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Due to the Christmas holiday, the editorial deadline for the Dec. 30 Ogle County Life will 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. Please have all items in by that time to be sure they are included in the Dec. 30 newspaper. The deadline for classified advertisements will not change.

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Miracle on 2nd Street



People came out to enjoy some holiday fun at the annual Miracle on 2nd Street on a chilly night in Byron Dec. 6. Families enjoyed shopping, warm goodies, horse-drawn wagon rides and a live nativity. For more photos, please see Page A-3. (Brad Jennings photos)



Byron music students earn all-state honor

BYRON – Five Byron Music Students were selected to participate in the 2020 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Festival.

The Festival will take place on Jan. 29-Feb 1, in Peoria. ILMEA sponsors District and All-State competitions for the State of Illinois. Illinois is divided into nine districts. Byron is located in District 8, which includes the Western edge of the North-West Chicago suburbs, to the Mississippi River, and from the Wisconsin border down to I-88.

The process begins when students prepare an audition for the District Festival. Students in band prepare an etude, scales and they will sightread at the audition. Students in choir prepare 2 pieces of music and also have to perform scales and sightsinging at the audition. The students audition for

a judge, by themselves, and are scored out of 100 points. From these scores the ensemble is selected. Top scores from each section are selected for the District ensembles, approximately 2000 students audition for the district band, orchestra, and choir ensembles.

After the District Festival, the student scores are then looked at again. In band and orchestra top players are chosen from each instrument. Once down at state the instruments will need to audition again for their place in the All-State or the Honors All-State Band or Orchestra. In choir, the top 8 scores from each voice part are chosen to attend the All-State festival. The highest four scores are placed in the Honors All State ensemble and the next four scores are placed in the All-State ensemble.

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Pictured in the back row: Isaac Mondello, Ryer Christian, Nate Dyck. Front row: Hope Cornett, Jaidyn Newton.

Music: A unique musical experience

From page 1

The All-State music experience is unlike any other musical experience these students will have. Top musicians from across Illinois come together and prepare a concert of challenging music in less than three days. It will be an experience these kids will never forget.

This year Byron also had a student prepare a nomination for the Future Music Educators Seminar. In an effort to identify and encourage potential future music educators into the profession, ILMEA has created this forum for high school students at the annual Illinois Music Education Conference: selected students will be mentored and exposed to various aspects of the profession. This pre-professional opportunity is a strong first step toward a career as a music educator. There were a maximum of 55 students selected to participate in the Seminar.

The five Byron musicians who qualified for the All-State Ensembles this year are:

Ryer Christian is a junior who is in both Concert Band and Symphonic Band. His parents are Brad and Julie Christian. He made it into the All-State Band after sitting first chair Tuba at the District Festival. Christian is thinking about an Accounting/Mathematics Major, possibly at Illinois State University, and he is interested in playing in their band. He has been a part of Byron's Band and Basketball team. His thoughts on making All-State are: "I am really happy and a bit overwhelmed. I'm just glad I have the chance to make my family proud." Christian's favorite memory of band is the card games that took place huddled up on the bleachers before halftime performances.

Hope Cornett is a junior who was selected to the Future Music Educators Seminar. Cornett is in Concert Band and Chamber Choir. Her parents are Tisha and David Cornett. She plans to go to college for music education. In high school, she is very active in Theater, Band and Choir. Cornett's thoughts on making the Future Music Educators Seminar are: "I'm so excited for the opportunity

to go to All-State. This is going to be an incredible opportunity to learn more about the career I plan on pursuing. I'm honored to have been selected to participate in such a fantastic event." She describes her favorite moment from band, "Every time that I go to my band director's elementary school classroom to help with the kids. Those kids make every day so memorable, I don't think I could pick a specific memory. But when I'm with them, everything just feels right. It's like I know that I'm supposed to be in a classroom with these kids while they learn and enhance their music skills." Her favorite memory from choir is when we were recording performances for television her freshman year, and she remembers looking around at everyone when we had a break. The girls were all fixing their dresses and hair, and the boys were all joking around with each other. She couldn't help but think about how lucky and grateful she was to be there, making beautiful music with beautiful people.

Nathaniel Dyck is a junior who is in both Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Dyck's parents are Bryan and Raina Dyck. He made it into the All-State Orchestra on French Horn, sitting 2nd chair at the District Orchestra Festival. His future plans are to keep investing time in music, graduate high school, and try out for Drum Corps International (DCI). Dyck keeps himself busy with band, jazz band, and basketball. His thoughts on making All-State: "I'm so beyond excited for all of my hard work paying off and I can't wait to learn and make memories while at All-State. I'm thankful for those who supported me and who continue to support me along this journey, and for those who push me to reach my full potential." His favorite memory from band is playing a pep rally song so loud it shattered the basketball backboard in 8th grade.

Isaac Mondello is a sophomore in Chamber Choir and Symphonic Band. His parents are Jason Mondello and Melissa Mondello. Mondello will sing Bass I in the Honors All-State Choir. He scored as number one in the District Choir Baritone Section so that gives him

an automatic selection into All-State. His future plans are to attend college, but he is undecided on his major. Isaac has participated in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. He has been involved in both Band and Choir and he is looking forward to being in Student Council next year. Mondello's thoughts on making All-State are: "Honestly it was just a huge shock, but I'm so excited to get to be a part of the program. I think that all the hard work I put in paid off." His favorite memory of choir is making All-State this year, just because it showed that I was having huge success with the class and it made me really happy and excited to continue.

Jaidyn Newton is a sophomore who is in Chamber Choir. Her parents are Diana and Seth Newton. She made it into All-State Choir as an Alto 1. Her future plans are to go to college after high school, but she is undecided on her major. She has been involved in Track, Speech Team, Chamber Choir, Treble Choir, Volleyball, BTT Shows, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her thoughts on making All-State: "I am very happy I made All-State! Although I was very surprised at the news, I am so excited to have this experience and I know that I am going to have a lot of fun and learn a lot of new things!" Her favorite memory of choir would have to be growing in her experience with music in general, especially since she is now singing in a new voice part than in years past. She also is happy with making the new friends that she has! She has definitely grown a lot in her musical abilities because of choir and have many new friends because of choir!

While the students are at the Festival they will attend numerous rehearsals, attend workshops, panel discussion and master classes. They also will perform a final concert at the Peoria Civic Center. They will be accompanied to the festival by their teachers, Natalie Haas, band director, and Amy Harn, choir director. The students are grateful for the financial support from the Byron School District to make it possible for them to attend the All-State Festival.

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Miracle on 2nd Street



Oregon students holding business showcase event

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 investments to fund their two-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.

This is a free event.



Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who expressed your heartfelt sympathy, kind words, prayers, and generosity to our family in the loss of Dan Sheely. We feel your outpouring of love in this time of sorrow. May you all have a blessed Christmas holiday.

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Obituaries

Adrian G. Book

LEAF RIVER – Adrian G. Book, age 57, passed away in Rockford on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. He was born in Rockford on June 25, 1962 the son of Glenn and Joan (Helwig) Book.

Adrian was a graduate of Leaf River High School. He married Tari Rose on June 2, 1984. Adrian worked as a truck driver and was passionate about trucking and semi trucks. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron where he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Adrian was a member of the Leaf River Lions Club, German Valley Sno-Riders, and was a former member of the FFA. He loved working, farming, and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed traveling and going off roading up north. He was also a model tractor collector. Adrian liked having fun and spending time with his family and friends;



especially bowling with his wife and friends on Sundays. He was a proud grandpa who cherished his time with his grandchildren. He had a giving spirit and was always available to help his community.

He is survived by his wife, Tari of Leaf River; children, Nicole (James) Deen of Leaf River and A.J. (Darlene) Book of Leaf River; siblings, Mike (Sherrie) Book of Leaf River, Howard (Tammy)

Book of Arkansas, Steve (Sue) Book of Forreston, Connie (Dave) Fox of Tampico, and Carol (Lloyd) Bellows of Oregon; grandchildren, Emily, Ciara, Hailey, Tiffany, and Benjamin; one great granddaughter on the way, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Joan and step mother Nellie Mae.

Christian Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in St. Mary Catholic Church, Byron with Father Rich Rosinski as celebrant. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Byron. Visitation 4-7 p.m. Monday in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron. In lieu of flowers, memorials are established in Adrian's name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Othelda Ferguson

Othelda "Opie" Ferguson, 79, of the Stillman Valley/Byron area, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at Swedish American Hospital. She was born June 8, 1940 in Bono, Ark., to Louie and Lucille (Whit-mire) Harris.

She moved to Rockford in 1950 and attended the Rockford Public Schools. She married CD Ferguson on Dec. 21, 1959. In 1969, she earned her Cosmetologist license and spent the majority of her adult life owning and operating beauty salons in Rockford and Stillman Valley. Her and CD also owned and operated The Chana Tap and later, Frisco Joe's Bar



in Stillman Valley.

Opie will be missed by her two daughters, Velda Ferguson and Mona Smith; grandchildren, Jennifer Files, Darren Files, Ryan Light, Briana (Josh) Rus-som, AB Clayton Smith; great-grandchildren, Bryce

Files, Oliver and Avery Russom; Sister, Jean (Gene) Shively; numerous brothers/sister in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother (Bill).

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Generations Rehabilitation in Byron and Swedish American Heart Hospital.

A visitation was from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at Farrell-Holland & Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley. Burial at Stillman Valley Cemetery immediately following. Memorials may be made out to the family to be established at a later date.

Jane Marie Baker

BYRON – Jane Marie Baker, age 60, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon. She was born in Rockford on April 9, 1959 the daughter of Shelby and Shirley (Botten) Baker.

She graduated from Byron High School class of 1977. During her time there she was an excellent student and active in the speech club and National Honors Society. She then went on to Illinois Wesley University where she graduated in 1981. Jane was a member of Middle Creek Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling,

sewing, and cooking. She also enjoyed standard horse racing and helping at county fairs. Jane was interested in genealogy and a passionate member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Above all else, Jane loved her family and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents.

Jane is survived by her siblings, Sam Baker of Sterling, Liz (Aaron) Guenther of Green Bay, Wis., and Valerie Ruhayel of Carmel, Ind.; nieces and nephews, Erin (Don) Kazel, Jacob Guenther, Samuel Guenther,

Adam Ruhayel, and Jenna Ruhayel; and great nephew and niece, Keith Kazel and Amy Kazel.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 13 at noon at Middle Creek Church, 12473 Montague Rd, Winnebago, Illinois with Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva officiating. Visitation was held at the church from 11 a.m.-noon prior to the service. Burial followed at Middle Creek Cemetery. Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Ronald Eugene King

BYRON – Ronald Eugene King, age 68, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. He was born Aug. 7, 1951 in Oregon, the son of George E. and Harriet (Cann) King.

He graduated from Oregon High School in 1970. Ron was a Maintenance Manager for A O Smith Automotive in Rockford. Ron loved spending time with his family, friends, and especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the NRA and loved to hunt and be with his dogs.



He was predeceased by his parents and 2 sisters Doris Shull and Shirley Bull.

He is survived by his

son David (Christy) King of Waukesha, Wis., 2 grandchildren Adam and Alexandria King, and sister Joanne Spangler of Oregon.

A memorial visitation was held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street in Byron. If you would like to give a memorial in memory of Ron, please donate to an animal shelter in his name. To leave a condolence or memory visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Charles E. Heng

CHANA – Charles E. Heng, 92, lifelong resident of Chana, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at Oregon Living & Rehabilitation Center. Born June 26, 1927 in Dixon and united in marriage to Marion Potts July 1, 1950 in Chana.

Charlie was a World War II Army Air Force veteran and a lifetime member of Oregon VFW Post 8739. He had been employed at Swift, E.D Etnyre Co. and Local 150 Operating Engineers for various companies and locations, retiring in 1989. Charlie was also a member of Chana United Methodist Church and the "Boot Scootin' Seniors" and enjoyed flea markets,



auctions, flowers, lawn art, fishing, trap shooting and attending school sporting events.

Survived by his wife, Marian Heng of Chana; daughter, Susan (Stan Olson) Heng of Oregon; sons, Michael (Joan) Heng of Oregon and Charles (Jeanie) Heng of Byron; grandchildren, Michelle

(Justin Early) Heng, Marco (Renee) Heng and Jennifer Heng; great grandchildren, Abby, Brooke, Haiden, Gavin and Kylar; a brother; 2 sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home. Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Burial with military honors in Trinity Memory Gardens, Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Charles' name may be made to Serenity Hospice, Oregon Fire Dept., Chana United Methodist Church or Oregon High School Athletic Dept. www.farrellhollandgale.com.

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A white van, on the left above, apparently ran a red light and struck a truck, which overturned. (Ogle County Life photo)

Two hurt in downtown Oregon crash

OREGON – Two people were taken to the hospital after an accident in Oregon on Tuesday, Dec. 10. At about 2 p.m. Oregon Police responded to the two-vehicle accident on West Washington at 5th Street. Steven T. Lindsey, 39, Machesney Park, was driving a 2019 Ford van westbound on Washington Street which struck a 2011

Ford pickup driven by Clifford K. Thompson, 66, Oregon which was turning onto Washington Street from North 5th Street. Lindsey was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and disobeying traffic control device. Lindsey was transported to Swedish Ameri-

can Hospital by Oregon Ambulance and was released without treatment. Thompson was transported to KSB by Mount Morris Ambulance. Oregon Police was assisted on scene by the Oregon Fire Department. The accident remains under investigation.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Dec. 9

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:
Ralph McCormick, 35 of Chana, for Failure to Report a Change of Address. McCormick went to court and was released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond. McCormick was released from the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on 12/18/19 at 10:30 a.m.
Jeremy Owens, 25 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Owens went to court and was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond. Owens was released from the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on 12/30/19 at 9 a.m.
Melissa Speers, 34 of Oregon, for Failure to Appear. Speers went to court and was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond. Speers was released from the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on 01/27/20 at 9 a.m.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 6400 block of S. IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Jesse Hetrick, 40, of Dixon, under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and a valid Livingston County FTA warrant for a DUI. Hetrick was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Hetrick was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 7

At approximately 1:48 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. After the investigation, Tommie L. Hurst, 29 of Bellevue Florida was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License and Obstructing a Peace Officer. Hurst was also issued citations for illegal transportation of alcohol and operation of a vehicle without proper lighting. Hurst was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 6

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Tyleek Croft, 24, of Beloit for Driving While License Suspended. Croft was arrested by Deputies on Hwy 251 near Davis Junction after being stopped for speeding. Croft was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 3

At 3:28 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Byron Fire Department, and the Byron Ambulance responded to a one vehicle accident in front of 428 E. Rt. 72. a silver Toyota was eastbound on Rt. 72 when it left the north side of the road. The vehicle struck an embankment before travelling into a field and coming to a stop. The driver of the vehicle Barbara A. Kinner, 81 of Oregon was transported to Mercy Health by the Byron Ambulance with minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

Sheriff releases statistics from Thanksgiving patrol

The Ogle County Sheriff's Department issued 103 citations during its recent Thanksgiving Day enforcement period. Sheriff Brian VanVickle also said there were four DUI arrests. The enforcement campaign took place Nov. 22-Dec. 2. The offenses also included:
Five arrests for driving with a suspended

or revoked license; five drug related arrests; seven citations for uninsured drivers; two citations for illegal transportation of alcohol; and 49 citations for speeding.
During the mobilization, extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur

State troopers investigated 32 traffic crashes in November

STERLING -Illinois State Police District 1 Commander, Captain Matthew Hodgdon, has announced District 1 enforcement figures and activity for November. Illinois State Police District 1 Troopers issued 601 citations, 619 written warnings, and made 7 criminal arrests during the month of

November. Speeding accounted for 382 citations, 69 citations were issued for occupant restraint violations, 21 citations were issued for distracted driving violations and 7 citations were issued for move over violations. Troopers investigated 32 traffic crashes, assisted 136 motorists, and conducted

179 commercial vehicle inspections, 19 of which were placed out-of-service for safety reasons. There was 1 arrest for driving under the influence. District 1, which encompasses Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties, had no traffic crash fatalities in November.

Fire marshal stresses holiday safety

SPRINGFIELD -The holidays are here and that means many will be decorating their homes. Hanging up decorations is fun, but keep in mind, holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) more than two of every five home decoration fires occur due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. "More than half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles," says State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve. Before you head to bed or out for the evening, blow out all lit candles," says Fire Marshal Perez. "Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed."

* Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
* Check to make sure your lights are rated for indoor or outdoor use or both.
* Replace any light strands that have worn or broken cords. Make sure to read the recommendation for number of light strings you can string together.
* If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure to check water levels daily! It is not unusual for a tree to drink two gallons of water the first day it is in the stand.
* Keep real Christmas trees away from a heat source. It can dry out the tree quickly.
After a busy cooking day on Thanksgiving, before firing the oven back up preparing the next holiday meal, make sure to clean it! In case of an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed until it is cool. Clean cook tops as left-over grease can catch fire.

Here are some tips to keep in mind to stay fire safe when decking the halls this holiday season.
* Be careful with holiday decorations. Make sure decorations are either flame retardant or flame resistant.
* Keep lit candles at least 12 inches away from decorations or anything that can catch fire.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, but Christmas and Christmas Eve follow closely behind.
If you are planning to host family and friends during the holidays, make sure they are aware of your fire escape plan. Show them where all the exits are in your home and make sure they are aware of the meeting spot's location.

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New state law requires rabies shot for companion cats over 4 months old

OREGON - Beginning Jan. 1, companion cats over the age of 4 months in Illinois are required to have a rabies vaccination. The new law also requires each county to set fees for tags and registration of these cats. Feral cats are exempt from the rabies requirement unless they are part of a trap, neuter and release program. According to the act, feral cat means a cat that is born in the wild or is the offspring of a feral cat and not socialized. The act considers farm cats to be feral cats. The Ogle County Board has approved the following fees for tags and registration:
Cats 1-year rabies tag for a 1-year rabies vaccination with microchip - under 9 months, \$7; adult spayed/neutered, \$7; adult not spayed/neutered, \$19. For non-microchipped cats the costs are \$12, 412 and \$24.
Cats 3-year rabies tag for 3-year rabies vaccination microchipped - Adult spayed/neutered, \$15; adult not spayed/neutered, \$55. For non-microchipped cats the costs are \$30 and \$70.

Polo school among those set to visit Lincoln Presidential Library

SPRINGFIELD – More than 600 children from across Illinois will get to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the nation's premier institution dedicated to the 16th president, as the result of generous contributions by the Winnick Family Foundation.

The Winnick Field Trip Initiative supports the transportation costs of visiting the presidential museum for schools with limited resources. To qualify, the schools must have a low-income enrollment of greater than 30 percent. The students who get to visit can be anywhere from 4th grade to 12th.

The schools receiving support includes

Polo: Aplington Middle School, 94 students.

"In addition to providing funding for 634 students to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the Winnick Field Trip Initiative ensures students extend their learning beyond the classroom as they participate in extension activities reinforcing their learning around President Lincoln's life and legacy," said Heather Nice, the presidential library's education director.

Schools use the visits to supplement their classroom lessons in many ways. For instance, the students from East Peoria will create propaganda posters from either a Northern or Southern perspective as well as

create Civil War artifacts to display in their classroom's Civil War museum.

"For a decade, the Winnick Field Trip Initiative has provided more than 8,000 students with visits to our museum, immersing them in the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. We truly appreciate the Winnick Family Foundation's continued investment in young people. Connecting students with Lincoln's inspiring example helps them envision greater possibilities for their own lives, and we couldn't provide such trips without generous donors like the Winnick Family Foundation," said Rene Brethorst, interim director of the Abraham Lincoln

Presidential Library Foundation.

The Winnick Family Foundation focuses its giving in the program areas of education, literacy, health care, art, culture, animal welfare and the needs of the worldwide Jewish community.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to telling the story of America's 16th president through old-fashioned scholarship and modern technology. It also serves as the state historical library. The library holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln material, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to other aspects of Illinois history.



Students create apps

DLR Jr. High is programming its students to think like computer scientists. The 9-week course titled "App Creators" allows students to create and problem solve using the MIT App Inventor software in combination with a curriculum called Project Lead The Way. The most recent project puts this students in a scenario whereby they create an app solving a real-world problem. Students will showcase their working apps at the end of the semester on Thursday, Dec. 19. Pictured, Jackson Glendenning and Owen Flanagan are playing the charades game they created on their apps. In the foreground is the programming blocks editor students use for creating apps. The students view the progress of their app creations on their Samsung Tablets in real time.

Mother-son team hit CPR instruction milestone

Northern Illinois CPR and First Aid, co-owned by the mother and son team of Lori Jasper and Zach Oltmanns, have successfully taught more than 1,000 students CPR.

For every minute that CPR is not done the chance of survival can go down as much as

10 percent. With no bystander CPR and no AED, a person has a less than 10 percent of survival. However, when local citizens are empowered to do bystander

CPR and have access to an AED the chance of survival is close to 40 percent.

"We have traveled to many counties throughout Northern Illinois and we are proud to provide this service," Jasper said. "CPR has made a huge impact on my life and I am happy to give back."

"Since coming into business in 2017, it has been our pleasure to get out in the community to give people the tools, they need to help save a life," Oltmanns said.



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Miracle band

A small ensemble of local musicians performed in the Byron Bank for Miracle on Second Street Dec. 6. The group was led by Sid Anderson of Leaf River. The surrounding areas of Byron, Stillman Valley, Mount Morris, Oregon, Leaf River and Rockford were represented.

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Daddy Daughter Dance and the Mother Son Date Night.

Grab your poodle skirt or leather jacket and be ready to Shake-Rattle-Roll at Nash Recreation Center. The evening includes snacks and beverages, 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 . Picture envelopes available at the front counter at Nash.



Daddy Daughter Sock Hop
Saturday, February 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mother Son Date Night
Friday February 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Deadline January 25, 2019

Fee: \$10 Adults \$15/Child/\$18 NR Child

Plastic recycling program off to successful start

The Indivisible Mount Morris/Oregon's plastic film Recycling Program has been a success.

The program officially began on Oct. 1, and one bench has already been ordered and delivered to Mount Morris for a local municipal park. There is now almost enough plastic for bench No. 2. This second bench is designated for the Oregon Rock River Center.

The Indivisible group is very grateful to everyone who is contributing and helping to collect and deliver the plastic. This project would not be possible without everyone's effort. Future benches are going to several not for profit agencies in Oregon and Mount Morris. Other local towns may soon be joining in, as well.

As a reminder, the drop off locations are: Mount Morris Public Library Oregon Public Library;

Mount Morris Senior Citizens Center; Rock River Center in Oregon; Mount Morris City Hall; Curves in Oregon

Film plastic must be clean and dry. The plastic needs to be well packed. Make knots in bags and tie up the collection bag pushing the air out as much as possible.

Examples: Grocery bags bread bags; case overwrap; dry cleaning bags; newspaper sleeves; ice bags; wood pellet bags; ziplock and other reclosable bags; produce bags bubble wrap (please pre-pop); salt bags; cereal bags; air pillow film for shipping (please release air).



Church offering Christmas service on Dec. 22

MOUNT MORRIS – You are invited to join the Evangelical Free Church of Mount Morris (EFCMM) for its 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).

Wrapping offered 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.

Come and have your gifts wrapped and enjoy free refreshments while you wait. This is our way of helping people during the busy holiday season.

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Popular dog training classes offered in January, February

Dog Training Classes

The Oregon Park District is quickly becoming a popular and affordable choice for dog training in our community.

The Park District is offering a full series of indoor training sessions available beginning in January and offered through April!

There are a variety of class offerings to fit your dog's needs. This January/February we will have a trick training and a beginner's

obedience class offered. Both classes are just \$50 for Residents and \$60 for Non-Residents. The deadline for both classes is on Jan. 2.

Trick Training Tuesdays will be held Jan. 7-Feb. 11 from 6-7 p.m.

Beginner's Obedience Wednesdays will be held Jan. 8-Feb. 12 from 6-7 p.m.

Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. You may also register in person by visiting Nash Recreation Center

at 304 S. Fifth Street in Oregon.

Dog Walk & Train

Exercise your dog inside the warm gym at Nash Recreation on Friday nights in January from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Walk the perimeter of the room and/or practice your training in the middle of the gym.

Oregon Park District trainer, Bree Pazera, will be available on site as needed. All dogs

enrolled must have taken a least one other park district dog training class. Dog must be 8 months old to attend.

This 4-week session is just \$25 for Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents.

Deadline to register is on Jan. 3. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. You may also register in person by visiting Nash Recreation Center at 304 S. Fifth Street in Oregon.

Oregon Park District offers variety of upcoming events, activities

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 Dec. 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.

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.

Indoor soccer

This growing indoor recreational soccer program will take place on Saturday mornings. The league is split into

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

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

Co-ed volleyball league

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

Pop up and play – dodgeball game

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 16

Knit and crochet group meeting, 6 p.m. at the Oregon 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.

Weds., Dec. 18

A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. It will be held at the United Church of By-

ron, 701 West Second Street, Byron.

Thurs., Dec. 19

Evening Support Group. 5:30 p.m. at The Serenity Shed in Oregon. Open to all bereaved persons in our community. Register 815-732-2499.

Fri., Dec. 20

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

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Jan. 5, 1643, in the first record of a legal divorce in the American colonies, Anne Clarke of the Massachusetts Bay Colony is granted a divorce from her absent and adulterous husband, Denis Clarke, by the Quarter Court of Boston.

* On Jan. 1, 1818, "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus" is published. The book by 20-year-old Mary Shelley is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.

* On Jan. 4, 1896, six years after Wilford Woodruff, president of the Mormon Church, issued his Manifesto reforming political, religious and economic life in Utah, the territory is admitted into the Union as the 45th state. Woodruff's 1890 Manifesto included a renunciation of the traditional Mormon practice of polygamy.

* On Dec. 30, 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) is established, comprising a confederation of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine and the Transcaucasian Federation. In 1991, the Soviet Union was dissolved following the collapse of its communist government.

* On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba. The action signaled that the U.S. was prepared to take extreme measures to oppose Castro's regime.

* On Jan. 2, 1974, President Richard Nixon signs the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act, requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph or lose federal highway funding. It was a result of fuel shortages caused by the Arab oil embargo.

* On Dec. 31, 1999, the United States officially hands over control of the Panama Canal, putting the strategic waterway into Panamanian hands for the first time. The 50-mile canal, which links the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, officially opened when the SS Arcon sailed through in August 1914.

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Give your kids a gift they can really use

Turns out that today's young people are so unprepared to be adults that colleges are offering "adulating" classes.

Does this say something about today's young folks? Maybe. But I believe it says much more about today's helicopter parents. Hovering over your children teaches them to be needy, apparently useless young adults.

Good job, mom and dad! But never fear, parents. Christmas will be here soon, and this year you can give your kids something they desperately need. No, not a new computer or phone. You can give them independence. You can give them responsibility. You can give them a work ethic.

Those things might not be as cool as a new iPhone, but they are more valuable and apparently more needed.

First, let your kids make some decisions for themselves. If that decision means they will face some mild consequences, that is not a bad thing. We all learn from our mistakes, but kids won't if they are never al-

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



lowed to make them.

If your kids are old enough, have them get a job. I know it is harder for kids to find a job these days, but working is great for building independence and a real sense of the value of money in kids.

Have them do some of their own laundry. I don't mean they should do it all the time (unless that is what you want), but it is embarrassing to see a young adult struggle to operate a washing machine.

If you have a teen who drives, make sure they are

paying some of the expenses for that privilege. When I was a teen, I paid for my own car insurance. It was not nearly as expensive as it is now, but it was enough. I always paid for my own gas as well. If I didn't have money for gas, I didn't drive. So I always had a job, starting from a very young age.

Show your older kids how to do taxes. If you aren't Jeff Bezos or Donald Trump, you have to pay taxes, so they will as well. Teaching them how to do taxes and not be afraid to do taxes at an early age will certainly help them when they are on their own.

And speaking of on their own - let them be on their own. Let them stay home alone. Let them go out alone. Let them make decisions and become their own people. I realize the world is a scary place, but we can't swaddle teenagers. It's a bad look.

Allowing your children to fail is a great gift to give them. We all fail, and more often than we'd like. That's life. Failure is a big part of being an adult, in big ways

and small ways. Imagine you are 20 years old and have never been allowed to fail. When you do, it is going to be devastating.

Don't do that to your kids. Let them fall and pick themselves back up. It is good for them.

I had a mom who cooked and cleaned for me and did my laundry. But she also had me do some of all of those. Just months after graduating from high school I was sharing a barracks room with a complete stranger in Guam while serving in the Air Force. I had to do my own laundry, pay my bills, and I even bought a vehicle. If my parents hadn't prepared me for that, I would have found life even more difficult than it already was. I knew plenty of guys who failed spectacularly because they were woefully unprepared for the real world.

Don't do that to your kids. Give them a gift this year that will seriously keep on giving.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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City should change vote on marijuana dispensary

Dear Editor,

I was in total disbelief when I learned our illustrious governor legalized the recreational use of marijuana in Illinois. Now I read that our Oregon City Council has given the green light for a marijuana dispensary within our city. It seems like the main reason is revenue. I ask is the revenue worth the risks?

Marijuana has proven to have irreparable damage to the brain. It causes one to make bad decisions. In my opinion, marijuana is a lead-in drug to more dangerous and addictive drugs.

I would ask that you view the 11-27-19 episode of "Dr. Phil" where Dr. Hans Breiter, a psychiatrist from Northwestern University, talks on the effects of marijuana.

Our law officers are doing a good job of keeping drunk drivers off the road. Now they will have another job keeping marijuana-impaired drivers from causing harm to our families and loved ones.

I remember growing up, whenever we did something wrong or had a decision to make, my mother would always say, use your head. Which I understood to mean, think with your heart and your mind and you will make the right choice. I would ask the council to use their heads and do the right thing. Reverse your vote on this very important issue.

Thank you,

Don Groenhagen, Oregon



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Light festival in Mount Morris was a visual treat

Dear Editor,

Impressive! My daughter and I took in the light festival at 214 West 1st Street in Mount Morris on Dec. 4 and as instructed, turned on the radio to 104.1 FM. It was a joyous, fun, bright and lovely audio and visual treat. Traditional Christmas songs set to rock guitar-filled renditions. My daughter captured a portion of the show on her phone to share later as I just enjoyed the opera-like show. It was wonderful and I would encourage anyone in need of a little holiday cheer go take a look and listen.

A very big thank you to the owner of this show, like I said, it was very impressive and I am very thankful for someone willing to do all that work, time and expense, and then share it with all of us.

Sarah and Beth Gann, Oregon

RCH lifts visitor restrictions

ROCHELLE – Effective immediately, Rochelle Community Hospital has announced that it is lifting visitor restrictions due to Pertussis (whooping cough).

As we enter into flu season, take the following everyday precautions to stay healthy through the winter months:

- * Cover your nose and mouth with a

tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

* Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Remember the 3C's:

Clean Hands – Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Cover – Cover your cough or sneeze. Contain the germs - Stay home when you are sick.

Spread the word, not germs or illness.



Pictured from left: Chief Jon Mandrell, Court Coordinator Brooke Plachno, Probation Officer Stacy Noble, Public Defender Dennis Riley, Ogle County State's Attorney Eric Morrow, Treatment Provider Kevin Buss, Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

County's DUI Court Team attends national training

OREGON – The Ogle County New Horizons DUI Court team attended a National Center For DWI (NCDC) Foundational Training in Athens, Ga.

The team consisted of Judge Clayton Lindsey, Ogle County State's Attorney Eric Morrow, Ogle County Public Defender Dennis Riley, Polo Police Chief Jon Mandrell, Court Coordinator Brooke Plachno, Probation Officer Stacy Noble and Treatment Provider Kevin Buss of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. During the 3 1/2 day intensive training the team was instructed by NCDC faculty which are nationally recognized experts in the field. The program was developed and presented by NCDC and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and topics included the DWI treatment continuum, DWI target population, community supervision and alcohol/drug testing, multi-disciplinary team and DWI court phases and requirements. The team's training expenses were funded by an Illinois Department of Transportation grant through the University of Illinois - Springfield.

The Ogle County New Horizons DUI Court is the latest addition to the over 10-year history of Problem Solving Courts in Ogle County. The DUI Court began in October 2018 with the goal of making Ogle County's roadway's safer by subjecting DUI offenders to intensive substances abuse treatment, community supervision and accountability to the Court.

"This program assures that multiple DUI offenders are receiving the treatment needed to overcome a powerful addiction under judicial scrutiny," Lindsey said. "It is a win-win to address a significant problem in our society. I am proud to be a part of this dedicated team."

"As one of the founding members of the Ogle County New Horizons Drug Court, I have had the opportunity to be part of a program that has made our community safer over the last 10 years," Morrow said. "The application of the Drug Court philosophy to DUI offenders is the logical extension of this program to enhance public safety. The training provided by the NCDC helped us sharpen our skills in that regard."

About DUI Courts

DUI courts are specialized, comprehensive court programs that provide individual treatment, supervision and accountability for repeat DWI offenders. These specialty courts follow the well-established drug court model and are based on the premise that impaired driving can be prevented if the underlying causes, such as substance use and mental health disorders, are identified and addressed. A large body of research supports the effectiveness of DWI courts to lead participants out of the justice system and into long-term sobriety.

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Medicare, Soc. Security program is Dec. 18 in Byron

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

It will be held at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second Street, Byron.

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

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Rebecca at 815-509-8432
161 Herbert Rd, Kingston, IL \$135,000



Open concept ranch on a large wooded .79 acre lot in Lost Nation. This home features an open concept living space, large living room with vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace. First floor laundry and an attached 3 car garage. Kitchen has brand new appliances! A walk out lower level complete with fireplace, second kitchen and workshop that could also be finished into another bedroom. There is a 12x16 storage shed on the property with electricity. Plenty of room for entertaining outside in your screen in porch, deck or patio.

Rebecca at 815-509-8432
312 Knollwood Dr, Dixon, IL \$199,000



4 bedroom 2 full bathroom split level home on gorgeous Bruce Lane in Mt. Morris. Treasure hunt tour across 3026 sq. ft. through natural lighted room and discover the most unique features inside and out. Imagine your evening on one of the walk out patios, hang out on the deck or swing the day away under the breezeway. Cozy up to one of the 2 fireplaces and enjoy reading a books under the vintage lighting. Bonus storage is offered in the large 2 stall garage with loft.

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410 S Bruce Ln, Mt Morris, IL \$105,000



Forreston High School student-athletes earn NUIC All-Conference honors

The following athletes were NUIC All-Conference honorees for the fall sports season. Lane Lindquist, All-Conference Golf Second Team, Kara Erdman, All-Conference Volleyball First Team, Alexis Houston, All-Conference Volleyball First Team, Taylor Greenfield, All-Conference Volleyball Honorable Mention, Lauren Melton, All-Conference Volleyball Honorable Mention, Brycelynn Smith, All-Conference Volleyball Honorable Mention, Derek DeVries, All-Conference Football First Team (Unanimous) Offensive Line, All-Conference Football First Team (Unanimous) Defensive Line, Jakob Boomgarden, All-Conference Football First Team (Unanimous) Tight End, All-Conference Honorable Mention Linebacker. Ethan Mulder, All-Conference Football First Team (Unanimous) Linebacker, All-Conference Football First Team Running Back, Dominic Christensen, All Conference Football Second Team Running Back, All-Conference Football Second Team Defensive Back, Bailey Cullor, All-Conference Football Honorable Mention Quarterback, Jacob Dye, All-Conference Football Honorable Mention Offensive Line. All-State honors were given to Derek DeVries, Class 1A Football All-State, Ethan Mulder, Class 1A Football All-State Academic Team, Jakob Boomgarden, Class 1A All-State Academic Team. Forreston High School wishes to congratulate all these athletes on their accomplishments. Above from left to right are Kara Erdmann, Alexis Houston, Brycelynn Smith (front row), Taylor Greenfield, Lauren Melton, Bailey Cullor, Ethan Mulder (middle row), Jacob Dye, Dom Christensen, Jakob Boomgarden, Lane Lindquist and Derek DeVries (back row).

Oregon girls basketball team falls to Sterling Newman, Stillman Valley

OREGON — The Oregon girls basketball team dropped a close game against Newman Central Catholic on Wednesday, Dec. 4 by a score of 50-49. Jenae Bothe led the Hawks with 16 points while Olivia Lambrigtsen added 12 points and Breanna DeHaan scored eight points.

The Hawks faced Serena on Saturday, Dec. 7 and lost 39-34. Jenae Bothe led Oregon with 21 points and Olivia Lambrigtsen chipped in eight points. Oregon battled Stillman Valley on Tuesday, Dec. 10 and fell 49-22 despite 13 points from Jenae Bothe. Lexi Lichty had 13 points for the Cardinals while Kayla Boyd added 11 points and Payton Barger recorded nine points.

Oregon boys basketball team defeats AFC

OREGON — The Oregon boys basketball team topped Ashton-Franklin Center 68-42 on Friday, Dec. 6 and improved to 6-0 overall. Trey Woolsey scored 30 points for the Hawks, while Noah Campos recorded 11 points and Keshon Reed totaled nine points.

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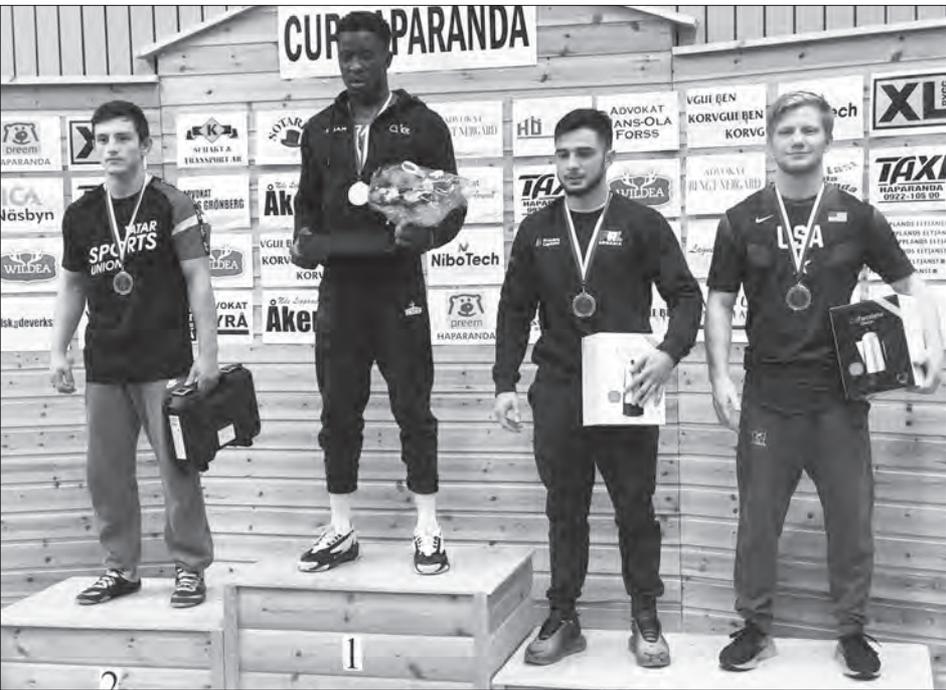
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Baker medals at Haparanda Cup

Byron's Nolan Baker earned a bronze medal in Sweden at the Haparanda Cup at 67 kilograms. This is the second international medal he has earned. Baker is an Olympic hopeful who is living and training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Baker is pictured far right. (Courtesy photo)

Oregon wrestling team drops matches with Rock Falls, Sandwich

OREGON — The Oregon wrestling team moved to 2-3 overall after a tough 40-39 loss against Sandwich and a 45-28 defeat at the hands of Rock Falls.

Grant Stender (106) and Andrew Herbst (132) earned pins against the Rockets while Jared Glendenning (138) received a forfeit and John Alaniz (220) picked up a major

decision. Jokiah Sewell (160) and Adam Glendenning (195) won by decision.

Grant Stender (106), Edwin Estrada (113), Andrew Herbst (132) and Gabe Eckerd (160) brought home pins against the Indians. Jacob Milliman (120) and Wayde Reimer (182) received forfeits and Jokiah Sewell (170) won by decision.

Oregon bowlers top Freeport Aquin, Dixon

OREGON — The Oregon boys bowling team defeated Freeport (Aquin) on Thursday, Dec. 5 by a score of 3,405-2,441. Kyle Strite rolled a 653 series with a high game of 268 while Jacob Smith added 602 with a high score of 237.

The Oregon boys won 3,455-3,261 over

Dixon on Tuesday, Dec. 10 behind a 639 series from Kyle Strite and a 613 series from Eddie Buttens.

The Oregon girls edged Dixon 3,181-3,174 to take the match by seven pins. Ava Wight shot a 598 series with a high score of 234 for the Hawks.

Mount Morris Senior Center sets activities

CAST Caroling

Join CAST (Chana And Seniors Together) as we carol to residents of Pinecrest. This will all take place on Tuesday, Dec. 17 beginning at noon. We will meet at the manor entrance of Pinecrest. Call 815-734-6335 with any questions.

Bingo and Birthday

Join us for a \$6 Lunch and free Bingo on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m., and we will eat lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will be serving lasagna, garlic bread, cake, and ice cream. Please RSVP to 815-734-6335 so we are sure to have enough food.

Potluck

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will be hosting a potluck for all on Friday, Dec. 20 at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service to enjoy this delicious meal. All are welcome!

Noon Year's Eve!

Help us ring in the Noon Year on Friday, Dec. 27. We will enjoy a potluck meal, some sparkling juice, and have a little party. We will start at 11:30 a.m., so that we can have a count down to noon. All are welcome!

Closed

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will be closed on Dec. 24th, 25th, and 30th, as well as January 1st in celebration of Christmas and New Years! We hope you have happy holidays with your family and friends!

Lunch Bunch

We will have a delicious lunch bunch at Jen's Artisan Breads on Friday, Jan. 3! We hope you can join us down at Pinecrest Grove at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to 815-734-6335, so Jen is able to prepare for our group!

WIU announces fall honors

MACOMB — Six students participating in Western Illinois University's Fall 2019 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies, Dec. 14 have received the highest recognition from their colleges for their overall academic excellence by being named College Scholars. The 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 Academic Honors Convocation in Western Hall will honor College, Departmental and Honors scholars and students who have earned academic distinction throughout their Western Illinois University careers. Students will receive a medallion for each honor, which they will wear at Commencement ceremonies.

Students who earned the distinction from Ogle County are:

Byron — Payton M. Abbott, social

Work Departmental Scholar, will graduate with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude.

Mount Morris — Kelsey A. Pudlas, music, Honors Scholar, will graduate with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude.

Polo — Amanda LaPage, Honors Scholar, Forensic Chemistry Departmental Scholar.

Approximately 10 percent of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, which is designated as Summa Cum Laude, highest academic distinction, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90; Magna Cum Laude, high academic distinction, with a GPA of 3.75-3.89; and Cum Laude, academic distinction, with a GPA between 3.60-3.74.

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RRC offers variety of programs

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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Veteran’s Assistance Available in Oregon at Rock River Center

A Veteran’s Service Officer is available at Rock River Center on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Except Federal Holidays)
 The Veteran’s Service Officer comes to Rock River Center to serve Veterans of all ages, and assist them with applications and other benefits available to them. Please mark your calendars accordingly.
 This is a free service that has been provided for many years and you need not travel out of town. If you have any questions, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252.

Cancer Support Group

“Facing the Challenge” is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings.
 Anyone who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. The group meets quarterly on the 4th Thursday of March, June, September and December from 3-4 p.m. at Rock River Center.

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.

County again offers Christmas tree recycling program

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OC-SWMD) 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: Byron boat launch lot, E. Blackhawk Dr. (Rt. 2)
- Forreston: 407 N. Locust St.

- Leaf River: 605 Main St.
 - Rochelle: Atwood Park, 10th Ave. & 20th St.
 - Monroe Center: Lichty's Landscaping, 309 Pacific St.
 - Polo: Southwest corner of E. Colden St. & S. Green Ave.
- 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.

Christmas Church Services

Celebrate Christmas Eve with your local United Methodist HUB Cluster Churches!

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9:00 pm Combined Traditional Candlelight Service
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Chana United Methodist Church

7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
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Creston United Methodist Church

Sunday 12/22 5:00 pm Potluck
7:00 Traditional Service
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Esmond United Methodist Church

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Lighthouse United Methodist Church

8:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
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4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
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Oregon United Methodist Church

4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
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Reynolds United Methodist Church

Friday 12/20 7:00 pm Nativity Feast of Light
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Rochelle United Methodist Church

4:00 pm & 9:00 pm Carols, Candlelight & Communion
709 4th Ave, Rochelle, IL

Steward United Methodist Church

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By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club Members provided donations to the Jaimie Cox Foundation to show support to our military serving our country.

By-Y-Badgers elect new officers, host Veterans Day presentation

The members of the By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club elected new officers at their meeting on Sept. 9. The new team includes President-Renee Gehrke, Vice-President-Carter Conderman, Secretary-Alex Cassens, Treasurer-Wyatt Swanson, Reporters-Kade and Kendall Boatman, Historian-Lauren Carlson, Recreation Leaders-Bruce Gehrke and Car-

son Conderman. Oct. 6-12 was National 4-H Week. Committee members Adrien & Alex Booker, Renee Gehrke, Nick & Alex Cassens, and Kendall Boatman decorated an informational window display with the theme "Through the Decades" at Mary Morgan Elementary School. The club met on Oct. 14, and

enjoyed a fun recreational game of "Candy Run" led by Bruce Gehrke and Carson Conderman. Project talks were also given by Andrew Hickman about his coin collection and Jacob Hickman about his praying mantis. The annual club fall party was hosted at Perks Ranch on Oct. 20. Committee members included Nick and Alex Cassens, Kade and

Kendall Boatman, Gabriel and Nathan Boehm, and Claire Hildreth. Members enjoyed a caramel apple bar, fall games, and attended a corn maze! The most recent meeting on Nov. 11, included a special Veterans Day presentation by Adam Cox representing the Jaimie Cox Foundation. Club members made donations that will be packed

up and sent to military overseas through this foundation. Jacob & Andrew Hickman also informed the members about the Purple Heart Award, the oldest military award given, in which their great-grandfather has received two. Submitted by Kade & Kendall Boatman, Club Reporters



Soaring Eagles earn awards

In November, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles received awards for their 2018-2019 4-H year and collected boxes to donate to Operation Christmas Child, a project to give Christmas presents to children in third-world countries. Photo (Back Row): Xanna Armbruster, Bryan Immel, Abigail Wehler, Micah Wehler, Natalie Johnson, Josie Pals and Grant Johnson. (Middle Row): Annie Timmer, Kaeden Motszko, Lacie Williams, Lydia Sherburne and Cassie Pals (Front Row): Lizzie Armbruster, Kaden Lingbeck, Kiera Armbruster, Logan Armbruster and David Wehler.

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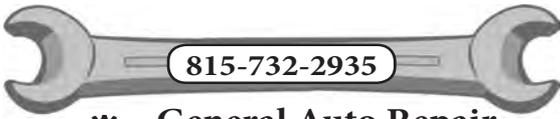
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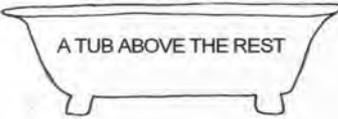
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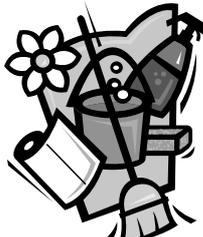
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| | | |
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| Baltimore Ravens | at | Cleveland Browns |
| Buffalo Bills | at | New England Patriots |
| Carolina Panthers | at | Indianapolis Colts |
| Cincinnati Bengals | at | Miami Dolphins |
| Detroit Lions | at | Denver Broncos |
| Houston Texans | at | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| Jacksonville Jaguars | at | Atlanta Falcons |
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| New Orleans Saints | at | Tennessee Titans |
| New York Giants | at | Washington Redskins |
| Oakland Raiders | at | Los Angeles Chargers |
| Pittsburgh Steelers | at | New York Jets |
| Arizona Cardinals | at | Seattle Seahawks |
| Dallas Cowboys | at | Philadelphia Eagles |
| Kansas City Chiefs | at | Chicago Bears |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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| Green Bay Packers | at | Minnesota Vikings |
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TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings

Total Score _____

TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Kansas City Chiefs at Chicago Bears

Total Score _____

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DROP YOUR ENTRY TO: Ogle County Life Office: 311 W. Washington Street, Oregon

MAIL YOUR ENTRY: Ogle Co. Life, PO Box 378, Oregon, IL 61061 CONTEST RULES: Contestants must be at least 21 years or older to enter each week. 1 entry per person. The winner will be the entrant who selects the most correct winners. In case of a tie, the tiebreaker will be determined by the total score of the tie breaker game, second tie breaker will be combined score of Sunday night game. Entries must be received at the Ogle County Life by noon the Friday before the games. Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate to one of the participating businesses!



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We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us from 3-5 P.M and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.
Winter reminder: We follow the Meridian School District closure calendar. If Meridian schools are closed, we are closed. For any questions please call Bread of Life at 815-645-8872, Ext. 15.



Park District hosts annual Mother/Daughter tea

OREGON – The Oregon Park District offers a Mother/Daughter Holiday Tea each year in December.
Many of the same families have been enjoying these teas which have been held at various venues since we began offering them in 2011.
Recently, a beautiful group of ladies enjoyed the holiday tea at Lincoln Way Inn Bed & Breakfast in Franklin Grove. Special thanks to Lisa Marie Ayres and her staff for hosting the tea at the beautiful Inn. The decor was lovely, the Inn was cozy, the tea, treats, and sandwiches were delicious, and everyone had a great time!
Each of the adult guests also received a gift of honey which Lisa and her husband John harvest from their hives at their farm in Franklin Grove. The young ladies also received tea goodie bags with items to enjoy at home. The Park District staff enjoys planning fun family time and opportunities to make memories. Tea BINGO is always a big hit as well as the family photos each year. We thank all who attended and filled the Inn with holiday cheer!



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 10:40a.m., Evening Worship - 6:00p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
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BYRON

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 Pastor Janet Wold. Two worship opportunities at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
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 Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September
 through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students. Adult
 Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon
 at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please
 visit our website at <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office
 for details.

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron (815) 234-8032
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 Pastor: Rev. Gary Cortese, Jr. Service Times: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.;
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 Underground Jr/Sr High Youth Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm and
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 Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details.
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 Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Speliouis
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or
 Facebook page or contact the church office.
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CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-
 7683. (E-mail address: chanaucm@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education
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 meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups
 please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am.
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 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
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 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
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Military

Kienitz earns Sailor of the Quarter

Please join family and friends in congratulating Petty Officer First Class Theresa Kienitz (Death) of Chana in her selection as Carrier Strike Group TWO's (CSG-2) Senior Sailor of the Quarter for 4th Quarter, 2019.

Her leadership and perseverance made her a worthy candidate against her fellow First Classes. Her demanding, challenging, and unique assignments are what made her stand out above the others.



Kienitz is a graduate of Oregon high class of 2008. She is the daughter of Linda and Stuart Death, granddaughter of Donna and Lyle Death and Kathy and late Harry Dwyer, Sr.

Birthday

Help Huston celebrate turning 80

BYRON – Beverly Huston is turning 80. She was born on Dec. 18, 1939. Beverly spent most of her life living and working in Oregon.

Beverly loves her family more than anything in the world; she has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. She currently lives in Byron.

An open-house celebration of this milestone birthday will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Oregon. All those who know and love Beverly are welcome.



Bertolet Library News

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.

Mitten Tree

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

Plastic Recycling

We are still collecting film-type plastic such as shopping bags, sandwich bags, bread wrappers, or any bag-type plastic. Wrap from new furniture (especially mattresses) is also welcome. All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue. Please do not bring hard plastic as that is not allowed in this program. We are located on the south end of Leaf River at 705 Main Street. Thanks for your help!

Holiday Hours

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 24 and 25. We will close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31st for New Year's Eve and remain closed Jan. 1. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Moving Up Higher with Joyce Meyer



The key to fulfilling your purpose in life

God loves you and He has a good plan for your life. You are a wonderful creation made by God and you have a unique purpose to fulfill in this world.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP) says that as Christians, "we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus...for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]."

It's so exciting to know we are each created with a purpose and God has a good life that He has prepared in advance for us to live. But it's important to understand that we have an enemy, Satan, who wants to keep us from having the life Jesus died to give us.

Yes, Satan has a plan for us, too, and his plan is destruction and death. John 10:10 (AMP) says the enemy "comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."

The good news is we have everything we need *through Christ* to overcome the enemy. We just have to know who we are in Christ, believe that we have His authority, and know how to release the power God has given us.

The measure of your faith

Faith in God is required for us to release the power and authority we have in Christ. Romans 12:3 (NIV) says, "... Think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." This means God has given you enough faith to do His will, whatever it may be and no matter what the enemy throws at you to stop you.

There are many challenges and difficult situations we have to face in life. You may have a child with special needs to care for, or maybe you're in a difficult marriage. You could be facing a devastating illness or have serious financial problems. Whatever your situation is, God has given you everything you need, through Christ, to keep you moving forward in His plan for your life.

We need to always remember that God is greater than our problems—nothing is too hard for Him and nothing catches Him by surprise. When we're going through hard times and the enemy is attacking us, we don't need to ask, "What can I do?" The question is, "What can God do?" The Word says all things are possible with God, and greater is He who lives in me than he who is in the world. (See Matthew 19:26 and 1 John 4:4.)

I want you to really get this in your heart today: In Christ, you have enough faith and the strength you need to do whatever you need to do in life! (See Philippians 4:13.) Get rid of "I can't" think-

ing and focus on the truth of God's Word, which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

The simple solution to overcome enemy attack

Prayer is a simple, powerful way to interrupt Satan's plan because we release our faith through prayer. We need to learn to pray our way through the day; 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (AMP) says, "Be unceasing and persistent in prayer." This basically means prayer can be as natural as breathing, and our first response in every situation. It's so amazing that we can talk to God all the time.

Now the enemy doesn't want us to pray, so he will do everything he can to discourage us. He wants us to think prayer is hard, that we need to use eloquent speech and sound poetic, that we need to be careful what we ask God for so we don't overload Him with too many requests, or that we have to be in a certain place with a certain posture (on our knees, head bowed, eyes closed) for God to hear us. But it's actually simple to pray effectively.

James 5:16 (AMP) says, "... The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]." God wants you to come to Him honestly, with a sincere heart, and just talk to Him as a friend. Be yourself and don't approach conversation with God as a religious activity. Humble yourself before Him and open your heart to Him. He loves you and wants you to walk in His will for your life victoriously.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you are God's child and He is with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. He is Almighty God, and if God is for you—if He is on your side—who can be against you?

In Christ, you have what you need today to live in victory. All you need to do is believe it and do what God is showing you to do in His Word and as He speaks to your heart. Put your faith in God constantly. Pray, take God-inspired action, and fulfill your true purpose in life!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series **How to Release God's Power in Your Life**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Oregon Library News

Holiday hours

The Oregon Public Library will be closed – Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

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, Dec. 18 9:30-7:30 p.m. or Dec. 20 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 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)!

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.

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

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

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

New – Computer classes

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

Library book clubs

The In-Between Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m. 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. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Good Omens by Neil Gaiman.

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.

New releases children/youth

Squeak! by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Chapter Two is Missing! by Josh Lieb

5 Minute Avengers Stories

The Finger and the Nose by Paula Merlan

The Piano Recital by Akiko Miyakoshi

Saturday by Oge Mora

Mother Goose of Pudding Lane by Chris Raschka

Pluto Gets the Call by Adam Rex

Stretchy McHandsome by Judy Schachner

Bruce’s Big Fun Day by Ryan Higgins

Who Am I? by Tim Flach

Don’t Let Them Disappear by Chelsea Clinton

The Very, Very Far North by Dan Bar-El

Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Moana’s Big Leap by Suzanne Francis

Tiana’s Best Surprise by Tessa Roehl

Weird Little Robots by Carolyn Crimi

The Princess in Black and the Bathtime Battle by Shannon Hale

Sunny Rolls the Dice by Jennifer Holm

Lalani of the Distant Sea by Erin Entrada Kelly

Camp by Kayla Miller

Harvey Comes Home by Colleen Nelson

Roll With It by Jamie Sumner

All-American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney

This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews

Allies by Alan Gratz

Black Canary: Ignite by Meg Cabot

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

The Light at the Bottom of the World by London Shah

The Toll by Neal Shusterman

Call Down the Hawk by Maggie Stiefvater

Frankly in Love by David Yoon

What the Eagle Sees by Eldon Yellowhorn

Polo Library News

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

Library Closed

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

Coffee with a Cop

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

Health & Wellness - Massage

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6-7 p.m.
Types of massage and its benefits. Presented by Essential Integrative Healing.

Children's programs

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

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.

Tales for Tots

Pre-K/Kindergarten Story Time

Ages 3-5
Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Theme: Snowmen

Book: Mouse's First Snow by Lauren Thompson
Parent/guardian/caregiver must stay with child during the program. Registration required

Lego Challenge: Book or Movie Character

Ages 8-14
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Build a character from a favorite book or movie.

Teen programs

Teen scene

Ages 13-18
Tuesday, December 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, Dec. 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

Rock River Center representative

Monday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-noonm.
The Rock River Center provides a caseworker to answer questions about Medicare, insurance, home care and anything else to do with caring for the older population. No appointment necessary.

Book Discussion Groups

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

Afternoon Book Club @ the Library

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

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

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

Julia Hull Library News



This month, Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Library) hosted its annual Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar, and Kids' Holiday Festival, with crafts, games, fun and prizes!

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

Tween Scene: Snow Art

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



Winter Critter Tote

What reader doesn't need another book tote? Participants will choose a template of their favorite winter critter, then select from an array of flannel fabrics to design an original patchwork tote—no sewing skills required! Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. All materials supplied. Bring fabric scissors, if available. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Challenge: Break A World Record

Think you have what it takes to break a world record? You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! On Friday, Jan. 17

at 2:45 p.m., come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Fun Day Monday: Winter Diorama

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

Storytime With Elephant & Piggie!

Join us for a hysterically good time featuring the popular books and characters from the Elephant

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

Travel Tips: TSA Precheck, Global Entry & Real ID

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

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.

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 & Jan. 10

Noon-4 p.m.

Ages: 50+

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

Scrap-Stravaganza

Saturday, Jan. 11

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bring our supplies, tools and pictures to spend the day scrapbooking. Tables will be first come, first-serve. No registration is required.

Matinees at BPLD: Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles

Friday, Jan. 24

10-11:30 a.m.

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

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

Mount Morris Library News

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

Celebrate the end of the semester with us as we watch a holiday classic about a boy left behind at Christmas! What trouble will he get into left alone to protect his home from intruders? Children under age 8 must have an adult present. Children ages 8-13 may come unaccompanied with a signed permission form available at the library.

Friday, Dec. 27 all day – STEM Day for all ages!

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.

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

Come find Nibbles the book Monster! We will be reading about Nibbles and doing special crafts and activities including hunting down this book monster in our books!

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

Learn how ninja skills and books go hand in hand. Participate in fun challenges, learn new skills,

and burn off some energy over the winter break.

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

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

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

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

Holiday Closings

We will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, 12/24 and 25, closing at 5 p.m. New Years Eve 12/31, New Years Day 1/1.

Drop Of Site for Film Plastic Recycling

You can now recycle your clean and dry film plastic, which is any plastic that can be wadded into a ball, to be turned into a

bench! Stop in for more details.

Upcoming Events:

Mini Golf Fundraiser

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

Recurring Programs:

Story Time & Big Kids Book Club – Every Wednesday morning at 11:15 a.m. all ages (Upcoming dates 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 date, 1/13)

Cookbook Club – Every 3rd Monday of the month @6:00 for adults. Visit the library to choose your recipe. (Upcoming dates 1/20) *The day has changed*

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

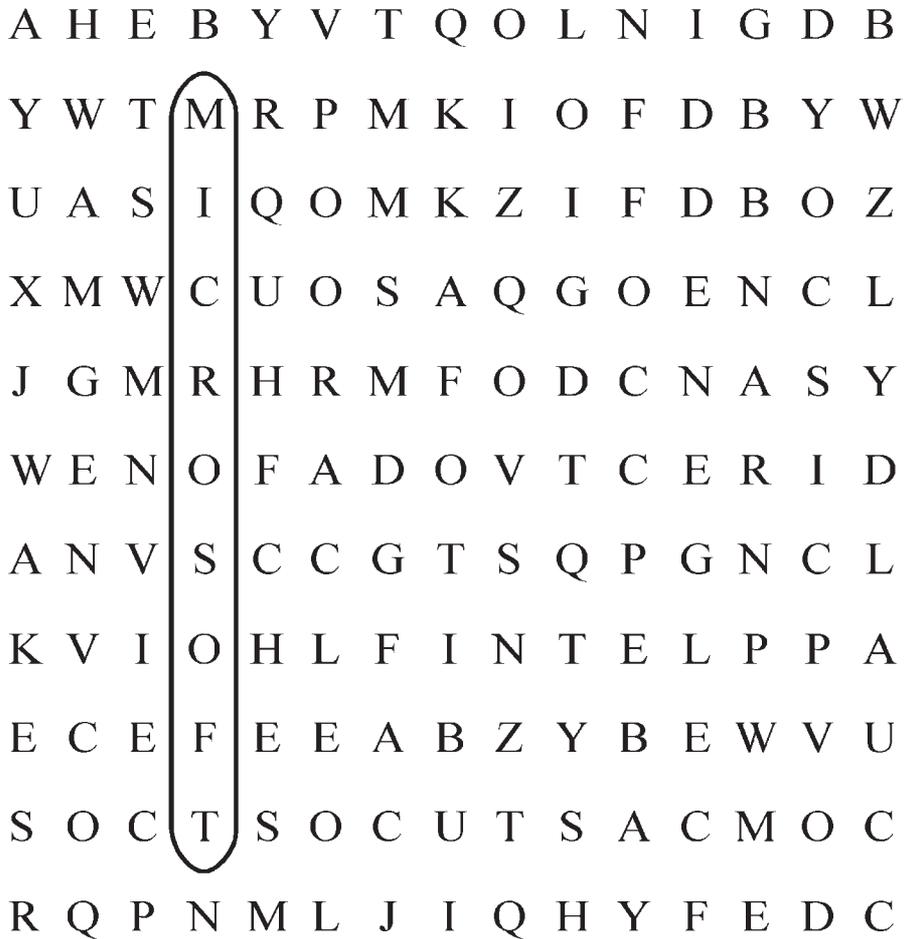
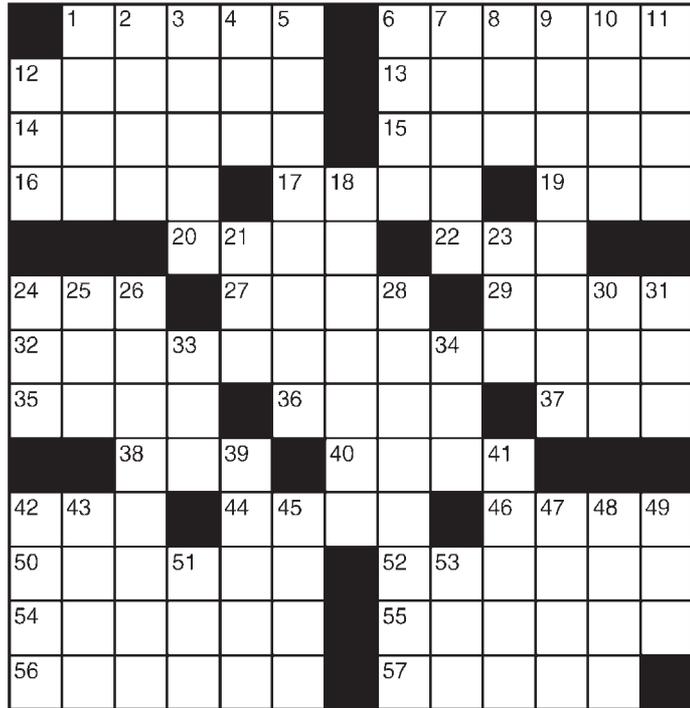
Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult for all programs.



Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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

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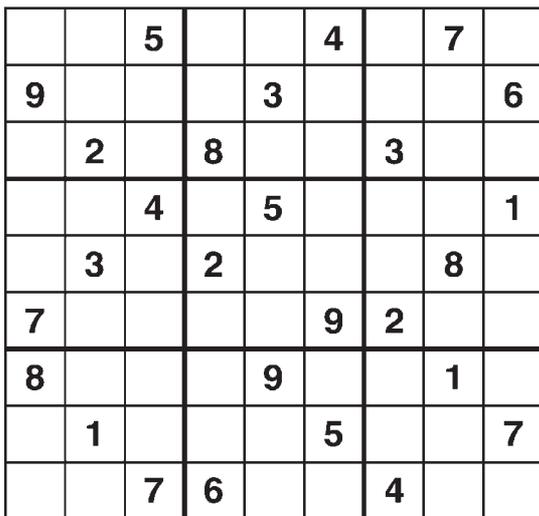
- ACROSS**
- 1 Grill fill
 - 6 Easily split rock
 - 12 Give in
 - 13 Beer gut
 - 14 Fitting
 - 15 "Camelot" role
 - 16 First victim
 - 17 Bullets and such
 - 19 Big bother
 - 20 Director Kazan
 - 22 Unruly group
 - 24 Trouble
 - 27 Taj Mahal city
 - 29 "— Mis-behavin"
 - 32 New Orleans neighborhood
 - 35 Criterion
 - 36 Yanks
 - 37 Sauce source
 - 38 That girl
 - 40 Send forth
 - 42 Raw rock
 - 44 Sheltered
 - 46 Capri, e.g.
 - 50 Swiss city
 - 52 Country
 - 54 TV's
 - 56 First-born
 - 57 Have a hunch
- DOWN**
- 1 "— Your Enthusiasm"
 - 2 Reed instrument
 - 3 More than enough
 - 4 Whopper
 - 5 Unwavering
 - 6 Unwanted email
 - 7 Ricochet, in billiards
 - 8 Shack
 - 9 Occupies
 - 10 Gulf War missile
 - 11 "Comin' — the Rye"
 - 12 Masseur's workplace
 - 18 Theater canopy
 - 21 Fond du —, Wis.
 - 23 Scull need
 - 24 Sternward
 - 25 Anger
 - 26 Diminished
 - 28 Increases
 - 30 Ultramodernist
 - 31 Have a go at
 - 33 Ultimate
 - 34 "— was saying ..."
 - 39 Icicles' homes
 - 41 Saturn's largest moon
 - 42 Storybook baddie
 - 43 Stagger
 - 45 Survive
 - 47 Deadly septet
 - 48 Playgoers' box
 - 49 Type measures
 - 51 Previous night
 - 53 Shock and —

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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



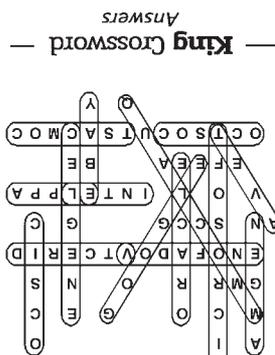
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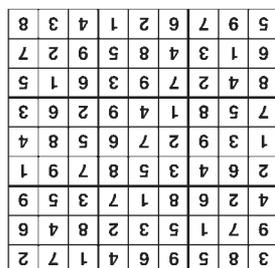
Differences: 1. Plant on mantel is missing. 2. Man has black. 3. Fireplace has more stones. 4. Mitten is black. 5. Shirt zipper is gone. 6. Earmuff has added band.



Solution time: 24 mins.



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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

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

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS AN ARCHER WITH A GIFT-WRAPPER?

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| REFERS ___ | FREES | THINKS ___ | KNITS |
| POISON ___ | SNOOP | GROUSE ___ | SURGE |
| BRACES ___ | RACES | SENSOR ___ | STERN |
| TABLES ___ | TALES | CARTED ___ | REACT |
| COMBOS ___ | COMBS | | |
| HASTEN ___ | HATES | | |

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

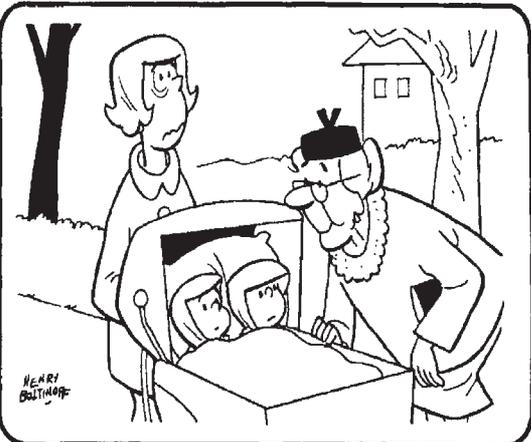
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Park chair | ___ N ___ | Place for a clambake | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Dead Sea item | ___ C ___ | Meander | ___ T ___ |
| 3. Track obstacle | H ___ | Become sour, like milk | C ___ |
| 4. "Our ___ bread" | ___ A ___ | Lacy crocheted mat | ___ O ___ |
| 5. A tiny bit of snow | ___ K ___ | Blaze of light | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Affix | ___ H | Go on the offensive | ___ K |
| 7. "You Only Live ___" | ___ C | Coarse string | ___ N |
| 8. Alice's "mad" friend | ___ T | Harness | ___ L |
| 9. Bullwinkle, e.g. | ___ O | Mickey, e.g. | ___ U |
| 10. Wave summit | ___ E | Pizza part | ___ U |

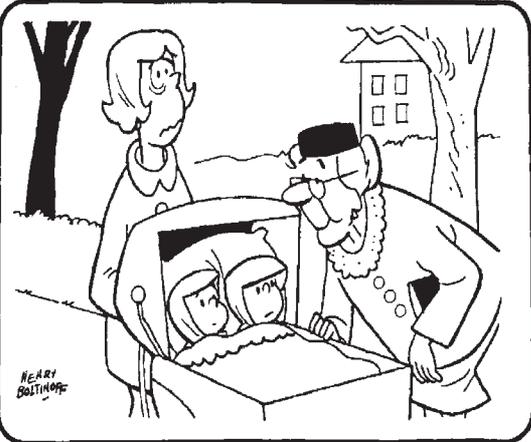
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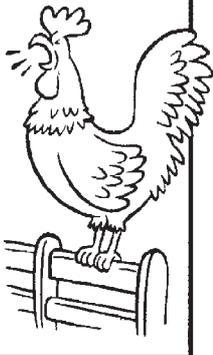


Differences: 1. Woman's hat is different. 2. Blanket has a ruff. 3. House has more windows. 4. Woman's coat has buttons. 5. Tree has extra limb. 6. Mom's bangs are different.

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RIDDLE CARD

- Why is a rooster sitting on a fence like a penny?
- When is a pie like a poet?
- Why is a goose like an icicle?
- When is a man like a pony?
- What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?



Answers: 1. Because its head is on one side and its tail is on the other. 2. When it is Browning. 3. Because they both grow down. 4. When he is a little hoarse (horse). 5. A towel.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHICALLY is the longest word we could find in our English Language Dictionary! We also found one word that can actually be made shorter by adding one syllable to it. Can you guess what this word is?



Answer: The word is **SHORT**. It becomes **SHORTER** when you add one syllable to it.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "TIRADE." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you'll have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

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Answers: (Across): Dam, era, all, rat. (Down): Bear, ara, mall.

CALLING DR. WHIRL!

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

- HAVE to LEND
- PAID to FULL
- PEAT to WARM
- SALT to DOME
- CREW to TEAM

Answers: 1. HAVE, LAVE, LANE, LAND, LEND. 2. PAID, PAIL, PALL, PULL, FULL. 3. PEAT, PERT, PART, WARM, WARM. 4. SALT, SALE, DALE, DOLE, DOME. 5. CREW, CRAW, CRAM, TRAM, TEAM.

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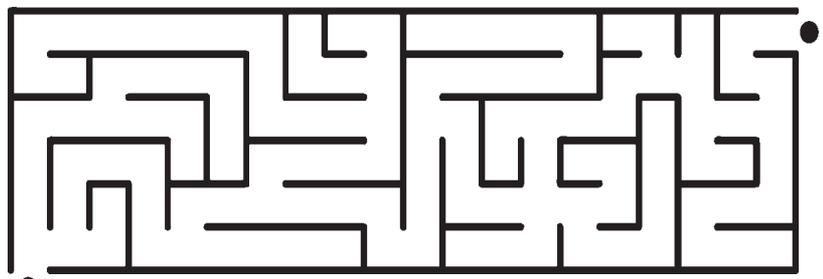


Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange answers

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| 1. Bench, Beach | 6. Attach, Attack |
| 2. Scroll, Stroll | 7. Twice, Twine |
| 3. Hurdle, Curdle | 8. Hatter, Halter |
| 4. Daily, Dolly | 9. Moose, Mouse |
| 5. Flake, Flare | 10. Crest, Crust |

Kids' Maze



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Answers

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| REFERS R | FREES |
| POISON I | SNOOP |
| BRACES B | RACES |
| TABLES B | COMBS |
| HASTEN N | HATES |
| THINKS H | KNITS |
| GROUSE O | SURGE |
| SENSOR O | STERN |
| CARTED D | REACT |

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?
 - 117 Changed genetically
 - 118 USN clerks
 - 119 Light wind
 - 120 Of zero help
 - 121 "— Song" (#1 John Denver hit)
 - 122 Like finished wood
 - 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
 - 103 Became ice
 - 104 H.S. health class
 - 107 — Valley, California
 - 108 Midleg joint
 - 109 Air about one
 - 110 Air about one
 - 111 Aussie ratite
 - 112 Frat letters
 - 113 Mag staff
 - 115 Film director Howard
 - 116 NFL passers

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

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Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Ridge begged Brooke not to let her animosity toward his son destroy their relationship. Liam worried that Hope was ignoring red flags when it came to Thomas's offer. Meanwhile, Zoe asked Thomas what his true feelings were for Hope. Eric learned of Ridge and Brooke's impending divorce. Ridge turned to Shauna after a bad day. Thomas tried to get his dad on board with his new plan. Steffy showed compassion for Ridge's heartbreak. Steffy worried that Thomas was doing the runway show for the wrong reasons. Hope was determined to find a designer other than Thomas to work on her campaign. Thomas had a fantasy about life 10 years in the future. Wait to See: Liam and Steffy bring Zoe on board to get the dirt on Thomas.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

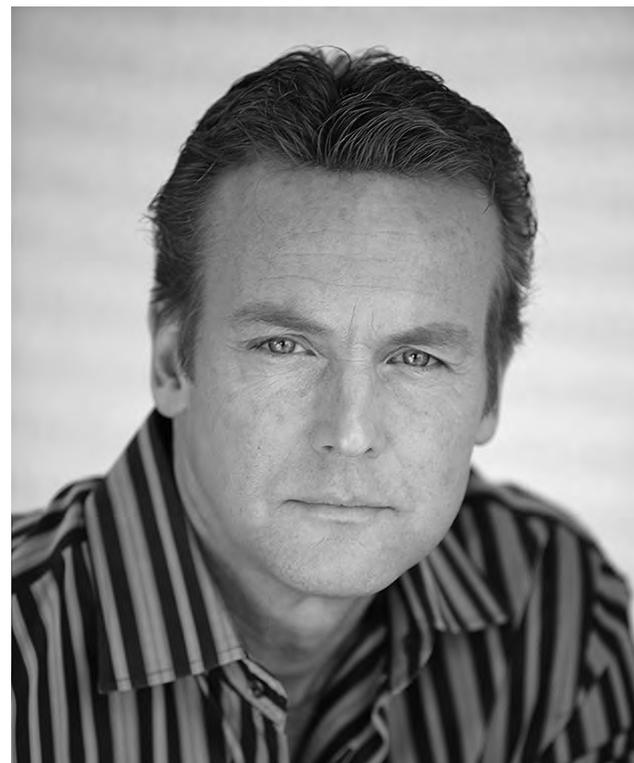
Lani begged JJ to spare Kristen. Gabi tried to throw Chad out of the house. Kate's secret was revealed. Abigail questioned Hope about the night her mother was pushed off the balcony. Justin moved in with Kayla. Eric and Sarah received some upsetting news about Mickey. Ben informed Ciara that his legal situation just got worse. Hope was tempted to eliminate Abigail. Kate blasted Sonny when she learned he kissed Evan. Nicole tried to comfort Eric after hearing the news about Mickey. Sarah made a big decision to help her daughter. Will and Justin faced off. Chad helped Abigail investigate her mother's case. Wait to See: Jack and Jennifer share a romantic reunion after she comes home from the hospital.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Elizabeth attempted to express her gratitude. Trina helped out at the gallery. Nina considered taking on a new business partner. Valentin started to suspect that things were not as they seemed. Jax lost patience with his houseguest. Liz had some tough questions. Anna seemed unsettled. Laura sabotaged Peter. Nina tried to defend Valentin. Jax was very terse. Carly felt alarmed. Nelle made an important call. Willow was shocked. Julian felt very remorseful. Chase made an important discovery. Michael accepted the help he needed. Dev and Joss began to bond. Wait to See: Ava piques Carly's curiosity.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Theo broke up with Summer after she wouldn't move in with him. Mariah got nervous when she found out that Summer was single again, but Summer assured her that she didn't have her sights set on Kyle. Amanda and Devon exchanged some harsh words after he caught her tracking someone's GPS on her laptop. Nick got defensive when Victor blamed Chelsea for ending his political career. Over dinner at Society, Billy loved Victoria's idea of a holiday getaway with the family, but Victoria feared that he was masking his true worries. Chelsea wanted to move back in with Nick but could see that Connor improved when she was present for him at Adam's. Amanda turned down Phyllis' request to represent her in a lawsuit. Wait to See: Paul and Christine's night with the Baldwins takes an unexpected turn.



Doug Davidson stars as "Paul" on "The Young and the Restless." Photo credit: John Paschal/JPI Studios

Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

Gift Ideas for Seniors

Most of us don't need a single thing. We certainly don't want more cute knick-knacks to add to whatever clutter we already have on the shelves. Yet this is the time of year when others think they need to give us presents. Sometimes they'll ask in advance what we'd like to have, and we can breathe a sigh of relief when they do.

So, what do we say when they ask? Here are some thoughts:

* Pay for our cable for a couple months. Or pay for our Netflix or newspaper for a whole year. Add a year to a subscription to our favorite magazine or maybe a new one for us to try out. Consider a subscription to a fruit of the month club, or one for coffee or tea.

* Spend the afternoon with us sorting a box of photos and scan them for us. Or make us a special photo album of family

and grandchildren. Create a 2020 calendar or load a digital photo frame with family photos. Give us a copy of "The Book of Me," 2nd edition (Peter Pauper Press), an autobiographical journal we can fill out.

* Some things aren't fancy but can be very useful: a bathtub grab bar, a pill organizer, gift certificates to the places we go (such as movies and dinners out). Install some SnapPower Guidelights, which are wall outlets that double as nightlights -- very handy -- as well as a few of those

closet lights.

* Load up our freezer with homemade single-meal dinners. Pay for a trip that the senior center will take, and if extra people are allowed, go with us.

The best gifts for seniors are those things that give us pleasure but are hard for us to afford, and those things that make our lives easier.

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To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Size Determines Risk of Aneurysm Rupture

DEAR DR. ROACH: My boyfriend recently was diagnosed with an aneurysm. The report says the abdominal aorta is 3.02 cm in largest dimension and recommends screening every six months. Do we need to see a cardiologist for a second opinion? Is there medication to help? -- B.S.

ANSWER: The aorta is the largest blood vessel in the body. It comes directly off the left ventricle of the heart and supplies blood to the entire body. It may become enlarged either in the chest (a thoracic aneurysm) or in the abdomen.

Abdominal aortic aneurysms are more common in men, especially over 65, and smoking is the biggest risk factor. There are contributing familial conditions as well, such as Marfan syndrome.

Most people have an abdominal aorta that is no bigger than 3 cm, so your boyfriend is just barely over the cutoff. His risk for rupture, the dreaded complication of an AAA, is negligible at this size. I agree with the screening recommendations, and would advise tobacco cessation if he

smokes, regular moderate exercise and control of blood pressure if high.

Seeing a cardiologist would be very reasonable: Your boyfriend could get personalized advice on risk reduction. Although aspirin and statin drugs may have a benefit, the evidence for it is weak. Most experts do not recommend them unless there are other indications for taking them.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had a hernia operation in 2015. The repair included insertion of mesh patches that now have been recalled. Since the operation, I have had many health issues. Is there a blood test or other test to see if the mesh is the cause of my problems? Should I have it removed and replaced? I am 83. -- J.C.L.

ANSWER: Surgical mesh is commonly used in hernia repair, as well as in many gynecologic surgeries. Mesh reduces the need for re-operation. However, there is an increased rate of long-term complications that partially offsets the benefit of using mesh.

Complications related to the mesh can be very serious, such as bowel obstruction, perforation or bleeding; these usually require urgent surgery. However, symptoms also may be less specific, and include pain, non-healing wounds and infection. Of people

with a mesh repair, 4% to 6% had evidence of complications after five years of follow-up, according to a well-done study from Denmark.

I am aware of recalled mesh products (49 out of the top 50 results on a web search were from personal injury law firms; the 50th was from the Food and Drug Administration) and reports of significantly higher complication rates from recalled (as well as from counterfeit) mesh.

Without knowing more about your health issues, it is difficult to weigh in on whether the mesh is likely to be causing it. There is no simple blood or imaging test that will give a definitive answer. However, if your symptoms are among those possibly related to mesh complication, it absolutely would be appropriate to have a discussion with your surgeon about the upsides and downsides of a re-operation. I would be cautious about recommending another surgery for an 83-year-old, unless the symptoms are significant and your surgeon feels they are likely due to mesh complications.

Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Puzzle on Page C-9

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Hannah Brown was my favorite of all the Bachelorettes, and I was so happy to see her win “Dancing with the Stars.” Do you think she’ll end up doing something else in television, or will she go back to Alabama and lead a private life? -- B.B.

A: Brown was kind of an underdog when she was chosen to lead “The Bachelorette” on ABC last season. She didn’t even make it to the hometown dates when she was competing for Colton Underwood’s affections on his season of “The Bachelor,” but the producers saw something in her and selected her. They were right, because she’s become one of the most popular leads that franchise has had in a long time, and then she went on to further fame by winning the mirror ball trophy on “Dancing with the Stars.”

Brown recently told E! News that while she admired her “Bachelorette” predecessors for capitalizing on their fame, she wasn’t going to become just an Instagram influencer.

“I have definitely looked up to all the women before me, but I think there’ll be a different story for Hannah B., and I’m excited for that,” she said. Her aspirations reportedly include having her own talk show and writing books, both fiction and nonfiction.

Q: I’m behind on the “Star Wars” movies, having finally watched “The Force Awakens,” the first of the final trilogy. I was really amazed at how talented the actors who play Rey and Finn are, and I’d never seen them in anything before this. What was their prior acting experience? -- D.P.

A: Daisy Ridley, who plays Rey, is a multitalented ac-

triss from England who is a classically trained in dance and also sings jazz. She had a few small roles in British television before joining the “Star Wars” franchise. According to “The Guardian,” when Ridley heard that the filmmakers of “The Force Awakens” were auditioning unknowns in addition to name actors, she asked her agent to get her a meeting. She ended up auditioning for producer JJ Abrams five times and got the part.

John Boyega was the newcomer who made quite the impression as Finn, a former Stormtrooper who developed a conscience. He’s also British, and had some success in his native country before becoming internationally known. Reportedly, Abrams was a fan of the 2011 film “Attack the Block,” a sci-fi comedy in which Boyega co-starred.

Q: Is it true that Maggie Smith regrets working on “Downton Abbey” and the “Harry Potter” films? I can’t imagine that when they are such successful projects. -- C.T.

A: Smith, a highly respected Academy Award-winning actress, recently told the U.K.’s “Evening Standard” that she found her roles in “Downton Abbey” and “Harry Potter” to be “unsatisfying.” Upon further reading, though, I found that she was “deeply grateful” for the work, but that she didn’t really feel she was “acting.” Her role in the latter did help her bond with her five grandchildren, though, but her first love will always be theater.

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

“It: Chapter 2” (R) -- Derry, Maine, is once again under attack by the evil clown Pennywise, who is back to his old antics terrorizing the town’s children after a gang of kids -- the Losers Club -- thought that they had banished the dreaded monster for good. Twenty-seven years later, only one of the six has remained in Derry. Mike (Isaiah Mustafa), ever vigilant, studies the lore around the clown and deduces the only way to defeat Pennywise is for the now grown-up members of the club (Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader, Jay Ryan, James Ransome) to take a deep dive into their individual childhoods. He calls back the rest of the group, who swore they would defeat Pennywise no matter what it takes.

“Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” (R) -- Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt head an all-star cast in director Quentin Tarantino’s reimagining of Los Angeles leading into the summer of 1969. It’s seen through the eyes of Rick Dalton (DiCaprio), an aging action star, and his stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt). As the pair struggle with an ever-growing obsolescence, their paths cross with the unsavory characters of the Manson Family, who are targeting Dalton’s neighbor, Sharon Tate.

“Hustlers” (R) -- A sexy and savvy group of former exotic dancers run a financial scheme targeting the ruthless financial industry villains who crashed the economy, seemingly without repercussion. It is told from the perspective of Destiny (Constance Wu), who is taken under the wing of the experienced (and merciless) Ramona (Jennifer Lopez). At every turn, the degradation of women at the hands of men is underscored, served in opposition to fierce women taking ownership of and weaponizing their sexuality. Like all strong-arming, things can go too far. Despite all the stripping, this is a girls-night movie full of female empowerment and power cameos (Cardi B, Lizzo).

“Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice” (NR) -- In 95 minutes of exhilarating stage footage and emotional interviews with A-list musicmakers (Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Jackson Browne and more), the power and versatility of Linda Ronstadt is heralded, a fitting tribute to one of the most influential voices, certainly of a generation, arguably of all time. It also is a voice that has been stolen from us by Parkinson’s disease, but, as this musical documentary shows, it lives on and will continue to do so. If that weren’t legacy enough, we also are treated to a portrait of a pioneering female in music, as well as a rebellious, protean singer.

NEW TV RELEASES

“Suits” Season 9

“Family Guy” Season 17

“The Orville” Season 2

“Doc Martin” Series 9

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Buy! Buy!
BUY!
 Sell! Sell!
Sell!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 21, 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: Sparklefox, 8481 Winnebago Lane, Byron, IL 61010.
 Dated: November 21, 2019
 Laura J. Cook,
 Ogle County Clerk
 No. 1201 (Dec. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 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: Stillman Valley Pools & Pool Tables, 5304 E.

Hubbard Trail, Byron, IL 61010.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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)

(ADULT)
 Request of:
 Theresa Ann Walton
 Case No.
 2019 MR 000066
 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Theresa Ann Walton to the new name of: Theresa Ann Watson.
 The court date will be held: Jan., 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #202.
 Theresa Ann Walton
 No. 1210 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS,
 CIRCUIT COURT
 OGLE COUNTY
 PUBLICATION
 NOTICE OF COURT
 DATE FOR REQUEST
 FOR NAME CHANGE

PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

103 AUCTIONS

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

Sale to be held at: CedarStone
 610 South Division Ave
 Polo, IL 61064

90 Acres +/- ONE PARCEL:
 Section 28 of Pine Creek Township in
 Ogle County, IL.

For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info,
 and terms & conditions, etc. visit
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For Information Contact:

Lenny Bryson – Auctioneer
 11749 West Judson Road
 Polo, IL 61064
 Ph) 815-946-4120
 Owner, Stan Weber
 Attorney, Tom Suits

103 AUCTIONS

FARMLAND AUCTION
Friday, December 27th, 2019

at 10:00 A.M.
 Sale to be held at:

Mt. Morris Moose Family Center
 101 Moose Drive. Mt. Morris, IL 61054

280 Acres +/- TWO PARCELS:
 Parcel # 1) 160 Acres +/- in Section 17 of Seward
 Township in Winnebago, IL.
 Parcel # 2) 120 Acres +/- in Section 5 of Leaf River
 Township in Ogle County, IL.

For complete listing of sale bill, maps, tax info, and
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Owner, Irvin T. Kilker Remainder Trust
 Kilker Trust No. 2411
 Trustee, Robert D. Gallup
 Attorney for Trust, Kim Krahenbuhl
 WilliamsMcCarthy, LLC

103 AUCTIONS

'Diane & the Late Don Nelson Estate Auction'
SAT., DEC. 21st – 10:30 A.M.

7511 Sorghum Lane, Cherry Valley, IL 61016
 Antiques & Collectibles; Antique Oak Furniture; Belding
 Silk & Spool Cabinet; Early Spinning Wheels; Antique
 & Modern Sewing Machines & Sewing Collection;
 Antique Table Lamps; Fine China & Glassware; Jade-
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Real Estate Auction

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

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020
 11:00 AM

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

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE: This home is a newer (1996) construction home with large open rooms, vaulted ceilings, fantastic views from the wrap around porch, and many upgrades. It is surrounded on 3 sides by the Byron Forest preserve, and therefore seclusion and privacy is a feature hard to find. On the first floor, there is a large open kitchen, dining and family room, complete with fireplace, hardwood floors and views that are incredible both from inside, as well as the forever wrap around deck. There is also a formal dining room and living room. The grand entry to the home leads to an open stairway, and power chandelier, and a 1/2 bath off entry. Throughout this home, storage and closets were one of the dominant focuses. Oak cabinetry & floors as well as solid 6 panel doors and trim throughout. Upstairs, the Huge master bedroom complete with fireplace has a 26x12 walk in closet, a full large bath with 2-person jetted tub and separate shower. The other two bedrooms each have a double closet with one having 2 closets. There is a common Bath for the two bedrooms complete with full tub and shower. There is a large laundry room with built in ironing board, folding counter and separate sink. The full finished walkout basement provides yet another family room and fireplace, possible den/bedroom, and another 3/4 bath with shower. Mechanicals include central Vac system, LP Gas Forced air furnace, central air, 200-amp C/B, water softener, gas hot water heater, iron out filter and security system. There is a 1000-Gal LP tank that stays with the home. There is supplemental electric heat in the lower level as well. There is also an outside 36'x28' storage barn., **For a private viewing, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150**

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

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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 No-

tice 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 P. O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061-0010 (815)732-6124 No. 1211 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 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: Studio on Second, 107 W. 2nd St., Byron, IL 61010.

Dated: December 4, 2019 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1213 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS OGLE COUNTY IL-LINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION

In the) Matter) 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.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at 105 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: Dec. 3, 2019. STEVEN V. GOLEY, Independent

Executor of the Estate of L. HAROLD GO LEY, Deceased Holmstrom KennedyPC His Attorneys No. 1215 (Dec. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M. January 10, 2020, for the purchase of the following new equipment with trade ins:
1) Track skid steer,
2) 80 hp tractor,
3) 1/2-Ton extended cab pickup truck,
4) Dump body, wing,

snow plow push frame and spreader box for tandem-axle truck. Specifications for the new equipment are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. No. 1220 (Dec. 16, 23, 30)

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Cease Doing Business) Public Notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2019, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business 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: Wetter Water Pool Pros, 6234 N. Mulford Rd., Monroe Center, IL 61052. Dated: December 11, 2019. Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1222 (Dec. 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Cease Doing Business) Public Notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2019, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office ad-

dress of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Ceased doing business as: Carlson Tax Service, 14499 E. Eddy Rd., Davis Junction, IL 61020. Dated: December 11, 2019. Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1221 (Dec. 16)

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203 HELP WANTED

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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Byron CUSD #226 has the following openings: Transportation Director Special Education Paraprofessional 3rd Shift Custodian
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Life newspaper carriers wanted in Oregon
The Ogle County Life is updating its list of individuals interested in a carrier route in Oregon, Byron & Mt. Morris
• Deliver just once per week on Sunday afternoons

• No collecting
• Good extra cash for kids or adults
Anyone 10 years or older who would like to earn some extra money by delivering the Ogle County Life should call 815-732-2156 and leave your name and phone number, and you may be contacted in the future when a route becomes available.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING, JUNE 30, 2019

REVENUE

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance at the beginning of year July 1, 2018 | \$77,378.56 |
| Property Taxes | 72,808.74 |
| Rent | 6,360.00 |
| Book fines, etc | 363.99 |
| Interest Income | 96.02 |
| Memorials | 23,095.01 |
| USPO & Stamps | 3,258.05 |
| Trusts | 25,000.00 |
| Per Capita | 2,676.25 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 430.00 |
| Totals Revenues | \$134,088.06 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Salaries under \$25,00.00 | \$57,808.15 |
| Union Savings Bank, Payroll taxes | 4,598.60 |
| Fifth Third Bank Credit Cards, books, supplies, etc | 7,263.66 |
| Union Bank | 4,423.89 |
| Mark Miller | 12,451.00 |
| Country Mutual Ins Co., Insurance | 4,122.95 |
| Nicor, natural gas | 3,407.96 |
| Com Ed, electric | 4,551.09 |
| Fischer's Inc | 1,976.18 |
| IL Department of Revenue | 3,109.82 |
| Baker & Taylor | 3,731.27 |
| LR Communications | 1,543.86 |
| Edward Mitchell | 2,511.00 |
| Nick Heiderreich | 1,785.00 |
| Zac's Sealcoating | 2,683.20 |
| Village of Leaf River | 1,485.66 |
| Travis Landscaping | 5,562.00 |
| Ardis Kump | 1,068.74 |
| Prairie Cat | 4,026.63 |
| Casco Tax | 1,030.00 |
| Thayer Lightening | 3,477.40 |
| Quality Carpeting | 1,146.75 |
| Others not exceeding \$1,000. | 16,473.60 |
| Totals Expenditures | \$150,238.41 |

Balance at the end of the year, June 30, 2019 \$61,228.21

ARDIS KUMP, TREASURER

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203 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Experienced Machinist

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 321 Southview Dr. Sunday December 15th 10am-6pm. HOLIDAY HOOPLA. Homemade Crafts, Buffalo Plaid Items, Vintage Items & Games, Ugly Christmas Sweaters and Miscellaneous Gifts. (12-15-19)

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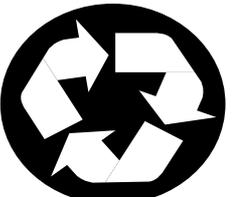
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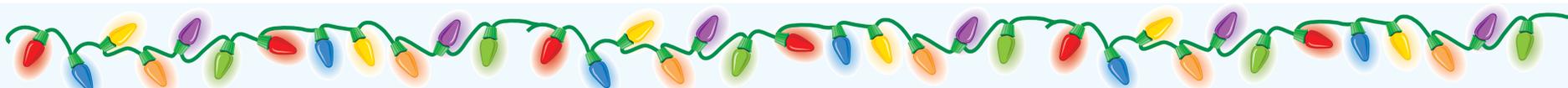
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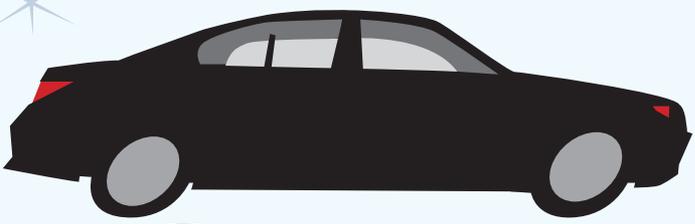
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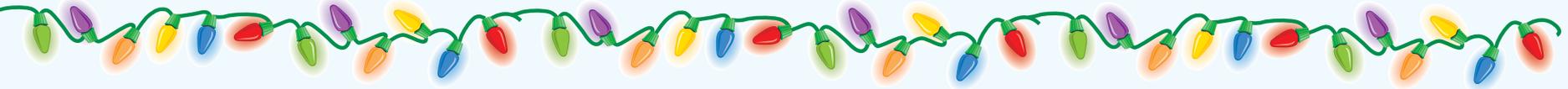


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