanged for thousands of years. But today's rings tend to be more space age than the traditional gold and silver bands. The latest trend, perfect for active lifestyles, is a silicone band.

What is it?

Silicone bands are very light, and they stretch, bend and break away, so if you work in a field that's hazardous to your digits, you can still wear your ring. Or if you play sports, work out or maybe just have fingers that tend to swell, a silicone band may be right for you.

Unlike traditional metal bands, silicone

rings come in a dazzling array of colors and finishes, even iridescent. They also come in different widths, patterns and textures, and can even be engraved. Some are meant to be stackable, and they come with different edges for your comfort. Several companies also offer limited edition designs by artists for a once-in-a-lifetime band at an affordable price.

This may also be a good option if you have an expensive or heirloom wedding set you don't want on you at all times. You can have the permanent, traditional set, and then a silicone ring for everyday wear.

How much do



they cost?

Silicone bands are much cheaper than bands made of precious metals, starting at around \$20. Customiza-

tion such as engraving or fancy finishes, of course, cost more. If you're prone to losing jewelry, these bands may be a cost-effective

solution for you.

Where do I get them?

Some jewelers have

started carrying silicone bands as an option for their customers, but you can also find them at local sporting goods and outdoors stores.

Things to think about

Just like with any ring, you may prove to be allergic to the material. If you have a silicone allergy, obviously, this isn't the ring for you.

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Inside Out

OUTDOOR weddings, especially in the balmy days of summer, are always a great choice. You can go one of two ways: Playing up the natural, or, in a new trend, setting it off by bringing traditionally inside elements out. Keep reading to learn more about one of 2019's hottest wedding trends.

Upholstered Furniture

See you later, folding chairs. Try bringing out upholstered pieces, like wingback chairs in luxe fabrics for the bride and groom. Create conversation areas with pretty settees and benches. Make sure to put them in spots where the pieces won't be soiled, especially if it's something borrowed.

Rugs

Scatter rugs around to create warm, inviting areas. Choose palettes and designs that accentuate your venue and your theme. Don't get too attached to any of these pieces; this may well be your only use.

Tables

The easiest (and possibly most budget friendly) way to bring inside elements out is to place tables. Use coffee tables to create gathering places, dining tables for food and drink service. Side tables can be landing spots for drinks, plates and lighting.

Lighting

Speaking of lighting, in addition to your usual outdoor string lights, put some lamps around. Have your lighting vendor or venue check your electrical connections for safety.

Considerations

This is an excellent and visually appealing idea, but there are some things to think about. Acquiring these pieces (unless you have lots of very good friends) may stretch your budget. There's also the matter of getting all this furniture to and fro. You might have to scale back plans to just chairs for the bride and groom, or one vintage dining table for the guestbook. If you do borrow or rent the furniture, see if you can get an insurance policy to cover it in case disaster strikes.

SPRING BRIDES | THE SEASON



Spring wedding necessities

MAKE your spring wedding unforgettable by taking advantage of the incredible elements the season provides.

The sights and smells of blossoming flowers will already create a stunning backdrop. Adding these gorgeous accents can add even more excitement to your day of wonder.

Spring also presents more options for the clothing you choose. The right style will not only make an impression in photos, but lightweight material and soft colors keep your friends and family comfortable. Try to have fun with bridesmaid dresses by encouraging your girls to choose similarly designed outfits in different shades of color.

Here are some other spring-themed ideas to create a wedding that you won't forget.

Outdoor Dance Floor

Consider a venue that offers an outdoor dance

floor to share your special moments under a star-filled sky. The logistics of setting up a reception outside can require more planning than an indoor venue. Talk to the owners to ensure their floor-space will fit the number of guests you expect and if they have electricity to power your band's or DJ's equipment.

Drink Stand

After cutting it up on the dance floor, your guests will undoubtedly be thirsty. Quench their thirst by offering their favorite drinks in an eye-catching manner. To add a variety of color to your bar, use clear glass pitchers and fill them with a variety of drinks like lemonade, fruit punch and tea.

You may consider creating separate areas for alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks so that every guest feels comfortable.

Delicious Desserts

One of the most underrated aspects of the reception meal is the dessert. This portion of the menu has a chance to leave a lasting impression with your guests and inspire them to use your ideas in their own future events.

A staple at most weddings is a delicious and beautiful wedding cake. Ask a decorator to design the centerpiece with floral colors that match the rest of your event's pallet. You should also take advantage of in-season berries and fruits for a garnish to make the delicacy even more attractive.

In addition to a spring-themed cake, consider offering other appealing desserts. Colorful pies and cookies can satisfy your guest's sweet tooth and are a welcome addition to the buffet of any spring wedding.



Fashionable trends

EACH season, designers debut their latest wedding dress creations. The features for 2020 make a bold statement while celebrating the class and grace brides deserve.

If you're still looking for the perfect gown to wear down the aisle, consider one of these trending approaches to help you stand out on your special day.

Half-Skirts

This design commonly features a sheer overlay, with the half-skirt circling back half a shift. It is an elegant way to define the waist while creating a visual aesthetic to accompany a beautiful dress. Brides and designers are raving about the half-skirt because it is easily removed to transition from wedding to reception mode without the hassle of a major change.

3D Floral

In most of the country, spring is known for the welcome return of beautiful blooms after an uncomfortable winter. While floral has always been a popular addition to wedding gowns, the illusion of a three-dimensional portrait gives the style a more modern feel. While many of this year's featured dresses are white, a designer may be able to custom build your gown to feature colorful accents.

Removable Sleeves

Versatility is key when dressing fresh and staying comfortable during your wedding day. With removable sleeves, brides are free to quickly change the appearance of their dress as the event progresses. Designers have created attractive gowns with puffy sleeves, off-shoulder slips and even removable bell varieties.

Ballet Inspired

If a princess-inspired wedding dress is more your taste, you won't be disappointed by the ballet-inspired trend upcoming for 2020.

Find your inner ballerina with leotard underlays and even classy tutu-inspired skirts. You are sure to make a statement during your first dance as a couple and turn heads throughout the entire event.

T-Shirts

How does a T-shirt fit into a classy and elegant wedding? This year's fashion show featured stunning gowns with lacy sleeves that resemble the comfortable attire. Don't dismiss the fashion statement these unique gowns make before seeing yourself in one during a fitting.

SUMMER WEDDINGS | COLORS

Be a palette pro

YOU can have your dream day draped in shades of blush and bashful, but there are a range of other colors out there you may have not thought of pairing up. Take a look at these palettes for some great ideas for your summer wedding.

Magenta, poppy and yellow

Wedding site The Knot recommends this palette for an outdoor summer wedding, and they're spot on. With colors this bold, though, dress the rest of your ceremony and reception in neutrals.

Flowers: Clematis (magenta), water lily (yellow), roses (magenta and yellow), anemone (magenta, poppy), tulips (magenta, poppy, yellow), dendrobium orchid (magenta), snapdragon (yellow), ranunculus (magenta, poppy, yellow), nerine (poppy), Icelandic poppy (magenta and, well, poppy), peony (magenta, poppy, yellow).

Coral and green

Cool off a hot coral with cool, sagey

greens. Martha Stewart Weddings recommends accents in shades of orange and yellow.

Flowers: Spirea (a green, flowering branch), fritillaria (light green), Icelandic poppy (coral), mokara orchid (green), mini calla lily (coral), rose (coral), sweet pea (coral), lady's slipper orchid (green), Florida beauty (speckled green leaf), snake grass (green, good for tying), eucalyptus (green), ferns (green), viburnum (green).

Gold, green and white

Pair these classic colors with warm rattan and for an inviting daytime ceremony, suggests Sunset magazine, maybe even a brunch. Keep your golds classy, not glitzy.

Flowers: Anemone (white and green), agapanthus (white), gardenia (white and green), calla lily (white and green), ranunculus (white and green), stephanotis (white), phalaenopsis orchid (white, green), veronica (white and green).

Dove gray and ecru

This neutral natural palette is great for up-



scale rustic weddings, The Knot says. Let wood, rock and other natural elements into your ceremony to set off this elegant palette, along with bouquets of white flowers.

Flowers: Succulents (gray), Oriental lily (white), cherry blossom (white, woody), peony (white), lisianthus (cream), rose (white, ecru), Queen Anne's lace (white).

As always, your local florist can help you pick flowers and arrange a palette that best suits you, your ceremony and your venue. And don't forget the budget.

Did you know?

The per person average couples spend on guests at their weddings has risen considerably since 2009, as more and more couples seek to provide unique guest experiences. According to The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study, which surveyed nearly 13,000 U.S.-based brides and grooms who tied the knot in 2017, per-guest spending increased from \$194 in 2009 to \$268 in 2017. Some of that increase can be traced to couples wanting to provide memorable experiences, including customized entertainment, for their guests. Among the couples surveyed, 69 percent paid for photo booths for their guests, while 24 percent provided sparklers. Twenty-two percent of couples included selfie stations or video booths in the festivities, while 19 percent provided games for guests during their receptions. The 2017 Real Weddings Study also found that customized entertainment options such as fireworks, cigar rolling stations, wine and liquor tastings, and magicians were more popular in 2017 than in 2009.

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Get creative with favors

WEDDING favors of yore were almost always consigned to the bottom of a drawer or, worse, the trash bin. The new trend is for usable, creative wedding favors. Keep reading for some great ideas.

Coffee, Tea, Candy and More

There is no better usable gift that one you can eat. Or drink. Even better if it has a sense of place. Does the town where you met or married have a great coffee shop? Order up some bags of beans, personalized with your special date. Same with tea bags, candies, beer or anything else.

Grow the Love

Bags of wildflower seeds, tiny pots of succulents or a transplantable native plant all make perfect wedding favors that also give back. Bonus points if you used whatever plants you're giving out in your arrangements.

To-Go Snacks

This is an even better idea if you expect your party to go late into the night. Ask your caterer to set up boxes of snacks for your guests to take with them on the way out. Chocolate chip cookies, macarons, homemade chips — as long as it's portable, it's a possibility.

For the Kiddos

If there are going to be little ones at your ceremony, have special favors just for them. A bag full of toys, a pack of crayons and a table covered in paper tablecloths ensure little hands stay busy.

Sun's Out

Keep your guests cool in the shade with favors they can use to beat the heat at your summer ceremony. Sunglasses, parasols, paper fans and water bottles all rank high on this list, and are easily customized and good for the bottom line.

Charity Donations

Here's one that's sure not to end up in the trash bin. Take the money you would've spent on favors for your guests and make a donation to your favorite charity instead. Leave room in the budget for printing cards to place on tables explaining your donation.



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