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Newly elected and re-elected board members were sworn in by Judge Robert Hanson, left photo, at the Dec. 3 special meeting. Kim Gouker, above right, was again selected to be chairman of the board, and John Finfrock, left, will again serve as vice chairman. (Brad Jennings photos)

New County Board members sworn in

Kim Gouker selected unanimously to serve in the role as chairman

OREGON – Newly elected and re-elected members of the Ogle County Board were sworn in for their terms at a special organizational meeting in Oregon on Monday, Dec. 3.

The members were sworn in by Judge Robert Hanson. New members include Benjamin Youman, Lloyd Droege, Stanley Asp, Susie Corbitt, Dean Fox and Todd McLester.

Returning board members sworn in included

Rick Fritz, Patricia Nordman, Wayne Reising, Greg Sparrow, Bruce McKinney, John "Skip" Kenney, Martin Typer, Dan Janes, Dorothy Bowers and Lyle Hopkins.

Kim Gouker was again voted in as chairman of the board. Unlike the last time he was named to the post in 2016, he had no opposition and was voted in unanimously.

In 2016, he was challenged by Dorothy Bowers,

but won by a vote of 17-7. This year, Bowers made the motion for Gouker to be named chairman.

John Finfrock was also unanimously voted in again as vice chairman.

"First of all, thank you," Gouker said to the board after the vote. "We've got a lot to do in the next few years, not the least is the new jail."

The board will hold its last meeting of the year on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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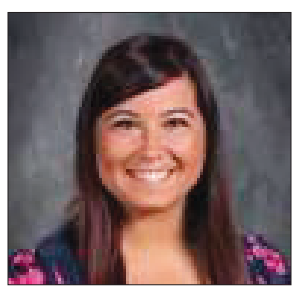
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Rochelle Community Hospital

Mary Morgan Elementary earns Gold Circle of Quality Recognition

BYRON – Mary Morgan Elementary school has achieved the Gold Circle of Quality recognition for their Preschool for All (PFA) program.



honor of the Gold Circle of Quality for the Byron Pre-K program,” said Jenni Peterson, assistant principal. “I feel fortunate that my passion for teaching young learners was recognized.”

While this honor has been bestowed on Mary Morgan Elementary School in the past, this is the first time that Peterson has been at the helm when the honor was awarded.

“Everything I do as a teacher is done with my students in mind, so to be recognized for the work I love is refreshing,” she said. “My everyday goal is to instill the love of learning while also building a strong foundation of lifelong learners. I am so lucky I get to do what I love each day, and I am honored to represent Byron and our community.”

The Illinois State Board of Education uses ExceleRate Illinois as their quality recognition program as well as their improvement system for early learning and development programs. ExceleRate utilizes a common set of standards in four domains to help determine a program’s rating. The domains are Teaching and Learning, Family and Community Engagement, Leadership and Management, and Qualifications and Continuing Education. There are four levels of distinction: Licensed Circle of Quality, Bronze Circle of Quality, Silver Circle of Quality, and Gold Circle of

Quality. The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs which have met the requirements on all 15 standards, as validated by an independent assessor. Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, and all program administrative standards; group size and staff/child ratios; staff qualifications; and professional development.

“I am excited, proud, and overwhelmed to receive the

Free movie to show at Oregon Coliseum Dec. 15

OREGON – There will be a free family movie night presented by Oregon Together, sponsored by Riverstone Christian Church, on Saturday, Dec. 15. The movie, “The Star,” will be shown at the Coliseum in Oregon. Doors open

to public at 6 p.m., and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Concessions are provided by Hoppers Poppers so please no outside food/drinks. Toys will be collected for toys for tots for children here in Ogle county this evening as well.

Food drive



The Stillman Valley National Honor Society held a food drive to benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Stillman Valley. It collected food and donations that were delivered before Thanksgiving. It was able to deliver hundreds of items as well as over \$100 in donations. The NHS would like to thank all that participated to make the drive a success.

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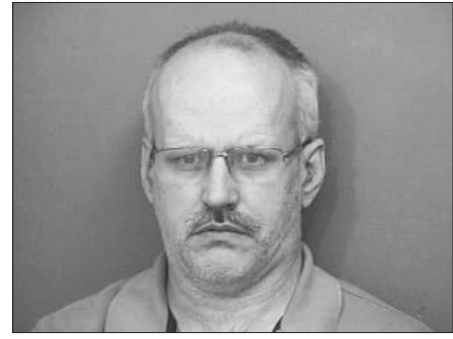
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Man found guilty of assault, abuse of a child in County

OREGON –Daryn A. Jacobs, 50, formerly of Forreton, was found guilty by an Ogle County Jury of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, Ogle County State’s Attorney Eric Morrow announced.



Circuit Judge John B. Roe presided over the jury trial which spanned four days. Jacobs will return to court to be sentenced on Jan. 16, 2019. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a Class X Felony for which a sentence of probation is not available and Jacobs must be sentenced to 6-60 years in prison.

subject to a term of mandatory supervised release of three years to natural life and must register as a sex offender for his lifetime. Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse is a Class 2 Felony with a sentencing range of 3-7 years in prison.

Due to the nature of the charge, Jacobs must serve 85 percent of the sentence in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. Upon his release, he will be

Village of Stillman Valley awards \$4,273 matching grant

STILLMAN VALLEY – On Saturday, Nov. 17, Village leaders and residents gathered for a presentation of a Business Matching Grant for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Mark and Cheri Davis, co-owners, Cardinal Corners, Ladders of Learning are the recipients of the \$4,273 grant which they used for exterior improvements to their business located at 218 N Walnut St. This is the third year in which Mr. and Mrs. Davis have applied for and received a Business Matching Grant.

Since its inception in 2016, the Business Matching Grant program has awarded more than \$75,000 in grants to businesses located in the Village of Stillman Valley. Looking for

ways utilize revenue from video gaming, the Village leadership along with the Stillman Valley Economic Development Committee created the program for the purpose of promoting and advancing the economic climate and the future of the Village.

“It is important to the Village Council to promote and foster economic development. This program allows us to provide financial support our business owners for very specific projects that help improve our Village,” said Becky Waltrip, Village president.

Each year the Village Council approves funds for the Business Matching Grants with the majority of the funding to come from the video gaming receipts.

These grants are available to all businesses located within the Village limits for improvements such as upgrades to utilities, store front improvements, sidewalks, outside building repairs and outside grounds improvements. The grant is to be no more that 50 percent of the cost of the project per business year. Applications are due by May 1st of the current year.

For more information about the Business Matching Grant program contact Stillman Valley Village Hall 815-645-2200.

About the Village of Stillman Valley

Stillman Valley is located in Ogle County, with a population of 1,120. It lies east of Byron, south of Rockford and west of Davis Junction.

Rochelle Community Hospital earns recognition from federal program

ROCHELLE – The Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) recently recognized Rochelle Community Hospital for its ongoing commitment to exceptional quality of care, during a ceremony held Oct. 29 at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign.

As part of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program (MBQIP), Rochelle Community Hospital and other critical access hospitals were asked to voluntarily participate in four defined domains of quality outcomes. These four domains include: Patient Safety/Inpatient;

Patient Engagement; Care Transitions; and Outpatient Measures.

“Often, in rural hospitals, having a devoted staff member to abstract and submit this data can be both time-consuming and burdensome,” said Angie Charlet, ICAHN Director of Quality, Educational Services, and Compliance. “This hospital realizes how important quality of care and an engaged staff is for its patients...From its top leadership on throughout the facility, each strives for continued quality on a daily basis, and that is what we are celebrating today.”

Rochelle Community Hospital was recognized for achieving a ‘4-Star’

HCAHPS. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created the HCAHPS Star Ratings for consumers to more quickly and easily access the patient experience of care information provided on the Hospital Compare website. Star ratings will also allow consumers to more easily compare hospitals.

“We are very proud of our team for achieving this level of excellence in health quality,” said Mark Batty, CEO.

“This is truly a team effort that recognizes our dedication to delivering a healthcare experience of which our patients and staff can be proud.”

Park District adds Sunday pickleball

OREGON – As the weather gets colder, are you looking for something to do inside to stay active? Have you tried pickleball?

The Oregon Park District now offers pickleball five days a week.

Pickleball is easy to learn and all equipment is provided. Enjoy Pickleball on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday evenings from 4-7 p.m. and now Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

Cost is only your daily admission fee. On Sundays both residents and non-

residents pay only \$1 admission on \$1 Sundays. Quarter or annual members do not pay anything. No equipment is needed, Nash provides the balls, racquets and net.

What is pickleball? It is often described as a mix of ping-pong, tennis and badminton played on a mini tennis court with an oversized paddle and ball similar to a whiffle ball. It is fast, fun, addictive and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities!

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OBITUARY

Michael L. Schreiber



LEAF RIVER – Michael L. Schreiber ‘Schreibs’, age 48, loving son, brother, and friend passed away suddenly on Nov. 29, 2018 in Rockford. Mike was born on July 29, 1970 in Rockford, the son of Gary and Margaret (Deen-Strite) Schreiber.

He attended Mount Morris High School, Mount Morris. Mike worked as a carpenter his whole life, working for many people in the Northern Illinois area, during the winter months he spent his time removing snow from many business and homes. He spent his time hunting, attending demo derbys, motorcycling, and spending many hours

with his life-long friends.

Mike is survived by his parents: Gary Schreiber, Byron, and Margaret Strite, Leaf River; brothers: Rick (Jennifer Dietmeier) Schreiber, Ridott; Corey (Amber) Schreiber, Apex, N.C.; Christopher Strite, Leaf

River; sisters: Amy (Todd) Henson, Gas City, Ind.; Teresa Shepard, Rockford; longtime girlfriend: Dana Brace, Leaf River; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his grandparents.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 from 2-5 p.m. in the Mount Morris Moose Lodge, Mount Morris. A private family memorial service will be held in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris. Burial of cremains will be in Lightsville Cemetery, Lightsville, at a later date.

Memorials to be determined.

Byron Park District to offer martial arts classes

BYRON – Join the Byron Park District and Northern Illinois Martial Arts Institute Instructor, Wes Shuckhart, to take advantage of the many benefits martial arts has to offer. New sessions of Judo and Tae Kwon Do begin Monday, Dec. 10 at the Byron PE Center.

Judo (10 yrs & older) – For Self Defense & Sport. First introduced in 1882 as a sport utilizing the Jiu Jitsu style of fighting, these techniques are now used by the Marine Corp as well as law enforcement agencies around the world. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:15 -8:15 p.m. Fee is \$56 for residents/ \$66 for non-residents; \$10 off for additional family members.

Tae Kwon Do (5 yrs & older) – Classes are geared toward developing and improving students’ coordination, balance, flexibility, and physical strength as well as assisting with confidence, focus, discipline, and sportsmanship. Learn traditional and freestyle TKD including forms, weapons, sparring, and self-defense. Classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays evenings. Class times vary by level. Fee is \$85 for residents/\$100 for non-residents; \$20 off for additional family members.

Please note completion of a belt level (testing fee), acquisition of a uniform, new colored belt, and equipment will be an additional fee payable to the instructor. For more information, or to register online, visit us at www.byronparks.org or contact us directly at 815-234-8435.

Leaf River Lions sponsoring trip to dog training facility

Ever wonder how they train a puppy to become a Leader Dog for a blind or deaf person? Ever wonder how they breed and select the dog for such training? How is the dog and recipient selected? Where are these dogs raised and trained? How much does a Leader Dog cost?

You have the opportunity to find the answers to all of your questions if you want by taking a two-day trip to the third largest Leader Dog training facility in the world in Rochester Hills, Mich. The Leaf River Lions are sponsoring a trip on Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2019 to the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility. You do not have to be a Lion to go on this trip.

You will leave from the Bertolet Memorial building in Leaf River at 7:15 a.m. after having a continental snack prior to boarding. We will stop at the DeKalb Oasis for the first break and for anyone wanting something to eat or drink. We will stop

at Cracker Barrel in Stevensville Michigan for lunch and arrive at Rochester Hills Thursday late afternoon. We will have a buffet dinner that evening at the Quality Inn hotel along with a social time. In the morning, we will have a hot breakfast at the hotel before leaving at 9 a.m. to go to Leader Dog.

Arriving at Leader Dog you will see their brand new remodeled facility and be welcomed by several different people.

We will receive a tour of the facility and see all the puppies! You will get to see where the dogs are cared for in their veterinary clinic, their breeding area, and also where the recipients stay while being accustomed and trained with their Leader Dog. There will also be some free time to look around and visit their Leader Dog store.

You will hear from several of the staff that work there as well as meet and hear from some puppy raisers and also a person with a

Leader Dog. Lunch will be provided at Leader Dog and we will leave midafternoon. We will stop at Bob Evans in Battle Creek for dinner Friday evening and arrive back in Leaf River around 10 p.m.

The entire trip costs \$210 for a single person and \$320 for a couple. This cost includes the continental breakfast and dinner at the hotel on Thursday. Lodging is included as well as the breakfast and lunch on Friday.

The travelers only cost will be their meal at Cracker Barrel and Bob Evans. The tip for the bus driver is included in the price. This is a very informative and inspirational tour. One you will remember forever.

If you are interested you need to contact Paul Lindstrom at 815-738-2761 to make arrangements or to ask questions. Don't hesitate too long as the very comfortable Van Galder coach is over half full already.



Oregon Fire Chief speaks to Lions

OREGON – Oregon Fire Chief Michael Knoup was the speaker at the Oregon Lions Club Meeting on Nov. 8.

He started his career in 1985 as a firefighter in Pecatonica then moved to Oregon in November, 2017 and was promoted to Oregon Fire Chief in May of 2018.

He oversees a department that now has a new ambulance and two paramedics on duty 24/7. Oregon's new and improved Fire Department was formed after a referendum was passed creating an Oregon Fire Department that replaced the volunteer service that existed for many years.

The Fire Chief talked about fire prevention in the home and stressed the importance of having reliable smoke detectors throughout the house.

Photo: From Left are: Lion Grant Afflerbaugh, Oregon Fire Chief Michael Knoup and Oregon Lions President Carri Anderson.

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Byron Police report

Nov. 6
Byron Police arrested Maggie Brinza, 20 of Rockford, on a Boone County warrant and a Winnebago County warrant. Brinza was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 7
Nicole Kalis, 29 of Roscoe, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Driving While License is Suspended.

Malique Wiggins, 20 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Ronald Kain, 43 of Leaf River, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Signal.

Nov. 8
Christopher Elswick, 29 of Byron, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Expired Registration.

Nov. 10
Robert Doonan, 36 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device.

Nov. 11
Byron Police served Jesus Samaniego, 55 of Byron, a Complaint/I-Bond for Nuisance Animals-Barking Dog. Samaniego must appear in court on 12/17/18.

Nov. 13
Dane Johnson, 25 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Nov. 15
Miguel Cortes, 46 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Nov. 17
Byron Police arrested Darius Padron, 18 of Rockford for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Possession of Cannabis Over 10 Grams But Under 30 Grams. Padron was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

John Witkowski, 37 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Nov. 18
Adam Sanchez, 37 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Nov. 19
Dane Johnson, 25 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Spencer Leddy, 22 of Dixon, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Nov. 20
Cole Nevenhoven, 25 of Byron, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and No Proof of Insurance.

Nov. 21
Nicholle Grisanzio, 43 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Nov. 22
Byron Police arrested Jaminique Danielowski, 24 of Rockford, on an Ogle County warrant. Danielowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Ronald Demus, 36 of Byron, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Nov. 24
Adam Montana, 19 of Winnebago, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and No Valid Driver's License.

Nov. 25
Byron Police arrested Hunter Diamond, 27 of Byron, on a warrant. Diamond was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 29
Christopher Charbonneau, 31 of Byron, was issued a citation for Cell Phone Use in a School Zone.

Ashley Rude, 27 of Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device.

James Ruch, 45 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Operation of Motor Vehicle When Registration is Suspended for Non-Insurance.

Nov. 30
Hilaree Lombardo, 28 of Byron, was issued a citation for Expired Registration. Stephanie Myers, 53 of Byron, was issued a citation for Expired Registration.

Dec. 2
Byron Police arrested Lisa Snyder, 48 of Byron, for Disorderly Conduct and Violation of Bail Bond. Snyder was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 3
Jauw Leddy, 70 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Expired Driver's License.

Oregon Police report

Nov 26
At 6 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of 1st and Gale Streets where a 2006 International Plow driven by city of Oregon street department employee James R. Morris, slid into some wooden poles and in removal of the plow, several other poles were knocked over as well as damage done to the City plow. No citations were issued.

Nov. 30
At 12:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kira K. Guenzler, 34, Mt. Morris, a citation for passing a school bus while loading or unloading. This violation occurred in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 3:11 p.m., Oregon Police issued Manuel F. Rivera, 22, Rochelle, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of W. Washington Street.

At 4:22 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a suspicious person call in the 700 block of Franklin Street resulting in issuing Daetrone J. Mosley, 23, Chicago, citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration plates and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 700 block of Franklin Street.

At 4:30 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of 4th and Jefferson Streets involving a 1998 Ford driven by Glenn E. Stroh, 89, Oregon, and a 2005 Dodge driven by David A. Rudis, age 47, Oregon. Stroh was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 9:28 p.m., Oregon Police issued Samantha L. Merrill, 16, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 37 mph in a 20 mph zone. This violation occurred in the area of 14th and Oregon Trail Road.

Dec. 1
At 1:53 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of S. 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of John A. Hitchcock, 36, Oregon, for aggravated domestic battery. Hitchcock was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Dec. 2
At 1:12 a.m., Oregon Police was dispatched to a disturbance call at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets resulting in the arrest of Melisa L. Carreno, 32, Oregon, for battery. Carreno was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:30 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a hit and run traffic crash where a 2015 Dodge belonging to Antonio I. Welle, 22, Oregon, was struck by an unknown vehicle while parked in the South 3rd Street municipal parking lot. Anyone having any information, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2803.

15 parking tickets and 3 verbal/written warnings were issued from 11/26/18 through 12/02/18.

General calls for service
Through dispatch during the week of 11/26/18 through 12/02/18:

Checking a Subject/Vehicle	6
Citizen Complaints	11
Juvenile Complaint	1
Ordinance Violation	6
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	6
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Assist EMS / Other Department	6
Lockout Vehicle/Building	2
911 Hang-up / Open Line	7

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Thank You
 On Wednesday Nov. 28th around 5:00p.m., I lost my billfold in the parking lot of County Market. I want to thank the kind and thoughtful person who found it and returned it to the store. Also, thanks to the employees who contacted me that it had been found.
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Ogle County Sheriff

Dec. 3

The following were arrested for outstanding Ogle County Warrants:

Leon Johnson, 39 of Lanark was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Carry/Display of License Plate. Johnson did not post the \$3,000 10 percent bond and remains in the Ogle County Jail. Johnson will appear in court on 12-04-18 at 1 p.m.

Brian Albee, 31 of Amboy was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear. Albee did not post the \$2849 Full cash bond and remains in the Ogle County Jail. Albee will appear in court on 12-04-18 at 1 p.m.

Dec. 4

The following were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding Warrants:

James Morrison, 57, of Rockford for Failure to Appear. Morrison has a bond of \$6,346, and will go to court on 12/05/18 at 1 p.m. Morrison remains in the Ogle County Jail. Damien Sims, 20, of Rockford for Failure to Appear. Sims has a bond for \$632, and will go to court on 12/05/18 at 1 p.m. Sims remains in the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 2

At 4:53 a.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Linscott Rock Fire Department, and Linscott Rock Ambulance responded to a one vehicle rollover accident with injuries in the 15,000 block East Holcomb Rd. A white Ford Fusion was eastbound on Holcomb Rd

when the driver Jacob Doane, 20 of Davis Junction, failed to negotiate the curve in the road. Doane's vehicle left the north side of Holcomb Rd, striking a tree, and rolling over on its roof. Doane was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Linscott Rock Ambulance with minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 8:56 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, Oregon EMS, and Oregon Fire Department responded to the 2400 block of South Rocky Hollow Road at the BNSF Railroad tracks in reference to a train vs truck accident. Upon arrival, Deputies learned Jeff Pruski, 43 of Sandwich was driving a 2015 Chevy Colorado and was stopped facing southbound on Rocky Hollow Road just north of the tracks as the train was approaching. Pruski then drove southbound around the gate arm which was working properly just as the train was approaching the intersection traveling westbound. The train then struck the driver's side of the truck and was pushed just off the northwest side of the roadway before coming to rest. Pruski was transported to Mercyhealth Hospital in Rockford in critical yet stable condition. The accident remains under investigation.

Nov. 30

William Smalley, 47 of Rockford was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County Warrant for Failure to Appear with a bond of

\$1,545.95 Full Cash. Smalley was released on a Recognizance Bond and will appear in court on 12-31-18 at 9 a.m.

Nov. 29

At approximately 8:45 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop at 201 McConaughy Ave in Rochelle. After a short investigation Montavion Ross, 35, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and cited for an equipment violation.

At 4:43 am the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Linscott Rock Fire Department and Linscott Rock Ambulance responded to a one vehicle rollover accident on Holcomb Road and Armour Road. A green Dodge Caravan was travelling westbound on Holcomb Road when the vehicle drove into the north ditch striking a culvert. The vehicle then went airborne striking a stop sign and then rolling over several times prior to coming to a stop in the field. The driver of the vehicle had left the scene on foot prior to emergency vehicles arriving. After a further investigation, the driver Kyle D. Smith, 27 of Byron was located at 109 Main St. Holcomb at 7:24 a.m. Smith was uninjured from the accident and was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, and no valid driver's license. Smith was given a January court date and will appear in court at that time.

Nov. 27

The following were arrested for outstanding Ogle County Warrants:

Heather L Heathcott, 39 of Mt. Morris for Failure to Appear with a \$1,200 Full Cash Bond. Heathcott was released on a Recognizance Bond and will appear in court on 11-30-18 at 9 a.m.

Robin A Weatherall, 30 of Rockford for Failure to Appear with a \$1,243 Full Cash Bond. Weatherall was released on a Recognizance Bond and will appear in court on 12-05-18 at 9 a.m.

Nov. 25

At 12:56 a.m. Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 near Creston Rd for a headlight violation. During the course of the traffic stop it was learned that the driver, Ignacio Gonzalez Cantu, 36, of Mounds View, MN was driving on a revoked license. He was subsequently arrested for Driving While License Revoked and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he remained in lieu of bond.

Nov. 23

At 5:19 p.m. deputies made a traffic stop in the 4000 block of Illinois Rte 2 and arrested Charles Williams, 50, of Franklin Grove for driving while license suspended. Williams also received citations for improper use of registration, no seat belt, and no insurance. Williams was held at the Ogle Co Jail in lieu of bond.

Polo Police report

Dec. 2

TIME: 10:30 p.m.

REPORT: Michael R. Smith, 27, Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident. Smith was transported to the Ogle County jail.

General Calls for service for the weeks of Nov. 19, 2018 thru Dec. 2, 2018

Citizen Complaints / Assist	35	Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	3	Fire/Medical Assist	7
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Oregon Lions

The Annual Candlelight Walk was held on Nov. 24 in downtown Oregon. It was cold and windy evening, but that did not stop the large crowd, who attended the event, enjoying the celebration. Oregon Lions had a good night selling out all of their hot dogs and pork chops. Thanks to all the members of the community who support our club! Pictured are Oregon Lions working in food tent at Candlelight Walk. From left are: Oregon Lions Rob Arneson, Maddie Cole (grandchild of Lion Penny Cole) Penny Cole, Chuck McCourt, Karen Campbell, Dr. Tom Champley and Lions Club Secretary, Janet Champley.



Porch pots

The Oregon Park District teamed up with Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and Cork & Tap to offer a Winter Porch Pot class to get everyone ready for the holidays. Seventy-five ladies had the opportunity to learn design techniques and bow making from the staff of Merlin's. Everyone enjoyed socializing and designing at Cork & Tap. Watch for more fun classes with Merlin's at Cork & Tap in the Oregon Park District brochure launching in January. Far left, It was a family affair as siblings Tyler Hagemann, Carrie O'Neal and Melissa Stacy taught the Porch Pot class for Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers. Left, Julie Stafford, Diane Beising and Amy Cavanagh show off their porch pots.

Clothes Closet in Chana will be open Dec. 15

CHANA – The Clothes Closet will be open at Chana United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon for you to pick up winter clothes and coats for every member of your family.

We have a large selection of coats. We are open the first and third Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. All clothing is at no cost. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions, call the church at 815-732-7683.

Leaf River is now accepting candidate petitions

LEAF RIVER – The office of the Leaf River Village Clerk will be accepting candidate petitions 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 10, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 12 and from noon-4 p.m. on December 13 and 14.

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Stillman Lions

Lions District Governor Barb Stewart was welcomed to the Stillman Lions by SV Lions President Norma Freeberg. The DG informed the club about the goals of the new International President (a woman from Iceland), her goals for the clubs in her District and the dates of activities that care coming up for the rest of her year.

E-mail items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Photos may be sent in jpeg format.

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Noelle Girton, Karen Stenzel and Kim Girton enjoy tea at the inn.

Park District hosts annual tea

OREGON – Every holiday season the Oregon Park District offers their annual Mother/Daughter Holiday Tea. Recently, the Park District partnered with Lincoln Way Inn Bed and Breakfast in Franklin Grove. Innkeepers John and Lisa Marie Ayres and their staff opened their beautiful inn to help us celebrate Christmas. 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 honey was perfectly sweet, dripping with goodness and as fresh as one can get. The Park District enjoy planning fun family time and opportunities to make memories. Watch for the Spring/Summer brochure in January for more fun programming from the Oregon Park District.

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Earlier this year, Oregon Elementary School collected donations to help restore the Blackhawk statue. Oregon Elementary School contributed more than \$700 to the cause, and Ms. Groharing's 3rd grade class alone was responsible for \$140 of the total. This granted the class a free pizza party from Oregon Together and Alfano's! Thanks to our efforts and so many others, Chief Blackhawk will be fully restored by next summer.

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'Tis the Season

Food pantry offering Dec. 10 distribution

BYRON – People Helping People, the local food pantry in Byron will be offering its Christmas food box with the distribution scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Byron Community Room.

PHP's mission is to provide food to people in need in the northern portion of Ogle County. Recipients must reside in one of the six townships including Byron, Marion, Rockvale, Scott, Leaf River and Monroe. The pantry is operated solely by volunteers and is thankful for the huge support from the community.

If anyone residing in any of these townships is in need of a Christmas box, please call 815-234-4355. Christmas boxes have to be ordered in advance, so we are sure to have enough food for everyone. Deadline to call in for a Christmas box is Dec. 6.

Please remember to support People Helping People by attending the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train which will be stopping in Byron on Sunday, Dec. 2. It will be stopping near Byron High School around 12:45 p.m.

All the Holiday Train asks is a donation of canned goods or monetary donations for the local food pantry, People Helping People.

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Annual cookie sale set for Dec. 13

CHANA—Chana Education Center's staff and students are gearing up for their annual Christmas Bake Sale.

This yearly event has provided funding for the students and staff to "pay it forward" to many area organizations and families in need this holiday season. This year we will again be providing Christmas meal baskets filled with food, household, and toiletries for families receiving services at Serenity House, and for area families in need living in Ogle and Lee counties. We will also be providing the makings for Thanksgiving dinner for the staff and families spending their Thanksgiving at Serenity House.

Staff and students have already eagerly been planning and preparing for this event. Our Christmas Bake Sale features cookies and candies of all varieties sold by the pound for \$5. The sale will be on Dec. 13 from 10

a.m.-7 p.m. at Chana Education Center, 204 Main St. in Chana.

You can select your own cookies on the day of our sale, or choose our Pre-Order option. Our Pre-Order will be a mix of goodies selected by students, wrapped and ready for your pick-up. Pre-Orders will be taken from now until Dec. 7, and can be arranged by calling 815-234-2722, Ext. 1. This year we will be offering a special pick-up time for Pre-Orders on Dec. 12th from noon-4 p.m. During this time, no new orders can be made. Questions about our event can also be directed to this number.

We kindly remind our community that our products are made by our students under the supervision of our school staff. We make many efforts to prevent allergen cross-contamination, but cannot guarantee that all products are allergen free.

Toys for Tots items being taken

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mount Morris Police and Fire departments announce that it is again time to start the Toys for Tots campaign.

This program, with the help of the community, provides Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children in the Mount Morris Fire Protection District.

Last year, more than 130 children had a happier holiday because of the program.

Help put a smile on a child's face at Christmas.

Cash donations and checks payable to Mount Morris Fireman's Association will gladly be accepted at the Mount Morris Police Department or Village Hall, located at 105 W. Lincoln, Mount Morris, IL 61054.

Names, ages and addresses of children in need, within the Mount Morris Fire District, can be left by calling 815-734-4106.

Santa breakfast will be Dec. 22

MOUNT MORRIS – Join Living Hope Church on Saturday, Dec. 22 from 9 a.m.-noon for a free community breakfast with Santa.

Come out and have pancakes and put in a good word with Santa just before Christmas. There will be a lovely photo booth set up

where everyone can take pictures with the big man himself.

Living Hope Church shares a location with the Church of the Brethren at 409 W. Brayton Road, Mount Morris. If you have any questions please feel free to call them at 815-440-9283.

'Tis the Season Get gifts there on time

Don't forget to recycle those lights

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

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

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

Starting Nov. 16, drop-off boxes were available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mount Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 25, 2019.

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

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wis., to be recycled. In 2018, 1,500 pounds of material was collected through this program.

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

Let St. Paul Lutheran do the wrapping

OREGON – Bring your unwrapped gifts to St. Paul Lutheran church on Saturday, Dec. 15 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to have them wrapped.

People can bring their own wrapping paper, or there will be some available. There will also be free hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. A free will offering will be optional.

The church is located at 114 S. 5th St. in Oregon. Please use the Jefferson Street entrance.

Call 815-441-4128 or the church office at 815-732-2367 with questions.

Thanks to families being more spread out than ever before, today's holiday shoppers must figure out ways to get holiday gifts to their destination on time. The holiday season tends to be the busiest time of year for many delivery services. The following tips should help shoppers ensure their loved ones' gifts arrive on time.

- **Ship directly.** Adobe Analytics reported that online shopping hit a record high of \$108.2 billion in the 2017 holiday shopping season, and all indicators suggest online shopping will only increase in the years to come. Holiday shoppers who want to ensure their loved ones will receive their gifts on time can rely on online shopping. When checking out, have gifts shipped directly to loved ones' homes. Many online retailers will even wrap gifts for a nominal fee.

- **Research shipping options.** In 2018, Christmas falls on a Tuesday. Shoppers who plan to rely on two-day or overnight shipping should keep that in mind. Some delivery services may be open throughout the weekend before Christmas, while others may only be open on Saturday. Last-minute shoppers, whether they're shopping online or in-person, should confirm their shipping options well in advance of Christmas. Because Christmas is on a Tuesday this year, getting gifts to their destination on time may require shoppers to purchase and ship them earlier than they otherwise might.

- **Purchase package insurance.** Consumer Reports notes that UPS and FedEx shipments automatically come with declared-value coverage of up to \$100. (Note: Declared value is the carrier's maximum liability.) Purchasing additional insurance can ease shoppers' concerns about lost or stolen packages. Just be sure to keep all invoices and receipts in case claims must be filed. Shoppers also should ask for tracking numbers on all packages so they can confirm when packages are delivered.

- **Properly secure the package.** Many delivery services now have off-site drop-off boxes that can make it easy to send gifts. This is a convenient service, but shoppers who use them won't be able to have a company employee provide in-person confirmation that their packages are secured to company standards. Poorly packaged items may never be shipped. Visit the shipping company's website for packaging guidelines, and include a business card and duplicate label inside the package just in case it is damaged after being dropped off.



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Weds., Dec. 12

Adult Coloring, 1 p.m. at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River. Take a break from your holiday preparations and relax at our weekly

coloring club. We provide beautiful pictures and a variety of colored pencils, crayons and markers. No registration is necessary.

Thurs., Dec. 13

Join the Mount Morris Senior Center as we support families in need with the Chana Education Center. They are having their annual bake sale from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. You can stop by to purchase your treats for \$5 per pound or 50 cents each, or carpool from the Mount Morris Senior Center at 11 a.m. The address of the Chana Education

Center is 204 N. Main St., Chana.

Fri., Dec. 14

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 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Division, Polo.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 29, 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket is brutally murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four knights of King Henry II of England, apparently on orders of the king. The Christian world was shocked, and in 1173 Becket was canonized a Catholic saint.

* On Dec. 26, 1606, William Shakespeare's play "King Lear" is performed at the court of King James I of England. Lear was one of Shakespeare's later works.

* On Dec. 30, 1853, the U.S. minister to Mexico and the president of Mexico sign the Gadsden Purchase in Mexico City. The treaty established the final boundaries of the southern United States. For \$10 million, the U.S. acquired 30,000 square miles of land in what is now New Mexico and Arizona.

* On Dec. 24, 1865, in Pulaski, Tennessee, a group of Confederate veterans convenes to form a secret society that they christen the "Ku Klux Klan." The KKK rapidly grew from a secret social fraternity to a paramilitary force bent on reversing the federal government's progressive reconstruction activities.

* On Dec. 27, 1927, Agnes Nixon, the creator of the long-running television soap operas "One Life to Live" and "All My Children," is born in Chicago. Nixon is credited with introducing social issues into soaps.

* On Dec. 25, 1941, "White Christmas," written by composer and lyricist Irving Berlin, receives its world premiere on Bing Crosby's weekly NBC radio program, "The Kraft Music Hall." It went on to become one of the most commercially successful singles of all time.

* On Dec. 28, 1975, ice hockey fans watch the Central Red Army team from the Soviet Union defeat the New York Rangers 7-3 at New York's Madison Square Garden. It marked the start of the first midseason exhibition games between Soviet and National Hockey League teams, held from 1975 to 1991.

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Here is some reality – you are who you are

You really have to hand it to Emile Ratelband.

Never heard of him? He is the Dutch motivational speaker who filed a lawsuit against his government to change his birth year from 1949 to 1969. That's right – he wanted to be 49 instead of 69.

If only things were that simple. A court in the Netherlands last week shot down this crazy idea, but did tell him he can act as young as he likes. Sadly, he is still 69 years old.

He said he felt discriminated against because of his age professionally and – here's the real reason – on dating apps. He said his doctor told him he had the body of a man in his 40s. Sadly for him, that 25-year-old woman he is trying to hook up with online still sees him as a creepy old man.

I don't know how successful Ratelband is as a motivational speaker, but he has certainly motivated me.

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I am so motivated that I am going to just start randomly changing my realities.

For example, I would like everyone to know that I am now 35 years old. Yes, I was born a couple of years after I actually graduated from high school. Strange, right?

It's a good thing that I am only 35 and am basically as fit as an Olympic athlete. I am going to need that when I travel to Mars as a scientist to study the red planet. Yes,

I am also an astrophysicist.

So, I am young, super athletic and a super brainiac.

Yes, that all sounds weird – just as weird as randomly wiping two decades off of your age. To be serious, though, why do people want to change who they are?

I don't know about you, but I have been working on myself for 55 years now. OK, maybe 53 years. Those first couple of years are spent trying to master things like walking, talking and not to spitting up on your onesie.

But after that we are working on becoming who we are meant to be. And it takes a lot of years and a lot of mistakes to get it anywhere close to right. And many people don't ever get it right, even if you have a very liberal interpretation of what "right" is. Just watch an episode of "Live P.D." and you will see what I mean.

People spend a lot of time these days trying to

escape from reality, and I completely understand that. Movies are an escape from reality. Great books are, too. So are video games and theme parks. We have built entire industries around escaping reality, and there is nothing wrong with that.

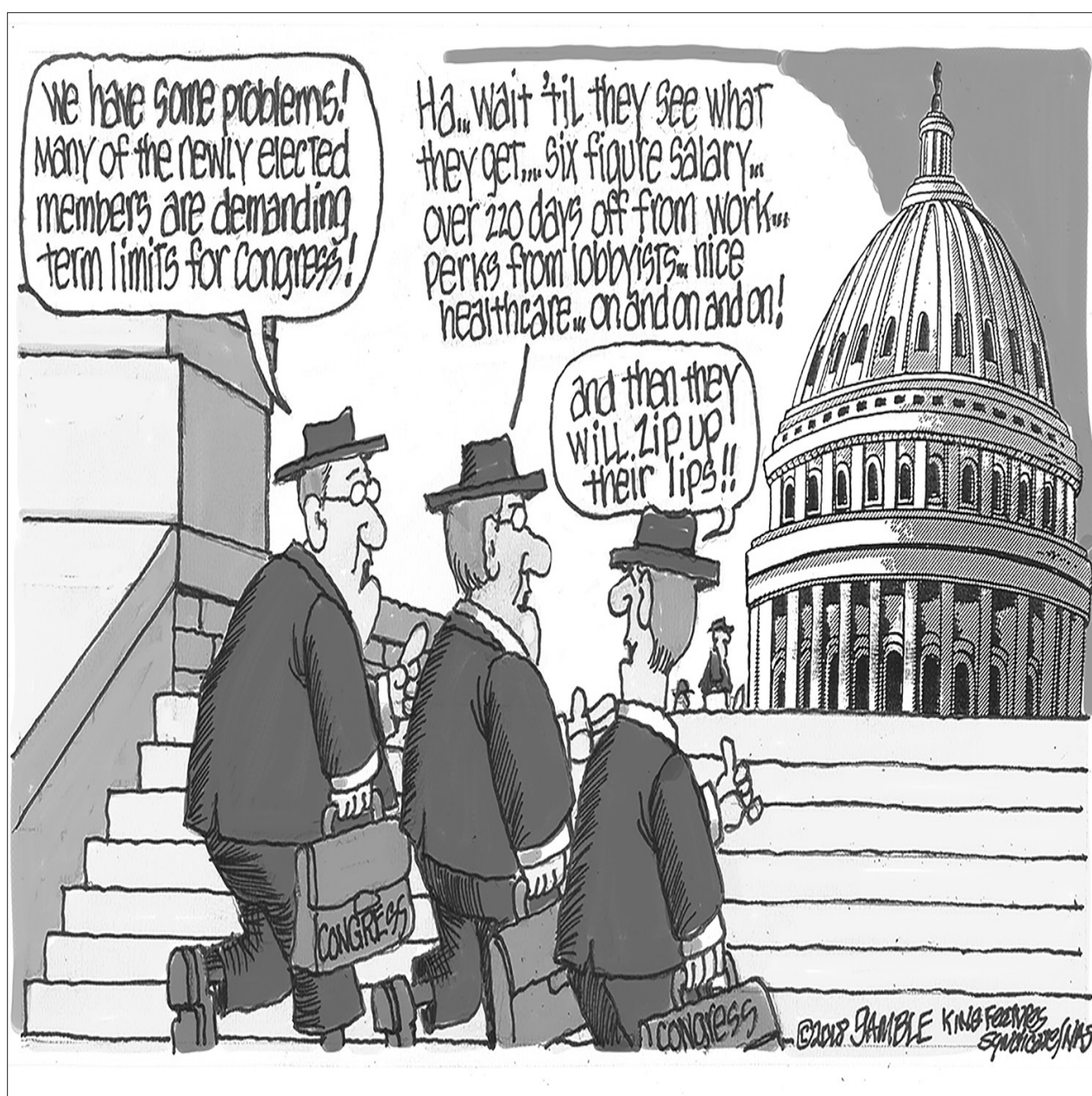
But if you are 69 years old, you are 69 years old. If you are fat, you can lose weight. If you are uneducated, you can go to school. But if you are 69, you can't magically be 49 again.

But that's OK. You earned those 69 years. You earned those life lessons that you have hopefully taken to heart and learned from.

Personally, I wouldn't want to be 35 again. I didn't know nearly as much then as I know now. I am a better, more complete person now.

I do wish I had the hair I had at that age, however. Can we make that happen?

Brad Jennings is editor of the Ogle County Life.



VIEWPOINT

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Fighting all solar projects not a sound approach

Dear Editor,

The concerned citizens near Stillman that Ron Kern referred to (Letter to the Editor, Dec. 3) reacted to proposals for three solar projects concentrated in an area on the east end of Hales Corner Road near or adjacent to their homes in east Marion Township and west Scott Township. One is a large 20 MW "solar farm" on 148 acres; the other two are smaller 4 MW "Community Solar" projects. Their objections were taken to County Board members and resulted in the countywide moratorium on solar projects. The concerns of this area just NW of Stillman blocked processing of solar projects throughout the county, even in areas where there is no opposition.

Their strategy is to fight all solar projects under the belief that if one project is approved, they will all be approved. That is a misunderstanding of the zoning process where each project is assigned its own number and is considered separately. I have proposed a 2 MW project along S. Kishwaukee Road between a flood plain on the south and a railroad and township road on the north. It is the smallest "Community Solar" project a company will do, almost a demonstration project. This group from 2 to 4 miles away objected to that project also, claiming that any project in the township will affect the value of their property, even if they can't see it from anywhere near their property.

When a landowner has to get permission from people that live miles away to participate in a program being promoted by the state, that is zoning run amuck and is an example why over 30 counties don't have zoning.

Curt Freeberg, Byron

Highlighting a 'hidden gem' in area

Dear Editor,

We often express our opinions based on those things that are not entirely to our liking; a bad meal, a sour customer service moment, a business deal gone wrong, etc. This short note takes the opposite approach as we'd like to highlight one of the Rock Valley's hidden gems.

For over a year, we have traveled multiple times each week to Sterling to visit our aged father. His Sterling home was Avonlea Cottage. Avonlea Cottage of Sterling is an assisted living center where over 30 seniors live and are cared for by 25 nurses, CNAs, activities coordinators, and food service staff. This staff of hard working, caring and loving individuals made my father's last year of life one filled with respect and honor. Their little touches including birthday cakes, veteran memorials, music, and peanut butter sandwiches meant a lot to our father and to us.

When people find it difficult to support their loved ones at home, we would recommend a look at Avonlea; they will make many new friends and will be cared for with dignity and respect. We now think that Avonlea is located somewhere between heaven and earth. So, in celebration of the many wonders we have here in the Rock Valley, we salute Avonlea, their staff, and efforts to make their residents feel as though they are at home.

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Craig Bauling and the
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Soc. Sec., Medicare program will be Dec. 19

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs returns, and will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenters will be Greg Wills for the Medicare part, and Gary Voss will present the Social Security program.

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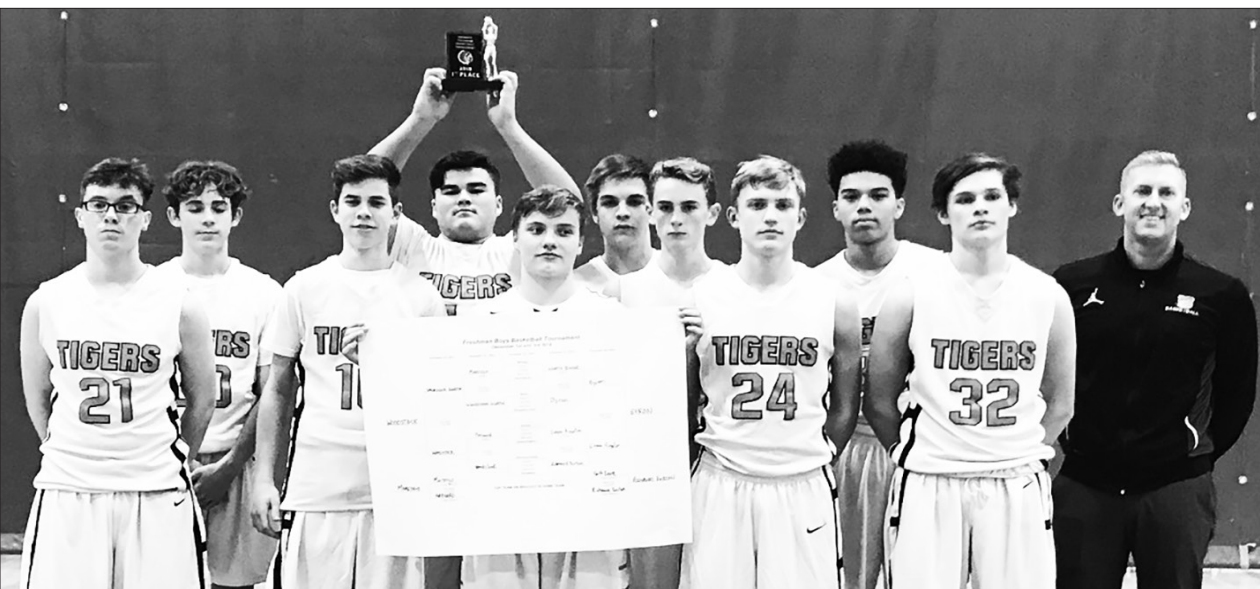
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Byron freshman basketball team wins Marengo Tournament

The Byron freshman boys basketball team took first place in the recent Marengo Tournament. Pictured from left to right are Tyler Colloton, Tyson Farwell, Jack Lorenz, Nick Brass, Chandler Binkley, Isaac Mondello, Evan Potter, Ethan Palzkill, Isiah Gooden, Ethan Heslop and coach Hoppe. (Courtesy photo)

Rahn academic bowl teams face Pecatonica, Polo

OREGON — The Academic Bowl teams from David L. Rahn Junior High completed their regular season with matches at Pecatonica and with Polo.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Eagles were on the road to take on the Indians. Pecatonica's eighth grade students quickly showed why they are the top team in the conference. Despite answering the first "toss-up" question correctly, the Eagles fell behind quickly when the Indians responded correctly on five of the first ten questions.

The host team held a 50-130 lead at the break. The Eagles tried to catch up by buzzing in on two "toss-ups" in the second half but the Indians countered with four correct answers to take the match, 85-215. Valerie Nyderek led DLR with two responses in literature and music. Alexys Davis and Ryan Fox each added one.

The seventh grade Eagles were up next. They were facing the previously undefeated Indians. Pecatonica pounced on the first "toss-up" question but DLR quickly responded, answering three questions in history, current events and literature. At halftime, the Eagles held onto a narrow 70-50 lead.

Down the stretch, the Eagles answered four out of the remaining ten questions to claim the 165-75 victory. Abigail Fletcher paced DLR with five correct responses. Owen Flanagan and Alyssa Leary each added an answer.

On Monday, Dec. 3, Polo came to DLR for the final regular season match. The seventh-graders competed first. The Eagles were off and running early as they responded correctly on four out of the first 10 "toss-up" questions. DLR led at half-time, 75-15.

The Eagles did not allow the Marcos to get back into the match as they dominated the second half. They answered seven out of the final 10 questions right to claim the 195-25 victory. Fletcher led DLR with an amazing ten correct answers and Flanagan added one. The seventh grade Eagles finish the conference in third place.

In the eighth-grade match, the visiting Marcos controlled the first half with five correct "toss-up" answers. They held a 45-100 lead at the break. The Eagles regrouped in the second half to mount a comeback. Three quick right answers in the calendar, Harry Potter and art allowed the Eagles to overtake the lead.

Down the stretch, DLR answered two of the remaining five questions correctly to Polo's one to win the match, 150-120. Ethan Schafer led the Eagles with three answers. Fox, Nyderek, Bryan Immel and Kaitlyn Drew all contributed one. The eighth grade Eagles end the season in fourth place going into the Route 72 Conference tournament on Saturday at Byron.

Byron officials conclude 'Oreo run' not hazing

BYRON — Ten Byron High School football players were suspended for three games in November after an investigation by school administrators confirmed their involvement in an "Oreo run" at the school's football field in October. School officials also concluded that the incident was voluntary and not an act of hazing.

According to an article written by the Rockford Register-Star's Jay Taft on Dec. 1, players arrived at the Byron High School football field on Oct. 26 before stripping naked and running across the field with Oreo cookies logged between their buttocks. The report stated that school administrators interviewed coaches and nearly 30 varsity players in addition to reviewing security video footage before determining the "Oreo run" was voluntary and not hazing.

The players were suspended for Byron's playoff football games on Nov. 10, 17 and 23, which were the team's final three games of the season. The Tigers (13-1 overall) played Monticello for the IHSA Class 3A State Championship on Nov. 23, losing 24-20. The report indicated that school officials learned of the incident on Nov. 8 and that parents were notified the next day.

Oregon girls basketball defeats South Beloit

OREGON — The Oregon varsity girls basketball team topped South Beloit on Saturday, Dec. 1 by a final score of 50-31 to improve to 4-4 overall. The junior varsity girls won 30-16. Ella Martin led the Hawks with 12 points while Jenae Bothe and Olivia Lambrigtsen each had eight points. Lauren Montavon chipped in seven points.

Oregon previously fell against Genoa-Kingston by a score of 40-38 on Friday, Nov. 30. Jenae Bothe had 13 points for the Hawks while Breanna DeHaan, Olivia Lambrigtsen and Ella Martin each totaled six points.

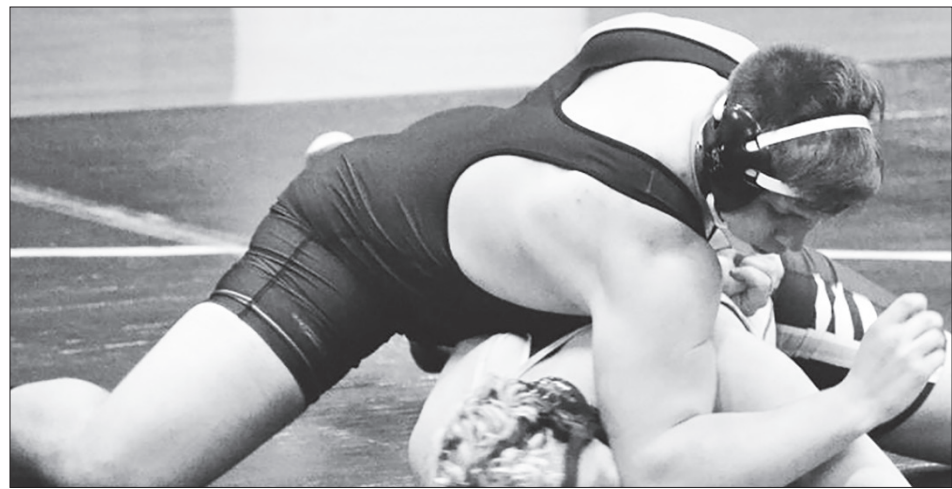
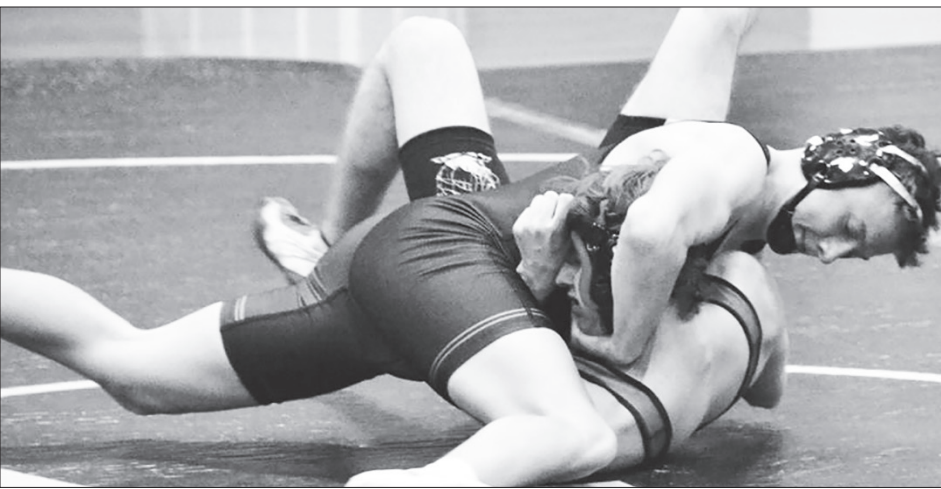
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Byron wrestling team improves to 4-1 with wins against Polo, A-FC and Amboy

Byron High School's wrestling program started the first week of December on the road at Ashton Franklin Center for its first triangular meet of the season. The 1-1 Tigers extended their record to 4-1 with wins over Polo 43-33, Ashton-Franklin Center 78-0 and

Amboy 66-9. At left, Byron wrestler Peyton Lind scrapes to pin his opponent. At right, Tiger grappler Carson Wilsie turns his opponent for a pin. (Photos courtesy of Chalea Walters)

Oregon wrestling team moves to 2-4 after triangular meets

OREGON — The Oregon varsity wrestling team moved to 2-2 overall after a triangular meet with Rock Falls and Belvidere North on Dec. 1. Oregon defeated Belvidere North 47-30 and lost 59-15 against Rock Falls.

received a forfeit at 152 pounds.

Oregon faced Erie-Prophetstown and Lena-Winslow in another triangular meet on Dec. 5 with the Hawks falling 45-26 against Erie-Prophetstown and losing 55-16 against Lena-Winslow. Oregon won three matches against Lena-Winslow courtesy of Zach Crandall (8-0 major decision), Andrew Herbst (fall) and Noah Paul (forfeit).

Jokiah Sewell, Austin Ebert and Chase Clark each pinned their opponents to start Oregon's match against Rock Falls. Daniel Dominguez won by 4-2 sudden victory and Zachary Crandall won by 17-2 technical fall. Andrew Herbst, Isaac Brooks and Noah Paul also recorded pins for the Hawks. Daniel Dominguez won his match by 3-1 decision against Rock Falls, and Andrew Herbst took his match by fall before Chase Clark

The Hawks recorded wins by Andrew Herbst (fall), Jacob Milliman (9-2 decision), Noah Paul (forfeit), Chase Clark (technical fall) and Jokiah Sewell (fall) against Erie-Prophetstown.



Byron freshmen, sophomores take fourth in annual home tournament

Byron High School hosted its annual fresh-soph tournament on Dec. 1 with the Tigers taking fourth place out of 14 schools with 88 points. Above, sophomore Josh Johnson

(left) gains position on his opponent and sophomore Eli Ingram (right) squeezes to get his pin. (Photos courtesy of Chalea Walters)

Oregon bowling teams take on Rockford Lutheran, Dixon

OREGON — The Oregon varsity boys and girls bowling teams defeated Rockford Lutheran on Friday, Nov. 30.

series while Alysa Conley added 533 and Sammantha Meyers totaled 475.

Rebecca Meyers totaled a 601 series for the Oregon girls while Sammantha Meyers added 542 and Hannah Kaltenbrun totaled 541.

Oregon boys basketball team downs Genoa-Kingston

OREGON — The Oregon varsity boys basketball team defeated Genoa-Kingston on Friday, Nov. 30. The Hawks topped the Cogs by a final score of 72-67 to improve to 4-2

overall.

Both Oregon's junior varsity and fresh-soph teams suffered losses against Genoa-Kingston.

Hawks with a team-best 28 points. Dalton Hermes gave Oregon a boost with 19 points while Jackson Buck recorded eight points for the red and white against the Cogs.

Trey Woolsey led the charge on offense for the

Oregon faced Dixon on Dec. 4 with the boys team winning 3,461-3,318 and the girls team falling 3,119-2,924.

Austin Strite led the Oregon boys with a 686 series to help the Hawks become 8-0.

The Hawks outscored Lutheran 3,719-2,505 while the Lady Hawks won 2,680-2,280. Oregon's boys are now 7-0 overall. Austin Strite led the Hawks with a 682 series while Kyle Strite added 674 and Jacob Smith rolled 606.

Justin Poole recorded 595 and Charlie Bachman added 588 for Oregon, with Eddie Buttens throwing in 574.

Rebecca Meyers led the Oregon girls with a 571

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Students of the Month

The Forreston Jr/Sr High School November Students of the Month are: Front row from left – Alexis Koehl - 8th grade; Josiah Newill - 6th grade; Bailey Sterling - 7th grade. Back row from left – Grace Carr - senior; Michael Netherland - freshman; Principal Travis Heinz; Lane Lindquist - junior; Ashleigh Alexander - sophomore



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Ogle County part of national horse judging contest

Illinois 4-H placed sixth out of 22 teams at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Horse Judging Contest held Nov. 3 at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, Ky.

Illinois placed fourth in the conformation division, sixth in oral reasons, and seventh in the performance division to claim the sixth-place team finish.

Members of the national team include Brenna Berns of Ogle County, Olivia Charles of Carroll County, Tea Thomas of Whiteside

County, and Sarah Paige Tarr of DeWitt County. The team was coached by Paul Rogers, a 4-H alumnus of Pope-Hardin counties who resides in Quincy.

"This experience was truly a dream come true," said Tea Thomas. "It has definitely stretched me in ways I needed. I proved to myself that if I put my mind to it, I could achieve it."

Olivia Charles said she looked up to the older kids competing at a national level. "I never thought I would ever be good enough to get there. Competing in horse

judging taught me that anyone can get there."

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports the team in national competition. Debra Hagstrom, University of Illinois Extension equine specialist, oversees the 4-H equine program.

About 4-H: Illinois 4-H empowers and prepares Illinois youth for success. University of Illinois Extension provides 4-H programs in every county in Illinois, affecting the lives of 200,000 youth each year through sustained groups and short-term programming.



Illinois placed sixth in national competition at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup Hippology Contest held Nov. 3 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured (left to right) are Brenna Berns of Ogle County, Olivia Charles of Carroll County, Tea Thomas of Whiteside county, Sarah Paige Tarr of DeWitt County, and Coach Paul Rogers.



Clovers proud

On Sunday, Nov. 11, some members of the Mighty Clovers 4-H Club attended the annual 4-H Achievement Day Awards ceremony. The Mighty Clovers were proud of their club members who received project honor awards, those who were acknowledged for excellent record keeping, and their two members who were chosen for Outstanding Club Secretary and Outstanding Club Reporter. The Mighty Clovers were also excited to have one club member receive a scholarship. All awards earned demonstrate how hard each member works, and shows the continued dedication they have to their club and community.

— Submitted by Clare Montavon, Club Reporter



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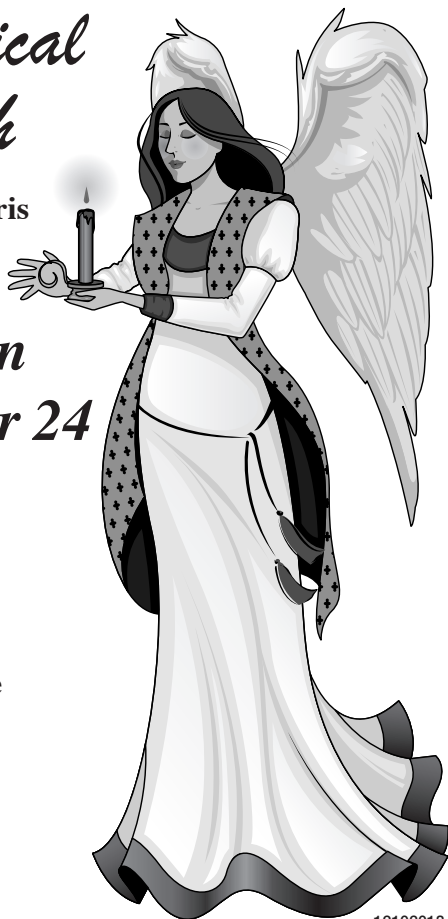




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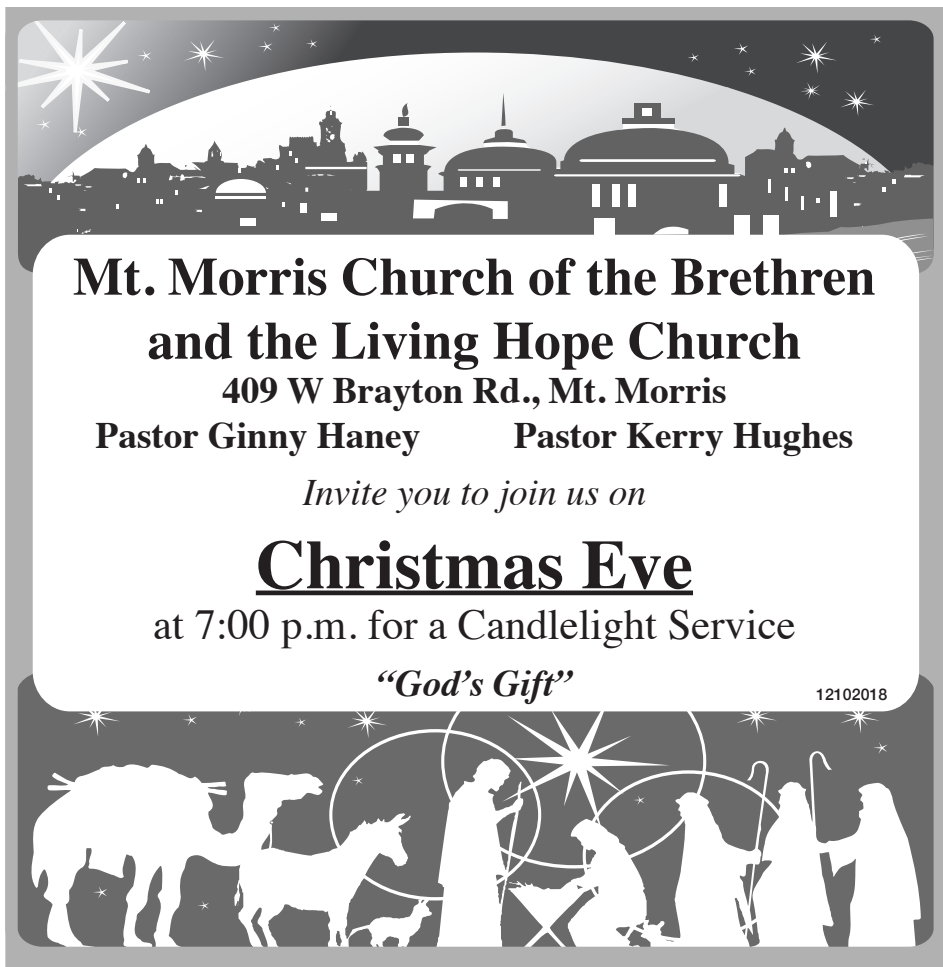
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Winter Survival Guide

Winter driving Be cautious on roads in cold weather

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and the Illinois Tollway encourage motorists to prepare for wintry driving conditions and remember: “Winter Weather – Get it Together.” “Winter weather can be unpredictable in Illinois, but preparation today will make a safer tomorrow,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. “Drivers should start easing into those winter driving behaviors now. Our snow-and-ice teams are ready, as always, to make this a safe, successful winter driving season.”

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

* Always wear a seat belt. It’s the law in Illinois.

* Slow down. Slower speeds, slower

acceleration, slower steering and slower braking all are required in winter driving conditions.

* Drop it and drive. Put down the handheld devices – it, too, is the law in Illinois.

* Don’t crowd the plow. A snowplow operator’s field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.

* Avoid using cruise control in snow and ice.

* Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous.

* Be especially careful approaching intersections, ramps, bridges and shady areas. All are prone to icing.

* Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route. Consider taking public transportation if it is an option.

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

* Carry a cell phone and a car charger in case of emergency.

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

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

“Winter weather causes extremely dangerous driving with black ice and white out conditions,” said ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. “Plan ahead by checking your windshield wipers, vehicle fluid levels, proper tire inflation and tread depth. Remember to avoid unnecessary lane changes and as always, reduce your speed and increase following distances. Don’t crowd the plow. Give them room to work. A snowplow operator’s field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.”

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

winter road conditions map gives travelers the ability to zoom in to their location, travel route or destination and get real-time road conditions. At any time, motorists can check travel conditions by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368) or 1-800-TOLL-FYI.

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

For the upcoming winter, IDOT will have more than 1,700 trucks available for deployment to plow almost 16,000 miles of roads statewide, the equivalent of driving from Springfield to the tip of South America and back. Last year, IDOT spread almost 305,000 tons of salt statewide. This winter, salt domes throughout the state are at capacity, with more than 550,000 tons on hand. Four hundred brand-new snowplows are ready to be deployed throughout the state.

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Be smart Recognize the signs of hypothermia

The arrival of cold weather provides opportunities to romp in the snow, ski the slopes or enjoy an afternoon ice skating on a frozen pond. But spending time outdoors in the cold or even in an indoor space that is not adequately warmed can result in a serious health condition known as hypothermia.

Hypothermia is defined as a potentially dangerous decrease in body temperature that is usually caused by prolonged exposure to cold conditions. Outdoors enthusiasts' risk for hypothermia increases as winter progresses and temperatures drop even further. However, hypothermia can occur other times of the year if the body is chilled. For example, hypothermia can occur when boats capsize and boaters are suddenly tossed into a body of water, or when hikers get caught in the rain during evening hikes. WebMD says normal body temperature is 98.6 F (37 C), and hypothermia begins when body temperature falls below 95 F (35 C).

When the body reaches lower temperatures, this can affect the heart, nervous system and certain organs, advises The Mayo Clinic. If left untreated, hypothermia may lead to cardiac and respiratory arrest.

Early symptoms of hypothermia include shivering, fast breathing, cold and pale skin, tiredness, confusion, and slurred speech. As body temperatures drop, shivering may stop and a person may faint.

Hypothermia frequently develops when people are exposed to the cold without warm and dry clothing for protection. Hypothermia also may develop when people get wet or are caught unaware of changes in weather.

Wind removes body heat effectively, and direct contact with cold surfaces also can bring on hypothermia more quickly.

Infants and the elderly may be at a higher risk of hypothermia because their bodies aren't attuned to regulating temperature. Older adults may suffer hypothermia, for example, after spending several hours in a house with no heat during a power outage. The Mayo Clinic adds that certain medical conditions affect the body's ability to regulate body temperature, and certain medications may elevate risk as well.

To prevent hypothermia, health experts advise remembering the acronym COLD: Cover, Overexertion, Layers, Dry.

- **Cover:** Wear protective coverings, including mittens and hats, to prevent body heat from escaping through the extremities.

- **Overexertion:** Avoid activities that cause sweating. Together, wet clothing and perspiration can cause the body to lose heat more quickly.

- **Layers:** Loose-fitting, layered clothing can offer protection from the cold and wind. Wool, silk or polypropylene insulate more effectively than cotton.

- **Dry:** Remaining as dry as possible is essential. This includes getting out of wet clothing promptly.

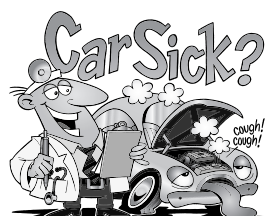
Children and the elderly may need to wear an extra layer or two than healthy adults would wear in the same conditions.



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Prevent frozen pipes while traveling

During winter, many people plan vacations to warmer climates so they can enjoy a relaxing respite from the snow and ice. While travelers are enjoying the sand and surf, their homes may be in danger from extreme weather conditions.

According to the State Farm Insurance Company, frozen water pipes affect a quarter-million families each winter. Both copper and plastic pipes can freeze. State Farm notes that a single 1/8-inch crack in a pipe can result in up to 250 gallons of water leakage per day. Flood water can contribute to serious structural damage, mold and a host of other problems.

Water expands as it freezes, so pipes can be put under strain if the pressure from expanding water has nowhere to go, offers the American Red Cross. Pipes that tend to freeze most frequently include those exposed to severe cold, such as outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool lines and water sprinkler systems. However, even pipes inside a home, such as those in unheated areas or those that run against exterior walls, can freeze.

To avoid returning from a relaxing winter escape to find a home in need of repair thanks to frozen pipes, homeowners can take these steps.

- Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces to help maintain higher temperatures within the areas where some water pipes may run.
- Pipes themselves can be insulated with special coverings or sleeves. Homeowners also can explore heat tape or wrap pipes in heat cables controlled by their thermostats.
- Disconnect outdoor hoses, and drain water from pipes leading to outdoor faucets.

Turn off the indoor valve to shut off the water supply to the outdoors, but leave the outdoor bib in the "open" position to allow water to drip and relieve pressure should some freezing occur.

The same technique can be applied indoors. A trickle of hot and cold water can keep pipes from freezing during extremely cold snaps of weather.

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'Tis the Season

18 ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merrymakers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas — a special family calendar of fun finds.

1. Annual memento: Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.
2. Cookie day: Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some cookies to elderly neighbors.
3. Holiday classic: Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.
4. Christmas concert: Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.
5. Dine out: Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.
6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.
7. See the sights: Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.
8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.
9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.
10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.
11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.
12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing or making a gift for that person.
13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.
14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.
15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.
16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.
17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.
18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

Stillman Bank holding annual Holiday Giveaway

STILLMAN VALLEY – Registration for Stillman Bank's annual Holiday Giveaway, a long-established tradition at the bank, is officially underway.

The bank's roots are entrenched in agriculture and go back 136 years so the Holiday Giveaway is one way that the bank celebrates that history and shows appreciation to its customers for their dedication and loyalty over the years. There will be six total winners of the Holiday Giveaway which is for three beef quarters and three pork halves.

Registration will conclude on Dec. 19 with the drawing on Dec. 20. Stop in to any of the bank's six locations (Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, Rockford, Roscoe/Rockton, Stillman Valley) and fill out a registration slip or enter online.

Kitchen Table hosting Donuts with Santa Dec. 15

ROCHELLE – The Kitchen Table is hosting a Donuts with Santa event on Dec. 15 from 9-11 a.m. It will be serving Cliff's Donuts, juice and coffee. Santa will be giving out gifts to all of the children. The Kitchen Table is located at 7034 S. Klondike Road in Rochelle.



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Mount Morris hosting light contest

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There is an entry fee of \$5. Registration forms are available at the Mt Morris Village Hall, Union Savings Bank and the Mount Morris branch of Rockford Bell Credit Union. You must register by Dec. 10. Judging will be Dec. 15, so make sure your lights are a blazing on the evening of the 15th.

Polo food baskets set to be delivered on Dec. 15

POLO – Polo Council of Churches Christmas food baskets will be delivered or picked up on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10-11 a.m. at Faith Discovery Church, 801 W. Oregon St., Polo.

Anyone who signed up for delivery is asked to have someone available to accept delivery. Those who signed up for pick up should have someone come to Faith Discovery Church from 10-11 a.m.

Here are some Christmas tree facts

One of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday season, Christmas trees can be seen in private homes, public spaces and many prominent locations beginning each December.

Christmas trees come in all shapes and sizes, and families may prefer certain types of trees, including aromas, needle types and fullness.

Christmas trees have a diverse history. The following are some facts about Christmas trees that holiday celebrants may or may not be familiar with.

- Many harvested Christmas trees do not grow in the wild, but are raised on farms. Christmas trees are an agricultural product.
- Roughly one million acres are dedicated to tree farming.
- Approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year.
- The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington.
- It can take as many as 15 years for a tree to grow to the typical height required of a Christmas tree.
- Every state in the United States grows Christmas trees.
- Germans are credited with bringing the first Christmas trees into the home and decorating them in the spirit of Christmas. The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century.



- Tree farms are beneficial to the environment because they reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air and help counter global warming.
- The most common Christmas tree species are balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.
- Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch.

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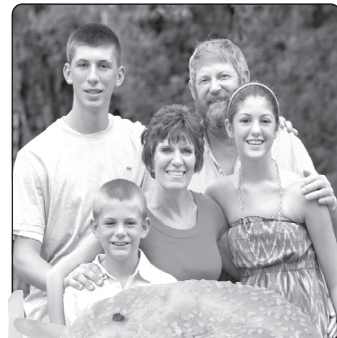
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Mount Morris Senior Center announces upcoming activities

Chana Bake Sale

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Christmas Caroling

We would love to add your voice to the festivities as we carol to the lovely people at Pinecrest. The Senior Center will be meeting at the Village at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 to sing Christmas songs and bring Christmas cheer to the residents of Pinecrest. No need to RSVP, just stop by and join us!

Free Hand Massage

Crista of doTerra Essential Oils offers free hand massages at the Mount Morris Senior Center each month. Appointments are available on Monday, Dec. 17 beginning at 10:30 a.m. If you would like a hand massage simply call the Senior Center at 815-734-6335 or stop by to sign up for your slot.

Book Club

For December, the Mount Morris Senior Center is reading The Autobiography of Santa Claus by Jeff Guinn. Whether you have time to read the book or not, you are welcome to join us. Just bring a snack to share and come to the Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17.

C.A.S.T.

All are welcome to join us for our next C.A.S.T. (Chana And Seniors Together) Party which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Chana Education Center. We will be celebrating Christmas with the students. If you would like to help make presents for the students please let Melissa know by calling 815-734-6335. We will be making presents for the students on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 10:30 if you would like to help.

Birthday Lunch and Free Bingo

Let's celebrate December birthdays with some free bingo and a delicious lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Bingo will start at 10:30 am with lunch to follow at 11:30 a.m. For lunch this month we will enjoy ham, potatoes, green beans, cake, and ice cream. Please RSVP by calling 815-734-6335.

Hunters in Illinois harvest preliminary total of 80,896 deer during firearm season

SPRINGFIELD — A preliminary total of 80,896 deer were taken by hunters during the seven-day Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded on Sunday, Dec. 2.

The 2018 preliminary harvest total compares to the final total of 80,117 deer harvested during the firearm season in 2017.

IN Ogle County, 747 deer were harvested this year. That compares to 807 in 2017.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the firearm season on Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 was 22,060, compared with 28,656 during the second season in 2017. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of firearm season on Nov. 16-18 was 58,836 deer.

Remaining 2018-19 deer season hunting opportunities in Illinois in the weeks ahead include:
* The Late-Winter Antlerless-Only Deer Season and CWD Deer Season (in designated counties only) will be on two upcoming weekends — Dec. 27-30, 2018 and Jan. 18-20, 2019;

* The Archery Deer Season continues through Jan. 20, 2019.





Front row from left – Michelle Johnson, Madison Folk, Shelby Judd, Kaiti Collins, Shelby Fryar, Kristy Kruger, Katie Hoffman; Back Row (left to right) Matt Holste, Aaron Ackerman, Justin Kalina, Leland Houzenga, Andrew Gustafson; Not pictured - Carli Reeverts, Emily Denekas, Brooklynn Hollis, Lucas Boomgarden.

Highland agriculture students compete at Illinois PAS Conference

FREEMONT – Sixteen Highland Community College Agriculture students recently participated in the Illinois Professional Agriculture Students (PAS) Annual Conference at Lincoln Land College in Springfield, Ill.

The conference included competitions in mock job interviews, agriculture sale competitions, agriculture knowledge quiz bowl, and a number of agriculture-specific team competitions that included general knowledge exams, problem-solving scenarios, and current issue student presentations.

The students also participated in a business session that elected new state officers and updated the Illinois PAS name from Post-Secondary Agriculture Students to the current title of Professional Agriculture Students. The name change aligns the state organization with the direction of Highland's national affiliation.

"I believe that the PAS Conference provides a great opportunity for our students to collaborate with peers from other colleges while showcasing their abilities to potential employers," said Justin Ebert, agriculture instructor. "I congratulate everyone that participated and encourage all of our students to give PAS a try, you never know when you might meet someone that will give you an opportunity you never saw coming."

PAS is a national student organization that provides opportunities for college agriculture students to experience individual growth, leadership and career preparation through competition and cooperative activities.

Congratulations to the following Highland Agriculture students who competed in their content areas:

* AG Sales Presentation – Aaron Ackerman (Pecatonica)

* Forestry and Natural Resources Job Interview; Emily Denekas, first place (Shannon)

* AG Equipment Service Job Interview; Andy Gustafson, first place (Byron)

* Crop Production Job Interview; Leland Houzenga (Fulton)

* Livestock Production Job Interview; Kaiti Collins (Forreston)

* Feed and Animal Health Job Interview; Shelby Fryar (Lanark)

* Dairy Specialist Team #1; second place; Carli Reeverts, fourth place (Rockford); Madison Folk, fifth place (Dakota); Brooklynn Hollis, sixth place (German Valley)

* Dairy Specialist Team #2; third place; Matt Holste, seventh place (Rock City); Shelby Judd, eighth place (Milledgeville) Lucas Boomgarden (Freeport)

* Equine Specialist Team (First Place); Kaiti Collins, first place (Forreston); Katie Hoffman, second place, (Savanna); Kristy Kruger, eighth place (Scales Mound)

* Floriculture Specialist Team; third Place; Michelle Johnson, fourth place (Stockton)

* Beef Specialist Team; Kaiti Collins (Forreston), Madison Folk (Dakota), and Michelle Johnson (Stockton)

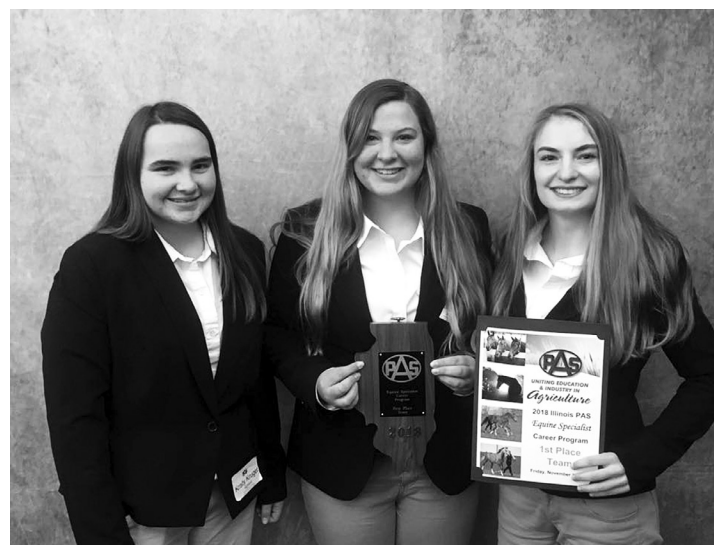
* Swine Specialist Team; Aaron Ackerman, ninth place (Pecatonica); Shelby Fryar (Lanark); Justin Kalina (Lanark)

* Crop Specialist Team; Matt Holste, seventh place (Rock City), Andy Gustafson (Byron), Leland Houzenga (Fulton)

* Soil Specialist Team; third place; Leland Houzenga, fourth place (Fulton);



Left, Soil Team: From left – Andrew Gustafson, Shelby Fryar, and Leland Houzenga.



(Fulton)

Shelby Fryar, seventh place (Lanark); Andy Gustafson (Byron)

* AG Quiz Bowl Team; Aaron Ackerman (Pecatonica), Kaiti Collins (Forreston), Shelby Fryar (Lanark), Andy Gustafson (Byron), Leland Houzenga

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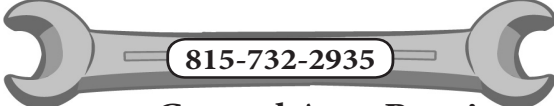

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Oregon Park District announces upcoming activities

Dear Evan Hansen

Limited tickets available for the bus trip to the Broadway Musical-*Dear Even Hansen* at Chicago's Oriental Theatre on Friday March 8, 2019. Bus departs at 2:30 to allow time for dinner and shopping before the 7:30 p.m. show. \$143/Resident, \$153/Non-Resident. Reserve your seat today. This trip will also make a great Christmas gift for someone special! Recommended for ages 12 and older.

Letters to Santa

It's time to make your wish list and write that letter to Santa! Write your letter to Jolly Old St. Nick and bring it in to Nash and drop it in the box installed by Santa's elves. Be sure to include a return address and postage stamp. Letters can be mailed through Dec. 15!

Winter Wonderland dances

The always popular Mother Son Date Night, Feb. 8, 2019 and Daddy Daughter Dance, Feb. 9, 2019 will be here before you know it. Register early and secure your spot at the Winter Wonderland Dances which are held at

Nash from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Space will be limited. Enjoy a memorable night with your child as you dance under the snowflakes! The night will be full of dancing, games (for the sons) and making commemorative bracelets (for the daughters), refreshments, a photo booth, and the ever-popular balloon drop! Adults are \$8/person and Children are \$14/person. You will also be able to order professional pictures by Niki Hunt Photography at the dances.

6th Grade Girls Competitive Basketball

The deadline is rapidly approaching for this upper level girls' basketball league that will elevate the expectation of players and coaches. This competitive league will mirror the 7th and 8th grade DLR Jr. High schedules. All home games will be played at the Nash Recreation Center gymnasium. Tryouts may be mandatory if the league exceeds the maximum number of participants. Anyone that does not make the competitive roster will be allowed to play with the 5th and 6th grade program. The tentative start date is Jan. 2. Cost is \$60/Residents and

\$72/Non-Residents. Registration deadline is December 18. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 815-732-3101 or contact Erin at erin@oregonpark.org.

3rd-6th Grade Girls Basketball

This league will give girls the opportunity to improve upon their skills in a positive environment. Practices will be held during the week at the Nash Recreation Center Gymnasium or Oregon Elementary School. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Nash Recreation Center or at the Byron Park District. The Park District is always in need of volunteer coaches! If you are interested in coaching, please contact Eric at eric@oregonpark.org. Head coaches will set practice dates and times. The fee is \$60/Residents and \$72/Non-Residents. Registration deadline is Dec. 20. Player assessments will be held to ensure all teams will be equal in talent. Assessments will take place on Jan. 7. The 3rd and 4th grade will meet from 5:15-6 p.m. and the 5th and 6th grade will meet from 6:15-7 p.m. questions, feel free to call us at 815-732-

3101 or contact Erin at erin@oregonpark.org.

Pickleball Open Gym

The Oregon Park District offers open gym pickleball Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday 4-7 p.m. and Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Nash Recreation Center. Pickleball is a combination of badminton, tennis and ping pong. This open gym is free to all Nash members or by paying the daily fee. Equipment is provided!

Elite Pacer's Club

The Elite Pacer's Club is a free program to all members and non-members of the Nash Recreation Center. This club gives everyone a little incentive to push just a little harder during their workouts. By simply signing up with our fitness center staff, and logging your workouts, you can earn yourself an official Elite Pacer's Club t-shirt at the end of the program. Each participant that reaches 1000 bike miles by the end of the program qualifies for the free shirt! It does not matter whether you walk, run, bike, swim, or lift weights, our fitness center staff

will convert everything into bike miles for you. If you have any questions regarding the Elite Pacer's Club feel free to give us a call at 815-732-3101 or stop down to our fitness center and talk to our friendly staff.

Starfish swimming lessons

Learn to swim this winter at the Oregon Park District! Lessons start the week of Jan. 14 and meet once a week for 8 weeks. Registration Dec. 10- Jan. 6. Mark your calendars as no late registration will be taken and classes fill fast. All classes are taught by certified Starfish Swim Instructors. Level 1-6 are for ages 3 and up. Starbabies are for ages 6 months to 3 years and a parent must get in the water with them.

Water aerobics

Exercise your entire body without putting stress on your back and joints. This class will work on toning, cardiovascular strength, endurance, and flexibility. Classes are Monday-Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. Drop-ins or 5, 10, or 15 Water Aerobics passes are accepted.



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RRC has upcoming event, activities

Rock River Center Christmas Program

Monday, Dec. 10, Oregon HS Madrigals; 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or register at the office if you plan on attending. Christmas cookie donations graciously accepted. Refreshments will be served after the program.

"Timeless" Performs on Dec. 12

A new duet "Timeless" featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt will be making a debut appearance at Rock River Center on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Denny, a regular on the "Pride of Oregon" Paddleboat. He enjoys performing at various local facilities as well. Denny will share a wide variety of guitar music and has an easy listening voice. Denny is a solo regular at RRC, and never disappoints.

Mike Bratt, from Stillman Valley, has been performing for many years. He plays 6-string guitar and bass, and sing vocals. Currently, Mike is in two bands; Backroads Trio and Bluegrass Reunion Bands. His specialty is 50's, 60's and cowboy range music.

We are looking forward this duet performance. Reservations are required. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on joining us.

2018 Holiday Breakfast at Rock River Center

Rock River Center will be holding its annual Holiday Breakfast on Friday, Dec. 21, from 8-10 a.m.

Our menu will include: bacon, egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, coffee cakes, juices/fruit, coffee, and tea.

The cost will be \$8 per person, children under 6 are

free and that includes everything! Reservations and prepayment are required by Friday, Dec. 14.

All ages are welcome. We will be drawing the winner of the birthday basket that morning as well. Hope to see you there.

RRC Spirit of Chicago Flower & Garden Show Lunch Cruise March 21

We have a package deal for you that includes a Buffet Lunch Cruise on Lake Michigan and entry into the Chicago Flower and Garden show.

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- * Visit the Chicago Flower & Garden show at Navy Pier (2-4:30 p.m.)

We will depart from Rock River Center, in the morning, and return after Flower and Garden Show. Cost is \$105 Members, \$110 Non-Members.

Casual attire is acceptable for this outing.

Price includes RT transportation, Spirit of Chicago cruise, buffet-style lunch, ship entertainment, reserved seating, and admission to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

Registration payment deadline is Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. Limited tickets available. Call 815-732-3252 to reserve your seat.

Legends of Country; Feb. 13, Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

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Cost (includes RT transportation, show, meal, tax and gratuity):

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\$110/non-members

Reservation/payment deadline is Jan. 14, 2019. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to make your reservation.

Veteran's Assistance Available in Oregon at Rock River Center

A Veteran's Service Officer is available at Rock River Center on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Except Federal Holidays).

Special dates for De-

cember are Dec. 10 and 17.

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 Cen-

ter 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 & 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.

Low Vision Group

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at noon at Rock River Center.

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Miami Dolphins	at	Minnesota Vikings
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

New Orleans Saints	at	Carolina Panthers
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Lions receive donation

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, the Polo Lions Club thanked the PCHS FFA for their help at the Farm Toy Show and the Hazelhurst sale. Pictured from left, Polo Lions Club President Greg Cross presenting the donation to FFA advisor Stephanie Schultz and students Brandon Albano, Trinity Olmedo, and AJ Williams.



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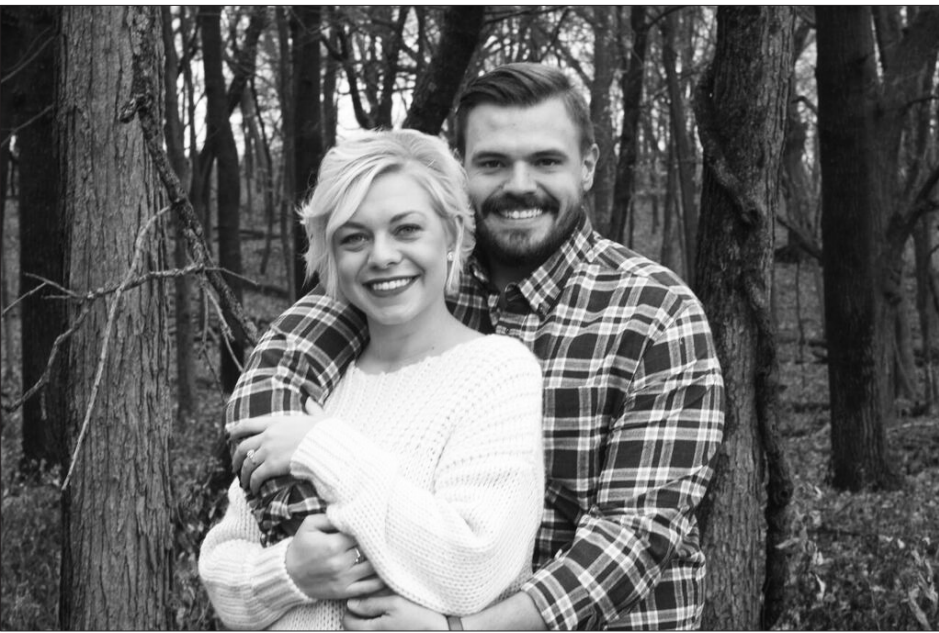
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The filing period is Dec. 10th through Dec. 17th. Packets returned after Dec. 17 will not be considered for candidacy. For further information call Ellen Finfrock, Library Director, at 815-946-2713.

Back to Books Grant Open house

Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 4-6 p.m.

Polo Schools' principals, teachers, and librarians will be able to view the biographies, historical fiction, and non-fiction books that were received with the Back 2 Books grant funds.

Children's Programs

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

School Holiday Break Programs

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Story and Craft

Ages 4-7

Registration required

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Play Wii and Board Games

Ages 8-18

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1-3 p.m.

Movie at the Library

Ages 6-18

Registration required

Friday, Jan. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Story and Craft

Ages 4-7

Registration required

Friday, Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m.

Play Wii and Board Games

Ages 8-18

School Early Out Program

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1-2 p.m.

Histories for Kids/Illinois Inventors

Ages 8-12

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Teen Programs

Game Day

Saturday, Jan. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

Play Wii games and board games

Ages 12-18

Registration required

Saturday, Jan. 5

Book Subscription Box pickup day

Adult Programs:

Pinterest Party

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6-7 p.m.

Activity: To be announced

Registration is required for this program

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. 17, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

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

Selection: Looking For Alaska by John Green

New to the Collection

The following list is a small sampling of the new items available at the Library. Come in and check out our new books and other items on display located in each section of the library. Visit our website (pololibrary.org) and view the carousel, or come in to browse the new sections in our bookcases.

Adult Fiction

A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

Large Print

The Lady of the Lakes: the True Love Story of Sir Walter Scott by Josi S. Kilpack

Go Ask Fannie by Elizabeth Hyde

Rock River Center representative

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

The Rock River Center provides a caseworker to answer questions about Medicare, insurance, home care and anything else to do with caring for the older population. No appointment necessary. They will return every 4th Wednesday of each month.

Library Closed

Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25

Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Holiday

E-mail news items to
bjennings@oglecountylib.com.
 Photos may be sent in jpeg format.
 Deadline for all items is
3 p.m. Wednesday.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Leno's network
 - 4 Plant bristle
 - 7 Outdoor garment
 - 11 Cupid's alias
 - 13 Luau dish
 - 14 "Do — others ..."
 - 15 Hindu wrap
 - 16 Type measures
 - 17 Adolescent
 - 18 Gear parts
 - 20 Tempo
 - 22 Gratuity
 - 24 In the same place (Lat.)
 - 28 Swiss Guards' site
 - 32 Japanese cartoon art
 - 33 Verve
 - 34 Fix the soundtrack
 - 36 Smile
 - 37 Harsh
 - 39 Pavlova performances
 - 41 Improved
- DOWN**
- 1 Bird's home
 - 2 Scottish hillside
 - 3 Heart of an apple
 - 4 Gorilla
 - 5 Sonogram area
 - 6 Some Japanese -Americans
 - 7 Acting without restraint
 - 8 Individual
 - 9 Devoured
 - 10 Heavy weight
 - 12 Not budging
 - 19 Toper's interruption
 - 21 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
 - 23 Cushion
 - 25 Tragic
 - 26 Send out
 - 27 Clothing store section
 - 28 Part of speech
 - 29 Lotion additive
 - 30 Without slack
 - 31 Gist
 - 35 Satchel
 - 38 Coop dweller
 - 40 Prune
 - 42 Plied the oars
 - 45 Appellation
 - 47 Arm bone
 - 48 Agrees silently
 - 49 Dilbert's furniture
 - 50 Church seat
 - 51 Cheery remark?
 - 52 "Rocks"
 - 54 Fellow

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MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS OF A CERTAIN TYPE

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

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

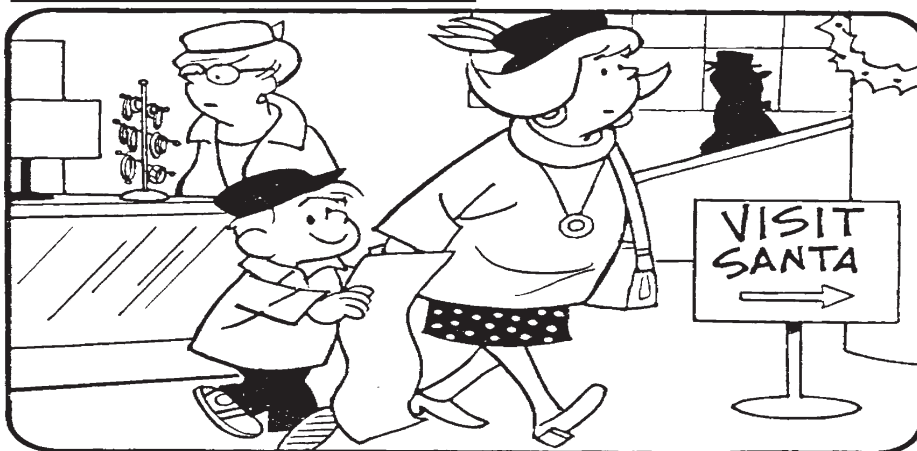
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



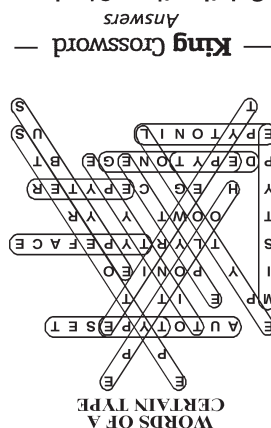
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jewelry rack is missing. 2. List is shorter. 3. Feathers are missing. 4. Pendant is missing. 5. Skirt is different. 6. Sign is different.

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POUN	POUN	POUN	POUN	POUN
GOIN	GOIN	GOIN	GOIN	GOIN
BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
LETS	LETS	LETS	LETS	LETS
AVAN	AVAN	AVAN	AVAN	AVAN
ANIM	ANIM	ANIM	ANIM	ANIM
DIEM	DIEM	DIEM	DIEM	DIEM
BEAT	BEAT	BEAT	BEAT	BEAT
TEHT	TEHT	TEHT	TEHT	TEHT
UNTO	UNTO	UNTO	UNTO	UNTO
COAT	COAT	COAT	COAT	COAT

Solution time: 21 mins.



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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Oregon Library News

Library of Things

The Oregon Public Library now has a "Library of Things"! The LOT is a collection of non-traditional items that patrons can check-out. This collection includes: crockpot, pots and pans, family games, audio/visual items, and much more. We are also taking requests for items that patrons might be interested in checking out. To find out more or to make requests, please stop by the library and talk to a staff member.

December Distraction – it's back

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 1, through Wednesday, Dec. 19, 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 will be on display at the Library after Tuesday, Nov. 27. Drawings will be held on Thursday, December 20 (just in time for some extra Santa surprises)!

Adult yoga – Saturdays at 9:30 a.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.

Family yoga – Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Families with children ages 4-18 are invited to participate in Family Yoga. Families with children with special needs encouraged to attend. Benefits of Yoga include reduced tension and anxiety, improved attention span and ability to concentrate, improved memory and enhanced emotional stability. Yoga mats provided, registration required.

Story times

18-24 Months Story Time (9:30 a.m.) and Preschool (3-6 yrs. old) Story Time (10:30 a.m.) continues. Join us on Thursdays for stories, crafts and fun!

Oregon Writer's Group (OWG)

The last Tuesdays of every month, at 10 a.m. the Oregon Writers' Group will be meeting in the gallery of the Library. OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. Receive informal feedback from others in the group as they compliment, comment, ask questions, help clarify, etc. on your writings or idea for something you might want to write. Meetings aren't intense or demanding, share whatever you are comfortable sharing. MISSION: to help and encourage you in your writing.

Knit and crochet club

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

Library book clubs

The 2nd Wednesday Book Club (2WBC) meets Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towels. The Afternoon

Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. to discuss Montana 1948 by Larry Watson. Books On Tap Book Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith. The In-Between Book Club will meet (no meeting in December) on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss The Wonder by Emma Donoghue.

Quarterly Book Club (Grades 3-6)

Wish you could talk with others about the books you read? Come to the Quarterly Book Club at the Oregon Public Library. Express your opinions on what you liked, didn't like or maybe how you would have written the ending! Pick up your book, from the Library after Nov. 18 ... read at your leisure during the holidays and meet on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

This quarter's book is Moo by Sharon Creech. It is on both the 2019 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Booklist and Illinois Bluestem Readers' Choice List. When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna -- and that stubborn cow, Zora.

Trivia Night

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m., for Trivia Night and see how much you know about sports, books, music, history and more. Come solo or bring your own team of up to four people, 18 years of age and older. There is limited amount of seating so call today, 815-732-2724, to register

Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th)

The Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is requested, but not required.

Lorado Taft programs at the Oregon Public Library

Lorado Taft Campus and the Oregon Public Library have joined forces to offer three winter programs starting in January. The programs are: Tuesday, Jan. 29, Endeavors in Engineering, Thursday, Feb. 21, Bone Bonanza, and Tuesday, March 5, Garbology. All three programs are open to students in grades 1st-8th and will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up for one or all three! Registration is required and begins Jan. 4. Call the Library at 815-732-2724 for more information and to register.

New releases

Beastie Boys Book by Michael Diamond (Non-Fiction 742.4216 DIA)

Alice Isn't Dead by Joseph Fink (Fiction)

Past Tense by Lee Child (Fiction)

You Don't Own Me by Mary Higgins Clark (Large Print Mystery)

I Might Regret This: Essays, Drawings, Vulnerabilities, And Other Stuff by Abbi Jacobson (Non-Fiction 814.6 JAC)

Blowing The Bloody Doors Off And Other Lessons In Life by Michael Caine (Biography BIO CAI)

Breach by W. L. Goodwater (Science Fiction)

Bad Lies: A Story Of Libel, Slander, & Professional Golf by Tony Jacklin (Fiction)

Mad Love by Paul Dini (Fiction)

Byron Library News

Winter Soaps

Thursday, Dec. 13

5-6:30 p.m.

Ages: 18+

Join us for a fun afternoon of hands-on experience making your own holiday scented soaps. Explore the safe and easy goat's milk melt and pour method to make two bars. Experiment with different colors, molds, and scents, to create a homemade gift ready to give or for your own treat!

Chess Enthusiasts

Saturday, Dec. 15

1-4 p.m.

Ages: 7 years and up

Come work on your chess strategy and learn a new move or two. Drop in anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to begin playing. Beginners welcome! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Library Dance Party

Monday, Dec. 17

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. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Sugar Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, Dec. 18

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ages: 18+

Enjoy a fun-filled time decorating sugar cookies! We will provide cookies and all the festive supplies. Bring a take-home container to fill with your delicious creations. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Oreo Taste Test Challenge

Friday, Dec. 28

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ages: 10-14 years

With so many Oreo flavors, which one is the best? What about the store brands- do they measure up? Help us decide which flavor reigns supreme! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Winter Escape Room: Let It Snow!

Wednesday, Jan. 2 or Friday, Jan. 4

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

Ages: 7 and up

Snow. Sometimes we have too much of it and sometimes we don't have enough! Solve the clues and unlock the box to discover the ingredients to create snow inside the library! Grab some friends or family members (ideal group size is 3-5 people) and call the library to reserve a 45-minute time slot. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

C++ Programming with Byron Hogan

Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Have you ever been curious about how a computer program works? This class will give you a basic understanding of computer programming. You will be shown the fundamentals of programming and will actually learn how to write a program yourself! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Prairie State Legal: Know Your Rights presentation with one-on-one appointments to follow: Child and Adult Guardianship presented by Attorney Emily Hardy

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019

1-1:20 p.m.

After the Know Your Rights presentation, individuals can meet with a lawyer at no cost to discuss civil legal issues such as: problems with their landlord, clearing criminal records, orders of protection and divorce for domestic violence victims, bankruptcy, housing discrimination, problems with SNAP/TANF/Medicaid, social security overpayments, getting guardianship of a minor or disabled adult. Each individual will go through an eligibility screening before talking to an attorney for free. Prairie State cannot help with criminal defense, traffic cases, personal injury, workmen's compensation, or immigration cases. Appointments can be scheduled ahead of time, by calling 815-965-2902. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please register for all programs by calling 815-234-5107.

Julia Hull Library News

Photo Transfer Ornaments

On Monday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., we'll whitewash wood ornaments, then learn how to transfer photos on to them. Generic holiday and seasonal images will be provided already printed. However, participants are welcome to bring personal photos on a USB flash drive to resize and print from the library. All other materials supplied. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas Storytime

No holiday season is complete without a reading of Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Join us, Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30p.m., for this classic tale, Grinchy games, tasty treats, and a craft that'll make your heart grow at least three sizes. Participants are invited to wear their jammies. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Read C.S. Lewis', The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe, then join fellow young critics on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

Holiday Closures

The library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas; and Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's.

Light Up Your Winter...Read!

Illuminate the dark, cold days of winter with a good book for our 2019 Winter Reading Challenge! The process is easy: read a book, complete a review form, and enter to win prizes! Drawings are held weekly. Complete 5 review forms by February 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to Octane Interlounge in Rock-

ford! Photograph one of the books you're reading, share it on Facebook or Instagram with the #juliahulldistrictlibrary, and you'll receive one additional grand prize entry! Adults only. Starts January 2!

Tween Scene: Winter Pour Painting

Throw out your paintbrushes! This month, we're getting messy with dirty pour painting! On Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m., we'll be creating our own unique winter scene by mixing and dumping paint. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

The Day the Crayons Quit Storytime

Join us Saturday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. for a colorfully good time featuring The New York Times Bestselling book series, The Crayons, by Drew Daywalt. We'll read colorful stories, sing chromatic songs, and make a craft that embraces every crayon in the box! The costumed character, Pea Green Crayon, from The Day the Crayons

Came Home, will join us for fun and photos. Bring a camera! All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Planning Your Greek Vacation

Opa! Let's head someplace sunny, warm and filled with adventure. On Monday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m., Veteran European travelers, Joanna and Wayne, are back with tips for must-see sights, must-eat foods, and must-know insights to make sure you get the most out of your Greek travels. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Crafternoon: Bad Art Challenge

After school Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2:45-4:45 p.m., come snack and create a painting, mobile, book, sculpture – any kind of art you want. Just as long as it's bad. Really, really bad. The Best Bad Art will be awarded The Bad Trophy. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Bertolet Library News

December Drop-In Craft

Come in from the cold and explore your creative side at our drop-in craft table during December. We provide all the supplies and instructions to create festive holiday decorations or a gift for someone special on your list. This activity is simple enough for school age children, but older ages may also enjoy it and are welcome to participate.

Adult Coloring

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Take a break from your holiday preparations and relax at our weekly coloring club. We provide beautiful pictures and a variety of colored pencils, crayons, and markers. You provide the artistry. No registration is necessary, just drop in and have fun!

Toddler/Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Over the next few weeks our littlest patrons will be learning about the symbols of the holiday season and the joy of giving through engaging stories, crafts, and activities. This relaxed program is designed to help children meet new friends while learning about the wonderful world of books. This session of Story Time will conclude on December 13. The next session will begin on Jan. 17.

Mitten Tree

During the month of December we will be 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!

HotSpots Available

We now have five HotSpots available for patrons to check out and use to receive wifi at home. Check outs will be for 2 weeks with renewal possible, if there is not a waiting list. Call 815-738-2742 or stop in to pick up or reserve your HotSpot.

Christmas Stamps

Stop in and pick out some festive, seasonal stamps for all your holiday mailings! We currently have three designs available, so come in soon to choose your favorite!

Recycle Plastic Bags

We are still collecting plastic for another bench. Shopping bags, sandwich bags, bread wrappers, or any bag-type plastic is acceptable. Wrap from new furniture (especially mattresses) and appliances are also welcome. All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue. Please do not bring hard plastic as that is not allowed in this program. Thanks for your help!

Legion Fundraiser

Looking for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for someone on your Christmas list? Check out the great selection of nuts and candy on sale now at the library. All proceeds benefit the Jerry Wickam American Legion Post #1148.

Cookie Fundraiser

Is your club, group, or organization looking for a way to raise some money this holiday season? The youth group that has sold homemade Christmas cookies and candies here the last few years will not be doing so this year. This fundraiser has been very popular and well attended. We provide the space and tables, you provide the workers, treats, and containers. If your group is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the library as soon as possible at (815)738-2742.

Mount Morris Library News



Storytime for Little People and Big Kid Book Club – Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.

We would love to see you there! We have a lot of fun at storytime! Singing, dancing and of course, reading! For children birth to 5.

Big Kid Book Club will meet to read a story together and then have a craft. For Children age 6 and up.

Christmas in the Village!

Thank you to all who came out and supported Christmas in the Village at the Library. We had a great time with Mrs. Claus, making ornaments and listening to the Oregon High School Jazz Band. It was a great time!

Christmas Trivia – All month Long!

Come and test your holiday knowledge! We will have Christmas Trivia Questions that you can answer and enter your name in the drawing for a great

prize! Each week the questions will be new, so be sure to try your trivia skills at the front desk!

Mark Your Calendar!

Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. – “Grip of Death and How it Came to Be”- presented by Local author, Len Levinson. The story of how a book came to be written.

Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. – Noah's Ark Paws and Tales Reading Buddy

This is a “Build-a-bear” type workshop for kids ages 4 and up. We are limited to 20 participants so you MUST SIGN UP. We are charging \$5 for material fees. When you sign up and pay your fee, you can choose your Reading Buddy. Call the library for further information.

The Mount Morris Library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holidays. We will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31 for New Years Eve.

TV WEEKLY

Tuesday, December 11 through Monday, December 17

Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Eric and Quinn shared a tender moment. Taylor begged Brooke not to tell anyone that she shot Bill. Pam persuaded Donna to model a Forrester original in private for Eric. Realizing her father needed to hear it from her first, Steffy told Ridge about Taylor's crime. Brooke was stunned to learn why Bill didn't press charges. Brooke and Ridge had very different viewpoints when it came to Taylor's mental stability. Taylor and Reese were introduced at a party, and Taylor wasted no time giving him the scoop on her long-time rivalry with Brooke. Hope and Liam couldn't contain their excitement over their baby's upcoming arrival. Reese questioned Zoe about Brooke. Wait to See: Steffy and Taylor discuss how much they miss Phoebe.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Abigail tried to trick Stefan into getting her released from Bayview. Sonny was devastated to learn that Chad knew about Kate's plot against him. Ted tried to get Ben to confess to starting the fire at the cabin. Rafe questioned Hope about her trip to Smith Island. Sonny and Will realized that Leo had some damning evidence against them. Eli suggested to Rafe that Hope might be cheating on him. Ciara and Ben went on their first date. John and Marlena shared a romantic evening at the Brady Pub. Brady came up with an idea to try to mend fences with Eric. Sarah begged Maggie to let Eric raise Holly. Chloe and Lucas' relationship took an unexpected turn. Wait to See: Kate and Gabi decide to frame Stefan.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Griffin argued his case. Jordan got a new lead. Sonny had a lot to think about. Ava was put on the spot. Chase figured out an important clue. Sonny ran into Margaux. Felicia was curious about Maxie's relationship. Finn reassured a nervous Anna. Julian lashed out. Franco began his day in art therapy. Lulu ran into Willow. Valentin shared his experience. Laura gained a little perspective. Jordan began obsessing over her case. Sam had something important for Alexis. Chase looked for answers surrounding Mary Pat's murder. Laura was caught off guard. Willow received an invitation. Anna bet on Obrecht's motherly instincts. Wait to See: Carly visits Morgan's grave.

(See C-10)

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WTVO	4 (5)	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Ryan		The View		Rachael Ray		GMA Day		General Hospital		The Dr. Oz Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Eyewitness	World News	Eyewitness	Ent. Tonight	
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ESPN	7 (24)	Get Up				First Take				SportsCenter		Outside	NFL Live	Varied	NBA: The Jump		Noon	Ques	Around	Pardon	SportsCenter		Varied Programs			
CNN	8 (26)	New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		At This Hour-Kate		Inside Politics		Brianna Keilar		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Jake Tapper		Situation Room		Situation Room		E. B. OutFront		
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DISN	23 (28)	Roads	Roads	PJ	Puppy	Muppet	Vampir	Fancy	PJ	PJ	Muppet	Puppy	Puppy	Duck	Big City	Varied Programs				Bunk'd	Bunk'd					
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A&E	23 (30)	Varied Programs																	First 48	Varied	First 48	Varied	First 48	Varied Programs		
USA	29 (18)	Chicago	Varied	Law-	Varied	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Varied Programs		Law & Order: SVU		Varied Programs						
TNT	30 (17)	Charmed		Charmed		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Varied Programs				Movie	Varied Programs							
BET	31	Prince	Prince	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Varied Programs									
PARMT	32 (25)	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends
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HIST	36	Varied Programs																								
BRAVO	37	Varied Programs																								
HGTV	39	Varied Programs								Fixer Upper		Varied Programs														
WTBS	40 (8)	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Amer.	Amer.	Amer.	Amer.	Family	Family	Varied Programs			
FOXN	41 (11)	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom				Outnumbered		Outnumbered		Daily Briefing		Shepard Smith		Neil Cavuto		The Five		Special Report		The Story				
ANPL	42 (28)	Animal Cops		Crocodile Hunter		America's Cutest		My Cat From Hell		The Vet Life		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Varied Programs								
TLC	43	7 Little	Varied	7 Little	Varied Programs																					
TVLAND	44	Paid	Paid	Griffith	Griffith	Andy Griffith		(9:51) Bonanza		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	
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HALL	47	Movie				Home & Family				Home & Family		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs					
MSNBC	49	(5:00) Morning Joe		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		Andrea Mitchell		MSNBC		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		Deadline: White		MTP Daily		The Beat With		Hardball Chris		
FOOD	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Pioneer	Varied Programs				Pioneer	Pioneer	Varied Programs														
EWTN	53	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Women	Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Chaplet	Rosary	Varied Programs				News	Varied	Daily Mass - Olam		
FX	54 (5)	(6:00) Movie		Varied Programs				Mother	Mother	Mother	Varied	Mother	Mike	Mike	Varied Programs											
TRUTV	55	Funniest	Varied	Funniest	Varied	Funniest	Varied Programs				Carbon	Carbon	Carbon	Carbon	Varied Programs											
OXY	56	Varied Programs																								

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Saturday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo

December 15, 2018

Table with 24 columns (7 AM to 6:30) and 24 rows (WTW to OXY) for Saturday Daytime programming.

Sunday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo

December 16, 2018

Table with 24 columns (7 AM to 6:30) and 24 rows (WTW to OXY) for Sunday Daytime programming.

Saturday Evening December 15, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing programs like '800 Words', 'Father Brown', 'The Great Christmas Light Fight', etc.

Sunday Evening December 16, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing programs like 'Little Women', 'Victoria on Masterpiece', 'Football Night', etc.

Monday Evening December 17, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing programs like 'Chicago Tonight', 'Antiques Roadshow', 'The Great Christmas Light Fight', etc.

Soap Opera Update (From C-7). THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Fen surprised Michael and Lauren by returning home. Meanwhile, Mia began to put down roots in Genoa City by hosting a party to drum up clients for her styling business. Includes a photo of Galen Gering and a caption: 'Galen Gering stars as "Rafe" on "Days of Our Lives."'

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I enjoyed watching the movies "Red" and "Red 2" starring Bruce Willis, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren and Mary-Louise Parker. I loved the action, humor, storyline and the entire ensemble. Do you know if they will ever make "Red 3"? -- Candi M.

A: A sequel isn't looking good. It's been five years since "Red 2" came out, and I don't see anything on the horizon for a third movie. According to an article on Deadline.com from 2013, "Red 2" earned a B-plus Cinemascore, which is good and helped persuade people to go out and see it, but it wasn't a blockbuster. The original "Red" in 2010 was a sleeper hit.

The writers of both movies, Erich Hoeber and Jon Hoeber, have a new film coming in 2019 starring Dave Bautista ("Guardians of the Galaxy") and Kristen Schaal ("The Last Man on Earth") about a tough CIA operative who finds himself at the mercy of a precocious 9-year-old girl. In the meantime, enjoy the two films with the star-studded cast, and keep your fingers crossed for another one someday.

Q: Why did they kill off Milo on "This Is Us" if they were going to trash the show by showing countless flashbacks of him? Once a must see, I don't care about it anymore. -- Jean B.

A: "This Is Us," a family drama on NBC that spans several decades, was a huge sensation when it debuted three years ago. At a time when non-reality network television series were struggling, this tearjerker came out of nowhere and became the show that everyone was talking about. The episode in which Milo Ventimiglia's character, Jack Pearson, perished in a fire left viewers in shock, wondering how they could kill off such a major character so soon.

The solution: flashbacks. "This Is Us" already time-hopped to different eras, so Milo still is heavily featured. It probably was a wise move since the character is so popular, but I do understand your point. How can fans mourn the loss if they keep bringing him back?

Apparently other viewers must agree with you, because ratings are down. No worries, it's still a big hit, but it earned its lowest numbers ever over the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll see if they climb back up in 2019.

Q: I haven't seen any Hollywood gossip sites reporting on Gigi Hadid in a long time. Is she still modeling? -- R.R.

A: The 21st-century supermodel is still actively employed in front of the camera, having recently graced the covers of "W" and "Chaos" magazines. Gigi also is a talented designer with a new sneaker named after her for Reebok. She was integral in the design process, putting a new spin on Reebok's white and black high tops that were popular in the early 1990s.

Gigi also has been busy traveling and working with UNICEF. When she's not busy with all the above, she enjoys cooking with boyfriend, singer Zayn Malik. You can follow Gigi's everyday life and her career by reading her posts on Twitter and Instagram @gigihadid.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com!



Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

"The Equalizer 2" (R) -- In the first "Equalizer," retired CIA agent Robert McCall (Denzel Washington) was a level-headed hero who calmly tried to save a young woman from a life of exploitation, got driven over the edge, and then methodically dealt with all the riffraff -- to the audience's delight. This follow-up -- again directed by Antoine Fuqua and written by Richard Wenk -- sees McCall driving a Lyft while meting out part-time justice and back in cahoots with his old friend Susan Plummer (Melissa Leo). When the wrong people take Plummer out, the level-headed hero is replaced by a cold killing machine who's bent on total vengeance and has the goods to deliver. Alas, you can't have everything, kids. I had high hopes when I heard Mr. Washington would grace us with a sequel (something he's not known for), but it's not as good as the first one.

"Smallfoot" (PG) -- They do exist! Channing Tatum voices Migo, a Yeti just trying to figure out life and catch the eye of the village leader's daughter Meechee (Zendaya). When he accidentally discovers a Smallfoot, and eventually brings one -- wisecracking wildlife documentarian Percy Patterson (James Corden) -- back to his Yeti village as proof, he finds out that there's more to human-Yeti relations than existential proof. It'll take a whole gang to work it out. The message, delivered sweetly and with much mirth, is tolerance and open-hearted acceptance of the unknown. It'll have you all warm and fuzzy despite its frozen setting.

"Colette" (PG-13) -- The riveting life of French writer Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette is under exploration in this biopic by director Wash Westmoreland, with Keira Knightley in the title role. As a young country girl married to the notorious Paris rake and self-promotion machine Henry Gauthier-Villars (Dominic West), Colette began writing under her husband's pen name Willy, publishing loosely autobiographical stories that took Paris by storm. Her exploration of sexual identity and gender roles and her struggle to claim ownership of her own words are powerful material that Knightley bears brilliantly. She grows stronger and more angled as Colette's story and personality progress.

"Peppermint" (R) -- Jennifer Garner plays Riley North, a mother whose young daughter and husband were gunned down by a drug cartel. Abused by crooked police, let down by a corrupt and useless justice system, she disappears broken and disheartened -- but just long enough to hone herself into a serious weapon with a single mission: get the justice she was denied by the police and the courts. Crazy mom goes rogue to exact revenge for her murdered family and stand up for everyone who gets screwed by the system? There's a lot to work with, but it didn't come across compelling. There's killing for killings' sake, but not much more.

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Receipts:

- Real Estate Taxes \$226,749.09,
- Donations \$3,865.17,
- State Grants \$6426.59,
- Federal Grants \$4,000.00,
- Fines & Fees \$5,044.71,
- Non-Resident Fees \$500.38,
- E-Rate \$1,192.39,
- Bank Interest \$513.11,
- Book Sales \$747.06,
- Other \$2,740.95.

Disbursements:

Salary & Wage Range:
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Disbursements by Category:

TRS \$5,194.39; Health & Medical Insurance \$4,073.35; Insurance \$3,093.00; Library Supplies \$9,000.00; Programs-Child \$1,905.57; Programs-General \$2,960.81; Programs-Summer Reading \$2,288.89; Journals \$349.98; Wi-Fi \$235.13; Telephone \$1,882.04; Publicity \$1,955.61; Postage \$450.00; Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Repair \$4,545.53; Technology (Licensing Fees) \$8,052.04; Reserve Fund \$4,600; Miscellaneous \$119.87; Travel & Mileage \$223.49; Professional Memberships \$498.00; Legal Fees \$591.25; eRead Illinois (eBooks) \$885.99; Adult Materials \$10,000.00; Audio Books \$2,958.06; A/V Materials \$6,017.51; Children's Materials \$5,388.82; Software \$2,000.00; Periodicals \$2,800.89; Young Adult Materials \$1,000.00; Other Materials \$598.50; Social Security (Employer Portion) \$4,830.28; FY2017 Per Capita Grant \$6,426.59; Friends of the Library Award Books Donation \$1,112.29; Char Wills' Large Print Materials Donation \$500.00; Replacement Materials Paid for In Fines \$993.14; Other \$926.26; FY17/18 End-of-Year Surplus Expenditures \$8,238.51.

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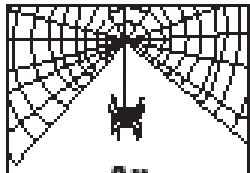
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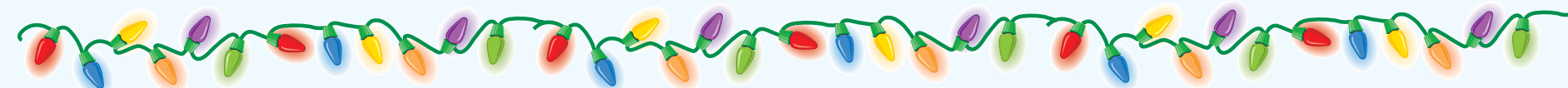
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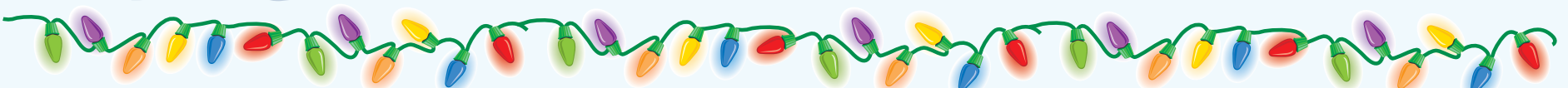
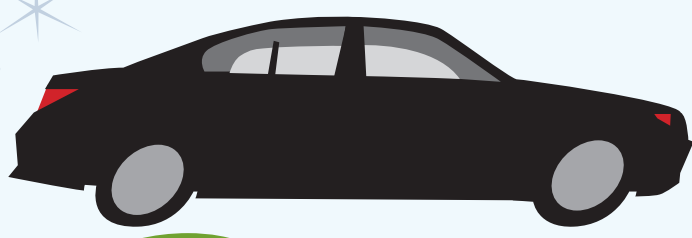
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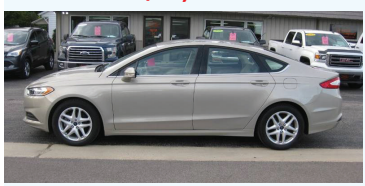
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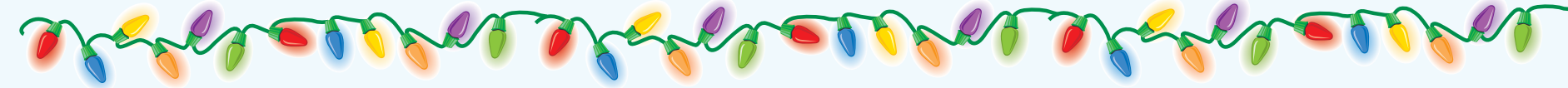
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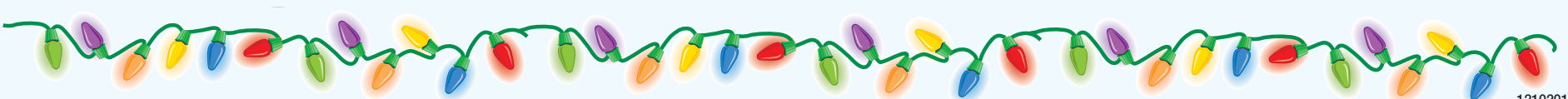
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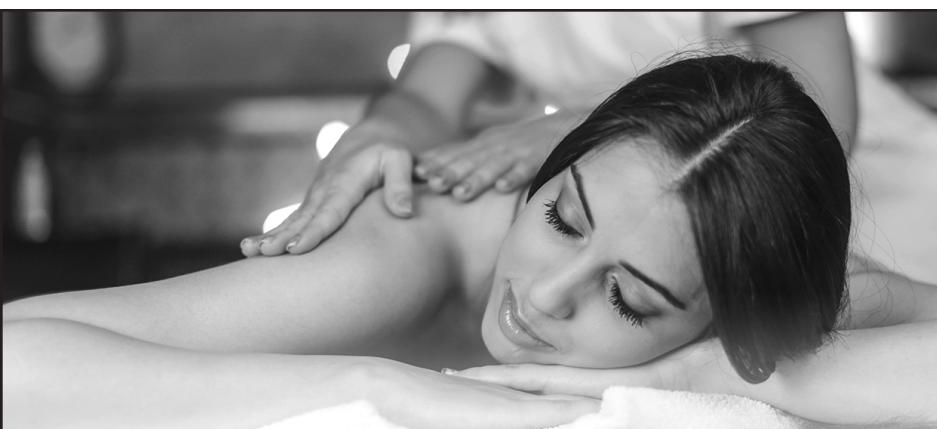
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