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## County Board talks downsizing

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

**OREGON** – A member of the Ogle County Board has suggested the body reduce its size from the current 24 members down to 16.

At the regular board meeting on Jan. 21, Bruce McKinney, who represents Rochelle on the board, said the county currently has eight districts with three people elected from

each district to the board. During a presentation, he suggested lowering the number.

“What I would like to see is us go from eight districts to 16,” he said, adding that only one person would be elected to the board from each district.

He said the goal would be to eliminate multiple board members who serve the same area.



The Ogle County Board (above) discusses a presentation by Board member Bruce McKinney, left, to reduce the number of members from 24 to 16. (Brad Jennings photos)

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# Habitat lands \$30,000 grant

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County, Inc. Board President, Don Schier and Vanessa White-Broome, Executive Director, announce that their organization has received a \$30,000 grant from the Community Grants Program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois with support from the Dr. Louis and Violet Rubin Fund for its 2020 Rochelle New Home Build and 2020 Ogle County Exterior Repair Projects.

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County, Inc. brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate poverty housing by building simple, decent affordable houses for people in need, helping to revitalize neighborhoods and communities. With volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of materials and money, Habitat builds and rehabilitates houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families.

“By partnering with those qualified in the Ogle County service area, our affiliate provides opportunities for homeownership thus opening doors to security, stability, hope, and a sense of pride in becoming a homeowner,” White-Broome said. “We also help existing homeowners to maintain the integrity and value of their home through our Brush with Kindness repair and beautification program. Our housing solutions are designed to empower families and enhance their Habitat experience with life changing opportunities. The delivery of our housing services in the Ogle County area has been strengthened through community partnerships and by maximizing resources to directly influence lives of those we serve.”

In 2019, the organization served four families with its Brush with Kindness program as extensive repair projects were completed, as well as two community projects in Rochelle. In 2020 the organization is build another home in Rochelle. This will benefit an area family with a new 3-bedroom home in Rochelle, as was done in 2018 for a family of 5.

“We are so fortunate to operate in a county that understands and supports the benefits of providing decent, affordable housing options to those in need in our communities,” White-Broome said. “With the assistance of our many loyal supporters, since 2002 we have been able to continue to provide our housing programs in Ogle County.”

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve, and grow an endowment for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953, CFNIL has granted more than \$65 million for charitable purposes in the region.

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## Fatal crash

A woman was killed on Monday, Jan. 20, when the 2019 Dodge Ram she was driving east-bound on IL Rt. 72 went off the south side of the roadway. At about 9:07 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies and the Lynn-Scot-Rock Fire Department were dispatched to the scene, where the Dodge slid down into the ditch, traveled over 600 feet, overturned and struck several trees in a wooded area south of the roadway. The driver of the Dodge, Courtney Paulson, 43, of Rockford, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner.

## BOARD: No action taken at meeting

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“This isn’t anything unusual,” he said of the change.

For example, Winnebago County has 20 board members, with one person elected from 20 districts. The number of board members in area counties varies, from nine in Carroll County to 24 in DeKalb County.

“I think it would be better representation on the County Board for Ogle County,” McKinney said.

Board member Kimberly Whalen asked what would

happen to committee assignments if the number of board members was reduced. She said that might put more pressure on board members to fill out committees.

McKinney said that some may have to add another committee to their workload, but the county could also look at combining some committees.

Board member Dan Janes said changing the voting districts could be difficult, as there are state guidelines to follow, including population. He said changing

districts could adversely affect multiple “population center,” like Byron.

McKinney said that the county might then look at having two people elected from the current eight districts. That would still reduce the number of board members by eight.

Board member Thomas Smith suggested the board wait until it gets fresh census numbers, and then form a committee to look at the right number to downsize the board to.

The board took no action on the matter.

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# Ogle County Tentative Multiplier announced

**SPRINGFIELD**—Ogle County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier,” is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties,

substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties

by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

Assessments in Ogle County are at 32.99 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The equalization factor cur-

rently being assigned is for 2019 taxes, payable in 2020.

Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue’s estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

## Late delivery



At 2:13 p.m. on Jan. 20, a UPS truck overturned in the 900 block of N. Skare Road. The driver of that vehicle was treated and released at the scene. The accident is under investigation by the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department.

## Booths for annual tack sale at Mount Morris Moose going fast

There are only have a couple of booths left for the third annual tack sale on March 1, so get your booth reservation now.

The Tack Sale will be held at the Mount Morris Moose Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mount Morris, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors will have a large selection of new and gently used horse tack, antiques, crafts and more. Blue Line Tack will have the entire south wall filled with new tack, accessories and related horse equipment.

Many vendors have been at our events previously, so come on out and see what new items that

they have to offer. Check out our Facebook page – The Ogle County Horse Barn

Committee/Build-A-Barn to download a contract for the tack sale or contact Lynne Radville at

shadowboxerarabians@gmail.com or text to 815-238-7892.

Don’t forget to attend our horse shows held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln

Rd., Oregon. Showbills will be posted to our Facebook page soon.

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June 28 – Open Western Show

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## Obituary

# Sharon Ann Wagner

**OREGON** – Sharon Ann Wagner, age 76, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 in Dixon. She was born Feb. 23, 1943 in Amboy, the daughter of Roy and Mary (Shaw) Ackerson.



Sharon graduated from Ashton High School in 1961 and followed in the footsteps of her mother and Grandmother becoming the 3rd generation in her family to get their Bachelor's Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. She married Lynn Cater at the Lighthouse United Methodist Church in 1964. He preceded her in death in 1967. She then married William B. Wagner on March 29, 1969. Sharon taught 2nd through 6th grade for over 31 years. She taught in the Seward, Chana, and Oregon School Districts. Sharon was instrumental to introducing computers into the classroom for young students at Jefferson school beginning with Commodore 64, teaching students and teachers alike.

She was a member of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church and the UMW of the church. She was a

former Life Line volunteer. Sharon loved to line dance and square dance and would teach her students to dance. She loved to play bridge with her friends, cards and card games of skill and creativity with her grandchildren. She also liked to ride horses, going on trail rides, and did barrel racing on her horses when she was younger. She loved to travel throughout the United States in their RV and were members of the Avion RV Club. She and Bill also spent many years with friends in Weslaco and Alamo, Texas.

She was predeceased by her parents, first husband Lynn Cater, daughter Janet Heier, and grandson Joshua Wagner.

She is survived by her husband Bill of Oregon, children; Robert (Peggy) Wagner of Baileyville, Joyce (Dana) LaPier of Belvidere, Jeff (Liz) Wagner of German Valley, Dawn Valdes Wagner of Sharon, Wis., and Chad Wagner of Oregon; 3 sisters; Sandi (Jerry) Garkey and Vicki Dawson all of The Villages, Fla., and Pam (Gary) Ferguson of Red Oak, Ill., 14 grandchildren; Ryan, Heather, Rebekah, Ben, Ashlea, Kyle, Kyle H., Brooke, Isa, Emily, Juan, Faith, Jovani, and Carlos, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews whom all call her Aunt "Sis."

Funeral service was 10:30 am, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 at the Lighthouse United Methodist Church near Oregon with the Rev. Matthew J. Smith officiating. Burial in the Ashton Cemetery. Visitation was from 2-4 pm, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon. A memorial fund is established for the Lighthouse United Methodist Church.

## Obituary

# Elizabeth J. Pope

**POLO** – Elizabeth "Betty" J. Pope, 96, of Polo, passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, at Polo Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Betty was born June 8, 1923 in Harmon, the daughter of Joe and Mary (McKeel) Blackburn.



On June 16, 1941 in Dixon she was united in marriage to Max L. Pope. Together they farmed in the area for many years. Betty was a member of the SO-SO Club and an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the Alter & Rosary Society of St. Mary Catholic Church both in Polo. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include sons M. Edward (Alice) Pope

of Polo, Richard M. Pope of Dixon, David J. Pope of Grand DeTour; brother Kenneth Blackburn of Dixon; 7 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren; many Nieces and Nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Max

on May 7, 1992 and a daughter Sharon Newell on May 7, 1997; sisters Katy Smith, Joannie Sheridan, Mary Johnson, Ann Helfrich and Phyllis Cathey; brothers Lewis, David, Joseph and Bill Blackburn.

A visitation will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. with a 2:45 p.m. Rosary Service at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo. Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 211 N. Franklin Ave in Polo. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed in her name. Visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com).

## County gets chapter of worldwide women's group

By Andrew Heiserman  
Staff Writer

**ROCHELLE** – Thanks to the efforts of three local women, a worldwide organization with chapters throughout the United States and Europe has recently created a local chapter in Ogle County.

100 Women Who Care is an organization with 650 county chapters spread across the United States and Europe. 100 Women Who Care gathers to raise money and make an impact on nonprofit organizations located within the same county as the chapter. The goal of each of the chapters is to donate \$10,000 to a local charity in one hour, four times a year by following a formula from the organization.

"Fundraising takes a lot of hours of leg work on the part of the volunteers and with system, only four meetings a year, if we can get 100 women members who are willing to donate \$100 we can raise \$10,000 in one hour," explained Deanna Forrest, one of the three founders.

Group members will meet four different times a year for one hour each time, where they will each donate \$100 and choose the organization that will receive the \$10,000 donation. At the meetings, each member brings a check for \$100.

Then members nominated organizations to be put into a hat to draw from. Three organizations are drawn at random at the meeting.

Nominating members of each of the chosen organizations make a 5-minute presentation about the organization or charity for the entire group to vote on which cause to support. Once an

organization is chosen by the group they receive the funds immediately.

"The organization with the most votes receives our donations and checks are made out directly to that organization on the spot," Forrest said in a press release.

The other two founding members are Linda Graber and Debby Katzman. The first meeting was on Jan. 23, at Hickory Grove in Rochelle from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a social hour and then the official meeting will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The organization is inviting any women to come out and attend and there will also be visitor from the Stephenson County Chapter to help get everything started. The founders think this is an organization that can really impact the county considering the number of charities located within it.

"I am excited to start this adventure with other women in our county, and I know we can do great things for many of the 401 not-for-profit registered charities in our county, while creating a bond of women who truly care about issues regarding children, seniors, and others who have programs for members in our communities," said Forrest.

The rest of the meetings are set for April 23 at Maxson Riverside Restaurant in Oregon, July 23, at the Holiday Inn Express in Rochelle, and Oct. 22 at Alfano's Pizza in Rochelle.

Attending the first meeting is not a commitment to join, but rather to find out more information about the organization. For more information on any of the founders can be contacted through email at [forrestdeanna@hotmail.com](mailto:forrestdeanna@hotmail.com), [Lingraber204@comcast.net](mailto:Lingraber204@comcast.net), or [kaytiebo@yahoo.com](mailto:kaytiebo@yahoo.com).

## Byron Museum seeks volunteers

**BYRON** – Downtown Byron's Museum of History and Lucius Read house is offering a Volunteer Open House on Saturday, Feb. 8, from noon-3 p.m., for anyone interested in volunteering with the organization.

Attendees will learn about volunteer opportunities, get a sneak peek at our newly renovated

Theatre venue in the former VFW Legion Hall, tour the museum, meet museum staff, and enjoy some goodies.

The museum is seeking new volunteers for the museum's upcoming programs and special events as well as help with archives, collections, administrative tasks, and the

new concession stand. For more information, visit the museum's Facebook page or email [events@byronmuseum.org](mailto:events@byronmuseum.org).

The Byron Museum of History and Lucius Read House is an official landmark site with the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program through the National Parks Service and a certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award program. Admission to the museum is free and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-

2 p.m. It is located at 110 N. Union St. in Byron, 815-234-5031, and online at [www.byronmuseum.org](http://www.byronmuseum.org).

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# Ogle County Sheriff

**Jan. 21**

Reginald Turner, 47, of Dekalb was arrested for Failure to Appear. Turner had a bond of \$1,976. After going to court Turner had a bond of \$75. Turner did post bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Turner will return to court on 02/24/20 at 9 a.m.

At 6:36 p.m., following a traffic stop in the 5000 block of IL Rte 2, Deputies arrested Adam J. Czernicki, 61 of Roscoe, for Driving While License Revoked and Aggravated Driving While License Suspended. Czernicki was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond, and will appear in court on 01/22/2020.

**Jan. 20**

At 2:27 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office, Forreston Police Department, Forreston Fire Department, and the Forreston Ambulance responded to a one vehicle roll over accident on Rt. 26 at Lanark Rd. A gray Toyota Camry was traveling southbound on Rt. 26 when the vehicle drove onto the shoulder of the road. The driver Kevin M. Brill, 62 of Forreston corrected back on the roadway causing the vehicle to lose control. The vehicle skidded across the road striking an embankment on the east side of Rt. 26. The vehicle then rolled over in the ditch coming to a stop on its roof. Brill was extricated from the vehicle by the Forreston Fire Department and then transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital with minor injuries by the Forreston Ambulance.

At 5:43 p.m., following a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 111, Deputies arrested Alfredo Hernandez-Gonzalez, 43 of Indianapolis Ind., for with No Valid Driver’s License. Hernandez-Gonzalez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Jan. 17**

At approximately 3:44 p.m. Ogle County Deputies, Mt Morris Police Department, along with the Mt Morris Fire department and EMS responded to a two -vehicle accident in the 3700 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation it was learned that a 16 year old female from Mt Morris lost control of her vehicle on the snowy roadway. The female slid across the roadway and struck an oncoming vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, Jeffery Singley, 49, of Forreston, was transported to FHN Hospital in Freeport for minor injuries. The female was issued a citation for too fast for conditions. The owner of both vehicles requested Dyers towing to remove the vehicles.

The following were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding Warrants:

Justin R. Olson, 34, from Grandville for Failure to Appear. Olson had a bond of \$325, Olson did post the \$325 bond. Olson Was released from the Ogle County jail. Olson does not have to return for a court date.

Donaldson A. Peterson, 50, from Rockford for Failure to Appear. Peterson had a bond of \$1,086, Peterson did post the \$1,086 bond. Peterson was released from the Ogle County Jail. Peterson does not have to return for a court date.

**Jan. 16**

At approximately 10:45 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at Mile Marker 103. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Juan A. Perez, 45 of Rockford, for Driving on a Suspended License. Perez was also issued a citation for a window tint violation. Perez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 3:49 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff’s Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of N. River Road. After investigation Deputies placed Alexis Cantrell, 20 of Chana under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Cantrell was also issued a citation for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Cantrell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At 5:40 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on I-88 at Mile Marker 77. After a brief investigation, Alexander L. Garcia, 31 of Butte Montana, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Garcia was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At 9:16 p.m., following a traffic stop on I-39 mile marker 103 south bound, Deputies arrested Robert Adams, 36 of Arlington IL, for Driving While License Suspended. Adams was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Jan. 15**

At 10:05 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff’s Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Route 64 and Moore Road. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Nathan Stinnett, 36 of Roscoe, for Driving While License Suspended. Stinnett was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:10 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Rte 26 and Montague Rd. After further investigation Lauren Lapointe, 45 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Lapointe was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 8:43 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 mile marker 100 for a registration violation, following a short investigation Deputies arrested Richard D. Cook, 36 of Lumberton TX., for Driving While License Suspended. Cook was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

# Oregon Police report

**Jan. 14**

At 7:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Juanita Duran, 70, Dixon, a citation for driving the wrong way on a one way. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street.

At 8:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michelle A. Glaudel, 45, of Walnut, IL, a citation for driving the wrong way on a one way. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street.

At 8:52 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Linda S. Miller, 48, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Miller was also issued a citation for failure to yield turning left. Miller was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets.

**Jan. 16**

At 8:12 a.m., Oregon Police issued Edyn M. Bossany, 20, Byron, a citation for overtaking a school bus (stop arm violation). This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

At 4:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Russell L. Burnett, 55, Polo, for driving while license revoked. Burnett was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Russell was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 800 block of S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

At 9:44 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation to Kent M. Jensen, 23, Dixon, for speeding, 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

10 parking citations and 3 verbal/written warnings were issued from 01/13/2020 through 01/19/2020.

**General calls for service**

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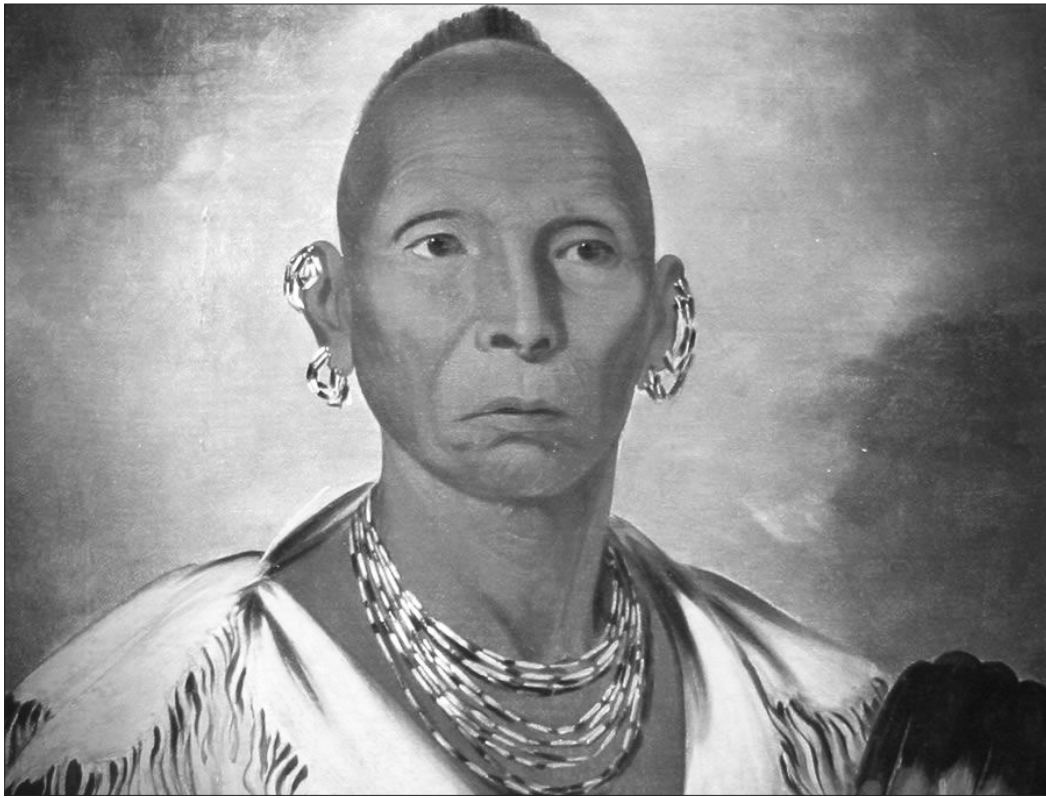
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## Forest Preserve District's Winter Lecture Series starts soon

The Byron Forest Preserve District's annual *Winter Lecture Series* will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2 p.m. from Feb. 9 through March 8 at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road in Byron.

These programs are free and no advance registration is required. For more information contact the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200. Copies of the 2020 *Winter Lecture Series* information brochure are available at the Jarrett Prairie Center front counter.

This lecture program is co-sponsored by Exelon Generation Byron Station and the award-winning Jarrett Prairie Center Museum.

### Feb. 9 – Short-eared Owls: Ghosts in the Grass

Join Jacques Nuzzo, Program Director for the Illinois Raptor Center in Decatur, Illinois to understand the history of short-eared owls. These ground-nesting owls once thrived in our open prairie grasslands and are now an Illinois state-

endangered species.

### Feb. 16 – Bobcat: Illinois' Native Cat

Jennifer Kuroda, founder of the Illinois Bobcat Foundation, will cover every facet of these elusive cats. Once hunted almost to extinction in the Midwest, bobcats have been making a comeback in recent years.

### Feb. 23 – The Search for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee: How a Team of Researchers Scientifically Established a Species' Decline

Isaac Stewart, Instructor of Biology at Black Hawk College, will discuss how the work of a dedicated group of researchers put the rusty patched bumble bee on the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species List in January 2017. This was the first bee species from the centennial United States that has ever been added to this list. This study's findings is a red flag warning for other pollinator

species in the Midwest.

### March 1 – Life through the Lens of Kodak: The History of Personal Photography

Chicago actor R. J. Lindsey will portray George Eastman, found of Kodak. He will present a slide program and display vintage cameras to tell how Kodak's affordable and easy to use cameras changed personal photography around the world.

### March 8 – The History and Archaeology of the Sauk Nation and Black Hawk

Join Ferrel Anderson, President of the Quad Cities Archaeological Society, to learn about the archaeological findings regarding the people of the Sauk Nation and Black Hawk. Using historical records and archaeological evidence, Anderson located Black Hawk's Saukenuk village, 800 acres of Sauk and Fox agricultural fields and several grave yards at the mouth of the Rock River near the present day Quad Cities.

# Oregon Park District hosting trip to see Broadway show

**OREGON** – Join the Oregon Park District for a trip to Paramount Theatre in Aurora to see a Broadway performance and the world premiere of *The Secret To My Success* on Wednesday, March 18.

Is success money? A powerful job? A happy marriage? This is a hilarious, heartfelt new musical based on Universal Pictures film. Brantley Foster, a young ambitious Midwesterner moves to New York City to start his dream job at a major corporation, only to be laid off on the very first day. Brantley soon falls in love with a beautiful colleague names Christy Mendez and discovers that his definition of success might be all wrong. Adapted from the smash 1987 Micheal J. Fox movie, *The Secret of My Success* is a wild look at corporate culture, ambition and making your own way in life.

A catered buffet lunch with beverages and dessert will be served before the performance. Deadline to register is Feb. 27. Registration can be done online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Transportation departs from Nash at 10:45 a.m. with lunch at noon. Show begins at 1:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 2 ½ hours. We will return home after the performance. Fee is \$68/resident and \$82/non-resident and includes play, lunch and transportation.



Advanced art class at Higher Grounds coffee shop in Freeport. Artwork hanging on the walls is student work. Front row from left: Mackenzie Engbert, Ashlee Newell, Seven Gilligan, Kyla Benson and Emma Stevens. Back row from left: Madison Sketo, Nicole Fox, Montanna Heinz, Annie Timmer and Julia Wells.

## Students have art show at Higher Grounds

Forreton High School art program presents a showing of artwork from the new Advanced Art class.

The artwork in this art show was completed during the last part of the school year leading up to winter break. Students are invited to join the advanced art class when their skill is at a high level and they

have ideas they want to pursue.

The program runs on a semi-independent agenda with the students leading the way designing the majority of their own projects.

This is the first showing of the advanced artists' artwork and we hope you will stop by Higher Grounds to look at it.



The historic H.I. Lincoln Building, currently undergoing significant refurbishment, will re-open for one day on January 31, 2020 to allow for continuity of the popular Fifth Friday Music Series. The Acoustic Circus will be the first star attraction of 2020.

# FNB presents Acoustic Circus for Fifth Friday

Kay Shelton, National President of the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA), John Nicholson of Farming Heritage Inc. (FHI), and Mike Hickey of First National Bank in Amboy (FNBIA) have jointly announced that the historic H.I. Lincoln Building in downtown Franklin Grove will reopen for one day, Jan. 31.

This special reopening during the current refurbishment project will allow for the continuity of the traditional Fifth Friday Music Programs with FNBIA presenting The Acoustic Circus.

The Acoustic Circus includes Kathy Cechetti on vocals and rhythm guitar, Steve Catron on vocals and mandolin, Andre Quintones on vocals and lead guitar, and Mark Stoch on bass. There will be one action-packed show beginning at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets, \$15, are available at FNBIA: In Amboy at 220 E. Main and 301 E. Joe; In Dixon at 1314 N. Galena and 314 S. Crawford; In Franklin Grove at 108 Elm St.; and in Davis Junction at 5558 N. Clark. Phone for all branches is 815-857-3625. Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$17.

The building, originally built in 1860 and restored by Farming Heritage Inc. between 1995 and 2000 has been occupied by LHA since that time. Many upgrades will be introduced when the building re-opens as a LHA National Interpretive Center and Regional Tourism Development Facility.

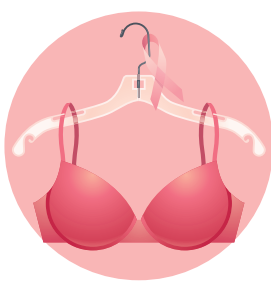
Also announced were the additional 2020 Fifth Friday dates and attractions:

May 29, Switchback – Internationally touring Celtic-American Duo.

July 31, Jim Wolber and the Lariat Band – (now increased to 7 members) in a special Summer evening show at the Chaplin Creek Village Barn.

October 30, Well Strung – a powerhouse group from Byron. Originally a two guitar and harmonica trio now enhanced with a bass player and a keyboard artist.

Watch for additional announcements.



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### THANK YOU

The family of Shawn Nielsen, owner of Nielsen Automotive, and Nielsen Towing & Recovery, would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Byron community, all of our family, & our great friends, for the large outpouring of love, support, encouraging words, comfort, food, cards, and monetary donations we received. It meant so much to each and everyone of us at this most difficult time in our lives. A special thank you to Byron Police officers; Robert McNeely and Tim Brechon and the entire Byron Police force, Byron Fire Department, Maggio Towing and Cruz Towing out of Rockford, D&W Towing, Alfanos Pizzeria, the Dr's and nurses at Swedish American Hospital ER department, Patrick Featherston, Jerry Olsen, Dennis & Toni Massolle, Paige Holland, Christy Withers, Toys 4 Tots, and Operation Santa, and any others who were omitted accidentally. There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation to all of you, who are all truly angels. May God bless each and everyone of you.

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## Polo Police report

Jan. 17

TIME: 12:45 p.m.

REPORT: Scott Miller, 29, Polo, was issued a City Citation for parking in a No Parking Zone.

## Please note:

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.





## Forest Preserve District sets events

### Groundhog Day tracking

On Sunday, Feb. 2 starting at 1 p.m., join Byron Forest Preserve District naturalists, Susan Kleiman and Mark Herman, to learn about winter animal tracking at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve, 7993 North River Road in Byron.

We will be looking for sign of animal tracks, chews and scat in the preserve's prairies and woodland and see if the local groundhogs have ventured out of their dens. This is a free outdoor program open to all ages.

Advance registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 30 by calling the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

### Winter Night Hike

Assistant Superintendent, Janet Dahlberg will be leading a winter night hike at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve, 7993 North River Road in Byron on Friday, Feb. 7 starting at 6 p.m.

Experience the winter woods and prairie after dark.

The preserve has deer, foxes and owls that may make an appearance. Dress for the weather and enjoy hot cocoa in our return to the Jarrett Prairie Center. This free outdoor program is open to all ages.

Advance registration is required by Wednesday, February 5 by calling 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

## Trip to see Jay Leno live is set for April 17

**OREGON** – See Jay Leno live Friday, April 17 with a group from the Rock River Center in Oregon.

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."

Rock River Center has a group of tickets for his performance scheduled in our area.

The show will be at the Paramount Theatre. The cost is \$140 for members and \$145 for non-members. The bus will leave from RRC at about 5 p.m.

Reservation/payment deadline is March 1.

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

## Lions breakfast is Feb. 8

**LEAF RIVER** – Since the weather caused a low turnout for the Leaf River Lions January breakfast, they will collect Christmas lights and goods for the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry in Mt. Morris. Many Leaf River families go there for assistance. Non-outdated canned goods, paper products as well as personal items are accepted. Even if you prefer to give a cash donation there will be a container on the table for that too.

Bring those working or nonworking Christmas lights you wish to discard and the Lions will help you out. There will be a box available for you to drop them in.

There will also be a table for you to place whatever you bring to help those in need that are serviced by the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry in Mt. Morris. Many Leaf River families go there for assistance. Non-outdated canned goods, paper products as well as personal items are accepted. Even if you prefer to give a cash donation there will be a container on the table for that too.

## School screenings in Oregon will take place in February

**OREGON** – Oregon CUSD is conducting a free Pre-school Screening for all children turning three or four before Sept. 1, 2020.

The purpose of the screening is to provide parents with an indicator of their child's readiness for school and identify children who may benefit from early childhood services. All children must be screened and qualify in order to attend the Oregon School District Preschool.

Dates:

Thursday, Feb. 6: 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

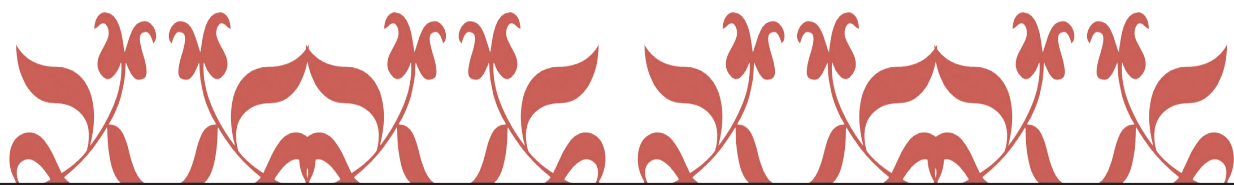
Friday, Feb. 7: 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 24: 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please call 815-732-5300 ext. 2902 to schedule an appointment.

The LIFE office is located at 311 West Washington Street, Oregon.



## Valentine's Day Breakfast to Honor Couples Married 50 Years



Friday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Calvin Rd, Rochelle

Rochelle Community Hospital and the RCH Foundation are teaming up to honor local couples who have been married for at least 50 years. Join us for breakfast, some games, music and a small gift for each couple.

There is no cost to attend but couples must RSVP by calling Michelle at 815-561-3110 by January 31st.



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### Bank donation

Stillman Bank recently contributed a \$1,000 donation to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. As a hometown bank, we take pride in being able to investments in the future of our local communities. Pictured here are Stillman Bank employees presenting Kim Montgomery, Executive Director of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation the donation check.

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## Oregon Lions induct new members

Oregon Lions inducted two new members at their meeting on Jan. 9. Oregon Lion Dr. Tom Champley conducted the induction ceremony. Oregon Lion Sandy Arneson sponsored new member Sharon Kryszek and Oregon Lion Joanna Cermak sponsored her husband Dr. Michael Cermak. Oregon Lions are delighted to welcome two new members into their club! If you want to become a member of our club we are welcoming new members. Please contact our Oregon Lions Club Secretary at [oregonlions.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:oregonlions.secretary@gmail.com) or talk to any Oregon Lions Member. Pictured from left are: Oregon Lion Sandy Arneson, Sharon Kryszek, Lion Joanna Cermak, Dr. Michael Cermak and Lion Dr. Tom Champley.

## Kiwanis offering scholarships

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

The Student Service Scholarship was established in 1999 for outstanding service to school and community.

This scholarship for post-secondary study recognizes outstanding high school students who have been actively involved in community service in the Byron or Meridian school districts.

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

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

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

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

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

## Oregon Park District plans events for upcoming no school days

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

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

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

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

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



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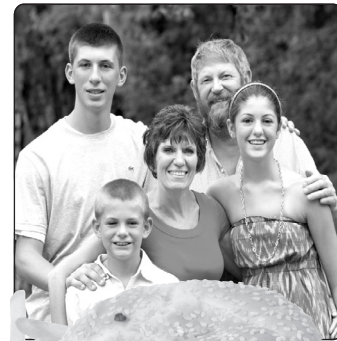
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# Park District has upcoming events, activities

## 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 p.m. for 3-year old and up. Our February classes run for 4 weeks and are Wednesday evenings beginning 2/5 through 2/26. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 3.

## After school open gym

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

## Childcare

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

## Free drop-in playtime

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

## 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. 15-March 14. 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 Ja. 30 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 pm at Nash Recreation Center. A maximum of 8 teams will be allowed, register early! Registration deadline is Feb. 5, and the season runs Feb. 13 through April 30. 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!

## T+T wood sign workshop

These trendy sign making classes are very popular. Register for the 10" wide x 48" tall Long Board Porch Sign class which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30-9 p.m., at Cork & Tap. Choose from a variety of sayings upon registration (include Holiday greetings, Welcome, Home Sweet Home and more) as stencils are prepared prior to class. Registration Deadline is January 28. Class fee is \$37/Resident or \$44/Non-Resident.

## Plant your own succulent garden

Succulents are fun low maintenance plants with so many varieties to collect. Plant your own little succulent garden in a bowl on Thursday, February 20, 2020. This class, instructed by Tyler Hagemann on Merlin's, will be held at Cork & Tap in Oregon. Upon registration choose from the 6-7 p.m. class or the 7:30-8:30 p.m. class. Fee includes everything to plant 5 succulents in your garden bowl. Additional succulents can be purchased in class. Register through the Oregon Park District. Class fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb. 12.

## Spring soccer

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

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# Mount Morris Senior Center announces activities

## Volunteer needed!

Would you like to play an important part in the lives of seniors in and around Mt. Morris, Illinois? We are looking for an individual to join the Mt. Morris Senior Center in helping seniors understand the Medicare system. Each year we help many seniors navigate the confusion of Medicare and choose the plans that are right for them. Training will be provided for the right person to learn how they can help. Please call Melissa at 815-734-6335 for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

## Chocolate Cake Day

Monday, Jan. 27 is National Chocolate Cake Day and Polo Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center will be celebrating with us by bringing some chocolate cake to the Mt. Morris Senior Center around

10 a.m. Please stop by and enjoy a piece of cake with us!

## Bingo in Byron

Each month we have a blast traveling to Byron together to enjoy a \$5 lunch and free Bingo at Neighbors Nursing Home. The food is delicious, the prizes are fun, and the fellowship can't be beat. The carpool leaves from the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 1:00 pm, and all are welcome to join us. To reserve your seat in a car, please call 815-734-6335.

## C.A.S.T. Hygge

If you have not heard of C.A.S.T. or Hygge you are in for a treat this month. C.A.S.T. is a collaboration between the Seniors at the Mt. Morris Senior Center and the students at the Chana Education Center. These two groups have an

amazing time together each month. This month we will be at the Village Bakery for hygge (board games, snacks, and fellowship) on Tuesday, Jan. 28 beginning at noon. If you would like to join us or just get more information please call 815-734-6335 or simply stop by during this activity.

## Casablanca

Carpool with us to the Lindo Theater in Freeport to see Casablanca on Wednesday, Feb. 5. We will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Mt. Morris Senior Center go to the Chinese Buffet for lunch and then go to the theater together. You will simply pay for your own lunch and ticket. The show begins at 1 p.m., so we should be back in Mt. Morris by 4 p.m. Please call Melissa at 815-734-6335 if you would like to join us for this fun

afternoon. This could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

## Lunch Bunch

Enjoy a delicious lunch with us at the Father and Son in Oregon on Friday, Feb. 7. We will leave the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 11:15 a.m. and meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us. Please call 815-734-6335 if you would like us to save you a seat or add you to the carpool.

## Mark your calendars for our upcoming special activities!

February 12 – Tea for You, March 3 – Self Defense Class, March 10 – Free Lunch, March 13 – Dinner and OHS Musical, April 4 – Adult Easter Egg Hunt

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Mon., Jan. 27

Chocolate Cake Day at the Mount Morris Senior Center. Polo Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center will be celebrating with the center by bringing some chocolate around 10 a.m. Please stop by and enjoy a piece of cake.

The Performing Arts Guild will be holding auditions for "Miss Holmes today and tomorrow and from 6-8 p.m. at the Pinecrest Grove library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mount Morris. The cast consists of 5-10 male and 4-8 female roles.

## Tues., Jan. 28

Census job information, 1:30-4 p.m. at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River. A representative will be here with information on how to join the 2020 Census Team. Several positions are open in Ogle County and the surrounding area and these jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, and paid training.

Princess Di: Gone But Still Kicking! 1-2 p.m. at the Byron Library. Jillann Gabrielle of Paradise Playhouse presents a cabaret style show.

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/](http://Byron.evanced.info/) sign up or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Fri., Jan. 31

The historic H.I. Lincoln Building in downtown Franklin Grove will reopen for one day for the traditional Fifth Friday Music program. The Acoustic Circus show begins at 7 p.m.

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).

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Feb. 16, 1878, supported by Western mining interests and farmers, the Bland-Allison Act, which provided for a return to the minting of silver coins, becomes law. It required the U.S. Treasury to resume purchasing silver and minting silver dollars as legal tender.

\* On Feb. 13, 1915, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is founded to "assure that music creators are fairly compensated for the public performance of their works, and that their rights are properly protected."

\* On Feb. 10, 1957, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling "Little House" series of children's novels, dies at age 90 in Missouri. In 1932, Wilder, then in her 60s, published her first novel, "Little House in the Big Woods."

\* On Feb. 15, 1961, the entire 18-member U.S. figure skating team is killed in a plane crash in Belgium. The team was on its way to the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships in Prague. U.S. women's figure skating champion Laurence Owen, 16, was featured on the Feb. 13, 1961, cover of Sports Illustrated.

\* On Feb. 12, 1972, the release of American POWs begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. The first 20 of 591 U.S. POWs arrived to a hero's welcome at Travis AFB in California.

\* On Feb. 14, 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini calls on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," and his publishers. Booksellers the world over refused to sell the novel for fear of retribution. Many who did sell it were bombed.

\* On Feb. 11, 1990, in a major upset, Buster Douglas defeats Mike Tyson, the undisputed world heavyweight champion, in 10 rounds at a boxing match in Tokyo. The loss was the beginning of a long, downward spiral for Tyson, which included jail time and license revocation in Nevada.

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## I couldn't survive a survival show

There are many places I would love to visit. I love to travel and experience new things.

But, to be clear, I am talking about travel to beautiful places with nice accommodations. There will be no camping. There will be no "roughing it." My mother used to say that to her, camping meant staying in a 2-star hotel. Yes, she was joking. Well, kind of joking.

I am my mother's son. I have camped and have enjoyed it. One night and then back home. If I don't shower every day, I feel like a caveman.

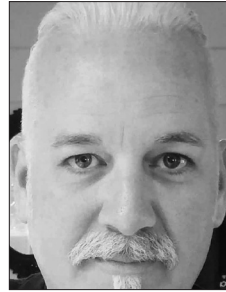
And going to the bathroom out in the wild is simply out of the question. It's not the 1800s, people.

Yet, I love to watch shows like "Alone," and "Life Below Zero." I love to see people who haven't been clean in what looks like weeks struggling to survive. While I turn up my nose at any exotic food, I don't mind watching total strangers eat the eyes of a caribou they just shot.

That's another thing – If

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I had to survive in the wild I simply couldn't. I would die ... quickly. I have been squirrel hunting, but I am not sure I could shoot a deer or another large animal. I like animals too much, and can buy meat that is already butchered and ready to go at the store.

That doesn't mean I am anti-hunting at all. I am not, and know many people who hunt and enjoy it. It is just not for me.

A reality show starring me would be very different than watching people chop down trees to build cabins

or set snares to snag their dinner for the evening. No, mine would not look like that at all.

Mine would include me looking for the perfect shampoo. I prefer something that smells minty. Not too harsh, but not a conditioner that will leave my already limp hair even more lifeless.

The cameras could even follow me to the salon where I get my hair cut. That's right, the salon. I don't go to a barber shop.

A day in the office editing copy, writing stories and designing pages on the computer is sure to bring in big ratings. Once a month an episode can feature me at the Ogle County Board meeting. Riveting!

Fans can even go online and decide which Lean Cuisine I should eat for lunch. I might be feeling like Sesame Chicken, but if the fans want Chicken with Almonds, so be it.

After work could include some activities like shoveling snow, polishing my Harley-Davidson, which in the sunroom along with

my wife's Harley this time of the year, or breaking down boxes from the all the stuff we get delivered from Amazon.

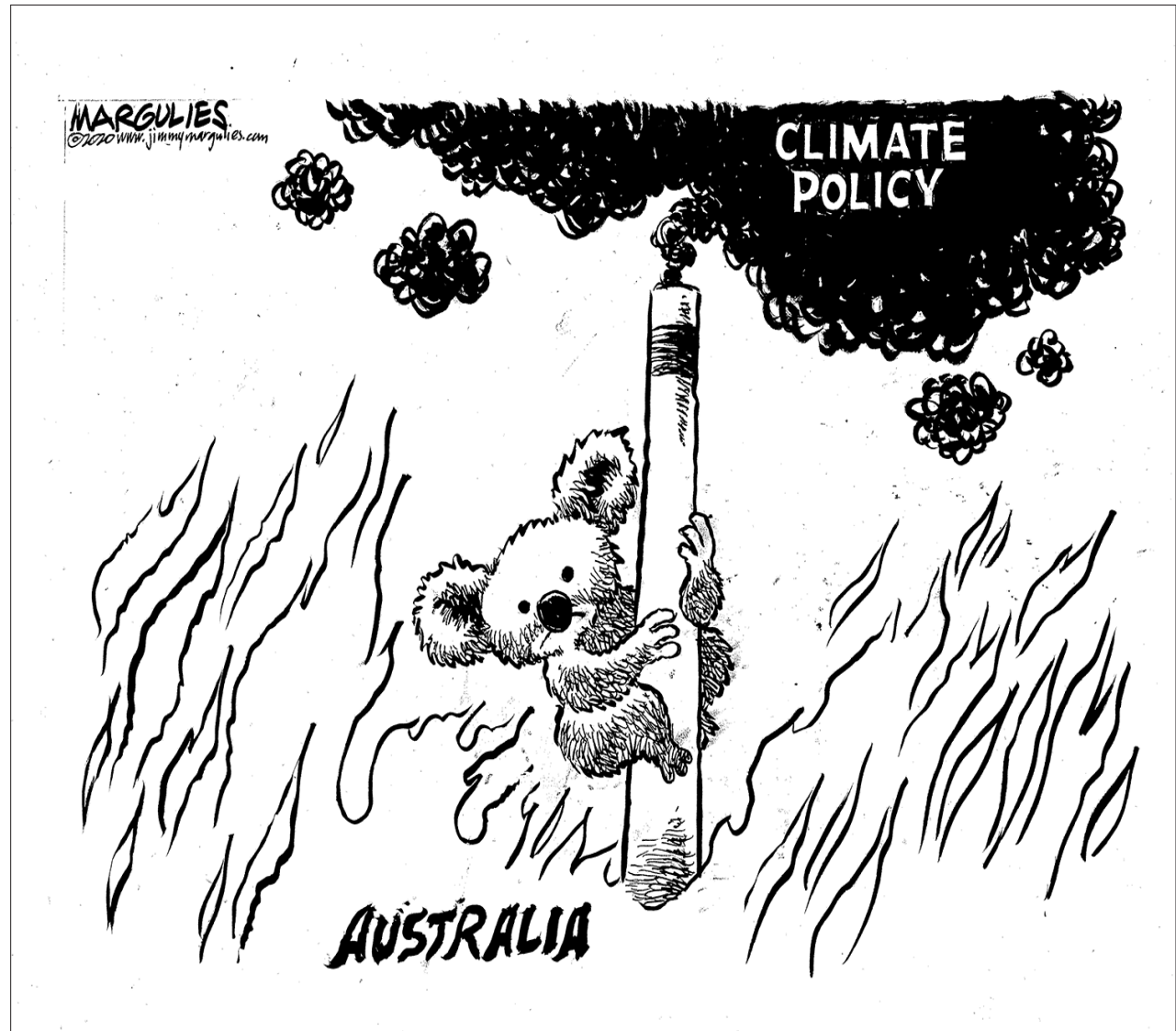
Instead of carving into a fresh carcass, I would order something from DoorDash.

There will also be the very many activities of grilling steaks, mowing the yard, cleaning the garage and trimming my facial hair to perfection.

It might not be the same as seeing someone take down a bear that was destroying their home and then eating its meat and using its pelt for a blanket, but we could get some great shots of me playing the guitar and agonizing over which of the 25 pairs of Converse tennis shoes I should wear.

The point is, not all of us are made for a reality show. I will continue to enjoy these outdoors type survival shows while living a solid – and safe – middle class life. And I won't have to gut anything before I eat.

Thankfully.  
*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*



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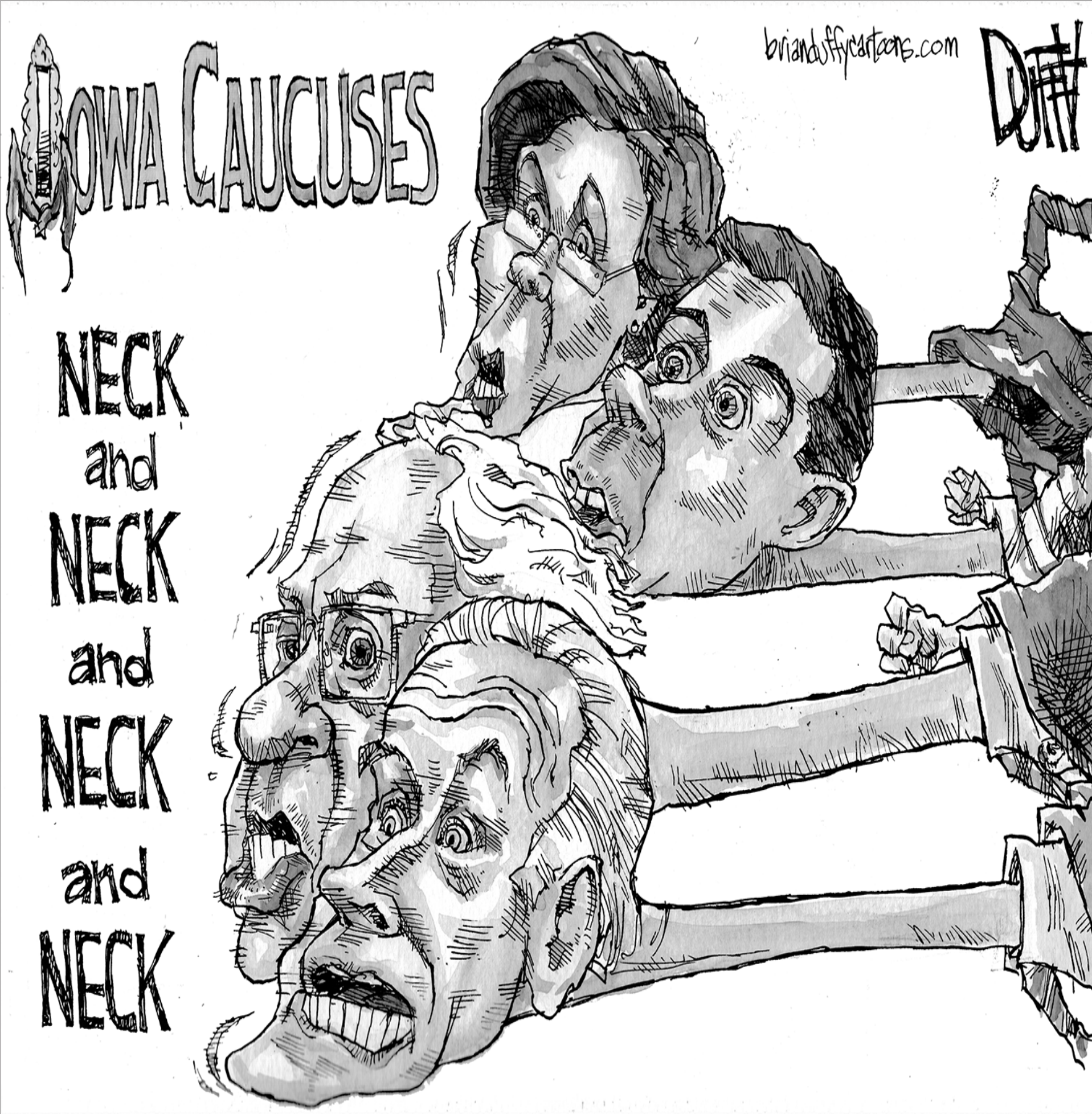
Dear Editor,

The Forrestville Valley School District would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our bus drivers for ensuring the safe transport of students. The drivers' dedication to safety and commitment to the community are truly appreciated.

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# Mt. Morris Bowling League starting this February

**MOUNT MORRIS** — The annual Mt. Morris Youth Beginners Winter Bowling Instructional League starts Feb. 6 at Town & Country Lanes in Mount Morris. These kindergarten through eighth-grade sessions are open to anyone in the immediate area, regardless of school district. During the initial four weeks, participants will receive a significant level of instruction each night with the introduction of basic technique, skill drills and terminology. The following five weeks will provide short instruction

sessions and live game competition, with a blacklight awards party the final night. The league meets every Thursday through April 9.

Kindergarteners through second-graders bowl at 5:30 pm and third through eighth-graders bowl at 6:45 pm. Cost is \$55 or \$105 including a bowling ball. Additional information and registration forms are available at the Town & Country Lanes website [www.tclanes.com](http://www.tclanes.com) or via phone at 815-734-7787.

# Oregon wrestling team takes down North Boone, Genoa-Kingston

**OREGON** — The Oregon wrestling team lost 48-30 against Stillman Valley on Jan. 16. The Hawks bounced back with a 60-22 win over North Boone and a 46-33 victory against Genoa-Kingston.

Miguel Vasquez (220) and Evan Flaharty (285) received forfeits against Stillman Valley, while Seth Stevens (126), Johiak Sewell (160) and Jonathon Alaniz (195) all recorded pins. In the dual with North Boone, the Hawks received pins from Evan Flaharty

(285), Lane Halverson (106), Emmett Peterson (132), Braydon Altherr (138), Sebastian Cardenas (152), Jokiah Sewell (160), Wayde Reimer (170) and Adam Glendenning (182).

The dual with Genoa-Kingston featured falls for Jonathon Alaniz (195), Sam Minnis (120), Seth Stevens (132), Jokiah Sewell (160) and Wayde Reimer (170). Sebastian Cardenas (152) earned a major decision and Emmett Peterson (126) took a forfeit for Oregon.

# Oregon bowlers beat Dixon

**OREGON** — The Oregon boys bowling team defeated Dixon 3,322-3,043 on Jan. 16. Isaac Kaltenbrun rolled a 603 series with a high score of 227, and Kyle Strite led the Hawks with a 622 series and a 226 high game. Jacob Smith finished with

579 and a high game of 219.

The Oregon girls bowling team scored 3,075 against Dixon. Sammantha Meyers led the Hawks with a 575 series, with Rebbecca Meyers adding a 555 series and Alysa Conley shooting 540.

# Oregon girls basketball team falls against Dixon, Rock Falls

**OREGON** — The Oregon girls basketball team fell 61-43 against Dixon on Friday, Jan. 17. Olivia Lambrigtsen scored 14 points for the Hawks, while Jenae Bothe and Lauren Montavon each added nine points. Megan Buttens chipped in six points.

Oregon faced Rock Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and lost by a score of 60-34. Olivia Lambrigtsen scored 14 points and Ella Martin recorded nine points on three 3-pointers. Jenae Bothe chipped in six points for the Hawks.

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)



## RCH award

Rochelle Community Hospital has named Tom Harvell as its' 2019 High Performer of the Year. Harvell was selected among the 12 High Performers of the Month in 2019. He has been employed at the hospital for two years as a Skilled Maintenance Technician. Pictured from left are: Bryce Oltman, Facilities Manager; Tom Harvell and Gregg Olson, CEO.

## Painting party Feb. 8 in Mt. Morris

**MOUNTMORRIS** — Encore! Mt. Morris is sponsoring a painting party Feb. 8, 9 a.m.-noon at the Old Sandstone Gallery in Mount Morris.

All of the projects will look great in your yard or on your front door. Karen Hilliard will be coaching us as we make beautiful garden peace posts or front door signs, all customizable. No painting experience necessary. Refreshments provided too. Many designs to choose from; registration requires you to select the design you want to make ahead of time so that materials can be prepared for you. See images of the choices at <http://www.facebook.com/encoremorris> or [www.encoremorris.com](http://www.encoremorris.com). Some customiza-

tion is possible, as well.

This event will be held at the Old Sandstone Gallery (handicap accessible) in Mount Morris, 122 S Wesley Ave. Cost is \$38. To reserve your seat, call Karen at 815-980-3867 and let her know which design you want to make.

Questions? [mollyb@encoremorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremorris.com) or leave a message at Village Hall and someone will get back to you: 815-734-6425

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mount Morris into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in north-west Illinois. Learn more at [EncoreMt-Morris.com](http://EncoreMt-Morris.com).

## Bread of Life provides food monthly

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

If you are in need, please join us for a snack, conversation and groceries to bring home. We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on

the second Tuesday of each month. Join us from 3-5 p.m. and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. 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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## Maintaining and Improving Our Functional Independence

On Monday, February 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Physical Therapist, Maureen Nicolls from KSB to discuss factors that influence and effect our balance and strength, safety and tips for safe and independent living, and gentle but effective balance and strengthening exercises.

Registration is requested. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 if attending. Refreshments will be provided.

## MyMedicare.gov

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

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## License Plate Discount Eligibility Changes

Beginning Jan. 1, the IL Dept. on Aging's Benefit Access Program for the license plate discount will increase income

eligibility limitation.

New income guidelines are as follows:

- \* One person household- 2018 income must be less than \$33,562
- \* Two person household- 2018 income must be less than \$44,533
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\*Applicants must be 65 years old or older by Dec 31 of current year or 16 years or older and totally disabled at the time you file.

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If you need more information or need assistance filing the online application, contact the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th ST, Oregon, IL, 815-732-3252 or 800-541-5479.

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## Cancer Support Group

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

## Caregiver Support Group

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center.

For more information, call Patti Kilmer at 815-234-2511 or 815-298-7004.

## Diabetic Support Group

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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## Low Vision Group

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**Rochelle** 562-3801

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## Education

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**421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061** 732-2191

## Low Income Housing

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

## Mental Health

**Family Counseling Services** 962-5585  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
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## Senior Citizens Services

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**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
**Oregon, IL** 800-541-5479  
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## Veterans' Services

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**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
**Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co.** 255-9181  
**Medical Transportation** 677-6515

## Wellness Services

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**510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle** 562-6976  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
**Visiting Nurses Association** 971-3755  
**4223 E State, Rockford**



## Student leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the October Student Leaders of the Month. The students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the October trait – KINDNESS and also Leader In Me Habit #2 – Begin With the End in Mind. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Front row: Grace Costello (8th), Chris Rydeberg (6th), and Josie Gibson (6th) Back row: Jacob Rhodes (8th), Abby Gilliam (7th), and Ethan Szarkowicz (7th).



## More student leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the September Student Leaders of the Month. The students above were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the September trait – RESPONSIBLE and also Leader In Me Habit #1 – Be Proactive. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Gavin Evenson (6th), Alec Medford(7th), Parker Gensler(8th), Mya Janssen(8th), Avery Britnell(6th), and Taylor Davidson(7th).



Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the November Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the November trait – SUCCESS and also Leader In Me Habit #3 – Put First Things First. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Macey Dauphin (8th), Brooklyn Lee (7th), Brooklyn Hodge (6th), Taylor Haymes (6th), Noah Klaren (8th), and Gavin Sweat (7th).

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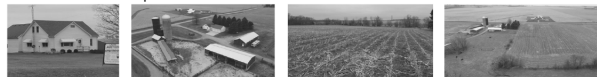
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**5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

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**7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Ogle County's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community

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**9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.



## Students of the Month

*Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for December. Pictured from left are: SVHS Assistant Principal, Jeff Voltz, Drake Stewart (9th grade), Tabatha May (10th grade), Jack Orlando (11th grade), Paxton Barrett (12th grade), and Stillman Bank Senior Vice President Jim Coons. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.*



## Good Citizens

*The Good Citizen Award for November at Polo's Aplington Middle School went to Brianna Kuhn, Kason Allen and De'Angelo Fernandez.*

# Bertolet Library News

## Census Job Information

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:30-4 p.m.

If you're looking for work in the area the Census Bureau is looking for you! A representative will be here with information on how to join the 2020 Census Team. Several positions are open in Ogle County and the surrounding area and these jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, and paid training. This will be one of your last chances to find out more about the application process and get answers to any questions you may have before training begins.

## Library Bingo

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m.

Tired of winter and looking for something new to do? Join us for our first-ever edition of library bingo. Standard games, postage stamp, blackout, we'll play them all! Plus, there will be prizes for all ages! Come for a little while or stay and play the whole time.

## LEGO Club

Monday, Feb. 3, 4 p.m.

Stop in after school for an hour of designing and building with our large assortment of LEGO bricks and figures. Bring a friend for twice the fun!

## Coffee Club with Mark

Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.

Join financial advisor, Mark Peiffer, for a brief presentation on current events in the

market and economy followed by an informal discussion. Feel free to bring any financial/investing questions you may have. This is not a sales pitch, it is an opportunity to learn more about the stock market and economic factors that affect us all. Refreshments will be served.

## 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!

# Mount Morris Library News

## Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 3-4:30 p.m., After School STEAM

Send your kids over for some after school challenges. We will have robotic races, building challenges, and more. Drop in and out at your leisure during the open time.

## Friday Feb. 7, 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - 5th annual Mini-Golf Tournament Fundraiser!

Play a round of mini-golf inside the library! Cost is \$1/ person or \$5/family. There will be free giveaways and trophies for the winners. All proceeds benefit the Mount Morris Public Library.

## Sponsor a Mini-Golf Hole!

Want to help the library further and promote your business? Sponsor a hole for our mini-golf tournament! Decorate your own hole or have the staff do it for you. Stop in or call the library for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

Learn how to eat healthy on a dime. This will be hands on and interactive meeting 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 and alert us of any allergies.

## 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:

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

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

## Reoccurring Programs:

**Story Time** - Every Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. all ages (Upcoming dates 1/29, 2/5, 2/12)

**After School Club** - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. ages 5 and up (Upcoming dates 2/5, 2/19, 3/11)

**Lego Club** - Every 2nd Monday of the month @5:45pm all ages (Upcoming dates 2/10)

**Cookbook Club** - Every 3rd Monday of the month @6:00 for adults. Visit the library to choose your recipe. (Upcoming dates 2/17) \*THE DAY HAS CHANGED\*

**Library Board Meeting - Feb. 19th at 7 p.m.**

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Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) is a statewide educational program with lessons offered to Kindergarten through 8th grade. Its goal is to help students, teachers, and the general public gain greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water.



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# Oregon Library News

## Did you know the Oregon Public Library is now fine free?

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.

## 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.

## 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.

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

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

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

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

## Computer classes

Need a little extra help with navigating Word, Excel or the Internet, schedule a private session with our staff to assist you. Appointments are available Tuesdays between 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Schedule your time slot today!

## Library book clubs

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

## Knit and crochet

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:oregonlibrary@yahoo.com)

## New releases

The Wives by Tarryn Fisher (Fiction)

Such A Fun Age by Kiley Reid (Fiction)

Recipe For A Perfect Wife by Karma Brown (Fiction)

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# 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 February 29. Drawings held weekly. Pick up a flier for more details. Adults only.

## 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, Jan. 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 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.

## Fun Day Monday: Play Dough Party!

School's out for the day, so stop by the library for creative play! We'll roll, cut, shape and build using everyone's favorite sculpting material. All materials supplied. Grades K-5. Monday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

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

## Macrame Feather Jewelry

Join us for a special Saturday Crafterday, Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.! We'll learn to make simple macramé feathers (no experience required!), then turn each into a chic bohemian necklace. Add a matching set of earrings, if you wish. All materials supplied. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Tidy Up: Home & Life

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



What to do on a day off school? Kids, Grades K-5, stopped by the Julia Hull District library (Stillman Valley) to make their own winter wonderland using cardboard boxes, paper, cotton batting, and all sorts of other fun stuff we pulled from our craft storage area!



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- 5. Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
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# Polo Library News

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

## Winter Reading Program for All Ages

**Jan. 2nd-Feb. 29th**

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

## Children's programs

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

### Tales for Tots

#### Pre-K/Kindergarten Story Time

**Ages 3-5**

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Theme: Valentine's Day

Little Bear's Valentine by Else Homelund Minarik

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

### Lego Challenge: Build Your Name

**Ages 8-14**

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

### Valentine STEM Program

**Ages 6-12**

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

Call to register, 815-946-2713

### Pokemon Club

**Ages 8-14**

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

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

## Teen programs

### Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, February 22, 10am-3pm

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

## Teen scene

**Ages 13-18**

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

The Great Oreo Taste-Off. Call to register, 815-946-2713

## Adult programs

### Adult Pinterest Party

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6-7 p.m.

Hanging Suet feeder for Backyard Birds. Supplies provided, call to register, 815-946-2713

### 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

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

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

### Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

Saturday, February 15, 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

### Euchre

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

Time to play cards, bring a friend

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

Saturday, Feb. 22, 3-5 p.m.

Monthly on the fourth Saturday

Join us after hours for table top games (options include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Codenames, and Betrayal at the House on the Hill) and snacks.

### Rock River Center representative

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-noon

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

### Lifelong Learning

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-7 p.m.

Monthly on the fourth Thursday

Hidden Timbers Garden's presents "Incorporating Natives into your Landscaping". Call to register, 815-946-2713

### Book Discussion Groups

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

### Friday Book Discussion at the Library

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

Selection: My Love Story by Tina Turner

### Afternoon Book Club at the Library

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

Selection: The Gifted School by Bruce Holsinger

# Byron Library News

## 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](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Princess Di: Gone But Still Kicking!

Tuesday, Jan. 28

1-2 p.m.

Jillann 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](http://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; just drop in!

## 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](http://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](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

## Ninja Night

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6-7 p.m.

Ages: 3-8 years

Break out those ninja moves! Join us for ninja stories, activities, and more! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Crafting with Cathy: Chalkboard Clipboards

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

## Messy Art Monday

Monday, Feb. 17

10-11 a.m.

Ages: K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Create & make a MESSterpiece! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Chicago True Stories

Wednesday, Feb. 19

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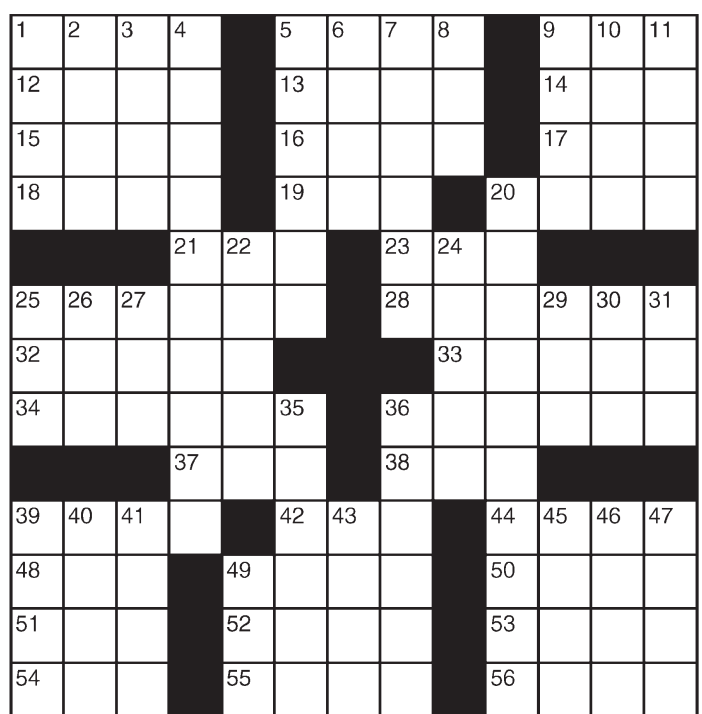
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# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword



**ACROSS**

- 1 Item on stage
- 5 Relaxation
- 9 "Help!"
- 12 Emanation
- 13 Picture of health?
- 14 Demonic tyke
- 15 Dance lesson
- 16 Green land
- 17 Grazing area
- 18 Loafer, e.g.
- 19 Wrestling surface
- 20 Small horse
- 21 Tear
- 23 Eggs
- 25 Ought not
- 28 Plunder
- 32 Jellied dish
- 33 Flat
- 34 Neptune or Poseidon
- 36 Makes baby food, maybe
- 37 Id counterpart
- 38 Allow
- 39 "Ironside" star
- 42 Definite article
- 44 "Phooey!"
- 48 Past
- 49 Desktop symbol
- 50 Sheltered
- 51 Under the weather
- 52 Filly's brother
- 53 Mountain goat
- 54 Caustic

- chemical
- TV trophy
- "— and the Tramp"
- Storm center
- Missile shelter
- Portent
- Fix, in a sense
- Evidence of fraud
- Disguised, for short
- Cost
- "More," to Jose
- Work with
- Hot tub
- Word implied in "been there, done that"
- Born
- Golfer Ernie
- E-business
- More than enough
- Kind of bond
- Pre-swan
- Portrayal
- Ian or Celeste
- Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
- Prepared to drive
- Alluring
- Lemieux milieu

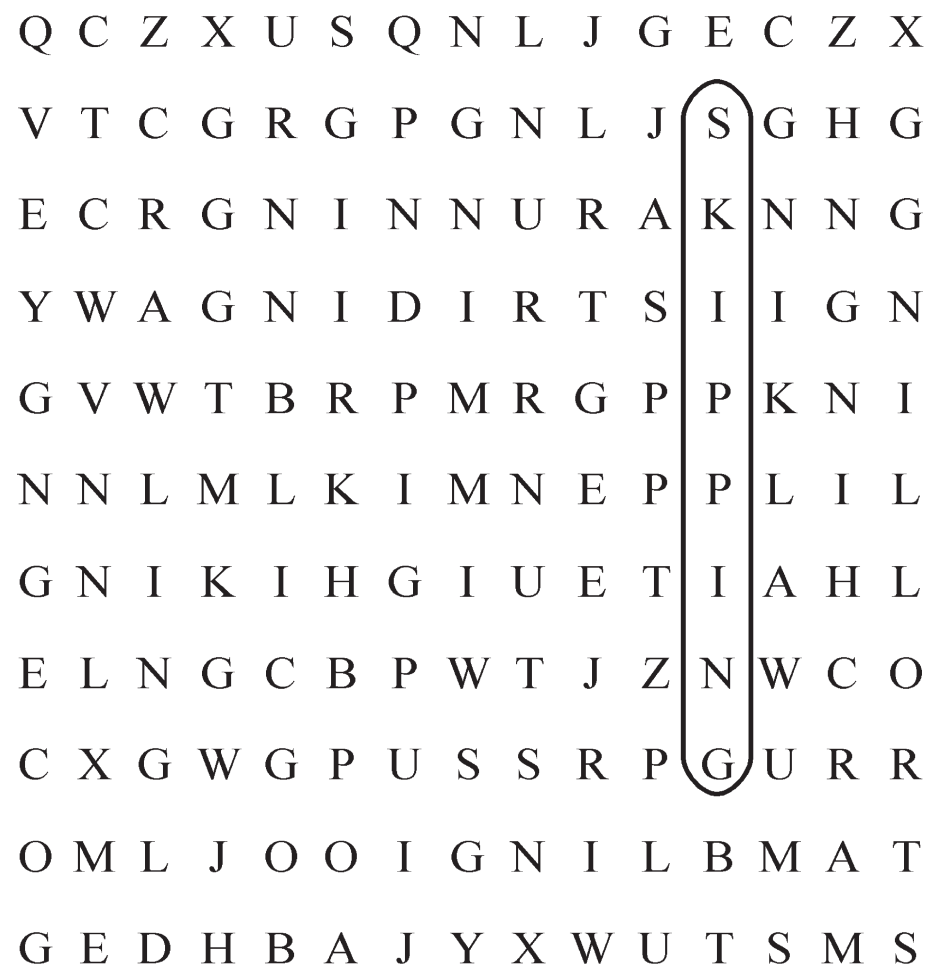
**DOWN**

- 1 Just say no
- 2 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 3 Sandwich
- 4 Empty threat
- 5 Free from a duty
- 6 Met melody
- 7 Tailor, humorously

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## MAGIC MAZE

## HUMAN LOCOMOTION



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

- Ambling
- Jogging
- Sauntering
- Strolling
- Climbing
- Jumping
- Skipping
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Marching
- Stepping
- Walking
- Hopping
- Running
- Striding

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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

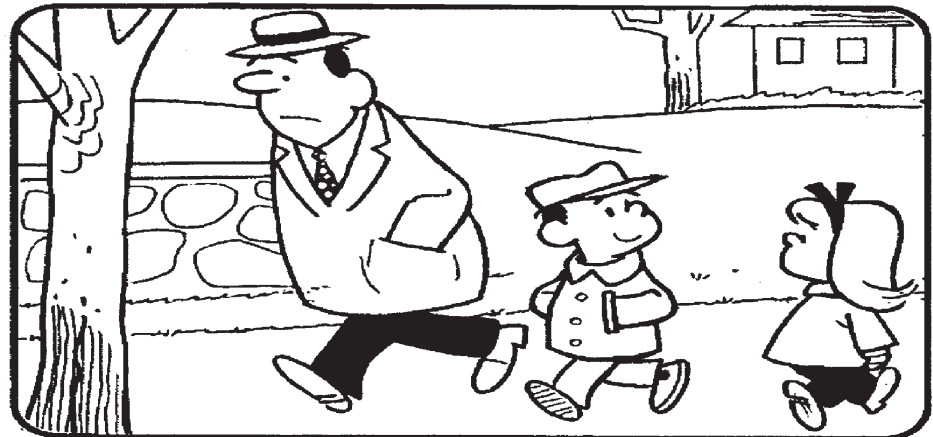
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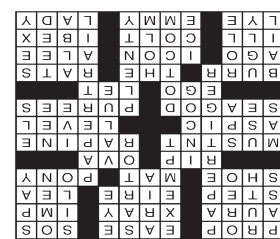
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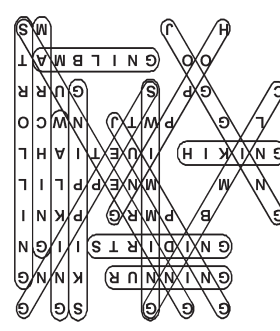
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Solution time: 24 mins.  
Answers  
— King Crossword —



HUMAN LOCOMOTION

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| 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
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Answer  
— Weekly SUDOKU —

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS – GEORGE WASHINGTON WORDS\*

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

### 3 Letters

GET  
NEW

### 4 Letters

HEAR  
NINE  
RAIN

### 5 Letters

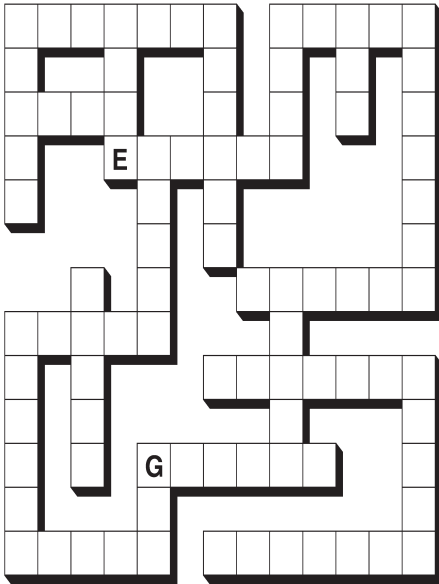
AGENT  
GIANT  
HONOR  
RENEW  
RIGHT  
TWINE  
WORTH  
WRIST

### 6 Letters

EASIER  
GINGER  
OTHERS  
STRING  
WAITER

### 7 Letters

AIR SHOW  
NEITHER  
REGIONS  
WINNERS



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

# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

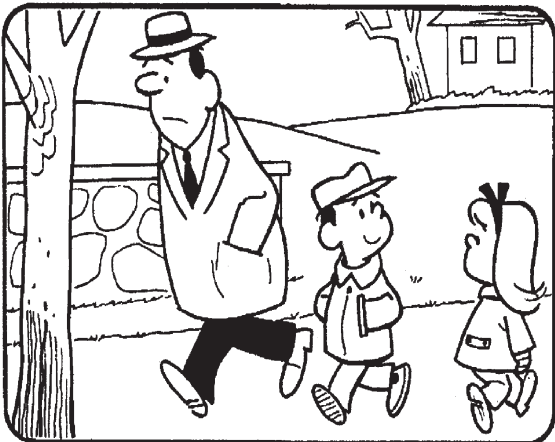
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                      |               |                    |               |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Spin a baton      | ___ _ _ R _ _ | Ribbed weave       | ___ _ _ L _ _ |
| 2. Flip-flops season | ___ U _ _ _ _ | Cook on low heat   | ___ I _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Dance in Vienna   | ___ _ _ _ Z _ | Whitman and Disney | ___ _ _ _ S _ |
| 4. Take heed         | ___ _ T _ _ _ | Convent newcomer   | ___ _ V _ _ _ |
| 5. Valentine shape   | ___ _ _ _ T _ | Eavesdropped       | ___ _ _ _ D _ |
| 6. Cologne's river   | R _ _ _ _ _   | Gleam              | S _ _ _ _ _   |
| 7. Forgive           | ___ _ _ D _ _ | Country girl Dolly | ___ _ _ T _ _ |
| 8. Bookshelf         | ___ E _ _ _ _ | Traveler's inn     | ___ O _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Soda container    | ___ O _ _ _ _ | Gettysburg event   | ___ A _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Sailboat         | ___ L _ _ _ _ | Ice-cream spoon    | ___ C _ _ _ _ |

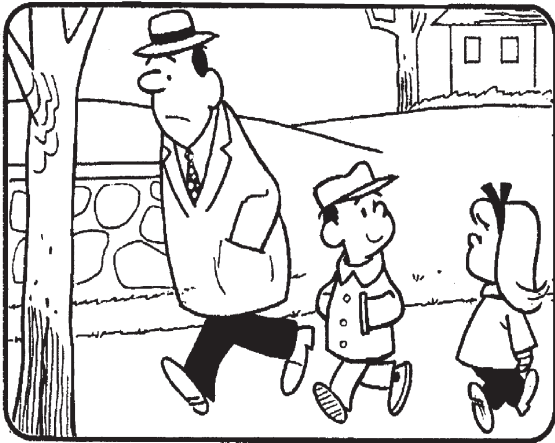
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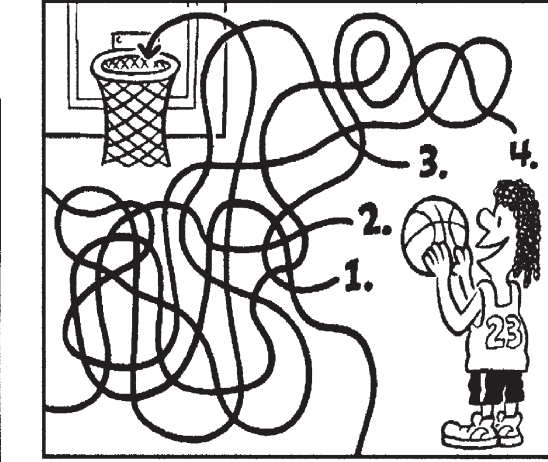
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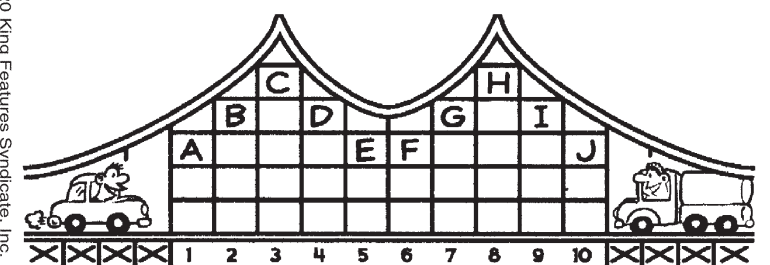


SLAM-DUNK this one on the first try! See if you can guess which is the winning shot.

**A PIRATE'S GAME!** See if you can take the letters in this pirate's call for wagers and use them to spell out two numbers.  
The letters in RUM BETS NOW can be rearranged to spell out TWO NUMBERS. (Isn't that what we asked for?)

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

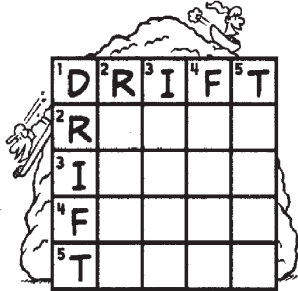


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### A WORD BRIDGE!

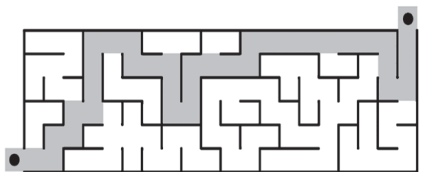
The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints:

1. An axlike tool.
2. Modern unit of speed.
3. Criminal plan.
4. Speaker's platform.
5. Recede.
6. Mediterranean hat.
7. Valley.
8. Absence without permission.
9. Irritates.
10. Type of dance.



**DON'T BE SNOWED IN!** At right is a word square. You are challenged to find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.  
1. A pile of snow (DRIFT, in place). 2. One source of news. 3. A work avoider. 4. Feudal estates. 5. Trunk of the human body.

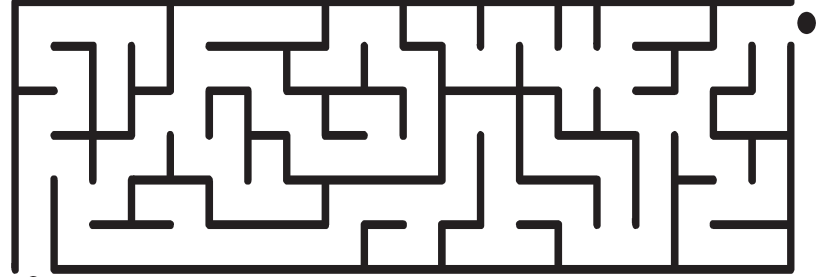
1. Drift. 2. Radio. 3. Radio. 4. Frets. 5. Torso.



Kids' Maze Solution

- Answers
- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Twirl, Twill   | 6. Rhine, Shine   |
| 2. Summer, Simmer | 7. Pardon, Parton |
| 3. Waltz, Waits   | 8. Ledge, Lodge   |
| 4. Notice, Novice | 9. Bottle, Battle |
| 5. Heart, Heard   | 10. Sloop, Scoop  |

## Kids' Maze



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Answer  
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# Super Crossword

**SIX FROM THE FAB FOUR**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Approach intrusively
  - 7 Lamenters' sound
  - 11 Process of going bad
  - 19 Attach with heat, as a patch
  - 20 Heart sections
  - 22 When shows are broadcast
  - 23 Butler or maid
  - 25 Fish also called a largemouth
  - 26 Mop
  - 27 At that point
  - 28 CNN anchor Burnett
  - 30 China's Mao — -tung
  - 31 1960s reform movement in China
  - 38 "Sid the Science Kid" network
  - 41 Tracker maker, once
  - 42 Convert to the Koran's religion
  - 43 Chevy model
  - 45 Suffix with towel
  - 48 Korean, Thai or Chinese
  - 52 Precipitating heavily
  - 57 Big Apple sch.
  - 58 Off-white
  - 59 March composer John Philip —
  - 60 Cease
  - 61 Lives (in)
  - 63 It lures fish
  - 65 Loss of memory
  - 67 Posed (for)
  - 68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"
  - 74 "— recall ..."
  - 75 Headlined
  - 76 Dying words from Caesar
  - 77 Inflicts upon
  - 79 Honshu sash
  - 80 Small piece
  - 83 Ad biz prize
  - 87 Collaborator
  - 88 Person in the third decade of life
  - 91 Frantic scramble
  - 94 Correct copy
  - 95 Hitchcock classic
  - 96 Light blue avenue in Monopoly
  - 100 Neat — pin
  - 101 Announcer Hall
  - 102 American flier with scarlet patches
  - 109 Special time
  - 110 Tabula —
  - 111 Postal letters
  - 112 Get in return
  - 116 Person petting
  - 120 What the last words of 23-, 31-, 52-, 68-, 88- and 102- Across are
  - 124 Unusual
  - 125 1983 Streisand film
  - 126 Holy rings
  - 127 Property of a magnet
  - 128 Solar output
  - 129 Fully ready
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Bails out, e.g.
  - 2 Brag loudly
  - 3 Unconscious state
  - 4 Final non-A.D. year
  - 5 "Mayday!"
  - 6 Blast source
  - 7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)
  - 8 Alternative
  - 9 Game venue
  - 10 Zip
  - 11 Mouth liquid
  - 12 Billy Joel hit
  - 13 Planet Mork came from
  - 14 Suffix with social
  - 15 Ad- —
  - 16 Rare violin
  - 17 Undercoat for painting on wood
  - 18 West German city
  - 21 People who mimic
  - 24 "What's — ya?"
  - 29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.
  - 32 Tangelo trademark
  - 33 Tilts one's body toward
  - 34 Bank claim
  - 35 Fleur-de- —
  - 36 Israeli arm
  - 37 Poke fun at
  - 38 Conduit
  - 39 Coll. hotshot
  - 40 Motivate
  - 44 Island near Venezuela
  - 45 College Web site suffix
  - 46 Set- — (sharp fights)
  - 47 Old United rival
  - 49 Oklahoma oil city
  - 50 Mosaic work
  - 51 Certain skin bulge
  - 53 "You — see this!"
  - 54 — Martin (cognac)
  - 55 British queen
  - 56 "Beware the — of March!"
  - 61 Coke Zero alternative
  - 62 Witch's blemish
  - 64 Secy., e.g.
  - 65 Moreover
  - 66 Vapor
  - 68 Land in water, in Italy
  - 69 Use, as a tool
  - 70 Sweat of one's —
  - 71 "Kill — killed!"
  - 72 Hold in check
  - 73 Small state ruled by a sovereign
  - 74 Eve's man
  - 78 Actor Max von —
  - 80 Rocker Barrett
  - 81 CBS drama
  - 82 Turn rancid
  - 84 Pet parasites
  - 85 With a sharp picture, for short
  - 86 Hymn start
  - 88 Epithet for Alexander
  - 89 Be a ratfink
  - 90 Alexis I, e.g.
  - 92 Jackie's hubby #2
  - 93 Offense
  - 97 Almost
  - 98 Six-pt. plays
  - 99 Cry like —
  - 100 Amply skilled
  - 102 Rundown
  - 103 Bards' Muse
  - 104 Singer Hall
  - 105 Oven maker
  - 106 Spiteful
  - 107 Passes idly, as time
  - 108 Dryly funny
  - 113 Slaughter of baseball
  - 114 James with a Pulitzer
  - 115 Discreet call
  - 117 MPG monitor
  - 118 Chaplin's title
  - 119 — -fi flick
  - 121 Always, poetically
  - 122 Oldies group — Na Na
  - 123 "Tonka" star Mineo

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# Soap Opera Update

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL**  
Eric and Ridge discussed how to de-escalate tensions between Quinn and Brooke. Wyatt confided in Liam that Sally refused to accept the status of their relationship. Quinn struck back at Brooke for going after her marriage to Eric. Katie remained a steadfast friend to Sally during her time of worry. Thomas was shocked at just how far Quinn went with Brooke and offered to work with her against their sworn enemy. Brooke interrogated Steffy about kissing Liam. Later, Brooke and Liam agreed that Thomas was still manipulating the situation. Carter told Zoe that she was beautiful and then spoke candidly with her about whether or not she could trust Thomas. Shauna was thrilled that Wyatt and Flo were back together. Katie accompanied Sally to an important appointment. **Wait to See:** Thomas stuns Vinny with his “payback” plan.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES**  
Kristen stirred up trouble for Eric and Nicole. Brady and Kristen bonded over their shared grief. John and “Steve” ran into some familiar faces as they searched

for Stefano. Kate realized Marlena was in danger. Gina was rattled when Shawn arrived in Salem at Rafe’s behest. Lani learned that Eli and Gabi were getting married. Anna, Tony and John were shocked when “Steve” lashed out at Anna. Kate confronted Gina about her plans for John and Marlena. Rafe was stunned by Shawn’s explanation for his mother’s strange behavior. Chad grilled Kristen about her meeting with Stefano. John began growing suspicious of “Steve.” Gina tried to lure Marlena into a trap. A guilt-ridden Kate made a confession. **Wait to See:** “Steve” informs Marlena that John is dead.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL**  
Jax wondered what the last straw would be. Michael and Sasha relocated. Tracy and Ned disagreed. Peter was taken aback. Sam identified a possible ally. Carly was extremely worried, and Finn was upset. Anna felt protective. Julian called a truce. Martin paid Nelle a visit. Jason delivered a warning. Curtis was suspicious. Sonny faced down his enemy. Willow felt insecure. Nelle was miserable. Nina was disgusted. Martin

got an important call. Lulu came clean with Laura. Ned and Brooke Lynn butted heads. Sonny worried about Mike. Carly tried to get to the truth. **Wait to See:** Maxie has breakfast with Spinelli.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS**  
Mariah offered to help Sharon organize her cancer treatment records and to take over the daily operations at Crimson Lights, but Sharon said that she didn’t want to lose control over her life. Abby was knocked a little off her game when she witnessed the dynamic between Chance and Phyllis. Meanwhile at Society, Adam and Chelsea were excited for their first night out as an exclusive couple, but their date took an awkward turn when Nick arrived. Kyle admitted to Jack that he was having marriage trouble. Mariah was frustrated that she couldn’t reach Tessa while she was out on tour. Phyllis realized that Sharon was going through a health crisis. **Wait to See:** Amanda confronts her past.



Chloe Lanier stars as “Carly” on “General Hospital.” Photo Credit: ABC/Craig Sjodin

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## Senior News Line

### Revisit the Books of Our Childhood

There really is something to be said for going back to a simpler time, even for a little while.  
For those of us who work with people who have dementia, or if we just want to take a break from the current crop of books on bestseller lists, here is an idea: revisit the books of our childhood.  
Wikipedia can be a great place to remind us of the titles we might have forgotten. Put “books of the 1940s,” or whatever

decade you’d like to explore, in its search box. You’ll find hundreds of books from our childhood, most with links to information about the books themselves, such as: “Lassie Come Home” (1940), “Curious George” (1941), “Pippi Longstocking” (1945) and “Scuffy the Tugboat” (1946).  
From the 1950s we have “Henry Huggins” (1950), “Charlotte’s Web” (1952), “Horton Hears a Who!” (1954), “Danny and the Dinosaur” (1958) and the “Brains Benton Series” (1959-61).  
To jog your memory, in 1942, Henry,

Jessie, Violet and Benny Alden were orphans living in a boxcar in the woods until they are introduced to their grandfather, who has the boxcar moved to his backyard in “The Boxcar Children.”  
In 1946, “Scuffy the Tugboat” ended up floating down larger and larger waterways until he was rescued and was put back where he was happiest -- the bathtub.  
In 1959, Brains Benton and his sidekick Jimmy Carson solved the mystery of “The Case of the Missing Message,” and continued solving crimes for the next five books

in the original Brains Benton series.  
If you want to find the old books of your childhood, it’s not as difficult as you might think.  
Some of the books are still in print. Check Amazon.com or AbeBooks.com. Some of them might be found at your library. If you’re very lucky, a few of them might even be on your own bookshelves.  
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## To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

### Can Chocolate Worsen Irregular Heartbeat?

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am 82 years old and still very active. I have had an irregular heartbeat for four years, and sometimes I feel lightheaded, dizzy or tired. I worry about it getting worse. Would you please give a detailed explanation about irregular heartbeat, including how or why it happens? What should I do to prevent it from getting worse? Is it life threatening? Will it become atrial fibrillation?

Also, I am a chocolate lover and eat dark chocolate every day. But I was told that cocoa will make my irregular heartbeat worse and I should stop eating dark chocolate. Is that true? -- Q.Y.

**ANSWER:** Everyone has irregular heartbeats from time to time. Early beats can come from electrically active areas anywhere in the heart, and an electrocardiogram can tell whether they are from the atria (the top chambers) or the ventricles (the bottom chambers) of the heart.

An average person may have 500 or so of these a day -- some people have

many more. Most are seldom aware of them. Having patients with this concern over and over during my career, I can reassure you that most cases turn out to be nothing to worry about.  
However, the fact that you are having symptoms, especially the lightheadedness and fatigue, is a warning sign, and I recommend you get an evaluation. Start with your regular medical provider, after which you may be referred to a cardiologist. The EKG in his or her office is a first step, but you may need a longer evaluation, such as wearing a 24-hour EKG (a Holter monitor) or newer technologies that allow longer readings.  
Atrial fibrillation is a concern, because most people will need treatment to reduce stroke risk or to return the rhythm to normal. Nevertheless, there are many other kinds of irregular heart rhythms, and you need a diagnosis first. If no cause is found, there are medications to reduce the irregularity, but they are seldom used. My experience is that when a person knows they are not dangerous, they can be lived with more easily.  
Chocolate does contain theobromide, a substance that can make the heart a little more irritable, but it takes

a lot of chocolate to have a significant effect. It’s related to caffeine in coffee. Interestingly, a recent study found that chocolate lovers are less likely to develop atrial fibrillation, so the situation is more complex than just one chemical.  
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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I read that drinking warm lemon water with honey has many health benefits, partially because lemons are an alkaline food. Is this correct? -- B.W.

**ANSWER:** I think I saw the same article. Lemon water may have some health benefits, but it is not an alkaline food, and drinking it has almost no impact on the acidity of your blood or urine, because the body’s buffer systems (the chemical processes used to keep the pH carefully regulated) are so effective. Lemons have a pH of about 2, so they are highly acidic. Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) makes the urine more acidic.

There is no consistent evidence that the foods we eat have a health benefit due solely to their effect on body pH. Many of the foods recommended for their supposed alkaline effects are indeed healthy, but for other, complex reasons apart from pH.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** Is it true that there will be a sequel to “The Big Lebowski”? Will Jeff Bridges be in it? -- Anon.

**A:** There is what is being called a “spinoff” of “The Big Lebowski,” but it won’t be directed by the Coen Brothers. It will focus on John Turturro’s “The Big Lebowski” character Jesus Quintana and also will star Jon Hamm and Bobby Cannavale, with Turturro also directing. “The Jesus Rolls” will be in theaters starting Feb. 28.

Turturro has been getting accolades for another project of his, the HBO series “The Night Of,” which was originally supposed to star James Gandolfini (“The Sopranos”) until his untimely death. It’s based on the BBC series “Criminal Justice.” Gandolfini is still listed as an executive producer for the American version for the work he did behind the scenes before he passed away.

**Q:** When will “Mindhunter” be back on Netflix with new episodes? I just rewatched them all and can’t wait for more. -- R.F.

**A:** “Mindhunter,” a fictional drama that is based on true-crime cases, is about an FBI agent who confronts some of America’s most notorious serial killers. It’s been several months since the second season was uploaded to Netflix, but a third season has been put on hold while executive producer David Fincher completes his other projects.

In the meantime, leads Jonathan Groff and Holt McCallany aren’t being tied down to the show, so it’s possible that if “Mindhunter” comes back, it might have new stars. The reason, Netflix stated, is that Fincher “felt

it wasn’t fair to the actors to hold them from seeking other work while he [Fincher] was exploring new work of his own.” Hopefully they all can time their other productions so that they can regroup and continue with a third season of “Mindhunter” by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, look for the upcoming movie “Mank” on Netflix directed by Fincher, which is about screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz’s efforts to bring Orson Welles’ “Citizen Kane” to the big screen. It will star Gary Oldman and Lily Collins.

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**Q:** When will the Obi-Wan Kenobi series begin on Disney+? Will Ewan McGregor play him again, or will it be about Obi-Wan’s younger or older life? -- X.M.

**A:** There are plans for a live-action series centered around Obi-Wan Kenobi on Disney+. After the success of “The Mandalorian” on that same streaming service, fans are eager for more “Star Wars” series in addition to motion pictures. All that’s known so far is that the scripts for each episode have been completed and that it will begin filming some time in 2020. Best of all, McGregor stars in it. However, no other cast members or a specific premiere date has been set.

In addition to this series and an upcoming second season of “The Mandalorian,” Disney+ plans a show centered around the character of Cassian Andor, who was featured in the movie “Rogue One.” Diego Luna will reprise the role.

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Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

“The Addams Family” (PG) -- America’s kookiest family goes head to head with a makeover design TV host in this cute, if relatively mild, animated tale. After being chased out of town after town, the Addamses settle in an abandoned, haunted mental institution on a hill in New Jersey to raise a family, safely away from the judgmental eyes of others. But in the valley below, egomaniacal Margaux Needler (Alison Janney) has built a whole idyllic town to film and sell, marred only by a view of the Addams house. The pressure is on to oust Gomez and Morticia, as children Wednesday and Pugsley fight their own adolescent battles.

Emma Stone, respectively) -- banded together and formed a makeshift family, a little slice of heaven in a world overrun with zombies. But it’s been a long 10 years and they could use a few fresh faces. Back out on the road and once again facing threats from zombies, other tough survivors and weird doppelgangers, the crew is just as funny and dangerous as ever.

“Jay and Silent Bob Reboot” (R) -- The convenience-store-lurking duo who made their iconic debut in “Clerks” return to the screen with another misadventure featuring inside jokes, self-deprecating humor and inside jokes. Did I mention the inside jokes? Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) were immortalized in comic book form as Bluntman and Chronic, which Hollywood then monetized without shame. Now, famed director “Kevin Smith” is rehashing the buddies for a movie reboot, and the pair



have three days to stop it, with a cavalcade of celebrity cameos along the way. If you love Kevin Smith movies, it’s more of what you already love. But for everyone else, it’s packed with 25 years’ worth of references that aren’t funny if you don’t “get it.”

“Countdown” (R) -- The

latest craze in smartphone apps is a countdown to your own death. Just plug in your identifying information and the app will tell you, to the second, when you will die. It seems like harmless fun, in the vein of a BuzzFeed doing it and sharing their results. So Quinn (Elizabeth Lail) downloads the app and is

given less than three days until her time is up. She links up with stories of other short-timers and tries to find a way to beat the clock. A few fun jump scares are included, but mostly you’ll be wishing for a shorter countdown to the end of the movie.

NEW TV RELEASES

“Shimmer and Shine: Splash into Zahramay Oceanea!”

“Hangin’ with Mr. Cooper: The Complete Third Season”

“The Big Bang Theory: The Complete Series”

“Berenstain Bears: Tree House Tales -- Vol. 2”

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**LAND AUCTION**  
**155 Acres MOL**  
**(Offered in Two Parcels)**  
**Ogle County Farm Land**  
**Thursday February 20th, 2020**  
**10:00 AM**

**Land Location:** This Farm is located at 4756 & 4780 S Center Rd., Rochelle IL 61068 - These parcels are located adjacent to the addresses above. No Building sites included with this auction. This auction will be held indoors off site. **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](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & full color pictures, or Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows for more information.

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**PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS:** **Parcel 1:** Approx. 77 Acres, all tillable, with a PI# 126; **Parcel 2:** Approx 77Acres, all tillable, with a PI# 123 **Sale Order:** We will offer parcel 1, followed by parcel 2, followed by the combination of 1 & 2 totaling approx. 155 Acres.

**TERMS:** 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 for parcels 1, 2 or the combination of them. At such time, the successful Bidder(s) shall enter into purchase contract. On or before **April 1, 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 both 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. **NOTE:** All announcements given on the day of sale shall take precedence over any, and/or all previous advertising or descriptions. The method, order of sale and bidding increments shall be at the sole discretion of the auctioneer. This auction will be recorded.

**SURVEY & DEED:** Seller(s) will provide certified 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. **BIDDING:** Bidding on both parcels will be on a per acre basis, with the final sale price based upon surveyed acres. **BIDDERS:** Bidder(s) should rely upon their own inspections and not upon any description or nomenclature of the auctioneer. Seller(s) assume no liability for errors or omissions in this or any other property listing, advertising, promotion or publicity statements and material. Although information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable, the aforementioned Seller(s) make no guarantee as to accuracy of the information herein contained or in any other property listing or advertising.

**Owner: Dutcher Trust - Rochelle IL**  
 Attorney For The Seller:  
 Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, Attorney Paul E. Chadwick  
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 420 4th Ave., Rochelle IL 61068

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**101  
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OF THE 15th JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY, IL-  
LINOIS  
IN THE )  
MATTER )  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )2019  
OF: )P 101  
RALPH F. )  
COFFMAN, )  
deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the  
death of RALPH F. COFF-  
MAN of German

Valley, Illinois. Letters  
of office were issued on  
December 27, 2019, to  
JULIA E. COFFMAN,  
whose attorney is David  
A. Smith, of Smith, Birk-  
holz & O'Brien, P.C. at  
129 South Fourth Street,  
P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illi-  
nois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the es-  
tate may be filed in the  
office of the Clerk  
of the Court at Ogle  
County Judicial Center,  
106 South 5th Street, Or-  
egon, Illinois, 61061, or  
with the representative,  
or both, within 6 months  
from the first publication  
of this Notice, or within  
three months from the  
date of mailing or deliv-  
ery of Notice to creditors,  
if mailing or delivery is  
required by Section 18-3  
of the Illinois Probate  
Act, 1975, as amended,  
whichever date is later.  
Any claim not filed within  
that period is barred.  
Copies of claims filed with  
the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the estate  
legal representative and

to the attorney within 10  
days after the claim has  
been filed.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby  
given that on January 2,  
2020, a certificate was  
filed in the Ogle County  
Clerk's Office setting forth  
the names and post office  
address of all of the per-  
sons owning, conducting  
and transacting the busi-  
ness known as: Magnolia  
Sweets & Co., 113 N. 4th  
Street, Oregon, IL 61061.  
Dated: January 2, 2020  
Laura J. Cook,  
Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0108 (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)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sealed bids will be re-  
ceived for the following  
sections by the Ogle  
County Highway Depart-  
ment, Oregon, Illinois,

until 2:00 P.M. February  
7, 2020 for:

1. 20-XX000-00-GM Fur-  
nish and Spread 2020  
Township MFT Aggregate
2. 20-XX000-00-GM  
Furnish and Apply 2020  
Township MFT Calcium  
Chloride
3. 20-XX000-00-GM  
Furnish and deliver 2020  
Township MFT Pipe Sup-  
ply
4. 2020 County Pipe
5. 20-00000-04-GM  
County Crack Sealing  
Proposals are available  
at the Ogle County High-  
way Department, 1989  
South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL  
between the hours of 7:00  
A.M.  
and 3:30 P.M. Monday -  
Friday.  
The Road and Bridge  
Committee reserves  
the right to accept or re-  
ject and or all bids.  
No. 0111 (Jan. 20, 27)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ogle County Housing  
Authority has developed  
paperwork related to its  
Five-Year and Annual  
Agency Plan "Process"  
and Five-year Capital  
Fund Program budgets  
for Fiscal Year July 1,  
2020 in compliance with  
current HUD regulations.  
They are available for re-  
view at the Authority's Of-  
fice located at 200 Wash-  
ington Street, Suite 100,  
Oregon, IL. The office is  
open Monday through Fri-  
day between 8:00AM and  
4:30PM. A public hearing  
will be held on March 11,  
2020 at the Authority's of-  
fice at 12:00 PM.  
No. 0116 (Jan. 20, 27)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL  
Section 8 Program  
Project Based  
Assistance Program  
The Ogle County Housing

Authority seeks competi-  
tive proposals from quali-  
fied applicants (owners,  
developers and/or project  
sponsors) to offer and ex-  
pand affordable housing  
opportunities for low and  
moderately low income  
families. Twenty-Five  
vouchers are available  
to the community under  
Section 8 Project Based  
Voucher Program.

All Interested parties may  
obtain a copy of the Re-  
quest for Proposal by  
contacting the following:  
Ogle County Housing Au-  
thority  
200 W. Washington St.  
Suite 100  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Attn: David Ditzler, Ex-  
ecutive Director  
815-732-1301  
dditzler@oglecounty-  
housing.org  
RFP guidelines will be  
available beginning Mon-  
day, January 20, 2020.  
Proposals are due on Fri-  
day February 28, 2020 at  
1:00 pm CST to the above  
address.

No. 0117 (Jan. 20, 27,  
Feb. 3)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 15th JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF OGLE

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

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF  
the death of WILLIAM  
M. HUBBARD, JR. of  
Rochelle, Ogle County,  
Illinois. Letters of Office  
were issued on Janu-  
ary 10, 2020 to CATH-  
ERINE M. KRABBE  
whose address is 215  
S. Ridge Street, Cres-  
ton, Ogle County, Illinois,  
and whose attorneys are  
Hewitt & Wagner, 1124  
Lincoln Highway, Ro-

chelle, Ogle County, Illi-  
nois, 61068.

Claims against the estate  
may be filed in the Office  
of the Clerk of the Circuit  
Court of Ogle County, Or-  
egon, Illinois, or with the  
representative, or both,  
no later than July 27,  
2020 and any claim not  
filed within that period is  
barred. Copies of a claim  
filed with the Clerk must  
be mailed or delivered to  
the representative and  
to the attorney within ten  
(10) days after it has been

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 15th JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF OGLE

**203  
HELP WANTED**

Byron CUSD #226 has the following  
Vacancies:

- Substitute Bus Drivers**
- 3 hour per day Full-Route  
Bus Driver**
- 3 hour per day Middle School  
Kitchen Worker**

Anyone interested should apply  
online at

www.byron226.org under the  
'About Us' tab  
in Employment Opportunities

**The Byron Police Department is now  
accepting applications for the position of  
Police Officer**

Applications may be picked up at and re-  
turned to: The Byron Police Department,  
232 W. Second Street. Applications will be  
accepted until February 28, 2020.

Minimum requirements: U.S. Citizen, 21  
years of age, High School Diploma and a val-  
id drivers license. College education is pre-  
ferred.

Applicants must be able to pass the State of  
Illinois P.O.W.E.R. Test.

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**203  
HELP WANTED**

Rockford Bell Credit Union  
**Hiring for  
Teller Position**  
In Mount Morris Office  
Cash handling experience  
preferred  
Send resume to:  
Rockford Bell Credit Union  
4 East Main Street  
Mount Morris, IL 61054

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

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

Anyone 10 years or older who  
would like to earn some extra  
money by delivering the Ogle  
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week.

Applications are available at any of our six locations or from  
our website at www.stillmanbank.com.

**Stillman Bank Human Resources**  
**101 E. Main Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084**  
**Fax 815-645-2025**  
**EOE M/F/D/V**

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**Rock River Center, Inc. seeks  
Part-time Driver**  
Drivers must have a valid driver's li-  
cense, be at least 21 years of age, oper-  
ate the vehicle in a safe and courteous  
manner and provide excellent customer  
service. Qualifications include ability  
to drive a multi-passenger vehicle safe-  
ly, ability to maintain accurate records  
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 MATTER )  
 OF THE )No.  
 ESTATE )2019  
 OF: )P 71  
 CAROL )  
 ANN )  
 HUBBARD, )  
 Deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE death of CAROL ANN HUBBARD of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 10, 2020 to CATHERINE M. KRABBE whose address is 215 S. Ridge Street, Creston, Ogle County, Illinois, and whose attorneys are Hewitt & Wagner, 1124 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, 61068. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Oregon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, no later than July 27, 2020 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS**  
**BYRON PARK DISTRICT BYRON, ILLINOIS**  
 DOCUMENT 00 11 15 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

This Advertisement for Prequalification of Bidders document is for use on public projects in conjunction with Document 001153 "Request for Qualifications."

**0.1 NOTIFICATION**  
 Revise "Notice to Prospective Bidders" Paragraph below to comply with Owner requirements for notification and conduct of public bidding.

A. Notice to Prospective Construction Managers: Owner will receive sealed Submittals of Qualifications from construction managers interested in submitting qualifications for construction management services for Project described in this Advertisement, until the time and date given below.

Retain "Regulatory Requirements" Subparagraph below and insert applicable references if qualification procedures are subject to special regulations.

1. Addition and Renovations, Byron Park District, Byron, Illinois.  
 2. Project consists of ad-

ditions and renovations to the existing building complex at 420 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois.

B. Owner: Byron Park, District.

**0.2 PROJECT INFORMATION**

Retain first paragraph below or retain and revise "Project Identification," "Project Description," and "Construction Contract" paragraphs below. If prequalification is general and not for specific project, include estimated contract amount(s) to establish requirements for experience and bonding capacity.

A. Project Description: Revise first subparagraph below to indicate estimated construction cost.

1. Project cost range is anticipated to be between \$4.0 to \$4.5 million dollars.

2. Project is anticipated to commence Spring 2020..

3. Project is anticipated to be substantially complete no later than January 2021..

Revise sample subparagraphs below to correspond to the delivery system applicable to Project. Revise below if using construction management or design-build project delivery methods.

B. Prospective Construction Managers will prequalify for the following Work:

1. Construction Management services generally in accordance with AIA Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and At-Risk Construction Manager.

**0.3 SUBMITTAL OF PROSPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S QUALIFICATIONS**  
 Revise first paragraph below to suit Project. Retain submittal date and time consistent with local practices, such as practices recommended by regional AIA/AGC Joint Cooperative Committees.

A. Owner will receive sealed Submittal of Qualifications until the time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider submittals prepared in compliance with the Request for Qualifications issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

1. Date: February 11, 2020.  
 2. Time: 2:00 p.m., local time.

3. Attention: Mr. Paul Zepezauer  
 4. Location: Byron Park District, front desk, at 420 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois 61010.

B. Submittals of Qualifications will thereafter be evaluated by Owner and the names of the prequalified bidders will thereafter be published. Prospective Bidders' qualification information shall be considered privileged and confidential.

**0.4 PREQUALIFICATION CONFERENCE**  
 A. A prequalification conference for all prospective Construction Managers will be held at the Park District offices at 420 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois 61010 on February 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., local time. All prospective Construction Managers are required to attend.

**0.5 QUALIFICATIONS OF PROSPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS**  
 A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.

**ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS**  
**BYRON PARK DISTRICT BYRON, ILLINOIS**

B. The completed Prequalification Submittal for each Prospective Construction Manager will be evaluated by Owner according to the following criteria, described in greater detail in the documents, but will include:

1. Proper license under the laws governing their respective trade(s).

2. Capacity to provide adequate Performance Bond, Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner.

3. Adequate financial resources, work-in-hand capacity, adequate organization, and acceptable past performance.

4. Applicable experience of firm, including experience of Project and field management staff to be assigned to the Work.

5. Other requirements per the actual RFQ documents.

**0.6 RFQ DOCUMENTS**  
 A. RFQ Documents will be available at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from the Byron Park District.

**0.7 NOTIFICATION**  
 A. This Advertisement for Qualification of a Construction Manager document is issued by Byron Park District, Byron, Illinois.

No. 0124 (Jan. 27)

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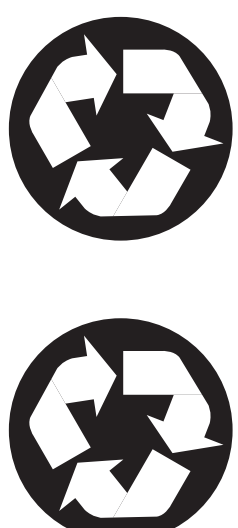
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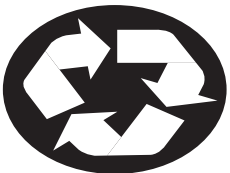
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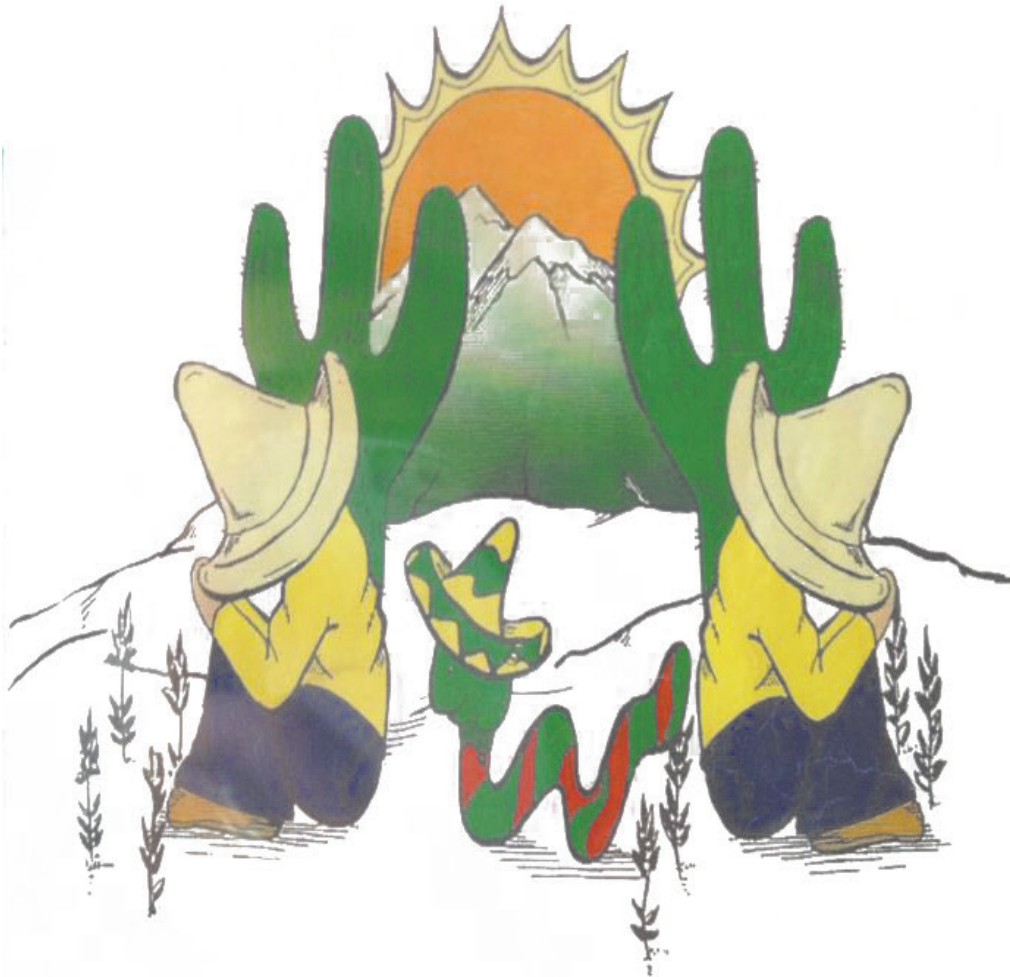
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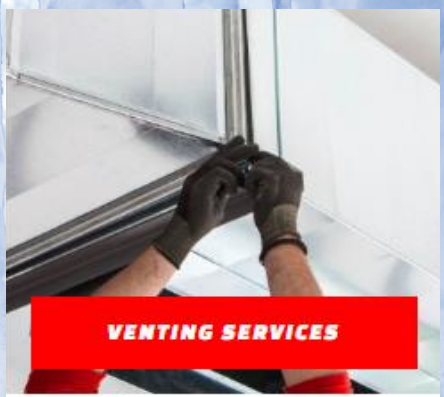
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# Ready for the big game

**ROCHELLE**—Pressmen at Rochelle Printing will be hard at work at 10 p.m., Sunday following the Super Bowl. The nationally acclaimed printing company will produce the official posters of the winning team of Super Bowl XLIV. Poster versions for both the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts stand ready for production, having been approved by the customer

and the NFL, with only the final score to be put in place. Should the Saints win, 15,000 24-inch by 36-inch posters will roll off the press for delivery to Elk Grove by 7 a.m., Monday. If the Colts are victorious, the customer has ordered 7,000 of the 4-color, coated posters for delivery. This is the fourth year in a row that Rochelle Printing has been awarded the Super Bowl poster contract.



Rochelle Printing pressman Kevin Shinkle looks over the proof for the New Orleans Saints Super Bowl poster that will print if the team wins. (From Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010)

# Adult drug court unveiled in Ogle County

**OREGON** — New Horizons Adult Drug Court conducted a community information session Friday, July 16 which included an unveiling of the drug court banner.

Following a welcome by Judge Kathleen Kauffmann, Ogle County State's Attorney John B. "Ben" Roe gave a history of the formation of the court.

Roe highlighted his concerns as the county's chief law enforcement officer regarding the increase in narcotic drug use, the connection between drug abuse and criminal behavior and the impact of drug abuse on our communities.

Based upon those concerns, Roe convened several planning meetings which led to Ogle County's application for a federal training grant.

Awarded grant  
The Bureau of Justice

Assistance awarded the training grant to Ogle County, which provided funding for the core drug court team to attend an intensive one week training in April 2009.

Roe further explained that this training covered all aspects of developing a problem-solving court to address drug abuse related felony offenses. The core team continued to work to implement the New Horizons Drug Court in August 2009.

Besides Kauffmann and Roe, the other team members are Greg Martin, drug court coordinator; Brigette Beckman, probation officer; Ogle County Sheriff Greg Bietel, law enforcement team member; Brenda Palmeiri, treatment provider (Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.); Eric Morrow, public defender; and Jack King,



Officials gathered in Oregon Friday for the unveiling of the county's adult drug court program. Pictured above are Greg Martin, Director of Court Services, Ogle County Sheriff Greg Bietel, Ogle County States Attorney Ben Roe, Judge Kathleen Kauffmann, Eric Morrow, Public defender, Brenda Palmeri, Sinnissippi Centers, and Cathy Stoddard, G.E.D. (From Tuesday, July 20, 2010)

team evaluator (Northern Illinois University).

Martin explained that the function of the team is to oversee the treatment and supervise the progress of the drug court participants. The philosophy of the drug court is that by remaining clean and sober, participants will not re-offend.

Participants are accepted into drug court who have committed crimes driven by their drug addiction.

There is a thorough screening process overseen by Roe.

Some criminal behavior, such as violent crime and distribution of illegal substances, is an automatic

exclusion from acceptance into drug court.

Roe stressed that drug court is not an "easy out" for a person charged with criminal behavior, but rather is a way to reduce crime while addressing the addiction of the participant.

Kauffmann concurred and explained that all participants in drug court have

been sentenced to a prison term with the sentence and conviction stayed pending successful completion of drug court.

Typically, successful completion of drug court takes about two years. If the participant is unsuccessful, the stay of sentence is vacated and the person serves their prison sentence. Community members also heard from the other drug court team members who explained each of their roles.

Currently the drug court has nine clients and five potential candidates. The team stressed that not all candidates are approved. There is a three-step screening process followed by a vote of the entire team.

Following a question and answer session, light refreshments were served, which were provided by the New Horizons Drug Court Advisory Board.

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# Rock River Center opens permanent location

**OREGON** – Rock River Center has been working to help seniors in Ogle County live their best life for decades.

But the opening of the permanent building at 810 S 10th St. in Oregon in December 2011 has brought a wide range of great programs seniors can depend on.

It wasn't always Rock River Center, of course. It was incorporated as Oregon Senior Citizens' Inc. in May 1975. The name was changed to Yellow Bird Senior Citizens Center, Inc. in the fall of 1978.

That lasted until 1986, when the name was changed to Ogle County Senior Services, Inc.

And on May 1, 2005, after 30 years of service to the community, the name was changed Rock River Center. Ground broke on the current building in October 2008 on land gifted to the center by the Oregon Park District in 2006.

Rock River Center is humming with activities most days. From special programs, to a variety of activities to entertainment trips, there is something for everyone.

Rock River Center also continues to offer transportation service for seniors in Ogle County.



## The 'Hub City' plays host to Hollywood

Downtown Rochelle looked like a back lot of Universal Studios Friday as film crews took to the streets. The movie, starring Dennis Quaid, Heather Graham and Zac Efron, set up shop late morning and filming continued into the early morning hours Saturday. At right, the crew is setting up to film a scene in the H&R block office which was set up to be a chiropractor's office for the scene. Outside scenes were shot at the Hub Theatre after dark. Residents were allowed to watch, but had to stand back while cameras were rolling. Businesses remained open during the day, with most customers using rear entrances. (From Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011)



A film crew occupied downtown Rochelle recently, bringing in camera crews, onlookers – and famous actors! And afterward, they were hungry, so Aldo's Restaurant stayed open late to accommodate them. Pictured above is actor Dennis Quaid with restaurant owners Aldo and Tammy Barrone. Aldo may be seen as an extra in the film, as a patron standing outside the bar. (From Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011)



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Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Director Peggy Friday, Global III Intermodal director Malcolm Patterson, Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Wesley Lujan and Rochelle City Mayor Chet Olson pose with the city's new Train Town USA sign. (From Sunday, March 18, 2012 )

# Union Pacific names Rochelle the first Train Town USA city

Historical connection to Union Pacific featured at [www.up150.com](http://www.up150.com) as part of railroad's 150th anniversary

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle has been awarded the first membership in Union Pacific's Train Town USA Registry as part of the railroad's year-long 150th anniversary celebration.

Rochelle received an official Train Town USA resolution signed by Union Pacific Chairman Jim Young, and Rochelle's historical connection with Union Pacific will be featured at [www.up150.com](http://www.up150.com).

"We are proud to recognize Rochelle as we commemorate our railroad's sesquicentennial celebration and growing up together," said Wes Lujan, Union Pacific director - Public Affairs for Illinois. "Union Pacific has been part of the

country's fabric throughout the railroad's 150-year history. That bond between us and the nearly 7,300 communities we serve continues to strengthen.

"Our shared heritage with Rochelle is a source of pride as we remember our past while serving and connecting our nation for years to come."

## Rochelle's railroad history

The history of railroads in Rochelle began in 1854, with the completion of the Air Line Railroad between Chicago and the town of Lane, which

would later be renamed Rochelle. A forerunner of the Union Pacific Railroad, the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad built into Rochelle in 1855. A second main line track was built by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company between 1898 and 1899. Union Pacific merged with the C&NW in 1995.

One year after Rochelle became a city in 1853, the railroad was built through the town. A few years later, a second railroad was constructed and then the advent of the automobile saw two major highways developed through Rochelle that intersected each other, thus making Rochelle known as the "Hub City."

# Rotary event hits \$150,000 milestone

**ROCHELLE** – Over \$30,000 was raised at this year's From the Heart fundraiser, and three local organizations will be splitting the profits.

Since the fundraiser's kickoff five years ago, From the Heart has raised more \$150,000 through raffles, silent

auctions and community attendance at the event.

"We're very fortunate that we have been able to maintain the high numbers that we have over the years," said Dave Eckhardt of the Rochelle Rotary.

This year, Rochelle Rotary, Shining

Star Children's Advocacy Center and the Hub City Senior Center all received \$10,000 from the event.

This year's event was held Friday night in the Stillman Room at Hickory Grove. Nearly 200 attended the fundraiser. Bidding on many silent auction

and raffle item give-aways highlighted the evening.

Big ticket items included a 1985 autographed Chicago Bears football - signed by all the team players, various sports tickets and jerseys and jewelry. (From Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012)



# Lincoln open house well attended

**ROCHELLE** — Nearly 500 people took the opportunity to tour the new Lincoln School Saturday when the Rochelle Elementary District Board of Education hosted an open house of the new school.

“We had about 500 people attend on Saturday. We had many positive comments on the design and welcoming atmosphere of the school,” superintendent Todd Prusator said.

The design and details of the building were a collaboration between teachers and board members.

The building was created with four pods to separate grade levels and give teachers their own space. Once entering the school, the cafeteria is on the left and school offices are on the right. Past the office the pods split off the main hallway into their own color-coded sections.

All Pre-Kindergarten



Lincoln School principal Tony Doyle, front left, welcomes a group of parents and students to the open house Saturday morning. The Rochelle Elementary School District hosted the event to allow community members an opportunity to see the newly completed Lincoln School. (From Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013)

classes will be together for the first time in the red pod.

“Prior to the new building the district could only house two pre-k classrooms, with the

additional space they were able to open an extra classroom and start a third class this year allowing more children to be in the program.” Prusator explained pre-

viously.

The Pre-Kindergarten pod will have an outdoor entrance to eliminate drop-off and pick-up congestion with the older students.

Across the hall, students in third, fourth and fifth grades will be located in the green pod. Kindergarten, first and second graders will spend their educational hours in the blue pod.

The final pod, colored yellow, will house special education classes. The OCEC program had been held in May School will make the transition to Lincoln to open up space for other classrooms at May.

Each pod has color-coded lockers or cubbies for the students’ storage. The pods all have six classrooms and will hold three grade levels. The desks in each classroom are color coordinated to match the color of the pod.

All classes are

equipped with a smart board to allow student-teacher interaction with the computer on a screen all students can see.

Along the main hallway all the specialty classes, including art and music, have their own classroom, which is a first for the elementary teachers. In the other schools art and music share classrooms and do not have their own working space.

The gymnasium is also a welcome feature, according to Lauren Hintzsche.

She explained that the gymnasium is equipped with a sound system, storage space for all necessary equipment, bleachers and a climbing wall.



At left, children attending the open house had the opportunity to try out the climbing wall in the gymnasium. Above, Todd Prusator, left, welcomed a group of people attending the open house Saturday.

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# Hayes' story hits Big Screen

NEIL Hayes' first football memories are from his days as a youth playing Rochelle Junior Tackle with Ed Rice as his coach and traveling to Geneseo as a youngster to watch the Rochelle Hubs compete against their arch rivals at the time. In high school Hayes went on to play fullback for the Hubs in the 80s and continued gravitating toward football in his career.

Upon college graduation Hayes accepted a job as a prep reporter in California covering the De La Salle High School football team for the Contra Costs Times before moving on to the Chicago Sun-Times.

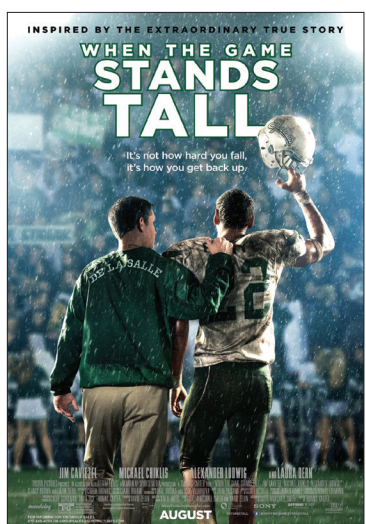
While Hayes covered the team he got to know the players and coach, Bob Ladouceur, on a personal level beyond the conversation of the game. Hayes was allowed access to practices and inside the locker room on game day.

The De La Salle High School team went on to have a record number victory streak, winning 151 consecutive games in twelve seasons.

Hayes wrote about the team's last loss before the streak began during his 15 years covering the team. It is this historic team that inspired Hayes to write a book, which is the basis for a new motion picture titled "When the Game Stands Tall," which is scheduled to hit the big screen theaters later this month.

"This is a super story that needed to be told," stated Hayes of the De La Salle team. "This is an incredible story about incredible people. I never heard the word 'win' mentioned once, but heard 'what are you going to do?' It was a very humane approach to prepare kids for life, the coaching staff proved what kids are capable of."

With daily access to the team and program Hayes took the



opportunity to share the team's story which goes much deeper than running into the end zone and even the record wins. In 2005, Hayes authored and published "When the Game Stands Tall" bringing the story to national attention.

"The game by itself doesn't stand tall," Ladouceur told Hayes. "Without intangibles, in a certain sense, it's barbarism. The violence isn't what attracts me to it. It's getting the kids to play together and get along with each other. The game should be a teaching tool. It doesn't stand tall on its own."

For Hayes the best aspect of covering the team was the relationships he formed with Ladouceur and his staff.

"Having Bob [Ladouceur] and assistant coach Terry [Eidson] in your life is priceless," he stated.

Hayes came up with the book idea with the help of Ladouceur, saying he would always pester the coaches about how the team does it, how they have the players dedication and winning record without a focus on winning.

Ladouceur finally replied that he didn't know the answer but invited Hayes to spend every day with the team for a year. For a year Hayes would hang around at conditioning, practices and games after he got off work.

His biggest surprise came when he was in the locker room at half time of a game when the De La Salle team was losing. The score was close and the panicked players were looking to their coach for advice.

Hayes recounts how Ladouceur addressed the players.

"Why do I always have to be the problem solver? Group problem solving is a skill you will use your whole life, you guys figure it out," the wise leader told his team.

Ladouceur then walked away. The players came together, figured out a solution that empowered them to continue the game as a united and confident team.

When Hayes first looked into publishing "When the Game Stands Tall" he received many rejections from publishing companies. According to Hayes, they all looked at it as a regional story and not a national story saying it would not go over well.

Hayes said it came to the point he decided he would write the book without getting paid.

After receiving rejection for the book and being told the story did not have national appeal, Hayes is proving the naysayers wrong when "When the Game Stands Tall" premieres in theatres Friday, Aug. 22.

To help keep the message of the book strong in the movie, Hayes quit his job working as a sports reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times to work on the set as a consultant. The consultant job provided Hayes the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of filming from writing the script to the final viewing.

"When you're rewriting the book, it's your baby, and no one else's. You make every decision," said Hayes. "But when you're making the movie, it's just like you're part

of the team now. You lose control of it a little bit."

While working on set, Hayes had to put in many long grueling days.

"They would work a 12-hour day," he explained. "Sometimes the day would start at sunrise and others they would wait and work from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m."

Having never been on the set of a movie before Hayes was surprised by how incredibly hard everyone works, and how physically challenging movie production can be. He was shocked by how much detail and how much he was needed on the set to ask such a minor question, but the producers wanted to keep the film as authentic to the real story as possible. In one instance Hayes was even asked if he thought Ladouceur would wear a belt or not.

While Hayes was consulted often throughout the filming process, his two favorite quotes from the book did not make the final version of the film.

The first was when he talked to Coach Ladouceur in 2000 about the game not standing tall by itself, and the second was about how Ladouceur treats his players. "Kids respect true humility

and that you stand for something more than winning," Ladouceur told Hayes. "They'll fight for you and your program if you stand for something more than that. It boils down to what you believe in as a person, and I'm talking about how life should be lived and how people should be treated. Kids see all that. It's a whole package of things that have nothing to do with standing in front of a team with a piece of chalk. Our kids aren't fighting for wins. They're fighting for a belief in what we stand for."

After his final viewing of "When the Game Stands Tall" Hayes was pleased with the outcome, but didn't offer too many thoughts and reactions as he says he has lost all objectivity after all the work and hours he put into the process.

"The message comes through loud and clear," Hayes added. "It is amazing what my stubbornness created."

Hayes credits his hometown of Rochelle for developing his passion in football that led him to where he is today. "All the seeds were planted in Rochelle," stated Hayes. "I loved to play high school football and would go back and play if I could."

(From Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014)



Hayes

## Bear in the city

**ROCHELLE**—A black bear seen in several areas over the past week made its way into Rochelle early Saturday morning.

Local police first saw the bear near Seventh Avenue and Second Street around 5 a.m. Officers saw it in the back yard of several homes, probably looking for food.

The bear traveled through town, at one time near 10th Av-

enue and IL Route 251 before police directed the bear toward the west side of town.

Officers directed it toward 20th Street where it traveled near the bike path close to Lincoln School and then on toward Queens Road.

There have been no reports of the black bear having contact with individuals.

(From Sunday, June 15, 2014)

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# A PATH OF DESTRUCTION

The National Weather Service Friday afternoon has officially labeled the large wedge tornado that hit Ashton, Rochelle and Fairdale an EF4 category tornado with maximum wind speeds of 180 mph to 200 mph. The tornado was 1/2-mile wide and it appears there were points at which other tornados touched down near the main tornado briefly.

## Relief efforts organized to aid those who lost homes

**ROCHELLE** — With reports coming in of more than 30 rural homes being destroyed or badly damaged, the Rochelle area communities are coming together to provide help for families in a variety of ways.

Citizens and businesses have been offering goods and services to victims, while many local agencies and organizations are helping raise funds, provide shelter and basics, as well as lend a hand with clean-up and relief efforts.

### Operation Blessing

A relief effort titled Operation Blessing started accepting volunteers on Saturday April 11.

- According to information from the City of Rochelle, volunteers started working Saturday morning.

- Donations of food, water and new clothing and linens are being received 105 S. Washington Street after the Rochelle Fire Department reached capacity.

- The Rochelle Area Community Foundation will accept donations by going online at the foundation website ([www.rochellefoundation.org](http://www.rochellefoundation.org)) or a check can be sent to the

foundation at P.O. Box 74, Rochelle, IL 61068.

- Gift cards may be delivered to the Rochelle Fire Department at 401 5th Avenue

- The Salvation Army, located at the Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Street, will be offering vouchers for lodging, dining and groceries for storm victims. Clothing and food are also available.

- Residential access – a resident Letter of Authority from the Ogle County Sheriff's Office will be provided to credentialed residents at the southwest side of the high school. Residents will have access to their homes right away. Hours of access: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. only

- Contractor access – contractors shall register with the Attorney General's office that will be located at west parking lot of Rochelle Township High School. Upon registration, a letter of authority to go into the site will be issued. Hours of access to the impact area: Check in time at 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. beginning Saturday, April 11.

- Insurance contacts will be at SW lot of Rochelle Township High School Red Cross Shelter is located at Rochelle Township High School.



Many rural neighborhood homes and vehicles have been completely destroyed by Thursday's storms. The tornado destroyed more than 30 homes northwest of Rochelle. (From Sunday, April 12, 2015)



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# HUB Project awarded \$100,000 grant

## Money will help fund expected shortfall for program's fifth year

**ROCHELLE**—“Rochelle Elementary School District has been awarded a grant of \$100,000 by the Community Grants Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for the HUB program,” announced Superintendent Todd Prusator.

The afterschool HUB (Helping Us Build a Smarter, Stronger, Healthier Community) program has been a great success in providing support and opportunities for many students over the past four years.

The original grant, a 21st Century Learning Community Grant, will only cover 75 percent of the cost of the HUB program for the 2016-2017 academic year. The grant from the CFNIL will cover the shortfall for the next academic year. The expected shortfall for the 2016-2017 school year was \$108,000.

“What is most exciting is that we will be able to continue to provide the same level of service to our families without being forced to eliminate any programs from the budget,” Jodee Craven, HUB Project grant manager said. “We feel that all of the opportunities our students and families are provided are critical services, and we will continue to operate The HUB Project without interruption.”

“We are really proud of what we have been able to develop and provide with the HUB program. We are

extremely grateful and excited that the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has recognized the benefits for our students, and this grant will allow us to continue with providing the same level of services and opportunities,” added Prusator.

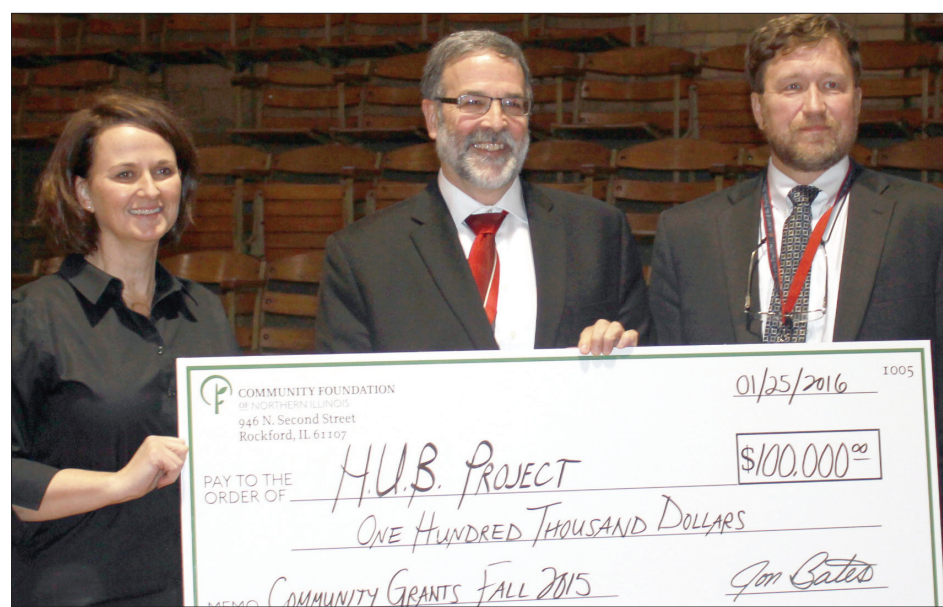
Grant monies will be used for student programming, busing, family and parent programming, professional development and salaries.

The Rochelle Elementary District began the HUB program after being awarded a five-year 21st Century Learning Community Grant in the fall of 2012. The program serves more than 320 students providing academic support, a wide variety of enrichment opportunities, and encouraging and developing parental engagement.

“We have had great community support for the HUB Project including financial contributions as well as programming support. This has truly been a community effort that we can be proud of,” added Prusator. “Having the support from CFNIL is a validation of the effort of many people within the district and throughout the community to develop the program.”

CFNIL President Jon Bates acknowledged the support of the Rochelle community in the process.

“CFNIL is impressed with the community-wide collaboration of the Helping Us Build a Smarter, Stronger,



**Jon Bates, center, president of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, presents a \$100,000 grant to Todd Prusator, superintendent of Rochelle Elementary District 231, and Jodee Craven for the HUB Project. (From Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016)**

and Healthier Community Project. We are very happy to have been able to say yes to funding that will help Rochelle sustain its momentum in such a remarkable program,” Bates said.

“We are so incredibly humbled and grateful to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for their generous grant to the HUB Project. Hundreds of students and their families have come to rely on our program for quality academic remediation and support,”

Craven said. “We are thrilled that we will continue into our fifth year financially sound.”

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has been a regional leader in philanthropy since 1953. CFNIL serves as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, grow, and preserve an endowment for the needs of Northern Illinois. Since 2000, CFNIL has granted more than \$46 million for charitable purposes.



### Kitchen Table Grand Opening

The tables were full during the grand opening of the Kitchen Table on June 30. More than 125 local residents came out to enjoy dinner. At left, volunteers kept the food rolling in the kitchen. The menu included pulled pork sandwiches and meatball sub sandwiches with potato salad, cole slaw and chips. The Kitchen Table, located on IL Route 38 west of Rochelle at the old Klondike restaurant, is the area's first community cafe where everyone is welcome to eat and pay what they can afford. The restaurant is located west of Rochelle on IL Route 38. (From Sunday, July 3, 2016)



# Train horns quieted

**ROCHELLE**—Residents might have noticed things aren't as noisy in the Hub City, especially around the downtown area. The railroad quiet zones became effective this past Sat., Oct. 1.

City engineer Sam Tesreau said during the next couple of weeks there might still be some horns sounding, which is typical of a transition, but for the most part the noise has been reduced significantly.

“As stated many times before during this process the locomotive operator has the ability to sound the horn if there is a perceived danger ahead or during switching operations on the railroads,”

Tesreau said.

The Rochelle Railroad Quiet Zone project has been discussed with City Council and staff for several years. As part of the strategic plan developed in 2011, city leaders recognized the need to eliminate or reduce the train noise in the community.

“With the City Council's decision to bond for the nearly \$2 million dollar project, over the next 10 years, it has finally come to fruition. It will add another degree of quality of life for the residents of our community and those considering moving here,” Tesreau said.

(From Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016)



Rendering of the new Ogle County Jail



# New jail for Ogle County gets the go-ahead

**T**HE new jail being built in Oregon has been a goal for Ogle County for decades. It was part of the county's long-range plan well before it started to become a reality. In fact, it was first put into the plan in 1998. The reason the county was looking at a new jail is that the old jail in Oregon, built in 1969, requires near constant and expensive upkeep. The county also houses some prisoners in the basement, which is no longer allowed.

"We've been on waivers since the mid-90s because of that concern," said Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle. As the county began to look at a place to put the new jail, it had to convince the public and the Oregon City Council that the land it owned just west of the Ogle County Judicial Center on 5th Street

was the right place for it. The jail is still on track to open later this year, but the fight to get to this point was a tough one.

County officials, including then-County Board Chairman Kim Gouker, held public meetings to discuss the plan for the jail, which they said would replace the failing older jail and serve the county for decades to come.

The crowds weren't always receptive to the plan, and neither was the Oregon City Council. The county needed the city to agree to close a portion of 6th Street for the project, but the city initially voted against the move.

In late 2018, after six months of negotiations, the city and county came to an agreement which saw the closure of the road. The city voted 2-3 for the deal, the "no" votes coming from commissioners Jim

Barnes and Tom Izer. "I think the big winner here is the public safety," Gouker said at the time. "That's really why we wanted sixth street vacated."

On a cold and wet April 10, 2019, the county broke ground on the new jail, or Judicial Center Annex. When completed, it will be a 42,000-square foot, 154-bed adult jail that will house both males and females.

"We're going to be able to provide better services to them so that hopefully they are not repeat customers," VanVickle said.



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# Moratorium on solar power still in place

ILLINOIS does not have a strong solar power program, and Ogle County has been right there with the state when it comes to local regulations governing solar developments.

In August of 2018, the Ogle County Board voted to put a moratorium on solar development in place. That moratorium has been extended many times since, and while it could end soon, it is still in place.

The issue has been an emotional one in the county, pitting property owners who want to develop solar on their land and nearby neighbors who do not want to be faced with a sea of solar panels against each other. The county has had more than one standing-room-only meeting on the issue, including the one where the first moratorium was approved.

Most in the crowd, many wearing “No Solar Plant” stickers, appeared relieved after the moratorium was approved at that meeting. Mark Werckle of Stillman Valley, who would have seen more than 150 acres of solar panels next to his home if the proposed plants had been approved Tuesday, was one of them.

“We all feel as a group that this is the right thing

to do,” he said.

Many land owners have applied to the county for a special permit to have solar panels on their land. The energy produced by those panels would be sold to the power grid.

Some have been concerned about the landscape being overrun with fields of solar panels, while others have said the landowners can do what they want with their land.

Even if the county ultimately does approve a site for solar panels, the state then needs to approve it as well, and the state approves very few solar applications. If a solar project is denied at the state level, the process has to start again.

The County Board last extended the moratorium in December 2019 on a 12-8 vote. The new extension takes the moratorium until March 31, but that could change “at any time,” said Board Chairman John Finfrook.

He said a solar sub-committee is close to finishing its work. Once that is done, it will bring its findings to the full County Board for consideration. A final vote up or down could end this years-long debate.



The Rochelle varsity wrestling team placed fourth in Class 2A at the IHSA State Dual Championships this past weekend, the highest finish ever in school history. The Hubs defeated Oak Forest in the quarterfinals before falling to Cahokia and Chicago (St. Rita). (From Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018)

## Hubs finish fourth at state dual championships

**BLOOMINGTON** — The most decorated season in the history of Rochelle Township High School wrestling came to its exciting conclusion this past Saturday, when the Hubs varsity wrestling team took fourth place in the IHSA Class 2A State Dual Championships for the first time in school history.

“It was an unbelievable season for the kids and our program,” head coach Rich Harvey said.

Rochelle began the tournament Saturday morning by taking down Oak Forest 37-34 to reach the semifinals and guarantee a top-4 finish. Andy Silva won by 16-6 major decision over Oak Forest’s Matt Zamiar at 132 pounds before Rochelle senior Justin Hernandez won by fall in 3:27 against Tyler Coyle at 138 pounds.

Junior Eddie Villalobos edged Oak Forest’s Brian Kristin by 7-5 decision at 145 pounds before senior Ehren Metzger won by fall in 6:00 over Mo Jodeh at 152 pounds. Metzger led 9-2 before reversing and pinning Jodeh in the final second of the match. Metzger’s win put Rochelle ahead of Oak Forest 19-0.

But Oak Forest rebounded with three straight wins at 160, 170 and 182 pounds. Nick Garcia defeated Hub

sophomore Gavin Ansteth by 10-1 major decision before Austin Nowicki rallied to beat Rochelle sophomore Bryan Garza by 5-2 decision and state qualifier Tony Kluk slipped past Rochelle freshman Ben Harvey by 1-0 decision.

Hub senior Alex Harvey got Rochelle back on track, however, winning by fall in 1:21 over Oak Forest state qualifier Julian Ramirez at 195 pounds to put the Hubs ahead 25-10. Junior Brandon Johnson then won by fall in 2:26 over Oak Forest’s Zach Lipine at 220 pounds, and junior Will Jandak sealed the win by pinning Oak Forest’s Andrew McCoy in 2:25 at 285 pounds.

“We always talk about the next wrestler stepping up after a loss,” Harvey said. “We were a little worried after losing at 170 and 182, but Alex took care of business and then Brandon went up and pinned his kid. We knew Will had a chance to pin his kid, and getting that win was huge for us.”

Rochelle forfeited the final four matches against Oak Forest with the victory already clinched, putting the Hubs in the semifinal round against Cahokia, who went on to beat Rochelle 60-22 and send the Hubs to the third place match against Chicago (St. Rita). Hernandez won by fall

in 1:51 over Cahokia’s Malik Ball, and Villalobos pinned Cahokia’s Jalon Strong in 5:40.

But Cahokia won 10 of the next 12 matches to reach the state finals against Washington. Metzger earned a 13-1 major decision over Cahokia’s Darius Frazier, and Harvey pinned Cahokia’s Zach Al-Khomoas in 56 seconds.

The Hubs recorded five victories in the third place match, but St. Rita won nine matches and took the dual by a score of 40-25. Metzger earned a 15-0 technical fall over St. Rita’s Nate Bennett, and Ben Harvey defeated St. Rita’s Marty Larkin by 12-1 major decision. Alex Harvey pinned St. Rita’s Nolan Rowling in 24 seconds.

Rochelle’s final two wins of the season came from Silva, who pinned St. Rita’s Julian Alvarez in 3:30, and Hernandez, who took a 10-2 major decision against St. Rita’s Brian Deenihan. The Hubs finished with an overall record of 19-14 in dual matches this winter.

“Cahokia was a tough matchup for us,” Harvey said. “We matched up a little better with St. Rita but our kids wrestled hard and they learned what it’s like to be at the state level and face tough opponents. I’m extremely proud of our kids and how they competed this season.”

# Rec center celebration



## County board chairman passes away suddenly

Ogle County lost its political leader when County Board Chairman Kim Gouker died suddenly at his Byron home.

He was found on Sept. 10, 2019 by Byron Police after missing an appointment that morning. Gouker has served as Ogle County Board Chairman since 2012 and has been an Ogle County Board member since 1996. He was also a former Byron City Clerk and owned an insurance, annuities and tax preparation business in Ogle County.

Among other things, Gouker was a strong proponent of the new jail currently being built in downtown Oregon and worked tirelessly to get word out to the public on the plan.

“Chairman Kim Gouker worked tirelessly for the good of Ogle County and had an extensive knowledge of county government,” Ogle County State’s Attorney Eric Morrow said after his death. “During his tenure on the Ogle County board which began in 1996, the board accomplished many things including the construction of the Ogle County Judicial Center, the renovation of the Ogle County Courthouse and the current Ogle County Jail project. Since his election as Chairman in 2012, the Ogle County board has been a cohesive and productive legislative body.”

John Finfroch was unanimously elected to be the new chairman of the Ogle County Board at its on Sept. 17. He had previously served as vice chairman under Gouker.



**Ogle County Board Chairman Kim Gouker at the groundbreaking of the new Ogle County Jail.**

The board also approved a proclamation naming Sept. 21, 2019 as Kim Gouker Day.

“Kim P. Gouker personally fostered and championed significant Ogle County improvements, including, but not limited to, renovating the Ogle County Courthouse, constructing the County Judicial Center, and laying the framework and vision for the County’s Judicial Center Annex and government campus,” the proclamation read.

He was born on April 26, 1953 in Rockford. Gouker graduated from Byron High School in 1971. He then studied at Rock Valley College, ultimately receiving a Bachelor in Science degree in Economics and Math from Illinois State University. (2019)

## Work begins on \$14 million facility at Helms South property

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ROCHELLE — Wednesday marked the beginning of a new era for the Hub City, as members of the Rochelle community gathered at Helms South to celebrate the start of construction on the \$14 million park district recreation center with a special groundbreaking ceremony. “This was a very important project for the chamber and we’re very proud of the park district for its hard work on bringing such a great project to Rochelle,” said Tricia Herrera, president of the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, who was the first to speak at the ceremony.

Representatives from several groups involved in the project took part in the groundbreaking ceremony

including the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners and Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, who was one of four people to speak during Wednesday’s ceremony. Township residents voted in favor of funding the community center back in April.

“As a lifelong resident, I can remember hearing about projects like this for years, and I applaud the board of commissioners because they put the project before the people and they decided to get behind the project,” Bearrows said. “This is an incredible project and we’re looking forward to its completion... The city is behind

**“This project is built for our future... Rochelle deserves this project and we want to thank the community.”**

**Jackee Ohlinger**



(From Sunday, Sept. 1)

this 100 percent.” Construction vehicles lined the Helms South parking lot as board members and representatives from Ringland-Johnson Construction, Fehr Graham and Tyson & Billy Architects took turns handling the gold shovels living the front of the construction

site. Work will take roughly 12 months to complete, with Labor Day 2020 currently scheduled as the completion date.

“This project is built for our future,” said Jackee Ohlinger, park district executive director.

“The facility is designed for open space and flexibility for a variety of activities... I want to thank the board and our park district staff for their dedication to this project. Rochelle deserves this project and we want to thank the community.”



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# Blackhawk statue restored

**OREGON** – It had taken so long, some believed the Black Hawk Statue near Oregon would never be restored to its original glory.

Completed by Lorado Taft in 1911, the 48-foot tall statue stands 125 feet above the Rock River. It brings about 400,000 visitors per year to the Oregon area.

The statue has been showing signs of age for years, and has spent much of the past three years under cover to protect it. But a push in recent years to get funding secured to restore the statue finally paid off. Locally, \$225,000 was raised, including \$100,000 donated last year by E.D. Etnyre & Co. The rest came from state matching funds.

The statue was finally uncovered in January after being surrounded by special scaffolding for a few months

as work was done. The Illinois Conservation Foundation oversaw the restoration.

But this was no simple restoration project. The original forms were used to pour new concrete for the arms of the statue. Workers even brought red granite from the same northern Wisconsin quarry for the restoration that Taft used.

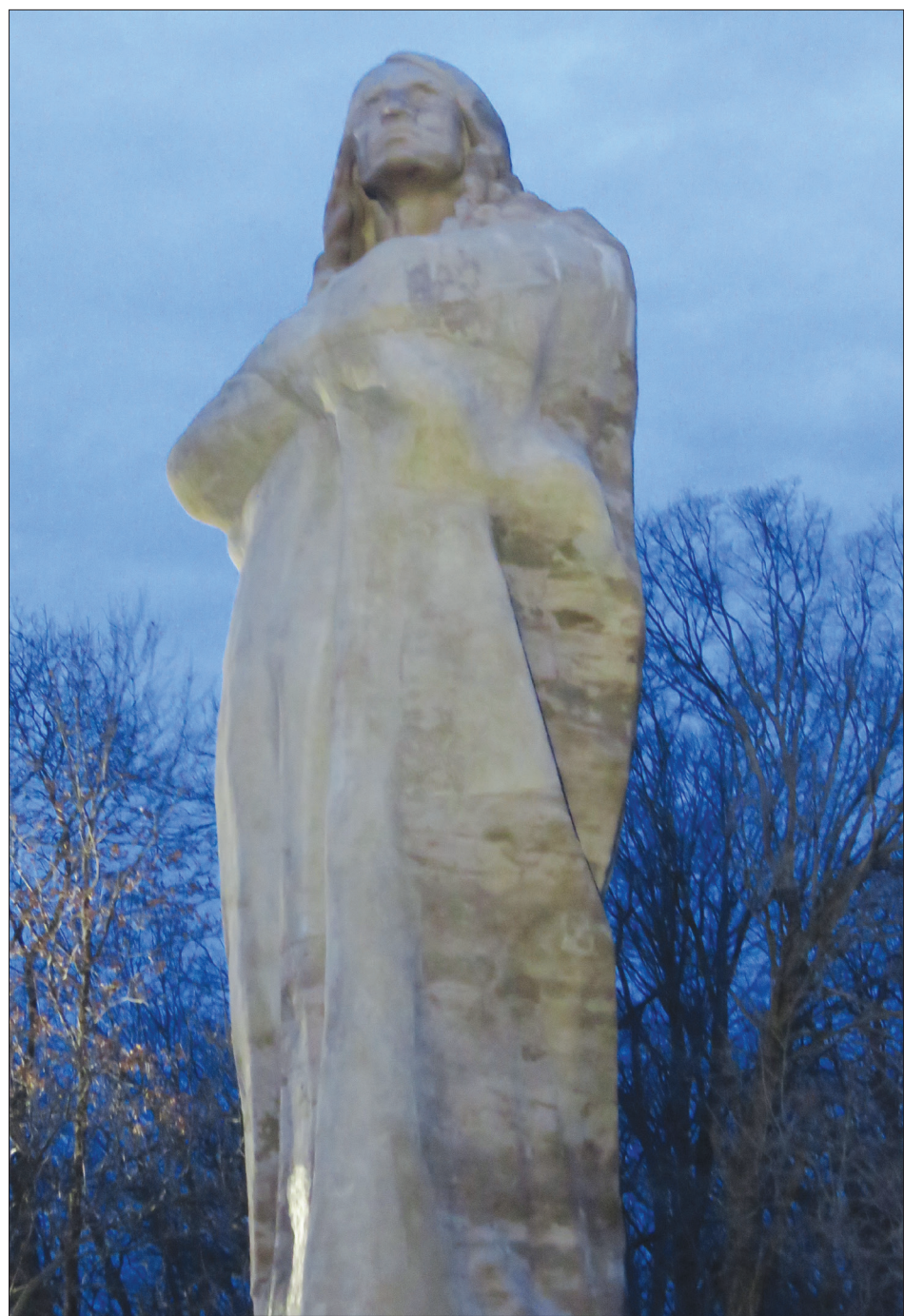
And the work didn't even begin until extensive freeze/thaw tests – 364 of them – were done to determine the best material mixture to use on the statue during the restoration.

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. The funding for that project is already in place.

(2020)



**Before restoration work**



**Scaffolding has been removed from the Black Hawk statue near Oregon as restoration work comes to an end.**

