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The cold, wet weather didn't keep everyone away from the 33rd Annual Candlelight Walk in Oregon on Saturday, Nov. 30. There was food, shopping, a 50/50 raffle, horse drawn wagon rides and more for families to enjoy. For more photos, please see Page A2. (Brad Jennings photos)



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First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll promotes Robin Wilhelms

SHANNON – The Board of Directors of First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll, announced the promotion of Robin Wilhelms Saar to President and Chairman of the Board of First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll.

As the third generation of the Wilhelms family, Saar looks forward to continuing the long-standing family tradition of community banking. Robin is succeeding her father the late Omar Wilhelms, and grandfather CT Wilhelms.

“Banking has been an integral part of our family for many years and I will continue to advance our bank into the future built on our solid customer relationships and incredible team.”

Saar holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Purdue University and a graduate of Sheshunoff Graduate School of Banking, Louisiana State University, with a Masters of Banking. She has more than 22 years of banking experience, most recently served as Executive Vice President and Board Director at First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll and Senior Wealth Advisor at FSB Wealth Group. In addition to her new role as President, she will continue to serve



her FSB Wealth Group clients.

Saar has a strong, long-standing commitment to the area communities, currently serving as President of Timber Lake Playhouse Board. She previously served as Finance Committee member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Shannon, and Highland Community College Foundation Board.

Church offering gift wrapping Dec. 21

OREGON – St. Paul Lutheran, 114 S. 3rd Street in Oregon, will sponsor its second free Christmas gift wrapping on Dec. 21 from 9 a.m.-noon.

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enjoy free refreshments while you wait. This is our way of helping people during the busy holiday season.

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Candlelight Walk



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Students to pitch businesses plans

OREGON – Ever wondered what it would be like to start your own business?

Oregon High School juniors in the Social Entrepreneurship program are doing just that – and the community is invited to come hear their ideas. On Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 7-9 p.m., 12 student enterprises will pitch their business plans and prototypes in an interactive Open House at the Conover Square Community Workspace on

Franklin Street.

As a part of the course, each business idea must be based in solving a social or environmental problem. Whether you are a business owner, a community member, or if you've ever wanted to start a business of your own, it's a great opportunity to be inspired by local innovation and initiative.

Students will be seeking feedback on their ideas as well as small-dollar invest-

ments to fund their second-semester startups.

Last year, Social Entrepreneurship startups ranged from power-sports, to apparel, to handcrafted wood work, and two student teams took home 1st and 2nd place prizes at the NIU Pitch With A Cause competition in April. This year, you can expect to see a wide variety of ideas and prototypes, and you may even see the next great startup.

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Obituaries

Marian L. Carpenter

MOUNT MORRIS – Marian L. Carpenter, age 87, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 at the Pinecrest Manor in Mount Morris. She was born Nov. 19, 1932 in Sterling, the daughter of Cloyd E. and Marvel (Kramer) Kendell, Sr.

She graduated from Sterling High School in 1950 and then attended 1 year of Beautician School. Marian worked for 30 years as a beautician from her home in Dixon and also at Bernice Zimmerman's Beauty Shop in Sterling. She also worked for 10 years at Quebecor in Mount Morris and 15 years at the Oregon Health Care Center as a CNA. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon where she sang in the choir. She also sang with the Sweet Adeline's group.

Marian married Terry Carpenter on Sept. 28, 1985 in Grand Detour. He preceded her in 2002.

She was also predeceased by her parents and son Gary



Brenda Camling, 11 great Grandchildren; Dustin, Jessica, Brook, Ashley, Sarah, Tyler, Amanda, Leonardo, Vincent, Avianna, and Roman, sister Barb Travis, 3 brothers; Gordon (Aimee) Kendell, Allen (Colombia) Kendell, and Irvin (Sharon) Kendell, step daughter Carol (Jeff) Dees, step son Mark (Barb) Carpenter, 4 step granddaughters; Jaycie, Halie, Savannah, and Shelby.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, with the Rev. Rodney R. Caldwell Chaplin of the Pinecrest Manor officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Egan Cemetery. A memorial fund is established for the Pinecrest Manor or the Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a memory or a condolence.

She is survived by her son Jeff Camling of South Dakota, 4 Grandchildren; Amy (Brent) Wolber, Nathan (Joni) Camling, Dane Camling, Kristyn (Anthony) Camling-DiFulvio, 2 daughter-in-laws Lynnel and

Camling and siblings; Grace Handel, Murrell Kendell, Melvin Kendell, Anita Jean Gallagher, Roy Kendell, Kenneth Kendell, Wayne Kendell, Darlene Kendell, Robert Kendell, Roberta Doss, Vernon Kendell, Cloyd Kendell, Jr., and Don Kendell.

Theodore Arbogast

MOUNT MORRIS – Theodore A. "Ted" Arbogast, age 82, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 at Pinecrest Manor in Mount Morris. He was born July 16, 1937 in Oregon, the son of Harold and Edna (Carr) Arbogast.

Ted attended Oregon schools. He loved to socialize with his friends at the McDonald's restaurant. He also loved to play the slots.

Ted was predeceased by his parents, 3 brothers; Duane Arbogast, Delos Arbogast, Harold Arbogast, Jr., and his sister Rogene



Williams.

He is survived by his 2 children; David Arbogast of Roscoe, and Debbie Reed of Rockford, 2 brothers;

Ronnie Arbogast, and Sherwood (Joyce) Arbogast, 2 sister-in-laws; Joan and Gail Arbogast, 2 grandchildren; Samantha Arbogast and P.J. Gabucci, 2 great grandchildren, and his former wife Betty.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held at the Riverview Cemetery near Oregon in the spring. A memorial fund is established in his name. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a memory or condolence.

Kevin Joe McKee

OREGON – Kevin Joe McKee, 52, of Oregon, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 in his home following a courageous battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. Born Sept. 24, 1967 in Linton, Ind., the son of Michael and Virginia (Liston) McKee.

Married to Lora Stevens April 18, 2009 in St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon. Kevin was a 1985 graduate of Central High School in Switz City, Ind., received his Associates Degree from Vincennes University, his Bachelors in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue University and his Masters in Plant Pathology from the University of Illinois. He was employed for 23

years by Monsanto and most recently by CHS in Elburn. Kevin was a board member of Illinois State Certified Crop Advisors and a Certified Crop Agronomist. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon, Knights of Columbus Council 1092 and an honorary 4th Degree Knight.

Survived by his wife, Lora McKee of Oregon; father, Michael (Pam) McKee of Switz City, Ind.; daughters, Kristin (Eric) Mirro of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Kennideigh McKee of Stonington, Ill.; brother, Kristopher (Brandee) McKee of Linton, Ind.; father-in-law, Don Stevens of Oregon; sister-in-law, Anne Stevens

of Oregon; and many special friends and caregivers.

Predeceased by his mother, paternal and maternal grandparents and mother-in-law, Marge Payne Stevens.

Christian Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon with Rev. Joseph Naill as celebrant. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Oregon. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Kevin's name may be made to Greater Chicago ALS Association, Oregon School Foundation or St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon.

John W. Kusnierz

MONROE CENTER – John W. Kusnierz, age 37, went to be with his Lord and Savior while surrounded by his family on Monday, Nov. 25, 2019. John was born Nov. 11, 1982 in Elizabethtown, Ky., and moved to this area while in grade school.

John Married the love of his life and soulmate, Lindsey Joane Lichty on May 19, 2007 and they made their home near Monroe Center, a community that he grew to love very quickly. John and Lindsey have three children, Maddie, Aubrey and Jack.

John attended Byron High School and then went on to study at Carthage College and later University of Chicago where he majored in biology. John was employed as a Heavy Equipment operator at the Winnebago Landfill, where he held a job that he was proud of with a group of co-workers that he truly loved.

John loved to travel to cities where he would take his family to aquariums, zoos, and museums. John loved any activities that took him outdoors, particularly riding his ATV, shooting, and strength training. John



saw everyone and everything that he encountered in life as a blessing, and another adventure. John loved everyone.

John set an example of the most positive attitude, faith and courage as he fought a 6-year battle with brain cancer. He never stopped encouraging everyone around him to approach this as another one of life's adventures, which he was always up for.

John's family would like to especially thank family, friends and neighbors, The Monroe Center Community Church, Serenity Hospice, and John's employer, Waste Connections and the crew at the Winnebago Landfill.

Survived by his beloved wife, Lindsey; children,

Madeline, Aubrey, Jack; parents, Bill and Lorrie Kusnierz; brother, Chris (Anna) Kusnierz; mothers and fathers-in-law, Joane (John) Knoll and John (Pam) Lichty; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ashley (Andy) Phillips, Jessica (Christopher) Lalowski, Sarah (Troy) Keip, Jarrod (Katy) Lichty, Sophie Lichty; paternal grandmother, Irene Kusnierz; grandparents-in-law, Joane Schabacker and Harriet Lichty; numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his paternal grandfather and grandfathers-in-law.

Visitation was held Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory Mulford Chapel, 1860 S. Mulford Rd. Funeral Ceremony was Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Monroe Center Community Church, 17435 IL-72, Monroe Center, IL 61052. Burial at Monroe Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for a cause to be determined. Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfuneralhome.com.

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Leonard Leamanczyk

MOUNT MORRIS – Leonard J. "Jack" Leamanczyk passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2019 at the age of 87.

Beloved husband of Donna M. (nee Klann). Proud U.S. Army veteran and member of Bricklayers Union Local # 6. He had many interests, with his favorites

being reading, drinking beer, fishing, liberal politics and the Green Bay Packers.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis., he moved his family to Mount Morris and resided there for over 50 years.

Survived by his children Michael (Julia), Jack (Jeanne), Karen (Lee) and

Scott. Grandchildren: Chad, Brittany, Lauren, Joseph, Melissa, Lindsey and Alana. Great grandchildren: Alexandra, Sean, Isabella and Dylan.

An informal Memorial for Family and Friends will be held on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019 at Breakers in Oregon, from 2-4 p.m.

Obituaries

Nevene Cook Payne Kalen

BYRON—Nevene Marie Cook Payne Kalen, age 90, passed away in Bryon on Dec. 3, 2019. Nevene was born on June 28, 1948 in Morrillton, Ark. She was raised with her brothers Milton, James, and William. Nevene was a devoted wife and mother to three children who were blessed to have her as their mother.



lover of the outdoors and took each and every one of her grandchildren camping on a regular basis.

Nevene married Doyle Payne in 1948 in Russen-ville, Ark. They were happily married until Doyle's passing in 1976. Nevene was remarried to Pete Kalen in Oregon and the two of them shared their lives together until Pete's passing. Nevene worked as a housekeeper for 25 years at the Sweden House hotel in Rockford. She was passionate about many things in her life including her 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Nevene is survived by her children, Rick Payne of Mount Morris, Nita Klein of Freeport, and Sharon Pendergrass of Byron. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Rick Pendergrass, Christina Pendergrass, Jaime (Jeff) Croegaert, Tiffany Tetrault, Noah Tetrault, Malory (Mathew) Houghton, Courtney Klein, and Carly Klein. Great-grandchildren include, Kyle Toepfer, Ricky Pendergrass, Charlie Pendergrass, Brandon Varilek, Taylor Toepfer, Colten Varilek, Kayla Croegaert, Peyton Pendergrass, Jordan Croegaert, Brooklyn Croegaert, and Brady Croegaert.

Some of her favorite things were: reading romance novels, sewing, bingo, and camping. She had a strong love of chocolate and caffeine free Diet Pepsi. You could never leave her home without receiving a gift. Whether it was a magazine, food, jewelry, or her favorite, Mounds Bars. Nevene was passionate about feeding her birds and would invite family and friends over just to sit outside and watch the birds come and go. She spent several hours a week outdoors enjoying her birds. Nevene was a

A Celebration of Nevene's life will be from noon-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at the Moose

Club in Mount Morris Illinois, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris, Illinois. Please send flowers and other memorial contributions to the Moose Club in Mount Morris.

Shawn M. Nielsen

BYRON — Shawn M. Nielsen, age 37, died on Saturday Nov. 30, 2019 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born on Feb. 6, 1982 in Elgin the son of William and Janet (Spradlin) Nielsen.



He was a graduate of Byron High School class of 2000. He married April Denton on Oc. 20, 2017. Shawn was well known in the area for his work owning and operating Nielsen Automotive and Nielsen Towing and Recovery. He is a former Byron firefighter and EMT. He was a member of First Born Reach in Byron. Shawn was a 20 year Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma can-

cer survivor. He enjoyed Nascar races, demolition derbies, and ran a stockcar for Rockford Speedway. He loved bowling in his spare time. Shawn was an avid Donald Trump supporter and a die-hard Elvis Presley fan. Above all else, he was

a family man who loved being a dad.

He is survived by his loving wife April of Byron; mother, Janet Nielsen of Oregon; children, Preston, Seth, Sheldon, Bayleigh, and Landon all of Byron; siblings, Jennifer (Jason Wescott) Jamison of Byron, William (Michelle) Nielsen of Schaumburg, and Shane Nielsen of Oregon; maternal grandfather, John Spradlin of Oregon; brother in laws, Rick Denton and Dale Denton; right hand man and nephew, John (Amber Brown) Jamison; and nieces Amber Jamison, Sydney Nielsen, Grace Nielsen, and Kandice Nielsen; and

numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father and brother in law John Jamison.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, Byron with Pastor Patrick Featherston of First Born Reach officiating. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family or be made to his memorial fund set up at Byron Bank. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellholland-gale.com

Diana O'Brien

ROCKTON — Diana O'Brien, 52, of Rockton, passed away Nov. 24, 2019 with her loving family at her side.



Diana was born March 27, 1967 to Janis and Robert Wilson in Rockford. She spent her adult life as a nurse's aide and phlebotomist serving the Rockford community. She worked at Rockford Memorial, Swedish American and Beloit hospitals. Diana loved spending her time horseback riding, fishing and camping. An ideal day for her would be

a combination of all three. She was a talented artist, and worked with stained glass as her medium of choice.

Diana loved life and was not one to shy away from

an open mic and karaoke nights. She enjoyed festivities and her favorite holiday was always the one coming up next.

Diana adored the children in her life and was a very involved grandmother, aunt and mentor to the children around her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom O'Brien; her mother, Janis Wilson; her children, Mark Voss, Shawna (Brandon) Sedols, Christopher (Jamie) O'Brien, and Jynelle

(Jason) Brock. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kylie Rowlett, Noah Voss, Daphne Sedols, Cole O'Brien and Knox Brock; and her siblings, Tracey Manering, Craig Wilson and Scott Wilson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her father, Robert Wilson.

A memorial gathering for Diana is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Advantage Funeral Home, located at 7000 W. State St., Rockford.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Dec. 2

At approximately 5:50 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15000 block of W. White Oak Rd. for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Joshua C. Marsack, 41, of Fenton, for Obstructing Identification and a valid DuPage Co. Warrant. Marsack was then transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 1

At 10:58 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the report of a car in the ditch on Deer path Road at Razorville Road. Deputies located the vehicle in the 3000 block of North Blackhawk Road in east ditch on its top. The driver, Aaron Harper, 26 of Byron, was checked by ambulance and signed a refusal form. After an investigation, Harper was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Harper was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 30

At 1:17 a.m. following a traffic stop in the 7000 block of North Illinois Rte 2, Deputies arrested Caly Jiles, 37 of Mount Morris, and Jason Armould, 50 of Rockford for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Both subjects were transported to the Ogle County

Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:45 a.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 8000 block of North Barker Road. After further investigation Willem Earlywine, 33 of Davenport, Iowa, was placed under arrest for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Earlywine was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 2:07 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, along with the Polo Fire Department and Polo EMS were dispatched to a single vehicle accident in the 17000 blk of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation it was learned that Cynthia R Farmer, 63 of Savanna had lost control of her vehicle and entered the south side ditch. The vehicle came to rest after striking a tree. Farmer was transported to FHN hospital in Freeport for non life threatening injuries. Farmer also received a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Dyers towing removed the vehicle from the location.

Nov. 29

At approximately 5:49 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7000 block of South Freeport Road. After further investigation, Heather Stoikes of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Stoikes was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held

in lieu of bond.

Nov. 28

At approximately 5:30 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident that occurred in the 4000 block of S Rte 26 in Polo. After an investigation Jordan M. Asbury, 21 of Sterling, IL. was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Asbury was southbound on Rte. 26 and ran into another vehicle that was also southbound. No injuries requiring medical transport were reported by anyone involved in this incident. Asbury was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond. Asbury has a bond of \$3,000/10%. Asbury posted bond and will appear in court on 1/24/19 at 9:00am.

Nov. 27

At 11:38 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of 3rd and Illinois streets in Oregon for a traffic lane violation. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Tonya Carlson, 40, of Oregon for Driving While License Suspended, Driving Under the Influence, Aggravated DUI, along with a citation for improper lane use and improper turn signal. Carlson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Enrique Vasquez, 27 of Rochelle, for Failure to Appear. Vasquez has a bond of \$622 full cash. Vasquez posted bond and has no return court date.

Amber Keener, 35 of Dixon, for Failure to Appear. Keener has a bond of \$3,455 full cash. Keener posted bond and has no return court date.

Jay Moore, 45 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Moore has a bond of \$1,529 full cash. Moore appeared in court on 11/27/19 and was given a recognize bond and will return to court on 12/30/19 at 9 a.m.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested David Strebing for Retail Theft. Strebing was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Strebing had a bond of \$5,000/10 percent. Strebing appeared in court on 11/27/19 and was given a recognize bond. Sterbing has a return court date of 12/09/19 ay 11:15 a.m.

At approximately 9:16 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Mulford and Edson Road. After investigation, Deputies place Bonnie Demaio, 45 of Rockford under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Demaio was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

HEARING NOTICE Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for SCOTT TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for SCOTT TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT for 2019 will be held on Dec. 16 at 6:50 PM at the Scott Township Building.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Scott Township Clerk Tamara Glendenning, at 815-393-4838.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$141,853.16

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$163,326.50 This represents a 9.13% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were ... \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$242,423.82.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$265,257.00. This represents a 9.14% increase over the previous year.

Mount Morris Police report

Nov. 1

Richard A. Fielder, 62, Mount Morris was arrested for criminal damage to property. Fielder was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 15

Kristopher C. Mockovak, 18, homeless was arrested for violation of protection and for domestic battery. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 17

A citation was issued to Rachel A. Burdette, 39, Mount Morris for speeding.

Nov. 19

Joseph H. Kielsmeier, 33, Mount Morris was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Kielsmeier was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 20

A citation was issued to Anabel M. Sinche, 26, Rockford for suspended, revoked drivers license.

Nov. 22

Justin R. Jeter, 18, Mount Morris was arrested for domestic battery. Jeter was transported to the Ogle

County Jail.

A citation was issued to Andrew J. Melvin, 20, Mount Morris for speeding.

Nov. 23

Kelly B. Cryer, 55, Mount Morris was arrested for criminal trespass to land. Cryer was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 27

A village ordinance citation for battery was issued to Brianne K. Khouangsavanh, 41, Mount Morris.

Gavin L.R. Spears, 20, Mount Morris was arrested for disorderly conduct. Spears was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Nov. 30

Richard A. Fielder, 62, Mount Morris was arrested for criminal trespass to residence and for domestic battery. Fielder was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Scott I. Grogan, 62, Mount Morris was arrested for resis./obstruct. a peace officer. Grogan was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Please note:

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

County offers Christmas tree recycling

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will once again partner with units of local government and certain high school Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters to conduct the annual Christmas tree collection and recycling program. Since the program began in 1999, there have been over 15,000 trees collected, with trees averaging around 50 pounds each, that equates to approximately 375 tons of trees which were all turned into usable mulch.

Starting on Dec. 26, the cities and villages that will have drop-off points include:

- Oregon: Park District Maintenance Dept., 507 Hill St.
- Byron: Byronboat 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.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, local FFA chapters will provide curbside pick-up for trees. Remove all decorations, lights, plastic bags, and place your tree at your curb by 8 a.m. This pick-up service will be offered in Byron, Forreston, Leaf River, Mount Morris, Oregon, and Polo. For Rochelle residents, the Rochelle Street Department will mulch trees at the curb during the first two weeks of January, weather permitting.

All trees should be free of light strands, garland, and other decorations, no wreaths or other designs with wire backings, no artificial trees.

If you have any questions regarding this program, including specific drop-off points for trees or the FFA collection service, please contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. on Facebook, or go to the county website: oglecounty.org.

Senior Center offers trip to Chicago on Dec. 10

MOUNT MORRIS—All are welcome to attend the Mount Morris Senior Center Trip to Chicago on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

We will leave downtown Mount Morris at noon and head to the Christkindl Market in downtown Chicago. We plan to stay at this amazing German Christmas Market for 1.5-2 hours before going out to dinner at Chickies. After dinner, we will see the Chicagoland's

biggest free Christmas Light show in Aurora on our way back home. If you have never had the chance to enjoy these festivities you are really in for a treat.

The cost for this trip is \$30 for members of the Mount Morris Senior Center and \$40 for non-members. All registrations and money are due by Dec. 9. All are welcome, but there is a 30 seat limit. Please call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot

Candlelight service Dec. 22

MOUNT MORRIS — You are invited to join the Evangelical Free Church of Mount Morris (EFCMM) for their annual Candlelight Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m.

The program will feature Christmas carols, their Children's Choir, lighting the Advent Wreath and Hand Mime. It will conclude with a candle-lighting ceremony.

Following the service, plan to stay for cake and punch at the church's Birthday Party for Jesus. Their gift outreach this year will

bless US troops serving overseas. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items, toiletries and supplies for care packages that will be shipped overseas. Any items you bring can be placed underneath the Christmas tree at the birthday party.

The Evangelical Free Church is located at 102 S. Seminary Avenue, at the intersection of Front Street and Seminary Avenue in Mount Morris. For more information, go to www.efcmm.org or find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/efcmm](https://www.facebook.com/efcmm).

Cookies featured at church Christmas festivities

FRANKLIN GROVE — Don't miss the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove at 106 South Walnut during the Christmas in the Grove Festivities on Friday, Dec. 13.

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Bartmess at 815-456-7008. (Please leave a message and we'll call you back.)

In addition, at about 7:30 p.m. all are invited to the church sanctuary to enjoy Christmas music sung by the Rock River Barber Shoppers.

Pet pictures with Santa will be on Dec. 14 in Oregon

OREGON — Pines Meadow Veterinary Clinic in Oregon is having pictures with Santa.

This event will take place at Pines Meadow Vet Clinic on Dec. 14, 2017, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10 and you will receive a 5x7 picture of your four-legged family member with Santa Claus.

All the proceeds will be donated to The Amos Fund. The Amos Fund is a non-profit

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Church surprise

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Tickets available for Chocoholic Frolic on Feb. 27 in Rockford

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; 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. You can also find The Arc on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheArcWBO.

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Board member earns recognition

On Nov. 19, the Byron Park District Board of Commissioners and Executive Director, Paul Zepezauer recognized long time Board Commissioner Jeff Wilmarth for 20 years of service. Wilmarth began his tenure with the District in 1999. Over the past 20 years, the District has continued to expand services within the community through the preservation of green space and implementation of recreational programming for its residents. "Commissioner Wilmarth's knowledge, dedication, and passion contribute to the success of the district," said Board President, Rachel Oracki. The Byron Park District is proud to recognize Commissioner Wilmarth and thankful for his ongoing service and dedication to the residents of Byron. Pictured are Byron Park District Board commissioners, President Rachel Oracki and Vice President Jeff Wilmarth.

Oregon Police report

Nov. 11
At 4 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Madison and 8th Streets involving a 2009 Chevrolet driven by Sanchez Santiago Minaya, 44, Mt. Morris, and a 2012 Dodge driven by John H. Bothe, 51, Oregon. Minaya was issued a citation for failure to yield at a stop or yield intersection.

Nov. 13
At 6:37 a.m., Oregon Police issued Austin P. Keller, 24, Rockford, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of River Road and W. Washington Street.

At 4:10 p.m., Oregon Police took one 12-year-old male juvenile of Dixon into limited custody for the offense of battery. This violation occurred while within the city limits of Oregon on a school bus. The juvenile was subsequently released into a parent's custody with a referral to the Ogle County State's Attorney.

Nov. 15
At 12:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cassandra S. Ferguson, 35, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

At 6:45 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Erin E. Sparrow, 43, Kirkland, for criminal trespass to property, and on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Sparrow was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 16
At 9:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Aaron R. Harper, 26, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%. Harper was also issued citations for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and disobeying a stop sign - vehicle entering stop or yield intersection. Harper was transported to the

Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of E. Washington Street.

2 parking citations and 3 verbal/written warnings were issued from 11/11/19 through 11/17/19.

General calls for service Through dispatch during the week of 11/11/19 through 11/17/19:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	6
Citizen Complaints	5
Animal Complaint	1
Ordinance Violations	2
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	1
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	5
Disturbance / Domestic	5
Lockout Vehicle / Building	3
Alarm Response	1
Open door / window	1
911 Hang-up / Open Line	3
Traffic Stops	11

Nov. 18
At 5:02 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of S. 4th and W. Washington Streets involving a 2013 Nissan driven by Joanne L. Hitchcock, 78, Oregon, and a 2014 GMC driven by Tyler P. Haas, 20, of Sterling. No citations were issued.

Nov. 19
At 7:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cortez D. Horton, 45, Rockford, a citation for driving while license suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Nov. 20
At 7:27 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Tricia N. Paez, 32, Oregon, for battery. Paez was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 3rd.
At 7:40 a.m., Oregon Police issued Nicholas Meives-Wylie, 16, Oregon, a citation for passing a school bus while loading and unloading. This violation occurred in the 200

block of S. 10th Street.

Nov. 21
At 3:20 p.m., Oregon Police took one 16-year-old male juvenile of Oregon into limited custody for the offense of battery which had occurred on a school bus. The juvenile was released into his parent's custody with a referral to the Ogle County State's Attorney's office for juvenile delinquency.

Nov. 23
At 9:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation to Crystal E. Vegliando, 37, Oregon, for speeding, 48mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred on North 4th Street near the intersection of Fair Street.

Nov. 24
At 5:36 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a car vs utility pole traffic crash at the intersection of Scott and Depot Streets involving a 2010 Ford driven by Crystal L. Terry, 29, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 5:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Adrian K. Clark, 33, of Woodstock, IL, for driving while license suspended. Clark was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of W. Washington Street.

4 parking citations and 12 verbal/written warnings were issued from 11/18/19 through 11/24/19.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 11/18/19 through 11/24/19:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	10
Citizen Complaints	6
Animal Complaint	2
Ordinance Violations	3
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	6
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	9
Disturbance / Domestic	3
Lockout Vehicle / Building	5
Alarm Response	1

Hang-up / Open Line 1
Traffic Stops 12

Nov. 29
At 10:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kenrick J. Oriyavong, 16, Mt. Morris, a citation for violating the Graduated Driver's License restriction of the one passenger limit. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Madison Street.

Nov. 30
At 8:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Roger W. King, 59, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 44 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

Dec. 1
At 8:13 a.m., Oregon Police issued Daniel R. Erd, 61, of Glendale, WI, citations for speeding, 44 mph in a 30 mph zone, and operation of a vehicle when the registration is suspended. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 12:41 a.m., Oregon Police issued Reyes S. Carreno, 17, of Trenton, GA, a citation for speeding, 43 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of W. Washington Street.

11 parking citations and 14 verbal/written warnings were issued from 11/25/19 through 12/01/19.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 11/25/19 through 12/01/19:

Checking a Subject / Vehicle	7
Citizen Complaints	10
Animal Complaint	1
Ordinance Violations	3
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	4
Assist EMS / Other Dept.	7
Lockout Vehicle / Building	1
Alarm Response	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	3
Traffic Stops	20

Polo Police report

Nov. 27
TIME: 6:59 p.m.
REPORT: Tushar Shaileshbhai Patel, 37, Lanark, was cited for Improper Lane Usage, Failure to give Information after Striking a Vehicle, Failure to Report an Accident to Police. Patel was released on an I-bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of November 4, 2019 thru November 17, 2019

Citizen Complaints/Assists	17
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	4
Disturbance/Domestic	2
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Lock Out	4
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	10
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Dec. 10

Frozen Family Night at the Byron Library, 6-7 p.m. For ages 3-8. Join us for a night of crafting and activities to celebrate the release of Frozen 2! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Bread of Life Food Pantry in Stillman Valley has a distribution from 3-5 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72. For residents of the Merid-

ian School District. Bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Weds., Dec. 11

Afternoon movie at the Oregon Library, 2:30 p.m. Early dismissal from school means movie time at the Library. The movie is "The Lion King," rated PG.

Fri., Dec. 13

First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove, 106 South Walnut, presents the Christmas in the Grove

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

Sat., Dec. 14

Children K-5th grade are invited to United Church of Byron from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for a day filled with Christmas fun. Throughout the day we will play Christmas games, make Christmas crafts, look at the Christmas story and watch a Christmas movie. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 28, 1793, British-born American revolutionary Thomas Paine, author of "Common Sense," is arrested in France for treason, having been tried in absentia and convicted. Paine was imprisoned in a former palace, where he had a large room with windows and catered meals.

* On Dec. 24, 1851, a fire sweeps through the Library of Congress and destroys two-thirds of Thomas Jefferson's personal literary collection. Jefferson had sold his personal library of 6,487 books to Congress after the British burned the Congressional library in 1814.

* On Dec. 23, 1888, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor. He later documented the event in a painting titled "Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear."

* On Dec. 27, 1900, prohibitionist Carry Nation smashes up a bar in Wichita, Kansas, causing extensive damage and landing in jail. Nation became famous for carrying a hatchet and wrecking saloons, and sold souvenir hatchets to help fund her anti-alcohol activities.

* On Dec. 29, 1915, the French National Assembly passes a law formally ceding the land that holds the British war cemeteries to Great Britain, ensuring that its saddest and most sacred monuments would be forever protected.

* On Dec. 26, 1946, infamous gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel opens his Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. The grand opening was a flop, however, and the casino lost \$300,000 in the first week. The hotel was named after Siegel's girlfriend, whose nickname was "The Flamingo" because of her red hair and long legs.

* On Dec. 25, 1962, "To Kill a Mockingbird," a film based on the novel by Harper Lee, opens in theaters. The Great Depression-era story of racial injustice and the loss of childhood innocence is told from the perspective of a young Alabama girl named Scout Finch.

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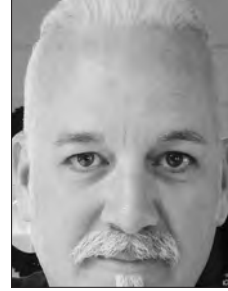
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We need a lot less of this campaign malarkey

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Oh, Joe. What are you doing?

Joe, Joe, Joe.

Joe Biden is running for president, in case you haven't heard. And he's been trying to make sure people don't focus on the fact that he's 77 years old. I noticed, of course. As I have written before in this space, I believe we need younger, more vital and energetic people in the highest office.

So as far as I am concerned, most of the candidates are too old. Even the president is 73. He loves golf so much he should be spending all of his time on the course, in my opinion.

But Biden recently did something that made me wonder if he had finally lost it for good. He is taking a campaign bus tour—a popular option for people who are not living "normal" lives to try to connect with people who are—with the slogan "No Malarkey!" painted on the side of the bus.

Yes, malarkey.

Right now, there are millennials scratching their heads. Their grandparents don't even use the word

malarkey. I can safely say that as a man in my 50s, I have never used the word malarkey.

Malarkey, as many of you know, basically means nonsense. So, a slogan saying no nonsense make sense. Why didn't the Biden team use that instead of malarkey? Probably because the 77-year-old thought it was hip.

"Back in high school, we didn't take any malarkey when we listened to our Ricky Nelson and Pat Boone records while discussing the failed Bay of Pigs invasion," Biden tells his staff as ev-

eryone under the age of 40 grabs their smart phone to update their resume.

By the way, malarkey is a word that came into "popular" use in the 1920s. How did anyone think this was a good idea? Is Biden going for the Flapper vote?

Of course, Biden is right in there with many other candidates. I would bet that Bernie Sanders heard that Biden was using the work "malarkey" and instantly called a staff meeting.

"I hear Biden is using the word 'malarkey' on his bus tour! He is apparently going for the hippie vote! From here on out, we are going to put on our glad rags and really razz those Biden voters! I can use outdated words from the 1920s too!"

When I look at 78-year-old Bernie, I think his slogan should be, "Get off my lawn!"

All these dudes make Elizabeth Warren, at the age of 70, look like a kid. But she is so buried in the weeds of her seemingly 14,000-page policy proposal on health care to even notice. Voters are apparently barely notic-

ing her as well.

To make matters worse, in jumps another 77-year-old. To top it all off, he's another New York billionaire. I might side with Biden if he faces off against Michael Bloomberg and screams, "no malarkey!"

I am trying to use a little humor to make a larger point here. Most of these presidential candidates are woefully out of touch. Younger people are the future of this country and will have to deal with the decisions our political leaders are making today. These are mostly men who are in the last part of their lives. Many are from wealthy backgrounds and don't understand the struggles most Americans face daily at all.

We need a leader who is energetic, engaged with ALL Americans and who deeply cares about the future of our country.

What we don't need is more of the same malarkey we are getting from this group.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



Meatless Sandwich & Drink...

VIEWPOINT

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

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Who do we trust when it comes to climate change?

Back in 1960, when I was 13 years old, a used car salesman said something that remains stubbornly planted in my brain. Seeing my dad peer under the chassis of the flashy '56 Oldsmobile coupe that he'd just bought, and no doubt sensing his misgivings, the salesman put his hand on Dad's shoulder. "Now Carl," he said, "you just drive this car and enjoy it, and don't listen to those experts, they'll tell you anything!"

Today the experts in question are climate scientists. Wikipedia's review of a half dozen surveys showed that an overwhelming majority of them, 97 percent, agree that human activity is warming the climate at an alarming pace. And yet...

Scientists are held in high regard by the public. The

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Pew Research Center, using data collected last January, reports that 86 percent of the people express "a great deal" or "a fair amount" of confidence that scientists "act in the best interests of the public." No other group, with the exception of the military, approaches that level of confidence. That

includes religious leaders, at 57 percent, the news media, at 47 percent, business leaders, at 46 percent, and politicians who, at 35 percent, come out dead last.

And yet, when it comes to the environment, those same politicians who are held in such low regard often convince large numbers of the public that the scientists are wrong. The Pew survey offers clues as to how that happens.

It shows that people with "high science knowledge" have more confidence that the scientific method "generally produces accurate conclusions" than the general public does. But even the most science-savvy Republicans are less inclined to believe the results of scientific research than most Democrats are. The gaps

widen when it comes to the environment. Fewer than 20 percent of Republicans agree that environmental researchers "provide fair and accurate information all or most of the time." For Democrats, agreement ranges from 29 percent for those with low science knowledge to 65 percent for knowledgeable respondents.

These divides seem likely to come down to tribal loyalties. Cognitive scientists Steven Solman and Philip Fernbach, in their book, "The Knowledge Illusion," reveal how little we know as individuals and how much we rely on the "hive mind," made up of all the other people in the world whom we trust to know what we don't. Liberal, conservative, or otherwise, we trust people who are like us and

are suspicious of those who are different.

"The Partisan Brain," an article in the December 8, 2018 Economist, reports on research demonstrating our innate bias against scientific findings that fail to support our group's beliefs. One study tracked the flow of blood in the brains of liberal subjects exposed to information that challenged their convictions about guns. The results suggest that evolution has hard-wired our brains to reject facts that threaten group identity and beliefs.

But, although we may instinctively agree, along with my dad's used car salesman, that the experts will tell us anything, the results of the Pew survey suggest that we know otherwise. We understand at some level that only science and the scien-

tific method can guide us to the truth about emotionally loaded issues like climate change.

Scientists often challenge our beliefs. Politicians and their allies in the media, on the other hand, make their living telling us what we want to hear. We can place our faith in them, or we can listen to the experts.

As for that flashy '56 Oldsmobile of my dad's, the transmission gave out within a year, and the Olds made way for a humble but reliable Volkswagen Beetle.

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SVHS football players earn BNC honors

STILLMAN VALLEY

— After finishing a play-off season of 9-2, a total of 11 Stillman Valley football players have received BNC All-Conference recognition.

First-Team honorees include seniors Trae Varney, Lucas Havens, Logan Jennings, Devin Willis, Paxton Barrett and juniors Chad Gerig, Joe Kuthe and Omar Gallardo. Second-Team members included Luke Frost, while Addison Hendricks and Logan Lagerhausen received Honorable Mentions. Stillman Valley beat Dixon in the first round of playoffs and lost to IC Catholic in the second round.

“We are proud of these young men who have displayed strength and talent on the field but it goes beyond the successes on the field,” SVHS activities director Heather Alderks said. “We are particularly proud of the character they possess on and off the field and as teammates to one another.”



The Stillman Valley football program had 11 players receive All-Conference recognition from the Big Northern Conference this year. Above are Trae Varney, Lucas Havens, Logan Jennings, Devin Willis, Paxton Barrett, Chad Gerig, Joe Kuthe, Omar Gallardo, Luke Frost, Addison Hendricks and Logan Lagerhausen. (Courtesy photo)

Oregon bowling teams pick up wins over Lutheran, Marengo

OREGON — On Tuesday, Nov. 26, Oregon took on Rockford Christian at T & C Lanes in Mount Morris. Rockford Christian defeated the Oregon boys in the match, 3,649-3,510.

Rockford Christian was led by Zach Joiner who had a 771 series and threw a 300 game in the last game of the night. Oregon was led by Jacob Smith with a 746 series and a high game of 279. Smith was followed by Kyle Strite with a 654 series and Charlie Bachman with a 615 series.

Oregon faced Rockford Lutheran on Monday, Dec. 2 and won the match 3,621 to

2,350. Isaac Kaltenbrun rolled a 673 series with a high score of 249 while Charlie Bachman added a 664 series with a high game of 267. Jacob Smith shot a 598 series with a high score of 259.

Both the Oregon boys and girls bowled Marengo on Tuesday, Dec. 3 with the boys winning 3,456-3,204 and the girls winning 3,206-2,784. Hannah Kaltenbrun finished with a 637 series and a 233 high game, while Rebecca Meyers added a 635 series with a 223 high game. Kyle Strite rolled a 677 series and 279 high game, with Isaac Kaltenbrun adding a 617 series and 245 high game.

Oregon wrestling team beats Morrison, falls to Dixon

OREGON — The Oregon wrestling team improved to 2-1 overall with a 45-30 victory over Morrison on Dec. 3. The Hawks received forfeits for Lane Halverson (106), Zac Cox (120), Seth Stevens (132) and Jokiah Sewell (170). Wade Reimer (182), Adam Glendenning (195) and Edwin Estrada (113)

each scored pins in the match, while Andrew Herbst (138) scored a 5-0 decision.

The Hawks lost 57-21 against Dixon on Dec. 3. Lane Halverson (106), Andrew Herbst (132) and Braydon Altherr (138) recorded pins for Oregon while Jokiah Sewell (160) won by decision.

Stillman Valley girls basketball team tops Ashton-FC, Polo

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley girls basketball team defeated Ashton-Franklin Center by a score of 56-43 on Nov. 26. Paige Broski scored 13 points for the Cardinals, while Georgia Ballard added

12 points. The Cardinals faced Johnsburg on Nov. 27 and won by a score of 44-35. Georgia Ballard finished with 14 points for Stillman Valley, and Payton Barger totaled 12 points in the win.

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Oregon boys basketball team wins home tournament

OREGON — The Oregon boys basketball team topped Christian Life 71-58 during the Wednesday round of the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 27. Trey Woolsey finished with a game-high 42 points for the Hawks, while Noah Campos added nine points.

The Hawks edged Freeport (Aquino) 60-57 on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30, to reach the championship round. Trey Woolsey and Noah Campos once again led Oregon, with Woolsey scoring 19 points and Campos adding 12 points. Oregon defeated Rockford Christian 78-60 to claim the tournament title Saturday night. Trey Woolsey scored 23 points, Ryker Finch added 13 points and Riley Birnbaum recorded 12 points.



The Oregon boys basketball team won the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament this past weekend. Above, players and coaches of the Oregon program are pictured with their medals and team trophy. (Courtesy photo)

Byron football team falls just short in IHSA 3A Championship

DEKALB — The Byron football engaged and a wild back-and-forth shootout against Williamsville for the IHSA 3A State Championship on Friday, Nov. 29. The Tigers fell just short of their quest for the title, however, losing 46-42 and finishing the season 12-2 overall.

Byron rushed for 449 yards in the game, with Isaac Stickler running for 264 yards and four touchdowns on 28 carries. Drake Snodgrass pounded the football as well, totaling 165 yards and two touch-

downs on the ground for the Tigers. Ben Carlson finished the game 4-of-6 for 68 yards in the passing game.

Byron and Williamsville combined for nine touchdowns in the first half and over 1,000 yards of offense in the game. The Tigers led the Bullets 35-32 entering the fourth quarter and held a 42-39 lead late in the game, but Williamsville stuffed Byron on a fourth-down rushing attempt to take over possession. The Bullets scored on their last possession.



At left, Drake Snodgrass runs to the outside during Byron's IHSA 3A Championship football game against Williamsville. At right, Isaac Stickler gets a block from teammate Tyler Elsbury. (Photos by Randy Stukenberg)

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Historical Society hosts Christmas event

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charge, just bring a dish or two to pass and your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. The doors will be open at 5 p.m. and the meal will begin at 6 p.m. The entertainment this year will be the musical group, “Acoustic Circus.” Call Ted Boddiger 815-213-0048 if you have any questions.

Library to host program on area services

LEAF RIVER – The Community Services Block Grant provides funding to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families to become self-sufficient. Renee Barnhart, community outreach worker from Tri-County Oppor-

tunities Council, will be at Bertolet Memorial Library Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. to present a program detailing all of the services available through Tri-County and to answer any questions. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the library at 815-738-2742.



Ogle Jolly 4-H
At the November meeting of the Ogle Jolly 4-h Club, the club Clover Buds discussed all of the items that could be made with corn. Clover Bud leader Adrienne Hall then demonstrated how to make corn plastic and each Clover Bud then got to make their own to take home. During September 4-H kick off month Braden and Alyse Rogers went to the 102.3 Coyote radio station to promote 4-h on the radio. (Bottom photo). Submitted by club reporter Braden Rogers

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RRC offers programs

RRC Computer Class

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Lab hours with Mary, Dec. 16 – 10-11 a.m.

This hour is available for those looking for 1-on-1 assistance with common computer questions. Call to register for lab time, as space is limited.

All scheduled classes are free to attend and open to the public. Space may be limited, so call early to be guaranteed a spot. Anyone interested should call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to register or set up an appointment for the training of their choice.

Tom's December Mobile Office Hours

Rock River Center is excited to partner with Representative Demmer's office for the purpose of providing a mobile office in Ogle County.

Tom's December Mobile Office Hour at Rock River Center will be Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 10-11 a.m.

No appointment is necessary. You will be seen on a first-come, first served basis.

2019 Christmas program

Wed., Dec. 18, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Oregon Jr. High Band with Miles Beske
 Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or register at the office if you plan on attending.

Refreshments will be served after program. Christmas cookie donations accepted.

Holiday Breakfast at Rock River Center

Rock River Center continues celebrating a holiday tradition by serving breakfast on Friday, Dec. 20 from 8-10 a.m. in the big room next to the Christmas tree.

Join us for egg and vegetable casserole, bacon, biscuits and sausage gravy, a yogurt and granola bar and a variety of sweets.

Bring your family and friends of all ages. Cost is \$8 per person, children under 6 are free. Reservations and prepayment must be made by Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Our holiday breakfast happens to fall on National Christmas Sweater Day. Celebrate Christmas with us by wearing your favorite Christmas sweater.

We will be drawing the winner of the birthday basket during breakfast.

2019/2020 holiday hours

Rock River Center will be closed from noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 through Jan. 1, 2020. There will be no activities or transportation scheduled during this time.

The Center will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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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.

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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.

Caregiver Support Group

Patti Kilmer, MSW from Generations @ Neighbors, leads our Caregiver Support Group. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate caregiving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement and answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call Patti Kilmer at 815-234-2511 or 815-298-7004.

Diabetic Support Group

This very informative group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center. Marilyn Csernus from the University of Illinois Extension Office facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join Marilyn for a different topic each month and enjoy her recipes as well.

4-H clubs honored at recently held special program

BYRON – Ogle County’s top 4-H members and clubs were honored for outstanding achievement at a special program held Sunday, Nov. 10 in the Byron Middle School Theatre.

Top county honors went to 4-H teens Sara Blume, Oregon and Renee Gehrke, Byron. Blume, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club and Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club, were the recipients of the Co-op Watch Awards sponsored by Ogle County Farm Bureau and its affiliates. Watches are awarded each year to the two 4-H’ers with the most impressive records of long-term leadership and service at the club level and beyond.

William Carlson, Byron, was the recipient of a \$50 cash award sponsored by the Ogle County 4-H Foundation. The Foundation

Award is presented annually to a single 4-H’er who has shown leadership skill, a willingness to help with 4-H activities, and has served as a positive example to younger members.

Four youth were challenged to greater leadership and service as recipients of the “I Dare You” Leadership Award. New owners of William Danforth’s inspiring book, “I Dare You,” these youth were selected based on their previous leadership, citizenship, and project work. Winners included: Carter Conderman, By-Y-Badgers; Julia Heller, Grand Detour Greens; Kayla Mingus, Ogle County Clovers, and Taylor Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers.

Other special award winners included:

Outstanding Club President –

Julia Heller, Grand Detour Greens; Jaden Scott, Blackhawk Crossing.

Outstanding Club Secretaries – Alexandria Cassens, By-Y-Badgers; Gracie Prose, Carefree.

Outstanding Club Treasurers – Isaac Charbonneau, Leaf River Busy Beavers; Faith Marquardt, Carefree.

Outstanding Club Reporter – Clare Montavon, Mighty Clovers.

Outstanding Club Historians – Faith Adams, Hub Hickory Nuts; Lauren Carlson, By-Y-Badgers

Ogle County Club Recreation Chairperson – Carson Conderman and Bruce Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers; Grant Johnson, Kaeden Motszko, and Micah Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Ogle County 4-H Drill Team Traveling Horse Award – Cassidy

Vincent, Ogle Jolly.

Electricity Achievement Award – Kate Costello, Ogle Jolly.

Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association Award – Brenna Noon, Carefree.

A number of awards were distributed to community clubs throughout the county in recognition of outstanding community service, educational programming, and promotional efforts. Additionally, one club’s leader was recognized for their outstanding efforts to work together to effectively meet the needs of and coordinate the work of their club. Congratulations go to all of the following club winners:

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Ogle County 4-H Club-of-the-Year

1st Place – Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club

2nd Place – Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club

3rd Place – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club

Top Leader Team Award Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club:

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Members are honored for their 2019 achievements

One hundred eighty-two Ogle County 4-H’ers are being honored for their achievements during the 2019 4-H year at club programs this fall.

The 4-H Experience Award allows 4-H’ers to be recognized for their work in Project Learning, Participation, Community Service, and Leadership. Three levels can be earned; Bronze 4-H Clover Award, Silver 4-H Clover Award, and Gold 4-H Clover Award. All awards will be distributed at the member’s 4-H Club awards banquet.

Bronze 4-H Clover award winners

These 4-H’ers completed at least 1 experience in each of the four dimensions. The four dimensions are project learning, participation, community service, and leadership.

Isaac Akins, Grand Detour Greens

Keira Armbruster, Leaf River Soaring Eagles

Emilee Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers

Ethan Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers

Colton Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers

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Sydney Tompkins, Mighty Clovers

Ella Tunink, By-Y-Badgers

James Tunink, By-Y-Badgers



Four awards are given to 4-H’ers of any age who show outstanding leadership potential, citizenship, and project work for the I Dare You Award. This year the winners included: Julia Heller, Grand Detour Greens, Carter Conderman, By-Y-Badgers, Taylor Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers, and Kayla Mingus, Ogle County Clovers.



Stan Eden, an Ogle County Farm Bureau Board Director awarded Sara Blume, Oregon and Renee Gehrke, Byron the Co-op Watch Award at this year’s 4-H Achievement Day. This award is intended to honor 4-H’ers for outstanding leadership involvement at the club level, as well as at the county level and beyond.

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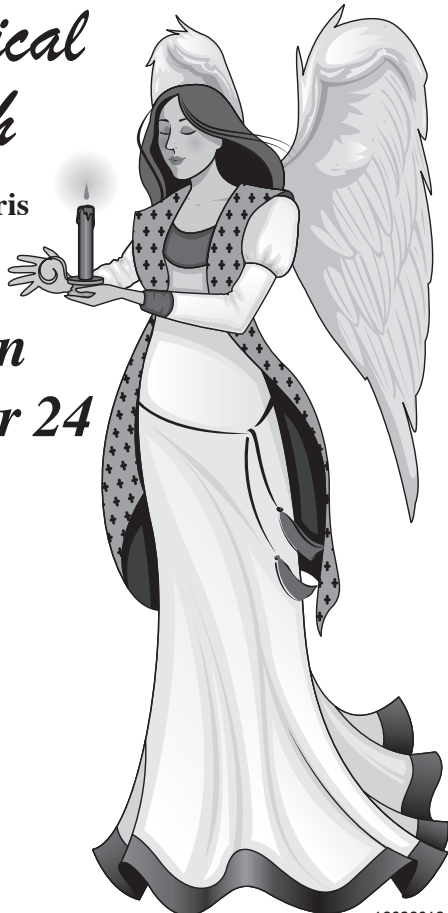
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Byron Bank, 200 N. Walnut St. in Byron, is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and 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 October 2019 are (from left): 6th Grade – Ava Salo, 7th Grade – Olivia Cunningham, 8th Grade – Reese Little and OMNI Team – Faith Rakowski along with Principal-Zack Ettelbrick, and Byron Bank's Brent Baker.

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Very seriously deteriorated by 1995 a group of community minded historians began a five-year restoration project. When the building reached a usable state in the year 2000 a relationship with the Lincoln Highway Association, that continues to this day, began.

The building is currently closed for installation of new windows, interior cleaning and repainting, a new boardwalk, and many other upgrades.

Upon re-opening when renovations are complete, the building will be known as the Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center. New management for both the interpretive center/souvenir sales and the ongoing music shows will be named before re-opening at a date to be determined.

Souvenir selection will be upgraded and significantly expanded in Lincoln Highway items plus a wide selection from other area tourism attractions.

Progress can be monitored on Facebook by going to H.I. Lincoln Building.

From 1860 to 2019 the H.I. Lincoln Building, now the Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center, has been a major feature of Franklin Grove's business district.

Oregon Park District announces upcoming events and activities

6th Grade Girls Competitive Basketball

This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Deadline for Registration is December 13th. Practices scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 6. A volunteer coach is needed for this league. Registration fee is \$75.

After school open gym

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

Childcare

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

Winter break camp (K-6th Graders)

Winter Break Camp will be a great place to stay warm during winter break. We emphasize fun, peer interaction, personal growth and have daily themed games, craft and sports. We will swim at Nash every day of camp. A light snack will be offered during both morning and afternoon care. Camp is in the ET room at the BHC. Deadline to register is December 16.

Dates: December 23 through January 3

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$150 / \$180 NR

No program on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve nor New Year's Day.

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.

Letter to Santa

Do you have a wish list or story to tell Santa Claus? Write a letter to Jolly Old St. Nicholas and tell him about yourself and if you have been naughty or nice. Mail your letter to Santa in the special mailbox which the elves installed at Nash Recreation Center (in the lobby). Be sure to enclose a postage stamp and your return address! Letters can be mailed through Dec. 13.

Shake-rattle-roll at the sock hop

The always popular and well anticipated Mother Son Date Night (Feb. 7, 2020) and Daddy Daughter Dance (Feb. 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.

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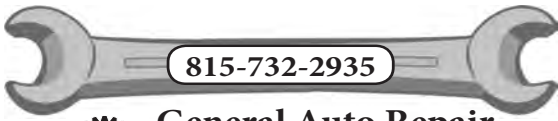
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Houston Texans	at	Tennessee Titans
Miami Dolphins	at	New York Giants
New England Patriots	at	Cincinnati Bengals
Philadelphia Eagles	at	Washington Redskins
Seattle Seahawks	at	Carolina Panthers
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	at	Detroit Lions
Cleveland Browns	at	Arizona Cardinals
Jacksonville Jaguars	at	Oakland Raiders
Atlanta Falcons	at	San Francisco 49ers
Los Angeles Rams	at	Dallas Cowboys
Minnesota Vikings	at	Los Angeles Chargers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Indianapolis Colts	at	New Orleans Saints
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TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Indianapolis Colts at New Orleans Saints

Total Score _____

TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Minnesota Vikings at Los Angeles Chargers

Total Score _____

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If you are in need, please join us for a snack, conversation and groceries to bring home. Bread of Life welcomes as a new partner Iglesia Vida Eterna, a new church in Rockford. On Tuesday,

Dec. 10 from 3-5 p.m., Pastor Mario Torres and others from Vida Eterna will be present at Bread of Life to serve all of our guests including those who speak Spanish.

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.



Park District offers Winter Break Camp

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Camp runs Dec. 23-Jan. 3 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. No camp on Dec. 24, 25, 31 or Jan. 1. Cost is \$150 resident and \$180 non-resident for the 2-week program.

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.

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

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994
www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
Sunday Worship 9:00 am Followed by Fellowship and All Age Sunday School

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

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1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
• 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
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301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mangan Dr., Oregon, IL • www.st-mary-parish.com • Fr. Joseph P. Nail • Office Phone: 815-732-7383
Office Fax: 815-732-4742
Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd
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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
Pastor: Rick Tomlinson
Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And.. Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday
School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's
and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more
information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

www.stmarypolo.org • Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
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CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadscn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through
engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee,
snacks & fellowship. KidzLink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~
during adult services
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM
Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-
2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended
Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School
Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service
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Engagement

Puentes, Howell to wed

Narciso and Betty Jo Puentes, Jr. of Sterling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carynn Elizabeth Puentes to John Jeffrey Howell, Jr., son of John Howell, Sr. of Branchville, N.J. and Colleen Zuniga of Fort Worth, Texas.

Carynn is a Sterling High School graduate of 2009. John is a Rochelle High School graduate of 2010. Both are employed by Crest Foods in Ashton.

Grandparents of the bride are Richard and Jane Meyer of Chana.

The couple currently resides in Dixon and a February 2020 wedding is planned. Invitations will be sent.



Bertolet Library News

Tri-County Opportunities

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

Using funds from the Community Services Block Grant, Tri-County Opportunities Council offers programs to help reduce poverty, revitalize low income communities, and empower low income families to be self-sufficient. Renee Barnhart from TCOC will be here to discuss CSBG Program offerings including: Project Employment, Health, Dental, and Transportation Assistance, Home Safety, Youth Enrichment, Homeless Services, and Scholarships. Program guidelines limit eligibility to families having incomes at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Join Renee to discover what Tri-County Opportunities Council can do to help you.

Make and Take Christmas Crafts

Monday, Dec. 16, 5-7 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to drop in and create festive Christmas decorations and charming gifts for their friends and family. No registration required and you are welcome to join us for a little while or stay the whole time.

Census Job Information

Thursday, Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m.

Looking for work in the area? Stan Hilton from the Census Bureau will be here with information on how to join the 2020 Census Team. Several positions are open in Ogle County and these jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, and paid training. Stan will describe the application process and answer any questions you may have.

Create-a-Card with Jessie

Saturday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.

There's still time to create one-of-a-kind cards and gift tags for Christmas! Jessie Ross will be on hand to offer suggestions and guidance as you design uniquely personal items for your friends and family. All materials are provided and registration is not required so come for an hour or stay the whole morning!

Toddler/Preschool StoryTime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

With the holidays approaching it's a great time to share favorite seasonal stories, songs, and activities with your little ones. This relaxed program is designed to help children make friends, practice new skills, and experience the joy of sharing books with people they love. There will be no StoryTime on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

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) and appliances are 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!

E-mail news items to
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Moving Up Higher

with
Joyce Meyer



Determination that doesn't quit

God is the Chief of Change. He is always doing a new thing...always working in our lives. However, His promises for us don't just automatically happen. All things are possible with God, but not all things will positively happen.

There are some things that can hinder us from moving forward in life. One is an old mindset. Mark 2:22 says, "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour the new wine into new wineskins" (NIV).

In other words, your mind needs to be renewed. You need a fresh new outlook based on God's Word and His promises. Knowing God's will for your life will help you in your determination to keep moving.

Opportunity and Opposition

When you decide to move forward, be prepared because you will be opposed. The apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 16:9 that "a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me." I like to call them "giants." Whatever you call it, the enemy will not make it easy for you to do God's will. It will be up to you to stay determined and keep pressing on.

One of the tactics of the enemy is to lie to you. For example, he may tell you, "It's too late." You may be thinking of going back to school after many years. Or maybe you need to make up for some past mistakes. It's not too late. You might have had a big dream at one time that you never fulfilled. It's never too late for you to follow your passion. Don't believe Satan's lies. You can always begin again!

Be Steadfast

One word of caution: Don't start if you aren't determined to finish. The reason I say this is because the enemy certainly won't stop fighting your advancement. He is determined to stop you, so you must be unwavering about moving forward.

I will never forget when I first started talking about the call of God on my life. Some of my friends decided I must be mistaken. They told me I didn't have the personality to do this kind of ministry. It was discouraging to say the least. But I knew God had spoken to me about the ministry He was calling me to do, and I was determined to see it through. I was eventually asked to leave my church, I lost friends, and even some family members turned their backs on me.

I had to press through quite a few obstacles to do what I do now. But what if I had given up when I felt that rejection? I would not be fulfilling God's call on my life today—and I would be miserable, because this is my passion.

Have you asked God to use you?

If you are feeling a real passion to do something that aids or brings peace and encouragement to other people, it's very likely that is from God. And if you don't do it, you will probably live a frustrated life.

Also as you move forward, beware: The devil wants to set you up to get upset. That is another part of his strategy to stop you from making progress. He will use people to distract you, criticize you, or outright reject you. And if that doesn't stop you, he will likely attack other areas of your life to try and discourage you.

Keep Moving

Just remember, greater is He that is in you! (See 1 John 4:4.) You have all you need, through Christ, to endure and outlast the devil. As you press in and press on, don't look at yourself...look at God. Ignore others' criticism and unbelief and follow your God-given dream. Be determined to press past every lie of the enemy, every discouragement, and even rejection from others.

Whatever you do, just keep moving! When you feel disheartened...keep moving. When others condemn you...keep moving. Never give up!

Take a lesson from David who was anointed 20 years before he became king (see 1 Samuel 17). He endured and overcame many obstacles in the meantime, including a bear, a lion and a giant! Like David, don't be afraid to face your enemy. Remember the things God has brought you through before and talk about your past victories, knowing that He is with you now.

As long as you lean on, trust in, and depend on God, it will never be too late for your victory!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-CD series *Pressing In and Pressing On*. 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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Forreston Library News

Christmas donation

Stop by the library and select an angel from the Lion's Club Angel tree and help with their annual toy drive.

We also have a Mitten Tree for donations of mittens/gloves, hats, and scarves that will also be donated to the Lions Club.

Community room

Need a larger space for your holiday celebration? Reserve the community room at the library! The room may be reserved for your meetings, parties, or family events. Contact the library for details and available dates.

Story hour

All children are welcome to Pre-school Story Hour for stories, crafts and playtime.

Please join us every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. when school is in session.

Attention all Forreston history fans

The "Forreston Fun Fact Finders" will be meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Please join this group of history enthusiasts as they search the archives of Forreston. If interested, please contact the library at 815-938-2624 or stop in on Tuesday mornings.

Book club

The December Book Club meeting will be Tuesday evening Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. Bring a snack to share. The book selection for December is Comfort and Joy by Kristin Hannah. Stop by the library and pick up a copy of the book to read and then join the club for lively discussion and light refreshments.

Byron Library News

Do you need a camera to take HD videos? Would you like to try out a Roku before deciding to purchase one? Check out the Byron Public Library's Library of Things! You can find these devices and more, including our mobile hotspots. No need to ask at the circulation desk; just stop by the Library of Things shelves to see what's available! All devices can be checked out for two weeks.

Frozen Family Night

Tuesday, Dec. 10
6-7 p.m.
Ages: 3-8 years
Join us for a night of crafting and activities to celebrate the release of Frozen 2! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Teen Volunteer Night

Tuesday, Dec. 10
6-7:30 p.m.
Grades: 6th - 12th
Earn volunteer hours by creating kindness notes and cards for hospitalized kids. No registration required.

Marshall Field's and Chicago presented by Sara L. Sullivan

Wednesday, Dec. 11
1:30-2:30 p.m.
For over 150 years, Marshall Field and Company was Chicago's store, run by the most innovative retailer. You could easily identify a Field's shopping bag at a hundred paces, and brides weren't really getting married until they registered at Marshall Field's. Come hear about the events, features, and personalities that made Marshall Field's Chicago's store. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Library Dance Party

Monday, Dec. 16
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.

Christmas Melodies with Marilyn

Tuesday, Dec. 17
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Do you feel nostalgic for the days of caroling but don't want to brave the cold? Come sing with Marilyn Haverly (or just listen) while keeping fingers and toes nice and warm indoors. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-

5107 to register.

Card Creations

Thursday, Dec. 19
6-7:30 p.m.
Boost your creative side by making beautiful handmade greeting cards to give to your family and friends. The prep work is done, so all you have to do is join us and get creative. All materials are supplied. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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 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 or call 815-234-5107 to register.

AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

Jan. 9 and Jan. 10
12-4 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 AARP. 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 or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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

Polo Library News

Library Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday

Health & Wellness - Serenity Hospice and Home Care

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6-7 p.m.
A nurse from Serenity Hospice will talk about the history of Hospice and how it has become what it is today.

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Join us for refreshments and conversation the 3rd Wednesday in December.

Children's programs

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

Lego Challenge: Dinosaur

Ages 8-14
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Build your favorite dinosaur.

Tales for Tots

Pre-K/Kindergarten Story Time

Ages 3-5
Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Theme: Christmas
Book: Bear Stays Up for Christmas by Karma Wilson
Parent/guardian/caregiver must stay with child during the program. Registration required

Pokemon Club

Ages 8-14
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
This club is open to Pokémon card collectors. Join in to play games and trade cards.

Teen programs

Teen scene, Ages 13-18

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5:30-7 p.m.
Cupcake Wars and Holiday Party. Registration required

Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, December 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes

Adult programs

Yoga

Monday, December 16, 6-7 p.m.
Krystal from ADM Studios in Oregon will be our instructor. Bring a mat if you have one. Registration required

Euchre

Thursday, Dec. 19, 5:30-7 p.m.
Time to play cards, bring a friend

Book Discussion Groups

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

Afternoon Book Club at the Library

Monday, Dec. 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Selection: Hiddensee by Gregory Maguire

Friday Book Discussion at the Library

Friday, Dec. 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Selection: Seven Days of Us by Francesca Hornak

Julia Hull Library News



Tweens (ages 10-12) at Julia Hull District Library's Tween Scene created their own unique ornaments using recycled book pages, while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies (Stillman Valley).

Snow Frosted Mason Jars

Join us Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. to make as many as you like of these all-natural, upcycled "snow" frosted glass jars. Limited jars will be provided for each participant; bring more to make more. Gift bags and tealights will be available, so you can even wrap one up for your next hostess gift, or work holiday party. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Pick up a copy of Roald Dahl's *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, then join fellow young critics to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

Kids' Holiday Movie Double Feature

Join us for a special holiday double feature that's sure to please your little ones. On Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., we'll enjoy the classics *Frosty the Snowman* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* all while munching on some holiday treats. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Holiday Closures

The library will be closed the following dates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays: Dec. 24, Dec. 25, 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. 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.

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Gift wrapping at the library

Need a place and supplies for your holiday gift wrapping? Come to the library. We will have a gift wrapping station available starting December 2nd through the 23rd. Need help wrapping, December 18th 9:30-7:30 pm or December 20th 9:30 - 2:30pm staff will be here to help you wrap your gifts.

December Distraction – it's back!

Monday, December 2, through Thursday, Dec. 20, when Oregon Public Library District cardholders check out reading material, they may enter to win some readable prizes. The more you check out, the better your chances to win. Prizes are now on display at the Library. Drawings will be held on Friday, Dec. 21 (just in time for some extra Santa surprises!)

Afternoon movie – Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m.

Early dismissal from school means movie time at the Library. Mark your calendar...The Lion King! Rated PG

Holiday trivia – Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit by joining us for an evening of Holiday Trivia. Great prizes, holiday snacks and treats and drinks. All ages welcome. Register your team by December 9th 815-732-2724.

Lego cub (grades 2nd -7th) – Tuesday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.

18-24 months (9:30 a.m.) & preschool (3-5 yrs. old) story time (10:30 a.m.)

Join us for songs, stories, games and crafts on Thursday through Dec. 19.

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, Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Seven Days of Us by Francesca Hornak. The In-Between Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 18 to discuss A

Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap to discuss Skipping Christmas by John Grisham.

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) – No meetings in December

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month

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

Explore more Illinois

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

Oregon Public Library now offers Explore More Illinois, a cultural pass



Thank you to Oregon Elementary School 3rd and 4th grade for helping to make the Library so festive during Candlelight Walk. They did all the ornaments!

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

Explore More Illinois is available 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. Visit <https://exploremore.quipugroup.net/?Oregon> and log in using a valid library card number and password to review and reserve offerings by attraction and specific dates.

Current attractions include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield), Chicago Children's Museum, and Discovery Center Museum (Rockford). Visit exploremoreillinois.org to see a complete list. New attractions are added on a regular basis so be sure to check back frequently.

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

New releases

A Cowboy For Christmas by Sara Richardson (Paperback Romance)

Stealing Kisses In The Snow by Jo McNally (Paperback Romance)

Shadow Rider: Blood Sky At Morning by Jory Sherman (Large Print

West) The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams (Fiction)

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo (Fiction)

The Dog I Loved by Susan Wilson (Fiction)

The Innocents by Michael Crummey (Fiction)

The Book Of Lost Saints by Daniel Jose Older (Fiction)

Queen Of The Conquered by Kacen Callender (Science Fiction)

Sisters Of The Vast Black by Lina Rether (Science Fiction)

Carrie Fisher: A Life On the Edge by Sheila Weller (Biography BIO FIS)

Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich (Mystery)

Sherlock Holmes & The Christmas Demon by James Lovegrove (Mystery)

A Christmas Gathering by Anne Perry (Mystery)

Poppy Redfern And The Midnight Murders by Tessa Arlen (Mystery)

The Last King Of Texas by Rick Riordan (Paperback Mystery)

Robert B. Parker's Angel Eyes by Ace Atkins (Mystery)

Low Country Christmas by Lee Tobin McClain (Paperback Romance)

The Puzzle Of You by Leah Mercer (Fiction)

The Captain And The Glory by Dave Eggers (Fiction)

The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg (Fiction)

Twenty-One Truths About Love by Matthew Dicks (Fiction)

We Met In December by Rosie Curtis (Fiction)

Mount Morris Library News

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. – Cookie exchange and crafting party

Bring in your favorite cookies to exchange with others. We will have a tasting first and vote on our favorites for different categories. Bring a tin to collect the cookies in. Then create some beautiful winter crafts to help decorate your home including a sock snowman. All materials will be provided but you may bring a fun sock or two to turn into the hat instead of a plain one.

Friday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. – Family Christmas Movie Night

To celebrate the last day of school for 2019 we will be having a movie night. All ages are welcome to come and watch. Contact the library for more details on what movie we are showing.

Friday, Dec. 27 all day – STEM Day

Don't know what to do with the kids for winter break? Send them to the library! On Friday 12/27 we will have a rotation of different STEM toys and activities to keep the kids, and parents, busy.

Holiday Closings

We will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – 12/24 and 25, New Years Day 1/1. In addition there will be no story time on 11/27.

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:

Special Winter Story time- Look for special story times over winter break for all ages.

Healthy Cents adult program – Starting Jan 9 at 5:30 p.m. we will have a program for adults on eating healthy on a budget. This will be very hands on and include a taste test of a delicious recipe each class. This will reoccurring every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Call or stop in to sign up.

Recurring Programs:

Story Time & Big Kids Book Club – Every Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. all ages (**Upcoming dates 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15**)

After School Club – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. ages 5 and up (**Upcoming dates 12/18, 1/15**)

Lego Club – Every 2nd Monday of the month at 5:45 p.m. all ages (**Upcoming dates 12/9, 1/13**)

Mommy & Me – Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 11:15 a.m. moms and little (**Upcoming dates 12/16**)

Rock Painting Club- Every 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. all ages (we do use permanent paint) (**Upcoming dates 12/16**)

Cookbook Club – Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. for adults. Visit the library to choose your recipe. (**Upcoming dates 1/7, 2/4**)

Library Board Meeting – Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: What happened to the game show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire”? Will it ever return? -- J.A.

A: “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” debuted 20 years ago with huge ratings in prime time with host Regis Philbin. It then went on to become a weekday syndicated show in 2002 with various hosts over the years, beginning with a long run by Meredith Viera followed by Cedric the Entertainer, Terry Crews and Chris Harrison. Alas, it was canceled in May 2019 and at this time there are no plans to revive it.

According to Slate.com, “At its peak, ‘Millionaire’ was more popular than ‘Monday Night Football.’” This was, of course, the original prime time version.

I think the show just needed a break and could be a big hit again. Perhaps a network will bring it back for occasional special events or for a full season in the summer months instead of a daily syndicated program. In the meantime, keep an eye out for reruns on cable or one of the streaming services, as old episodes also might be available in the future.

Q: Is Al Pacino still acting? I see Robert De Niro all over the place, almost too many movies, but I hardly see Pacino in anything anymore. -- K.Y.

A: Al Pacino does seem to be more selective in the films he accepts roles in, but I have a feeling you’re going to like his most recent one. He’s currently playing Jimmy Hoffa in the Martin Scorsese film “The Irish-

man,” which recently was made available on Netflix after a brief run in theaters. Coincidentally, De Niro also is in the movie as a World War II veteran turned hitman. Now we’ll just have to see if the Academy takes notice and rewards them with more Oscars for their mantles.

Q: I saw the actress who used to play Amanda on “All My Children” on the Netflix show “Selling Sunset” as a real estate agent. Does she really work in that field, or is she just playing a character? -- T.M.

A: Chrishell Stause, who changed her name to Chrishell Hartley after marrying “This Is Us” star Justin Hartley two years ago, has worked as a real estate agent in the Los Angeles area for a while now. When she’s not acting on soaps (most recently as Jordan on “Days of Our Lives”), she’s selling homes in the Valley.

“Selling Sunset” is produced by Adam Divello, who created the fiction-meets-reality hit series “The Hills.” So if you’ve watched “The Hills” or its predecessor, “Laguna Beach,” you know that it’s not exactly a straight documentary. Only Chrishell knows how much of herself she’s bringing to her character and how much is scripted. If there’s another season, it will be interesting to see if Chrishell mentions her recent split with Justin Hartley, who has filed for divorce.

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

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

“Ready or Not” (R) -- Wedding traditions are nothing new; people have been observing them for years. But the Le Domas family, rich and eccentric as they are, have taken the ritual far beyond “something borrowed, something blue” to something dark and dangerous. Blushing bride Grace (Samara Weaving) is feted by new husband Adam (Mark O’Brian) at his family’s estate, where each new addition is initiated with a game. Grace’s is hide and seek, and she quickly finds out that it’s kill or be killed before sunup. Andie MacDowell, Adam Brody and Henry Czerny co-star in a terrifically unapologetic black comedy.

“The Goldfinch” (R) -- Ansel Elgort (and Oakes Fegley, playing the younger years) stars as Theodore Decker, a young man whose mother dies in an explosion at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Theo survives, and retains as a palpable reminder of this event, a painting called “The Goldfinch.” His resulting journey -- his homes and relationships collected along the way -- are always colored by the loss of his mother and the retention of the painting. It’s based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name, but boiled down, it lacks the depth of Donna Tartt’s 800 pages.

“Killerman” (R) -- Moe Diamond (Liam Hemsworth) has a couple of problems. First, he’s a sleazy money launderer who got caught up with some dirty cops in a deal gone wrong. Second, he has amnesia and doesn’t know he’s a sleazy money launderer who got caught up with some dirty cops in a deal gone wrong. All he does know is that he’s got a pile of cash and drugs and a whole lot of trouble. It is



shot in a 1970s haze that feels authentically gritty, but the whole business could have been handled in less than 70 minutes, while director Malik Bader stretches it out to nearly 120.

“The Parts You Lose” (NR) -- A young deaf boy (Danny Murphy) finds an injured stranger (Aaron Paul) in the snow. Despite his rough exterior, the boy helps him hide,

brings him food and allows him to heal. The criminal -- how could he be anything but -- warms to the youngster, and teaches him some life lessons about triumph, loss and how to handle a bully, be it a classmate or a parent. When the law comes to call, the boy must make choices that put him on the road to becoming a man. Also stars Mary Elizabeth Winstead as the boy’s compassionate mother.

NEW TV RELEASES
 “Game of Thrones” Season 8
 “The Simpsons” Season 19
 “City on a Hill” Season 1
 “How to Train Your Dragon: Homecoming” TV movie

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Hollywood

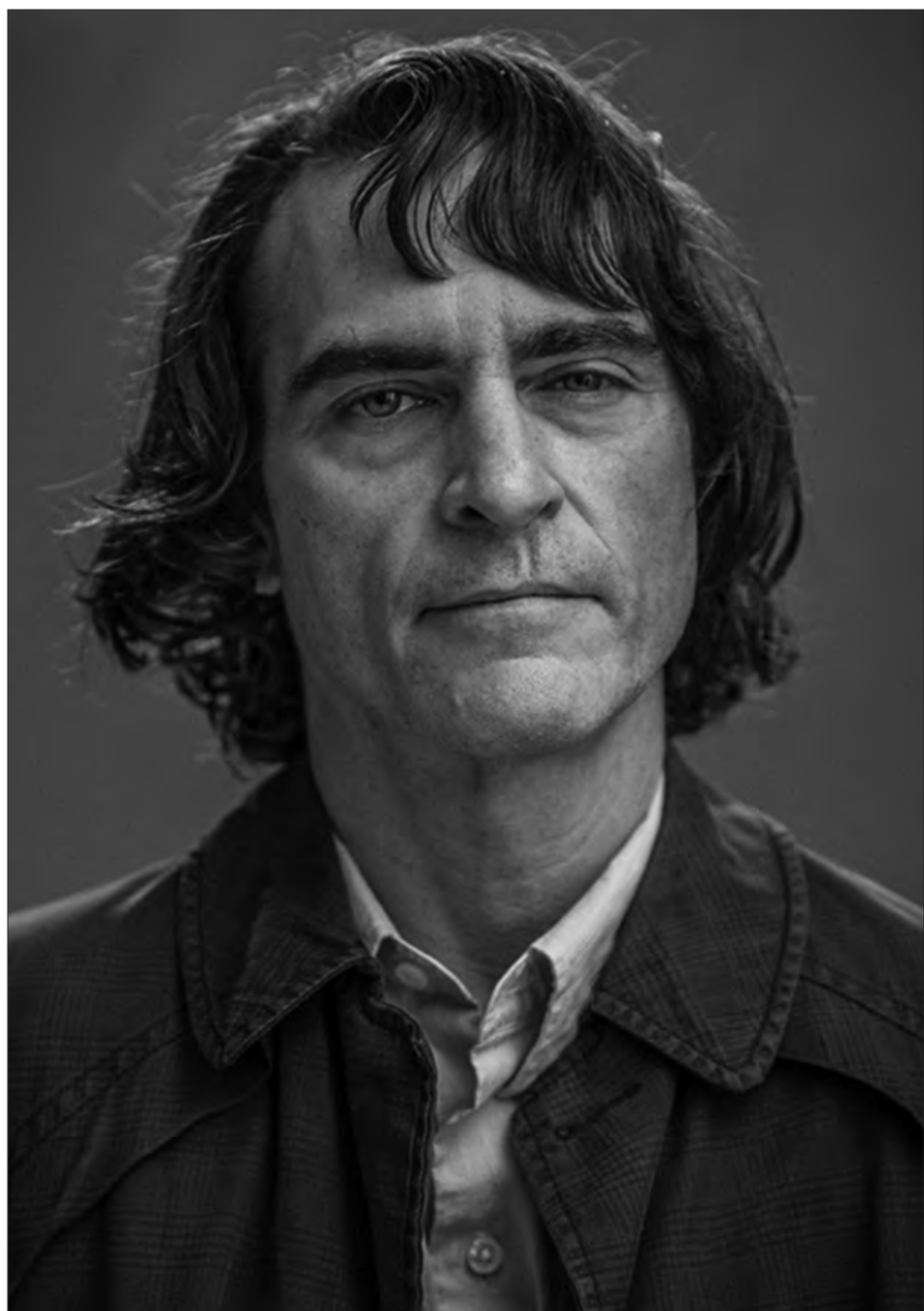
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- When Warner Brothers produced “Joker,” the top-grossing R-rated film of all time, they were certain it was a one-shot film with no sequels. Even the producers admit, “Joker was not set up to have any sequels, so no sequels were in development.” But after a month in release and well over \$1 billion in box-office receipts, you’d better believe they’re talking sequels. That clever guy, Bradley Cooper, produced the film with Todd Phillips (who wrote and directed) and Emma Tillinger Koskoff. Joaquin Phoenix, who is sure to receive his fourth Oscar nomination for his performance as the Joker, just began shooting an untitled Mike Mills project film, shrouded in secrecy, with Gaby Hoffmann.

In 1976, producer Leonard Goldberg (and Aaron Spelling) built the TV series “Charlie’s Angels” around Kate Jackson, then cast Jaclyn Smith and finally an unknown unpolished actress/model, Farrah Fawcett. The three stars spent as much time in front of full-length mirrors on the set as they did with their scripts. The show hit big and ran for five years. In 2000, a film version was made with Drew Barrymore (also one of the producers with Leonard Goldberg), Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu as the “Angels” with Bill Murray as Bosley, Sam Rockwell, Tim Curry and John Forsythe (as “Charlie”). The film cost \$93 million and earned \$264 million. That prompted a sequel in 2003 with Barrymore, Diaz and Liu, along with Crispin Glover, Bernie Mac as Bosley, Demi Moore, Justin Theroux, Shia LaBeouf and John Forsythe (as “Charlie” again). The sequel cost \$120 million and grossed \$259 million.

Fast-forward to last month, when the new “Charlie’s Angels” (without Leonard Goldberg as a producer) opened with Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska. Kristen Stewart became a star because of “The Twilight Saga” (2008-2012), however, her next 10 films, mostly low-budget, were box-office failures. Elizabeth Banks wrote/co-produced and directed the film, in addition to playing Bosley (the wife of John Bosley, played by Patrick Stewart). Since John Forsythe has passed away, the voice of Charlie is by Robert Clotworthy. Unfortunately Kristen Stewart and this no-star cast couldn’t sell tickets and the film, which cost \$75 million, has earned less than \$50 million.

Also a disappointment at the box office was “Terminator: Dark Force,” despite reteaming Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. It cost \$196 million and only earned \$234 million. “Doctor Sleep,” the sequel to “The Shining,” cost \$55 million and earned \$55 million. The good news is the “Downton Abbey” film, which cost \$20 million, has already earned \$184 million. There’s now no doubt they’re planning at least two more sequels, because the public has spoken!



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Poland?
2. HISTORY: What was the poison drink that Socrates was given to carry out his death sentence?
3. SCIENCE: What was Margaret Mead’s field of study?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition known as autophobia?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the title of the last film that Ronald Reagan made?
6. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which author wrote, “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose”?
7. TELEVISION: In the sitcom “I Dream of Jeannie,” what was Tony Nelson’s job?
8. MOVIES: Which rock star played the lead in “The Man Who Fell to Earth”?
9. GAMES: What is the maximum score in a standard bowling game?
10. SCIENCE: Which steam engine inventor’s last name is used as a unit of power?

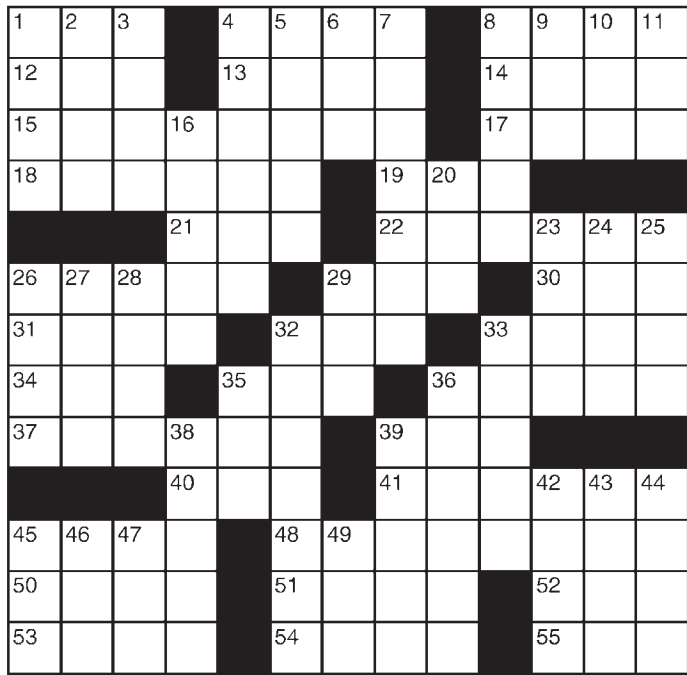
Answers

1. Warsaw
2. Hemlock
3. Anthropology
4. Fear of being alone
5. “The Killers” (1964)
6. Dr. Seuss
7. Astronaut
8. David Bowie
9. 300
10. James Watt (watt)

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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Chum
 - 4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel
 - 8 Faction
 - 12 Whatever amount
 - 13 Dermatology subject
 - 14 Horn sound
 - 15 Related to summer theater
 - 17 "That hurts!"
 - 18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style
 - 19 Old Olds
 - 21 "— the fields we go"
 - 22 Trite
 - 26 McCartney cohort
 - 29 See 4-Across
 - 30 Praise in verse
 - 31 Doves' place
 - 32 Eviscerate
 - 33 Actress
 - 34 Cannon
 - 34 Commotion
 - 35 Trot
 - 36 Part of a Santa costume
 - 37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie
 - 39 Oppositionist
 - 40 Swelled head
 - 41 Pester
 - 45 Oodles

- 48 Western hero's trademark
- 50 Suitor
- 51 Draftable
- 52 List-ending abbr.
- 53 Complain
- 54 Peruse
- 55 "Quiet!"
- DOWN**
- 1 History
- 2 Oppositionist
- 3 Orpheus' instrument
- 4 Attorney
- 5 Earth tone
- 6 Genetic stuff
- 7 Midwestern city
- 8 Remained upright
- 9 Debtor's letters
- 10 Elmer, to Bugs
- 11 Biblical verb ending
- 16 Worship
- 20 Shade source
- 23 Georgetown athlete
- 24 Hebrew month
- 25 See to
- 26 "Shoo!"
- 27 — list
- 28 On
- 29 Moonshine container
- 32 Commence hostilities
- 33 Thick
- 35 Binge
- 36 Went by water
- 38 Excited
- 39 Porcelain
- 42 "I'll have what — having"
- 43 Wooden strip
- 44 Leave an impression
- 45 "The Chew" network
- 46 Meadow
- 47 Rowing need
- 49 Weeding tool

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MAGIC MAZE ● TOLKIEN CHARACTERS

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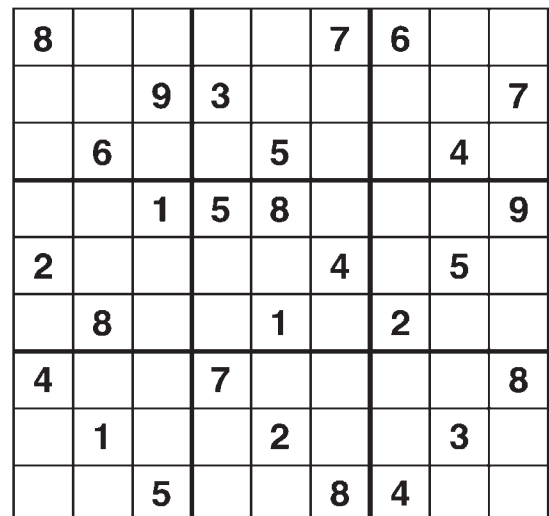
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Aragorn
- Fëanor
- Legolas
- Sam
- Arwen
- Fingolfin
- Melkor
- Smaug
- Beleg
- Gandalf
- Merry
- Uruk-hai
- Bilbo
- Gollum
- Pippin

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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.

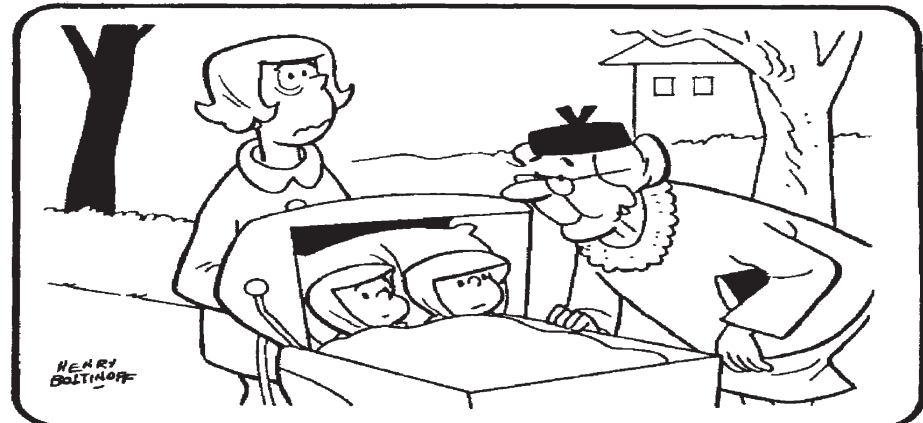
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

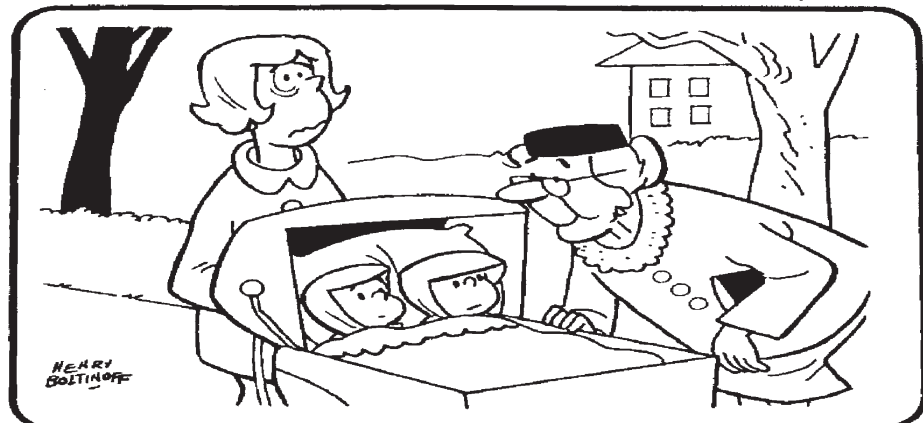
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



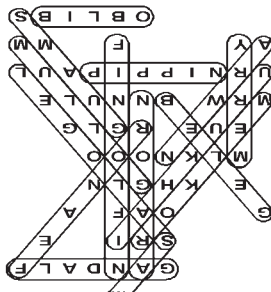
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Woman's hat is different. 2. Blanket has a rut-ton. 5. Tree has extra limb. 6. Mom's bangs are different.



Solution time: 27 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



TOLKIEN CHARACTERS

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

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

XIBU DISJTUNBT DBSPM EP GBSNFST

MJLF UP TJOH? J'N ESFBNJOH PG B

XIFBU DISJTUNBT.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

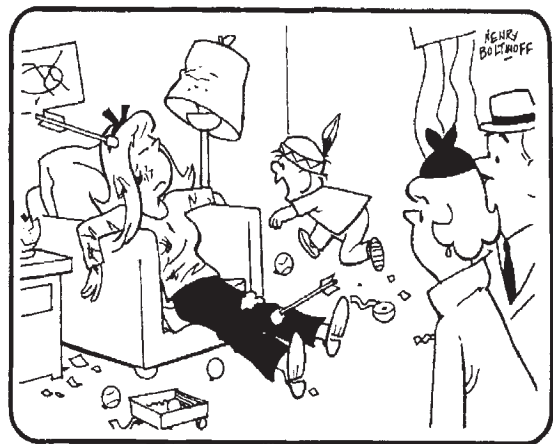
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Fence style | __ I __ _ _ _ _ | Small package | __ A __ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Greasy dirt | __ _ _ M __ | Complain | __ _ _ P __ |
| 3. On the mend | __ E __ _ _ _ _ | Unpleasant tasting | __ I __ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Say "no" | __ _ _ _ S __ | Prove wrong | __ _ _ _ T __ |
| 5. Aromatic herb | __ _ Y __ _ _ | Subject | __ _ E __ _ _ |
| 6. Fail to recollect | __ _ _ _ T | Faked a signature | __ _ _ _ _ D |
| 7. Electrical jolt | __ H __ _ _ _ | Artist's apron | __ M __ _ _ _ |
| 8. First aid fabric | __ _ _ Z __ | Tire pressure tool | __ _ _ G __ |
| 9. Penny material | __ _ P __ _ _ | "High Noon" star | __ _ O __ _ _ |
| 10. Subsequent | __ F __ _ _ _ | Modify | __ L __ _ _ _ |

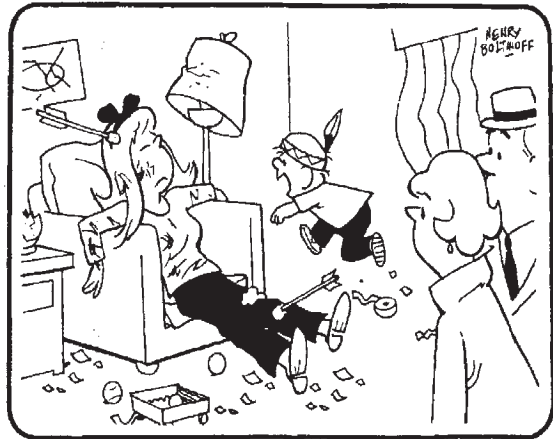
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

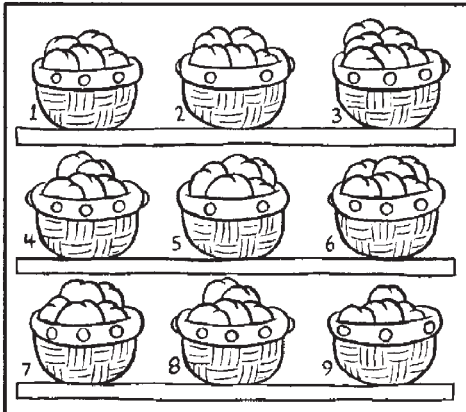


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's pants are black. 2. Ball near boy's foot is missing. 3. Mom's hat is gone. 4. Drapes are wider. 5. Girl's bow is different. 6. There's more trash on floor.

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HERE'S A PEACHY PROBLEM! Two of the above fruit baskets look exactly alike. See if you can "pick" them out in one minute flat.

Answer: Baskets 4 and 8

DOUBLE FEATURE! Arrange the five letters pictured here into two five-letter words that have more or less opposite meanings.

Answer: UNITE and UNITE.



BIG TOP TESTING TIME! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

- A good friend.
- A weak excuse.
- A happy expression.
- To change direction.

GRID A				GRID B			
M				T			
A				E			
		I				N	
			N				T

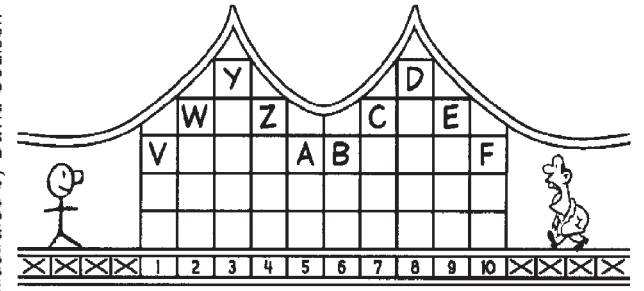
- People on the same side.
- Complete food serving.
- A boxing area.
- An undersized animal.

Answers: 1. Mate-team. 2. Lame-meal. 3. Grin-meal. 4. Turn-runt.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson



A WORD BRIDGE!

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

- A large barrel.
- Science fiction unit of speed.
- Heard in the mountains.
- Outlandishly comic.
- Exactly suitable; appropriate.
- To prohibit or deprive.
- Teeth found on a gear.
- To fix a computer program.
- Type of Dutch cheese.
- Said to be sly.

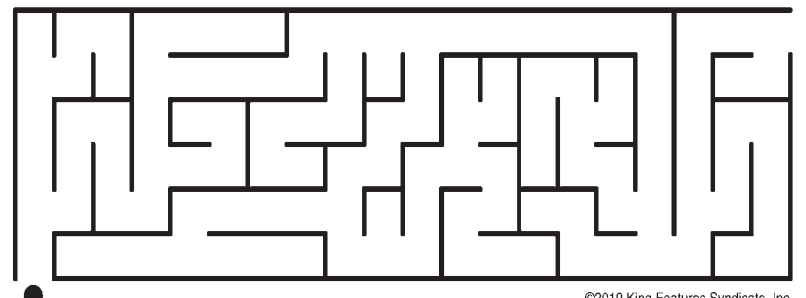
Answers: 1. Vat. 2. Warp. 3. Yodel. 4. Zany. 5. Apt. 6. Ban. 7. Cog. 8. Debug. 9. Edam. 10. Fox.



Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange** answers
- Picket, Packet
 - Grime, Grippe
 - Better, Bitter
 - Refuse, Refute
 - Thyme, Theme
 - Forget, Forged
 - Shock, Smock
 - Gauze, Gauge
 - Copper, Cooper
 - After, Alter

Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ones with two feet
- 7 Side roads
- 13 Forcible dismissal
- 20 Huge fan
- 21 Baby's noise
- 22 Like many reference books, in the back matter
- 23 Kia steered in the wrong direction?
- 25 Given a nice smell
- 26 Wrinkle-reducing injection
- 27 Troop group
- 28 Chinese "way"
- 30 Jai —
- 31 "— all true"
- 32 Concorde, e.g., in brief
- 33 Toyota damaged by fire?
- 37 Spaceship Earth locale
- 40 Volvo rival, once
- 42 —'Pea (cartoon kid)
- 43 Caterpillar wheel part
- 44 Volkswagen full of Egyptian charms?
- 47 Seed case
- 48 "Don't look — that way!"
- 49 Sprayed (down)
- 50 News piece
- 51 Old Turkish title
- 52 Hunter in the sky
- 53 Revered figure
- 54 Superhelix material
- 55 Honda driven in anti-war protests?
- 58 Spanish for "tomorrow"
- 60 Collision
- 63 Busy crawler
- 64 Pro-learning gp.
- 65 Dodge made with no cables?
- 69 To a ship's back
- 72 Bicentennial baby, e.g.
- 73 Sleek fabric
- 74 Tennis' Edberg
- 78 Hyundai that transports 88-key instruments?
- 81 "The Addams Family" cousin
- 83 Cry weakly

- 84 Juan of Argentina
- 85 "Help!," asea
- 86 Ballerina's garment
- 88 "... but maybe I was wrong"
- 89 Work units, in physics
- 90 "Silent Fall" actress Tyler
- 91 Ford that's the favorite out of one's collection?
- 94 Master
- 95 Small inlet
- 96 Get over a hurdle
- 97 Savage
- 98 Nissan decorated with romaine?
- 101 Drink daintily
- 102 Hypothetical things
- 105 Animated "explorer"
- 106 With 35-Down, "Your wish is my command!"
- 107 Body wrap?
- 109 Italian "love"
- 111 Arise
- 114 Chevrolet only driven in April and May?

DOWN

- 1 Disney fawn
- 2 Meathead
- 3 Playoff time
- 4 As a result
- 5 Two, to Luc
- 6 — Lanka
- 7 Go-between
- 8 California wine city
- 9 Disoriented
- 10 Inflated head
- 11 Video sharing site
- 12 Sunny?
- 13 That boy's
- 14 Crated up
- 15 Penguin of Antarctica
- 16 — cavae (large blood vessels)
- 17 Dying out, as of species
- 18 Half a laugh
- 19 Funny
- 24 Garbage can
- 29 With no assurance of payment
- 32 Blubber
- 33 Checking acct. figure
- 34 24-month
- 35 See 106-Across
- 36 Task list
- 38 Attorney-to-be's study
- 39 Lout
- 40 Picture
- 41 \$ dispenser
- 44 Thin wedge
- 45 Opus ender
- 46 Online sales
- 48 Curve part
- 51 Use a tub
- 52 Band of eight
- 54 Challenges
- 55 Orzo, e.g.
- 56 Ovid's "Lo!"
- 57 Self-turmoil
- 59 Presidential resignee
- 61 Cousins of plateaus
- 62 Exam for H.S. juniors
- 66 Causing wear
- 67 Writer Loos
- 68 Camera-ready proofs
- 69 Entreaty
- 70 Savage
- 71 Hoped-for finish time
- 75 Worked properly
- 76 Baseball's Moises
- 77 Goalies guard them
- 79 Calculator figs.
- 80 Many works of fiction
- 82 Wind farm spinner
- 86 — Maria (liqueur)
- 87 Sports arbiter, for short
- 88 Flip — coin
- 90 Tracks down
- 91 It "corrals" a baby
- 92 Sports arbiter, for short
- 93 "Darn tootin'"
- 95 Run an exhibit for
- 99 Of musical pitch
- 100 Walk-in-the-park class
- 101 Harbingers
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Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Quinn invited Shauna to Thanksgiving dinner. Douglas told Liam that he was homesick for Hope. Steffy confronted Hope about her terrible lie. Liam gave Thomas the 411 on how Hope was retiring for a while to spend time with Beth, which prompted Thomas to come up with another idea on how to win Hope's heart. Liam and Steffy continued to disagree on Thomas' level of trustworthiness. Shauna confided in Quinn that Ridge was divorcing his soulmate, Brooke. Ridge ended up presenting Brooke with an idea on how to salvage their relationship instead. Steffy warned Thomas to stay in his lane when it came to Hope. Brooke made the final call about her marriage. Wait to See: Shauna makes a declaration of love.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Ben tried to stop Clyde from hurting Will. Ciara broke into Xander's metal box to uncover his secret. Nicole urged Eric to forgive her. Gabi sent Eli off to Rome to thwart Chad. Abigail told "Hope" she didn't believe Eve pushed her mother. Lani revealed to Abe she made a commitment to

someone. JJ was desperate to uncover Kristen's location. Rafe questioned "Hope's" odd behavior. Eric introduced Mickey to Roman and Marlana. Sarah told Xander that Eric was willing to share custody, but with one condition. Gabi and Chad went head-to-head for control over DiMera. JJ trailed Eli, hoping he would lead him to Kristen. Marlana told Eric that Mickey had a fever. Wait to See: JJ confronts Kristen about Haley's death.

GENERAL HOSPITAL
Julian made a devastating discovery. Carly's plans were suddenly cut short. Sonny gave Kristina some reassurance. Jordan finally felt content. Willow was eager to know the truth. Bobbie had some terrible news to share. Michael pressed for more information. Jax confronted Valentin. Finn worried about what to tell Violet. Jordan's findings were inconclusive. Nelle was given a new cellmate. Maxie and Lulu got caught up on each other's lives. Jason surprised Ned. Franco completed an important project. Monica clarified things with Olivia. Peter gathered up his possessions. Anna very much disagreed with

Robert. Elizabeth attempted to express her gratitude. Trina helped at the gallery. Wait to See: Jax loses patience with his houseguest.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
Chelsea explained to Nick that she needed to move in with Connor (and Adam) because of his recurrent nightmares and trouble at school. Nick didn't blame Connor but was certain that Adam had a secret plan. Amanda quickly covered when Nate arrived while she was tracking someone through a GPS. Over at Crimson Lights, Theo shared with Summer that he wanted to move to a permanent residence and suggested that they live together. Meanwhile, Devon distracted himself with hunting down Colin. Abby received word that there had been another jewel theft at the Grand Phoenix. She later accused Phyllis of being a security threat. Nate told Amanda that he wanted to move beyond the "friend zone" with her. Wait to See: Devon struggles with a secret.



Katelyn MacMullen stars as "Willow" on "General Hospital." Photo credit: (ABC/Craig Sjodin)

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Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

Thieves Stole My Credit Card Number

Sometimes what you think is a scam phone call ... isn't. Sometimes it's the real thing. Like the call I got today.

When the phone rang I didn't rush to answer. The foreign sounding man who left a message said that he needed to verify certain recent transactions on one of my credit cards. The only reason I paid atten-

tion was that this same thing happened to me 15 years ago.

Still, I was leery. Instead of calling back at the number he left, I called the number on the back of my card and asked for the fraud department. Sure enough, my card number had somehow gotten out and people were busily trying to make purchases all over the country -- at that very moment! By that time, the attempts to make fraudulent purchases had exceeded \$4,000.

The man immediately canceled my card

and said that another one would arrive at my door within 48 hours.

I asked him how this could happen. My card was in my hand. I don't keep a list of credit cards on my computer. I shred documents that have personal information. I don't use the card at small mom-and-pop places (which was my mistake 15 years ago) because their security isn't always the best. I don't use the card at ATMs that might have a skimmer. I hadn't fallen for any scammer tricks over the phone. I hadn't

clicked links in any suspicious emails.

So, how did that number get out? He couldn't tell me. He said it happens far too often, and it's nothing the card owner has done.

I suspect that a few months from now we'll learn that there has been another massive security breach, similar to the Target breach of 2013 where the information on 40 million cards was stolen.

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Shingles Vaccine Causes Severe Side Effects

DEAR DR. ROACH: I received the first dose of Shingrix this week and had pretty severe side effects, though in the range of what can be expected: high fever (101.5), intense shivering, a severe headache and 12 hours of extreme fatigue. The entire reaction began 11 hours after the shot and ended 18 hours after that. I am 61 and in excellent health, taking only 25 mcg of levothyroxine daily.

I have a few questions that I hope you can answer. I've tried looking at the clinical trial results for Shingrix, but I am not qualified to understand the information as presented.

1. Is it likely that I'll have a similar (or worse?) reaction to the second shot? The package insert says one can react to the first, second, neither or both.
2. Are both injections identical?
3. When I had chickenpox as a child, I was way sicker than the average kid. Related?
4. If I get shingles, do I have a higher risk for a severe case? -- J.G.

ANSWER: Compared with the previous one-time vaccine Zostavax,

the new two-dose Shingrix vaccine is much more effective. However, it does have a higher risk of side effects. You have had the most common side effect, though only 10% of people will have symptoms as bad as yours. These symptoms are caused by your body mounting an inflammatory response to the glycoprotein in the vaccine (the new vaccine does not contain a live virus). You clearly have a robust system to fight off infection.

To answer your questions in order: You are at higher risk for a similar reaction for the second shot. I would plan your day accordingly, and pre-medicate with Tylenol (even though it may make the vaccine slightly less effective). The second vaccine is identical to the first. I have read reports that there have been shortages of the vaccine.

Chickenpox and shingles can affect you both by the virus attacking you and by an exuberant inflammatory and immune reaction. I would guess that you are at lower risk for viral complications (such as infection of the eye, brain or lungs) but at higher risk for symptoms due to your own system, such as high fever. In many cases, the body's response to infection can be as damaging as the infection itself.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Last year I was treated for gout and was prescribed allopurinol (100 mg) once a day. Approximately five to six months after I started taking it, I became lethargic and was not feeling myself (I am a very young 77 years old) and suddenly lost my sense of taste. I was taken off the medicine and still have little taste sensation other than citrus fruits, apples and spices. I was told that this could last for months, years or forever. Do you have any suggestions for me? I am eating as before, hoping that I will recover my taste. -- N.K.

ANSWER: I certainly found that allopurinol can cause loss of taste sensation, but the Food and Drug Administration case reports don't say how long it can last. Unfortunately, I can't find any reliable way (or even plausible way) to increase the likelihood of getting your taste sensation back.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Super Crossword

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Rochelle couple puts on holiday light extravaganza

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – A local couple are spreading Christmas cheer to the entire block with an extravagant light display, while also raising money for an important cause during this season of giving.

This is the 11th year that Ray Voss and his wife, Carolyn, have set up a Christmas light display at their home — 239 Phyllis Avenue — for the community to view. The display consists of more than 23,000 lights timed perfectly to twinkle on and off to the

beat of 10 different songs. From beginning to end, the show lasts approximately 25 minutes and even has an FM transmitter so people can listen in their cars.

The idea for the light display began from seeing something similar on television.

“It started with one of those crazy Christmas light shows on T.V. and I thought that would be pretty cool,” said Ray. “They said what the program was to run it so I googled it, and here I am with about 23,000 lights.”

When the show first began it had two controllers each hooked up to 16 strands

of lights, now it has grown to 14 controllers hooked up to more than 120 different strands of lights.

As well as putting the display on for the public to come and see, Voss also has a donation box set up outside in which all of the funds are given to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. He has been collecting and donating funds to them for the last 10 years and has donated more than \$23,000.

“I chose St. Jude because it is just one of those charities that everybody can relate too,” added Voss.

Ray and his wife begin putting the lights

up the first week of November and run them from 5 to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday through the first or second week of January.

Through the years of putting on the light display, the Voss’s have heard many different responses from the community when they come to see his lights.

“I have heard many different things from ‘my wife died and it was a tradition of ours to come see your lights’, to people comments about people who have had children in St. Jude’s before,” added Voss.

Supreme Governor of the Moose makes stop at Rochelle lodge

By Andrew Heiserman
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – The highest elected official in the Loyal Order of the Moose made a stop at the Rochelle Moose Lodge Thursday morning on his trip to different lodges across the country.

Rodney Hammond, the current Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose paid a visit to the Rochelle Moose Lodge while on his way to the Mooseheart Child City and School in Aurora tomorrow. During his one year term as the Supreme Governor of the Moose it is his duty to travel across the country, attempting to visit every single state, visiting as many of the Moose lodges as he can.

So far, he has visited approximately 160 lodges in 26 different states.

“The primary responsibility of the Supreme Governor is to travel around the country visiting lodges,

spreading the good word about the Moose and helping lodges by giving them new ideas,” explained Hammond. “For my Illinois visit, I started down south and have been making my way up, I had some free time before heading to Mooseheart, so I thought I would stop in and pay a visit.”

By the end of his travels, he will have visited approximately 300 lodges throughout the country.

Once arriving at the Mooseheart in Aurora, the board of directors will meet which will be followed by a tree lighting ceremony. The Mooseheart is a residential childcare facility that aims to provide housing and schooling for children and families in need.

It originally started out just for children and widows of former Moose members that have passed away, but has since opened their doors to anyone in need.

“We don’t restrict the Mooseheart to just families of Moose

members anymore, we have children as young as toddlers that are taken care of all throughout their lives until high school graduation,” said Hammond.

The kids will live in a family type setting in a house with family parents and family teachers, everything that a child would need is provided such as food and clothing.

Along with Mooseheart and the many lodges spread throughout the county, the Loyal Order of the Moose also offers housing, both independent and assisted for senior citizens at their Moosehaven complex in Florida as well as their new Lodgic complexes.

The first ever Lodgic complex recently opened in Champagne, but there are already one in Madison, Wisconsin and Louisville, Kentucky being constructed. The new lodgic buildings were created to both help raise money that will be used to help fund Mooseheart, as well as serve three separate op-



erations under one roof.

“First is flexible childcare for parents, second is a workplace where people who don’t work in an office or anything can come use equipment to make phone calls or do networking, and finally is a restaurant where anyone including the public can get anything from a small snack to an upscale

dinner,” added Hammond.

If the first three Logic buildings receive the response the Moose is hoping for, there could possibly be more of them being built in the future. Anyone who is over the age of 21, believes in any kind of higher being and has a current member sponsor them is able to join the Loyal Order of the Moose.

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Public Notice is hereby given that on November 27, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Trimble Wood & Gardens, 7777 North Crestview Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: November 27, 2019
Laura J. Cook,
Ogle County Clerk
No. 1208 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2019
ESTATE)P-91
OF:)
HARVEY H.)
MCCOY,)
deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of HARVEY H. MCCOY of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on November 25, 2019, to DAWN M. HENDRICKSON of Byron, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & O'Brien, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
Dawn M. Hendrickson
Independent Executor
Attorney David A. Smith
SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & O'Brien, P.C.
129 South Fourth Street
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No. 1211 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

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MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLECOUNTY, ILLINOIS: SECTION 1. The Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, known as Ordinance No. 19-1, is hereby incorporated in this Annual Levy Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2. The amount to be raised by levy for said fiscal year is \$140,000.00 and the same hereby levied for the general purposes of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois shall file on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2019, a certified copy of this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Ogle County Clerk (in compliance with 70 ILCS 1105/18). The said secretary shall also file on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2019 certified copies of the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Museum operated by the Byron Museum District and make said copies available to public inspection at all times.

SECTION 4. The amount levied by this Annual Levy Ordinance is required by the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois and is to be extended upon the appropriate tax books for the fiscal year of said district beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

SECTION 5. If any section, subdivision, sentence or clause of this Annual Levy Ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Annual Levy Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, filing and publishing according to law.

Adopted this 26th day of November, 2019, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT:-
Passed and approved this 26th day of November, 2019.

RANDY STUKENBERG, President
ATTEST:
JIM EISFELLER, Secretary
No. 1214 (Dec.9)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
OGLE COUNTY IL-

ILINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION In the) Matter) of the)No. Estate of)2019 L. HAROLD)P 17 GOLEY,) Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of L. HAROLD GOLEY. Letters of Office were issued on March 6, 2019, to STEVEN V. GOLEY, 4906 East Ashelford Drive, Byron, IL 61010, who is the Independent Executor of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is MICHAEL J. SCHAPPERT, HolmstromKennedyPC, 800 North Church Street, Rockford, Illinois 61103. Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before March 9, 2020, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, 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 by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

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Dated: Dec. 3, 2019.
STEVEN V. GOLEY, Independent Executor of the Estate of L. HAROLD GOLEY, Deceased
Holmstrom KennedyPC
His Attorneys
No. 1215 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

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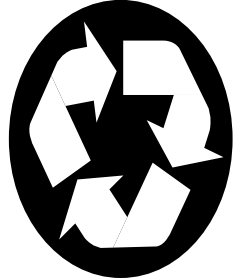
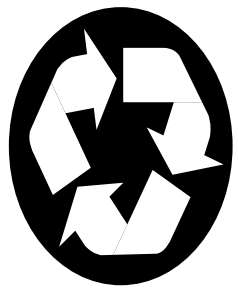
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The Village of Mt. Morris is accepting applications/resumes for employment in its Street Department. This is a full time position with occasional overtime. Class B CDL license is preferred but not required at time of employment. Must obtain within three months from hire date. Position would include but not limited to street and sidewalk maintenance repair and snow plowing. Mechanical experience a plus. Village of Mt. Morris offers a full benefit package which includes medical, dental and vision.

Applications are available in the Village Clerk's Office located at 105 W Lincoln Street Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm., or on our website www.mtmorrisil.net through December 20th.

Mt. Morris is an equal opportunity employer.

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Byron Middle School has an opening for a Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach

Interested individuals should apply online at

www.byron226.org under the About Us tab in the

Employment Opportunities Section

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JOB NOTICE

Full-Time Bar Services Manager at PrairieView Golf Club

The Byron Forest Preserve District is accepting applications for the position of Bar Services Manager at PrairieView Golf Club and the new PrairieFire Golf & Grill (Toptracer range) facility. The ideal candidate will possess a proven track record in food & beverage operations, excel in leading and training a diverse staff, and be successful in promoting the golf facilities to the public. This is a year-round full-time salaried position. Total compensation offered is between \$40,000 - \$50,000. The Byron Forest Preserve District offers a competitive benefits package, which includes excellent health and pension plans. The position is responsible for providing leadership in supervising, administrating, coordinating, and conducting all beverage operations including the PrairieGrass Pub, PrairieFire Range (set to open Feb 2020), golf course beverage cart, and the golf pavilion. To see the full job description and/or to apply for this position, please go to www.byronforestpreserve.com, click the "About" section then click the "Employment" section to print an employment application. Please send a cover letter, completed application, and resume to Scott deOliveira, Asst. General Manager at PrairieView Golf Club, P.O. Box 1075, Byron, IL 61010 or by email to scott@prairieviewgolf.com.

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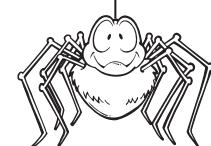
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Be prepared for winter driving

SPRINGFIELD – As bitter cold creeps into Illinois, the state’s frontline weather responders remind motorists that preparation can help take the bite out of winter this season.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and the Illinois Tollway encourage motorists to prepare for wintry driving conditions and remember: “Winter Weather – Get it Together.” “Winter weather can be unpredictable in Illinois, but preparation today will make a safer tomorrow,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. “Drivers should start easing into those winter

driving behaviors now. Our snow-and-ice teams are ready, as always, to make this a safe, successful winter driving season.”

Throughout the winter, especially during adverse conditions, motorists should practice basic winter driving skills and build extra time into their schedules. As part of the “Winter Weather – Get it Together” campaign, all travelers are encouraged to follow these simple rules and tips during the coming months:

- Always wear a seat belt. It’s the law in Illinois.
- Slow down. Slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower

braking all are required in winter driving conditions.

- Drop it and drive. Put down the handheld devices – it, too, is the law in Illinois.
- Don’t crowd the plow. A snowplow operator’s field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
- Avoid using cruise control in snow and ice.
- Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous.
- Be especially careful approaching intersections, ramps, bridges and shady areas. All are prone to icing.
- Do not travel during bad weather unless

absolutely necessary. If you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route. Consider taking public transportation if it is an option.

• Prepare an emergency kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first-aid kit.

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WINTER: Keep up on your maintenance

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• Follow Scott's Law. Slow down and move over for stopped emergency, construction and maintenance vehicles.

• For a list of suggested maintenance for your car, visit the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's winter driving website.

"Winter weather causes extremely dangerous driving with black ice and white out conditions," said ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "Plan ahead by checking your windshield wipers, vehicle fluid levels, proper tire inflation and tread depth. Remember to avoid unnecessary lane changes and as always, reduce your speed and increase following distances.

"Don't crowd the plow. Give them room to work. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you."

Before leaving the house, drivers are encouraged to check GettingAroundIllinois.com for continually updated information on winter road conditions, weather radars, road and bridge closures and other traffic-related information. The site was recently redesigned in a mobile-friendly format providing a more convenient way to access important information quickly.

The winter road conditions map gives travelers the ability to zoom in to their location, travel route or destination and

get real-time road conditions. At any time, motorists can check travel conditions by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368) or 1-800-TOLL-FYI.

"Winter weather can make driving challenging for our customers, so our priorities are to keep the roads clear and provide roadway information to help drivers safely reach their destinations," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "In return, we ask our customers to protect themselves and our workers by slowing down and increasing their distance from other vehicles, particularly during storms and severe weather."

For the upcoming winter, IDOT will have more than 1,700 trucks

available for deployment to plow almost 16,000 miles of roads statewide, the equivalent of driving from Springfield to the tip of South America and back.

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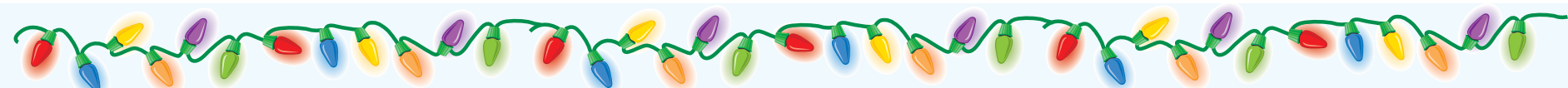
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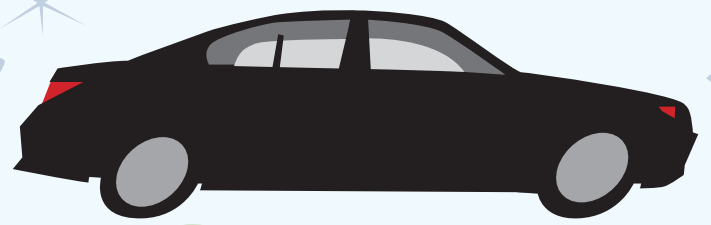
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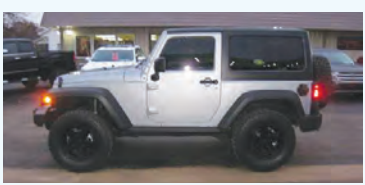
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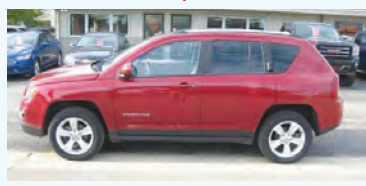
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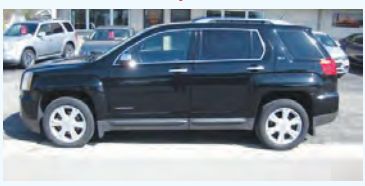
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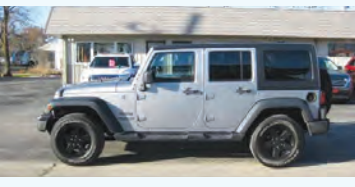
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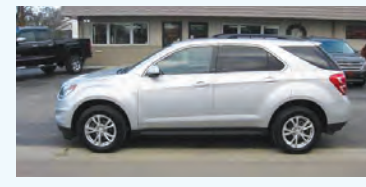
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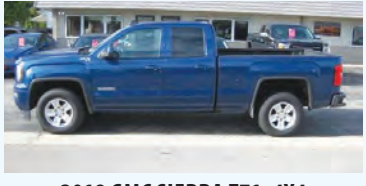
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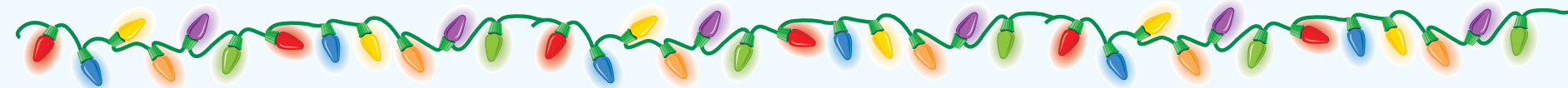
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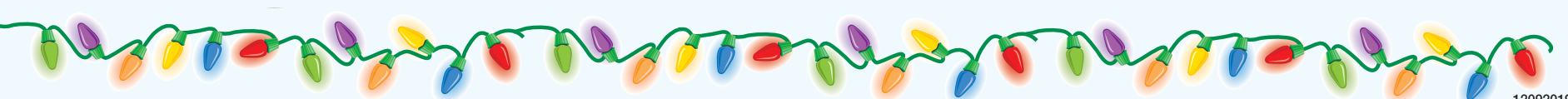
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Adriana Costa is 19 and was born and raised in Byron. She is currently studying Psychology at Illinois State University as a sophomore and plans on receiving her masters in ABA therapy to work with kiddos with Autism. You can find Adriana hanging out with her sorority sisters at school or working back home at her parent's restaurant. Her favorite thing about being Miss Ogle County is getting to represent the county she loves so much and honor it with great pride! She hopes you have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday!

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