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## Byron station donates to area charities

**BYRON** – Exelon Generation employees and the Exelon Foundation are donating more than \$4.6 million to support charitable organizations in the communities around its power plants.

Employees pledged more than \$3.1 million to 849 different charities in their local communities this year. And for every dollar employees pledged, the Exelon Foundation donated 50 cents to their local United Way, bringing the total donation to more than \$4.6 million.

At Byron Generating Station, employees pledged more than \$185,000 to dozens of local charities during this year's Employee Giving Campaign. Organizations supported include Village of Progress in Oregon, Veteran's Drop-In Center in Rockford, Pinecrest Community in Mt. Morris, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center

in Dixon, and many more.

"In the spring we were in desperate need of new shelving to update our facility, and Byron Station stepped up to help us meet that need," said Kathy Wragg of the Polo Food Pantry. "Now they've brought us hundreds of non-perishable items and a monetary donation to ensure our needy families will be taken care of during the holidays. It's a great blessing."

The monetary donation and non-perishable items were collected during a recent breakfast of retired workers at the station's training facility. Employees have also been busy: a vanload of toys was delivered to the US Marines "Toys for Tots" initiative, bags of warm coats, hats and gloves was given to Shelter Care in Rockford, and a half-dozen other non-profits in the area received nearly 250 "Secret Santa"



Byron Station employees (from right) Cory Lance and Natasha Beard delivered a truckload of Christmas gifts to Hope of Ogle County recently. The gifts were donated by the nuclear plant's employees as part of their 'Secret Santa' program.

gifts for children.

"We have strong bonds with the communities that surround our nuclear energy facilities," said Bryan Hanson, Exelon Nuclear chief nuclear officer. "We believe strongly in investing where we live, work and serve."

Exelon Generation employees have a long-standing tradition of supporting their communities, not just with

their dollars, but also with their time. Through Nov. 30, 2019, Exelon Generation employees at Byron Station volunteered more than 1,500 hours with charitable organizations in the local area.

Across Exelon Generation, employees volunteered 38,000 hours this year, which is equal to more than four years' time. Projects supported workforce devel-

opment programs, STEM education events, environmental causes, food pantries and veterans' organizations, among many others.

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

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# Annual Coloring Contest winners announced

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Stillman Bank recently held their annual Christmas Coloring Contest for kids up to 10 years old.

This year's picture was of a wreath with ornaments on it. The winners received their very own gingerbread house kit. Congratulations to the winners.

For ages 5 and under, the winners were: Lainey Gardner (Byron), Mason

Palmer (Oregon), Harper Dalen (Rockelle), Sophie Bounds (Rockford), Emaline Thompson (Roscoe) and Adrienne Farris (Stillman Valley)

For ages 6 through 10, the winners were: Kinsley Hobbie (Byron), Taylor Lovblad (Oregon), Ava Wooten (Rockelle), Lilly Haman (Rockford), Adelaide Thompson (Roscoe), and Stella Christiansen (Stillman

Valley)

Thank you to everyone who stopped by Stillman Bank to enter the coloring contest. More than 100 entries were received and each child received a small prize for their participation.

For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman's products and services, please contact visit [www.stillman-bank.com](http://www.stillman-bank.com).



Pictured: Top left Adrienne Farris; middle left, Lainey Gardner; middle right, Kinsley Hobbie; and bottom, Stella Christiansen.

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## Mount Morris tree decorating contest winners named

**MOUNT MORRIS** – This year’s Bandshell tree decorating contest produced 10 beautifully decorated trees for the anonymous judges to determine the winners from.

For the second year in a row, the Rockford Bell Credit Union in conjunction with the Village of Mount Morris Economic Development Corp. sponsored the prize money for the contest and winners. Trees were judged in three categories: Most Traditional, Most Unique and Best Overall as last year.

The Most Uniquely decorated tree winner went to the Mount Morris Church of the Brethren with Pat Miller receiving the \$100 prize for the church. The most Traditionally decorated tree went to Amanda Wolfe of Mount Morris for the second \$100 prize. And the Best Overall decorated tree went to the Mount Morris Senior Center with director Melissa Nicholson receiving the \$100 prize for the Center.

Congratulations to all of this year’s winners and thanks to John Hanson, CEO of the Rockford Bell Credit Union for again sponsoring the contest and presenting the prize money to the 2019 winners. Trees will be on display through Jan. 1.

The LIFE office is located at  
 311 West Washington Street, Oregon.  
 Open Monday-Wednesday,  
 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-noon.  
 The office is Closed Fridays

# County offers ways to reduce waste

**OREGON** – With 2020 almost upon us and we are making our New Year’s resolutions, the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) suggests waste reduction as a possible alternative to trying in vain to exercise more or attempting a fad diet for a couple of weeks.

To trim down the garbage bags or eliminate one of the trash cans per week, consider these waste reduction alternatives so we can all send less to the landfill.

Cut back on food waste by planning meals accordingly and using leftovers in a timely fashion. Certain food scraps can go into a simple backyard compost bin, so items like fruit and vegetable trimmings, egg shells, coffee grounds and such can be turned into compost instead of becoming garbage.

Consider donations to local thrift shops or other

charitable organizations. Gently used items like clothes, shoes, coats, hats, furniture, toys, bikes, tools, and other household items, can be donated instead of tossed out for the trash.

Try to avoid single use items such as paper or foam plates, foam cups, plastic utensils, paper napkins, straws, and water bottles. Look for reusable alternatives to these items such as washable dinnerware and utensils, and always use refillable water bottles and coffee cups.

When shopping try to use reusable shopping bags. Plastic bags are not recyclable through your normal comingled recycling pick-ups and hinder the recycling process.

Certain retail stores have a recycling station so you may recycle your plastic bags.

If you are fortunate enough to have a curbside recycling service, please

use that service accordingly and learn what to put into the bin and what to leave out. The only items that are truly recyclable include all aluminum and metal cans, cardboard, clean paper products such as newsprint, magazines, phone books, catalogs, office paper, and junk mail, clean glass bottles and jars, and clean plastic items #1-5 and #7. Leave out the Styrofoam, plastic bubble wrap, plastic bags, and pizza boxes, as these do not get recycled and have contributed to the diminishing value of recyclable material locally and nationwide.

Start off 2020 with your new resolution of making less garbage.

To assist with any and all waste reduction questions, please contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit oglecounty.org, or see the Facebook page at: Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

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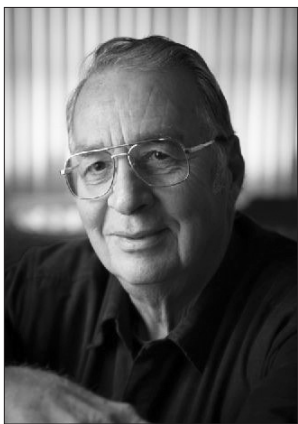
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## Obituaries

# Virgil L. Roche

**OREGON** – Virgil L. Roche, 84, longtime Oregon resident, died suddenly Monday December 16, 2019 in Oregon. Born Dec. 6, 1935 in Tiskilwa, Ill., the son Eldon and Ethel (Diebel) Roche.

Married to Sheryl Carper April 9, 1960 in Peoria. Virgil was a graduate of Cullom High School and served 2 years in Puerto Rico on mission service. He farmed in Bureau County and worked as a mechanic and semi-truck driver. Virgil worked for many years at Reynoldswood Christian Camp in Dixon and for 16 years at LOMC in Oregon as facilities and daily operations manager retiring in 2003. He was a member of Oregon United Meth-



odist Church, U.M. Men, NOMADS mission and was involved in Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County.

Survived by his wife, Sheryl Roche of Oregon; sons, John (Diane) Roche and Benjamin Roche, both of Oregon and Michael (Maizie) Roche of Rock-

ville, Md.; grandchildren, Kevin, Eldon and Maise Roche; sisters, Elaine Gerber of Princeton and Jewel (Hanns) Manship of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Predeceased by his parents and brother, Ronald.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 in Oregon United Methodist Church preceded by a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Megan Smick, of the church, will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Virgil's name may be made to Oregon United Methodist Church or Reynoldswood Christian Camp, Dixon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

# Janice M. James

**ROCKFORD** – Janice M. James, 81, of Rockford, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 in her home. She was born June 20, 1938 in Rockford and was a graduate of Byron High School.

Janice worked for many years as an office manager for Muller-Pinehurst in Rockford. She was a loving and caring sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Janice enjoyed training, showing and riding horses, gardening and spending time with family and friends.



She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, George and Dorothy Bonne.

Survived by brothers, Brian Bonne of Stillman Valley and George Bonne

of Rockford; daughter, Lisa Cook (Terry Minard) of Stillman Valley; son, Matthew (Tracey) James of Winnebago; grandchildren, Eric (Heather) James of Byron, Jared Cook (Alli Brantner) of Byron and Kaylee James (Dakota Lawson) of Cherry Valley; great grandchildren, Hadley James, Evelyn Cross, Marlee Cook and Asher James; special companion, Robert Medearis of Byron; beloved pet, Peach; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the loving and caring staff of MercyHealth Hospice.

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## Obituary

# Sandra Kay Drake

Sandra Kay Drake was born at home on Dec. 18, 1942 in Shannon. Sandra passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 after 77 years, surrounded by family.

After graduating from Illinois State University, Sandra was engaged Oct. 12, 1963 and soon joyfully married on July 31, 1965 to Donald Drake of Forreston. Since arriving to Byron in 1968, Sandra and her family have been members of the United Church of Christ in Byron. Sandra helped numerous students in her 35 years of teaching having spent 3 years at Roberts-Thawville in Central Illinois before moving to the Byron School District in 1968 and teaching for 30 years before retiring in 1998. As active members in the Byron community, Sandy and Don were awarded the 2000 Citizens of the Year award for their loyalty and service. After being lifelong residents of Illinois, in 2013, Donald and Sandra moved to Audubon, Pa., to be closer to their immediate family.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Lucille Wirtjes of Shannon.

She is survived by



her sister Karen Prasse (Wirtjes) of Athens, Ga., Donald Drake husband of 54 years, son Todd Drake (Philadelphia, Pa.) wife Denelle (Green) granddaughter Emerson 14 and son Troy Drake (Ashburn, Va.) wife Traci (McDaniel) grandson Dawson 20 (Bloomington, Ind.) and granddaughter Abbey 16.

A Celebration of Life Service in Memory of Sandra will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at the United Church of Christ in Byron. A Gathering of Friends will take place at the church following the Celebration of Life Service. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting to direct all support to the Byron Foundation for Educational Excellence, which was established in

1994. Sandra was a founding board member and treasurer.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made online via: <http://kiwanis-of-byron.square.site/> The Kiwanis Club of Byron is hosting the donation site, with all proceeds directly written to the Byron Foundation or checks can be made payable to Byron Foundation and mailed: Byron Foundation, PO Box 739, Byron, IL 61010. The Byron Foundation, a 501c3 was created by Sandra Drake and a group of forward-thinking community members dedicated to providing learning opportunities for students that were not covered by school district funds. The originating board members had a long-term vision to enrich and supplement educational opportunities for Byron students in academics, fine arts, technology, careers, environmental, and social issues. Because of the founding members and many volunteers' dedication to educational excellence, the Byron Foundation continues to provide annual grants for the past 25-years to the Byron School community.

# Ogle County again offers holiday light recycling

It's that time of year again when we start to decorate for the holiday season.

When you come across holiday light strands that refuse to work, have those light strands recycled instead of landfilling them.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, non-functional holiday light strands can be recycled.

Starting Nov. 15, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley and Mount Morris.

They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, Davis

Junction and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 24, 2020.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights, and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging or boxes. Please place light strands into the boxes and do not place shopping or garbage bags into the boxes, doing so hinders the recycling process for this material.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wisconsin to be recycled.

In 2018-19, more than 1,500 pounds of material was collected and recycled through this program.

So, as we prepare to untangle, test, and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our homes in the past but now refuse to light up anymore.

If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org).

# Ogle County Sheriff

**Dec. 24**

At approximately 6:28 Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident near the intersection Baileyville Rd. and Montague Rd. After further investigation Michael Stenli, 50 of Freeport was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Forreston EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop just into Lee County on Lost Nation Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Ryan Wakenight, 33 of Polo under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Wakenight was additionally issued citations for Speeding, a Loud Excessive Noise Coming from the Vehicles Exhaust, and Improper Display of a License Plate. Wakenight was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on an I-Bond.

**Dec. 23**

At approximately 7:42 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 88 near mile marker 77 1/2. After further investigation Amanda Anderson, 34 of Rock Falls, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended.

At approximately 2:23 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Franklin Attaway, 55 of Oregon under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Attaway was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

**Dec. 19**

At approximately 8:08 p.m., following a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 104 Deputies arrested Abel A. Cardenas, 29 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License and Pedro Cardenas-Alonso, 42 of Rockford, for a valid warrant. Both were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:31 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Lighthouse Road and Watertown Road. After investigation Deputies placed James Edgar II, 67 of Oregon, under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Edgar was additionally issued citations for No Valid Registration, No Front Registration Plate, Failure to Transfer Registration, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Speeding. Edgar was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:11 p.m., Deputies initiate a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 103 south bound. After further investigation Jason Smith, 38 of Durand, was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance and No Valid Driver's License. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

**Dec. 18**

At approximately 6 p.m., Deputies responded to the 19000 block of East Crill Rd. in reference to an accident with injuries. After investigation, it was learned that Brandon Clubb, 25, entered the north ditch in attempt to evade a deer in the roadway. Clubb then struck a tree in the north ditch, causing major front end damage to the vehicle. Clubb was transported to the hospital by Monroe Township EMS for non life threatening injuries. Maggio's Towing assisted in removing the vehicle.

**Dec. 17**


Dale Welter, 67 of Rockford, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear. Welter posted the \$600 full cash bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Welter will return to court on 01/27/20 at 9 a.m.

## Higher fines for Scott's Law violations start on Jan. 1

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues to urge motorists to obey the Move Over Law – also known as Scott's Law – and use caution when approaching stationary emergency vehicles or any other stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights on the interstates and roads. 2019 has been an especially tragic year for the Illinois State Police. 27 ISP stationary squad cars have been struck by vehicles, higher than the number of all ISP crashes of this sort that occurred in all of 2016, 2017, and 2018. We also continue to mourn the tragic deaths of Trooper Christopher Lambert and Trooper Brooke Jones-Story. Enforcement has increased as a result. In 2019, ISP has issued nearly 6,300 citations thus far for violating Scott's Law – which is nearly 5,300 more than the combined totals of the two previous years. Effective Jan. 1, 2020, violators of Illinois' Move Over (Scott's) Law will be fined no less than \$250 for a first offense and no less than \$750 for a subsequent offense. If the violation involves property damage,

the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period anywhere between 3 to 12 months. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between 6 months and two years. "Following Scott's Law is a matter of life and death for our brave first responders who are just trying to do their jobs," said Gov. JB Pritzker. "The law is simple: slow down and move over if you see a first responder on the side of the road." Pritzker has been heavily involved in the effort to bring awareness to the Move Over (Scott's) Law and has signed two pieces of legislation this year as a part of his ongoing effort. Public Act 101-173 increases the fines for those violating this law. Additionally, a Move Over Task Force, implemented through Public Act 101-174, has been created to study the issues of violations of the Move Over (Scott's) Law and how to protect emergency responders. Both Senate bills are effective Jan. 1. As chair of the Move Over Task Force, ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly contin-

ues to make the Move Over Law a top priority. "As an agency, we have responded to the preventable loss of four ISP troopers with resiliency and a focused mission to protect those who are trying to protect all of us. And as long as the danger to our first responders exists, we will continue to raise awareness and aggressively enforce the Move Over (Scott's) Law," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. The Move Over Law was enacted in 2002 in memory of Lt. Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed on Dec. 23, 2000, by an intoxicated driver on the Dan Ryan Expressway while assisting at a crash scene. Scott's Law requires drivers to change lanes when approaching stationary emergency vehicles, including highway maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights, and any stationary vehicle with their hazard lights activated. The law also states, if changing would be impossible or unsafe, drivers are required to proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle and leave a safe distance until safely passing the stationary vehicle.



### RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

**PICK UP SERVICE:**  
**Saturday, January 11th**  
**trees will be picked up by**  
**local high school FFA groups**  
**in these areas:**

VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS  
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 BYRON AREA  
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**TREES MUST BE AT THE CURB BY 8 A.M.**  
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**Rochelle Residents:** The City Street Department will chip trees at the curb, January 6-17, 2020

**REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS.**  
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*Any questions call*  
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**DROP OFF SITES:**

**STARTING DECEMBER 26TH**

**Oregon:**  
Park District Maintenance Dept., 507 Hill St.

**Byron:**  
Byron boat launch lot, E. Blackhawk Dr. (Rt. 2)

**Forreston:**  
407 N. Locust St.

**Leaf River:**  
605 Main St.

**Rochelle:**  
Atwood Park, 10th Ave. & 20th St.

**Monroe Center:**  
Lichty's Landscaping 309 Pacific St.

**Polo:**  
Southwest corner of E. Colden St. & S. Green Ave.

**DROP OFF ENDS, JANUARY 20, 2020**

# Oregon Police report

## Dec. 16

At 7:16 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street involving a 2006 Chevrolet driven by Elijah D. Rufer, 17, Oregon, and a parked 2014 Ford belonging to Andrew S. Ballard, of Rock Island. No citations were issued.

## Dec. 17

At 11:19 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 400 block of N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street resulting in the arrest of Damian L. Nowicki, 19, Oregon, for illegal consumption of alcohol as a minor and criminal damage to property. Nowicki was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued Julie E. Pontnack, 47, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred near the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets.

## Dec. 18

At 7:40 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of Mix Street involving a 2013 Chrysler driven by Isaac C. Simpson, 16, Oregon, and a 2014 Honda driven by Virginia A. Pearson, 70, Oregon. Simpson was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

At 10:32 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert A. Portner, 40, Sterling, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for contempt of court. Portner was also issued state citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and no valid driver's license, and a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. A passenger in Portner's vehicle, Jennifer A. Winquist, 39, Rockford, was also issued civil citations for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Portner was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Dec. 20

At 7:45 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2018 Chevrolet driven by Maylene M. Haug, 31, Oregon, and a 2014 Ford driven by Elizabeth Myers, 34, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 8:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brookelynn M. Larson, 20, Oregon, civil citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. These violations occurred at the intersection of Monroe and Mix Streets.

## Dec. 21

At 12:59 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Evan M. McNeely, 20, Loves Park, for driving while license suspended. McNeely was also issued citations for failure to dim headlights, operating a vehicle with an expired registration, operating an uninsured vehicle, and a civil citation for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams was also issued. McNeely was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

At 10:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jordan J. Heintzelman, 24, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

1 parking citations and 15 verbal/written warnings were issued from 12/16/19 through 12/22/19.

### General calls for service

#### Through dispatch during the week of 12/16/19 through 12/22/19:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	2	Citizen Complaints	9
Animal Complaint	1	Juvenile Complaint	1
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	1	Disturbance / Domestic	6
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	12	Lockout Vehicle / Building	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	1	Traffic Stops	15
Ordinance Violations	4		

# RRC sets upcoming events, activities

## Rock River Center Activities

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

## Lifescape Opens New Senior Dining Site at Rock River Center

We are happy to announce that starting Monday, Jan. 6, Lifescape will be adding Rock River Center as a congregate dining site! Lifescape and Rock River Center are thrilled to be working together to feed older adults in Ogle County. Lifescape will be serving meals at Rock River Center Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Participants must be 60 or older or accompanied by a spouse who is 60 or older. Interested participants need to call and make reservations by 10 a.m. the day before they intend on eating at the Rock River Center. To schedule a reservation, call 815-963-1609 and let Lifescape know the days you plan on dining. Once scheduled, participants show up on their scheduled day between 11:30 a.m. and noon to enjoy their meal.

Rock River Center offers transportation within Ogle County. Participants can schedule a ride to their meal by calling Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 at least 24-hours in advance.

Rock River Center has a regularly scheduled potluck luncheons on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Also, The Etnyre Foundation sponsors free food Friday the first Friday of every month.

The Rock River Center will not host Congregate dining on the potluck days or free food Fridays. For January and February these days include Jan 3, 14, 22 and 28, and Feb 7, 11, 17 and 25.

A monthly menu may be found at: [www.lifescapecservices.org](http://www.lifescapecservices.org)

## Lawn Games and Free Lunch Jan. 3

Join us at Rock River Center for lawn games in the multi-purpose room beginning at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be served a Free lunch afterwards mostaccioli and meat sauce). Registration required.

## Upcoming Computer Classes

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

Mon., Jan. 6 – Intro to the Internet – 9:30-11 a.m.

This class covers basic usage of the Internet. It is appropriate for anyone new to the Net or those who would like a refresher. Experience using a mouse is required. Call 815-732-3252 to register. Registration required.

## Film Plastic Recycling Program

Deb Cheek and Beverly Opalka, two of the organizers of the Film Plastic Recycling Program for Mt. Morris and Oregon, will speak at Rock River Center on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10:30 a.m. They will discuss the details and progress of Film Plastic Recycling.

Did you know that film plastics have been found on the deepest point of the ocean floor and on the top of the tallest mountain in the world? More plastic has been produced in the last ten years than in the entire previous century. With that increase there has also been a huge rise in plastic pollution. Nearly 80% of all waste

on our land and shorelines and in our oceans around the world now consists of plastic debris. And what is the lifespan of this plastic? Answer: forever!

There will be a question and answer period as well. Handouts will be provided.

Program registration requested, so please call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. Potluck lunch and bingo follows. If you plan on staying for lunch at 11:30, bring a dish to pass.

## Looking for a Special Gift Idea? Give us a Call

See Jay Leno live, Friday, April 17

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

Paramount Theatre  
Friday, April 17

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

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## Veteran's Assistance Available in Oregon at Rock River Center

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

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

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

## Cancer Support Group

"Facing the Challenge" is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings.

Anyone who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. The group meets quarterly on the 4th Thursday of March, June, September and December from 3-4 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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# Oregon Lions



Top photo: At Oregon Lions Club regular meeting on Nov. 14 the guest speaker was Rob Gieraltowski, Executive Director of Lutheran Outdoors Ministries Center in Oregon. LOMC is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In its hundreds of acres, it provides an opportunity for a variety of people to enjoy the great outdoors. It is located just south of IL Route 64 on IL Route 2. Gieraltowski described what LOMC has to offer to individuals and groups who wish to rest, reflect, relax and play. Pictured from left are: Lion Grant Afflerbaugh, Rob Gieraltowski, and Lions Club President Mike Hoff. Bottom photo: Oregon Lions served pork chops, brats and hot dogs at Candlelight Walk in downtown Oregon on Nov. 30. Pictured in the back row from left: Lions Pat Farraday, Janet Champley, and Joanna Cermak. Front row from left: Lions Phyllis Herrmann and Joan Smola.

# Tickets available for February Arc event

**ROCKFORD** – The Arc is pleased to announce tickets are now available for Rockford’s Sweetest Night of the year, The Chocoholic Frolic on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at Giovanni’s.

This sweet mix of chocolate and charity boasts over thirty different chocolate inspired creations. Attendees get to sample unique items while helping individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability create rewarding and valuable lives.

Attendees and providers alike expressed their enjoyment of last year’s event, so much so, organizers have kept the recipe for success and peppered in small changes. Two ticket choices are being offered: a VIP “Golden Ticket” with a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a Chocolate Extravaganza Only ticket beginning at 6:30 p.m. Golden Ticket holders are treated to swag bags with a unique gift, specially created heavy hors d’oeuvres, and an exclusive VIP only lounge. Both types of ticket holders will have access to an expansive room, filled with chocolate providers, to sample bite-sized servings of amazing chocolate inspired creations.

The Craft Beer and Wine Pull, along with the Art Auction are back. The Art Auction offers a diverse selection to tempt your wallet. Also, the People’s Choice Awards and a 50/50 drawing are available. Last year’s 50/50 winner walked away with over \$1,650. Winner need not be present to win, so purchase early and often.

The Chocoholic Frolic is a truly unique, can’t miss event. Tickets are \$50 each for the Chocolate Extravaganza Only ticket or \$75 for the VIP “Golden Ticket” and can be purchased a number of ways: Online at [www.ChocFroc.com](http://www.ChocFroc.com); by phone at 815-965-3455; or at the Arc office – 2820 McFarland Rd.

As in year’s past, tickets must be purchased prior to the day of the event.

Proceeds from the Chocoholic Frolic help families raise children diagnosed with an intellectual and developmental disability at home and support adults to live in their communities, participating with work, worship, family and friends.

### About The Arc of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties

The Arc provides a variety of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families including: resource and referral, guardianship assistance, service facilitation, money management, social activities, skills training and advocacy. To learn more, and to see a full calendar of events, visit [www.arcwbo.org](http://www.arcwbo.org). You can also find The Arc on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheArcWBO](http://www.facebook.com/TheArcWBO).

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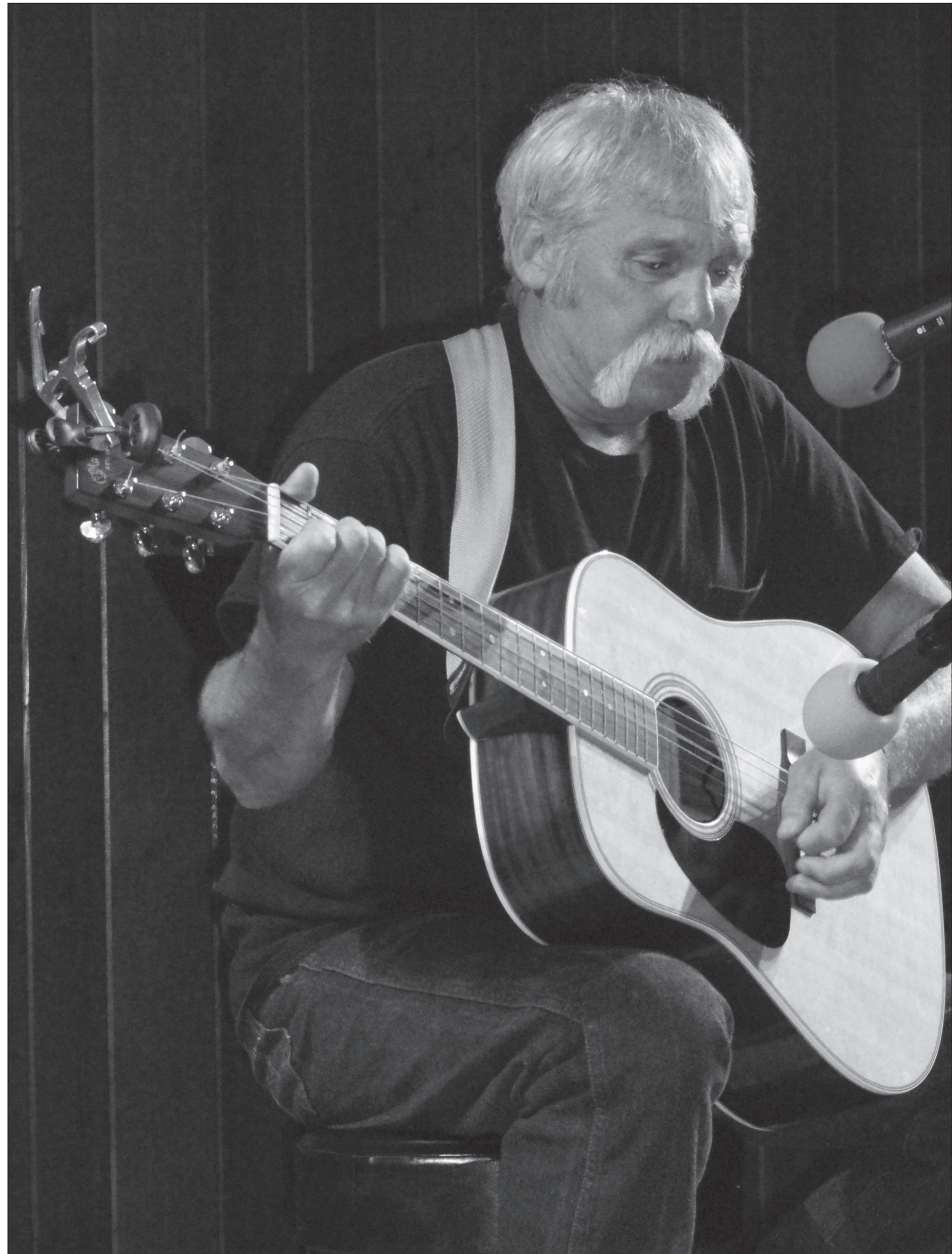
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# Rehearsals for 2020 Byron Band season start in January

**BYRON** – The Byron Civic Band, established in September of 2018, announces its upcoming spring 2020 session, with rehearsals beginning in January. Current and former band musicians living within about 25 miles of Byron may want to consider joining this fine community band. We play intermediate-level concert band literature, and players of all band instruments are needed. We welcome players from 8th grade students to adults in their 70s. Rehearsals are held in the Byron Middle School band room, an excellent facility with full percussion equipment included. Our

performances are held in the Byron Middle School Auditorium/Theatre. Rehearsals will begin January 22nd and will be held from 7-8:45 p.m. every Wednesday except Feb. 19. The spring session concert performance is scheduled for March 25th. If you are interested in joining this band, please call or text Ron Kroeger at 847-219-9393 or email at ronkroeger@gmail.com. Also, we ask you to check out and like our Facebook page – Byron Civic Band. We appreciate music lovers who use Amazon Smile and designate Byron Civic Band as their benefiting non-profit organization.



Popular regional super-stars like singer/guitarist Jim Wolber appear on a regular basis at First Fridays, now re-located to the Oregon VFW Club.

## First Fridays music makes return to Oregon VFW

**OREGON** – First Fridays Open Stage Music Show will open a new decade at 7 p.m. on Jan. 3 by returning to a very popular earlier location at the Oregon VFW Club. The Oregon VFW is located at the west edge of Oregon (IL Rte. 64 & Oregon Trail Rd.). Musician's drawing for preferred schedule positions will take place at 6:30 p.m. Each musician

(or band) will take 15 minutes at center stage, continuing until each group has been featured. Instruments are all acoustic and professional sound system engineering is provided by Mike Bratt. Talented musicians from across Northern Illinois, and often neighboring states, appear on a regular basis. The music is varied and includes country, bluegrass, blues, gospel,

folk, soft rock, and eclectic mixes of all of the above. Participation is encouraged so bring your instrument (or voice) and join the show, or relax and just enjoy the music. The Oregon VFW features an extensive menu of quality food and beverage. Show up hungry and thirsty, they will cure your condition. Admission is by free will donation. Bring a friend and enjoy some great music.

## Trivia Night at Hairy Cow in March

**BYRON** – Join the Herd for Trivia Night at Hairy Cow in Byron on Monday, March 9 beginning at 5 p.m. It's not too early to register a team for our exclusive evening at Hairy Cow because space limits the evening to 17 teams. For our first Trivia Night last October, we sold out team space. We'll have goodie bags for all participants, Mulligan's, prizes for winning teams, games in-between rounds and all led by Trivia Night expert, Gary Mueller, statistician for the St. Louis Cardinals. Trivia Night at Hairy Cow is a fundraiser for Rock River Center and Hairy Cow Brewing Company will be open exclusively for us with a special menu of food and drink available for purchase. Cost is \$10 per person as a team member with maximum of 6 people on a team. Registration is guaranteed with payment at Rock River Center, 810 S 10th, Oregon or call 815-732-3252 to register and pay for your team.

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# Oregon Park District offers variety of dances

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District always has a special event on the horizon and the staff absolutely love “Creating fun for a lifetime” that families can enjoy.

The ever-popular Daddy Daughter Dance and the Mother Son Date Night are fast approaching. This year’s theme: Rock Around the Clock at the Sock Hop! It’s not too late to register, but don’t wait any longer. The deadline is Jan. 25.

“There is much planning, preparation, purchasing, personalizing that goes into the dances which makes a deadline necessary” according to Debbie Leffelman, event coordinator. Park District programs and events attract people from near and far and the upcoming Winter Sock Hop’s at Nash Recreation Center are filling fast.

The Mother Son Date Night will take place on Friday evening, Feb. 7. Not only is there dancing, but the boys love to play games and can earn “Cool Cash” to spend at the Sock Hop Shop. Young boys will enjoy this one-on-one time with their moms or a mother-figure. The Daddy Daughter Sock Hop is on Saturday, Feb. 8.

“Fathers don’t let your daughters first dance be at her wedding,” Leffelman said.

We give dads the opportunity to get years of practice in. Dads or those father-figures can demonstrate to their daughters how a man should treat them later in life.

“I’m amazed each year by some of the dads that really go the extra mile to make their little girl(s) feel special,” she said.

“The tradition at the dance is for the girls to make a commemorative bracelet. Some of the girls that have been coming to the dances for years have quite a collection.”

The dances are so much fun and give couples a chance to make memories. Professional photographer, Niki Hunt will be there to capture that special moment for families. Photo envelopes are currently available at Nash. Photo times are assigned based on registration date, so the earlier you register the better. Times are assigned so that there is no standing in lines and missing out on the fun. Refreshments, dance contests and the ever-popular balloon drop at the end of the evening are just part of the excitement.

Not only are the events fun for the couples, but the dances are good for Oregon and the local economy. There are flowers ordered, hair is styled, restaurant reservations are made, and more. We appreciate the local businesses that work with us and support Park District events.

Sign up now if you haven’t already. This year’s dance is the perfect opportunity to dress up and “rock around the clock” at the Sock Hop. For pricing and to register, visit Nash Recreation Center, or register over the phone at 815-732-3101.

Visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) for more information on the dances and to register on-line and to check out the many other wonderful programs and events the Park District offers.



## Stillman Bank holds food drive

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – In conjunction with Stillman Bank’s annual Christmas Open House, the bank also held a food drive to benefit area families this Christmas.

1,407 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected during the week-long event. Now in its twelfth year, the bank’s annual food drive has collected over 12,000 pounds of food since its inception in 2008.

The Christmas Food Drive kicked off at all Stillman Bank locations on Friday, December 6 and continued through Saturday, Dec. 14. Donations were made just in time for Christmas to several area food pantries including: Bread of Life pantry in Stillman Valley, People Helping People in Byron, Lifeline in Oregon, Hand in Hand in Rochelle, Old Stone Church pantry in Rockton and the

Veteran’s Drop-In Center in Rockford.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by Stillman Bank to contribute to this great cause. For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman’s products and services, please visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

Stillman Bank is an independently owned community bank founded in 1882.

## Freedom Lutheran Church changes location

**OREGON** – Freedom Lutheran Church is moving to a new home. After several years of sharing space with First Presbyterian Church in Oregon, Freedom is moving across the street to share space with Oregon United Methodist Church. The first worship service in our new home will be Jan. 5, at the traditional time of 5:45 p.m. with fellowship to follow.

Freedom Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) with a mission to welcome, grow, and serve because of the freedom found in Christ. We especially value inclusion and diversity as stated in the ELCA mission statement – “As Christ’s church, we value the richness of God’s creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.”

To learn more about Freedom and the ELCA visit [elca.org](http://elca.org).

## Leaf River Lions recycling Christmas lights

**LEAF RIVER** – The Leaf River Lions will be collecting old Christmas Lights to be recycled at their Jan. 11 breakfast.

Now that Christmas is over, bring those working or non-working Christmas lights you want to discard so they can be recycled. There will be a large box set aside for you to place your strings of lights into. The Lions take them to the Lions of Illinois Foundation where they will be sorted and recycled.

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# 2020 Illinois Conservation Cropping seminars set

**SPRINGFIELD** – Illinois’ annual Conservation Cropping Seminars will be held Jan. 21, 22 and 23 in three locations statewide.

Each one-day seminar will feature guest speakers focused on sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices.

Speakers and special guests include: Hans Kok, Indiana Soil Health Consultant; Bryan Young, Purdue University Weed and Chemistry professor; and Rick and Aaron Clark, Illinois farmers using cutting edge conservation methods.

“This is the 7th year for the Conservation Cropping Seminars which bring together tried and tested farm authorities and research driven industry professionals to discuss the successes and failures of transforming to a more sustainable operation,” said IDOA Director John Sullivan.

Registration is open online at [www.ccsxcd.com](http://www.ccsxcd.com) or by calling the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 217-352-3536.

Each one-day seminar is \$20 including lunch. Seminars are held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

One seminar will be held in Rochelle at the Hickory Grove Conference Center on Jan. 23.

“I believe more farmers are ready to take steps to make small improvements on their farm that make sense environmentally and economically,” said USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Ivan Dozier. “These seminars are the perfect place to begin having those conversations and start making those changes.”

Primary sponsors and organizers of seminars include Illinois Department of Agriculture, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, American Farmland Trust, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Additional sponsorship and exhibitor information is available by contacting the Champaign County SWCD.

## Coffee with sheriff will be Jan. 4 in Chana

**CHANA** – Saturday, Jan. 4 is an opportunity to meet with Sheriff Brian VanVickle of the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department.

He will be at the First Saturday Community Coffee in Chana from 9-11 a.m. He will discuss department activities, explain policies of the department and explain any new laws.

The place is the Chana United Methodist Church 606 S. Main St., Chana. Everyone is welcome.



## CGH Medical Center gains approval for new 10-bed behavioral health unit

**STERLING** – CGH Medical Center is one step closer to providing an inpatient behavioral health/psychiatry unit after receiving Certificate of Need (CON) approval from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Certificate of Need (CON) programs are aimed at controlling health care costs by restricting duplicative services, determining whether new capital expenditures meet a community need, and facilitating coordinated planning of facility construction.

“We are very pleased with the state’s endorsement of the need for this new unit,” said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. “This moves us closer to addressing a critical need in our community to better serve behavioral health patients.”

The 10-bed unit, which will be a combination of private and semi-private rooms, will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the south wing of the hospital. Plans for the unit also include an inpatient detox room on the

Medical floor, expansion of the Telepsychiatry program (which is already in place), as well as other area partnerships to support a full-time psychiatrist.

The unit will serve a broad range of patients, including those who suffer from chronic mental health disorders, and those who may have more acute needs such as mood or anxiety disorders, suicidal/homicidal thoughts, or psychotic episodes.

“I am thrilled that CGH Medical Center has been given the Certificate of Need for its Behavioral Health Unit,” said Skip Lee, City of Sterling mayor. “For too long those in mental health crises in the City of Sterling have had very limited options for care which would provide long term solutions and family support. I commend the Board and staff of CGH Medical Center for taking on this challenge for the betterment of our community. This unit will serve as a valuable addition to the services currently available and provide much needed

support to our first responders as they continue to keep our citizens safe.”

“The Whiteside County Community Health Plan indicated that mental health admissions were the most needed service that CGH was currently unable to provide,” said Kristie Geil, VP and Chief Nursing Officer. “Following the 2012 closure of several area mental health facilities, we found that we would have to make transfer requests to 30-35 mental health facilities for each patient. Because there is little to no room in each facility, some patients would then be held in observation for 3 to 20 days while waiting for placement. Over half of these patients were then transferred to a facility that was more than 50 miles away from the area. This is obviously very hard for the patient and their family. Our goal is to get these patients the care they need, closer to home, and closer to family.”

Preliminary plans include opening the new behavioral health unit at CGH near the end of 2020.



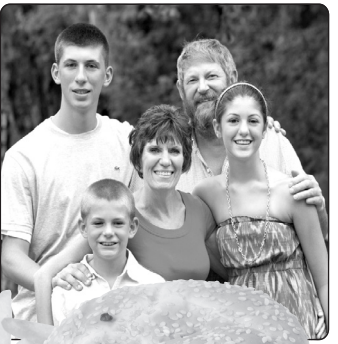
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## Auditions set for Mount Morris play

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Performing Arts Guild invites the public to join the cast of their spring performance of “Flowers for Algernon.”

Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 20-22 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

This is the compelling story of Charlie, a mentally challenged man, and the strange interweaving of his life with that of Algernon, a mouse.

This is a different kind of play: poignant,

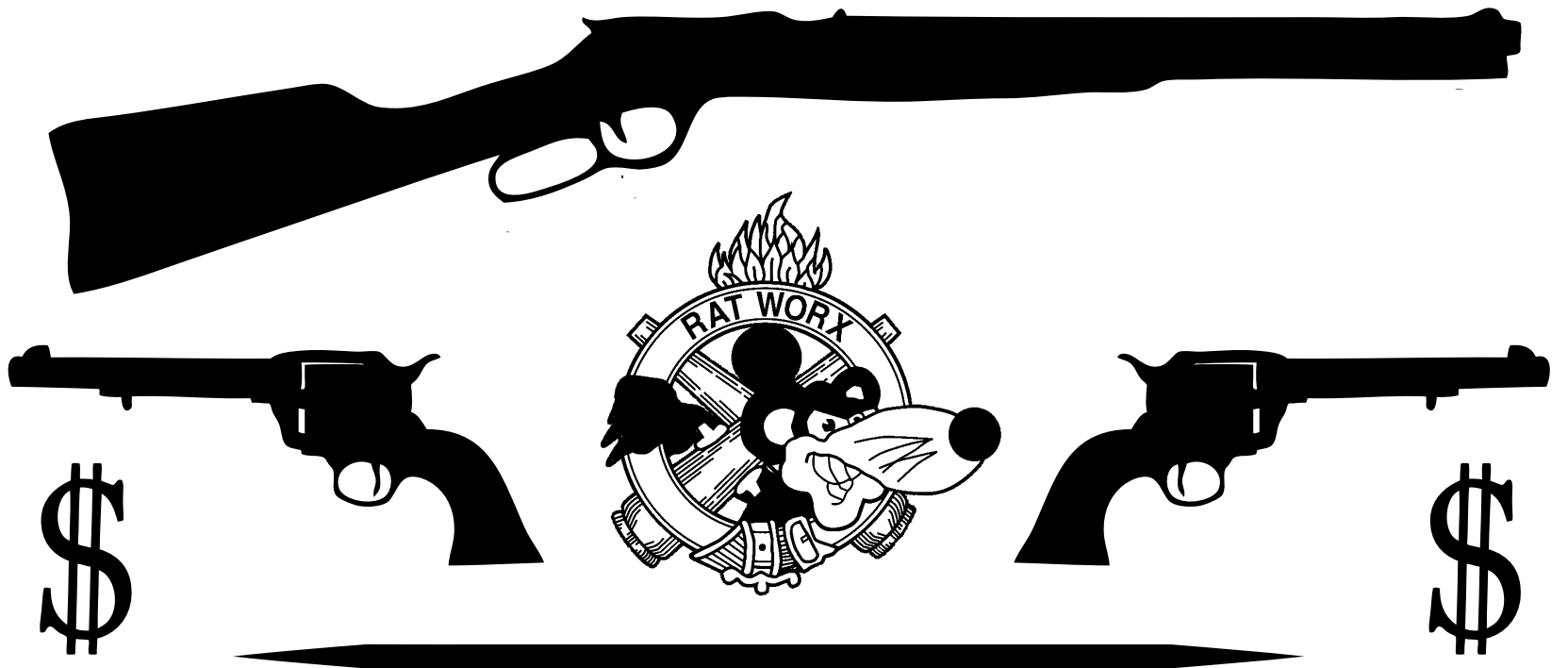
romantic, funny and tragic, but with the hope of man’s indomitable spirit.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 7 and 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pinecrest Grove library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mount Morris. The cast consists of nine male and 10 female roles. Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings.

For more information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sowinski at 815-718-0933.

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# Oregon Park District offers activities

## Open swim

Join the Oregon Park District on break for open swim from 2-5 p.m. Open swim will be held on December 23, December 26, December 27, December 30, January 2 and January 3.

## First Friday in the pool

Join us for First Friday in the Pool on Friday, January 3 for a showing of Toy Story 4 in the pool and the River Room from 6-8 p.m. Snacks and crafts will be provided in the River Room. Join us to make Forky and enjoy a fun, family night!

## After Hours Lock-In

Grades 6th, 7th and 8th are invited to their own lock-in at Nash Recreation on Friday, January 3 from 8-10 p.m. Enjoy full use of the facility to swim, play basketball, wallyball, baggo or just enjoy being with your friends. Admission is \$3 and snacks and drinks are included. The event will be supervised, no parent supervision is required. Parent permission will be needed for students to leave before 9:45 p.m.

## 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.

## Pop up and play – dodgeball game

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

## Village Bakery decorating class

Join the Village Bakery and their talented staff for an exciting decorating experience. This family-oriented program for 7-12-year olds requires an adult to attend class with each child. Don't miss the amazing experience to take home some memories. Class is on Friday, January 3 from 2-3pm. Deadline to register is Dec. 27. Fee is just \$16 per Resident and \$19 per Non-Resident.

## Dog training offerings

We are quickly becoming a popular and affordable choice for dog training in our community. We are having a full series of indoor training sessions available beginning in January and offered through April! There are a variety of class offerings to fit your dog's needs. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

\* Trick Training Tuesdays January 7 through February 11 6-7pm Fee: \$50 / \$60 NR Deadline: January 2

\* Beginner's Obedience Wednesdays January 8 through February 12 6-7pm Fee: \$50 / \$60 NR Deadline: January 2

\* Advanced Dog Training Thursdays January 16-February 20 6-7pm Fee: \$60 / \$72 NR Deadline: January 9. This advanced obedience class with trainer Bree Pazera will be a fun challenge for you and your dog. The next step for fun-loving dogs who have graduated past obedience classes. Dog must be at least 1 year of age.

\* January Dog Walk & Train Fridays in January 6:30-7:30pm Fee: \$25 / \$30 NR Deadline: January 3. Exercise your dog inside the warm gym at Nash Recreation Friday's nights in January from 6:30-7:30pm to walk the perimeter of the room and/or practice your training in the middle of the gym. Our trainer, Bree Pazera, will be available on site as needed. All dogs enrolled must have taken a least one other park district dog training class. Dog must be 8 months old to attend.

## Shake-rattle-roll at the sock hop

The always popular and well anticipated Mother Son Date Night (Feb. 7, 2020) and Daddy Daughter Dance (February 8, 2020) will be here before we know it. Grab your poodle skirt or leather jacket and be ready for an evening of fun at Nash Recreation Center. The evening includes snacks and beverages, great music, dancing, games for the boys, bracelet making for the girls and lots of fun making memories. Professional pictures can also be ordered through Niki Hunt Photography. Be sure to register before the Jan. 25 deadline.

## 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, February 5, 2020, 6:30-9:00 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.

## Indoor soccer

This growing indoor recreational soccer program will take place on Saturday mornings. The league is split into 2 age groups, 4-5 year olds and 6-7 year olds. The season runs Feb. 15th- March 14th. Each day the program will start with practice followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org. Deadline for registration is Jan. 30th and the cost is \$35/ \$42 NR

## Co-ed volleyball league

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

## Boys youth basketball night

Come and support the Oregon Hawks Boys Basketball Team! Friday, Jan. 10 at the Blackhawk Center. Oregon Park District 2-5 Grade Boys basketball players, wear your team jerseys! 2/3 grade Boys teams will scrimmage during the JV game halftime. Game starts at 5:45 p.m. 4/5 Grade Boys 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!

## 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!

# Two opportunities to see eagles from Taft dining hall

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Learn about bald eagle mating habits, how they raise their young, as well as why they are "bald" during interactive educational brunch. Due to the past popularity of this program, there will be two date options to choose from.

You may attend on Sunday, Jan. 5 or at the same time on Sunday, Jan. 26. The fee for each event is \$15/Resident and \$18/Non-Resident. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 3 and under are free.

Registration deadline is Dec. 20. Online registration is available at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. You may also register in person at Nash Recreation Center located at 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Mon., Dec. 30

Pop up and play dodgeball game in the Nash Gym from 2-3:30 p.m. This is a free event and is open to all ages. A light snack will be provided. Any questions, please call Lesley at 815-732-3101.

## Weds., Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

## Thurs., Jan. 2

Morning Movie Madness, 11 a.m. at the Berto-

let Library in Leaf River. Looking for something to keep the kids busy once the holidays are over? Bring them to the library for a morning at the movies, complete with popcorn and drinks. This month's show is a recently released animated film that follows a mischievous girl named Yi and her friends as they help a young yeti find his way home to Mt. Everest.

## Fri., Jan. 3

First Friday in the pool in Oregon. There will be a showing of Toy Story 4

in the pool and the River Room from 6-8 p.m. Snacks and crafts will be provided in the River Room.

Lawn games and free lunch at Rock River Center in Oregon. Join us for lawn games in the multi-purpose room beginning at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be served a free lunch afterwards (mostaccioli and meat sauce). Registration required.

Al-Anon Family Groups offer help to those who are affected by someone's

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

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@ogle-countylife.com](mailto:bjennings@ogle-countylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Jan. 16, 1605, Miguel de Cervantes' "El ingenioso hidalgo Don Quixote de la Mancha," better known as "Don Quixote," is published. The novel gave rise to a number of now-common idioms, including the English phrase "tilting at windmills."

\* On Jan. 18, 1803, Thomas Jefferson requests funding from Congress to finance the Lewis and Clark expedition. Though he did not disclose his intentions to Congress, Jefferson planned to send Meriwether Lewis on a reconnaissance mission to assess future territorial expansion into the west.

\* On Jan. 19, 1915, during World War I, Britain suffers its first casualties from an air attack when two German zeppelins drop bombs on the eastern coast of England.

\* On Jan. 13, 1939, Arthur "Doc" Barker is killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, was spotted on the rock-strewn shore of the island after climbing over the walls. As he waded into the water, the guards shot and killed him.

\* On Jan. 15, 1951, Ilse Koch, wife of the commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, is sentenced to life imprisonment in a court in West Germany. Nicknamed the "Witch of Buchenwald," Ilse collected lampshades, book covers and gloves made from the skin of tattooed camp prisoners.

\* On Jan. 14, 1969, an explosion aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise kills 27 people in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A rocket accidentally detonated, destroying 15 planes and injuring more than 300 people. The Enterprise was the first-ever nuclear-powered aircraft carrier when it was launched in 1960.

\* On Jan. 17, 1977, Gary Gilmore, convicted in a double murder, is executed by a firing squad in Utah, becoming the first person to be executed in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

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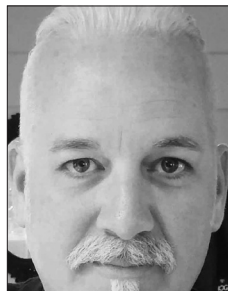
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## Let's take a look at what 2020 might bring

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I would love to give 2019 a punch on its way out the door.

Polar vortex. Rained out May. Almost no real summer. Early winter. In short, this has not been a great weather year.

And nationally? Forget about it. The horror show in Washington, D.C. continues to haunt everyone in the country.

So, it is with much anticipation that I look forward to 2020. It's also a nice round number, so that should mean something good, right? Even if it means nothing, I am holding out hope that 2020 will be a much better and calmer year than 2019.

In fact, I am going to go out on a limb and make a few predictions for 2020. I have no special powers, of course. No matter what you see on the "Long Island Medium," no one really has the power to see the future or read minds.

That won't stop me from giving it a shot - so here we go.

\*The Chicago Bears will

win the NFC North in 2020. This is a lock. You can bet your entire salary and every dime you have put in the college fund you started for your children. Heck, take that rainy-day money you have stashed in the cookie jar and put it on the Bears. Trust me. And by trust me, I mean ignore me, because I really have no idea what I am talking about. But seriously, the Bears in 2020.

\* There will be a presidential election in 2020 and someone will win. But

it won't be Donald Trump. No, Trump is going quit the presidency to join the senior PGA tour. He already spends most of his time golfing, so in 2020 Trump is going to leave the hassles and distractions of public office and put his energy into the one thing he really loves - no, not himself, golf. James Comey will be his caddy.

\* The first child with a smartphone for a head will be born in Manhattan. We all know it is only a matter of time before this happens.

\* The Ogle County Board, which already has more members than most local church congregations, will consider a plan to cut the number of board members down to make it more manageable. Instead, it votes to increase the number of board members to 762. All future meetings will be held at Barnacopia.

\* The Blackhawk Statue will be uncovered just in time for it to be covered again in order to fix the problems caused by it spending so

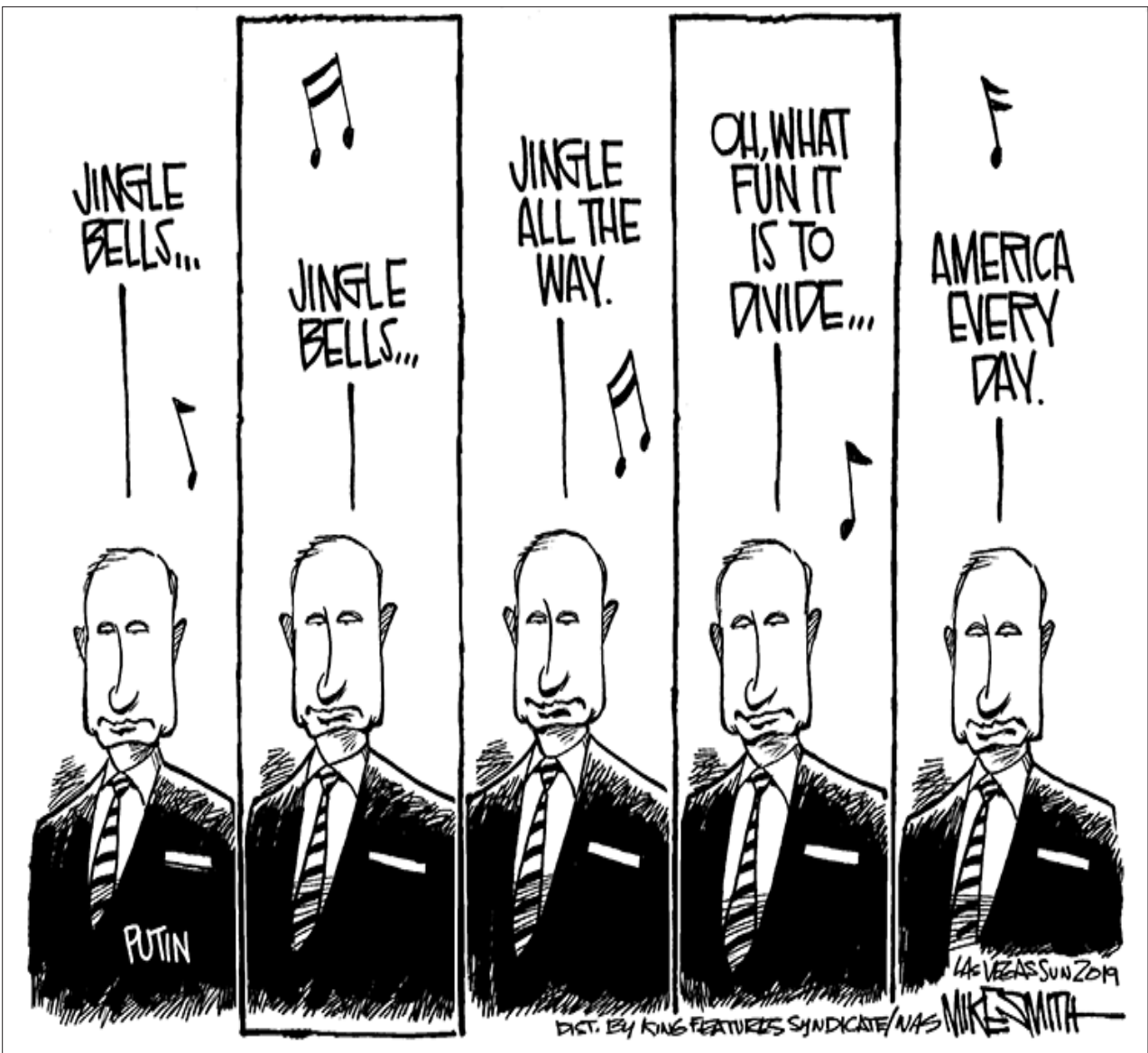
much time being covered.

\* Bernie Sanders will drop out of the presidential race after discovering the sublime pleasure that is the Golden Corral buffet. Alas, he will be banned by the chain after ranting at a kid in the dessert line about "free pudding for all." He will last be seen mumbling to himself as he staggers into a KFC to "save" the chickens.

\* With recreational marijuana now legal in Illinois, there will be a noticeable increase in the sales of Cheetos and Funyuns. The use of the words, "dude," "whoa" and "totally" will also skyrocket. The entire state will feel mellowed out and will chuckle uncontrollably at times.

Only time will tell any or all of these come to pass. My bet would be on a solid 0-7 performance by me. But I do hope you all are ready for a great 2020. Couldn't get any worse, right?

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life



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## Church sends thanks for help with benefit cookie sale

Dear Editor,

St. Mark's Global Missions Team would like to thank all the people who helped with the Polo Council of Churches' Cookie Sale to benefit The Honduras Project. Thanks to the shopkeepers who allowed us to place posters in their establishments; the people who put their time and resources into baking; everyone who helped plate and sell cookies; everyone who purchased cookies; the Editor of Ogle County Life for publicizing the event, and especially the Polo branch of First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll for graciously allowing us to use their lobby.

The sale raised money to build three cement block houses that are safer for the families than the twig houses they currently live in. Thank you everyone for caring about these families. You helped raise \$1,200 and you are making a difference.

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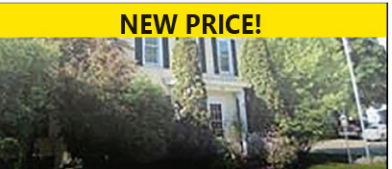
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They ask patrons to bring canned goods (nothing out dated), paper products, personal items, or cash donations. There will be a table set up for items to be placed on.

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**Mark at 815-631-1699**  
**512 W Mason, Polo, IL \$185,000**



**NEW LISTING**

3 Br 2 Ba ranch home sitting at the end of a cul-de-sac in Indian Heights subdivision. You'll love this like new ranch that offers large kitchen with all appliances staying and sliders that lead to the deck. Nice open living room, main floor laundry, master bedroom with walk in closet and private master bathroom. The lower level is plumbed for a 3rd bath plus there is a partial exposure to let in the outside light.

**Carla at 815-985-6235**  
**2724 N Fawn Ridge Rd, Oregon, IL \$169,900**



**NEW LISTING**

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

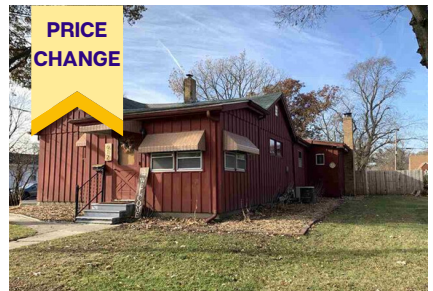
**Mark at 815-631-1699**  
**305 Seminary St, Mt Morris, IL \$60,000**



**NEW LISTING**

Beautiful 2 Br, 2 Ba home with desirable open floor plan and vaulted ceilings. Kitchen with gorgeous cabinets, stainless steel appliances, breakfast nook and island bar. The lower level features a spacious family room, rec room, and den with potential for a 3rd bedroom- 2 egress windows. Laundry room hook up on main floor and lower level. Spacious back yard located near schools and parks. 12x20 patio and 10x10 deck off of the back. Charming front porch and professional landscaping.

**Carla at 815-985-6235**  
**327 W 4th St, Pecatonica, IL \$69,900**



**PRICE CHANGE**

Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom on a large lot with fenced yard. Luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout the living spaces and master with new carpet in the other two bedrooms. The kitchen has a large eat in area and the appliances stay! There is also a dedicated dining room space along with an additional family room. Updated family room is spacious yet cozy with a wood burning fireplace! Many outdoor amenities including concrete patio, fully fenced yard with privacy fence & large 3 seasons room. 2 car attached garage.

**Rebecca at 815-985-8432**  
**612 10th Ave, Rock Falls, IL \$82,000**



**PRICE CHANGE**

Charming home with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Spacious fenced in backyard, 1.5 car garage and additional storage shed. Updated kitchen, newer paint throughout. Nothing to do but move in!

**Stephanie at 815-985-2055**  
**409 E Center St, Mt Morris, IL \$65,000**



**PRICE CHANGE**

Your in luck! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home boast hardwood flooring, main floor master and main floor laundry. Upstairs loft is currently being used as a 4th bedroom. Spacious backyard and newer garden shed. Alley access and parking near 2 car garage.

**Stephanie at 815-985-2055**  
**802 Franklin St, Oregon, IL \$84,900**



**Oregon**

Sprawling ranch home in a desirable location in Oregon. The home has a large kitchen with an abundance of cabinets, spacious dining area, additional separate dining room, living room with gas fireplace & a massive family room. 3 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, and a 2 car garage situated on a 1.42 acre lot. The basement is partially finished with a large multi-purpose room, bathroom, and kitchen. 2 new furnaces and AC units. Some hardwood floors.

**Jenny at 815-440-2145**  
**1100 W Washington St, Oregon, IL \$179,000**



**Durand**

Just under one acre property in a country setting on the edge of Durand! 2 Brand 2 Ba with an attached garage, as well as a huge 40x30 garage outside, large enough to store much more. Plenty of storage in the basement as well with two additional storage rooms. Relax in your jacuzzi in the basement or kick up your feet in the sun room off the garage. Property well maintained, large back deck and front.

**Quin at 815-985-7214**  
**508 E North St, Durand, IL \$130,000**

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## Oregon girls down Polo 52-40

**OREGON** – The Oregon girls basketball team defeated Polo 52-40 in the Polo Christmas Tournament.

Olivia Lambrigtsen led the Hawks with 20 points while Jenae Bothe added 19 points in the victory. Oregon then proceeded to defeat South Beloit 46-24. Jenae Bothe had 14 points for the Hawks, with Olivia Lambrigtsen adding nine points and Lauren Montavon recording seven points.

## Oregon boys bowling tops Hall Township

**OREGON** – The Oregon boys bowling team topped Hall Township by a score of 3,317-2,689 on Dec. 19 behind a 682 series from Jacob Smith and a 568 series from Eddie Buttens.

The Oregon girls bowling team defeated Hall Township 3,100-2,298 with Sammantha Meyers rolling a 588 series and Ava Wight shooting a 546 series.

## Hub Hickory Nuts

The Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club in Rochelle continues to grow as new members keep joining our group. The 2019-2020 club officers for the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club are President and Jr. Leader – Lilly Kennedy; Vice President and Social Media Reporter – Faith Adams; Secretary – Alexis Vaughn; Treasurer and Cloverbud Leader – Anne Kennedy; Event Reporters – Cassidy Vincent & Veronica Vaughn; Historians – Rowan Thompson, Clara Millard and Cora Mickley; Recreation Committee – Teddy Millard, Ellie Kennedy and Sawyer Stockton; Sentinel – Charli DeShazo. Not pictured are Clara and Teddy Millard and Sawyer Stockton. Congratulations to all this year's officers, we will surely have a great year! The next club meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 5 at T-Byrd Lanes. For more information on joining the club, please contact Trisha Vaughn at 815-751-6667. Submitted by Cassidy Vincent, Club Reporter

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## First Friday in the Pool Jan. 3

**OREGON** – Join us for First Friday in the Pool on Friday, Jan. 3 for a movie in the pool at the Nash Recreation Center.

Toy Story 4 will be playing in the Pool from 6-8 p.m. and in the River Room from 6-7:30 p.m.

There will be a raffle basket to enter to win, open swim from 6-7:45 p.m., snacks and crafts in the River Room from 6-7:30 p.m.

First Fridays are free to members and a daily fee for everyone else! Residents rates: \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. Non-resident rates are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

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# Rochelle man defies odds with bodybuilding

By Andrew Heiserman  
Staff Writer

**ROCHELLE** – Determination and hard work can get you anywhere. Just ask Arnett Washington.

Washington has been defying odds as a competitive bodybuilder, proving that anything is possible with enough drive, hard work and determination.

Washington, his personal trainer and best friend Anton Collins and his son, Hezekiah, can be seen training at Rochelle Anytime Fitness six days a week in order to keep his body ready for body building competitions held throughout the state and country.

Washington, now 46 years old, has suffered from Cerebral Palsy, a disease that affects his motor skills and speech, since he was a child. During his childhood, his mother did not give him any special treatment from his other siblings — having to clean his room, do dishes and other chores — which he attributes his motivation and success to the way his mother raised him growing up.

“My mom didn’t know how to raise a child with disabilities so she raised me the same as anyone else, she always told me I could do anything I wanted,” said Washington. “Her doing that is what made me into the man that I am today.”

Washington was first introduced to working out when he was in grammar school seeing a physical therapist for his disability. His therapist at the time, Larry Bird, would push him to his limits every day at the university gym. He would even say that a little girl could lift more than he could, which would just motivate Washington to work even harder.

In 1990 when Arnett was in high school he met his best friend and future personal trainer, Anton Collins. They stayed friends all through high school and through Washington’s time earning two degrees at college. Later in life, when Washington was 43, Collins suggested the Washington try body building and competing. At first Washington laughed at the idea.

“It was his idea and when he told me I was like yea okay, yea right, I was just playing around,” add-

ed Washington. “But then I saw this video of Steve Alexy, another body builder with cerebral palsy, and I thought to myself, I could do that.”

There are currently only four people in the world with cerebral palsy that are also body builders.

After seeing the video that motivated him to make the decision to go forward with Collins’ idea they got hard at work training for his first competition. Work outs were six days a week at either Rochelle’s Anytime Fitness or in Collins’ basement, home of his personal training business, Torture Chamber Fitness. The workout routines are based on the physique that Collins would like Washington to be in for the competition, but for the first competition, the pair focused on getting Washington as ripped as possible.

During the competitions, Washington usually competes in two different categories.

“There is men’s classic physique, which is a full body competition that focuses a lot on a smaller waist, and then there is men’s physique which focuses on the upper body as well as legs.”

Washington’s first ever competition was the Organization of Competitive Bodybuilding Heartland Classic on Nov. 4, 2017 in Belleville. In that competition, he took second place in Men’s Physique Debut, third place in Men’s Physique Novice, fifth place in Men’s Physique Open and first place in Men’s Physique Over Age 40.

Since his first competition, Washington has competed in two more competitions, the OCB Midwest States on Nov. 23, 2019 in DeKalb where he took third place in Men’s Classic Physique Over age 40 and the OCB Hollywood Natural on Dec. 7, 2019 in Hollywood, California, where he took third place in Men’s Physique Open, second place in Men’s Physique Over Age 40 and first place in Men’s Physique Classic Physically Challenged.

All of the competitions he competes in are all natural and are not designated for people with disabilities, anyone who is able to compete can enter these competitions.

Washington has two

sons and a daughter that fully support their father’s body building career.

“It has been a crazy ride seeing him be on that stage by himself, to show people that he can do it no matter his condition or no matter how people look at him, regardless he can do it,” expressed Hezekiah Jefferson, his oldest son. “He is going to prove to the world that nothing is impossible if you just put your mind to it.”

Washington says the main reason he is doing this is for his kids, to prove to them that if he can do this then they have no excuse for not being successful.

Body building means a lot to Washington because even though he has two college degrees, it is one of the only places where he feels treated the same as anyone else.

“Body building is now his job, his career, this is unfortunately the only place that he has been fully accepted. He has two degrees, but the first thing people see when he applies for a job is the way he talks and his physical appearance,” explained Collins. “But in body building, when you look at him, his body is better than most of his competitors. It doesn’t matter the way he talks or the way he walks.”

Washington’s ultimate goal for bodybuilding would be to get a sponsorship from any of the athletic companies and eventually open up a gym specifically tailored to people with disabilities or those recovering from injuries such as a stroke.

“A gym can be intimidating for many people to walk into especially for people with disabilities, so Washington would love to create a safe comfortable space for people to come lift weights,” said Collins.

Competing in bodybuilding competitions throughout the country is not a cheap thing to do — there are entry fees, traveling costs, steroid and substance testing as well as a lie detector test. All of these costs and fees add up very quickly, so to help with the cost of these competitions, Washington and Collins have set up a GoFundMe page as well as a popcorn fundraiser with all of the proceeds helping keep Washington’s bodybuilding dream alive.



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# Students of the Month



Byron Bank, 200 N. Walnut St., is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and a good role model for other students. Byron Bank presents the students with a cash prize and a certificate of award. The Byron Middle School Students of the Month for November 2019 are from left): 6th Grade –Cason Newton, 7th Grade – Abigail Moser, 8th Grade – Elizabeth Nyamwange and OMNI Team – Alexa Gruber along with Principal-Zack Ettelbrick and Byron Bank’s Sean Considine.



Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for November. Pictured from left are: Liz Johnson from Stillman Bank, Isabel Hardy (9th grade), Evan Potter (10th grade), Gavin Nelson (11th grade), Ryan Benidt (12th grade), and Sean Considine from Byron Bank. Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.



## 2020 All-America selection winners

**URBANA** – After the polar vortex of last winter, many are wondering if those cold blustery temperatures will return this season to affect our plants in Illinois.

According to winter predictions, and University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Bruce J. Black, this winter should be cold, but with enough snow, plants will be successfully insulated.

“When planning your garden, it is essential to choose plants that can tolerate our cold temperatures and still have blossoms all year long,” Black says. “After mapping out cold-hardy perennials you currently have planted, begin to think about what new plants could be added to your landscape. A great starting place is the All-America Selections.”

All-America Selections (AAS) is a non-profit organization that releases several trialed plants each year as AAS Winners. All-America Selections tests new varieties every year at their 80 private and public trial sites located around the United States and Canada.

Currently, there are five trial locations in Illinois (three northern, one central, one southern).

Independent judges, who are professional horticulturists in geographically diverse areas, evaluate trial entries against comparison plants. The results and observations are compiled and winners are chosen. For the best plants suited to the area, Illinois residents should look for Great Lakes winners or National winners on the AAS Winners lists.

Six 2020 AAS Winners have been announced, which include four vegetables and two flowers. They are:

Cucumber, Green Light F1 (*Cucumis sativus* var. Green Light F1): Green Light is a vining cucumber, with a plant height of 80 inches producing 40 3.5-inch sweet and crisp fruits per plant. National Vegetable Winner.

Tomato, Celano F1 (*Solanum lycopersicum* var. Celano F1): Celano is a patio-type grape tomato with a bushy habit, producing uniform oblong sweet fruits. With excellent late-blight tolerance, Celano is considered to be sweet, with a phenomenal yield. Ideal for container gardens, but may require trellising and some pruning according to the judges’ observations. National Vegetable Winner.

Tomato, Early Resilience F1 (*Solanum lycopersicum* var. Early Resilience F1): Early Resilience is a determinate, uniform, Roma-type, great for cooking and canning. Judges noted Early Resilience was very resistant to blossom-end rot and other diseases, and was overall one of the healthier plants and fruits in the trial. National Vegetable Winner.

Watermelon, Mambo F1 (*Citrullus lanatus* var. Mambo F1): Mambo is a round, dark green rinded watermelon averaging 11 pounds per fruit. It doesn’t overripen and yields well in cool, cloudy weather. Judges said it is easy to grow, due to high seed germination rates and healthy vines. Seventy-five days to maturity from transplants. National Vegetable Winner.

Echinacea, Sombrero® Baja Burgundy (*Echinacea* hybrid var. Sombrero® Baja Burgundy): Sombrero® Baja Burgundy is a beautiful violet-red coneflower that was noted for its hardiness, sturdy branching, and beautiful habit.

A great cut flower blooming mid-summer to frost, Sombrero® Baja Burgundy is pollinator and bird-friendly and deer-resistant. National Herbaceous Perennial Winner.

Rudbeckia, American Gold Rush (*Rudbeckia* x American Gold Rush): American Gold Rush is a compact, dome-shaped black-eyed Susan with narrow 2-inch hairy foliage. Bred for its resistance to Septoria leaf spot, this July to September bloomer shows no signs of fungus in humid and wet conditions. The blooms are pollinator-friendly and are great as cut flowers. National Herbaceous Perennial Winner.

Looking for something else to fill in your landscape and gardens? The All-America Selections website ([all-americanselections.org](http://all-americanselections.org)) contains a list of all past vegetable and flower winners since its founding in 1933.

“Reading about these new plant introductions has me excited for spring,” Black says.

For more information about gardening, check out the University of Illinois Extension website, “Watch Your Garden Grow,” at [extension.illinois.edu/veggies/index](http://extension.illinois.edu/veggies/index) or subscribe to the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture YouTube Channel: <http://go.illinois.edu/UniversityOfIllinoisExtensionHorticulture>.

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# Oregon Lions



Top photo: The Oregon Lions Club gained a new member on Oct. 24 during their regular meeting at the VFW in Oregon. Oregon Public Library Director Hilaree Lombardo was inducted into the club with the assistance of Oregon Lions Vice President Grant Afflerbaugh and Board Member Dr. Tom Champley. Hilaree received a warm welcome from the members of the club present at the meeting. From the left: Lion grant Afflerbaugh, Hilaree Lombardo and Oregon Lion Dr. Tom Champley.

Bottom photo: Several Oregon Lions participated in a roadside cleanup on Highway 2 north of Oregon on Oct. 15. Those Lion who participated were: Pat Farraday, Ed Smola, Chuck Campbell, Duane Moser, Don fuller, Jerry Hinrichs, and Committee Chairman Grant Afflerbaugh. From left to right: Pat Farraday, Ed Smola, Chuck Campbell, Duane Moser, Don Fuller, Jerry Hinrichs, and (not pictured) Grant Afflerbaugh.



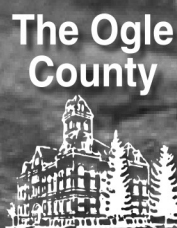
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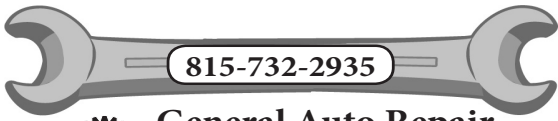

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We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us from 3-5 P.M and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

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.



## Winterfest is set for Jan. 18

The annual Winterfest 2020 presented by the University of Illinois Extension and DeKalb County Forest Preserve will be on Saturday, Jan. 18.

They collaborate each year to offer a day for families to get outside, have fun, and explore an enjoyable destination. Winterfest is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and is held at the Natural Resource Education Center in Russell Woods Forest Preserve, 11750 IL-72, located 1 mile west of Genoa on state route 72. University of Illinois Extension staff and volunteers offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for the whole family.

“The horse drawn wagon rides through the preserve are our big attraction,” said Extension Educator Peggy Doty. “The draft horses take passengers on a scenic ride through our preserve located right on the Kishwaukee River. This is a festival about the season of winter.”

The morning will start indoors at 9 a.m. at the Center’s bird viewing window where Doty will share some tips and tricks for feeding and identifying our local winter birds. The winter joy and fun will continue through-out the day.

The Genoa Prairie Gems 4-H Club will be offering their annual fund-raising lunch and snack sale. You can buy food for a reasonable price and help the 4-H club at the same time. The rest of the day is free but we do graciously except donations to cover materials. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring out the whole family for one activity or stay for the entire day. Join your friends for a day in the woods as we celebrate the season of winter.

For questions, please call the Natural Resource Education Center at 815-784-2000.

# RESOLUTIONS 2020:



# #1.

I resolve to support my 'LOCAL' merchants in the new year!



# Birthday

## Kalnins to celebrate 90th

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Elmars Kalnins will be celebrating his 90th Birthday.

He was born in Riga, Latvia on Jan. 5, 1930. He lives in Mount Morris with his wife Marion. He has three daughters: Sandy (Al) Nordman, Brenda (Chuck) Baal, and Lisa (Mike) Janes, 14 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

An Open House will be held at Town & Country Lanes in Mount Morris on Jan. 5 from 2-4 p.m. Please omit gifts, come and say hello.



## Mount Morris Library News

### Friday Jan. 3 at 11:15 a.m. – Special Story Time for ages 3-8

Nibbles has visited the library. Come find Nibbles the book Monster before he nibbles through all our books! We will be reading about Nibbles and doing special crafts and activities including hunting down this book monster in our books!

### Friday Jan. 3 at 2-4 p.m. – Book Ninja Training for ages 8+

Learn how ninja skills and books go hand in hand. Participate in fun challenges, learn new skills, and burn off some energy over the winter break.

### Thursday Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Cents adult program week 1

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

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

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

### Holiday Closings

We will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day- 12/24&25, Closing @5pm New Years Eve 12/31, Closed New Years Day 1/1.

### Drop Of Site for Film Plastic Recycling

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

### Upcoming Events:

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

**What is Tri County?** – See what things Tri County has to offer, ask questions, be informed!

### Reoccurring Programs:

**Story Time** – Every Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. all ages (Upcoming dates 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29)

**After School Club** – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. ages 5 and up (Upcoming dates 1/15, 2/5, 2/19)

**Lego Club** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @5:45pm all ages (Upcoming dates 1/13)

**Cookbook Club**- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @6:00 for adults. Visit the library to choose your recipe. (Upcoming dates 1/20) \*THE DAY HAS CHANGED\*

Library Board Meeting – Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

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

E-mail news items to  
bjennings@oglecountylife.com.

## Moving Up Higher

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## Discovering what's "right" about you

Psalm 23 is a familiar passage of Scripture for many people that brings comfort in times of loss or hardship. But there's so much more that God has for us in this Psalm than we will understand simply by reading it when we're struggling with fear or grief.

In the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, Psalm 23:3 says, "...He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake." This promise from God is a key to living with real peace and joy and becoming everything you were created to be.

### Getting Free of Guilt and Shame

The devil wants us to feel that something is wrong with us, that everything we do is wrong, and we're not what we should be. And so many people spend their life feeling bad about themselves, guilty or ashamed...like something is wrong with them.

I know what this is like. Because of the abuse I went through during my childhood, I spent many years with this message playing over and over in my head, "What's wrong with me?!" I know many people have had similar experiences and can relate to what I'm talking about.

But the truth can set us free! And the truth is through a personal relationship with Jesus, believing He is the Son of God and accepting Him as Lord and Savior of your life, you can be free of guilt, shame and condemnation, and have confidence that you are right with Him. (See Romans 8:1.)

### God's View of You in Christ

As born-again Christians, 2 Corinthians 5:21 says we "become the righteousness of God" (NIV). This means that, in Christ, we have the righteousness of God in our spirit, and we have right standing with God.

It's easy to wonder, "How can I be the righteousness of God if I'm not doing everything right? I still make mistakes and don't feel like I'm right in His eyes." The answer to this question is the difference between religion and having a relationship with God. When I talk about religion, I'm talking about just following rules and regulations that have no life or power of God in them. Practicing a religion often means keeping laws or rules that you think will please God. But we see in Psalm 23:3 that God leads us in paths of righteousness not because we earn it based on what we do but "for His name's sake."

Jesus gave His life for us so we could have an intimate, personal relationship with God through Him. When we put our faith in Christ, believing that His sacrifice on the cross—the shedding of His blood—provides total forgiveness of our sin, we come into relationship with God

because of what HE has done for us. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ, not by any works we do (Ephesians 2:8-9).

As we get a revelation of what it really means to "become the righteousness of God," we discover who we are in Christ and we can live the life God created us to live through faith in Him. Because what we believe about ourselves determines whether or not we will live by faith in God, trusting His love for us and His faithfulness to us.

### Walking Out God's Righteousness in You

I've heard people say, "If you believe you are right with God regardless of what you do, won't that just give you license to sin?" My response to that is once you know who you are in Christ and the beauty of what He's done for you, the last thing you want to do is sin. Instead, you want to do what's right because of what He's done for you, not to try to earn His love or favor.

Being a believer in Christ is a progressive, continual journey of changing to become more and more like Him in our hearts, minds and behavior. Walking in His paths of righteousness happens as we get closer to God and grow in our love for Him and our trust in Him. It's a lifelong process, and a good attitude to have is: I'm not where I need to be, but thank God I'm not where I used to be. I'm okay and I'm on my way!

I want to encourage you to enjoy your daily walk with God. He is your Good Shepherd who is always with you, and He will faithfully lead you in the paths of righteousness for your life.

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*For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.*

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# Oregon Library News

## Holiday hours

The Oregon Public Library will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

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

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

## 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)

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

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

Join us for songs, stories, games and crafts on Thursdays beginning January 9

## Afternoon movie – Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2:30 p.m.

Early dismissal from school means movie time at the Library. Mark your calendar...movie will be announced after the New Year!

## DIY hand warmers – Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m.

We will be making a pair of no-sew hand warmers. A great idea for kids waiting to the bus, walking school, or anyone doing any activity outdoors this winter. Registration required.

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

## New – 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, January 8 at 12:30 pm to discuss Good Omens by Neil Gaiman. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, January 15 at 1 pm to discuss Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, January 23 at 6 pm at Cork n Tap to discuss Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom.

## 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.

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

Family yoga Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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

## 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.

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month

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

## New releases

Where'd You Go, Bernadette (Rated PG-13)

Christmas On The Range (Rated Christmas)

Faith Like Potatoes (Rated PG)

Once Upon A Time In Hollywood (Rated R)

Angel Has Fallen (Rated R)

The Goldfinch (Rated R)

Game Of Thrones-The Complete Eight Season (Rated R)

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides (Fiction BOCD)

The Way I Heard It by Mike Rowe (BOCD Non-Fiction 818.602 ROW)



# Polo Library News

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

## Library Closed

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1  
 Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, Jan. 20

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

Theme: Snowmen

Book: Mouse's First Snow by Lauren Thompson

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

## Lego Challenge: Book or Movie Character

### Ages 8-14

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

Build a character from a favorite book or movie.

## Early Out Program

### Ages 6-12

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

Movie: The Lion King (new release)

Call to register, 815-946-2713

## Pokemon Club

### Ages 8-14

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

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

## Teen programs

## Book Subscription Box Pickup

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

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

## Teen scene

### Ages 13-18

Tuesday, January 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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

## Adult program

### Coffee with a Cop-New Day, Same Time

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

## Health & Wellness – Types of massage and its benefits

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6-7 p.m.

Essential Integrative Healing will be presenting a program on the benefits of massage as well as de-stressing breathing techniques. Call to register, 815-946-2713

## Yoga

Monday, Jan. 13, 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

## Euchre



Miss Phyllis reading to the children at the library during the Polo Christmas Festival.

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

Time to play cards, bring a friend

## Knit Happens - Beginner's Knitting Class

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

Monthly on the third Saturday Learn to knit a scarf – The Library will provide the needles, the attendees will bring the yarn of their choice.

Call to register, 815-946-2713

## Rock River Center representative

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

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

## Lifelong Learning

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

Monthly on the fourth Thursday

University of Illinois Extension, Celebrations and Traditions: Strengthening Family and Community, Karla Belzer

Plan to discuss the importance of traditions, explore ideas for maintaining family traditions or creating new ones, and create a plan for documenting celebrations. Call to register, 815-946-2713

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

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

Monthly on the fourth Saturday

**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, January 24, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Selection: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

## Afternoon Book Club @ the Library

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

Selection: Educated: a memoir by Tara Westover

# Julia Hull Library News

## Holiday Closures

The library will be closed the following dates for the New Year's Holidays: Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

## 2020 Winter Reading Challenge

Read a book, complete a review form, and enter to win prizes! Yep, it's that easy. Jan. 2 through Feb. 29. Drawings held weekly. Pick up a flier for more details. Adults only.

## Tween Scene: Snow Art

Head to the library Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. for snow much fun! Tweens will create some colorful and chilly art using real snow! But don't worry! We'll have cookies and hot chocolate to warm up with afterwards! Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Winter Critter Tote

What reader doesn't need another book tote? Participants will choose a template of their favorite winter critter, then select from an array of flannel fabrics to design an

original patchwork tote – no sewing skills required! Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. All materials supplied. Bring fabric scissors, if available. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Teen Challenge: Break A World Record

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

## Fun Day Monday: Winter Diorama

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

## Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Pick up a copy of Jonah Winter Elvis Is King, then

join fellow young critics on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

## Storytime With Elephant & Piggie!

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

## Travel Tips: TSA Precheck, Global Entry & Real ID

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

# Byron Library News

## Special Hours

The Byron Library will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 and closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 in observation of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy New Year's!

## Beanie Baby Bingo

Friday, Jan. 3  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Ages: K-5th grade  
Head to the library to play Bingo. Winners take home a Beanie Baby! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Travel Through the Holy Land with James Brown and Karen Virnoche-Brown

Tuesday, Jan. 7  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Israel, a Middle Eastern country on the Mediterranean Sea is regarded by Jews, Christians and Muslims as the biblical Holy Land. Karen and James share highlights of their pilgrimage with pictures and stories of the holy sites, the Israeli people, and their cuisine. Shalom! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

Jan. 9 & Jan. 10  
Noon-4 p.m.  
Ages: 50+  
The AARP Smart Driver Safety Course is the nation's first refresher course designed for drivers 50+. Course completion helps drivers refine skills and develop safe driving strategies. Attendance on both days is required for completion; \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members; checks payable to ARP. AARP members must have member number for discount. There are no tests! A completion certificate will be given for auto insurances who may offer a discount for a 3-year period. Check with your provider for participation. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Scrap-Stravaganza

Saturday, Jan. 11  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Bring our supplies, tools and pictures to spend the day scrapbooking. Tables will be first come, first-



Marilyn Haverly shared Christmas carols at the Byron Public Library on Tuesday, December 17! Thanks for the festive morning!

serve. No registration is required.

## Library Dance Party

Monday, Jan. 13  
10-10:45 a.m.  
Ages: 18 months-5 years, with caregiver

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

## Matinees at BPLD: Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles Friday, Jan. 24

10-11:30 a.m.  
This documentary looks at the origins of Fiddler on the Roof, one of Broadway's best-known musicals. Max Lewkowicz's "Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles" provides an entertaining overview of the unlikely success of Fiddler on the Roof, which won 9 Tonys and is the longest running musical in Broadway history. Refreshments provided. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Super Bowl LIV Scoop presented by Sean Considine Monday, Jan. 27

5-6 p.m.  
What does it take to get into the Super Bowl? What makes an underdog

and how are the odds determined? What do the referee calls mean? Novice football watchers and devoted fans alike will enjoy Sean's stories and professional knowledge. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](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.

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

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

# Bertolet Library News



Allie and Amos enjoy ringing their jingle bells at StoryTime.

## Morning Movie Madness

Thursday, Jan. 2, 11 a.m.

Looking for something to keep the kids busy once the holidays are over? Bring them to the library for a morning at the movies, complete with popcorn and drinks! This month's show is a recently released animated film that follows a mischievous girl named Yi and her friends as they help a young yeti find his way home to Mt. Everest. Children and adults will enjoy cheering on Yi and her friends as they discover bravery they didn't know they had in their epic journey across China. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

## LEGO Club

Monday, Jan. 6, 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!

## Mitten Tree

During the month of December we are collecting hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for children and adults. Please consider helping out by purchasing any of these items and hanging them on our mitten tree. All items collected will be donated to local food pantries for distribution to their patrons. Thanks for your generosity!

## 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!

## Holiday Hours

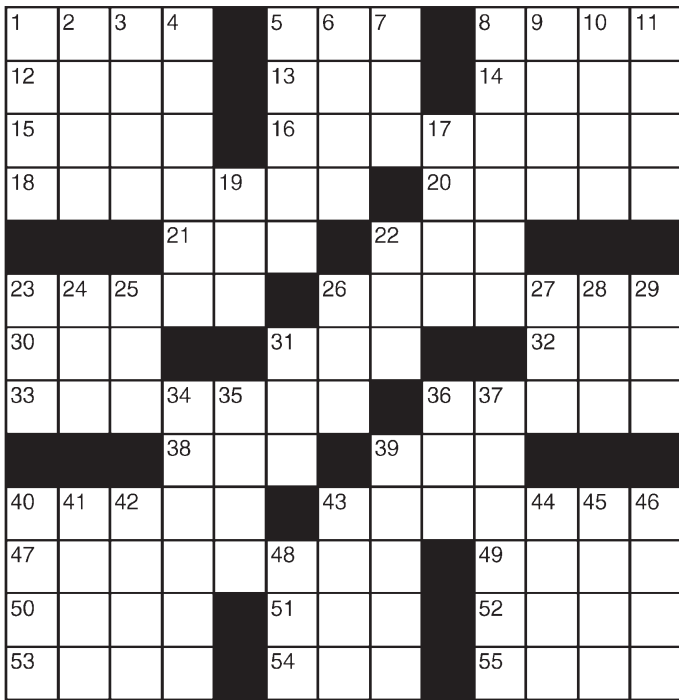
Bertolet Memorial Library will close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31st for New Year's Eve and remain closed Jan. 1. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

**TRADEMARKS  
FREQUENTLY USED  
AS GENERIC TERMS**

### MAGIC MAZE



**ACROSS**

- 1 Big fish story?
- 5 Chart
- 8 Chow —
- 12 Reverberate
- 13 Commotion
- 14 Loosen
- 15 Sense
- 16 Result of canonization
- 18 Liberty
- 20 Supermarket section
- 21 Fellow
- 22 Former M&Ms color
- 23 O. Henry's specialty
- 26 Realm
- 30 Distant
- 31 Compete
- 32 Rage
- 33 Hollywood hope
- 36 140-character message
- 38 Conger, e.g.
- 39 Prohibit
- 40 Islamic decree
- 43 Ennui
- 47 Haphazardly
- 49 Church section
- 50 Active one
- 51 Gist
- 52 Family
- 53 Raced
- 54 Noshed
- 55 Maintained

**DOWN**

- 1 Comic
- 2 Computer brand
- 3 Roller coaster outcry
- 4 Grave
- 5 Lawyer played by Burr
- 6 First 21-Across
- 7 Luau dish
- 8 Cutting the volume
- 9 Tackles' teammates
- 10 "American —"
- 11 Alaskan city
- 17 Flatbread of India
- 19 Rotation duration
- 22 Dead heat
- 23 Conditions
- 24 Snitch
- 25 Man-mouse link
- 26 Basinger or Cattrall
- 27 Conk out
- 28 Raw rock
- 29 Bumped into
- 31 Encyc. component
- 34 Finder's fee
- 35 Campus VIP
- 36 Pitch
- 37 Mechanic's tool
- 39 Layered ice cream treat
- 40 Crazes
- 41 On
- 42 Genealogy display
- 43 Match in the ring
- 44 "Over hill, over — ..."
- 45 Ellipse
- 46 Fix
- 48 "CSI" evidence

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 B T Y W O U S Q O I M K I F D  
 B Z O R X W U A Z F F S S Q O  
 E N O P T L J Z C R H R T F D  
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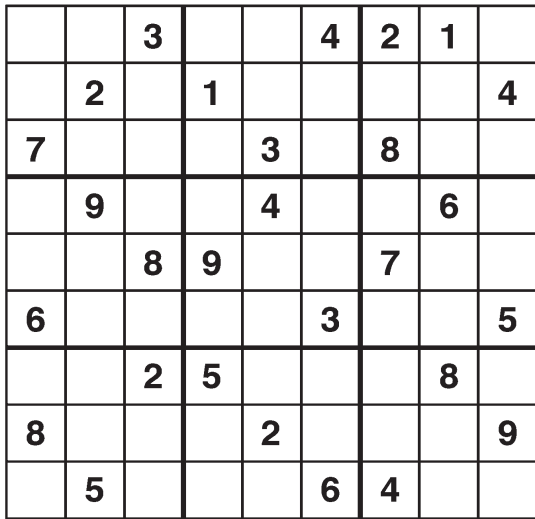
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- AstroTurf
- Band-Aid
- Clorox
- Coke
- Crock-Pot
- Formica
- Freon
- Frisbee
- Jacuzzi
- Jeep
- Learjet
- Photoshop
- Popsicle
- Q-tips
- Stetson

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

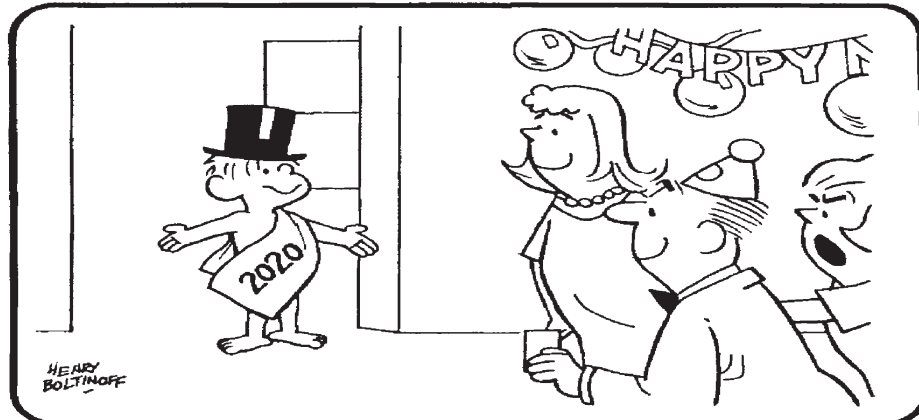
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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

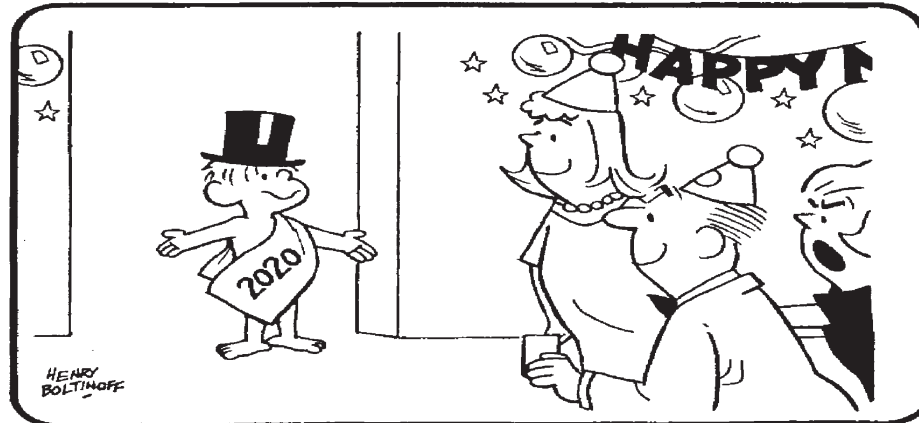
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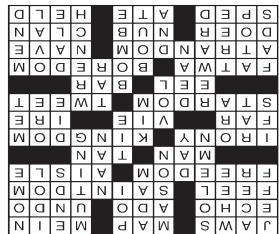
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

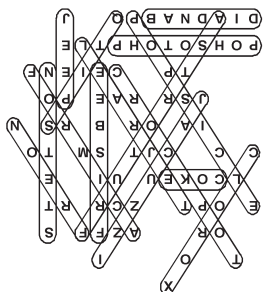


Differences: 1. Woman's shirt is black. 2. Stars added to wall on right. 3. Woman is wearing hat. 4. Letters are black. 5. Window is missing. 6. Decorations added to wall on left.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers  
King Crossword



TRADEMARKS FREQUENTLY  
USED AS GENERIC TERMS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIZ TIPVME ZPV QVU B KBOVBSZ

DBMFOEBS JO B SFGSJHFSBUPS?

UP TUBSU UIF ZFBS PGG JO

B DPPM XBZ.

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# Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

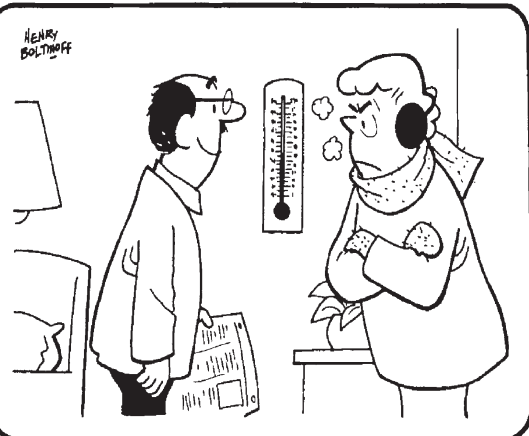
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                      |               |                     |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Edit              | ___ _ _ _ S _ | Bring back to life  | ___ _ _ _ V _ |
| 2. Deluge            | ___ _ _ _ D   | Elevator stop       | ___ _ _ _ R   |
| 3. Tiny tabby        | K ___ _ _ _   | Fingerless glove    | M ___ _ _ _   |
| 4. Detect an aroma   | ___ _ E ___   | Diminutive          | ___ _ A ___   |
| 5. Monkey with       | T ___ _ _ _   | Popup trailer, e.g. | C ___ _ _ _   |
| 6. Compassion        | ___ _ C _     | Cheerful            | ___ _ R _     |
| 7. Breakfast meat    | ___ _ C ___   | Twirler's wand      | ___ _ T ___   |
| 8. Trickery          | ___ _ _ I _   | Well-mannered       | ___ _ _ N _   |
| 9. Betty or Vanna    | ___ _ T _     | Whimper             | ___ _ N _     |
| 10. Trophy or ribbon | ___ _ _ D     | Is alert to         | ___ _ _ E     |

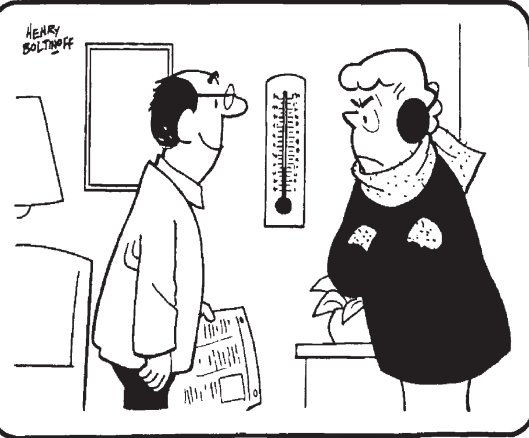
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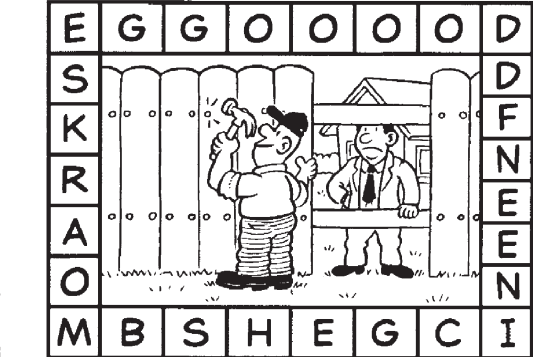
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blouse is black. 2. Breath "puffs" are gone. 3. Picture has been added. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Temperature is lower. 6. Moustache is gone.

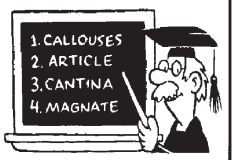


**NOT NECESSARILY SO!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the first "G" in the top rail, "G" in the top rail, "Good fences make good neighbors."

**A "POP" QUIZ!** Students, you have one minute to find out why these four words are like bad computer programs. The clock is running.

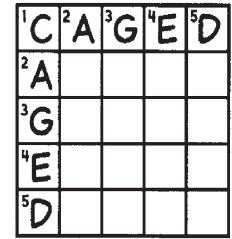
Answer: They're like bad computer programs because they all contain "BUGS." 1. Louse. 2. Tic. 3. Ant. 4. Gnat.



Illustrated by David Coulson

**DON'T GET "WILD" TRYING TO SOLVE THIS ONE!** At right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

- To be confined (in place).
- A dwelling place.
- To stuff with food.
- A finished lawn.
- Sealed documents.

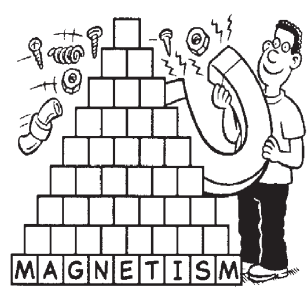


Answers: 1. Caged. 2. Abode. 3. Gorge. 4. Edged. 5. Deeds.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

## THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!



Starting with **MAGNETISM**, the given word at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **MAGNETISM**.

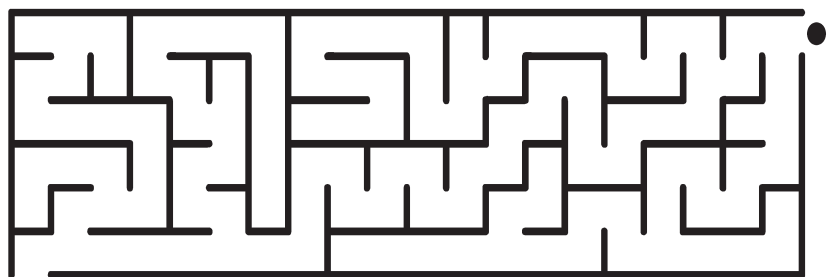
- The power to attract (given).
- To become very angry.
- The act of making fun of.
- Found in fairy tales.
- Small, biting insects.
- A pull or tear in fabric.
- The Tower of Pisa, for example.
- To the same extent or degree.
- Highest quality.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Magnetism, steaming, teasing, giants, gnats, snag, sag, as, a.



Kids' Maze Solution

## Kids' Maze



- Even Exchange** ANSWERS
- Revise, Revive
  - Flood, Floor
  - Kitten, Mitten
  - Smell, Small
  - Tamper, Camper
  - Mercy, Merry
  - Bacon, Baton
  - Decit, Decent
  - White, Whine
  - Award, Aware

# Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Will, in the Bible
  - 6 Sang like a bird
  - 13 Modify
  - 19 Pages, e.g.
  - 20 Stone Age tool
  - 21 Simple shack
  - 22 "Well ... hop to it!"
  - 25 Pa's ma
  - 26 Mega-years
  - 27 Big record label, once
  - 28 Angers
  - 30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation
  - 38 Singer DiFranco
  - 39 Skeletal bit
  - 40 Told fibs
  - 41 Fancy resort
  - 42 "Very sorry to hear that"
  - 49 Skidded
  - 51 Penn of film
  - 52 Compass pt.
  - 53 Divested (of)
  - 55 Intl. cultural gp.
  - 59 Like lambs
  - 61 Voicing a question of curiosity
  - 66 Bush barb
  - 68 Misery
  - 69 Battery size
  - 70 Suffix with convert
  - 71 Army sites
  - 73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor
  - 77 Wicked acts
  - 78 Regarding
  - 79 Downed
  - 80 Charged bit
  - 81 — Lauder
  - 83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen
  - 88 Steeds
  - 91 Set of seven
  - 92 That dude's
  - 93 Ad about DUI, maybe
  - 95 Just makes, with "out"
  - 96 Prune a bit
  - 98 Be published
  - 103 — Moines
  - 106 "Back in Black" band
  - 108 Actress Poehler
  - 109 Many a charity gp.
  - 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across
  - 118 Viral GIF, e.g.
  - 119 Sci-fi saucer
  - 120 — Party
  - 121 Cookie giant
  - 123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The"
  - 131 Director May
  - 132 Shady giant
  - 133 Island ring
  - 134 Expunge
  - 135 More diluted
  - 136 Body of art?
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Like cut wood
  - 2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals
  - 3 "A Bell for —"
  - 4 Unleash on
  - 5 Airport org. flagging bags
  - 6 Parody-filled newspaper
  - 7 Gretzky of hockey
  - 8 Brian of rock
  - 9 School URL ender
  - 10 "... — a puddy tat!"
  - 11 Orals, e.g.
  - 12 Clear, as a windshield
  - 13 Boxing great
  - 14 Bear's home
  - 15 Bender
  - 16 Not suited
  - 17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut
  - 18 Shredded
  - 23 Blitzen, e.g.
  - 24 6'6", say
  - 29 Brine source
  - 31 Solo in films
  - 32 Mine find
  - 33 Game aim
  - 34 It aired "ER"
  - 35 Hi- — (stereos)
  - 36 Caviar fish
  - 37 Suburb of Minneapolis
  - 42 "Umami" taste source
  - 43 "— -haw!"
  - 44 Simply must keep going
  - 45 At variance
  - 46 Dr. Kildare player Ayres
  - 47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."
  - 48 "Fine fellow"
  - 50 Paperboy, for one
  - 54 Gorilla guru Fossey
  - 56 Actress Leelee
  - 57 Pick out from others
  - 58 Some poems
  - 60 Plural of "el"
  - 62 Be in debt
  - 63 Some votes
  - 64 Zapping ER treatment
  - 65 Silver of statistics
  - 67 Neighbor of Belg.
  - 71 Party
  - 72 Netman Arthur
  - 74 "Uh-huh"
  - 75 Caviar base
  - 76 Inseparable
  - 77 DDE's WWII sphere
  - 79 Chocoholic, e.g.
  - 82 Chinese port
  - 84 Oahu patio
  - 85 Road, in Italy
  - 86 Seer's "gift"
  - 87 "Fresh Air" network
  - 89 Dusk, to a bard
  - 90 Old Brit. Airways jet
  - 94 More heartfelt
  - 97 PC file that's shareable
  - 99 Fathers
  - 100 First-aid pro
  - 101 Writer Rand
  - 102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)
  - 103 Block up
  - 104 Made level
  - 105 "Good as gold," e.g.
  - 107 Mötley —
  - 111 "Love Story" author Erich
  - 112 "He's a man — words"
  - 113 Dinero
  - 114 "With this ring — wed"
  - 115 Keno's kin
  - 116 Knight's mail
  - 117 Some pups
  - 122 Norway port
  - 124 Make haste
  - 125 Blast stuff
  - 126 Flying stinger
  - 127 Apartment divs.
  - 128 Archaic verb ending
  - 129 Dernier —
  - 130 Used a pew

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# Soap Opera Update

By Dana Jackson

## THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Carter questioned Zoe about her relationship with Thomas. Meanwhile, Thomas informed his sister that he was no longer fixated on Hope. Steffy let Brooke in on her and Liam's plan to use Zoe to find out the truth about Thomas. Liam urged Brooke that they must be patient. Thomas told Hope he intended to prove to her that he was a changed man. Hope and Thomas then shared an important moment with Douglas. Sally confided to Steffy that she couldn't lose the fashion showdown to Thomas and Hope. Thomas made an inappropriate gesture. Brooke didn't believe that Zoe and Steffy could outwit Thomas. A calculating Thomas set a romantic scene for Zoe, and the two made love. Wait to See: Brooke and Ridge face the end of their relationship.

## DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Kayla and Justin planned a romantic Christmas together. Rafe questioned why "Hope" and Kate were fighting. JJ came clean to his par-

ents about his addiction. Julie worried that no one was going to come to the Horton family tree-trimming. Eve and Hattie both received an early Christmas gift. Xander had a holiday surprise for Sarah. "Stefano" secretly joined the Christmas party at the hospital. Hattie asked Roman for a favor. Marlena helped Ciara visit Ben without Victor's knowledge. Kate was upset to see Sonny with Evan. John got an unpleasant surprise at home. Kayla followed "Stefano" and confronted him. Marlena found a mysterious gift in her purse. Hattie was caught off-guard when she found "Steve" in Kate's room. Lani and Kristen returned to Salem. Wait to See: Kristen is enraged by Brady and Nicole's kiss.

## GENERAL HOSPITAL

The residents of Port Charles were reminded of the true meaning of the holiday season in this year's Dickensian twist. Joss was quite perplexed. Danny visited Santa. Nelle was quite insistent. Monica was overjoyed. Jason questioned Sonny's motives. Carly met with Jax. Jordan was hopeful. Nina was put on notice. Curtis called a meeting with Laura. Jax headed

to Wyndemere. Wait to See: Sasha comes to Valentin's defense.

## THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

At Crimson Lights, Faith surprised Sharon by arriving home earlier than expected. Summer welcomed Faith back with a hug and asked a ton of questions about boarding school and boys. In the back of her mind, Sharon worried that Connor would need her help soon. At Society, Chance let Adam know that he was staying in Genoa City, but Adam just wanted to forget about their days in Vegas. Phyllis warned Chance that Adam would stab him in the back. Chelsea believed that Adam had an ulterior motive in wanting to take Connor to visit his mother's old farm. Adam then admitted he still loved her, but she reminded him that her heart belonged to Nick now. Billy urged Victoria to go to Telluride without him, but she feared leaving him alone on Christmas Eve. Wait to See: Victor and Nikki celebrate the New Year in style.

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Mary Beth Evans stars as "Kayla" on "Days of Our Lives." Photo credit: Chris Haston/NBC

# Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

## Taking a Breather in 2020

I think we can agree that 2019 was a long, tough year. We all know why. Is it time to tune out?

Here are some thoughts on how to have a better 2020:

\* Turn off the TV now and then, especially those news shows. We've been around long enough to have figured out the

political stuff years ago. We don't need to continually have it thrown at us.

\* If we do want to watch TV, we can flip to PBS, or maybe the History channel or Discovery. For those of us with Netflix or Amazon Prime, there are plenty of shows, more than we could ever watch. Check out travel videos: wine country in France, narrowboats on the canals in Britain or the scenery in Iceland.

\* Consider loading up on jigsaw puzzles and inviting a few friends over. New

puzzles can be expensive, but Goodwill has them for \$3. Put on tea or coffee, turn on some quiet music in the background and talk about anything but politics while you put puzzles together.

\* Vow to have better nutrition in 2020. It doesn't have to be a huge overhaul of your diet, maybe just a few small steps. An extra piece of fruit each day, brown rice instead of white ... it can all add up to better health.

\* Winter won't last forever. Eventually spring will arrive and thoughts of plant-

ing. Begin now to consider what you might grow: a few pots of flowers outside the door, vegetables in a community space. Make plans.

\* We need to do something for others for our own peace of mind. Consider signing up for an afternoon each week at the food bank, or walk a small dog at the shelter once the weather warms up.

Just turn off the TV.

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# To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

## Eating Peanut Butter Cured Her Insomnia

DEAR DR. ROACH: Several years ago, I attended a presentation about insomnia. A registered nurse discussed how, in her career as a nursing home nurse, she had many residents with insomnia. She stated that she had amazing success with these residents. The snack they gave them was crackers and cheese or peanut butter crackers. I was skeptical at first, then one night at 2 a.m., on my fourth night of insomnia, I tried eating 2 teaspoons of peanut butter. Bingo! I slept. Whenever my insomnia occurs, I eat 2 teaspoons of peanut butter, and in less than 15 minutes I'm sleeping. I use a nothing-fancy store brand of peanut butter. Please pass this information on to other readers with an explanation. -- B.J.T.

ANSWER: I appreciate your writing to give another option for this common problem. One reason that some people think this may work is that the protein content in peanut butter is a source of tryptophan, which increases serotonin levels to help one relax. I also have read

that this effect is so small as to be clinically meaningless, and that any sleep effect is due to placebo. I suspect the truth is a combination.

Two tablespoons of peanut butter is almost 200 calories, so this is not a good choice for someone struggling with too much weight. I'm also not one for "fancy," but be sure to choose a peanut butter with no trans fats and no added sugars.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently recovered from sigmoid colectomy surgery, and I would hate to repeat this, given that I am 75 years old. What are the possibilities of recurrence of diverticulitis for which the surgery was performed? It's nothing I'd care to undergo again if it can be avoided! -- C.K.

ANSWER: Surgery for diverticulitis is generally reserved for people with multiple recurrences. The sigmoid colon tends to be the portion of the colon with the most diverticula (small pouches in the wall of the colon that may get inflamed or bleed). Surgery usually is curative, with only 15% of people developing new diverticula and only 2% to 11% needing further surgery.

It's not proven, but most authorities

believe that reducing pressure in the colon with a high-fiber diet reduces risk of developing diverticula, either recurrent after surgery or in the first place.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have heard of people whose hair turned white overnight due to some traumatic event. Is there any truth to that? -- H.M.

ANSWER: The sudden change of hair color is called canities subita. There was a review of literature published in 2013 with 44 well-documented cases of sudden color change, 21 of which were associated with an episode of emotional stress. However, while true, rapid, color change is certainly documented, it is exceedingly rare. What probably is more common is the sudden loss of pigmented hair in someone who already has some gray hair. Sudden loss of pigmented hair, in a condition called alopecia areata diffusa, can lead to an apparent color change. Hair lost during chemotherapy or radiation sometimes can come back with a different color or texture.

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** Is the TV show “You” returning for a second season? I got hooked on the first one and was happy that Netflix saved it after it was canceled by one of the networks. -- P.D.

**A:** “You,” starring Penn Badgley (“Gossip Girl”) as a young man who manages a bookstore in New York and becomes obsessed with a beautiful blond woman, originally aired on the Lifetime network, where it had lackluster ratings. However, it became a huge success when the first season aired on Netflix, prompting the streaming service to order a second. If you haven’t noticed by now, the new episodes became available to stream Dec. 26 with Badgley’s character setting his sights on another female victim, a chef in Los Angeles played by Victoria Pedretti (“The Haunting of Hill House”).

“You” is based on the bestselling book by Caroline Kepnes. The literary sequel is titled “Hidden Bodies” and serves as the basis for season two of “You.”

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**Q:** I really liked Gabrielle Union and Julianne Hough as judges on “America’s Got Talent” and was disappointed they were let go. Who will the judges be next season, and are they the only two being replaced? -- N.N.

**A:** NBC’s “America’s Got Talent” has rotated its judges’ panel fairly regularly over the years, but usually not after just one season. Simon Cowell and Howie Mandel remain the staples and will likely be back next season, but there are vacancies in Union and Hough’s chairs.

A special installment of the show begins airing

Monday, Jan. 6. It’s the second time they’ve done “America’s Got Talent: The Champions,” and Heidi Klum will join Cowell and Mandel at the table, along with Alesha Dixon, but no Mel B.

As for the future of the “AGT,” the network reportedly has approached “Modern Family’s” Sofia Vergara. If this comes to fruition, I’d like to nominate her co-star Eric Stonestreet to be a judge in the form of his character Cameron.

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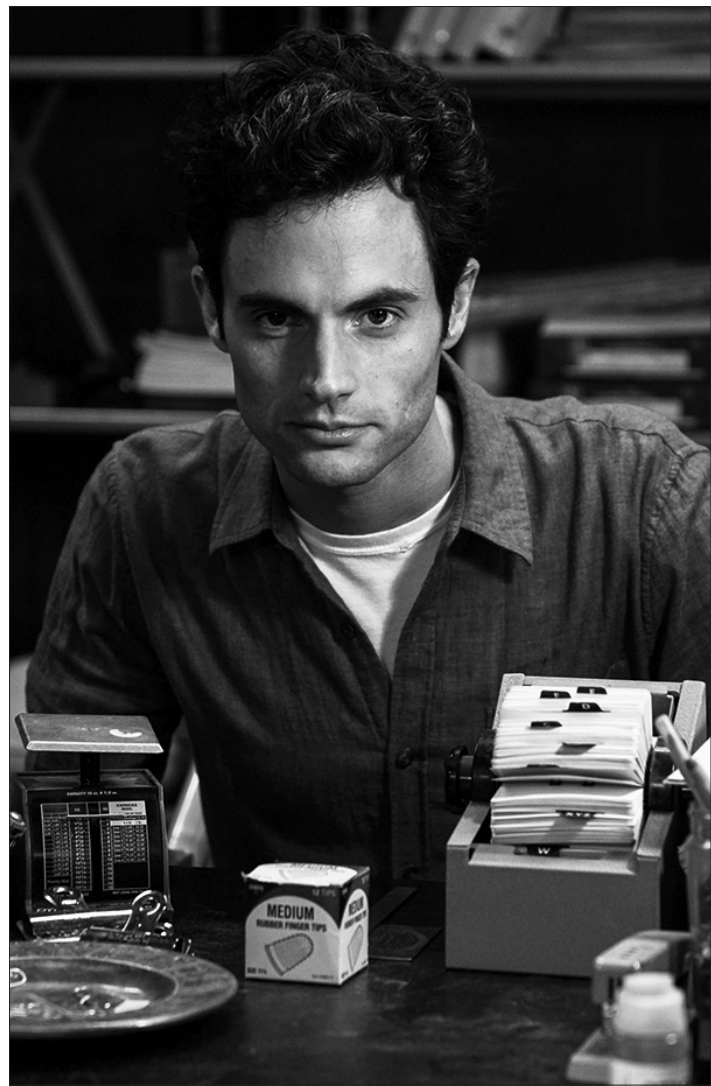
**Q:** Do you know if “Midnight Caller” or “Paper Chase” will ever be shown on cable TV oldies stations, like Cozi, MeTV, etc.? -- K.H.

**A:** For those who don’t remember, “Midnight Caller” was a drama that ran from 1988 to 1991, starring Gary Cole as an ex-cop who hosts a radio talk show in San Francisco. It co-starred Wendy Kilbourne (“North & South” miniseries) and Mykelti Williamson (“Forrest Gump”). Cole, as you probably know, has gone on to have a thriving acting career in movies like “Office Space” and TV shows like “The Good Fight.”

“The Paper Chase” is considered a classic, having run from 1978 to 1986, and it starred John Houseman as a strict law school professor. Fortunately, unlike “Midnight Caller,” “The Paper Chase” is available for purchase on DVD. If I were you, I would write both networks ([www.cozitiv.com/contact](http://www.cozitiv.com/contact) and [www.metv.com/contact/shows/](http://www.metv.com/contact/shows/)) to suggest these series be added to their channel lineups. Good luck!

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

that can be difficult to navigate.

“Judy” (PG-13) -- Judy Garland comes alive in director Rupert Goold’s biopic starring Renée Zellweger in the title role. It picks up later in the iconic singer’s life, circa 1968, when Garland must take a gig in London, where her star power has not begun to dim, in order to right her rocky finances. This just as she’s attempting to hold on to custody of her children. It also follows her romance with Mickey Deans (Finn Whitrock), who would go on to be her fifth husband, as well as flashbacks to her studio days as a child star. The standout performance is Zellweger, who plays Garland masterfully -- perhaps too masterfully, as it’s Zellweger you see, rather than any revelations into Garland.

“The Kill Team” (R) -- Specialist Andrew Brigmann (Nat Wolff) is an earnest young American soldier stationed in Afghanistan at the start of the U.S. conflict. Assigned to a tough unit with a charismatic but cruel leader -- Sergeant Deeks, played by Alexander Skarsgaard -- Brigmann witnesses other team members killing Afghani civilians and other atrocities. As he contemplates blowing the whistle on these violent crimes, it quickly becomes clear that his loyalty is questioned, and his fellow soldiers and sergeant are closing in for the kill. Wolff does a tremendous job of expressing the conflicting forces he’s under. Based on real-life events.

“The Gallows: Act II” (R) -- In this supernatural horror from Blumhouse studios, Auna Rue (Ema Horvath), a not-so-successful vlogger, finds a copy of a cursed play in her high school library, from which she performs a monologue with much aplomb. Then she’s approached by an anonymous online fan who directs her to the “Charlie Challenge” -- “Charlie” being a cast member who was hanged during the original production with a “challenge” to record yourself performing a passage and document any paranormal activity.



While the challenge amps up her followers, she also finds she’s being “followed” by a malevolent Hangman from the beyond. This is a sequel to the 2015 film. It

wasn’t any better.

NEW TV RELEASES  
“Giant Robo” The Complete Series

“Medabots” Season 1  
“WWE: Survivor Series 2019”  
“Frontline: Zero Tolerance”  
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# Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- There's a new addiction to add to your list ... it's The Hallmark Channel. They've been playing their Christmas movies since last Christmas, amassing a list of 136 holiday films (40 filmed in 2019). The Hallmark Channel was acquired by Crown Media in 2001, and their first Christmas movie was "Meet the Santas" (2005), with Steve Guttenberg and Mariette Hartley. In 2006 they produced the original film "The Christmas Card," with Ed Asner and Lois Nettleton. In 2017 they beat all four major networks in one night with "The Christmas Train," starring Joan Cusack, Dermot Mulroney and Danny Glover.

The Hallmark Hall of Fame produced classic movies for television that won 81 Emmys out of hundreds of nominations. They're using the same actors and actresses and supporting players over and over again, like the old studios system did. Upcoming in 2020 they have "Winter in Vail," with Lacey Chabert and Tyler Hynes; "Alice in Winterland," with Chad Michael Murray; "A Beautiful Place to Die: A Martha's Vineyard Mystery," with Jesse Metcalfe; "Hearts of Winter," with Jill Wagner and Victor Webster; "Love on Iceland," with Kailin Doubleday and Colin Donnell; and "Crossword Mysteries: Ab-racadaver," with Lacey Chabert and Brennan Elliott. They have 23 more new films in development.

Their films have a basic formula. It's usually about an ambitious rising female executive who has lost her Christmas spirit or hasn't been home for a visit to her small town, where she meets a widower with a child. One hour and 15 minutes later they almost kiss, but are interrupted by a ringing phone or a person. One and a half hours in, a conflict occurs when one sees the other with their old flame, gets the wrong idea and bolts. Miraculously, in the final six minutes everything is resolved, they kiss, and we fade out.

The majority of the films are shot in Canada, but there are other locations. "Moonlight in Vermont" was shot in Chester, Vermont (population 3,000); "Christmas in Homestead" in Dahlonega, Georgia (population 6,437); "A Christmas Wish" in Mapleton, Utah; "Christmas Land" and "Pioneer Village" in the Lagoon Amusement Park, Farmington, Utah; and "Christmas Cookies," in Squamish, British Columbia. These are real places you can visit, as is the set of "When Calls the Heart," which was erected in 2013 in Langely, near Vancouver. The series has been renewed for a seventh season, and they offer a town tour (one hour for \$20) or a private tour (two hours for \$35).

I thought it was just me, but friends have confirmed that they, too, found it hard to turn off the TV while these film were aired all night long during the Christmas season.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What were the names of the villainous agents in "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle"?
2. MUSIC: Which rock group produced the album "Shout at the Devil" in the 1980s?
3. LAW: What was the subject of the landmark legal case titled Furman v. Georgia?
4. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for dyspepsia?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a lepidopterist study?
6. LITERATURE: How many ghosts appear in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"?
7. LANDMARKS: What lies around the feet of the Statue of Liberty?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada's Northwest Territories?
9. MOVIES: What was "Flipper" in the 1996 movie?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was Richard Nixon's middle name?

## Answers

1. Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale
2. Motley Crue
3. Capital punishment
4. Indigestion
5. Butterflies and moths
6. Four
7. Broken chains, symbolizing liberation
8. Yellowknife
9. A dolphin
10. Milhous

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Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, IL-

FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, There has been prepared in final form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Leaf River Fire Protection District of Ogle County, Illinois for Corporate, Ambulance and Insurance purposes for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2020, which has been available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to its final action there on and;
WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AS TO SUCH a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on October 24, 2019 at 8P.M. and a public inspection of said meeting was published in the Ogle County Life regularly published within the said district, and all legal requirements have been set and compiled with;

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LEAF RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:
PRESIDENT-
SECRETARY-DAWN PLOCK
TREASURER-SANDRA SIMMS
No. 1231 (Dec. 30)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY JOHN HOUGH, Deceased. )
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE death of Timothy John Hough of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 6, 2019 to Gerry Hough of Mt. Morris, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC. at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both,

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CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both,

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: BERNICE A. HAGEMANN, Deceased. )
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of BERNICE A. HAGEMANN. Letters of Office were issued on October 31, 2019, to Craig Hagemann, William Hagemann and Cindy Timm, as executors, whose attorney of record is David J. Brown, 318 N. First St., Rockford, IL 61107. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106. 5th St., Suite 300, Oregon IL 61061 or with the representative, or both, on or before June 27, 2020, (that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first pub-

lication) or, within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED: 12/17/19 Craig Hagemann, William Hagemann, and Cindy Timm, Executors Estate of Bernice A. Hagemann, deceased David J. Brown Attorney at Law 318 N. 1st Street Rockford, IL 61107 815-968-4474 #6185050 E-MAIL: Djbrownlaw@aol.com No. 1226 (Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

"The annual Ogle County Township Assessors Meeting will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 1:00 pm at 105 South St, Oregon, IL (Old Courthouse in Oregon). The meeting will likely be held in the 3rd floor conference room. The meeting is held pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/9-15 which states, in part, that the supervisor of assessments shall "... assemble all assessors and their deputies for consultation and shall instruct them in uniformity of their functions." No action will be taken. The meeting is open to the public. Truly, Ronald A. Kane, Supervisor of Assessments" No. 1227 (Dec. 29, 30)

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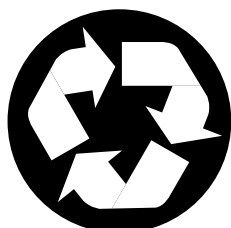
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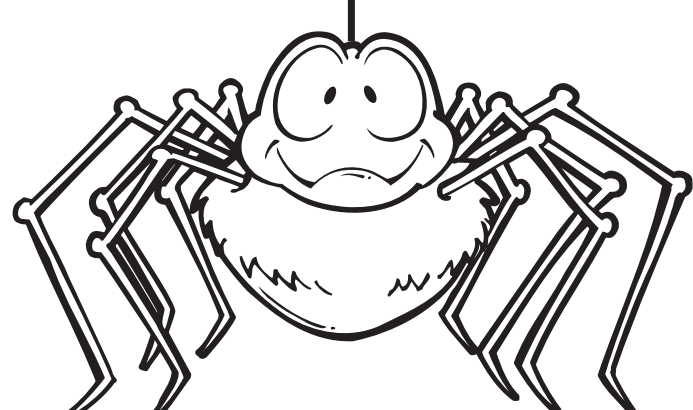
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