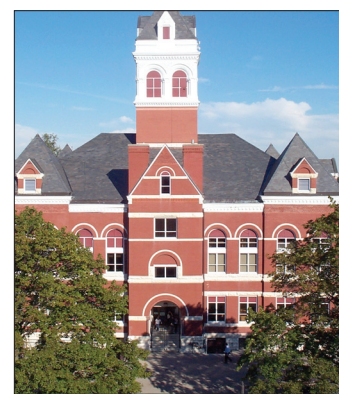


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Students get down to business

Oregon H.S. program holds pitch showcase

OREGON – The Oregon High School Social Entrepreneurship program held its Student Startup Showcase on Wednesday, Dec. 12 in the Scoops “Secret Stache” room.

Twenty high school seniors pitched their business plans and prototypes to raise capital for their second-semester businesses. Each business had to meet the three criteria of the program: the business must have a social benefit as its foundation, must be entirely student-created, and must be operable during class time.

Student businesses ranged from blankets to baked goods, from motor sports to social media marketing.

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Students presenting ideas included Carter Fruin, Isabelle Nelson, Ryan Lazansky, Austin Pearson, Jonathan Acosta, Sharon Heather, Jeronimo Leon, Noah Paul, Makenna Mongan, Jasmine Herbst, Mackenzie Reimer, Jacob Blalock, Austin Strite, Robert Youngren, Abigail Hopkins, Jake Mennen, Carson Sweeney, Spencer Coots, Conner Young and Joel Marquardt

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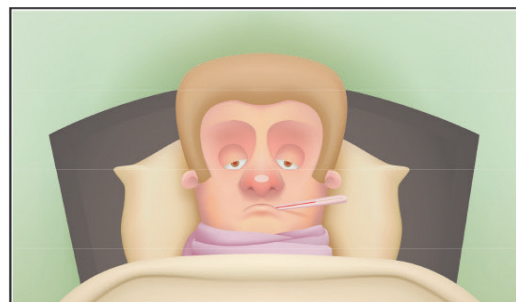
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STUDENTS: Encouraging innovation

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“These kids put in an incredible amount of work, and it shows,” said program instructor Aaron Sitze. “We’re lucky to have a community and a school district that encourages this type of innovation.”

With their businesses funded and their models secured, students will learn branding, marketing, accounting, and website creation during second semester as they take and fill orders.

For more information about the OHS Social Entrepreneurship program, contact Sitze at asitze@ocusd.net.

Top right: Robert Youngren and Austin Strite’s company, Rock River Woodworking, makes wooden security solutions in American flag designs.

Below right: Isabelle Nelson’s company, Le Fou Gateau, makes high-quality cupcakes with unique flavor combinations



Horse Barn Committee eyes new fundraisers for 2019

The Ogle County Horse Barn Committee is planning the 2019 events for our fundraising efforts to build a horse barn on the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

The committee is looking forward to having a barn to utilize. Plans for an event every weekend at the fairgrounds is the goal. The barn will be used all year with equine events in the spring, summer and fall, and, RV storage in the winter. It will make money for the Fair Association.

The committee has spoken with the Clydesdale Breeders Association about participating in the shows. There is a big interest in draft and draft cross horses as riding horses. We are in the process of contacting exhibitors of draft horses of all breeds about participating.

Miniature horses are another breed that has seen a big upsurge in popularity. We have several

exhibitors that breed, train and show these athletic little horses. Both the drafts and minis are being shown in hand, under saddle, in carts and in hitches.

We have a gift certificate for the Wild Rose Casino in Clinton, Iowa for a one night’s stay and a \$25 food allowance. This would make an awesome Christmas gift. \$75 donation requested. Email shadowboxerarabians@gmail.com. We welcome sponsors for events and donations to the barn fund.

Edward Jones announces new financial advisor for Byron

BYRON – The financial services firm Edward Jones has hired Mark Pfeiffer as the new financial advisor for Byron branch office located at 131 W. Second St.

“We’re very proud to have Mark represent us in Byron,” said Jim Weddle, the firm’s managing partner. “The people of this community have grown to rely on our firm for their investment needs, and I am confident Mark will continue our outstanding tradition by providing one-on-one service.”

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headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm’s business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm’s 16,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management. Visit our website at edwardjones.com and recruiting website at careers.edwardjones.com.

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Our heartbreak continues during this Holiday Season as this has forever changed the lives of your kids, our family and all who love and miss you every day.

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Demmer earns advocacy award

SCHAUMBURG – In recognition of his advocacy on behalf of some of Illinois' most vulnerable residents, State Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) has been named Legislator of the Year by the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA) of Illinois.

Demmer was nominated for the award by the staff and administration of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc., a community-based behavioral healthcare system in Northwest Illinois. "Representative Demmer has a deep understanding of behavioral health issues,

especially as they relate to regulatory and funding challenges," said Patrick Phelan, President and CEO of Sinnissippi Centers. "He has been a tremendous advocate for the behavioral health community and has championed critical legislation to strengthen community services and provide sustainable and reliable funding. It was our pleasure to nominate him for this much-deserved recognition."

The award was presented at the CBHA Annual Conference, which was held this week at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg.

"It is an honor to be recognized for my work in this important area of public policy," Demmer said. "I look forward to continuing to work on legislation that helps reform delivery systems and improve patient outcomes."

In announcing the award, DBHA CEO Marvin Lindsey said, "Commitment, dedication and hard work to a cause we all believe in can sometimes be hard to find. Occasionally, an individual will distinguish himself from others through his leadership and ability to achieve results."



Looking back to May, the inaugural Songwriter's Open Mic got off to a great start with first artist – first original composition by Jim Henkel and The Legend of Leo.

Songwriters Open Mic returns to Mount Morris on Dec. 21

MOUNT MORRIS – Fulfilling its role as one of Northern Illinois' most progressive music venues, the Mount Morris Moose Family Center will once again host the Songwriters Open Mic held on the third Friday of each month.

This month's 2019 Christmas Finale on Dec. 21 will round out the 2018 schedule.

The Songwriters Open Mic produced by Jerry Tice of the renowned Mountain Grass Band and co-hosted by star performer Ruth Ann Lillstrom will showcase original musical or lyrical compositions performed by the creating artist. No

covers. No accompanist. All material must be family friendly.

At the inaugural show things got off to a rousing start with first artist - first original composition by Jim Henkel and The Legend of Leo. Leo Mongovan was from Jim's hometown of Harmon, a small Northern Illinois farming town. In the depression era he went to Chicago and became a part of the Bugs Moran Gang. Somehow, he survived the gang wars (St. Valentine's Day Massacre for example) and returned to Harmon to live out his life as a farmer. As Jim's well received song describes, "He always kept


his back to the wall."

Each performer gets two songs and no more than 10 minutes. Sound is provided, but no complicated set-ups or processors. Each event will run from 7-9:30 p.m. Performer check-in is 6:30 p.m. Performance order will be drawn at 6:50 p.m.

It seems that there are many original compositions among our Northern Illinois musicians.

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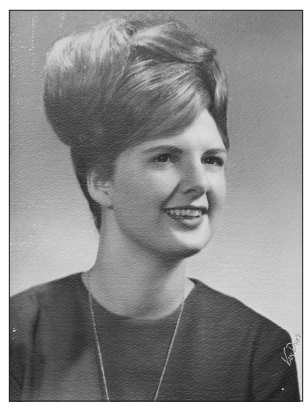
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OBITUARIES

Georgia Marie Gentz



BYRON – Georgia Marie Gentz, 75, of Byron, IL passed away peacefully in her sleep on Dec 5, 2018 after a short illness. Born Sep. 29, 1943 in Echo, Minn., to Robert and Eloise “Jackie” Burke eventually moving to Rockford, where she spent most of her childhood years, graduating from Auburn High School in 1962.

She married Robert Gentz on Dec. 21, 1966 in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and later relocated to rural Leaf River in 1970 where they raised their three sons. After retiring from AT&T as a telephone operator in the mid 90’s, she and Bob retired in the Byron area and split time as snowbirds in Clearwater, Fla., where they enjoyed going to estate sales, visiting local beaches

and sites, and spending time with their dog Nicki until Bob’s death in 2017. Georgia was an avid reader who enjoyed sitting by a pool or beach reading, listening to the St Louis Cardinals on the radio, and spending time visiting with her friends from AT&T, the beauty shop and mutual longtime friends of her and Bob’s.

Georgia is preceded

in death by her husband Bob, brother Mike and both parents.

She is survived by her three sons – Scott (Sarah), Todd (Amy) and Troy (Carrie), 8 grandchildren – Kayla, Nate, Emily, Eli, Ruby, Madison, Sam and Hannah, her sister Peggy Shelton (Alvis), Bob’s sister Connie Blackert (Larry), and her cousin Kim Asher.

The family would like to thank all the staff, nurses and doctors from Van Matre and Byron Generation Nursing Home that took special care of our Mom.

Visitation for family and friends was held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 pm Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 with a memorial service and lunch to follow at Cornerstone Family Church at 205 N Peru St, Byron, IL, 61010.

James W. Ealey

OREGON – James W. Ealey, 75, of Oregon, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 in Serenity Hospice Home, Oregon. Born July 16, 1943 in Princeton, Ill., the son of John D. and Mavis L. (Weise) Ealey.

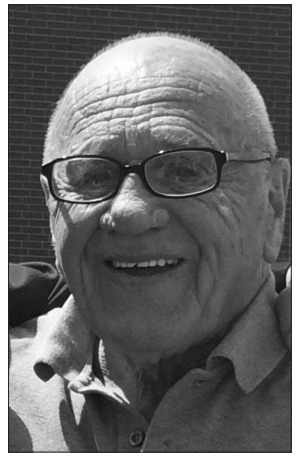
Jim retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; children: Lance, Sue, Allen, Shelly, Keith and Robert; sister, Martha; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Predeceased by his parents; a sister; and three brothers.

In keeping with Jim’s request, cremation rites are to be accorded and no services are scheduled. Memorials in Jim’s name may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon. Farrell-Holland- Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Gary Dean Miller



OREGON – Gary Dean Miller, age 82, passed away on Dec. 6, 2018 in his home with his wife by his side. Gary was born Nov. 19, 1936 in Mount Morris, the son of O’Kenneth and Myrtle June (Folk) Miller.

Gary graduated from Mount Morris High School class of 1954. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957, where he was in the Amb Co. 4th Medic Battalion in Germany. Gary married Sharon K. Mitchell- Tillett on December 31, 1986 in Oregon. Gary worked for Ogle County Animal Control and Zoning, construction, fishing and hunting guide, and many other numerous jobs over his lifetime. Gary was an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener which many people purchased his tomatoes, he traveled to Argentina with

his brother Marv, Canada, and many trips to South Dakota.

Gary is survived by his wife: Sharon “Dottie” Miller, Oregon; children: Gary (Denise) Miller Jr., Freeport; Brian Miller, Eufaula, OK; Bradley Hagelund, Checotah, Okla.; Ron (Gretchen) Tillett, Byron; Dawn (Dennis) Ankney, Chana;

11 grandchildren: Aaron Phillips, Jacob Miller, Jeremiah Miller, Matthew Miller, Brent Hagelund, Jarett Hagelund, Stephanie Smice, Hannah and Sarah Tillett, Daniel and Joshua Ankney; great grandchildren: Brayden, Blake, and Brody Miller, James Kunz, Savannah “Beanie” Smice; brother: Marvin (Juanita) Miller; sisters: Mary Ann (Keith) Glazier, and Kay (Kenny) Sorn; many nieces and nephews.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, brother: Richard.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 in Finch Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until service time.

Ruth Alice Avey

MOUNT MORRIS – Ruth Alice Avey, age 94, passed away on Dec. 5, 2018 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mount Morris. Ruth was born Feb. 2, 1924 near Low Point, the daughter of William Clyde and Abbie Grace (Gifford) Hare.

She graduated from Low Point High School. Ruth worked for many years in the printing industry in the Mount Morris and Oregon area retiring in 1993. She lived in Mount Morris for 76 years. Early on she also ran a small business out of her home selling craft items. Ruth would often take friends to doctor appointments and made regular

visits to others who were shut-ins. For many years, Ruth and some of her friends met weekly to play cards and board games. During retirement, she had actively participated in the Chums program involving seniors and young children. She also enjoyed stitching small seasonal bags, filling them with M&M’s and distributed them to family and friends. Ruth was an active member of The Mount Morris Church of The Brethren.

Ruth is survived by her daughter: Nancy Teague, Troy, Ohio; grandchildren: Jennifer and Michael; one great granddaughter; sister: Katherine Lott; and many

nieces and nephews.

Ruth is preceded in death by parents; 2 brothers: William and Joseph Hare; 5 sisters: Ellen Pettyjohn, Mabel Vincent, Leona Hardman, Pearl Stauffer, and Rachael Dixon.

Per Ruth’s wishes, her body was donated to NIU science department. A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at The Mount Morris Church of The Brethren with a meal to follow in the church. Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris is assisting the family.

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Pat Wiener

OREGON – Pat Wiener, 86, of Oregon, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at home. She was born June 20, 1932 in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Bebe and Bettye Mousa.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Morris “Bud” Wiener; sons, David of Seattle, Wash., and Robert and his wife Sarah of Stillman Valley; grandsons, Daniel and Aaron Raskin, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; and many other family and friends who loved and cared for her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Raskin.

Pat earned a B.A. degree

in business administration from North Texas University. She was employed as a bookkeeper and also as an elementary teacher. She married Bud in June 1960 in Tyler, Texas. They lived in East Lansing, Mich., before moving to Oregon in 1963. Pat was an active member of Temple Beth EL, Rockford and a volunteer leader for the Lifeline Food Pantry in Oregon. She loved the outdoors and thoroughly enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, as well as music, arts performances, travel and being a homemaker, wife, mother, and community volunteer.

The family is indebted

to our long time good friend, Ramona Curtis, who was with Pat as a caretaker for Pat’s final five months. We also greatly appreciate the loving care and assistance provided by the doctor, nurses, nurse assistants and staff of the Serenity Hospice, Oregon.

Graveside services and burial of her remains will be at a later date in Nashville, Tenn. In lieu of flowers, donations to honor her memory can be made to Serenity Hospice, Oregon, the Parkinson’s Foundation or the charity of your choice. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

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OBITUARY

Iva Berneice Maxwell

FORRESTON – Iva Berneice Maxwell, age 87, passed away on Dec. 9, 2018 in Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon. Berneice was born March 12, 1931 in Perry County, Arkansas the daughter of Lawrence R. and Iva M. (Payne) Bull.

She lived in the northern Illinois area for 65 years, where she was a homemaker raising her children and helping on the farm; once her children grew and left the house she became a businesswoman in property

management.

Berneice is survived by her children: Kenny Maxwell, German Valley, Randy (Suzie) Maxwell, Texas, Barry Maxwell, Rockford, and Janet (Brian) Cunningham, Leaf River; 7 grandchildren: Amanda Milton, Mark (Heather) Maxwell, Adam (Sheri) Maxwell, Seth Maxwell, Travis Cunningham, Jacob Cunningham, and Lee (Brittany) Cunningham; 8 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; 1 brother: Bobby Bull, Pecatonica, and 1

sister: Joyce (Gary) Lassiter, Naylor, MO.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Jack and Johnnie Bull; sisters: Doris McNatt and Billye Ruth Maxwell.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris. A celebration of life was held on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. in the Mount Morris Moose Lodge, Mount Morris. Memorials to be determined.

Happy retirement



Ann Haas retired after 28 years with the Rock River Center, and the public came out to say goodbye at an open house on Dec. 7. Haas poses with Jamie Nobis (top left), who replaced her as executive director. Haas is shown with her family (top right). Plenty of people showed up to wish her the best. Her last day with RRC was officially Dec. 14.

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Oregon Police report

Dec. 3

At 8:37 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jasmine M. Long, 19, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

Dec. 4

At 3:01 p.m., Oregon Police issued Stephanie L. Carr, 60, of Creston, IL, a citation for speeding, 38mph in a 20mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.

At 4:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jason L. Marcoux, 38, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

At 6:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Salvador Estrada, 47, Sterling, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 8:55 p.m., Oregon Police issued Abigail M. Hopkins, 17, Mt. Morris, a citation for speeding, 38 mph in a 20 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.

Dec. 6

At 2:22 p.m., Oregon Police responded to the Oregon High School and took one male juvenile, 15, Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of possession of an electronic smoking device. The juvenile was released back into the school district's custody. Parental notification was made and the report was referred to the State's Attorney/Juvenile Probation's office for review.

At 7:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Andrea D. Arwood, 29, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Keshon M. Reed, 16, Mt. Morris, a citation for speeding, 36 mph in a 20 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. 14th Street.

Dec. 8

At 7:50 a.m., Oregon Police issued Melissa A. Dotson, 47, of Marengo, IL, a citation for improper lane usage. This violation occurred at the 4th and Washington Streets intersection.

At 11:15 a.m., Oregon Police issued Danny L. Rosenbalm, 40, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

At 9:21 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nimrod D. Hilliard, 32, Belvidere, for driving while license suspended. Hilliard was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. Hilliard was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 10:05 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 700 block of S. 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Ricky S. Porter, 48, Oregon, for domestic battery. Porter was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Dec. 9

At 9:03 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joyous T. Mathews, 21, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

4 parking tickets and 6 verbal/written warnings were issued from 12/03/18 through 12/09/18.

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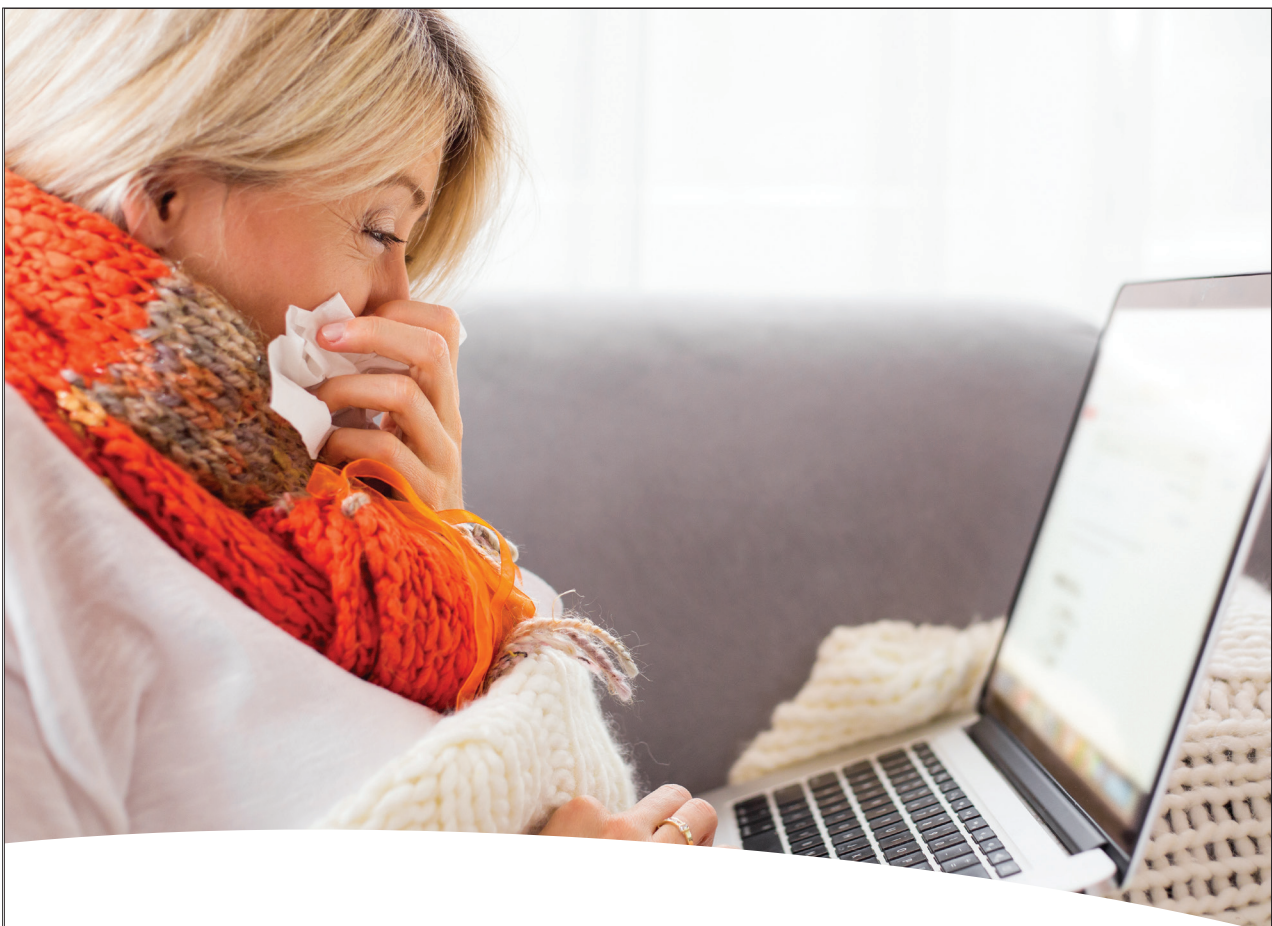
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Candlelight winners



The Oregon Chamber of Commerce has announced the raffle winners from Candlelight Walk. Lillie Orsted of Oregon (top) was the 2018 winner of \$250 in "Candlelight Cash." Debbie Dickson, Oregon Chamber director and Candlelight Walk member, presents Ron Bry, this years' 50/50 winner, with a check for \$522 (middle). Bry is a lucky guy it seems as he won the 50/50 raffle in 2015 as well. And Dickson presents Erin Folk, Oregon Park District, a \$250 contribution to the OPD Scholarship Fund (bottom). "It is important to our committee that we recognize and support the efforts of our park district, particularly their commitment to providing fun, healthy, and educational opportunity to the youth in our community," Dickson said.

Cardinal Community Christmas

Stillman Vallley's annual Christmas event was held on Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Congratulations to the winners of the 7th annual Tree Decorating Contest!

- 🍷 Most Creative & Original Tree - Julia Hull District Library
- 🍷 Best Use of Theme - Stillman Valley High School Office
- 🍷 Best Overall Appearance - Twisty's Cycle Inc.
- 🍷 People's Choice - Shear Madness 2
- 🍷 Facebook Fan Favorite - Julia Hull District Library



Julia Hull District Library



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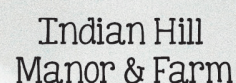


Shear Madness 2

To determine the People's Choice winner, attendees donated their loose change to vote for their favorite tree. A total of \$301.31 was donated to Bread of Life food pantry in Stillman Valley.



Thank you to all who attended this year's Cardinal Community Christmas and a big thank you to our event sponsors!



Girl Scouts starting cookie sales earlier than usual this year

NORTHERN ILLINOIS – Local Girl Scouts will kick-off the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program earlier than usual this year with online sales beginning Dec. 17.

Digital Cookie 5.0 allows girls to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers have the ability to order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have the Girl Scout deliver the cookies to them, or donate cookies (with no additional handling fees).

If customers would like to have Girl Scout Cookies for holiday gift-giving (or for themselves!), they should tell the Girl Scout in their lives to send them an email from their personalized website as soon as possible! Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur who would love to add you to her customer list!

Digital Cookie 5.0 is an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl

Scout Cookie businesses online. Now in its fifth year, Digital Cookie brings Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for next century leadership.

Local Girl Scouts will also take cookie orders in-person (and online) from Jan. 4-27, 2019. The cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints, caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils,

zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, sweet S'mores, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too!). Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box. During Girl Scout Cookie season, each G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)TM sets out to sell delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. All of the net revenue raised – 100 percent of it – stays within the northern Illinois area.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

uses cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success as data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting, and public speaking.



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There is still time to get your flu shot

BY LORI HAMMELMAN
Staff Writer

Contemplating getting a flu shot? The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health says it is not too late.

According to IDPH director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D., the highest flu activity is between the months of December and February, but can last as late as May.

“Even healthy people can get the flu,” said Shah. “And while healthy people may not suffer serious illness from the flu, they can pass the virus to babies too young to be vaccinated, people who have chronic illnesses, and others who may develop serious health problems like pneumonia. Before you get together with grandkids and grandparents for the holidays, make sure you not only protect yourself from the flu, but your loved ones as well.”

Locally, Rochelle Community Hospital has not seen unusually high activity of flu cases.

“While we have seen cases of influenza, the numbers at this point are very low,” said Jim Carle, RCH Chief Ancillary Officer. “It is anticipated that the flu season will follow a typical pattern and peak in mid to late winter.”

Schools in the Rochelle

area have not seen an unusually high number of absences.

“No, we haven't seen a lot of flu cases,” said Debbie O'Brien, Rochelle Township High School attendance secretary. “Our attendance for this time of the year has been the same as it always is.”

Shah said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released estimates from the 2017-18 flu season, attributing 49 million flu illnesses, 960,000 flu hospitalizations and 79,000 deaths.

“Flu is typically spread by droplets when someone with the flu talks, coughs, or sneezes,” as read on the press release from Shah. “People can also get the flu by touching something, like a door handle, that has the virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose. On average, it's about two days after being exposed to the flu before symptoms begin. However, you can pass the flu to someone roughly a day before you start experiencing those symptoms, and up to five to seven days after becoming sick.”

The IDPH recommends the three C's: Clean, Cover and Contain. Clean, or wash hands frequently with soap and warm water, cover coughs and sneezes and contain germs by staying home when sick.

Leaf River meetings set

LEAF RIVER – The Village of Leaf River Board of Trustee has set its meeting dates for 2019.

Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month.

The dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Dec. 10

Eddie Barbee, 36 of Paw Paw, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Theft Under \$500. Barbee appeared in court and was given a reduced bond of \$1,000/10 perc ent. Barbee was released after posting bond and will reappear in court on 12-17-18 at 2:30 p.m.

At approximately 11:29 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 3000 block of South Skare Rd. After further investigation, Benjamin Knowles, 33 of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Knowles was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Loud Exhaust, and Possession of Cannabis following a positive alert by the Ogle County K9. Knowles was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 3:14 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a school bus vs semi accident in the 2700 block of West Illinois Route 72. A Moring Disposal semi tractor/trailer combination being driven by Christopher Wright, 41 of Freeport, was traveling westbound on Route 72 at which time it was side swiped by a Forrestville Valley School District school bus being driven by Donald Lowman, 65 of Byron. Minor injuries were reported. Deputies were assisted by Leaf River Fire and EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

Dec. 9

At approximately 1:47 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 1000 block of South Freeport Rd. After further investigation Maria Ayala, 28, of Clinton, Iowa was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended and No Valid Drivers License. Ayala was also cited for Operating an Uninsured motor Vehicle. Ayala was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 6

Jonathan Walkup, 45 of Freeport, was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Driving While License Revoked. Walkup was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond and will appear in court on 01-17-19 at 9 a.m.

At 8:18 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with Byron Fire/EMS were dispatched to IL Rt. 2 at Camling Rd. for a two vehicle crash. After an investigation, it was discovered that Andrea Arwood, 29 of Rockford, had crossed over the center line while traveling northbound on Rt. 2 after swerving to miss a deer. Arwood and the driver of the other vehicle were both transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Arwood was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and she was released on a \$3,000 I-bond.

At approximately 9:53 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Freeport Rd and IL Route 52. After investigation, Deputies placed Beverly Lewis, 40 of Dixon under arrest for a Lee County Contempt of Court warrant and Driving While License Suspended. Lewis was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 5

The following people were arrested for outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Faith Fargher, 51 of Rock Falls, for Failure to Appear. Fargher posted a \$20 partial purge and will appear in court on 12-31-18 at 9 a.m.

Amber Keener, 34 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Keener was unable to post the bond of \$3,253 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Keener will appear in court on 12-07-18 at 9 a.m.

Tesia Grant-Henderson, 26 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Grant-Henderson was given a \$1,000 recognizance bond and will appear in court on 01-14-19 at 10:45 a.m.

Stillman Bank's annual Holiday Giveaway now underway

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 at www.stillmanbank.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 17

Library Dance Party, 10-10:45 a.m. at the Byron Library. Event for 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.

will remain open during the fitness center closure. Patrons will still be able to use the gym, pool, racquetball courts and Prairie Room with the TRX equipment.

on the Social Security and Medicare programs returns, and will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at The United Church of Byron, 701 W. Second St.

from 9 a.m.-noon for a free community breakfast with Santa. There will be a 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.

Family yoga at the Oregon Library, 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. Registration required.

Fri., Dec. 21

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.

Tues., Dec. 18

Nash Fitness Center in Oregon will be temporarily closed today through Dec. 27 to install new flooring. Nash Recreation Center

Weds., Dec. 19

A free educational and informational presentation

Sat., Dec. 22

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Jan. 4, 1785, the older of the two Grimm brothers, Jacob, is born in Hanau, Germany. His brother Wilhelm is born the following year. As young men, the brothers published "Children's and Household Tales," later known as "Grimm's Fairy Tales," in several volumes between 1812 and 1822.

* On Dec. 31, 1879, in the first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison lights up a street in Menlo Park, New Jersey. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran special trains to Menlo Park in response to public enthusiasm over the event.

* On Jan. 5, 1933, construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure's huge anchorages. The bridge officially opened on May 27, 1937, the longest bridge span in the world at the time.

* On Jan. 1, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issue a declaration, signed by representatives of 26 countries, called the "United Nations." The signatories vowed to create an international postwar peacekeeping organization.

* On Jan. 2, 1962, an appearance by The Weavers on NBC's "The Jack Paar Show" is canceled when band members refuse to sign an oath of political loyalty. The folk group saw their careers nearly destroyed by the anti-communist Red Scare of the early 1950s.

* On Jan. 6, 1975, some members of a large crowd in line to buy tickets to the rock band Led Zeppelin break into the Boston Garden arena and cause \$50,000 in damage. In response, Boston's mayor Kevin H. White bans the band from Boston for five years.

* On Jan. 3, 1987, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame admits its first female artist, Aretha Franklin. Since then female inductees have included The Supremes, Janis Joplin and The Shirelles.

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Maybe we should apologize to the Millennials

Well, apparently Millennials are killing off tuna.

OK, more specifically, they are killing off canned tuna. Why? Because they are buying less of it than previous generations. The Wall Street Journal has reported that only 32 percent of consumers between the ages of 18 and 34 bought canned fish or shellfish recently.

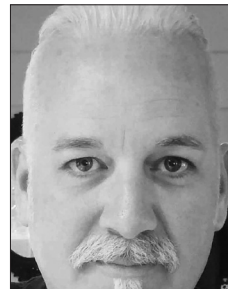
It seems like people in my age group are buying much more of the canned goodness — 45 percent.

And yes, when I say canned goodness I am being facetious. I am not a fan of tuna fish, or any other canned fish. Or fresh fish. Or frozen fish. Or just fish.

This, to me, seems to be just another thing to blame on Millennials, the generation born roughly in the 1980s and 1990s (some say a little later). Us Baby Boomers would have nothing to complain about if we didn't have Millennials, with all of their feelings and desires for social justice and participation trophies and aversion to homeownership and cereal.

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I shake my fist in your general direction, young person with a neatly trimmed beard wearing pajama bottoms at the liquor store, where you are stocking up on Pabst Blue Ribbon for some strange reason.

Why do you hate America?

Again, I am kidding. I do not buy into the current trend of blaming young people for killing off everything that makes America great. They want to eat less processed food? Good for them. They don't want to shop for the

1,200-count toilet paper pallet at Costco? More power to them.

Really, I don't care what the next generations wants to eat or do. They can make those decisions.

Well, some of them.

One hit they have taken is that they are accused of avoiding homeownership. In reality, I'm sure they would love to own homes, but the dollar just doesn't have as much value as it used to, so they can't afford it. They have student loans and three jobs just so they can afford to pay rent in the room they grew up in.

Sure, there are jobs in this economy, but the only people getting rich are, well, the rich. Others, especially young people coming into the job market, often have to work multiple jobs just to get by.

I am thankful that I am not a person in my 20s right now. I have two kids who are in this category, and homeownership isn't even a thought for them right now. And, even though we have

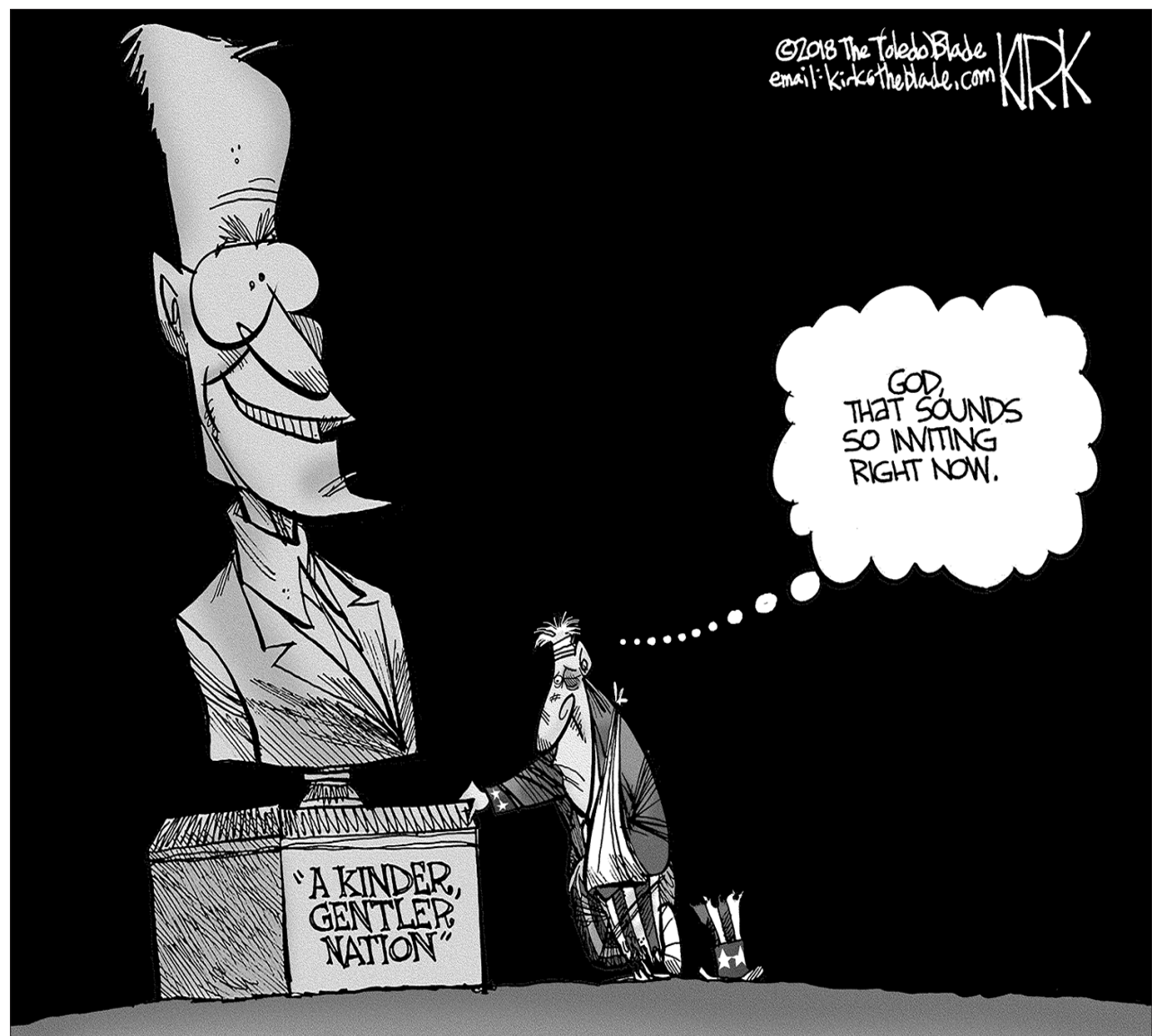
never had the conversation, I'm sure they don't spend much time worrying about the future of canned tuna.

They have more important things to worry about, like the skyrocketing national debt. When you are going to have to find a way to pay back the trillions of dollars (\$21 trillion and counting) your parents ran up in order to save the country from financial ruin, things like canned fish just don't seem as important, do they?

Instead of blaming young people, maybe we should apologize to them for the debt, the deficit, global warming, the horrible state of affairs in our national politics, skyrocketing drug prices, polyester.

Yeah, we aren't so great ourselves. So let's just sit in front of our TVs, watching people on "news" shows scream at each other while we stuff our faces with canned tuna. These kids don't know what they are missing!

Brad Jennings is editor of the Ogle County Life.



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More about tribalism and how to cure it

"I sense a growing longing among us for an end to the extreme politics of today. It's possible, but only if we're willing to make big changes in our social and political institutions. When we do, moderates will resume their rightful place at the core of our political life."

Those words ended last month's article about tribalism, the inflexible loyalty of followers to their political or social group. It's both cause and effect of the polarization, hostility, and extremism that so often degrade our politics. It thrives in both major political parties as well as outside of them.

Tribalism's roots and branches are many and intertwined. Andrew Sullivan, in a thorough analysis in the September 18, 2017 edition of New York Magazine,

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



outlined them: divisive social issues; talk radio, cable news, and the internet; demagogic politicians; the way we're sorting ourselves into isolated communities; and many others.

Perhaps this complexity is one reason why there seems to be more tongue-clucking and hand-wringing

than concrete proposals for solutions from the news media and politicians. Another is that so many of the causes lie beyond the reach of laws and political reforms.

One solution, a crucial one, lies in us, the Americans citizens. Our system of government, as envisioned by the founders, relies on reason, civility, and compromise. When we succumb to the herd mentality, emotionalism, and intransigence of tribalism, it brings into question our fitness to have and keep a democratic political system.

It's human nature to clearly see and condemn these sins in our Republican or Democratic opponents and not in our own tribe. It brings to mind the Biblical passage about taking the piece of wood out of your

own eye before telling someone else how to remove the speck from his (Matthew 7, verses 1-5). So the first step in overcoming tribalism is to master it in ourselves—we can be certain it's there in all of us—and to reject it in our leaders.

Then, we can look to our political institutions to see how they encourage extremism. Gerrymandered voting districts, for example, discourage competition and compromise by politicians. Also, the moderating influence of Democratic and Republican Party leadership has been weakened under the competing influence of outside money. And the Electoral College and Senate encourage regional factionalism by over-representing states with small populations.

But for or me there's one political institution that needs reform above all others. It's the system of primary elections that we use to nominate candidates for the general election. Primaries tend to be dominated by the so-called base, the most zealous and uncompromising members of each party.

These practices go back a long way, and there were good reasons for many of them at one time. But the test of any form of government is how well it adapts to changing conditions. The transformations that have taken place in our society and politics make systemic reform at least as important as any other problem that we now face.

We can't effectively address any other issue, whether it's immigration,

health care, taxes, climate change, or national defense, while tribalism is crippling our democratic institutions. There's no silver bullet for this problem. The major responsibility lies with each American citizen.

But the right fixes to our political system may help to weaken the power of tribalism. The first step is to reach a consensus that our political system is need of repair. The next is to agree on how to fix what's broken, the topic of a future column.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

Memorial Christmas tree placed to honor loved ones

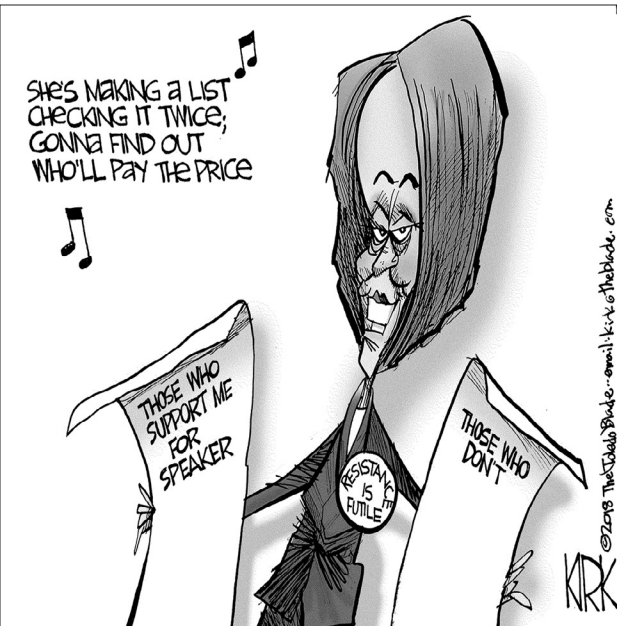
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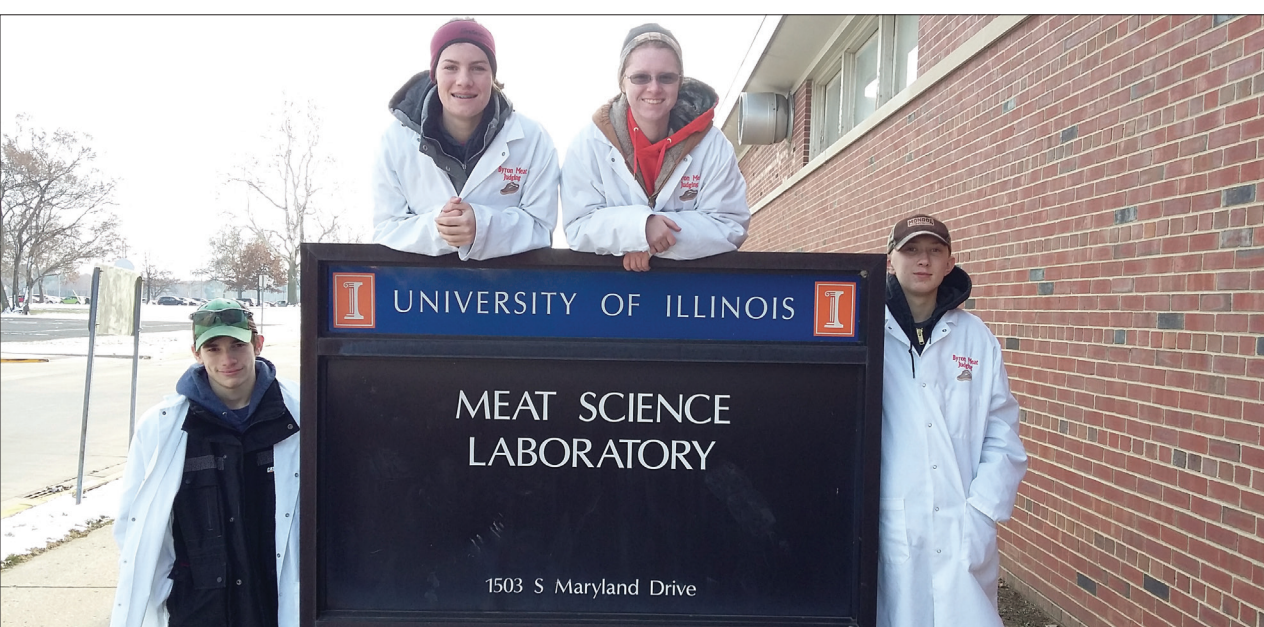
In honor of the families we have assisted throughout the year, we have established a Memorial Christmas Tree. The tree can be seen from the Richardson Avenue in Ashton, 6th street in Rochelle and Railroad Street in Sandwich. The tree will be lit from now until the New Year in honor of your loved ones.

The Christmas tree has ornaments with the names of the deceased and their date of date.

We are remembering our families and would like to offer those of you who have had loved ones who have passed away to be memorialized on our tree, regardless if we assisted in their service or not. Please call the funeral home at 815-453-2441, 815-562-6872 and 815-786-6715 with names of the deceased and their date of death and we will place their ornament on the tree. This Christmas and every Christmas let's remember our loved ones.

Sharon and Jeff Beverage, Beverage Family Funeral Home Sandwich; Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home's Ashton and Rochelle





Byron FFA competes in state contests

BYRON – The Byron FFA competed in the Super Saturday State Judging contests held recently at the University of Illinois.

Byron qualified three teams for the event.

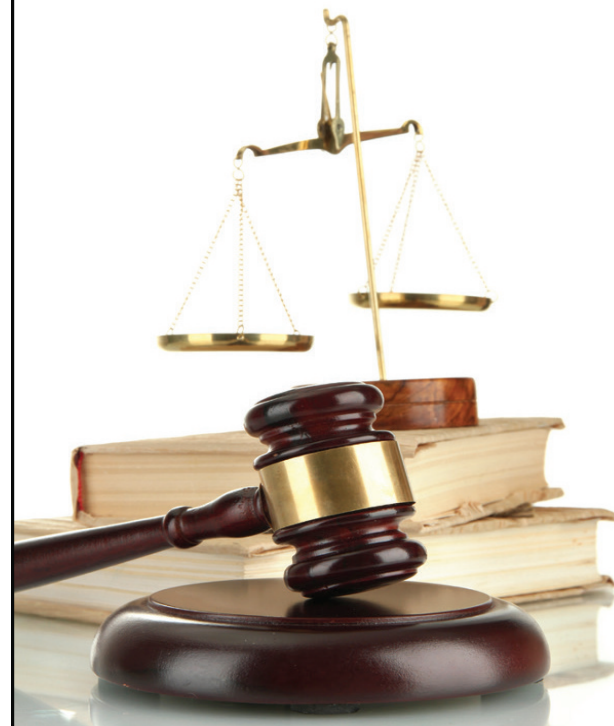
The Meat Judging Team took 8th. For this, students had to perform quality and yield grade assessments, judge carcass classes and Identify retail cuts. Individuals were Olivia Ebens 26th, Renee Gehrke 27th, Wyatt Atkinson 39th and Isaac Charbonneau 75th.

The Agronomy Team took 23rd. For this, students had to perform a soil practicum, judge rings of crops and Identify crops and weeds. Individuals were Alex Buseski 68th, Kendra Jackson 82nd, Megan Jackson 89th, and Gunnar Shank 92nd.

The Dairy Products Team took 12th. For this, students had to Identify cheeses, perform a Mastitis Test, and Grade Milk defects. Individuals were Grace Whitmer 22nd, Keagan Swanson 37th, and Alex Cassens 70th.

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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. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron. Check us out at www.unitedchurchofbyron.org

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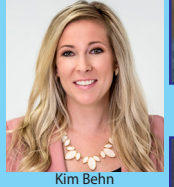
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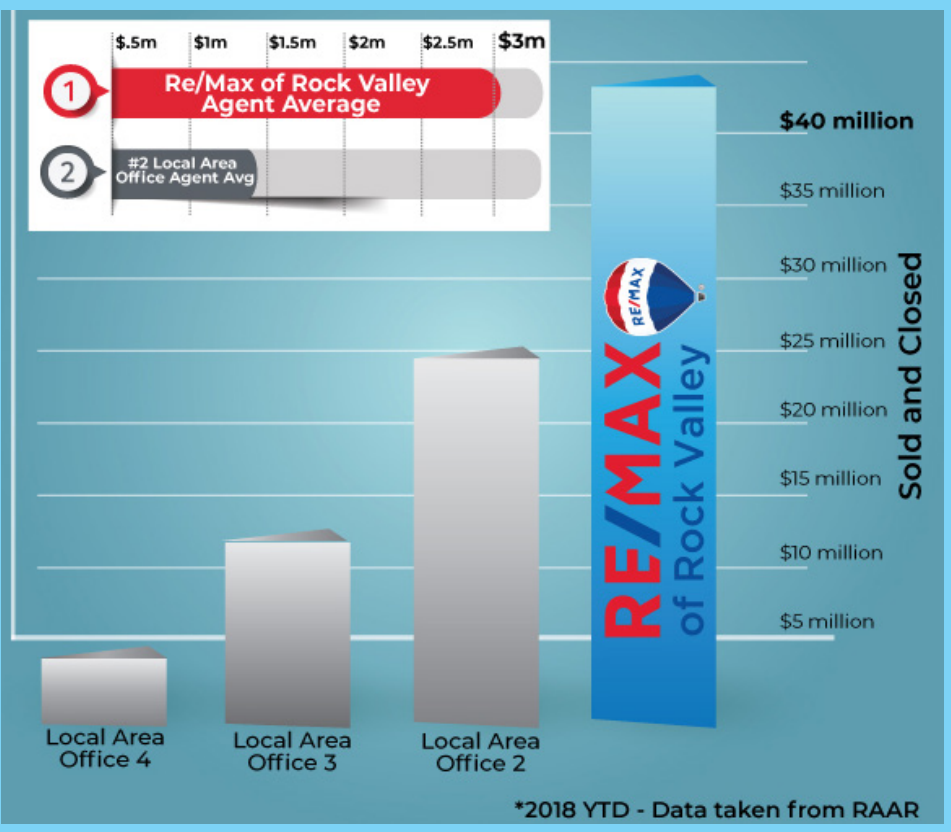
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Byron's Baker represents USA in Greco-Roman World Championships

Byron's Nolan Baker recently represented the USA in Bucharest, Romania, in the U23 Greco-Roman Wrestling World Championships after winning the USA National and World Team Trials this past spring. Although he was defeated by No. 2 and No. 5 in the world, Baker scored 14 points against his opponents, the most points scored by an American in the tournament. (Courtesy photo)

Sitze wins 2018 JVA Junior Club Service Award

OREGON — Local club director and owner of Power Up Volleyball, Christy Sitze, was awarded the 2018 JVA Junior Club Service Award by the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA).

This award honored 14 recipients across the nation for their dedication to developing and coaching youth volleyball for twenty or more years. This is Sitze's second award as a club director including the USA Volleyball Iowa Region Outstanding Program Director in 2015.

Power Up Volleyball Club is located in Oregon and serves the Northwest

Illinois volleyball community. This season, Power Up has 116 players ranging from fifth grade through 12th grade. Power Up Volleyball also hosts a series of tournaments that brings thousands of people to the area throughout the months of January, February and March. Teams come from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana to participate in the volleyball tournaments.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve youth volleyball and our community," Sitze said. "The true award is the wonderful people I meet and work with along the way."



Christy Sitze

Stillman Valley basketball teams face off against local opponents

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley varsity boys and girls basketball teams faced Rockford Christian on Saturday, Dec. 8. The Cardinals were edged by a final score of 77-

75 while the Lady Cardinals were victorious 33-26.

Payton Barger led the girls team with nine points while Faith Fowler added eight points and Kayla Boyd totaled seven points. Matt

Mandzen led the boys team with 26 points, with Chad Gerig scoring 11 points and Noah Wenberg recording 15 points.

The Stillman Valley boys basketball team then fell

74-63 against Burlington Central on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Matt Mandzen scored 19 points for the Cardinals, with Clay Smith and Jake Gaudreau each adding 10 points.

Oregon bowling teams place well at 2018 Cavalier Classic

PERU — The Oregon varsity boys bowling team took second place in the 2018 Cavalier Classic on Saturday, Dec. 8 with a final pin total of 5,833. Austin Strite led the Hawks with 1,252 over six games while Kyle Strite added 1,208 and Charlie Bach-

man added 1,191.

The Oregon varsity girls bowling team finished second as well with a pin total of 5,363. Rebecca Meyers led the Hawks with 1,257 over six games with Alysa Conley rolling 1,109 and Hannah Kaltenbrun recording 1,081.

Oregon's boys bowling team defeated South Beal 3,615-2,014 on Tuesday, Dec. 11 to improve to 11-0 on the season. Jacob Smith led the Hawks with a 651 series while Kyle Strite shot 643 and Austin Strite rolled 598. for the Hawks

Oregon wrestling team hosts Rochelle-Plano triangular

OREGON — The Oregon varsity wrestling team moved to 4-6 overall after splitting a triangular meet with Rochelle and Plano on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Oregon topped Plano 40-27 while losing 52-30 against Rochelle.

Miguel Vasquez received a forfeit at 195 pounds against Plano, and both Jacob Milliman (113) and Andrew Herbst (120) won matches by fall. Isaac Brooks and Jokiah Sewell took a forfeit at 132 and 145, respectively. Daniel Dominugez earned a

15-3 major decision at 170 and Zach Crandall won by fall at 182.

Noah Paul won his match by fall against Rochelle at 138 pounds, and both Jokiah Sewell and Chase Clark added pins at 145 and 152, respectively.

Oregon girls basketball team falls against Rockford Lutheran, Serena

OREGON — The Oregon varsity girls basketball team fell against Rockford Lutheran on Saturday, Dec. 8 by a final score of 56-50. Jenae Bothe led the Hawks

with 20 points while Ella Martin and Olivia Lambrigtson each scored seven points and Breanna DeHaan added six points.

Oregon then fell 51-44

against Serena on Tuesday, Dec. 11 to drop to 4-7 overall. Olivia Lambrigtson scored 18 points for the Hawks, and Jenae Bothe added 12 points in the loss.

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Byron boys basketball team defeats North Boone

BYRON — The Byron varsity boys basketball team cruised over North Boone by a score of 76-52 on Friday, Dec. 7. Anthony Eddy led the Tigers with 25 points while Connor Harn added 22 points and Tyler Camling scored nine points. Will White chipped in eight points for Byron.



Students of the Month

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the October Students of the Month. The students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the October trait — kindness. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Kenneth Shearer (8th), Brooke Hannebaum (8th), Storm Hickey (7th), Lainey Archibald (7th), Ethan Szarkowicz (6th) and Ameris Correa (6th).

Oregon Park District adds Sunday to the pickleball schedule

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.

Drop in at your leisure and enjoy a game or two. 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!

For more information contact Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101.

Toys for Tots program still underway

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.

The LIFE office is located at 311 West Washington St., Oregon.
 Open Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Nash temporarily closed

OREGON — Nash Fitness Center will be temporarily closed Dec. 18-27 to install new flooring.

Nash Recreation Center will remain open during the fitness center closure. Patrons will still be able to use the gym, pool, racquetball courts and Prairie Room with the TRX equipment.

Patrons that do not wish to utilize the facility during the fitness center closure will be offered a membership extension.

Anyone that turns in their membership pass at the front counter will receive credit for the time the fitness center is closed.

The Park District is very excited about this facility upgrade and appreciate everyone's patience while we work to improve the facility.

The Fitness Center will reopen on Dec. 28.

If you have any questions regarding closure of the fitness center contact Nash Recreation Center, 304 South Fifth St., Oregon, 815-732-3101.

Mount Morris Goodfellows accepting donations for the holidays

MOUNT MORRIS — The Mount Morris Goodfellows are accepting monetary donations for those in need this holiday season.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Jerry Griffin and Charlie Beard, Goodfellows Co-Chairmen, say that the Goodfellows will once again be able to provide assistance this Christmas thanks to the financial support of the community.

Each holiday season, for more than 60 years, the Goodfellows have provided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in Mount Morris.

Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses.

Participating Mount Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Savings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Cimino's Pizza, Maggie's, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Garden View Restaurant, McKendrie St. Café and Campus Cafe.



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Livestock manager training workshops set

URBANA – The 2019 Certified Livestock Manager Training workshops, will be held in 11 locations throughout the state, beginning Jan. 30 in Springfield and concluding Feb. 28 back in Springfield.

The University of Illinois Extension workshops provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act.

The Livestock Management Facilities Act requires facilities with 300 or more animal units to have at least one employee certified in proper manure handling procedures. For facilities with 300 to 999 animal units, at least one employee must attend a workshop or pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Certified Livestock Manager exam.

Employees of facilities with 1,000 or more animal units must do both to achieve certification.

Please note that all workshops begin at 9 a.m. with the exception of the Jan. 30 training at the Illinois Pork Expo which will start at 12:30 p.m. All trainings will take 3 1/2 hours with the IDOA exam administered after the training.

2019 Workshop dates and locations are as follows:

Jan. 30 - (starts at 12:30 p.m., pre-register to receive free box lunch); Bank of Springfield Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield

Jan. 31 – U of I Extension-Effingham County, 1209 North Wenthe Drive, Effingham

Feb. 5 – The Holiday Motel and Restaurant, 1300 S West St, Olney

Feb. 6 – U of I Extension-Franklin County, 1212 Route 14 West, Benton

Feb. 7 – Paul's United Church of Christ, 330 N Buhman, Nashville

Feb. 12 – U of I Extension/Pike County Farm Bureau Bldg, 1301 E Washington, Pittsfield

Feb. 13 – U of I Extension-Clinton County, 1163 North 4th Street, Breese

Feb. 19 – Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau, 1000 N Main St., Monmouth

Feb. 20 – Stephenson County Farm Bureau Bldg, 210 W. Spring St, Freeport

Feb. 21 – DeKalb County Farm Bureau Bldg, 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore

Feb. 28 – Illinois Department of Ag Bldg. Auditorium, State Fairgrounds,

Springfield

Each workshop will offer a general curriculum designed to keep producers current on the latest industry practices. The curriculum covers the basics of nutrient management as well as new technologies, research, and trends, so producers who have completed the training and are renewing their certification will benefit.

Producers are encouraged to preregister at least two weeks prior to ensure a seat for the session that fits their schedule. To register, call 217-244-9687 or register online at go.illinois.edu/clm. The cost is \$35. If more than one employee from the same farm signs up, each additional registration will cost \$25.

Lunch will not be offered, but coffee and snacks will be provided. However, a box lunch will be provided by Illinois Pork Producers for producers that preregister at the January 30 workshop at the Illinois Pork Expo.)

The current training manual used for Certified Livestock Manager Training is the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Stewardship Curriculum. This curriculum is available for free online

at go.illinois.edu/manual.

If you have a manual or CD that is older than 2003, you should check the website for information for update options.

IDOA CLM Exam questions are taken directly from this manual. Some of this curriculum will be covered during the workshops. However, it is impossible to cover all of the exam material in one workshop, so acquiring and reviewing the manual in advance is highly recommended.

Please visit the Certified Livestock Managers Training webpage at go.illinois.edu/clm for more information about registration, manuals, online training options, and other resources.

Producers and employees also have the option of taking five online quizzes.

Passing these is the equivalent of having attended a workshop, but does not substitute for passing the state administered Certified Livestock Manager exam.

Registration is open for the CLM Online Training Program at go.illinois.edu/clm. There is no charge to take the online quizzes other than the cost of a manual.

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Leaf River Lions set Leader Dog trip to Michigan

LEAF RIVER – 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 cost is \$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.

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If you are interested you need to contact Paul Lindstrom at 815-738-2761 to make arrangements or to ask questions.

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Discover the fun in 4-H

OREGON – The Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors along with several Ogle County 4-H Clubs are planning an exciting day to share 4-H with you. Discover 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Oregon Coliseum.

Everyone is invited to attend; however you must be 5 years old to be a Cloverbud, and 8 years old to be in 4-H.

During this evening, you and your parents will have an opportunity to speak to 4-H volunteers and 4-H members actively involved in the 4-H program. We will have the Star Lab available for youth to step inside and “travel” to outer space to learn about the night sky, constellations, and more. Other hands-on activities will include leather making, aerospace, CSI investigation, and more. Test your hands with 4-H Jeopardy to see what you already know about

the variety of 4-H projects. You will also be able to see some of the many exhibits our 4-H members displayed during the 4-H project show this past summer. You can also learn how to contact a 4-H club in your area.

4-H is a youth organization for boys and girls that are between the ages of 8 and 18 as of September 1. The 4-H program offers over 100 different projects for youth to choose from.

These projects range from computers, visuals arts, foods, wildlife, photography, rocketry, animals, entomology, woodworking and much more. The 4-H program emphasizes the importance of “learning by doing” by allowing 4-H members the opportunity to select project areas that are of interest to them.

Additionally, 4-H offers a Cloverbud program for youth ages 5-7 as of September 1. 4-H Cloverbuds partici-

pate in hands-on learning activities to explore art, plants and animals, science, and the environment.

To learn more about the 4-H program and the 4-H Cloverbuds please make arrangements to attend “Discover 4-H” on Saturday, Jan. 12. If you are unable to attend, but would like additional information about 4-H please feel free to call the University of Illinois Extension, Ogle County at (815) 732-2191.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Ogle County Extension office.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension staff at 815-732-2191.

4-H conference teaches livestock practices to teens

Teens with an interest in livestock production may participate in an overnight University of Illinois Extension 4-H conference to build their skills in livestock management and marketing.

The conference is Jan. 26 through 27 at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center.

Registration closes Dec. 17, and cost is \$165 for the weekend training.

The Youth Livestock Conference is organized and taught by members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team, an elite group of 4-H livestock members and alum who have received training from industry experts.

Participants will learn basic herd health practices, including how to suture and vaccinate animals. Participants will also practice basic dissection, in-vitro insemination and embryo transfer techniques, and meat identification. They will learn how to promote animal science and respond to public inquiries into livestock production practices.

Pork producer and popular blogger Thomas Titus of Elkhart is the keynote speaker Sunday. Titus' #RealPigFarming blog addresses current issues of the pork industry.

He has nearly 25,000 followers on Facebook and 5,000 followers on Twitter.

The conference is open to 4-H members in seventh, eighth, and ninth grade. One may register online at go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. Participants should arrive by 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 and remain until 11:30 Sunday morning.

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 learning clubs, groups and short-term programming.

For Further Information Contact:

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RRC has upcoming activities

Rock River Center Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Dec. 24-25) and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1).

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.

Spirit of Chicago Flower & Garden Show Lunch Cruise (Board at: 11 a.m.; Cruise: noon- 2 p.m.)

- * 2.5-hour event on Lake Michigan
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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.

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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 date for December is Dec. 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 Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. The group meets quarterly on the 4th Thursday of March, June, September, and December from 3-4 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver Support Group

Patti Kilmer, MSW from Generations @ Neighbors, leads our Caregiver Support Group. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate caregiving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & 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

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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.

If you have any questions about this program, call the 815-732-4020 or visit www.oglecounty.org.

Oregon Park District announces upcoming activities, events

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.

Winter break camp

This is a great opportunity for K-6th grade children to get out of the house and do something new each day alongside their peers. We will emphasize fun, peer interactions, personal growth and have daily themes, games, crafts and sports. We will go swimming at Nash every day of camp. A lunch should be packed for each day along with a refillable water bottle. No program 12/31 nor 1/1.

Dates: Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Fee: \$80 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident Full Program; \$25/Resident/Day-\$30/Non-Resident/Day.

A 10 percent discount will be applied for additional siblings you enroll when your first child is enrolled at full price.

Time: 6:15am-6:00pm (drop off and pick up as you please)

Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 19

After school open gym

Calling all 8-14 year olds! Join us at Nash Recreation Center's gym for an active and fun afternoon in the gym with friends. We will have a new sport each week guided by an experienced staff member. This is free to members. Not a member? Simply pay the daily fee \$2 residents and \$3 non-residents. Program runs every Monday after school from 3:30-5 p.m. Come and go as you please. Drop in and give it a try!

After hours lock-in

Calling all 6th-8th graders! We are opening after hours at Nash for one night for only 6th-8th grade on Saturday, Jan. 12. Everything will be open and we will be ready to have fun! No registration is required, admission cost is \$5 at the door. Admission includes full use of the facility from 6-9 p.m. along with pizza, snacks, drinks and giveaways. The event will be supervised by staff, no parent supervision is required. Doors will be open from 6-6:30 p.m. then locked. Parent permission will be needed to leave before 8:45 p.m. For more information call 815-732-3101.

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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Deep water aerobics

Deep Water Aerobics is a more intense workout than your typical water aerobics class. Working out in the deep end will allow you to get an intense cardiovascular workout without the impact. You will also increase your endurance, flexibility and strength. Participants do not need to know how to swim. An aqua jogger belt will be provided. Classes are Mondays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. Drop-ins or 5, 10, or 15 Water Aerobics passes are accepted.

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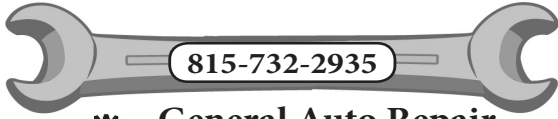

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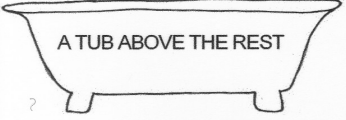
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Mother files complaint over son's death probe

Claims Galesburg Police Department didn't do thorough investigation

BY LORI HAMMELMAN
Staff Writer

Sandy Halsne wants to know what happened to her son, Tyler Smith, the night he died this past September.

The Rochelle resident filed a formal complaint against the Galesburg Police Department, claiming they did not thoroughly investigate the circumstances of Smith's death this past September, and also alleged possible discrimination.

Halsne took her story to Galesburg's Community Relations Commission (CRC) Thursday evening.

"A week ago Friday I filed a formal complaint with the Galesburg Police Department and I was then directed to file that with the CRC," Halsne said in a phone interview on Friday. "I don't think Tyler's investigation was taken seriously from day one."

According to what Halsne was told, the CRC cannot investigate complaints against the city; therefore, she was directed to file at the state level. But the committee did give her the opportunity to share her story.

Halsne doesn't believe enough was done during the investigation, and pointed out in her complaint she feels her family was not treated very well by the Galesburg Police Department.

"Tyler L. Smith may have been just another deceased young black male in the eyes of the Galesburg Police Department, but Tyler is a human being who has a mother and a father who love him very much," Halsne said to the CRC Thursday

evening, as she choked back tears sitting next to Smith's father, Keith Smith. "In less than 24 hours it went from a homicide investigation to a drowning. There was no reason why or how he got where he was."

Smith, a 2014 graduate of Rochelle Township High School and a 2018 graduate of Western Illinois University with a criminal justice degree, had just moved to California after being accepted into the California Police Academy.

He arrived in Galesburg on Friday, Sept. 14 and was planning to stay overnight with a friend before attending a National Guard drill in Macomb on Saturday. Smith reportedly went out for dinner and drinks Friday night, got separated from his friends and never returned. He was found dead Saturday night in an area called Cedar Fork, a steep 20-foot cement storm drainage canal. An autopsy determined Smith's cause of death was drowning, but Halsne said there are too many unanswered questions as to what exactly happened to Tyler, and why.

One by one, Halsne told the CRC several accounts she claimed transpired between her and the investigators.

"Did investigators see a mixed race young man from California and make a decision not to investigate? Did they see interracial parents and make a conscious decision to dedicate their time to other things?" Halsne asked the committee.

On Friday, Halsne said her next step is to gather more information on how to file a complaint at the state level.

"Our main concern is what happened to Tyler that night. Our main focus is Tyler, we don't want to take attention from that," she added. "It is important for them to know how our treatment was that night and how the marbles dropped. We don't feel he got a fair investigation."

The Galesburg Police Department con-



firmed a complaint has been filed, but declined to comment further on the matter.

"Yes, a complaint has been filed and an investigation is being conducted," said David Christensen, Galesburg chief of police.

Halsne said a meeting with the city manager, police chief and attorney is scheduled for next Tuesday.

"It's your worst nightmare with a nightmare on top of it," she added.



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WEEK #16 NFL GAMES

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Cincinnati Bengals	at	Cleveland Browns
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	at	Dallas Cowboys
Minnesota Vikings	at	Detroit Lions
Buffalo Bills	at	New England Patriots
Green Bay Packers	at	New York Jets
Houston Texans	at	Philadelphia Eagles
Los Angeles Rams	at	Arizona Cardinals
Chicago Bears	at	San Francisco 49ers
Pittsburgh Steelers	at	New Orleans Saints
Kansas City Chiefs	at	Seattle Seahawks
New York Giants	at	Indianapolis Colts
Jacksonville Jaquars	at	Miami Dolphins

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

Denver Broncos	at	Oakland Raiders
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TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Denver Broncos	at	Oakland Raiders
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Total Score _____

TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Kansas City Chiefs	at	Seattle Seahawks
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STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. If you are in need please join us for a meal and conversation and groceries to bring home. We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us from 3-5 p.m. and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence. Upcoming dates Jan. 8 and Feb. 12. For any questions please call Bread of Life at 815-645-8872, Ext. 15.



Crafting classes being offered

OREGON – The Oregon Park District and the Village of Progress have teamed up to offer a creative, crafting class for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade with an adult.

All classes are held on days off school and allows your child to express their creativity and create projects out of recycled materials with consumers and staff from the Village of Progress, Oregon.

All classes will be held at the Village of Progress workshop, 710 S. 13th St., off Pines Road, Oregon.

Kids will be working alongside people with developmental disabilities to create a seasonal project that can be used to decorate your home. Each participant must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us on Friday, Jan. 18 from 12:30-2 p.m. Children will be making a snowman for decorating your porch! Cost is \$6/Resident and \$7/Non-Resident. Deadline to register is Jan. 11.

Join us in February to make a Valentine picture frame on Feb. 14 from 9:30-11 a.m. Cost for this class is \$6/Resident and \$7/Non-Resident.

These classes offer a creative, fun experience for both child and adult.

For more information or to register contact Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101.

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

BIRTHS



Renner's welcome daughter

Kevin and Kayla Renner of St. Louis, Mo., are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Renner. Morgan arrived on Aug. 31, 2018 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother Carson.

Maternal grandparents are Kevin and Gina Wiegmann of Oregon. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Karen Renner of Arnold, Mo. Great-grandparents are Royce and Joan Garrett of Rockford, Ben and Helen Wiegmann of Ottawa, Betty Renner of Arnold, Mo., the late Don Renner, and the late Paul and Joan Colletta.



Couple welcomes son Wyatt

BYRON – Danny and April Voss are happy to announce the birth of their son Wyatt James Voss. He was born on Nov. 3, 2018 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces and 22.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother Nolan. Grandparents are Brad and Char Haye and Linda Voss, all of Byron.

Julia Hull Library News

Holiday Closures

The library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas; and Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 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 Feb. 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to Octane Interlounge in Rockford! 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.

Winter Watercolor

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at watercolor, now's your chance! On Monday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m., we'll learn to paint a simple winter landscape, step-by-

step, that even beginners can find success with. All materials supplied. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

The Day the Crayons Quit Story-time

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, January 29, 2:45-4:45 PM, 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



Participants at the Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) annual Holiday Festival enjoyed a sleighful of activities, from crafts and games, to face painting, and a very special yeti photo booth!



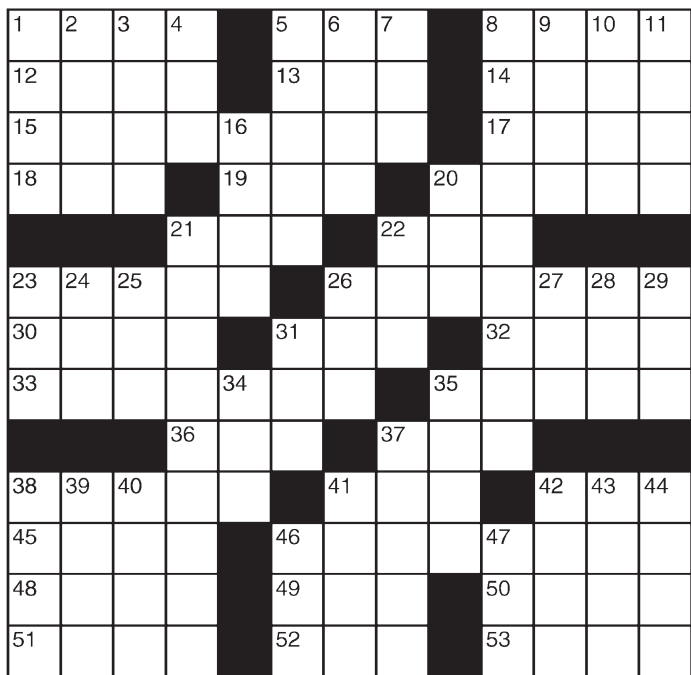
Grinch storytime: No holiday season is complete without a reading of Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Library-goers at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) listened to this classic tale, made a craft to mend the Grinch's heart, then played some Grinchy games.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trumpet
- 5 Recipe meas.
- 8 Arduous journey
- 12 Reed instrument
- 13 Pussy-Cat's partner
- 14 Present
- 15 Freebie
- 17 Wedding symbol
- 18 "Golly!"
- 19 Illuminated
- 20 Actor Tommy Lee
- 21 Automaton, for short
- 22 Not many
- 23 Strictly — nous



- 26 Excise senger
- 30 Old Italian money
- 31 Godfather's address
- 32 Greet silently
- 33 Abandon the nest
- 35 Gold measure
- 36 Child
- 37 Whatever number
- 38 Caesar, for one
- 41 Saturnian saucer?
- 42 Locate
- 45 Cabbage salad
- 46 Hidden pas-
- 48 Passport endorsement
- 49 Rowing need
- 50 Foundation
- 51 Annoyingly slow
- 52 Definite article
- 53 Picnic invaders
- 7 Thickness
- 8 Disposable
- 9 Check
- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Small barrels
- 16 Burn aid
- 20 Lustrous black
- 21 Made to come apart easily
- 22 Merriment
- 23 Sprite
- 24 Zero
- 25 Have a go at
- 26 Coquettish
- 27 Series of skirmishes
- 28 Actress Gardner
- 29 Still
- 31 Pop
- 34 Victory
- 35 Recognize
- 37 Earlier, in verse
- 38 Answer an invite
- 39 Hodgepodge
- 40 Halloween purchase
- 41 Hexagonal state
- 42 Former ugly duckling
- 43 Bridge position
- 44 Spud's buds
- 46 Drunkard
- 47 Lawyers' org.

DOWN

- 1 "Dukes of Hazzard" boss
- 2 Theater award
- 3 Wander
- 4 Born
- 5 Namely
- 6 Bat a gnat

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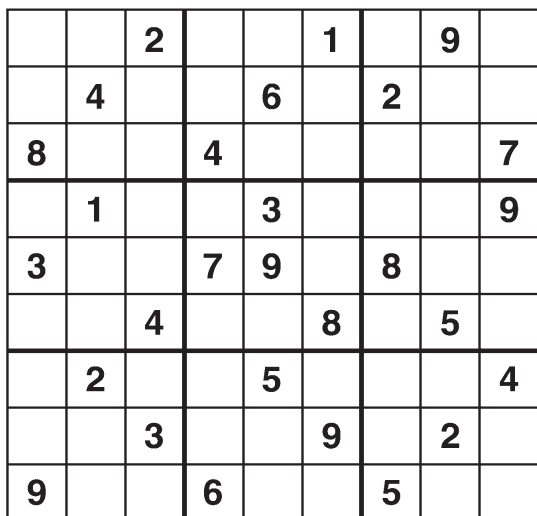
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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- Bicycles
- Brothers
- Dayton Flyer
- France
- Gliders
- Pitch Powered Props
- Roll
- Wind tunnel
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

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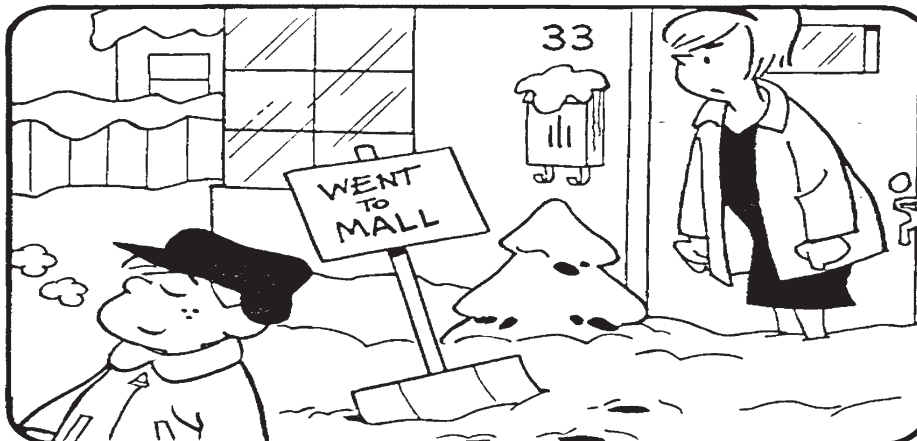
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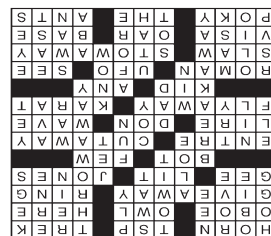
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp is missing. 2. Ear flap is smaller. 3. Sign is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Pocketbook is missing. 6. Wreath is missing.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Oregon Library News

Holiday closings

The Library will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day).

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 Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. to discuss Montana 1948 by Larry Watson. Books on Tap will meet on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. (note date change) to discuss The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith. The 2nd Wednesday Book Club (2WBC) meets Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 12:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. to discuss Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan. 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. Books on Tap will meet on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss The Wonder by Emma Donoghue.

New – 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 you 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 Blue-STEM Readers' Choice List.

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.

Trivia Night

Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 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

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 starts now. Call the Library at 815-732-2724 for more information and to register.

New DVD releases

- The Christmas Blessing (Rated Christmas)
- The Man Who Saved Christmas (Rated Christmas)
- The Christmas Train (Rated Christmas)
- Bob The Builder-Bob's White Christmas (Rated Christmas)
- The Hurt Locker (Rated R)
- Crazy Rich Asians (Rated PG-13)
- Operation Finale (Rated PG-13)
- Ant-Man And The Wasp (Rated PG-13)
- Searching (Rated PG-13)
- An Elephant's Journey (Rated PG)

Byron Library News

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, and closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2018 in recognition of the New Year's holiday.

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.

Beanie Baby BINGO

Thursday, Jan. 3
10-11 a.m.
Ages: 6-10 years

Come play BINGO at the library for a chance to win Beanie Babies. 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.

Crafting with Cathy: String Art

Thursday, Jan. 10
6-7:30 p.m.
Create beautiful wall art with just wood, nails, and string. We'll have some simple templates to trace, but if you have something specific in mind please bring a print-out of the basic image. We will be pounding nails into wood, so please bring your own hammers! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

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



Patrons Arlene Sangmeister, Faith Pauling, Margo Ackland and Linda Black pose as the "Mt. Rushmore" of Illinois.

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.

Story Time is on winter break and will begin again 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.

Holiday Closings

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

Polo Library News

Children's Programs

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

School Holiday Break Programs

Saturday, Dec. 29, 1-3 p.m.

Drop in anytime.

Story and Take Home Craft

Ages 8-12

Registration required

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

Registration required

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

Movie at the Library

Ages 8-18

Registration required

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

Story and Craft

Ages 4-7

Registration required

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

Play Wii and Board Games

Ages 8-18

Registration required

School Early Out Program

Wednesday, Jan.23, 1-2:00 p.m.

Histories for Kids/Illinois Inventors

Ages 8-12

Registration required

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, January 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, January 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: White Teeth by Zadie Smith

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Friday, January 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: American Fire by Monica Hesse

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 (polo-library.org) and view the carousel, or come in to browse the new sections in our bookcases.

Adult Fiction

Her Last Word by Mary Burton

Large Print

In His Father's Footsteps by Danielle Steel

Chariot on the Mountain by Jack Ford

Young Adult Fiction

Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree by Adobi Tricia Nwaubani

Rock River Center representative

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

The Rock River Center provides a case-worker 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

Mount Morris Library News

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

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. We will not have Storytime on Dec. 26 or Jan. .

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 new pulp fiction book came to be written by our own trash king!

Jan. 18 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.

In January we will begin collecting information from our local area veterans for the Illinois Veterans History Project. This is an easy program designed to preserve the history of our local vets. We will have more information soon.

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 Year's Eve.



TV WEEKLY

Tuesday, December 18 through Monday, December 24

Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Hope's mom and aunts held a baby-naming session with her. Zoe confronted her father about his past behavior with women and reminded him that Taylor was her boss's mother. Meanwhile, Taylor met with her sponsor. Hope told Brooke she understood her position on Taylor, but she didn't want to upset Steffy and ruin the dynamic of their extended family. Steffy suggested to Taylor that she move in with her and Kelly. Wyatt and Sally practiced yoga poses while Sally shared her plans for a new athletic line for Forrester Creations. Brooke arrived at Steffy's and became agitated when she found Taylor alone with the baby. Wait to See: Steffy vehemently defends her mother to Hope and Liam.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Ted told Rafe that he and Hope were having an affair. Julie reminisced about her return to Salem 50 years ago. Lucas said goodbye to his family. Sonny and Will made a last-ditch effort to rebuff Leo's blackmail attempt. Justin delivered a letter to Chloe that contained some shocking news. Sarah continued to help Eric gain custody of Holly. Tripp comforted Kayla after she told him the news about Steve. Abigail broke into Kayla's office to find proof of Gabi's deception. Meanwhile, Julie snuck into Gabi's bedroom, hoping to get the goods on her. Maggie and Sarah argued about who should raise Holly. Wait to See: Julie uncovers Gabi's secret.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Ava was having a hard time. Julian tried to smooth things over. Carly paid a visit to Morgan's grave. Sonny defended his father. Laura brought Sonny up to speed. Nina was disappointed about something. Anna looked to the future. Chase felt misunderstood. Willow was caught off guard. Carly confronted "Kevin." Ava received a surprise visit. Nina was encouraged to give Valentin another chance. Griffin felt lost. Chase and Finn bonded. Kim gave Oscar his space. Cameron paid Julian a visit. Sonny and Oscar had a heart-to-heart talk. Stella gained a little more insight. Laura confided in Lulu. Wait to See: Margaux gets a new lead.

(See C-10)

Weekdays Daytime		Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo																				December 18, 2018				
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WTTW	2	Curious	Wild	Nature	Pink	Go Luna	Tiger	Tiger	Sesame	Sesame	Splash	Dino	Tiger	Nature	Peg	Pink	Arthur	Go Luna	Nature	Wild	Wild	Odd	Odd	PBS NewsHour		
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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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CW	15	Paid	Paid	The Real		The 700 Club		The Dr. Oz Show		Dateline		Wendy Williams		Fam	Divorce	Caught	Caught	Jerry Springer		Jerry Springer		Fam	Fam	Fam	Mod	
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TRUTV	55	Varied Programs					Jokers				Jokers	Jokers	Jokers													
OXY	56	Varied Programs																								

Table for Tuesday Evening, December 18, 2018. Columns include station call letters, time slots (7 PM to 11:30 PM), and program titles. Includes logos for Insight Communications, Oregon-Byron, and Polo.

Table for Wednesday Evening, December 19, 2018. Columns include station call letters, time slots (7 PM to 11:30 PM), and program titles. Includes logos for Insight Communications, Oregon-Byron, and Polo.

Table for Thursday Evening, December 20, 2018. Columns include station call letters, time slots (7 PM to 11:30 PM), and program titles. Includes logos for Insight Communications, Oregon-Byron, and Polo.

Table for Friday Evening, December 21, 2018. Columns include station call letters, time slots (7 PM to 11:30 PM), and program titles. Includes logos for Insight Communications, Oregon-Byron, and Polo.

Saturday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo

December 22, 2018

Table with 24 columns (7 AM to 6:30) and 50 rows of TV programming for Saturday, December 22, 2018. Includes channels like WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, etc.

Sunday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo

December 23, 2018

Table with 24 columns (7 AM to 6:30) and 50 rows of TV programming for Sunday, December 23, 2018. Includes channels like WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, etc.

Saturday Evening December 22, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, WQRF, CW, WHA, WQPT, ESPN, CNN, CNBC, AMC, LIFE, WGN-A, NICK, DISN, FREE, A&E, USA, TNT, BET, PARM, DISC, UNIV, HIST, BRAVO, HGTV, WTBS, FOXN, ANPL, TLC, TVLAND, COM, E!, HALL, MSNBC, FOOD, EWTN, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Sunday Evening December 23, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, WQRF, CW, WHA, WQPT, ESPN, CNN, CNBC, AMC, LIFE, WGN-A, NICK, DISN, FREE, A&E, USA, TNT, BET, PARM, DISC, UNIV, HIST, BRAVO, HGTV, WTBS, FOXN, ANPL, TLC, TVLAND, COM, E!, HALL, MSNBC, FOOD, EWTN, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Monday Evening December 24, 2018. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, WQRF, CW, WHA, WQPT, ESPN, CNN, CNBC, AMC, LIFE, WGN-A, NICK, DISN, FREE, A&E, USA, TNT, BET, PARM, DISC, UNIV, HIST, BRAVO, HGTV, WTBS, FOXN, ANPL, TLC, TVLAND, COM, E!, HALL, MSNBC, FOOD, EWTN, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Soap Opera Update (From C-7) THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Nikki found JT's bloody clothes displayed on her bed. Deeply shaken, she went to see Victoria, only to be interrupted by Reed's return home for the holiday break. Reed announced that he would, once and for all, find his father's killer. Cane made it clear that he didn't want his children hanging out with Reed. Meanwhile, Nikki booked a consultation with Mia in an attempt to befriend her. Abby asked Nick to join her new project as a consultant, but he wasn't willing to commit. Abby got a different idea after seeing Lola at her new pop-up shop inside the coffeehouse. Jack was perplexed by Kerry's pattern of missing dates and ignoring his calls. Reed flew into a rage, accusing his mother of keeping secrets from him. Wait to See: Victor is missing in action.



Michelle Stafford stars as "Nina" on "General Hospital."

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Why was Kevin Hart fired as host of the Oscars? I know it had to do with something he posted on Twitter. Did they find a new host yet? -- D.B.

A: Hart wasn't fired from his hosting duties, but chose to step down. It all started when the Academy demanded that he apologize for anti-gay comments he posted on Twitter several years ago. The actor/comedian refused, stating that he had addressed this issue before and that he was not the same person he was when he made those comments.

A few days later, he did issue an apology to the LGBTQ community, stating: "I am evolving and want to continue to do so. My goal is to bring people together, not tear us apart."

As of this writing, a new host has not been named. Reportedly, the Academy is considering having multiple hosts. Last year's ratings for the televised ceremony were the lowest ever, so it is apparently trying to shake things up a bit creatively in an effort to get more viewers.

Q: Is it true that the actress who plays the oldest daughter on "Modern Family" had another kidney transplant? Is she going to be OK? I still watch that show faithfully every week. -- A.J.

A: Yes, Sarah Hyland, who plays Haley on ABC's "Modern Family," underwent a second kidney transplant in 2017, but didn't go public with the news until now.

In an interview with "Self," she stated that she went through a period of major depression after learning that her body rejected her original transplanted kidney, which was donated by her father. Her new kidney was donated by her brother, and she appears to be doing well so far.

Q: Can you please tell me what happened to Danny's daughter on "Hawaii Five-0?" I haven't seen her at all this season. -- John W.

A: You're not the only viewer who has been wondering what happened to Grace, played by Teilor Grubbs. The actress has grown up on the show and is now a teenager, but hasn't been seen this season. Fortunately, she recently filmed scenes with her father, played by Scott Caan, for an upcoming episode, so if it hasn't aired by the time you read this, look for it in 2019.

Q: Whatever happened to actress Katrina Bowden? She had a small role on "30 Rock." I thought she was very funny and beautiful, but I haven't seen her in anything since. -- S.A.

A: Bowden, who recently turned 30, has earned a lot of credits since playing the vapid Cerie on the NBC comedy "30 Rock," including a regular role on the Ed Burns series "Public Morals," which lasted for one season on TNT. She also starred in a couple of TV movies for Hallmark.

Next up for Bowden is a role on the CBS daytime soap "The Bold and the Beautiful" where she'll play Flo, who



has ties to Wayne Brady's character, Reese. Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com!
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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

"The House with a Clock in Its Walls" (PG) -- Lewis (Owen Vaccaro) is 10 years old and an orphan, sent to live with his odd-ball uncle. It's hard to be the new kid, especially when you live in the creepiest house in the neighborhood. When he's dared into opening an off-limits section of the house to a schoolfriend, he accidentally wakes the dead, and he, his uncle and the neighborhood witch (a delightful Cate Blanchett as Mrs. Zimmerman) will have to work overtime to clean the clocks of the evil that's to come. Jack Black is at his most effective in weirdo roles, and he's simply magical here as Uncle Jonathan Barnavelt, a warlock who is the caretaker of this house with a secret. Pull up an enchanted sofa, and enjoy this film with a batch of chocolate chip cookies.

"A Simple Favor" (R) -- An unlikely friendship is struck between glamorous fashion executive Emily (Blake Lively) and mommy vlogger Stephanie (Anna Kendrick) that takes so many twists and turns that by the end of the movie you'll be sick to your stomach -- and loving it! The two women bond over play dates, so it's unremarkable when Emily enlists Stephanie as a babysitter. But then she doesn't turn up and eventually is discovered dead in a lake. There's intrigue, confession, sex and alternate personalities. Well-done performances by the leads and direction by Paul Feig. Adapted from the novel by



Darcey Bell.

"Little Women" (PG-13) -- When Louisa May Alcott published "Little Women," do you think she knew just how many times the March sisters would have to come of age on film? This release marks the seventh film adaptation, this time bringing Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy into the present day. Jo is a writer challenged to dig into her own life for meaningful material. Meg dreams of

domestic harmony, while Beth's quiet spiritual strength belies her fragile health, and Amy's artist talents blossom as she dreams of material wealth. It may be updated to the modern times, but it's 100 percent sappy and sweet -- like, the Hallmark Channel version. Lea Thompson is Marmee, and Lucas Grabeel plays Laurie.

"Venom" (PG-13) -- Tom Hardy stars as investigative journalist Eddie Brock, who, while trying to

expose the underhanded machinations of a big bio-engineering company, inadvertently bonds with an alien lifeform that unleashes superhero powers in him. This symbiote is called Venom, and unfortunately for the rest of us, is part of a group of no nose, big teeth, slimy actual people-eaters whose manifest destiny includes taking over the planet. Bummer. Brock/Venom face off against archtype billionaire bad-die CEO Carlton Drake (Riz

Ahmed), among other things. The superhero genre has a plentiful stream of offerings, there's no need to waste your time on this weak drivel.

NEW TV RELEASES
"The Sinner" Season 2
"Mars" Season 2
"WWE: Survivor Series 2018"

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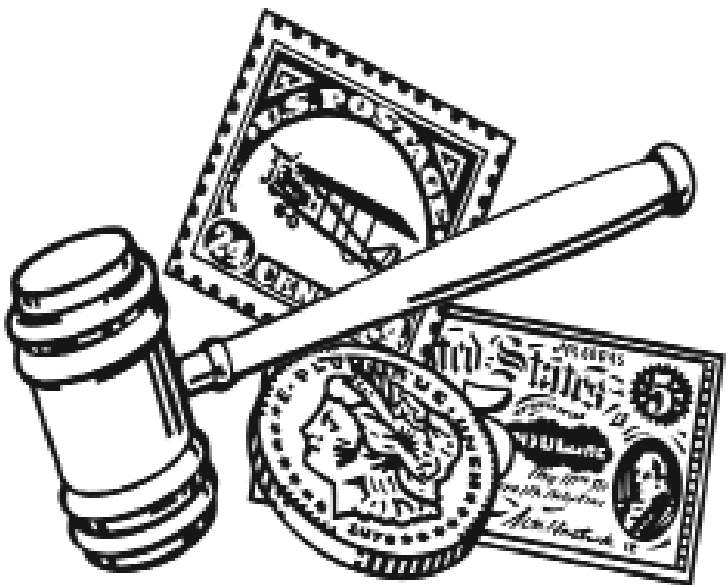
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REVENUE

Balance at the beginning of year July 1, 2017	\$70,737.28
Property Taxes	75,850.52
Rent	6,360.00
Book fines, etc	429.57
Interest Income	59.71
Memorials	1,515.00
USPO & Stamps	2,590.07
Trusts	30,000.00
Per Capita	1,662.36
Grants	4,999.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,128.51
Totals Revenues	\$125,594.74

EXPENDITURES

Salaries under \$25,00.00	\$57,082.56
Union Savings Bank, Payroll taxes	2,006.94
Fifth Third Bank Credit Cards, books, supplies, etc	4,180.98
Union Bank	4,405.34
Mark Miller	7,842.00
Country Mutual Ins Co., Insurance	4,173.87
Nicor, natural gas	4,623.16
Com Ed, electric	5,991.84
Fischer's Inc	7,329.62
IL Department of Revenue	2,691.23
Baker & Taylor	3,418.12
LR Communications	1,437.94
Edward Mitchell	3,699.17
Nick Heiderreich	1,180.00
Gaul's Climate Control LLC	2,555.00
Village of Leaf River	1,569.96
Penworthy	1,946.96
Others not exceeding \$1,000.	2,818.77
Totals Expenditures	\$118,953.46
Balance at the end of the year, June 30, 2018	\$77,378.56

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
110 E. HITT STREET, MT. MORRIS, IL 61054**



At the premises I, Lyle Dirks, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., Plaintiff v. Jeff Davidson, Amy Davidson and State of Illinois, Defendants, case No. 2018 CH 57 as sale officer, to conduct the sale, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning 17 rods and 5 ½ feet East of a point 56 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence North 8 rods; thence East 2 rods and 11 feet; thence South 8 rods; and thence West 2 rods and 11 feet to the place of beginning, in the Village of Mt. Morris; **EXCEPTING THEREFROM,** A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Ogle County, State of Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 07 seconds East (bearings assumed for description purposes only), 285.28 feet on the South line of said Northwest Quarter, to the Southerly extension of the East line of the premises as monumented and conveyed to Curtis C. Krueger and Lorraine E. Krueger, Trustees, from Curtis C. Krueger and Lorraine E. Krueger by Deed in Trust recorded August 4, 1992 as Document No. 9209271 in the Recorder's Office of Ogle County; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 49 seconds West, 52.95 feet on the Southerly extension of the East line of said premises so conveyed, to the Northerly right of way line of a public street designated Hill Street, as monumented, and the Point of Beginning, from the Beginning, thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 49 seconds West, 3.45 feet on the East line of said premises so conveyed; thence South 83 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds East, 26.23 feet, to said Northerly right of way line; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 35 seconds West, 25.99 feet on said Northerly right of way line, to the Point of Beginning; situated in the County of Ogle and the State of Illinois, commonly known as 110 E. Hitt Street, Mount Morris, IL 61054. **DESCRIPTION:** (Based on Appraisal) ranch home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage with approximately 789 square feet of living area. Good location. **INSPECTION:** Contact Christy Eastman at Sterling Federal Bank at 815-734-6051 to determine if property is available for inspection. **TERMS OF SALE:** 10% down day of sale, balance upon delivery of deed and possession. All funds shall be CASH, BANK DRAFT, or CERTIFIED CHECK. Sale is subject to taxes for 2017 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN "AS IS" CONDITION.** A contract embodying the terms of this notice and such additional terms as deemed appropriate, will be signed by the sale officer on behalf of the court and by the buyer at the time of the sale. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

ATTORNEYS: WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C.
**AUCTIONEER: LYLE DIRKS, IL 440000128,
STERLING, IL, PH. 815-626-3358**

INFORMATION

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8.30-Noon Thursday
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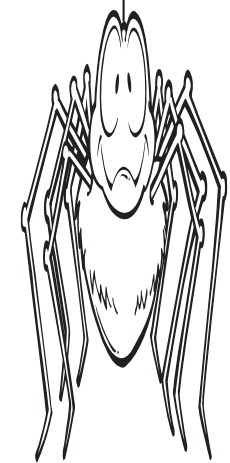
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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1) Motor Grader,

2) Sport Utility Vehicle
3) Crew cab full size pickup truck
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
No. 1215 (Dec. 17, 24, 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 29, 2018 in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the person owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Bela's Cafe, 317 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: November 29, 2018
Laura J. Cook,
Ogle County Clerk
No. 1202 (Dec. 10, 17,24)

**FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, There has been prepared in final form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Leaf River Fire Protection District of Ogle County, Illinois for Corporate, Ambulance and Insurance purposes for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019, which has been available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to its final action there on and;
WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AS TO SUCH a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on June 27,2018 at 7P.M. and a public inspection of said meeting was published in the Ogle County Life regularly published within the said district, and all legal requirements have been set and compiled with;

Section 1: That the following budget containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by the district during the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019 from all sources, of all expenditures contemplated during such fiscal year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget of said District for said fiscal year, and shall be in full force and effect from this date:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Available Check book balance as of June 20, 2018	\$188,000
2. Estimated collection on levy for fiscal year ending July 31, 2018	131,924.14
3 Interest Income	\$3,000
4. Ambulance Fees	10,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS \$ 332,924.14

AMBULANCE

Legal, Audit, Court	\$ 1,000.00
Meeting & conferences	300.00
Printing & Publishing	250.00
Supplies & Equipment	500.00
Trustee's Reimbursement	1,000.00
Amb. Attend Reimbursements	3,000.00
Fuel	2,000.00
New Ambulance Fund	1,000.00
New Equipment	2,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	2,500.00
Training	2,500.00
Building Maintenance	5,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Utilities	3,250.00
Outside Services	500.00
Contingency	500.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$27,300.00

GENERAL FIRE

Legal, Audit, Court	\$ 1,000.00
Meeting & conferences	300.00
Printing & Publishing	250.00
Supplies & Equipment	500.00
Trustee's Reimbursements	1,000.00
Fireman Reimbursements	6,000.00
Fuel	2,000.00
New Truck Fund	5,000.00
New Equipment	15,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	39,324.14
Training	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	5,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Utilities	3,250.00
Contingency	1,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FIRE	\$ 82,624.14
INSURANCE	+ 22,000.00
Subtotal this page	= \$104,624.14
Ambulance total	\$27,300.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED CORP. EXP.	\$131,924.14

LEAF RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ATTEST:
PRESIDENT-CHRIS DAVIS
SECRETARY-DAWN PLOCK
TREASURER-SANDRA SIMMS
No. 1209 (Dec. 17)

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LEGAL NOTICE**

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**105
BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES**

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**113
FINANCIAL**

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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SERVICES AND
REPAIRS**

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CARE**

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**203
HELP WANTED**

**Customer Service Representative - 2 positions.
One position must be bilingual.**

Company Description:

Growing subscription Fulfillment Company working with over 100 different magazines to manage their subscription databases and handle their customer service. We offer a hands-on, paid, training course that will enable you to learn and become a productive part of the team. We have a casual working environment where you can be comfortable at work.

CSR Responsibilities:

- 1) Answer phone calls or be ready and available to answer phone calls
- 2) Process data entry work during periods of low call volume
- 3) Adhere to strict lunch and break schedule
- 4) Handle complaints and diffuse customer's anger whenever possible, but escalate call to a supervisor when necessary
- 5) Routinely review help screens to keep abreast of policy changes
- 6) Follow customer service scripts for routine calls
- 7) Execute proper phone etiquette

Job Qualifications:

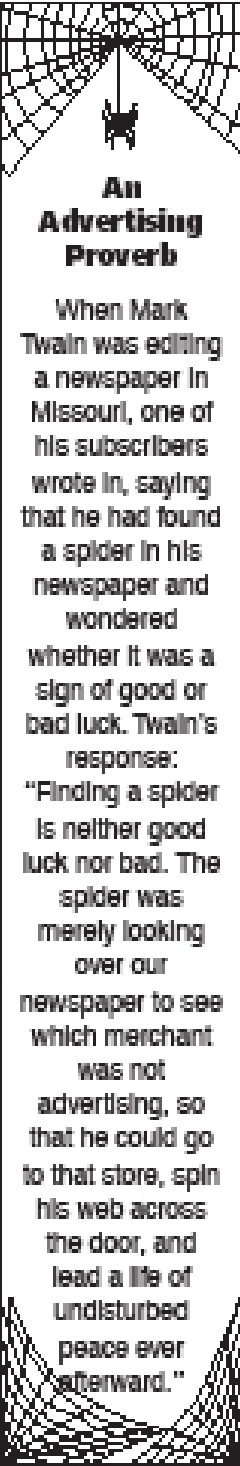
- 1) Call center experience is a huge plus
- 2) Kindness. A sincere desire to serve the customer
- 3) Communication. Excellent verbal communication skills
- 4) Consistent attendance
- 5) Retention. Ability to understand and implement different policies for over 100 publications
- 6) Patience toward the customer
- 7) Ability to work in a fast paced environment
- 8) 35 wpm minimum typing speed
- 9) 1-2 years customer service experience

Benefits:

- 1) Medical/Dental benefits after 2 full months of full-time employment
- 2) Pay days on 7th and 22nd each month with direct deposit option
- 3) 401(k) Retirement Savings and Life Insurance
- 4) 2 weeks vacation after completing one year of employment
- 5) Room for pay rate within the company

Pay commensurate with experience plus benefits (see above): Monday - Friday: 8 hours; shifts available from 5am-2pm to 8am-5pm

Send resumes to:
Cheryl Barringer
ESP Computer Services Inc
16 S Wesley Ave
Mt Morris IL 61054-1473
Or email to cbarringer@espcomp.com



**An
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Proverb**

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

203 HELP WANTED

LODGE MANAGER. The DeKalb Elks Lodge is Seeking a Full Time Lodge Manager. Please e-mail Resume With References to Lodge at dekalbelks@yahoo.com or Mail Them to: DeKalb Elks Lodge PO Box 993 DeKalb, IL 60115.

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301 ANTIQUES

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315 WANTED TO BUY

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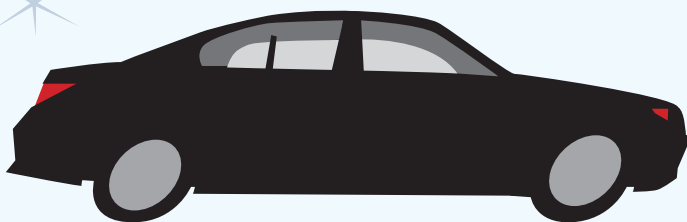
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