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Polo finally gets a new grocery store

Polo Fresh Food Market already hit with shoppers

By Brad Jennings
Editor

POLO – Lois Garman takes an item and places it in her cart.

“It is great,” she said with a smile. “It is beautiful.”

Strong feelings, especially for a grocery store. But Garman, who chatted recently while shopping at Polo’s new grocery store – Polo Fresh Food Market – has had to drive to Freeport or Dixon to do her shopping since Polo lost its grocery store eight years ago.

The new store opened on Jan. 28, and the response has been great, said owner Tushar Patel.

“Everybody loves it,” he said.

The store’s manager, Renee Krick, agreed.

“It was something the town really needed and wanted,” she said. “If you look at the vicinity, they really don’t have much without going to Freeport or Dixon.”

The store is open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday.

Patel, who also owns Lanark Food Center in Lanark, said the building the new store is in was formerly a Super Valu. After it closed, the building sat vacant for eight years.

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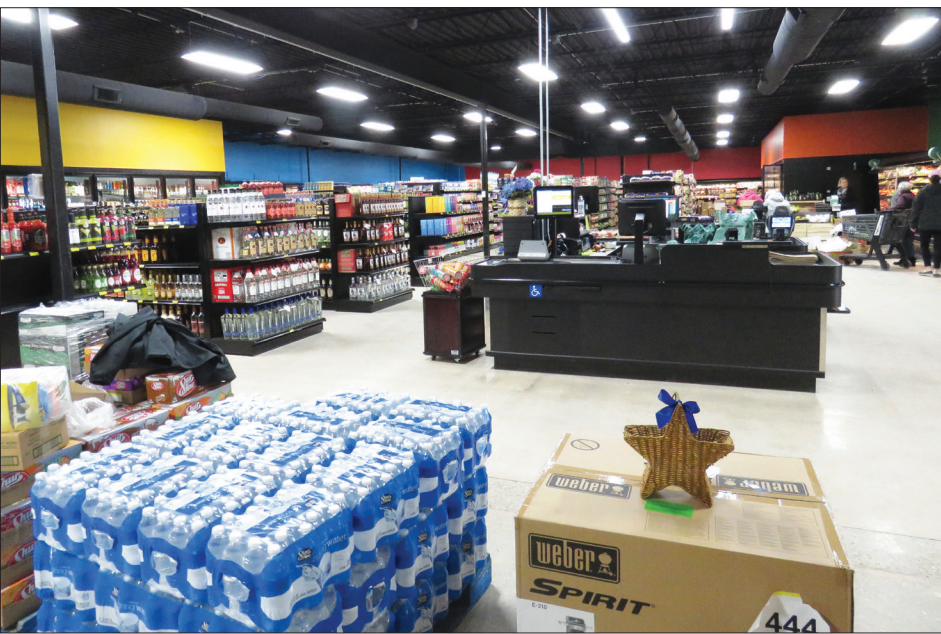
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MARKET: Shoppers have been thankful

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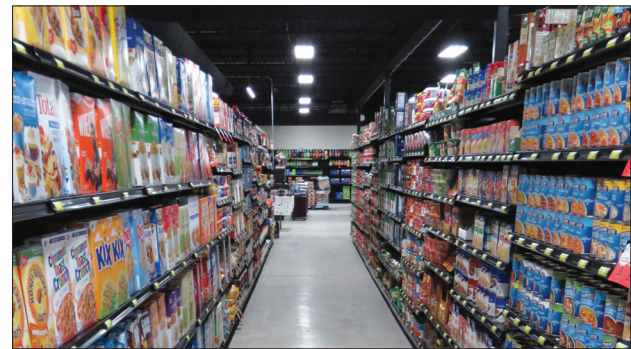
The store appears new inside, with wide aisles stocked with all the essentials. Patel said people have especially enjoyed the fresh produce.

The store also has a deli, fresh meat and a bakery.

And that's not all.

"You can get hot food to go," Krick said. "We are hoping we get a good lunch crowd from the locals that come in."

Krick said people have been very thankful and have asked to shake Patel's hand and thank him for opening the store, which has about 10



employees.

She said they are now paying attention to what is popular and will make adjustments as needed.

"We are going to see how the first 30 days go, and take

it monthly," she said.

Garman is already sold. A rural Polo resident for more than 60 years, she is ready to have her say.

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Rotary Club's 'Pot of Gold' fundraiser March 9

BYRON - Tickets are now on sale for the Rotary Club of Byron's Annual "Pot of Gold" draw down fundraiser Saturday, March 9 at PrairieView Golf Pavilion.

The event - presented in partnership with Holcomb Bank - once again features a \$3,000 Grand Prize.

"This has always been a much-anticipated community event," Rotary President Emily Porter said. "It's also an important fundraiser for Rotary's charitable giving program."

"All proceeds will help fund Rotary's 'Service Above Self Scholarship' to a worthy Byron High School senior, to provide free milk to qualifying grade schoolers and to provide a dictionary to every Mary Morgan Elementary third grader as well as other local, national and international projects."

Tickets are \$100 and

they admit two to the event, which includes a buffet catered by local restaurants, complementary beer, a cash bar and live music courtesy of "Sour Grapes." In the draw down, every ticket will win a prize donated by area businesses; every 10th ticket will win \$100 cash, and the grand prize winner will leave with \$3,000.

Side raffles will include opportunities to bid on premiere items; Rotary volunteer Corey Buck will emcee the event again this year.

Tickets can be purchased at Dickerson & Nieman Realtors (Alisa Patterson), Floski Law, LLC, Byron Bank (Mike Kohlstedt, Doug Knodle), Stillman Bank (Bryan Markham), Country Financial-Byron (Kerry Wickler), Byron Chamber Office (Sarah Downs), from any Byron Rotary member or by email-

ing spinzone1@aol.com

In addition to Presenting Sponsor Holcomb Bank, other sponsors for this year's event include: Byron Bank, Stu Whitt - Whitt Law, Alisa Patterson-Dickerson Nieman Realtors, Stillman Bank, Custom Concrete, Floski Law, LLC, and Virtus Capital Partners.

Businesses that would like to donate a prize of \$10 value or greater, or take advantage of a larger Pot of Gold sponsorship should contact spinzone1@aol.com or any Byron Rotary member.

In addition to local charitable efforts, Byron Rotary also supports the international fight against life-threatening diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria, and helps fund international clean water and community hygiene projects.

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



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Byron Forest Preserve District announces events

Winter Night Hike at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve – Saturday, Feb. 16

Byron Forest Preserve District Assistant Superintendent of Education, Janet Dahlberg will lead a winter night hike at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. Experience the winter woods and prairie at night. This is a beautiful time of the year to be out in the dark and we will likely see owls, deer and maybe hear coyotes in the distance. Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 North River Road in Byron. Dress for the weather. We will warm up afterwards with hot chocolate. This free program is for ages 6 and up. Advance registration is required by calling 815 234-8535, Ext. 200.

Restoring Soil Habitats Lecture Feb. 17

The Byron Forest Preserve District will be offering the second of its free 2019 Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, Feb. 17 beginning at 2 p.m. at their Jarrett Prairie Center Museum located at

7993 North River Road in Byron. The program is free and no advance registration is required. For more information call 815 234-8535, Ext. 200 or visit their website at www.byronforestpreserve.com.

Dr. Elizabeth Bach, The Nature Conservancy's Nachusa Grasslands Ecosystem Restoration Scientist, will discuss the importance of understanding soil biodiversity. People and the planet face several environmental challenges now and in the near future. Soil biodiversity is foundational to ecosystem services and functions. Soils help with carbon and nitrogen cycling, water filtering and storage, wildlife habitat, and climate change mitigation. Yet, soil biodiversity is rarely considered explicitly in land management approaches to improve ecosystem functioning. In her talk, Elizabeth will share how soil micro-habitats and microbial communities contribute to ecosystem restoration in the tallgrass prairie region, and how that fits into the larger picture of sustaining nature for future generations.

Serenity to host class on understanding grief

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home is pleased to announce it will be starting a 10-week class entitled, "Understanding Your Grief."

This class will run each Tuesday evening from March 5-April 23. The group will meet at The Serenity Shed, located at 131 N. 3rd St. in downtown Oregon from 6-7:30 p.m.

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers ten touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process. Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered

a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hospice's Bereavement Coordinator.

"I am very excited to offer a class like this one," Warren said. "Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end."

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt.

Please call Serenity Hospice to find out more information about this class - 815-732-2499 ask for Cathy Warren. Class sizes are limited so call today.

Davis Junction Historical Society will be open Feb. 17

DAVIS JUNCTION – The Davis Junction Historical Society will be open Feb. 17 from 1-4 p.m.

Although there is no program planned for February, there are some interesting ones in the works for this year. Refreshments will be served.

Stop in and see the exhibits, peruse the museums library, or just visit. You are always welcome.

Children's Center sign ups start soon

OREGON – Registration for the Oregon Park District's Children's Center for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Annual members may register one day early on Monday, Feb. 25. Residents may register at 7 a.m. and non-residents at 9 a.m. both days. The Children's Center will help prepare your child for Kindergarten as they learn to interact with their peers.

The three-year-old program meets on Tuesday and Thursday from either 8:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. The four-year-old program meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15-11 a.m. or 12-2:45 p.m. All program supplies are included in the monthly tuition payment. Children receive a snack daily.

Tuition for the three-year-old program is \$75 per month for residents and \$90 per month for non-residents. Tuition for the four-year-old program is \$110 per month for residents and \$132 per month for non-residents.

A \$25 non-refundable deposit and your child's birth certificate are required at registration.

Children must be toilet trained and be the appropriate age on or before September 1, 2018.

Children's Center Coordinator Jacquie Caspoy and assistant Teresa



Nehrkorn will guide your child through play and learning in both the 3 year old and 4 year old program.

Learning through play is a child's principle means of discovering his/her world in the three-year-old program.

During the two-hour program the children are offered opportunities to develop social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and caring for others. Colors, shapes, name recognition and development of small motor skills, such as cutting and gluing, as well as large motor skills,

are all part of the program.

In the four-year-old kindergarten prep program children will play and learn through stories, songs, art, games, and gym activities.

Cooperation, manners, and self-help skills are established through interaction with other children.

Children develop readiness skills for kindergarten including math concepts, problem solving, capital and lowercase letters, and letter-sound recognition. Name printing is established. Children will go on field trips in the community.

The Oregon Park District is excited for the 2018-19 school year to offer supplemental tuition for families that meet income guidelines through a donation from the A. Charles & Lillemore Lawrence Foundation.

Application and guidelines for the A. Charles and Lillemore Lawrence Scholarship are available at the front counter of the Nash Recreation Center.

Inquire at the Oregon Park District for all Children's Center registration details and information, 815-732-3101 or email tina@oregonpark.org.

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Obituaries

Leonard H. Benhart

MOUNT MORRIS – Leonard H. Benhart, age 89, passed away in his home on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019 with his wife by his side. Leonard was born Oct. 12, 1929 in Itasca, the son of Edwin and Esther (Pfungsten) Benhart. He grew up on a farm in Roselle. Leonard married Eleanor Steigerwald on July 29, 1950 in Roselle. Leonard owned and operated a body & auto repair shop in Roselle. Leonard and Eleanor moved to Spooner, Wis., and later moved to Mount Morris in 1991. When they moved to Mount Morris Leonard worked at the Rock River Senior Center. Leon-

ard loved helping family on all projects, construction, mechanical handyman, there was nothing he could not fix. Leonard enjoyed camping with family, fishing, boating, and playing cards.

Leonard is survived by his wife: Eleanor Benhart, Mount Morris; children: Pam Radzun, South Elgin; Donna Benhart, Mount Morris; Leonard Scott Benhart, Leaf River; Leslie (Monte Schwarm) Benhart, Farina; Greg Patton "Adopted Son," South Elgin; 8 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

Leonard is preceded in death by his parents; brother:

Richard Benhart; and grandson: Garret Mensching.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at 4 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mount Morris. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 from 2 p.m. until service time.

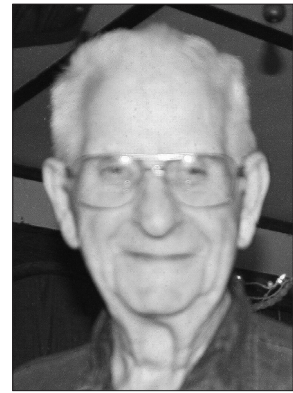
In lieu of Flowers memorials to Serenity Hospice & Home.

The family sends a special thank you to Val and Destiny and the rest of the Serenity Hospice & Home family for their wonderful care of Leonard.

Ervin J. 'Jack' Davis

OREGON – Loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Ervin J. "Jack" Davis, age 89, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 at the Oregon Living and Rehab Center. He was born Feb. 24, 1929 in Martin's Ferry, Ohio the son of Elsie and Viola (Oshinbine) Davis.

He married Mary Messer in 1964. Jack was a machinist and truck driver for Wood Brother's in Oregon for several years. He also previously worked in the family coal mine in Glen's Run, Ohio. Jack served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955. He was a member of the Oregon Masonic Lodge #420 of Oregon. Jack enjoyed



being in his garage doing woodworking.

He was predeceased by his parents, son John Davis, and 9 siblings.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Oregon, son Jesse (Elaine) Davis of Davis Junction, daughter

Margaret "Sissy" Roos of Chana, 2 step-sons; Retired Army Staff Sgt. Skip Lewis of Oregon, and Jeff Lewis of Oregon, 4 grandchildren; Ryan Roos, Daniel Roos, John Roos, and Ashley "Ash" Davis, Step-grandson Robin R. Bittner, Jr., and Step-granddaughter Jean Marie Bittner-Golden, 1 great grandson Matthew Roos, and 3 nieces.

Private Funeral Services held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Pastor David Rogula officiating. Burial will be in the Ebenezer Cemetery. To leave a condolence visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Harvey H. McCoy

BYRON – Harvey H. McCoy, 77, of Byron, passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at Serenity House in Oregon, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Sept. 12, 1941 in Greene County, Tenn., the son of Bud and Elva (Evans) McCoy.



He married Diana Wright on June 8, 1961 in Morristown, Tenn. Harvey retired after 47 years of service from Asplundh Tree Service, where he was a crew leader. He was a member of the IBEW Local 9 for 47 years. Harvey and Diana loved to travel to Texas, after his retirement. He enjoyed growing many things in his garden and sharing the bounty. Harvey was extremely devoted to his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Robert McCoy of Stillman Valley, Dawn

(Anthony) Hendrickson of Byron, and Deborah (Jeffrey) Harper of Chana; 10 grandchildren, Brandon and Emily children of Robert, Joshua, Meghan, Sarah and Olivia children of Dawn and Stephen, Aaron, Ashley and Nichole children of Deborah; seven great grandchildren, Samuel, Elise, Owen, Sophia, Gideon, Myra, and Troy; his siblings, Junior (Evelyn) McCoy of Rock-

ford, Catherine (Tommy) Oler of Whitesburg, Tenn., and George (Franel) McCoy of Morristown, Tenn.; his sister-in-law, Cheri (Larry) Back of Kissimmee, Fla.; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters, Edith and Ruth, and two brothers, Arlee and Guy.

Funeral Service was held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Earlville, with Rev. George McCoy officiating. Burial followed at Precinct Cemetery in Earlville. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to www.Eighner-FuneralHomes.com.

Arlene D. Beck

CHANA – Arlene D. Beck, 92, area resident since 2012, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 in Franklin Grove Living & Rehabilitation Center. Born Dec. 11, 1926 in Thompson, Iowa, the daughter of Hemme and Frances (Alberts) Troff.

Married to James A. Beck Sept. 9, 1950 in West Concord, Minn.; he died in 2005. Arlene farmed with her husband in Armstrong, Iowa. Following his death in 2005, she moved to

Bancroft, Iowa and then to Illinois in 2012. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Armstrong, its choir and United Presbyterian Woman's chapter.

Survived by her son, Gerald (Gail) Beck of Chana; daughter-in-law, Kelley Beck of Lake City, Fla.; grandchildren: Geoffrey (Jessica) Beck, Garren Beck, Gregory Beck, Gina (Adam) Morrison, Nicholas (April) Beck and Stephanie Beck; great

grandchildren: Braydon, Bryson and Zane Beck; and brother, Dennis (Carol) Troff of Cambridge, Minn.

Also predeceased by her parents; son, Duane Beck; brother, Harold Troff; and sisters: Ardis Smith, Shirley Freeburg and Dorothy Raymond.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Chana United Methodist Church. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Vera M. Davison

OREGON – Vera M. Davison, age 93, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019 at the Rock River Hospice & Home in Sterling. She was born July 7, 1925 the daughter of Leland and Cardine Anna (Kappenman) Kendel.

Vera graduated from Rochelle High School in 1942. She married Willis A. Davison on Dec. 10, 1950 in Mt. Morris. He preceded her in death in 2001. Vera was a former member of the Chana United Methodist Church. She liked to knit, crochet, and do puzzles. Her favorite snack was Cheetos. She loved to play bingo and when she won she would share her prizes with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Vera was predeceased by her husband Willis A.



Davison, daughter Julie Greenfield, son Willis J. "Harley" Davison, sisters; Arlene King, Verla Chamrad, and June Hartsell.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Mary Lynn Davison of Dixon, sister Pearl Cuddy of Calif., grandchildren; Tonya Shaw, Anna Davison, Graham Greenfield, Jeni (Monty) Smith, D.J. Em-

mert, and Ryan (Jenny) Lavelle, great grandchildren; Mackenzie Shaw, Vincent Smith, Spenser (Nolan) Yocum, Emery Lavelle, Julian Lavelle, and Lennon Lavelle, Great Granddaughter Nora Yocum, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, IL with the Pastor David Rogula officiating. Visitation was prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home from 9-10 a.m. Burial will be at the Daysville Cemetery. A memorial fund is established for the Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence.

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Obituaries

Robert Lee Terviel



STILLMAN VALLEY – Robert Lee Terviel, age 71, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born Sept. 26, 1947 in Rochelle the son of Herman and Margaret (Jueal) Terviel.

Robert served his country in the U.S Marines from 1967 – 1969. He worked for Badger Pipeline in Rockford from 1969 to 1999 when he retired. He also owned and operated Terviel Landscaping. In his spare time Robert liked to golf.

He was predeceased by

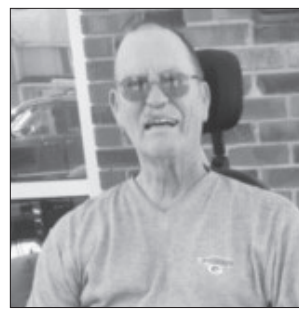
his parents, son Jeffrey Terviel, and sister Kaye Garrison.

He is survived by his 3

children; Wade Terviel of Stillman Valley, Kim Terviel of Durand, and Kevin Terviel of Rockford, brother Ronald (Sharon) Terviel of South Dakota, sister Mary (Paul) Terviel-Martin of Monroe Center, 4 grandchildren; Brett Terviel, Colbie Terviel, Addyson King, and Brandt King.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Robert's name. To leave a condolence visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Warren Lee Smith



BYRON – Warren Lee Smith 75, of Byron Illinois passed away Feb. 3, 2019 at Swedish American Hospital after a long illness. Born Sept. 11, 1943 to Emma (Hohlen) and Benjamin Smith, he attended Oregon schools; graduating high school in 1962. He joined the U.S. Army serving in Germany after high school.

Warren married Laura Lynn Hughes in 1967 and had 2 children: Jennifer and Stephen. He worked at E.D. Etnyre Co. as a welder for 32 years, retiring in 1996 due to a disability. He also coached little league baseball and umpired local baseball games for many years.

In 1987, he married Margaret Schrader. Warren

loved watching the Green Bay Packers, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls. He was an avid sports fan and loved 50's and 60's music. He went to many auctions especially Chana Sale Barn.

He is survived by his wife Maggie of Byron, daughter Jennifer Smith of Grand Rapids, Ohio; step-daughter Linda (James) Auth of

Oregon; 3 grandchildren, Amy (Tom Grace) Otten of Oregon, Tony (Pati Blain) Otten of and Eli Grace of Oregon; many nieces and nephews and his "special girl" Roxie.

He is predeceased by his parents, 5 brothers John, Harold, Edwin, Delano and David; sister Charlotte Krueger, son Stephen, and 2 step-daughters, Angela Boss and Rosalie Otten.

Cremation rites have been accorded per Warren's wishes, there will be no funeral or visitation. There is a Memorial Luncheon planned on March 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Oregon VFW, for family and friends to share memories and great stories of a good man.

Richard A. Williams

MOUNT MORRIS – Richard A. Williams, 74, lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019 in his home near Mount Morris. Born November 4, 1944 in South Bend, Ind., the son of Brainard and Naomi (Creech) Williams.

He was a 1962 graduate of Oregon High School and served in the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War. Richard was employed by H & W Motor Express for many years prior to retirement.

Survived by his brothers: Tom (Mary Ellen) Williams of Forreston and Randy Williams of Chadwick.

Predeceased by his parents.

A Celebration of Richard's Life will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 in his home at 5994 W. Lowell Park Road, Mt. Morris. Burial in Daysville Cemetery at a later date.

The family was assisted by Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon

Bread of Life has distribution dates

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 snack, conversation and groceries to bring home. We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route

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Polo Police report

Jan. 15

TIME: 10:21 p.m.
 REPORT: Amethyst L. Legge, 23, Polo, was cited for driving 39 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Legge was released on an I-bond.

Jan. 18

TIME: 10:29 p.m.
 REPORT: Shaun A. Sutton, 19, Mount Morris, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County warrant. Sutton was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Feb. 1

TIME: 7:14 p.m.
 REPORT: David A. Vaultonburg, 33, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Vaultonburg was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Feb. 2

TIME: 2:55 a.m.
 REPORT: Cory K. Springman, 42, Sterling, was cited for speeding 30 mph in a 40 mph speed zone. Springman was also arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Springman was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Feb. 4

TIME: 12:26 a.m.
 REPORT: Hailey E. Coss, 19, Dixon, was arrested for Driving with a Suspended License and speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Coss was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for service for the weeks of Jan. 14, 2019 thru Jan. 27, 2019

Citizen Complaints / Assist	18
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	7
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Fire / Medical Assist	8
Alarm / Open Door	1
Lock Out	6
Traffic Stops	10
County Assists	4

Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 3

At approximately 12:23 a.m., Deputies responded to a disturbance in the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer Park. After further investigation Scott Shirley, 30 of Mt. Morris was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. Shirley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 2

At approximately 3:45 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 5773 E. Brick road in Oregon. This was in response to a report of a domestic dispute occurring at the location. After an investigation, DC Hitchcock, 31, of Oregon was arrested for Affracted Battery to a senior citizen and domestic battery. Hitchcock was transported to the Ogle County Corrections center where he is currently being held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 31

The following people were arrested for outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Andre Peat, 18 of Sterling, for Failure to Appear. Peat has a full cash bond of \$1,941 and will appear in court on 02/01/19 at 1 p.m.

Brittany Grubbs, 24 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Grubbs has a full cash bond of \$913 and will appear in court on 02/01/19 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 30

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Meg Moorehead, 26 of Mt. Morris, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear. Moorehead posted the \$8 full cash bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail and with no further court date.

Jan. 27

At 3:42 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to I-39 at Mile Marker 112 for a vehicle in the ditch. After a short investigation, John L. Gray, 79, of Milwaukee was arrested for Driving on a Revoked License. Gray was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 26

At 4:24 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies investigated a one vehicle roll over accident that occurred on I-39 at Mile Marker 98. After an investigation deputies determined that Joshua R. Lampe, 25 of Byron, was driving southbound when he lost control of his vehicle due to icy road conditions. The Kia Forte that Lampe was driving slid into the median where it struck a guardrail and overturned prior to coming to rest. Lampe sustained several non life threatening injuries in the roll over and was transported to the Rochelle Hospital by the Rochelle Ambulance. Deputies were also assisted at the scene by the Rochelle Police. There were no citations issued in the incident.

Jan. 25

At approximately 3:32 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with Forrester Fire and EMS responded to the intersection of IL Route 26 and Montague Road in reference to a two vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation Deputies learned a 2012 Chevy Malibu driven by Sarah Kraai, 26 of Freeport was traveling southbound on IL Route 26 approaching the Montague Road intersection. A 2012 Infiniti SUV driven by Randy Zielinski, 66 of Chicago, was traveling westbound on Montague Road approaching the IL Route 26 intersection when he attempted to stop at the stop sign, but was

unable to and slid into the intersection on the snow covered road. Kraai vehicle then struck Zielinski's vehicle on the passenger side causing heavy damage to both vehicles before they ended up a short distance off the southwest side of the roadway. Zielinski, Kraai, and a 3 year old child in Kraai's vehicle were all transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital for minor injuries. Zielinski was later issued a citation for Failure to Yield the Right Away at an intersection and Kraai was issued a citation for No Valid License (expired less than a year). Freeport Rural EMS and Stephenson County Sheriff's Department helped assist with the accident.

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County Warrants:

Michelle Donoho, 23 of Dixon, for Failure to Appear. Donoho has a bond of \$343 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Donoho will appear in court on 01/25/19 at 1 p.m.

Lori Simpson, 19 of Rockford, for Failure to Appear. Simpson has a bond of \$732 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Simpson will appear in court on 01/25/19 at 1 p.m.

At approximately 7:22 p.m., Deputies located a vehicle in the ditch in the 11600 block of North Illinois Rt 2. After further investigation Christopher Sanchez, 27 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Sanchez was also cited for Driving Too Fast For Conditions. Sanchez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 24

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County Warrants:

John Roberts, 42 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Roberts has a bond of \$10,000/10 percent and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Roberts will appear in court on 01/24/19 at 1 p.m.

Tadd Schaible, 30 of Rockford, for Contempt of Court. Schaible has a bond of \$1,500 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Schaible will appear in court on 01/24/19 at 1 p.m.

Kaleb Harrolle, 19 of Freeport, for Failure to Appear. Harrolle has a bond of \$1,117 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Harrolle will appear in court on 01/24/19 at 1 p.m.

Candace Collins, 26 of Belvidere, for Failure to Appear. Collins has a bond of \$1,404 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Collins will appear in court on 01/24/19 at 1 p.m.

Joseph Lewis, 40 of Oregon, for Domestic Battery. Lewis has a bond of \$1,000 and remains at the Ogle County Jail. Lewis will appear in court on 01/24/19 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 22

At approximately 12:44 PM Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with Oregon EMS and Fire responded to the 1000 block of East Illinois Route 64 in reference to a two vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation, Deputies learned a white Ford van driven by Amanda Somers, 31 of Rock Island was traveling eastbound when Somers began to lose control of the vehicle on the slightly slush covered road. Somers vehicle then went into the westbound lane before striking a Dodge Grand Caravan head on, which was traveling westbound and driven by John Heng, age 84 of Oregon. Heng and his passenger, Cordelia Heng 82 of Oregon, were transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for minor injuries. Somers was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident

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Chas Cross

Chas Cross has been farming with his family throughout his entire life. He also studied Ag Business at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

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One of the perks Chas likes about being an agricultural loan officer is the ability to interact with other farmers.

When he is not helping his customers with their financial needs, Chas and his wife can be found spending time with their 5-month-old child. He enjoys being with family, snowmobiling and boating.

Chas was born and raised in Winnebago where he still lives and farms with his family.

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One of the 10 charities chosen to receive the funds from this campaign was Paws Humane Society Rockford. Founded in 1988, PAWS Humane Society is a local, non-profit charitable animal welfare organization. Their mission is to promote, support and provide for the humane treatment and welfare of animals in Winnebago County and the surrounding areas.

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Rogers beats out defending DLR spelling bee champion Peterson

MOUNT MORRIS – On Monday, Feb. 4, the local school spelling bee was held in the David L. Rahn Junior gymnasium.

Twenty-two seventh and eighth graders competed. OCUSD Assistant Superintendent, Adam Larsen, served as the proctor. The first word of the day was “litter” and the competition began. Only five contestants missed their first word. The remaining seventeen escaped elimination in round two by all correctly spelling their word. Round three saw three students misspelling their words. Another three fell in round four.

At the completion of round five, only nine spellers remained. The difficulty

of the words seemed to increase as well. Only one of the remaining spellers dropped out in the next round on the word, “Borneo.” Two more were lost in round seven and only one in round eight. Five spellers were left at the beginning of round 9 and it appeared that the competition could continue indefinitely. However, three students were quickly eliminated. Only eighth graders, defending DLR champion, Emmett Peterson, and Abigail Rogers remained.

After musing for quite some time on the word, “alabaster,” Emmett misspoke. Abigail only had to spell her word, “miniature” correctly. She confidently stepped to

the microphone, rattled off the letters correctly and was crowned DLR Spelling Champion. Abigail will now represent DLR in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, at Dixon High School from 10 a.m.-noon.

The participants included: Ethan Schafer, Kenna Wubbena, Thalia McDougal, Levi Eden, Rylie Robertson, Kaitlyn Drew, Samantha Limond, Kiele Carlson, David Barnett, Abigail Myers, Phoenix McCaslin, Raeya Miatke, Elenora Alfano, Cayden Lewis, Logan Sarver, Alexys Davis, Abigail Fletcher, Emmett Peterson, Jade Brewington, Calvin Gallagher, Elijah George and Abigail Rogers.

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Polo Farm Toy Show March 2

POLO – The 34th annual Polo Farm Toy Show will be Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Polo High School.

The event, sponsored by the Polo Lions Club, will feature about 100 dealer tables and a 50/50 drawing.

The cafeteria will be open during the event and run by the Polo Boosters.

Admission is \$3. Children ages 12 and under are free.

For dealer information, call Irene Short at 815-946-3730.

E-mail news items to
bjennings@oglecountylife.com

Michelangelo program will be Feb. 23 at Pinecrest Grove

MOUNT MORRIS – Encore! Mt. Morris presents Michelangelo with historic artist impersonator Scott Shepherd at the Pinecrest Grove Theater, South McKendrie and Evergreen in Mt. Morris on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.



show for cookies and conversation with time traveler, Michelangelo.

There are no set ticket prices; you may make a free will donation to help support Encore! at the show.

Viewing Scott Shepherd's portrayal of Michelangelo, audiences are invited to discover how he thwarted those who attempted to force failure upon him, by meeting every challenge and surpassing all expectations. By rubbing shoulders with a person of such inventiveness, humanity and intensity, audiences will be motivated to cultivate character traits of genius – keen awareness, powerful imagination, self-determination, and integrity.

Before the show starts Encore! will announce their 2019 schedule, stay after the

Additional information and tickets are available online at EncoreMtMorris.com, or by phone at 815-734-2103.

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.

Park District to host lifeguard class

BYRON – Byron Park District will be facilitating an American Red Cross Life Guard Certification Class.

This class is perfect for those wishing to lifeguard over the summer months. The primary purpose of the American Red Cross lifeguarding program is to train lifeguards to act with speed and confidence in emergency situations both in and out of the water. Topics include water rescue skills, surveillance and recognition, first aid, breathing and

cardiac emergencies, CPR, AED and more. Upon successful completion of written and skill tests, participants will receive a 2-year Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certification.

Class dates are as follow: Feb. 20, 5:30-7 p.m., pre-requisites; Feb. 23, 10a.m.-4 p.m., Water Entries & Rescues; Feb. 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Breathing Emergencies, CPR & AED; Feb. 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m., First Aid, Head & Back Injuries. March 4,

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Final Written, CPR & Water Skills Tests.

Participants must attend all classes; No makeup dates available. The fee is \$110 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. The course is open to anyone, 15 years and older. Registration deadline is Feb. 12. Contact Aquatics and Recreation Administrator, Carrie Stralow, at 815-234-8435 for more information or visit www.byronparks.org to register today.

Annual literacy night to be held Feb. 28

BYRON – Byron Kiwanis and Mary Morgan Elementary School are partnering to sponsor a 3rd Annual Kindergarten Family Literacy Night on Thursday, Feb. 28.

This free event is for Mary Morgan Kindergarten students and their families to share in a Dr. Seuss fun-filled

evening. A complimentary dinner (hot dogs, chips and cookies) will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30-6 p.m. and games/activities from 6-7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to your child's Kindergarten teacher by Feb. 14, letting them know how many parents, sib-

lings and grandparents will be attending. Each Kindergarten receives a Scholastic book and other giveaways. Siblings will enjoy activities and take-home some goodies too.

We are celebrating National Reading Day, Dr. Seuss' Birthday and the month

for Annual Kiwanis "Read Around the World." When parents are involved, children exhibit faster rates of literacy acquisition, earn higher grades and test scores, adapt better and attend more regularly.

Event questions, please contact: Michelle Albert 815-985-5102.

Crossroads Quilt Guild to meet Feb. 18 in Forreston

FORRESTON – The Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will offer a workshop on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Rd. Forreston.

The workshop will be Summer Blooms a cotton and wool project. You will learn how to make flying geese, and wool applique.

The deadline for signing up for this workshop is Feb. 11. Anyone interested

in this workshop, guild member or not, should call Nina at 815-275-6384 for sign-up and to order supplies for the class.

Later that evening at 7 p.m. the program will feature Jill Shaulis owner of Yellow Creek Quilt Designs, Pearl City. Her program will be Through The Years At Yellow Creek Quilt Designs.

Guild meetings are held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport

Road; Forreston, the third Monday of each month, with quilt demo warm-ups and ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Guest are welcome for the admission of \$5.

Anyone interested in discovering what quilt guilds are all about are encouraged to come and visit. For more information call Deb at 779-348-1638 or Beth at 815 732-7808.

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Valentine's Day

Romantic getaways as Valentine's Day gifts

Escaping the daily grind (and winter weather depending on where you live) may be a top priority when February arrives. Fortunately, there are plenty of destinations to beckon couples eager for romantic getaways.

For those planning a romantic excursion this Valentine's Day, there are many places close to home or all around the world that provide romantic ambiance.

- **Niagara Falls:** Niagara Falls is part of both Canada and the United States. It is best known as a honeymoon destination, attracting millions of couples each year who want to get a glimpse of the breathtaking falls. The areas surrounding Niagara Falls continue to be revitalized and now boast restaurants, a casino and performance venues.

- **Napa Valley, California:** Rolling vineyards, cozy caverns, restaurants, luxurious hotels, and amazing landscapes draw visitors to this area time and again. A wine lover's paradise, Napa can be the ideal backdrop for intimate conversations and tours taken hand-in-hand.

- **New York, New York:** While a visit to the Big Apple can appeal to just about anyone looking for a getaway, couples focused on romance may find it especially endearing. Individuals can take famed carriage rides through historic Central Park or recreate the pivotal scene from "Sleepless in Seattle" atop the Empire State Building. Scores of eateries, coffee shops, theaters, and more make NYC a great Valentine's Day destination.

- **Positano, Italy:** This village on the Amalfi coast possesses all the components that make for a romantic getaway. From pastel-colored buildings to idyllic beaches to stunning sunsets to local shops for browsing, it's well worth the stamp in a passport to see this seaside town.

- **Quebec City:** Travelers long have flocked to Quebec for its history and European flair. With cobblestone streets, cafes and amaz-



ing architecture — not to mention French-speaking residents — it's hard to beat the romantic appeal of his city.

- **Hawaiian islands:** Islands like Maui and Kauai feel like faraway paradises, even though they are a part of the United States. Luxe resorts, tropic climes, breathtaking beaches, and the marvels of richly hued nature consistently place Hawaii among the most

romantic destinations in the world.

- **Savannah, Georgia:** Southern charm and rich history draw people to this Georgia gem. Tupelo and cypress trees create picturesque views, and there is a wealth of cozy inns for out-of-towners.

- **Seville, Spain:** An hour away from Spain's southern coast, Seville features historic architectural treasures, delectable eater-

ies, magnificent plazas, and other attractions that are ideal for romance-minded travelers.

- **Aspen:** Couples who want to cuddle in a lodge and enjoy the slopes and sights can spend a few days in this quintessential skiing paradise.

Romantic couples who love to sightsee have numerous options at their disposal this Valentine's Day.



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Oregon Police report

Jan. 20

At 3:41 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for use of a cell phone while driving to Laurie J. Giese, 61, Oregon. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Jan. 21

At 3:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle to Karissa C. Call, 24, Polo. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Adams Street.

Jan. 23

At 3:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for unlawful window tint to Carlos Sotelo-Espindola, age 34, Mt. Morris. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

Jan. 24

At 1:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Duane A. Deuth, 59, Chana, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Deuth was also issued citations for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Deuth was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 4:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for use of a cell phone while driving to Troy W. O'Brien, 43, Oregon. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 14th Street.

Jan. 27

At 12:04 a.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for no valid driver's license to Jacob L. Payne, 34, Dixon. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

At 5:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for speeding, 47 mph in a 30 mph zone to Willie Singleton, 63, of Decatur. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 9:28 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of N. 4th Street resulting in the arrest of Devin S. Bailey, 35, Oregon, for two counts of domestic battery and violation of bond conditions. Bailey was transported to the Ogle County jail.

84 parking tickets and 5 verbal/written warnings were issued from 01/21/19 through 01/27/19.

General calls for service

Through dispatch during the week of 01/21/19 through 01/27/19:

Checking a Subject/Vehicle	7
Citizen Complaints	6
Juvenile Complaint	1
Animal Complaint	2
Ordinance Violation	2
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	8
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Assist EMS / Other Department	4
Lockout Vehicle/Building	5
Traffic Stops	15

Jan. 28

At 5:17 p.m., Oregon Police issued citations for unlawful tinted windows and operating an uninsured motor vehicle to Bradley R. Mulder, 33, German Valley. These violations occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 11:05 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael S. Dixon, age 19,

Davis Junction, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a domestic battery charge. Dixon was also issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams. A passenger in Dixon's car, Caylee J. Toepfer, 21, Stillman Valley, was issued a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and a state citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a passenger. Dixon was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Jan. 29

At 3:04 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a traffic crash at the intersection of 4th and Madison Streets involving a 1992 Honda driven by Neil A. Carreno, 17, Oregon, and a 2016 Mercedes-Benz driven by Paula L. Tegeler, 66, Oregon. Carreno was issued a citation for improper backing.

At 6:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for driving without lights when required to Carter R. Fruin, 17, Mt. Morris. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 7:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration to Mackenzie A. Reimer, 17, Mt. Morris. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Jan. 31

At 6:10 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of 10th and Washington Streets involving a 2015 Chevrolet driven by Allison R. Henson, 20, Mt. Morris. Henson was issued a citation for driving too fast for conditions.

Feb. 1

At 9:29 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of W. Washington Street involving a 2011 Kenworth truck/tractor driven by Sean M. Mascal, 33, of Sycamore, IL, and a parked 2015 Hyundai belonging to Marilyn J. Carr, 61, Rochelle, IL. No citations were issued.

At 10:00 a.m., Oregon Police were notified of a two-vehicle traffic crash that had occurred on the previous evening (1/31/2019) at approximately 11 p.m., involving a 2005 Dodge driven by Matthew A. McKenzie, age 50, Oregon, and a 2013 Nissan driven by Jacob D. Duke, 19, Oregon. McKenzie was issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

At 4:38 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of W. Washington Street involving a 2007 Dodge driven by Christopher M. Russell, 45, Oregon, and a parked 2016 Toyota owned by Katherine E. Champley, age 31, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 5:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued an unlawful window tint citation to Chad M. Rowe, 39, Oregon. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

At 7:37 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael J. Parks, age 39, Oregon, on an outstanding warrant out of Elgin, IL, for failure to appear on a domestic battery charge; Virginia

N. Sensor, 38, Oregon, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a driving while license suspended. Both Parks and Sensor were transported to the Ogle County jail. At the jail Parks was also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

At 9:17 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Brandon E. Anderson, 29, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for retail theft. Anderson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Feb. 2

At 3:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration to Dawn K. Durkin, 46, Rockford. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 4:10 p.m., Oregon Police issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle to Debra L. Razo, 55, Rock Falls.

At 4:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for use of a cell phone while driving to Alli M. Miskell, 24, Oregon. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 5:06 p.m., Oregon Police issued an unlawful window tint citation to Skyler S. Thompson, 36, Rockford. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 7:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for no taillights to Alex S. Moyer, 22, of Cordova, IL. This violation occurred in the 300 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:05 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Lois A. Barnhart, 65, Dixon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Barnhart was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Barnhart was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

Feb. 3

At 9:47 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device to Hanna K. Johnson, 17, of Savanna, IL. This violation occurred in the 200 block of S. 10th Street.

At 10:09 p.m. Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 200 block of N. Etnyre Ave. resulting in the arrest of Thomas W. Cardey, 47, Oregon, for domestic battery. Cardey was transported to the Ogle County jail.

35 parking tickets and 4 verbal/written warnings were issued from 01/28/19 through 02/03/19.

General calls for service

Through dispatch during the week of 01/28/19 through 02/03/19:

Checking a Subject/Vehicle	7
Citizen Complaints	7
Animal Complaint	1
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	7
Disturbance / Domestic	6
Assist EMS / Other Department	9
Alarm Response / Open Door or Window	3
Lockout Vehicle/Building	3
911 Hang-up / Open Line	3
Traffic Stops	24



Byron Museum hosting art show

BYRON – Byron Museum of History is hosting an Art Show in February and March.

Most of the artwork was submitted by area artists that belong to the Eagle's Nest Art Group. The eclectic display offers something for every taste including 3D stone carvings and pottery. Many items shown are available for purchase.

Eagle's Nest Art Group welcomes all who are art-minded to participate in its full schedule of programs and art show opportunities. Whether you are an experienced artist or a beginner or just a person who is interested in art, you will fit in to this low-key, friendly group.

A variety of media are represented, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, calligraphy, pencil, photography, handmade jewelry, fiber art, and several other forms of 3-dimensional art. The group welcomes all forms of art.

If you would like a

list of programs and/or a membership form, call 815-732-7783. Find us on FACEBOOK at Eagle's Nest Art Group, Oregon, Illinois.

Visit the Byron Museum Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 2 through March to see the exhibit. Book a tour by calling the Byron Museum at 815-234-5031, or sending an e-mail to info@byronmuseum.org.

The Byron Museum of History is located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, Illinois, 61010. Our website address is www.byronmuseum.org

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 11

Library Dance Party at the Byron Library, 10-10:45 a.m. For ages 18 months-5 years, with caregiver. Explore new music and move with shakers, scarves, and ribbon wands. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Tues., Feb. 12

Bread of Life food pantry and soup kitchen, serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District, has a distribution from 3-5 p.m. Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of

North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley.

Teen Jeopardy Tournament at the Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley. Test your knowledge and outwit competitors for power, glory, and prizes, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Fri., Feb. 15

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.

Sat., Feb. 16

Byron Forest Preserve District Assistant Superintendent of Education, Janet Dahlberg will lead a winter night hike at the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve from 6-8:30 p.m. This free program is for ages 6 and up. Advance registration is required by calling 815-234-8535, Ext. 200.

Sun., Feb. 17

The Byron Forest Pre-

serve District will be offering the second of its free 2019 Winter Lecture Series beginning at 2 p.m. at their Jarrett Prairie Center. The program is free and no advance registration is required. For more information call 815-234-8535, Ext. 200 or visit their website at www.byronforestpreserve.com.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Feb. 28, 1844, President John Tyler cruises the Potomac with 400 others aboard the U.S. Navy's new steam frigate USS Princeton. The Princeton carried a new 12-inch, 27,000-pound cannon called the Peacemaker. During a test firing, the cannon exploded, killing several aboard, including two members of Tyler's cabinet.

* On March 3, 1875, the first indoor game of ice hockey is played in Quebec. Prior to the move indoors, ice hockey was a casual outdoor game, with no rules regarding the number of players per side. For the 1875 Montreal game, the ball was replaced with a wooden disc, now known as a puck.

* On March 2, 1929, The Jones Act, the last gasp of the Prohibition, is passed by Congress. The act strengthened the federal penalties for bootlegging.

* On Feb. 27, 1936, Shirley Temple receives a new contract from 20th Century Fox that will pay the 7-year-old star \$50,000 per film, equal to \$910,264.49 in today's dollars. The studio also altered her birth certificate, making it appear that she was a year younger.

* On Feb. 26, 1949, from Carswell AFB in Texas, the Lucky Lady II, a B-50 Superfortress, takes off on the first nonstop round-the-world flight. The Lucky Lady II was refueled four times in the air and returned after 94 hours.

* On Feb. 25, 1964, Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. Later that year, Clay took the Muslim name of Muhammad Ali.

* On March 1, 1971, a bomb explodes in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., destroying a bathroom and barber shop but injuring no one. A group calling itself the "Weather Underground" claimed credit for the bombing, done in protest of the ongoing U.S.-supported Laos invasion.

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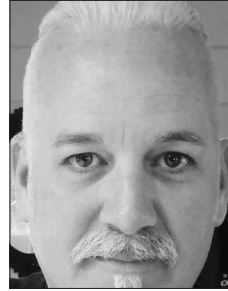
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Losing retail giants sad sign of the times

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I just made possibly my last purchase at Sears.

It was too good a deal to pass up, but also kind of like picking meat off of a retail carcass. My wife and I bought a new refrigerator from the Sears at the mall in Rockford. That store, sadly, is closing.

It is simply depressing to walk into the store, one of many closing across the country as the former retail giant continues to spiral, probably into nothing but our memories and history books.

Yes, there are great deals to be had at the store right now. We saved a ton. But when I looked at employees, I simply saw people who will be losing their jobs. The man who helped us had been there 14 years.

Sears is just one of the many retailers that are struggling or are simply gone. Kmart? Bye. Toys R Us? Gone. Looking for a Radio Shack? Good luck. J.C. Penney? Disappearing quickly.

Sears is especially hard to take. It is such an American

icon. Many of us have very fond memories of grabbing the Sears catalog before Christmas and staring at the pages filled with toys that we hoped to find under our tree that year.

We loved going to the store—a store that had pretty much everything. It was a place the entire family could go shopping and everyone could find something they wanted.

But Sears and many other stores are finding life a real struggle in the age of Internet shopping. Amazon is a

monster that is eating local and national retail stores at an alarming rate.

Even the mall itself is in danger of becoming extinct. Remember how cool they were in the 70s, when they were still fairly new? Everyone loved going to the mall to shop, hang out and grab something generally terrible to eat.

Going to a mall these days can be depressing. It seems to be the same few stores clinging to a business model that is seemingly in its death throes.

Things change, of course. We aren't going to dry good stores anymore, or the blacksmith. I completely understand that.

But these local stores mean two very important things: Local jobs and local taxes. Whine about taxes all you want, but when area retailers disappear, so will your decent roads, services and schools. I am very concerned about this. It is becoming more common for states to collect taxes on items purchased online, but

are local taxes included? Generally, I believe the answer to that is no.

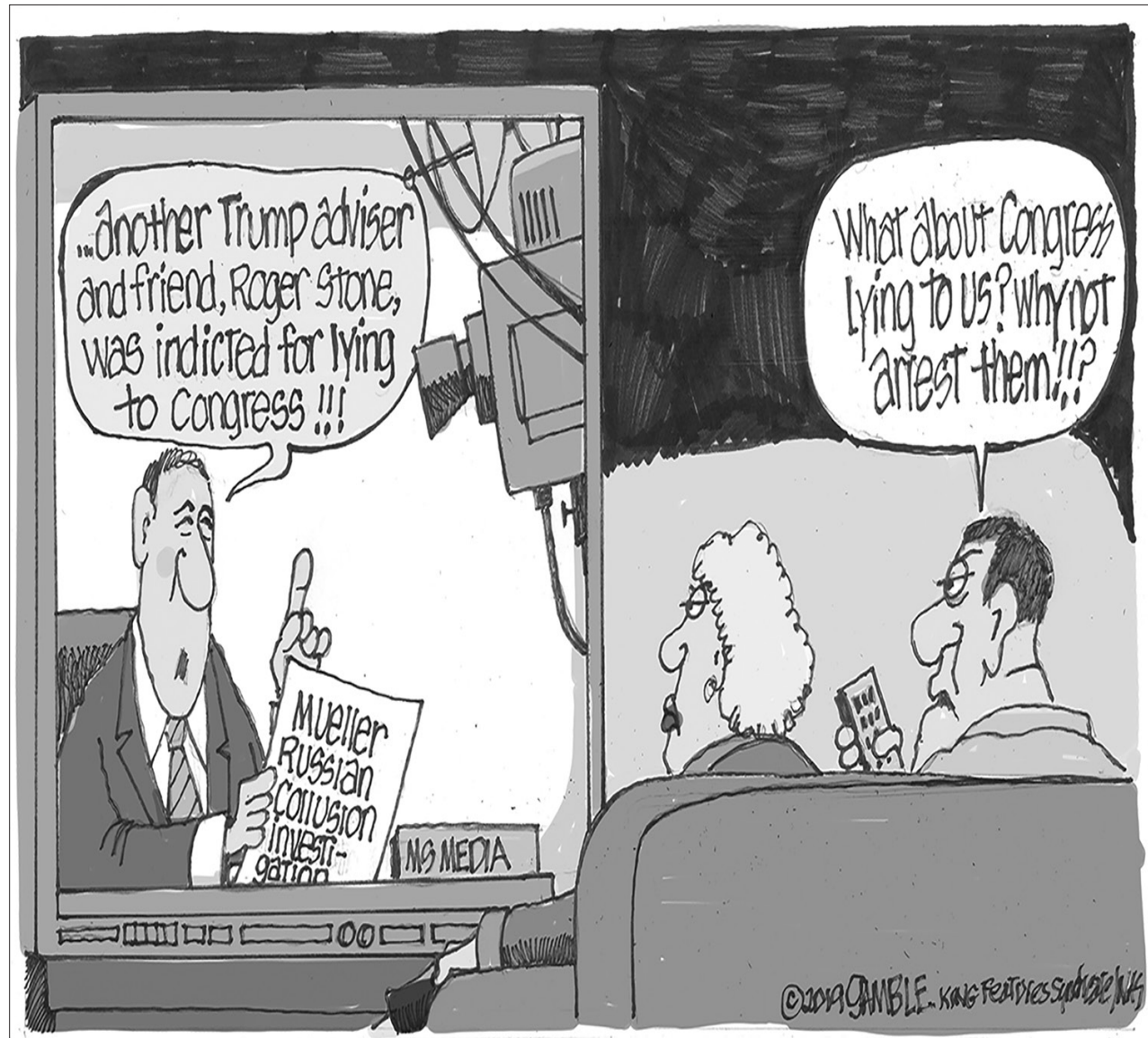
And there is the jobs. Yes, our economy has been on the upswing now for years and unemployment is low. But many people are losing decent paying jobs with benefits to go to a minimum wage job with poor or no benefits.

And not to dive into the black hole that is a minimum wage discussion, but I will simply say the current federal minimum wage is sickeningly low. It is a national embarrassment.

So as stores go away, please remember that taxes and jobs go with them. And so does the vibrancy and soul of a community in many ways. Mom and pop stores have already given way to retailers like Walmart. Now the Walmart's of the world are being choked out by beasts like Amazon.

Sure, the convenience is great. But at what cost?

Brad Jennings is editor of The Ogle County Life.



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We need to hold elected officials accountable

Dear Editor,

Our newly elected Illinois governor recently signed into law SB-0337. This law requires Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders to also be licensed through the state of Illinois.

Before going any further let me clarify that I do not hunt an FFL, and I do not hunt, but I do enjoy the challenge of target shooting.

Mr. Pritzker signed SB-0337 under the purported intent of safety. Ask yourself does this law make you any safer? Then ask yourself who this law benefits?

What the state would like you to think

is that you are safer, what the state believes (I think) is that this law will increase state coffers through large licensing fees (\$1500.00 per FFL). In practicality, this law will do neither. What this law does do is create another government bureaucracy that intrudes further into Illinois taxpayer's lives. This law will further stymie small business (many FFL holders I have talked to will give up their license) and do nothing more than increase costs for Illinois residents who enjoy outdoor activities such as the shooting sports. And it will further increase taxes on all Illinois residents to support the bureaucracy; think less competi-

tion with the same demand. The remaining businesses holding an FFL, will be passing these costs onto you, the consumer. This is nothing more than an expansion of Chicago "pay to play" politics/theatrics.

No matter where you reside on the political spectrum this law does not benefit Illinois residents. Maybe this is just part of a grand plan to push even more people out of Illinois. Illinois has been hemorrhaging residents for quite a few years now and the only thing our elected officials can come up with is to further stymie small business and raise taxes on the businesses and residents that remain?

This thought process (or lack of it) on the part of our elected officials is taking place at all levels, from boards, to city councils, and on up the ranks. You may be saying to yourself, this doesn't affect me, or I have no influence or voice at this level. People, get involved! Let your voice be heard! Hold your elected officials accountable! They are supposed to represent the best interests of their constituents. When these rules, regulations, and laws are proposed ask your elected officials to explain just how these laws benefit you the taxpayer and see how they respond, or if they can respond!

Bill Pirnat, Byron

Thankful for help after outage

Dear Editor,

Yesterday, many of us in the Nordic Woods area of Marion Township (and the surrounding area) suffered a huge outage of electricity, telephone, cable television and Internet access about noon when a vehicle accident took out a telephone pole on Marrill Road, at the intersection of Nordic Woods Drive and Concord. No electricity, no heating our homes, no Internet, etc., and it was nasty cold outside. According to Commonwealth Edison, there were 394 homes affected.

Our thanks to the unheralded heroes who worked that day from about noon until 8:45 p.m., when the electricity, telephone, cable, etc., were restored. There were 8-10 trucks parked at the accident site with probably a dozen different utility workers putting it all back together, storing an important part of our lives. Whenever there is a significant outage, regardless of location or weather conditions, these men (and many others like them) have to go out and restore the power, etc., essentially cleaning up someone else's mess, whether caused by "mother nature" or fellow humans.

Bill Brod, Byron



Oregon residents thanked for generosity over holidays

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank Oregon residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Oregon and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.8 million shoeboxes in 2018. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2018, the ministry is now sending more than 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease and famine.

These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Oregon shoebox packers are closed until November 2019, anyone can still pack a personalized shoebox gift online at samaritanpurse.org/buildonline. Information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at samaritanpurse.org/volunteerwithOCC.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project – many who do so year after year. These simple gifts send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Dana Williams, Operation Christmas Child
Boone, N.C.

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"Thank you for your weekly paper. We appreciate reading all the news."

Raymond & Ardis Kump

"Love the Ogle County Life paper. Keep up the good work."

Barbara Horner

"Thank you. We enjoy reading your paper."

Adrienne Hiatt

"Thank you for your service to our local communities through your publications. It is appreciated."

Carole Sutton

"We enjoy Ogle County Life and thank you for publishing it!!"

The Williams Family

"Ogle County Life thank you."

In Christ, Gail

"Thank you for your service to the community."

Mike Kuhn

"Happy New Year & thanks for keeping us updated on what's going on in our county."

Liz Palmer

"I really look forward to reading the Ogle County Life each week. You all do a wonderful job. Brad Jennings, your columns are awesome. Everyone keep up the good work. God bless each of you."

Charlene Boward

"Enjoy getting the Life every Monday. Please continue.."

Carol Garkey

"Thank you so much for your continued service. We enjoy the paper alot. "

The Klapps

"Thank you for the fine work that everyone does to create the weekly paper. "

Mary Blckmore

"Thanks for the great paper every week for free. It's great to get caught up on all the news around our area, also enjoy doing the NFL Football picks during the season."

Bob Alberts

"We enjoy the Ogle County Life. We look forward to receiving the paper every week."

Roland & Lonna Nelson

There is still time to help out!

There is still time to join your friends Honorary Staff Member of the Ogle County Life by making a voluntary payment to help us defray the rising costs of publishing Ogle County's Most Widely Read Weekly Newspaper.

In addition, 10 % of all contributions made by February 28 will go to area senior centers as a donation to help provide services for our county's senior citizens.

Thank you to all of our Honorary Staff Members for your comments and support. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,
Mike Feltes, General Manager

Medicare, Soc. Security program set

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, Feb. 20, 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.

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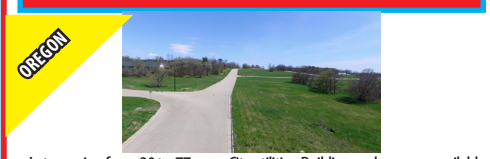
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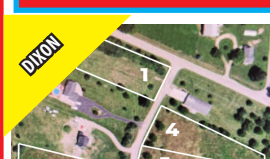


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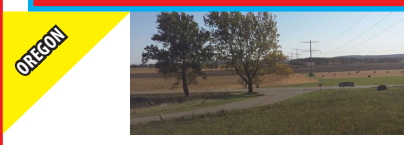


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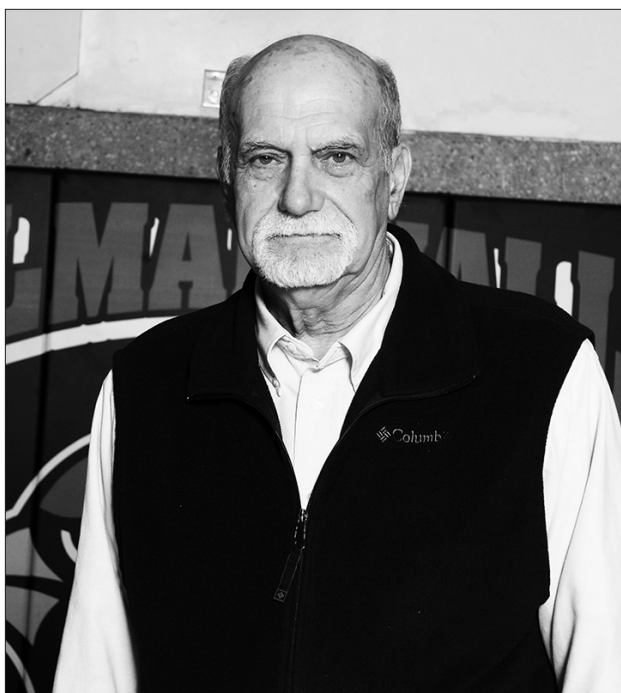


Bratta nominated for ICCA Coach of the Year

STILLMAN VALLEY

— Phil Bratta has coached IHSA chess at Stillman Valley since 1980. In his tenure Phil has guided his chess program to three IHSA 1A State Championships. He has been nominated by another coach from the Northern Illinois Chess League where he is currently head of the West Division.

Stillman Valley has once again had a quality season in conference play and will enter the State tournament as a top contender for another 1A state title. As stated in the nomination letter, Phil believes that “trophies and other accolades are secondary to the relationships that you build with your players and other coaches. Players know they will be treated well under coach Phil and I believe that is why he is able to field large squads and competitive teams year after year. Phil and his teams who were part of the original Illinois State Chess tournament have paved the way for current coaches and players to enjoy the largest State tour-



Stillman Valley High School chess coach Phil Bratta has been nominated for the ICCA's Coach of the Year Award. (Courtesy photo)

name- ment held in the United States.”

Stillman Valley has been a recognized program for almost 40 years due to coach Bratta's efforts. Phil has been previously nominated for ICCA Coach of

the year.

“He has kept the NICL Conference going through more decades than many coaches have been alive. Without his calm, driving presence, the NICL would not be the same.”

Polo boys basketball team cruises to decisive victory against Amboy

POLO

— The Polo varsity boys basketball team defeated Amboy 73-41 on Friday, Feb. 1. Braiden

Soltow scored 17 points for the Marcos, while Brady Webb also scored 17 points. Justin Young added

12 points, with Draven Wells and Lane Hopkins combining for 13 points in the victory.

Stillman Valley boys basketball team splits games with Dixon, Winnebago

STILLMAN VALLEY

— The Stillman Valley varsity boys basketball team lost 50-29 against Dixon on Friday, Feb. 1. Matt Man-

dzen led the Cardinals with 14 points in the game.

Stillman Valley defeated Winnebago 54-51 on Saturday, Feb. 2. Chad Gerig

scored 12 points for the Cardinals, while Matt Mandzen and Luke Robert each totaled 11 points in the victory.

Stillman Valley girls basketball team edges Mendota

STILLMAN VALLEY

— The Stillman Valley varsity girls basketball team

topped Mendota 39-36 on Saturday, Feb. 2. Lexi Lichty scored 17 points for

the Cardinals, with Georgia Ballard adding 10 points in the win.

Oregon girls basketball team beats Harvest Christian in IHSA Regional opener

OREGON

— Oregon's varsity girls basketball team lost 53-40 against Mendota on Feb. 2. Olivia Lambrigtsen scored 11 points to lead the Hawks.

Oregon opened the IHSA Regional at Winnebago with a 57-15 vic-

tory against Harvest Christian on Monday, Feb. 4. Olivia Lambrigtsen scored 13 points, with Jenae Bothe adding 11 points and Ella Martin recording nine points.

Oregon boys basketball team defeats Mendota

OREGON

— The Oregon varsity boys basketball team took down Men-

dota 48-40 on Saturday, Feb. 2. Dalton Hermes led the Hawks with 19 points,

while Ryker Finch and Jackson Buck combined for 15 points.

David L. Rahn eighth-graders tip off girls basketball season

MOUNT MORRIS

— The eighth grade girls basketball team from David L. Rahn Junior High opened its 2019 season with a game against West Carroll on Thursday, Jan. 17. First game jitters were apparent for the Eagles but they managed to keep pace with the home team. The score was tied at 8-8 after the first quarter of play.

West Carroll was able to successfully get the ball to their post in the second quarter to hold a 16-10 halftime lead. The Eagles outscored the Thunder in the third quarter, 10-7, to narrow their lead to only three. DLR's shooting went cold in the final quarter as they dropped the game, 24-31. Olivia James led the Eagles with ten points, followed by Hadley Lutz's eight. Elizabeth Mois added four and Reilee Suter chipped in two. Lutz grabbed a team high six rebounds and James pulled down five.

Snow and cold days kept the Eagles from playing or practicing for several days. On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Eagles returned to action at the Byron Middle School Round Robin Tournament at the P.E. Center. Meridian was DLR's first opponent. The Eagles took control of the game early and held an 18-13 lead at the break. Meridian's two shooters warmed up in the second half and the Eagle's defense couldn't answer. It was a close game throughout with the Cardinals prevailing, 32-37. Lutz scored 12 points to lead DLR. James put in ten and Mois, six. Ava Hackman and Mariah Drake each added a basket. Drake also grabbed a team high five rebounds.

The Eagles next game was against host Byron. DLR tried to keep it close early on, trailing only 4-8 at the end of the first quarter. But then the Tigers took over with their trapping press. This caused

confusion and multiple turnovers for the Eagles as they lost, 47-17, to a very impressive Byron team. James led DLR with ten points with Mois, Drake, and Kaedance Callaway each adding two. Alyssa Mowry scored a free throw. Drake again led the rebounding with seven boards.

In the day's final game, the Eagles faced Harlem. The Huskies took an early 6-7 advantage after the first quarter. The two teams were still only separated at the half by one point, 10-11. The second half belonged to the Eagles as they outscored Harlem and made free throws down the stretch to claim the 29-19 victory. Seven Eagles scored. Lutz had 10, James scored seven, Suter totaled four and Mowry, Madison Priller, Drake and Mois each chipped in two.

The Eagles are hoping to begin Route 72 play next week.

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Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club

The Blackhawk 4-H Club completed their qualifying bowling rounds on Sunday, Jan. 20 at Town and Country Lanes in Mount Morris. They had six competitive and two just for fun teams. The scores from the competitive teams will be submitted to the County 4-H office in hopes of making the County Tournament in February. Our fun teams are made up of our Cloverbud members ages 5 – 8. Pictured in the back row: Megan Buttens, Katelyn Bowers, Samantha Bowers, Dom Luba, AJ Hinrichs, Jaden Scott, Wayde Reimer, Jazmyne Swope, Alyssa Leary, Jasmine Coy and Kaedi Callaway. Front row: Braden Leary, Zakk West, Immanuel Arellano, Eli Lotz, Dylan Reimer, Justin Leary, Navaeh Callaway, Harmony Coy and Hazel Reimer.

Mount Morris Library announces upcoming events

Library presents Virtual Dementia Tour

Mount Morris Library presents, in partnership with Serenity Hospice and Home, the Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tour.

The tour will be Friday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Virtual Dementia Tour is a scientifically proven method that builds sensitivity and awareness in individual caring for those with dementia, by temporarily altering participants physical and sensory abilities. This program simulates those changes associated with cognitive decline. This is an awesome event that should be experienced. With the rise of the number of Alzheimer' disease, P.K. Belville, the inventor of the VDT, stresses the importance of understanding the day-to-day challenges facing those with the disease.

If you are interested in experiencing this event, please contact the Library to sign up for a time. Our phone number is 815-734-4927.

Celebrate Legion's birthday

Mount Morris Library and the Mount Morris American Legion Post are proud to present a program to celebrate the American Legion's 100th Birthday on Feb. 28 at 6 pm.

We will have a presentation about the Legion and two of the area's highly decorated veterans. We also will be presenting the Illinois Veteran's History Project. Come and enjoy this evening of celebrating and honoring our veterans and their families.

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4-H Shooting Sports program registration

The Ogle County 4-H Shooting Sports Program Registration is open for air rifle and outdoor adventures (hunting and outdoor skills).

Youth will also learn about wildlife management and conservation ethics. All disciplines provide a supportive, adult-supervised environment for youth, ages 8 to 18 years old, by Sept. 1, 2018.

The 4-H Shooting Sports program maintains a strong relationship with the existing natural resources, safety, and outdoor recreation 4-H programs.

The materials and training programs emphasize young people and their life skills as the product of the program while using tested techniques and positive reinforcement.

This approach allows 4-H to increase knowledge and awareness of natural resources and conservations, develop skills and competency in

safe shooting sports practices, and to provide youth with positive work-force attitudes and behaviors.

Some opportunities may be available for competitive shooting events, at the regional, state, and national level. The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program stands out as an excellent example.

More information can also be found on our website at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/>. To register online go to <https://go.illinois.edu/Ogle4HShootingSports>. Limited spots are available. Registration will be taken first come, first serve. Outdoor Adventures registration deadline is Feb. 10 and Air Rifle registration deadline is March 15.

Our Archery, Shotgun, and new

.22 Rifle program are finalizing details.

If you are interested in more information about any of these programs, please call our office at 815-732-2191, so we can notify you when registration is available. You can also follow us on Facebook at Ogle County 4-H Shooting Sports to see our up to day events!

For more information about becoming a volunteer, call 815-732-2191. 4-H is open to all youth, ages 5-18 by Sept. 1.

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.

WIU-Quad Cities announces dean's list

MACOMB/MOLINE – A total of 1,361 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2018 Fall Dean's List. The total includes 95 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

The local students were:

Byron: Payton M Abbott (Senior), Kayla M Harrington (Senior), Jade Morgan Kobs (Senior); Davis Junction: Allison Denee Anderson (Senior); Forreton: Samuel Barkalow (Freshman), Josie Raye Pasch (Senior); Mount Morris: Kelsey Anne Pudlas; Oregon: Sean Tompkins; Polo: Megan K Call (Freshman), Amanda Lapage (Senior).

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships). Students earning Dean's List honors are listed by Illinois counties, cities and towns; as well as other states/towns and other nations.

Local students named to the Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University congratulates the more than 1,200 undergraduate students who earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2018 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0. Students included on the Dean's List completed a minimum of 12 semester hours for a letter grade in the term.

Local students are:

Maria Ilkow*, freshman, Pre-Teacher Education, Davis Junction.

Caleb Poffenberger, sophomore, Business Administration, BA, Sport Management, Forreton.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private tuition rates in Illinois. Aurora University is nestled in a tree-lined neighborhood in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, and located approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 3,900 undergraduate and 1,900 graduate students across more than 40 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering academic support programs, hands-on learning activities, internships and community partnership opportunities that prepare students to be successful beyond AU.

Mount Morris Senior Center announces activities

Tea For you!

Please join us for tea at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. The cost for the tea is \$5, and all are invited. Carol Reckmeyer and Sylvia Saunders will be our entertainment for the afternoon, and there will be plenty of snacks and tea! Please RSVP to 815-734-6335 or just stop by if it is too late to call. We will make sure there is plenty for all.

Lunch Bunch

Twice a month people from the Mt. Morris Senior Center are joining together to support local businesses. All are invited to eat at Hazel's in Oregon with us on Friday, Feb. 15. RSVP to 815-734-6335 and then simply meet at the Senior Center at 11:00 am to carpool or meet at the restaurant at 11:15 a.m.

Potluck

On Friday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. come to a potluck at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service, and be ready for fun, information, and great fellowship. There is no need to RSVP, just come. All are welcome!

Hand Massage

Crista from doTerra Essential oils will be at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Monday, Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m. to give free hand massages. Just stop by and enjoy the pampering!

Heart Health Class

The Mt. Morris Senior Center will be hosting a Heart Health Class through the University of Illinois Extension. For just \$10 you will taste delicious heart healthy food and learn many ways to keep your heart healthy. The class will take place on Monday, February 18th and Monday, Feb. 25 from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Sign up by calling the senior center at 815-734-6635.

Bingo and Birthday Party

All are welcome to join us for Free Bingo and a \$6 Birthday Lunch at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Bingo will start at 10:30 am and we will have lunch at 11:30 a.m. The menu for this month is polish cabbage rolls, potatoes, green beans, cake, and ice cream. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.

Wartburg students named to fall term Dean's List

WAVERLY, Iowa – Wartburg College has recognized 478 students who were named to the 2018 Fall Term Dean's List.

Those honored include: Halley Holm of Oregon and Nicolas Pannarale of Monroe Center.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Fall Term, which runs from September through December.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,498 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.



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Byron Middle School Honor Roll

1st Semester All A's Honor Roll

6th Grade – All A's: Sarah Nyamwange.

7th Grade – All A's: Abigail Baker, Denise Braithwaite, Maison Brandt, Abigail Connell, Brianna Fish, Andrew Freedlund, Carter Groharing, Madison Groharing, Clair Hildreth, Kyle Hodges, Reese Little, Elizabeth Nyamwange, Faith Rakowski and Hailey Scheck.

8th Grade – All A's: Brayden Baker, Hunter Bargren, Lauren Carlson, Audrey Kilmer, Ava Kultgen, Shannon McHale, Sydney Smith and Sophie Vongsiri.

1st Semester "A and B" Honor Roll Lists

Grade 6 – All A & B Honor Roll:

Davis Baker, Kendall Boatman, Kade Boatman, Nicholas Cassens, Xiang Yi Chen, Liam Connell, Sophia Cross, Talon Dale, Claire Dietrich, Darlena Flores, Gianna Franchi, Addison Fuller, Maya Gomez, Rebekah Gron, Hunter Haas, Ella Hanes, Averi Helms, Delaney Henert, Claire Henkel, Justin Hodges, Meredith Jones, Natalie Kilmer, Brayden Knoll, Hayden Larson, Jacob Lawver Audrey Markham, Maggie Miller, Abigail Moser, Benjamin Mugrage, Benjamin Pauley, Miami Poulsen, Madelyn Ramos, Jarett Ross, Bryson Roush, Neve Schilling, George Sober, Sadie Stoll, Abigail Vongsiri and Raven Wilde.

Grade 7 – All A & B Honor Roll:

Kye Aken, Margaret Burrows, Carson Buser, Aiden Carby, Emily Dahlstrom, Taryn Dolan, Allison Druien, Elizabeth Dyck, Bruce Gehrke, John Girone, Alexa Gruber, Traiden Hubner, Nickolas Ingram, Jenna Jackson, Paityn Kann, Braylon Kilduff, Matthew Larson, Gavin Remhof, Jacob Ross, Sarah Shouer, Macey Stoddard, Wyatt Swanson, Jacob Tidwell, Sarah Tillett, Ryan Tucker, Haley Turner, Austin White and Jericho Wilde.

Grade 8 – All A & B Honor Roll:

Brittyn Bielskis, Maia Carlson, James Cone, Jasmine Duncan, Mikalah Freedlund, Faith Futrell, Ella Grundstrom, Alaina Haas, Kennedy Henert, Jacob Kann, Nicholas Kesler, Ava Krall, Jack Lambert, Alexis Malone, Charles Mershon, Grace Murphy-Voiles, Ashton Palmgren, Tyson Politsch, Tyler Reed, Emmalyn Rehberg, Michael Rock, Samuel Saltz-giver, Chloe Scullion, Lauryn Shank, Hadlea Shultz, John Sober, Kennedy Strohecker, Hayden Swartz, Lily Swiech, Brooke Whitmer, Jonathan Wicklein, Colton Wieck and Xiomara Winkhart.

Gronewold earns Dean's List honor at Edgewood College

MADISON, Wis. – Elisabeth Gronewold of Forreston has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 Semester at Edgewood College.

She has also earned Semester Honors for the Fall 2018 semester at Edgewood College. Fulltime students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for this honor.

Fulltime undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students who earn a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List after completing 24 credit hours of study at Edgewood College.

About Edgewood College

Located in Madison, Wis., Edgewood College is a liberal arts Catholic college in the Dominican tradition. We serve approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students at our Monroe Street and Deming Way campuses, and online. The College offers more than 40 academic and professional programs, including master's degrees in business, education, nursing, and other fields, and doctoral degrees in educational leadership and nursing practice. For more information about Edgewood College, please visit www.edgewood.edu.

Henson graduates from UW-Whitewater in December

WHITEWATER, Wis. – Breyana Henson from Milledgeville, was part of a record number of University of Wisconsin-Whitewater students to land a job or earn admission to graduate school before winter commencement.

Students accepted employment offers from all over the state and nation. Others are moving on to prestigious graduate school programs or launching their own businesses.

Breyana Henson, an undergraduate finance major from Milledgeville, was hired as a Finance Leadership Development Program with Brunswick Corporation in Mettawa, Illinois.

In what has become a highly anticipated and celebrated tradition at the university, these students are invited to have their photos taken and posted to social media. Commencement was Dec. 15.

District to offer dental care to eligible students

Meridian School District and Onsite Dental have partnered to arrange for no cost dental care at Highland Elementary and Monroe Center School on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Through the collaboration with Onsite Dental eligible students will receive an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and dental education.

"February is National Children's Dental Health Month so we are excited to have Dr. Grinter here to provide dental services to our students. As a nurse inter-

ested in preventative health. I am happy to provide this opportunity to our students who may not receive regular dental care," said Kelly Meyers, Highland Elementary school nurse.

Consent forms are available on the district website. Please contact your building nurse if you are in need of a paper copy. Consent forms will need to be turned into your building nurse before Feb. 14.

For more information visit: <http://www.onsite-dental-services.com/index.html>.

Oregon Women's Club Card Party Feb. 15

OREGON – Mark your calendars to attend the annual Oregon Women's Club Card Party on Feb. 15.

Don't play cards? Don't let that stop you from enjoying a fun afternoon, as there will be a number of table games to join in to play.

The event is open to everyone and you do not need to be an Oregon Women's Club member to play. Please note: This event will be held at a new location – First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. 5th St. in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by dessert refreshments, card or game playing and ending with an array of door prizes. To make reservations for the party, call Sandie Chasm at 815-973-5814.

The cost for the event is \$5, with all proceeds being donated to the Winning Wheels. This facility provides rehabilitation services to young adults who have neurological impairment. Support of Winning Wheels is a GFWC Illinois state project.

UW- Stevens Point releases names of honor students

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,275 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2018-2019 academic year. Students who received the Honors designation had grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Students who received honors include: Natalie Carlson, sophomore, Honors; and Eryn Murphy, freshman, Honors. Both are from Byron.

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About 38 million adults in the US drink too much
Only 1 in 6 has talked about it with a health professional

 For men, binge drinking is **5 or more drinks** consumed on one occasion*

 For women, binge drinking is **4 or more drinks** consumed on one occasion*

*One occasion = within 2 to 3 hours



For men – **15 or more drinks** on average per week

One Drink = 5-ounces of wine, 12-ounces of beer, or 1 ½-ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or liquor



For women – **8 or more drinks** on average per week

Drinking too much includes



Any alcohol use by pregnant women



Any alcohol use by those under age 21

SOURCE: CDC Vital Signs. January 2014. www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns. American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 2011; Volume 41.

Millions drink too much in the U.S. And it causes tens of thousands of deaths each year

At least 38 million adults drink too much and most are not alcoholics. Drinking too much includes binge drinking, high weekly use, and any alcohol use by pregnant women or those under age 21.

It causes about 88,000 deaths in the US each year, and costs the economy about \$224 billion.

Alcohol screening and brief counseling can reduce drinking on an occasion by 25 percent in people who drink too much, but only 1 in 6 people has ever talked with their doctor or other health professional about alcohol use.

Talking with a patient about their drinking is the first step of screening and brief counseling, which involves:

Using a set of questions to screen all patients for how much and how often they drink.

Counseling patients about the health dangers of drinking too much, including women who are

(or might be) pregnant.

Referring only those few patients who need specialized treatment for alcohol dependence.

Doctors and other health professionals can use alcohol screening and brief counseling to help people who are drinking too much to drink less.

The Affordable Care Act requires new health insurance plans to cover this service without a co-payment.

Doctors, nurses, and other health professionals should screen all adult patients and counsel those who drink too much.

Most adults have not talked with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional about how much they drink.

Drinking too much is dangerous and can lead to heart disease, breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, sudden infant death syndrome, motor-vehicle

crashes, and violence.

Public health experts recommend alcohol screening and counseling should happen more often than it does. Yet, people report a doctor, nurse, or other health professional has rarely talked with them about alcohol, the important first step for addressing problems with drinking too much:

Only 1 in 6 adults have discussed their drinking.

Few binge drinkers (1 in 4) have talked about alcohol use. Binge drinking is defined as men drinking 5 or more alcoholic drinks or women drinking 4 or more, in about 2-3 hours.

Even among adults who binge drink 10 times or more a month, only 1 in 3 have discussed drinking.

Only 17% of pregnant women have talked about drinking.

Most states had less than 1 in 4 adults who discussed their drinking. Washington, D.C. had the

highest percentage with 25 percent.

Alcohol screening and brief counseling has been proven to work.

It can reduce how much alcohol a person drinks on an occasion by 25%.

It improves health and saves money just as blood pressure screening, flu vaccines, and cholesterol or breast cancer screening.

It is recommended for all adults, including pregnant women.

What can be done:

Federal government is: Studying how to best achieve alcohol screening and counseling at federally qualified health centers.

Requiring states with expanded Medicaid to cover a set of preventive services, including alcohol screening and counseling, through the Affordable Care Act.

Adopting clinical

guidelines to carry out alcohol screening and counseling.

Teaching providers about billing and insurance coverage for alcohol screening and counseling services.

Health professional organizations can:

Tell doctors, nurses, and other health professionals how well screening and brief counseling works.

Teach all health professionals how to do alcohol screening and counseling.

Provide e-tools for doctors, nurses and other health professionals to deliver these services to patients.

States and Communities can:

Encourage health care plans and provider organizations to start screening and counseling.

Monitor how many adults are receiving these

services in communities.

Consider alternative ways to deliver these services in state and community programs, using computers, smartphones, and other electronic devices.

Help conduct community activities that reduce drinking too much.

Doctors, nurses, health plans, and insurers can:

Screen all adult patients for alcohol use as part of their usual services.

Use current guidelines to do this effectively. Counsel, refer, and track those patients who need more help.

Advise women not to drink at all if there is any chance they could be pregnant.

Recruit and train nurses, social workers and health educators in a practice to screen and counsel all patients.

Through insurers and employers, provide insurance coverage for alcohol screening and counseling.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness



Opioid use among older population a problem

The public is quickly learning that drug abuse goes beyond the illegal substances that are purchased on the street. Abuse of drugs extends to the prescription medications sitting in many medicine cabinets.

While teenagers and young adults may be the first to be stereotyped as prescription drug abusers, seniors may have unwittingly become mixed up in one of the most misused prescription classes: opioid pain relievers.

The problem of opioid abuse has been a growing issue for years. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates 2.1 million people in the United States suffer from substance abuse of opioid pain relievers. Older patients are increasingly and repeatedly prescribed opioids to address chronic pain from arthritis, cancer and other problems that become more apparent as people age.

Data from U.S. Medicare recipients found that, in 2011, roughly 15 percent of seniors were prescribed an opioid after being dis-

charged from the hospital. When followed up on three months later, 42 percent were still taking the medication. Fast forward to 2015, and almost one-third of all Medicare patients were prescribed opioid painkillers by their physicians, says AARP. The Canadian Institute for Health Information says adults between the ages of 45 and 64 and seniors age 65 and older had the highest rates of hospitalizations due to opioid poisoning over the past 10 years.

AARP also indicates nearly three million Americans age 50 or older have started to take painkillers for reasons beyond what their doctors prescribed. Experts from the Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing warn that dependence on opioids can set in after just a few days. Discomfort and side effects can occur when the pills are stopped.

Opioids can decrease pain at first, but many people find they can be less effective over time. As a result, patients need to take greater amounts.

Although many people can take opioids in small doses for short periods of time without problems, many find themselves overcome by a troubling addiction. Some doctors prefer not to use opioids as a first line of treatment for chronic pain.

Another possible risk of opioids among seniors

is that the medication can cause disorientation that may lead to falls and fractures.

The senior care resource A Place for Mom also says that prescription narcotics may increase risk of respiratory arrest. What's more, an older body may not absorb and filter medicines

as effectively as younger bodies can. This means that older adults might become addicted to or have side effects from a prescription drug at a lower dose.

Seniors concerned about opioids can discuss other options with their doctors, such as nonopioid medications and alternative thera-

pies for pain management, like massage or acupuncture.

If opioids are prescribed, ask for the lowest dose and don't exceed the time frame for taking the medicine. Only take the pills when absolutely necessary, and never mix opioids with alcohol or other substances.



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Alcohol and the risk to women's health

Although men are more likely to drink alcohol and drink in larger amounts, gender differences in body structure and chemistry cause women to absorb more alcohol, and take longer to break it down and remove it from their bodies (i.e., to metabolize it).

In other words, upon drinking equal amounts, women have higher alcohol levels in their blood than men, and the immediate effects occur more quickly and last longer. These differences also make women more vulnerable to alcohol's long-term effects on their health.

Reproductive health

National surveys show that about 1 in 2 women of child-bearing age (i.e., aged 18-44 years) use alcohol, and 15% of women who drink alcohol in this age group binge drink.

About 7.6 percent of pregnant women used alcohol. Excessive drinking may disrupt menstrual cycling and increase the risk of infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, and premature delivery. Women who binge drink are more likely to have unprotected sex and multiple sex partners. These activities increase the risks of unintended pregnancy and sexually trans-

mitted diseases.

Alcohol and pregnancy

Women who drink alcohol while pregnant increase their risk of having a baby with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). The most severe form is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), which causes mental retardation and birth defects.

FASD are completely preventable if a woman does not drink while pregnant or while she may become pregnant.

Studies have shown that about 1 of 20 pregnant women drank excessively before finding out they were pregnant. No amount of alcohol is safe to drink during pregnancy. For women who drink during pregnancy, stopping as soon as possible may lower the risk of having a child with physical, mental, or emotional problems.

Research suggests that women who drink alcohol while pregnant are more likely to have a baby die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). This risk substantially increases if a woman binge drinks during her first trimester of pregnancy.

The risk of miscarriage is also increased if a woman drinks excessively during her first trimester of pregnancy.

Alcohol and men's health

Men are more likely than women to drink excessively. Excessive drinking is associated with significant increases in short-term risks to health and safety, and the risk increases as the amount of drinking increases.

Men are also more likely than women to take other risks when combined with excessive drinking, further increasing their risk of injury or death.

Drinking levels for men

Approximately 63 percent of adult men reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days. Men (24 percent) were two times more likely to binge drink than women during the same time period.

Men average about 12.5 binge drink-

ing episodes per person per year, while women average about 2.7 binge drinking episodes per year. Most people who binge drink are not alcoholics.

It is estimated that about 17 percent of men and about 8 percent of women will meet criteria for alcohol dependence at some point in their lives.

Injuries and deaths as a result of excessive alcohol use

Men consistently have higher rates of alcohol-related deaths and hospitalizations than women. Among drivers in fatal motor-vehicle traffic crashes, men are almost twice as likely as women to have been intoxicated (i.e., a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or greater).



Opioid abuse is on the rise all over the world

Addictions to opioids such as heroin, morphine and prescription pain relievers continues to affect people from all demographics.

According to the World Drug Report 2012 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and United National Office on Drugs and Crime, between 26 and 36 million people abuse opioids worldwide.

Opioids can lead to physical dependence and possible addiction, which is why legal versions of opioids are carefully monitored and prescribed. Opioid addiction can cause long-term changes to the biological structures of the brain and affect brain function, according to the Association of American Physicians.

Opioid abuse is on the rise. A 2013 study titled "Global, regional, and national age-sex specific all-cause and cause-specific mortality for 240 causes of death, 1990-2013: A systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013" and published in the Lancet found that use disorders resulted in 51,000 deaths worldwide in 2013, up from 18,000 deaths in 1990.

While there's no single underlying cause for this increase in opioid abuse, some say the greater number of prescriptions written for medications such as codeine, oxycodone and similar pain relief pills, and greater social acceptability of these drugs have contributed to the spike in opioid-related deaths.

Data from IMS Health's National Prescription Audit indicates that, in the United States, the number of prescriptions for opioids like hydrocodone and oxycodone escalated from around 76 million in 1991 to nearly 207 million in 2013.

Opioids are highly addictive because they can produce a sense of well-being and euphoria in addition to the pain-blocking benefits for which they are designed.

The National Institutes of Health says opioids act by attaching to specific proteins called opioid receptors, which are found on nerve cells in the brain, spinal cord, gastrointestinal tract, and other organs in the body.

When these drugs attach to their receptors, they reduce the percep-

tion of pain; however, they can also produce drowsiness, mental confusion and nausea. Many opioid abusers develop a tolerance over time, requiring them to use more and more of the medication to reach the same level of efficacy.

When individuals addicted to opioids can no longer gain access to prescription pills, many turn to illegal means to satisfy their addictions and cravings.

Many simply segue to heroin, which is cheaper and, in some communities, easier to obtain than prescription opioids.

Many communities have seen heroin use spike considerably in recent years.

Heroin is even more dangerous because of the transmission of other diseases through the sharing of intravenous syringes.

Opioid abuse is a problem affecting communities across North America. Shedding light on the epidemic can inspire people to support legislation designed to combat opioid abuse and addiction and prevent future generations from succumbing to opioid addiction.

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Drug & Alcohol Awareness

How to quit smoking tobacco

Steps to Take on Your Quit Day

Congratulations on the decision to quit. Your first day without cigarettes can be difficult, but having a plan will make it easier! Don't rely on willpower alone to keep you smoke-free. Prepare so that you can feel confident in your ability to stay quit today.

Step One

Tell your friends and family that today is your quit day. Ask them for support during these first few days and weeks. They can help you get through the rough spots, but make sure to tell them how they can support you. Be specific; they aren't mind readers.

Step Two

Get the support you need — either by developing your own quit plan or finding a quit program that works for you. A quit plan combines strategies that help you stay focused, confident, and motivated to quit. You might decide to use a quit program like SmokefreeTXT, or a quitline like 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669), to get started. If you're not sure exactly which quit methods are right for you, visit the Quit Smoking Methods Explorer to learn more. If nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) is part of your plan, make sure to start using it first thing in the morning. Remember, there's no right way to quit — be honest about what you need. Just don't celebrate with a cigarette.

Step Three

Stay busy. It might seem

simple, but staying busy is one of the best ways to stay smokefree on your quit day. Try one of these activities:

- Get out of the house
- Go to dinner at your favorite smokefree restaurant
- Go to a movie
- Chew gum or hard candy

Keep your hands busy with a pen or toothpick

Relax with deep breathing

Plan a game night with non-smoking friends

Change your regular routine

Drink a lot of water

Exercise

Step Four

Avoid smoking triggers. Triggers are the people, places, things, and situations that trigger your urge to smoke. On your quit day, it's best to avoid them all together. Here are a few tips to help you outsmart some common smoking triggers:

Throw away your cigarettes, lighters, and ash trays if you haven't already

Avoid caffeine, which can make you feel jittery; try drinking water instead

Hang out with non-smokers; most people don't smoke, so you should have options

Go to a place where smoking isn't allowed; unless you want to break the law, you won't light up

Get plenty of rest and eat healthy; lack of sleep and too much sugar can trigger you to smoke

Step Five

Stay positive, but vigilant. Quitting smoking

happens one minute, one hour, and one day at a time. Don't think of quitting as "forever". Pay attention to right now, and the days will add up! Quitting smoking is difficult, but it doesn't hurt to say positive; don't beat yourself up. Day one isn't going to be perfect, but all that matters is you don't smoke — not even one puff. Reward yourself for being smokefree for 24 hours. You deserve it!

If you're not feeling prepared to quit today, set a quit date that makes sense for you. It's okay if you need a few more days to prepare to quit smoking.

Cravings
The urge to smoke will come and go. There are people, places, things, and situations that may trigger the urge to smoke. How are you going to handle it?

Identify Smoking Triggers
Everyone who smokes has smoking triggers. Knowing your triggers helps you stay in control. At first, you might want to avoid triggers all together. After staying quit for awhile, you may be able to find other ways to handle your triggers. Here are some common smoking triggers:

- Feeling stressed
- Feeling down
- Talking on the phone
- Drinking alcohol
- Watching TV
- Driving
- Finishing a meal
- Taking a work break
- Going to a bar
- Seeing someone else

smoke

Cooling off after a fight

Feeling lonely

After having sex

Drinking coffee

Plan how to

Handle Cravings

You won't be able to avoid all smoking triggers, so it's important to make a plan for how to handle cravings. Remember, cravings typically last 5 to 10 minutes. It might be uncomfortable, but try to wait it out. Make a list of things you can do to distract yourself, like:

Call or text someone.

You don't have to do this alone, lean on the people you trust to distract you. Or call 1-877-44U-QUIT to talk to an expert (for free) about quitting smoking.

Wait 15 minutes. Challenge yourself to read a magazine, listen to music, or play your favorite game for 15 minutes. Cravings only last a few minutes!

Take a walk or jog. Don't have time? Go up and down the stairs a few times. Physical activity, even in short bursts, can help boost your energy and beat a craving.

Review your reason for quitting. Just one puff will feed your craving and make it stronger. Starve the craving by reminding yourself why you want to be smokefree.

Go to a smokefree zone. Most public places don't allow smoking. Go to a movie, a store, or any other smokefree public place where you're forced not to

smoke.

Calculate your savings. Cigarettes are expensive. Add up all the money you're saving and decide what you're going to buy with it.

Keep your mouth busy. Bum a stick of gum instead of a cigarette, or keep hard candy with you. Drinking water also works!

Do something else. When a craving hits, stop what you're doing immediately and do something else. Simply changing your routine can help you shake off a craving.

Take deep breaths. Breathe through your craving by inhaling (through your nose) and exhaling (through your mouth). Repeat this 10 time or until you're feeling more relaxed.

Cravings will come and go. Remember, trying something to beat the urge to smoke is always better than not trying anything. Do what works best for you when a craving hits. Just don't smoke. Not even one puff!

Rewards of Quitting

When a strong craving hits, it can be easy to lose sight of the benefits of quitting.

You might lose your focus, but there is no good reason to smoke. Remind yourself of the rewards of quitting to stay on track.

Instant Rewards of Quitting

When you smoke, the chemicals in tobacco reach your lungs quickly every time you inhale. Your blood

then carries the toxins to every organ in your body. There is no safe amount of cigarette smoke. After you quit, your body begins to heal within 20 minutes of your last cigarette, and the nicotine leaves your body within three days. As your body starts to repair itself, you may feel worse instead of better. Withdrawal can be difficult, but this is a sign that your body is healing.

Long-term Rewards of Quitting

Tobacco use in the United States causes about 443,000 deaths each year, or nearly one in every five deaths. Quitting can help you add years to your life. Smokers die on average 13 years earlier than non-smokers. Take control of your health by quitting (and staying quit). Over time, you will greatly lower your risk of death from lung cancer and other diseases, such as:

Heart disease

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At least 13 other kinds of cancer

You will also cut back on dangerous secondhand smoke for your loved ones. In the United States, about 49,000 deaths are caused by exposure to secondhand smoke — protect your family and set a good example. By quitting, you're showing your family and other young people that a life without cigarettes is not only healthy, but possible.

DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE...

So you think taking a spin with drugs or alcohol won't have any effect on you? Don't bet on it.

Drug and alcohol addiction can happen quickly and be hard to beat. So, why play games with your health and well-being? It's not a gamble worth taking.

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Drug & Alcohol Awareness

Drinking at early age can lead to problems

Excessive alcohol consumption contributes to more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth, that is, persons less than 21 years of age, in the United States each year.

Underage drinking is strongly associated with many health and social problems among youth including alcohol-impaired driving, physical fighting, poor school performance, sexual activity, and smoking.

About 2 in 3 high school students who drink do so to the point of intoxication, that is, they binge drink (defined as having five or more drinks in a row), typically on multiple occasions.

Current drinking during the previous month among persons aged 18 to 20 years declined significantly from 59% in 1985 to 40% in 1991, coincident with states' adopting an age 21 minimum legal drinking age, but increased to 47% by 1999.

The prevalence of current drinking among persons aged 21 to 25 also declined significantly from 70% in 1985 to 56% in 1991, coincident with states' adopting an age 21 minimum legal drinking age, but then increased to 60% by 1999.

Relationship between Youth & Adult Drinking

Binge drinking by adults is a strong predictor of binge drinking by high school and college students living in the same state.

There are approximately 1.5 billion episodes of binge drinking among persons aged 18 years or older in the United States annually, most of which involve adults age 26 years

and older.

More than half of all active duty military personnel report binge drinking in the past month, and young adult service members exposed to combat are at significantly greater risk of binge drinking than older service members.

More than 90% of adult binge drinkers are not alcohol dependent.

Prevention of Underage Drinking

The Task Force on Community Preventive Services recommends implementing and maintaining an age 21 minimum legal drinking age (MLDA) based on strong evidence of effectiveness, including a median 16% decline in motor vehicle crashes among underage youth in states that increased the legal drinking age to 21 years.

The Task Force on Community Preventive Services also recommends enhanced enforcement of laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors to reduce such sales.

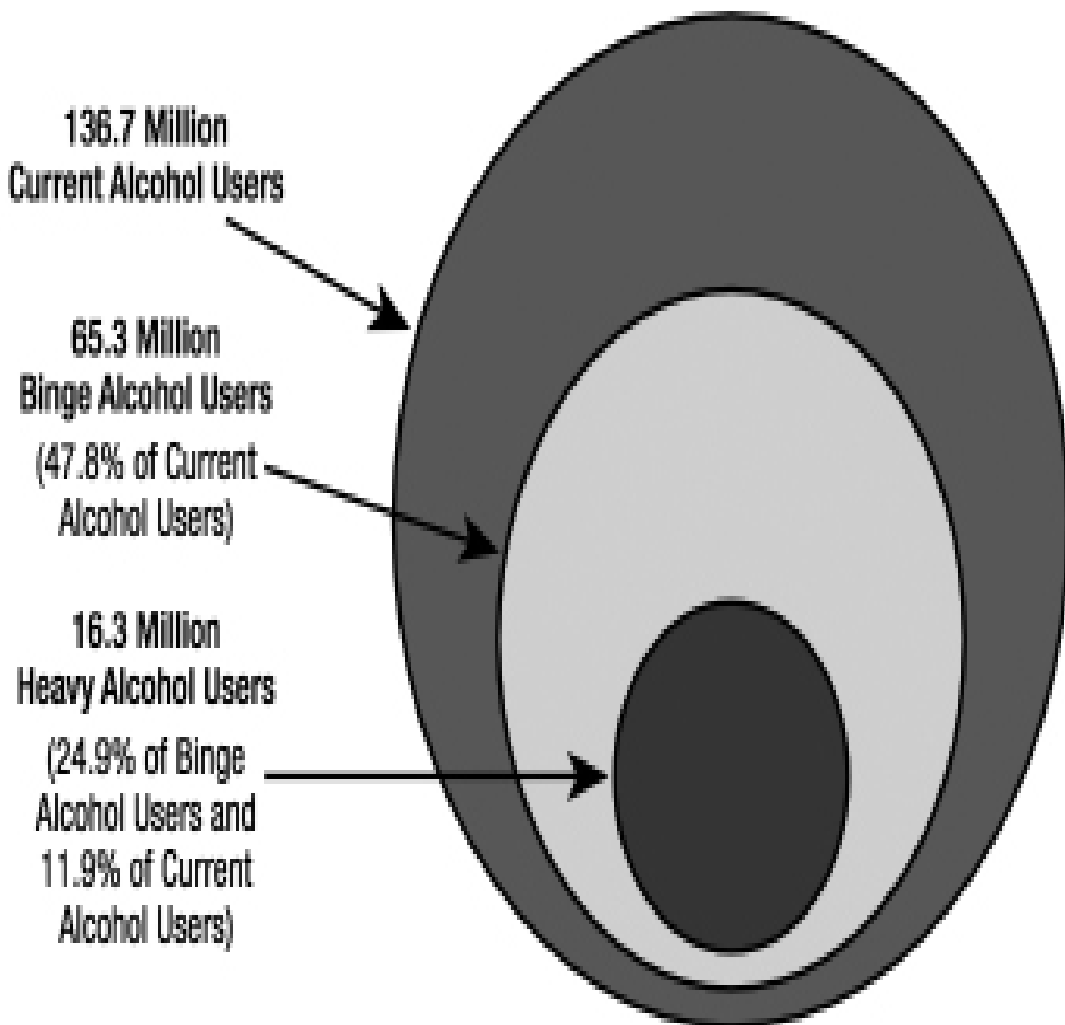
Age 21 MLDA laws result in lower levels of alcohol consumption among young adults age 21 years and older as well as those less than age 21 years.

States with more stringent alcohol control policies tend to have lower adult and college binge drinking rates.

In addition to the age 21 MLDA, other effective strategies for preventing underage drinking include increasing alcohol excise taxes¹³ and limiting alcohol outlet density.

Youth exposure to alcohol marketing should also be reduced.

Figure 9. Current, Binge, and Heavy Alcohol Use among People Aged 12 or Older: 2016



Note: Since 2015, the threshold for determining binge alcohol use for males is consuming five or more drinks on an occasion and for females is consuming four or more drinks on an occasion.

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From left: Tyler Kubiszewski, Ryan Reed, Casey Madeen, Tammy Pierson, Elizabeth Oltmanns, Victor Silva, Misael Guerrero, Nicole Bredeson, Richie Sutliff, Javier Alvarez, Ethan Jacobson and Cathie Murphy.



From left: Tyler Kubiszewski, Elizabeth Oltmanns, Misael Guerrero, Richie Sutliff and Casey Madeen.

FBLA Competes at the FBLA Northern Illinois Conference

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley’s Future Business Leaders of America attended the Northern Illinois FBLA Conference on Saturday, Jan. 26, at Grayslake Central High School.

Nine members plus the three advisers attended the conference. FBLA members had a choice of 80 different events that they could compete in from online testing to formal presentations.

At the conference, members who prepared presentations, presented in front of two to three judges that critiqued them on their business and technology knowledge, presentational skills and proper business attire. Members could also complete online testing in specific

business and technology areas such as Accounting, Agribusiness, Business Law, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Help Desk, Introduction to Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Graphic Design, Computer Problem Solving, Word-processing, Computer Gaming and Simulations and Web Design. Some of these online tests also included a production portion as well.

At the end of competition, all FBLA members met together in the Field House where the newly elected regional officers were inducted. They also listened to the keynote speaker, Laura Lindwall, from “Hands Without Pockets.” Born with a birth defect, she shared with the members the successes and

struggles she has faced throughout her life.

“Something I love about the Northern Conference are their keynote speakers. This year’s keynote was Laura Lindwall who spoke about not hiding who you are and being a leader in what you love. It was incredibly inspiring,” said Ryan Read, one of the Stillman Valley FBLA Advisers.

Following the keynote speaker, FBLA members were presented with their competitive awards. Stillman Valley’s FBLA members who placed and now moved on to State competition are:

- * 1st Place in Introduction to Public Speaking: Richie Sutliff;
- * 2nd Place in Word-processing: Casey Madeen

* 4th Place in Business Law: Elizabeth Oltmanns

* 5th Place in Computer Problem Solving: Mitch Guerrero

* 8th Place in Introduction to Public Speaking: Tyler Kubiszewski

Elizabeth Oltmanns and Casey Madeen also participated in the Battle of the Chapters where Elizabeth Oltmanns finished in the top five.

“We are so proud of our members,” said Cathie Murphy, another FBLA adviser.

“It takes a lot of courage and strength to stand in front of professional judges and present. It is not easy, yet all of these members did just that! I think all of us advisers are amazed at what these students accom-

plished this weekend. This is the best we have done since we were founded three years ago.

“This year, we have had exceptional leadership from our senior FBLA officers, Misael Guerrero, Nicole Bredeson and Elizabeth Oltmanns. They have definitely made a difference in the direction of FBLA.”

For more information on how you can become involved in FBLA, contact any FBLA member or contact Ryan Read (rread@mail.meridian223.org), Mrs. Tammy Pierson (tpierson@mail.meridian223.org) or Cathie Murphy (cmurphy@mail.meridian223.org).

A special thank you also goes out to our FBLA Executive Board for their support and encouragement.



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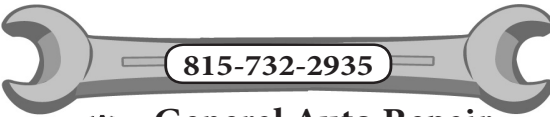

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This program works differently than the LIHEAP program and it is recommended that you delay applying until you have the highest heating bill of the season in order to get the most benefit. You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program at the Rock River Center.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Linda at 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

Rock River Center Noontime Knowledge Program, Feb. 21

RRC Noontime Knowledge program for the month of February is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21. Details are as follows:

Speaker: Joe Conroy; American Classic Tours

Topic: 2019 American Classic Tours Review

Lunch: Begins at 11:30 a.m.

Free Program: Begins at Noon-1 p.m.

Prepaid lunch available for purchase at time of reservation, at a cost of \$8/Members and \$10/Non-Members.

Reservations and prepayment are required by Friday, Feb. 15. Please call RRC at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending. Your prompt arrival is appreciated

Adult Beginning/Advanced Drawing Class – Feb. 28

Rick Davis, retired teacher, would like to invite you back for another adult drawing class on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 9-11 a.m. at Rock River Center.

In this class, Rick will focus on beginning and advanced pencil drawing skills. Be prepared to learn techniques and tips using tools such as pencils, grids, rulers, etc. Materials will be provided.

All you need to bring is small simple photographs from a magazine (example: still life, flower) and the desire to learn. Bring your questions as well.

This class is appropriate for high school and above. Class size is limited.

The cost of this class is \$5 for members/\$7 non-members.

Registration is required by Feb. 21. Anyone interested in attending Rick's class can register by calling 815-732-3252.

Veteran's Assistance Available in Oregon at Rock River Center

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

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

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

Cancer Support Group

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

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

Caregiver Support Group

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

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

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Limited tickets available through March 1st for the bus trip to the Broadway Musical-*Dear Evan Hansen* at Chicago's Oriental Theatre on Friday March 8. Bus departs at 2:30 to allow time for dinner and shopping before the 7:30 p.m. show. \$143/Resident, \$153/Non-Resident. Reserve your seat today. Recommended for ages 12 and older.

White Daisy on canvas paint & sip class

Paint and sip at Cork & Tap with friends and leave with a white daisy on canvas. Join instructor, Amy Finwick, for this fun painting class on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. This trendy project will be fun to make and will look great hanging on your wall. All painting supplies are included in the class fee. Register through the Park District early as space is limited. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 6.

Toddler/preschool gym

Head to the gym and burn off some energy! In these five week sessions, toddlers and preschoolers (4-5 year olds) will enjoy free play, gross motor development, creative movement, and fun! Class is led by Amanda Harbaugh. The toddler class includes parent involvement for their walking-3 year old. Preschools must be age 3 prior to the first day of class. Classes held at Nash. This class runs Wednesdays beginning Feb. 13 through

March 13. The toddler class is 10 to 10:45 a.m. and the preschool class runs 11 to 11:45 a.m. The fee is just \$20 per Resident and \$24 per Non-Resident. Deadline to register is Feb. 4.

Recreate and Celebrate day

OCUSD K-6 grade students have a long weekend coming up that includes no school on Monday, February 18. We will be taking students on a field trip to Mardi Gras Lanes for bowling and pizza. You may drop off as early as 615am and pick up as late as 6 p.m. The fee is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents per student, per day. Space is limited. Register early! Deadline is Feb. 11.

Zombie survival camp

Join us for a special one-day adventure camp on Monday, Feb. 18 (no school day) featuring a wide-variety of activities for 5-8 graders. Most activities will be outdoor. We will play games that practice skill like being quiet, agility, speed and strength from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will also explore unique outdoor hobbies such as building a fire, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing along with finding camouflage tactics in order to survive in the wild. There will be a giant zombie vs. humans game to conclude the day to show your new learned skills. Best part, Taft will be provided a scrumptious hot homemade lunch to each participant. Class will take place at Taft Campus. Fee is just \$20 per resident and \$24 per non-resident.

Deadline to register is Feb. 13.

Maple Syrup Mayhem!

Ever wonder about the science behind creating maple syrup? The talent staff at Taft Campus is ready to share their knowledge. 3-8TH grade students will learn about the sap produced by maple trees, how to identify trees in the winter, how to tap a tree and maple syrup production. Meet at Taft Campus. This class will occur after school on Monday Feb. 25 from 4-5 p.m. The fee is just \$8 per Resident and \$10 per Non-Resident. Register by Feb. 18.

Childcare service

Our childcare service is offered in the Children's Center at Nash! This wonderful program is offered every Monday-Thursday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for 3 month to 9 year olds. Enjoy everything our facility has to offer while having the peace of mind that your child is safe and having fun with our experienced staff member. For more information, visit the Nash Front Counter. Fee: Annual members' children that reside in the household are free; Non-Members pay \$5 for the first child and \$1 for each sibling up to \$7.

Afterschool 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!

Farmers market vendors wanted

The Oregon Farmers Market will be held on Saturday's this summer (June-September) 8:30 a.m.- Noon on the Ogle County Courthouse Lawn. Farmers and crafters who are interested in having a booth this summer or if you would like more information please contact Debbie Leffelman at debbie@oregonpark.org. Now is the time to think about spring planting, your garden, making homemade craft items, etc. to prepare for the summer market.

Special open swim

Looking for something

to when school is out? Join us for a special open swim on Feb. 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 from 2-5 p.m. Check out our complete pool schedule online at www.oregonpark.org.

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.

Twinges

Let the natural buoyancy and resistance of the water help you improve your joint strength and flexibility along with improving cardiovascular endurance

while walking and jogging in the shallow end. Participants do not need to know how to swim. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-ins or 5, 10, or 15 Water Aerobics passes are accepted.

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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Science Siesta scheduled for April

"Science Siesta is once again being offered this year for both boys and girls," said Johnna Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator.

"This year we will be offering a Science Siesta event just for boys on Friday, April 12 to Saturday, April 13, and Science Siesta just for girls on Friday, April 26 to Saturday, April 27 both at the Discovery Center Children's Museum in Rockford Jennings said.

Both of these events are open to youth in 4th to 6th grades.

At Science Siesta the participants will interact with scientists in science career fields from throughout north-

ern Illinois. The scientists will share information about their background and involve the youth in activities that they might complete in their work every day.

Following the face-to-face interaction with the scientists, youth participate in activities based on the "Wonderwise" curriculum developed by the University of Nebraska, and from experts in the field. This curriculum highlights the work of scientists and then translates their work into hands-on science based activities, which are fun and engaging. Participants may choose one of three workshop tracks for breakout sessions. Their choices for this year include activities related to Rainfor-

est Ecologist, Space Geologist, or Technology Specialist.

Both events will begin with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday and will conclude with checkout at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The registration fee is \$40 per participant, which covers pizza, snack, breakfast, admission to the Discovery Center Children's Museum, a T-shirt and all activities. The University of Illinois Extension is providing this program, which is open to all boys and girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. For additional information, as well as to register go to the University of Illinois Extension website at <https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceSiesta> or call 815-758-8194.

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RCH names High Performer of 2018

ROCHELLE – Rochelle Community Hospital named Sandra Schaab, RN as its' 2018 High Performer of the Year at the RCH annual holiday party held at Franchesco's Ristorante in Rockford on Jan. 11.

Schaab was selected among the 12 High Performers of the Month in 2018. She has been employed at the hospital for 18 years as a Registered Nurse in the Surgery Department.

Her nomination reads, "Sandy has

been a patient advocate since I've known her. Her attention to the care of her patients never goes unnoticed. She is always there to give a word of encouragement to those she cares for, which always makes the patients feel at ease. Her strong sense of commitment to all she does is never overshadowed by her calming touch and voice to let those who she is with know they are in good hands.

"One of Sandy's best traits is her honesty and sense of fairness. Sandy always

looks for the best in everyone she comes in contact. Instead of picking sides Sandy will always look for the good in both. You always know Sandy will give you the most honest answer that she can all the time. As a fellow employee you can always count on Sandy to volunteer every time when asked for help to do something or go somewhere if she can. There is never a question in Sandy's mind of why this must be done but How can this be done. She is always willing to learn

and always shares any knowledge she has to anyone who will ask or has need of help. Sandy truly sets a standard of commitment, excellence, integrity, serenity and a love for those she cares for and what she does in her job. I am truly blessed to work with someone we can all learn from. Thank you Sandy for all you do."

As the High Performer of the Year, Schaab received assorted gifts including a plaque recognizing this honor.

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Leaf River Alumni Event will be March 2

LEAF RIVER – The 45th Annual Leaf River Alumni Event will be held on March 2 at the River Valley Complex (former Leaf River school). Doors open at 4:30 p.m. A sandwich supper will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The program to recognize the class of 1969 will begin at 6:30 p.m. The basketball game will begin at 7 p.m. The alumni band will also be performing, so bring your instrument if you are interested in playing. There is a \$5 donation for game, supper, and event expenses (\$1 for basketball and band players.) If you are a graduate of the class of 1969 and will be attending or, if you are willing to help with the event, please contact Linda Borneman at 815-938-2129 or lborneman@frontier.com.



Maple Syrup Mayhem is Feb. 25 in Oregon

OREGON – The Oregon Park District has joined forces with Lorado Taft Campus to offer a new educational program for 3rd-8th Graders.

Maple Syrup Mayhem will occur on Monday, Feb. 25 from 4-5 p.m.

The fee is \$8/Resident and \$10/Non-Resident.

Has your child ever wonder about the science behind creating maple syrup? The talent staff at Taft Campus is ready to share their knowledge. Students will learn about the sap produced by maple trees, how to identify trees in the winter, how to tap a tree and maple syrup production. Everyone will meet at Taft Campus.

Register at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. 5th Street, Oregon or call 815-732-3101. Registration deadline is Feb. 18.

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Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30a.m., Morning Worship - 10:40a.m., Evening Worship - 6:00p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer - 7:00p.m.

BYRON

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624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277
 Pastor Janet Wold. Summer Sunday Worship 9:00 am Memorial Day through Labor Day. Two worship opportunities at 8:00 am and 10:30 am September through May. Social Hour follows all services. Child care available at Summer Worship and 10:30 am Worship. Communion is served every Sunday. Whole family education hour each Sunday 9:15 am - 10:15 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students. Adult Bible Study held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book club, quilters, and the GATHERING meet monthly. Please visit our website at <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for details.

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron (815) 234-8032
www.beaconhillbyron.org
 Pastor: Rev. Gary Cortese, Jr. Service Times: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.; Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. "Building Faith for Life"

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church • Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, Associate Pastor: Dirk Miller, Children's Ministry Director: Kim Miller • **Worship Services** on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 10am. **Children's Worship Services** on Sundays at 10am. Nursery Available for both Saturday and Sunday services. • Jr. and Sr. High Underground Youth Group Small Groups on Saturdays at 6:30pm. • Wednesday Night Family Nights with Dinner at 5:30pm. Children's Programs run from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and the Underground Jr./Sr High Youth Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm and there is an Adult Small Group also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. • Numerous Adult Small Groups Available throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details. Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

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A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
 701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Jesse Tanner, Youth Ministry Coordinator: Khoa Ngo
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 Sunday School for Pre-K thru high school: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
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CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Chan Ik Choi, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanaucmc@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

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Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

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402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Pastor David Poust, Parsonage 815-938-8058
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 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:30 am. AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings. Prayer Chain 815/938-3179. Church website www.gbpm-umc.org/fir/
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KINGS

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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
 Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org
 Website: www.goelimchurch.org
 Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

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EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
 Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL Phone 734-4573
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 Fellowship time Following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School-Nursery through adult.

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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM.

OREGON

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

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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
 Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom
 Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
 Sunday: Worship Services 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 9:30 am; Sunday School 8:45 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group, Grieving Ministry, Outreach Ministry with Rockford Rescue Mission and HOPE Pregnancy Center, Adult Choir. For more information, call the church office.

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 Email: ccoffice1@comcast.net • Website: www.theredbrickchurch.org
 Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am; Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 am; AWANA (through school calendar) on Wednesday from 6 - 7:30 pm. Men, women, and youth bible studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or call church office for more information.

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 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
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 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitches For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

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Birth



Tate's welcome son Macklin Henry

Ellie Tate (3 1/2 years old), along with her parents, Adam and Colleen Tate, are excited to announce the birth of Ellie's baby brother, Macklin Henry.

Macklin was born on Nov. 18, 2018 at 2:06 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches long. The Tate family live in Fitchburg, Wis.

Macklin's paternal grandparents are Mickey and Connie Tate of MOUNTY MORRIS and his maternal grandparents are Bob and Anne O'Donnell of Mt. Prospect.

Birthdays

Seymour to celebrate 90 years

BYRON – Come and celebrate Verna Seymour's 90th birthday on Feb. 23 at an open house from 1-4 p.m. at the Byron Community Room, 131 N. Washington St.

Feel free to bring cards, but no gifts, please.

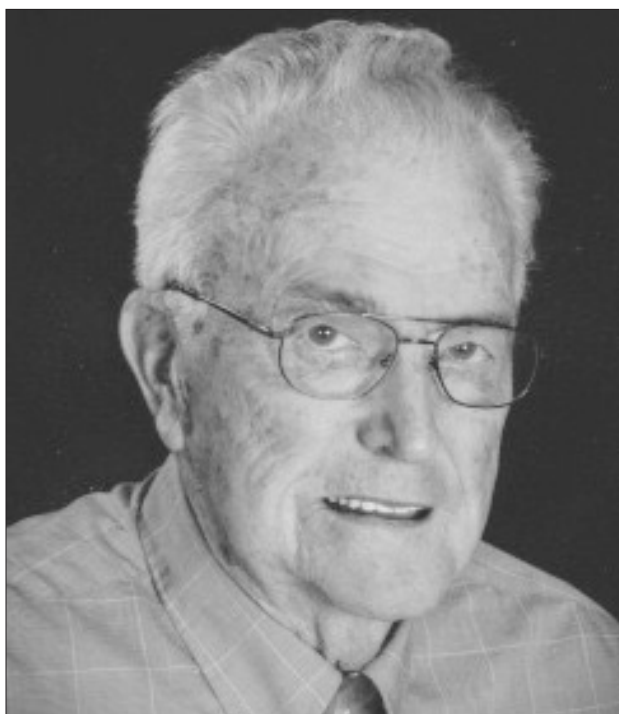


Hubbell open house set for Oregon VFW

OREGON – There will be a 90th birthday open house with light refreshments for Marvin Earl "Hub" Hubbell at the Oregon VFW on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 3-5 p.m.

Also, the VFW will serve a dinner buffet for a nominal fee from 4-7 p.m., and Lyle Grobe & The Rhythm Rambles Sweet-heart Dance will be the evening's entertainment.

Cards may be sent to Hub at P.O. Box 47, Amboy, IL, 61310.



Polo Library News

Recycle Your Plastic

The Library has earned a Trex Yacht Club bench for the library pavilion. We are still accepting plastic bags and other plastic wrap at the Library to benefit the Polo Food Pantry. All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

Children's Programs

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

School Early Out

Early Out Movie

Monday, March 4, 1-3 p.m.

Based on a true story of America's most decorated military dog, a lovable stray who tags along with a brave, young soldier to fight during World War I. A triumphant "tail" of friendship, loyalty and bravery above and beyond the call of duty!

Drink and popcorn will be provided.

Ages 6-12

Registration Required

Teen After Hours Program

Friday, February 8, 4:-6 p.m.

Ages 12-18

Registration Required

Enjoy pizza and a library scavenger hunt!

Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, February 9th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes for February

Adult Programs:

Pinterest Party

Tuesday, March 5, 6-7 p.m.

Activity: Picture Frame Lantern

Registration is required for this program.

John Lynn's Freewheeling in Ireland Program

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

The best of Ireland - its landscapes, villages, and people - as experienced during an 1,140-mile bicycling adventure through the length and breadth of the storied and scenic Emerald Isle - taking in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

John Lynn is the only person to have photographed all of the Prairie State's 2400 cities, towns, and villages. He has hiked, biked, and canoed enough trails, roads, and rivers in North America and Britain to circle the globe. His colorful slide presentations describing his experiences, adventures, and discoveries have now reached over 4000 audiences in three countries.

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, February 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: A Long Way From Chicago & A Year Down Under by Richard Peck

Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Friday, Feb. 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Selection: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

New to the Collection

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

Large Print

Alaskan holiday by Debbie Macomber

Juvenile Non-Fiction

The Environmental Movement: Then and Now by Rebecca Stefoff

25 Women Who Thought of it First by Jill Sherman

Rock River Center representative

Wednesday, February 27, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

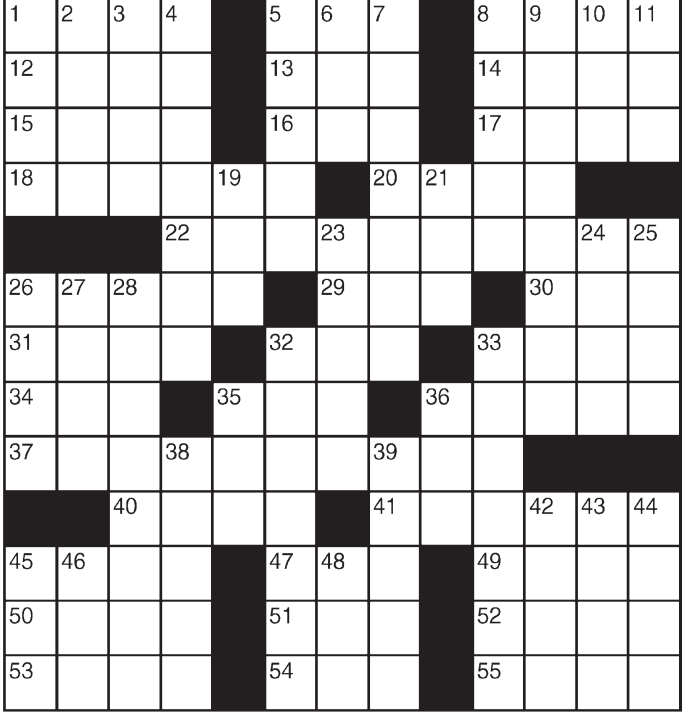
Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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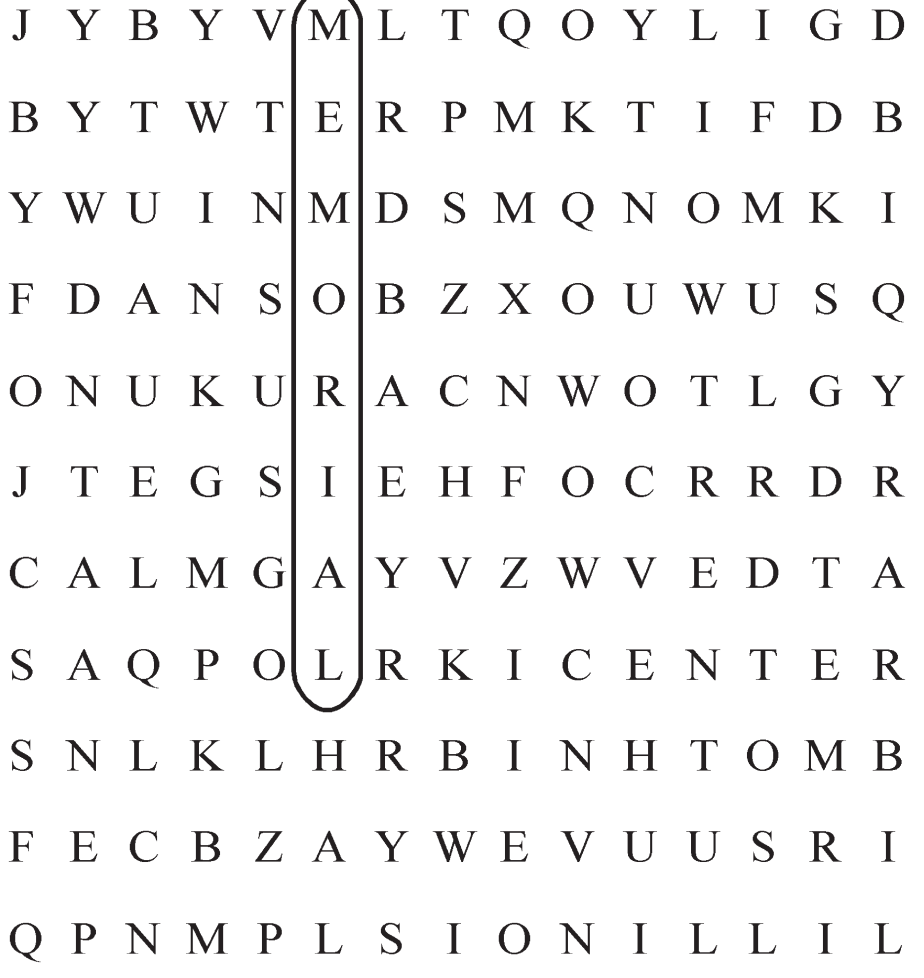
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- 18 Flood
- 20 Diner employee
- 22 Brains of the operation
- 26 Missteps
- 29 Individual
- 30 Neither mate
- 31 Apiece
- 32 Tin Man's prop



- 53 Antelope's playmate
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- 54 "— the sea-son ..."
- 11 Kin (Abbr.)
- 38 Barbershop quartet member
- 55 Equal
- 19 Petrol
- 21 Raw rock
- 23 Poisonous
- 24 Middy
- 25 Small wagon
- 26 Line of fashion?
- 27 Volcanic outflow
- 28 Emulate
- 29 Johnny Weir
- 32 Logan or LAX
- 33 Fizzy drink
- 35 Teensy

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- 9 Investigate



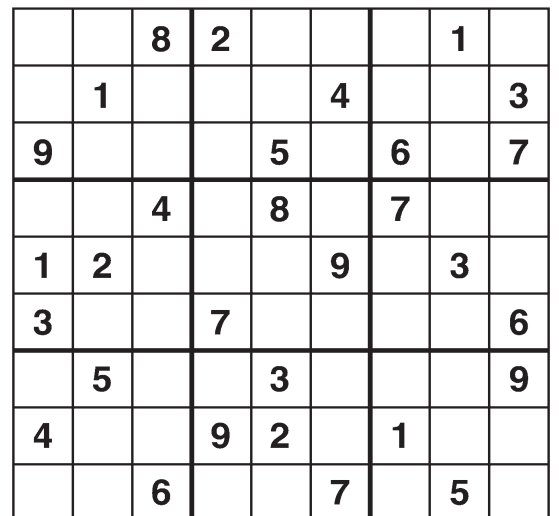
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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- Home
- Memorial
- Town Car
- Center
- Illinois
- Nebraska
- Tunnel
- County
- Library
- Park Zoo
- University
- Green
- Logs
- Tomb

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

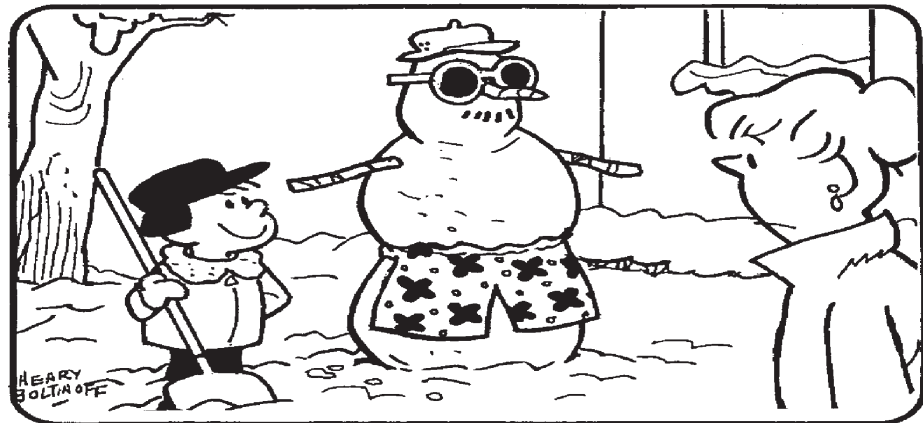
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

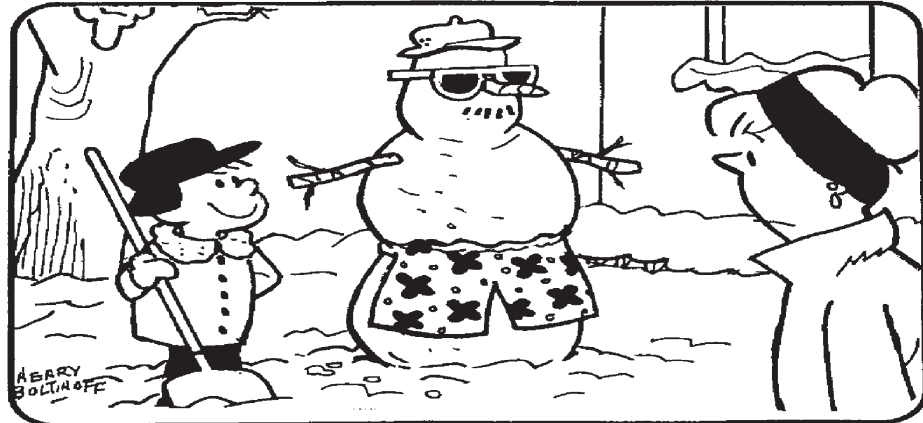
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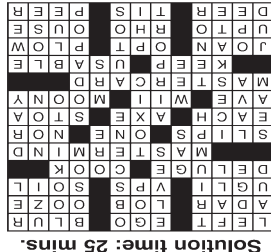
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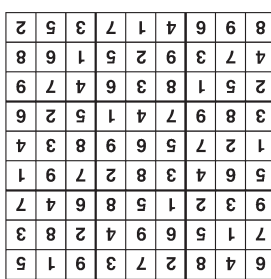
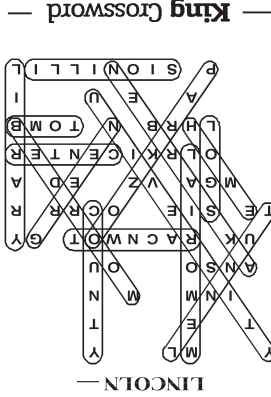
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Woman has headband. 2. Sunglasses are different. 3. Boy's shirt has buttons. 4. Tree is wider. 5. Snowman's "arms" are different. 6. Boy is taller.



Solution time: 25 mins.



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Bertolet Library News

Create-a-Card with Jessie

Saturday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m.

Spring is just around the corner so it's a great time to join our card making group. Jessie Ross will again be on hand to offer suggestions and guidance as you create one-of-a-kind cards for your friends and family. All materials are provided and registration is not required so come spend an hour or the whole morning!

Movie Madness

Monday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

A day off school means movie time at the library! Join us as we follow the story of Migo, a young yeti who is trying to prove to his family and friends that humans exist and are not a danger to their village. Popcorn and drinks are provided.

Adult Coloring

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Start the new year with a new hobby 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 and if you don't have time to stay and color, feel free to stop by and pick up coloring pages to take home.

Toddler/Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Introduce the special child in your life to the joy of reading through interactive books, songs, and activities. This program is a wonderful way for children to learn new concepts and make friends in a fun, relaxed way. Please

join us!

Food for Fines

This is the final week to pay off outstanding fines by bringing in non-perishable food items or paper products. If you don't have any fines, please consider donating anyway. All items collected will be given to a local food pantry.

We have collected all the plastic bags that are needed at this time so we are no longer accepting plastic at the library. Thank you so much to everyone for helping out the library, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club, and Ogle County Shooting Sports. We couldn't have done it without you!

Oregon Library News

Lorado Taft programs at the Oregon Public Library

Lorado Taft Campus and the Oregon Public Library have joined forces to offer three winter programs. The programs are: Monday, Feb. 18, Endeavors in Engineering, (rescheduled from January), 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. Registration is required and starts now. Call the Library at 815-732-2724 for more information and to register.

Family yoga – Tuesdays at 6 p.m. beginning Feb. 5

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.

Library book clubs

The 2nd Wednesday Book Club (2WBC) meets Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The In-Between Book Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m., *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld and *Books on Tap* will meet at Cork N Tap on Thursday, February 28 at 6 pm to discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th)

The Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is requested, but not required.

Afternoon Movie – Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

No school, so join us on Monday, Feb. 18 for an afternoon movie! The movie will be *Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero*, rated PG, beginning at 1 p.m. Bring something soft to sit on as the movie is shown in the Art Gallery.

Pizza and a movie: The Hate U Give – Thursday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Rescheduled from January

Join us for pizza and watch *The Hate U Give*- PG-13. Starr Carter navigates the perilous waters between her poor, black neighborhood and her prestigious, mainly white private school. This all changes when she finds herself in the middle of racial activism after her best friend is shot by police officers, and she's forced to make a decision...allow the media to skewer her friend to protect the status quo, or stand up and tell the truth in memory of Khalil? Registration is required, please call the Library at 815-732-2724.

A Doggone good time – Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Many children who struggle with reading find that therapy dogs make excellent reading companions because they are calm, patient, attentive, and always willing to listen without judgement. Read out loud to Balou Bear-a 4 year old therapy and emotional support Chocolate Labrador Retriever on Tuesday, February 26, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children (1st grade and up) should be able to read independently but not necessarily fluently. Bring something suitable to read in a short time period.

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.

Story times

18-24 Months Story Time (9:30 a.m.) and Preschool (3-6 yrs. old) Story Time (10:30 am) meets on Thursdays, now thru May 16. Join us for stories, crafts, guests and fun!

Trivia Night – second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Refreshments and prizes. Registration required.

New releases

The Longest Line On The Map by Eric Rutkow (Non-Fiction 388.1 RUT)

The Last Whalers by Doug Bock Clark (Non-Fiction 639.2 CLA)

Aristotle's Way: How Ancient Wisdom Can Change Your Life by Edith Hall (Non-Fiction 170.44 HAL)

John Marshall: The Man Who Made The Supreme Court by Richard Brookhiser (Biography BIO MAR)

Lessons: My Path To A Meaningful Life by Gisele Bundchen (Biography BIO BUN)

The Dakota Winters by Tom Barbash (Fiction)

The Light Over London by Julia Kelly (Fiction)

Turning Point by Danielle Steel (Fiction)

Annelies by David R. Gillham (Fiction)

Watching You by Lisa Jewell (Fiction)

The Best Of Us by Robyn Carr (Fiction)

Tony's Wife by Adriana Trigiani (Fiction)

Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan (Fiction)

The New Iberia Blues by James Lee Burke (Fiction)

The Air You Breathe by Frances De Pontes Peebles (Large Print Fiction)

The Golden Tresses Of The Dead by Alan Bradley (Mystery)

Julia Hull Library News

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. Through Feb. 28.

Teen Jeopardy Tournament

Test your knowledge and outwit competitors for power, glory, and prizes, Tuesday, February 12, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Topics include all things pop culture. Snacks will be provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Read Tanya Lee Stone's, Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented, then join fellow young critics on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss and rate the book, and do an activity that goes along with the story! Ages 7-10. Registration required.

The Colorful History of the Little Black Dress

Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the Little Black Dress, or "LBD," has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Gooddard, Ph.D., explores the history of this fashion icon. Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning; how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD; and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada. Monday, February 25 at 6:30 PM. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: Mardi Gras Party!

It's Mardi Gras at the library! Come create your own outrageous mask, decorate your own king "cake" and enjoy a riotousness evening of games and madness! Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Tech Take Apart

Have you ever wondered what the inside of your gadgets look like? Find out with this ultimate upcycling craft, Friday, March 8, 2:45-4:30 p.m. We'll disassemble un-

wanted tech and transform them into whatever cool trinkets our hearts desire. All supplies provided. Ages 13 -18. Registration required.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash!

You could not, would not, want to miss...a Birthday Bash as fun as this! On Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m., come celebrate the man who wrote over 60 books: the one and only Dr. Seuss! We'll read a variety of his tongue-twisting tales, play nonsensical games, and create a chimerical craft! Everyone's favorite trouble-making cat, The Cat In the Hat, will be here to help us celebrate, and pose for photos. All supplies provided. Ages 6 and up. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Discovery Center Presents: Lots of Legos!

The Discovery Center Museum of Rockford is back with some hands-on fun featuring Legos! On Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m., we'll investigate gears and forces and use America's favorite bricks to construct a merry-go-round or windmill that really works! Grades 1-8. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Byron Library News

New Service

Do you have home movies on VHS that you would like to transfer to DVD? Let the Byron Library assist you with our new VHS to DVD converter! Bring in your old VHS tapes and a blank DVD, or purchase a blank DVD at the circulation desk for \$1. This service is intended for use on home movies, only.

Library Dance Party

Monday, Feb. 11
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.

Head Strong: Exercise Strategies to Enhance Memory and Thinking

Presented by Karla Belzer, Extension Educator

Wednesday, Feb. 13

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Are you headstrong about keeping your head strong? Challenging the brain with puzzles and games can be very beneficial, especially as we grow older. Join us as we learn about memory and aging and explore several exercise strategies to enhance thinking. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Messy Art Monday

Monday, Feb. 18

10-11 a.m.

Ages: K-5th Grade

Head to the library for some messy and fun art projects! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

"Two for One Broadway" Cabaret: a performance of Nostalgia Entertainment

Tuesday, Feb. 26

2-3 p.m.

What's better than a dynamic song from a hit Broadway musical? Two dynamic songs from a hit Broadway musical! This delightful, one-hour cabaret, presenting Broadway musicals from the 1930s to the 1980s, features favorite tunes from seven Broadway shows, including Annie Get Your Gun, West Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, Grease, Cats, and more. In between songs, Matt and Cynthia Gruel share interesting tidbits unique to each musical. This Cabaret is a certain treasure for all musical theatre lovers! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Llama Llama Storytime

Tuesday, Fe. 26

6-7 p.m.

Ages: 2-8 years, with caregiver

A special evening storytime, with activities, crafts and stories inspired by Anna Dewdney's beloved Llama Llama books. Meet and take your photo with Llama Llama! Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

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

Mount Morris Library News



Storytime for Little People and Big Kid Book Club at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday
Little People Storytime and Big Kid Book Club – Valentine's Party! Come for stories, treats and a heart hunt at the Library!

New at the Library

Repair of CD's and DVD's for patrons! Starting on January 1, we will offer repairs/cleaning for CD's and DVD's for the low cost of \$1 per disc. Come in and read through the policy and let us help you clean up your favorite music and movies!

Cookbook Club – Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Come and pick a recipe from this month's cookbook, Eating in the Middle. Bring your dish and share with other cooks!

Serenity Hospice Virtual Dementia Tour – Friday, Feb. 15

Wonder what it is like to experience dementia? Serenity Hospice has an interactive program that will help you understand what someone goes through when they struggle with dementia. Sign up with Serenity or call the Library for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 28 – Happy 100th Birthday American Legion at 6 p.m.

This year, 2019, is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion here in Mount Morris. We are celebrating with a presentation from our local American Legion Chapter and veterans from the area. Come and hear about the great history of the Mount Morris American Legion and learn how you can participate in the Illinois Veteran History Project.

TV WEEKLY

Tuesday, February 12 through Monday, February 18

Soap Opera Update

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Katie comforted her niece over the loss of her baby. Reese felt tremendous guilt when Taylor stopped by to thank him. Flo gave back as good as she got when Zoe pressured her. While informing Steffy that Hope was back at work, Brooke took the opportunity to query her about Taylor's connection to Phoebe's birth mother. Donna, Katie and Brooke planned a morning to spend with Hope at the cabin. Wyatt pointed out the similarities between Kelly and Phoebe. Zoe updated Xander about meeting Flo and her frustration that there were still so many unanswered questions. Brooke and Liam urged Hope to open up about her feelings. Liam was surprised when Hope asked if they could visit Phoebe together. Wait to See: Zoe plans to confront Flo one last time.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Hope accused Ben of abducting Ciara. Stefan risked his life to save Chloe's. Julie tried to persuade Abigail to forgive Chad. Abigail confided in Jordan about her encounter with Ben. Rex and Sarah re-committed to their relationship. John confided to Roman that Leo might be his son. Abigail discovered that Charlotte was missing. Brady and Stefan both offered Chloe a place to stay. Sarah tried to make amends with Eric. Chad lashed out at Ben before desperately searching for Charlotte. Jack tried reaching out to Abigail. JJ and Haley shared their first kiss. Ciara attempted to trick her captor. Wait to See: Eve pressures Jack to use Haley's secret to his advantage.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Franco looked to "Kevin" for advice. Sam met up with Shiloh. Kristina felt energized. Sonny made his intentions clear. Anna received a surprise visit. Franco took Aiden ice skating. Sasha surprised Nina. Jason brought Carly up to speed. Obrecht was curious about Maxie's influence over Peter. Ryan made Franco his pawn. Charlotte went on an outing with her sister. Nina had a dramatic change of heart. Maxie questioned Peter's hesitation. Franco was put in a precarious position. Ava was stunned. Sonny shared his concerns with Alexis. Drew received some good news. Kim leaned on Julian. Spinelli shared his findings with Jason. Alexis was caught off guard. Ryan set his sights on a new victim. Wait to See: Sam spends Valentine's Day with another man.

(See C-10)

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ANPL	42	Too Cute!		Animal Cops Phil.		Animal Cops Phil.		My Cat From Hell		Dr. Dee: Alaska		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Varied Programs									
TLC	43	Varied Programs							Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		My 600-Lb. Life		Varied Programs		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Varied Programs					
TVLAND	44	Paid	Paid	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Bonanza	Varied	Gunsm.	Varied	Gunsm.	Varied	Gunsm.	Varied	Gunsm.	Varied	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
COM	45	'70s	'70s	Varied Programs			Fturama	Fturama	Varied	Fturama	Varied Programs			Cleve	Cleve	Cleve	Cleve	Varied Programs				Office	Varied	Office	Office		
E!	46	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro	Below Deck -		WAGS LA		Varied Programs						The Kardashians		Busy	Busy	Varied Programs				Botched			
HALL	47	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Home & Family				Home & Family				Movie				Movie									
MSNBC	49	(5:00) Morning Joe		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		Andrea Mitchell		MSNBC		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		Deadline		MTP Daily		The Beat With		Hardball Chris			
FOOD	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Pioneer	Varied Programs						Pioneer	Pioneer	Varied Programs													
EWTN	53	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs		Mother	Varied	Women	Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		At Home		Varied Programs		Chaplet	Rosary	Varied Programs				Promise	News	Varied	Daily Mass - Olam		
FX	54	(6:00) Movie		Varied	Movie	Varied		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mike	Mike	Movie	Varied Programs				Movie	Varied Programs							
TRUTV	55	Varied Programs																		Ad. Ru	Ad. Ru	Varied Programs		Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes
OXY	56	Varied Programs																									

Table for Tuesday Evening February 12, 2019. Columns include time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) with their respective program titles.

Table for Wednesday Evening February 13, 2019. Columns include time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) with their respective program titles.

Table for Thursday Evening February 14, 2019. Columns include time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) with their respective program titles.

Table for Friday Evening February 15, 2019. Columns include time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) with their respective program titles.

Saturday Evening February 16, 2019. 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 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, EWTV, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Sunday Evening February 17, 2019. 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 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, EWTV, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Monday Evening February 18, 2019. 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 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, EWTV, FX, TRUTV, OXY).

Soap Opera Update (From C-7) THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Nikki and Victor panicked as they searched for their missing granddaughter... Kirsten Storms stars as "Maxie" on "General Hospital". Photo Credit: ABC/Craig Sjodin.

E-mail news items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Kseniya Mikhailova.

Q: I was so sad to hear that the actor who played Neil on "The Young and the Restless" died unexpectedly. I watched him for years on the soap. A friend of mine told me that he used to be on "The Cosby Show," but I don't remember him. Who did he play? -- D.E.

A: Kristoff St. John, who played Neil Winters on "The Young and the Restless" for almost 30 years, was found dead in his home at the age of 52 from what appeared to be an alcohol overdose. The official cause of death is still pending as of this writing.

The actor had been deeply wounded emotionally since the loss of his son, Julian, by suicide in 2014. St. John later took a leave of absence from "Y&R" after being admitted to a mental-health facility for his own safety due to severe depression.

Eric Braeden, who plays Victor Newman on the soap, had nothing but praise for his fellow cast member, telling "People" magazine: "He was a wonderful actor to work with ... he was so instinctive. He had empathy. I think good actors all have empathy. He was just one of the good guys."

St. John's acting career began in the mid 1970s when he guest starred as a child on shows like "Happy Days" and "Wonder Woman" and was a regular on the TV spinoff of "The Bad News Bears." Your friend is correct in that he appeared on "The Cosby Show," having played Denise's (Lisa Bonet) boyfriend in one episode.

Kristoff leaves behind two daughters, Paris and Lola, as well as his fiancée,

Q: Is it true that Becca, who was "The Bachelorette" last year, just had a baby? Did she marry the fly-fisherman guy she got engaged to from the show? -- S.M.

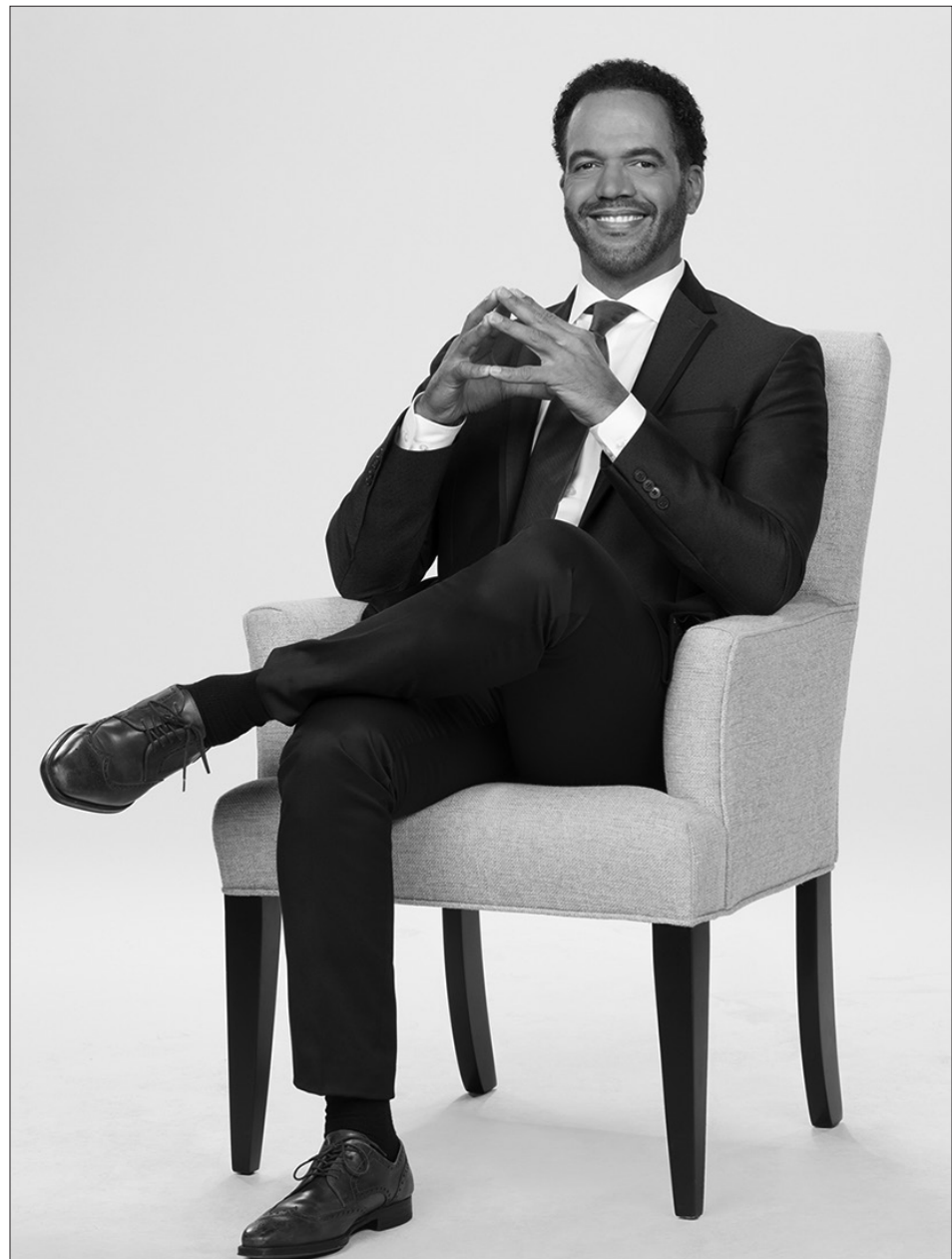
A: No, Becca Kufrin of "The Bachelorette" is not a mom yet. She's still engaged to Garrett Yrigoyen, but they haven't tied the knot or procreated. You're thinking of Bekah Martinez, who also was a contestant along with Kufrin on "The Bachelor," as they both competed for the final rose from Arie Luyendyk Jr.

Now that we've got the names straight, it was Martinez who recently gave birth to her first child, but the baby's father isn't a reality-show star. His name is Grayston Leonard, and the two met at a climbing gym with no TV cameras around. In fact, even though it was early in their courtship, Martinez decided not to try her luck by dating in a bikini on "Bachelor in Paradise" because she was so smitten with Leonard back home.

Everything seems to have worked out the way it should, as even the man of a thousand smooches, Mr. Luyendyk, is going to be a father soon. He just married Lauren Burnham, who won his heart over Becca, Bekah, etc. as a contestant on the 2018 season of "The Bachelor." Burnham is expecting their first child this June.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com!

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

as Bill Dixon, Hart's campaign manager.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13) -- There is a reason Rami Malek is nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for his performance in "Bohemian Rhapsody," the Queen biopic out this week on DVD and still storming big screens worldwide (it just surpassed \$100 million in Japan alone): He's mesmerizing, and so was his subject. Freddie Mercury was outlandish, over the top and incredibly talented with a fascinating personal story and rocky personality. Add the rest of Queen with Brian May (Gwylim Lee), Roger Taylor (Ben Hardy) and John Deacon (Joseph Mazzello), plus good casting on peripheral players, and it's a crowd pleaser, if not 100 percent accurate. The music is magic, and that's all we really needed.

"The Front Runner" (R) -- Charismatic and cocksure, Gary Hart (Hugh Jackman) blew up the 1988 campaign trail. Youth, vitality and a political swagger sent him rocketing to the top of the Democratic ticket, until allegations of womanizing brought it all crashing down around him. Director Jason Reitman gives a well-paced look into the making of a snowball and how a new, changing news world asserted itself over personality politics -- the moment when it was decided that a candidate cannot be just about the issues. J.K. Simmons is electric

"Maria by Callas" (PG) -- Another biography, this one a documentary by director and screenwriter Tom Volf, is a self-portrait of sorts, an intimate look at Maria Callas, operatic phenomenon and the world's greatest soprano. From her New York beginnings to international renown, her story is told unabashedly, in her own words -- almost entirely in her own voice -- from interviews, private footage and personal recordings supplemented by her letters (read by Joyce DiDonato, a contemporary opera powerhouse). Outspoken and outrageous, Callas was no meek miss. She was a true diva. Her voice was an extraordinary gift that she shared with the world, and she knew it.

"Nobody's Fool" (R) -- Tiffany Haddish and Tika Sumpter star in Tyler Perry's latest rom-com and first foray into R-rating territory. Haddish plays Tanya, recently incarcerated comical misfit whose sister Danica (Sumpter) is a straight-arrow marketing exec with a ho-hum personal life (despite being insanely beautiful, she's been jilted by her former boyfriend and is in an online relationship). When Tanya is paroled, Danica is dispatched by their mother (Whoopi Goldberg) to help her set her life in order, but shenanigans ensue when Tanya suspects Danica is being cat-



fished online. Omari Harwick plays Frank, a local coffee shop owner who agrees to employ Tanya and courts Danica. I'd like to say it's hilarious, but it was flat and sadly forgettable.

"American Vandal" Season 1
 "Nightflyers" Season 1
 "American Chopper" Season 8
 "Miracle Workers" Season 1
 "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"

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OF THE)2019
ESTATE)P-6
OF:)
GEORGIA)
M.)
GENTZ,)
deceased).

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the
deceath of GEORGIA M.
GENTZ of Byron, Illinois.
Letters of office were is-
sued on January 24, 2019
, to
TODD R. GENTZ of
Cherry Valley, Illinois,
whose attorney is David
A. Smith, of Smith, Birk-
holz & O'Brien, P.C. at
129 South Fourth Street,
P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illi-
nois, 61061-0010.

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tate may be filed in the
office of the Clerk
of the Court at Ogle
County Judicial Center,
106 South 5th Street, Or-
egon, Illinois, 61061, or
with the representative,
or both, within 6 months
from the first publication
of this Notice, or within
three months from the
date of mailing or deliv-
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if mailing or delivery is
required by Section 18-3
of the Illinois Probate
Act, 1975, as amended,
whichever date is later.
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or delivered to the estate
legal representative and
to the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.

Todd R. Gentz
Independent
Administrator
No. 0201 (Feb. 4, 11, 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
OF COURT DATE FOR
REQUEST FOR NAME
CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
Request of:
Amy Louise Vander Wyst
2019MR2
Case Number

There will be a court date
on my Request to change
my name from: Amy Lou-
ise Vander Wyst to the
new name of John Luke
Vander Wyst.

The court date will be held
on March 14, 2019 at 9:00
a.m. at 106 S. 5th St.,
Oregon, IL in Courtroom
#202.

/s/ Amy Vander Wyst
No. 0207 (Feb. 4, 11, 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

STATE OF)
ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY)
OF OGLE)

Public Notice is hereby
given to all persons in
Byron Township that a
Public Hearing will be
held February 28, 2019
at 6:00 P.M. at the Old
Ogle County Courthouse,
Third Floor County Board
Room #317, 105 S. Fifth
St., Oregon, IL, to con-
sider the request filed
January 4, 2019 of Carla
& Brad Miller, 7 E. IL Rte.
72, Leaf River, IL for a
Supplemental Special
Use permit in the AG-1
Agricultural District to al-
low the expansion of a
banquet facility on prop-
erty described as follows
and owned by the peti-
tioner:

Part of the Northwest
Quarter (NW1/4) of
the Northwest Quarter
(NW1/4) of Section 34,
Township 25 North,
Range 10 East of the 4th
P.M., Byron Township,
Ogle County, IL,
7.5 acres, more or less
Property Identification
Number: 04-34-100-003
Common Location: 7 E. IL
Rte. 72

All persons in attendance
at the hearing shall have
an opportunity to be
heard. Any person who
also wishes to appear as
an "interested party" with
the right to cross-examine
others at the hearing must
complete and file an ap-
pearance form with the
Ogle County Planning &
Zoning Department no
later than five (5) busi-
ness days before the date
of the hearing. The ap-
plication for this special
use is on file with detailed
description and available
for examination at the
Planning & Zoning De-
partment, 911 Pines Rd.,
Oregon, Illinois or at the
following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php
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RANDY OCKEN, Chair-
man
Dated at Oregon,
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE March 8, 2019 – 10:00 A.M. Ogle County Sheriff's Department 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061



(commonly known as
204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047)

On March 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled *Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings & Loan Association, Plaintiff, v. Jestin Shane Akins and Village of Leaf River, an Illinois Municipal Corporation*, Case No. 2015 CH 59, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 9 in Block 5 in the Village of Leaf River, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book B of Plats, page 2, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047 **DESCRIPTION:** (Based on Appraisal) 1 story ranch with partial basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1392 sq. ft., deck, porch and fence **INSPECTION:** Contact Christy Eastman at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 18 W. Main Street, Mt. Morris, Illinois, phone (815) 734-6051 to determine if property is available for inspection. **TERMS OF SALE:** 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be **CERTIFIED CHECK** payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2018 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. SALE IS "AS IS"** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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.

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All Taylor Township meetings are open to the public. They all begin a 7:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month, at the Taylor Township Building at 280 W. Flagg Rd., Oregon, IL. 2019 meetings are Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, (Annual Town Hall Meeting followed by the regular meeting), May 14 (Town and Road District Budget public meeting), June, 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

petitioner Village of Davis Junction's proposed amendment to Appendix A to the Zoning Ordinance to designate lessors of miniwarehouses and self-storage units as a special use in the C-2 District, and other relief as required. A copy of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is available for inspection at Village Hall during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further public notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-13-14 and Section 11-303 and 11-601 of the Village of Davis Junction Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance"), the Village of Davis Junction Planning and Zoning Commission will be conducting a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2019, at Davis Junction Village Hall, 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL, to consider

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Byron Museum District board has rescheduled its' Regular Meeting to Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 PM.
No. 0215 (Feb. 11)



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There are pros and cons to early retirement

A lifetime of working compels many people to look forward to their retirement. Some people even work to retire early. But what are the advantages of early retirement beyond

starting a life of leisure? And are there any detriments to this plan?

A 2014 survey by the financial services provider TIAA-CREF found that 37 percent of Americans plan

to retire before age 65. However, many of them will not have control over the matter. Those who do may want to consider the pros and cons of early retirement.

Advantages
Many people seek early retirement so that they can live a life free of the constraints of schedules. In retirement, time becomes, more or less, a retiree's own.

Leaving a job can be a boon to a person's health as well. Relieving oneself of the pressures and stresses of professional life can free up the mind and body. Stress can affect mental and physical health, taxing the heart and contributing to conditions such as depression or anxiety. According to the Mayo Clinic, stress can cause headache, muscle and chest pain and contribute to trouble sleeping.

The earlier the retirement, the more opportunity to travel before health issues begin to limit mobility. Early retirement also can be a way to volunteer more or even start a new job opportunity — one where workers have greater control over their schedules and careers.

Disadvantages
One of the disadvantages of early retirement is a loss of income. Contributions to retirement accounts also ceases at retirement.

This can lead to financial setbacks if adequate savings were not allocated for retirement. According to the resource Wealth How, some people who retire early fear outliving their savings.

While retiring early may be good for health, it also can have negative consequences. An analysis from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that retirement can lead to declines in mental health and mobility as well as feelings of isolation. Retiring early may jump start these health implications.

Another consideration is that health insurance provided by an employer typically ends at retirement. That means having to pay out of pocket until a person ages into government-subsidized healthcare, such as Medicare in the United States, at age 65.

Retiring early is a complex issue that requires weighing the pros and cons.

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Heart disease is a formidable foe. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease accounts for nearly 25 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

Issues relating to the heart affect both men and women, and an estimated 15 million adults in the U.S. have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease. And heart disease is not exclusive to the United States, as the Heart Research Institute says that every seven minutes in Canada someone dies from heart disease or stroke.

Such statistics are disconcerting, but they can serve as a wake-up call that compels people to prioritize heart health. Fortunately, heart disease is often preventable and people can employ various strategies to reduce their risk.

• **Stop smoking right now.** One of the best things to do

to protect the heart is to stop smoking. The Heart Foundation indicates that smoking reduces oxygen in the blood and damages blood vessel walls. It also contributes to atherosclerosis, or a narrowing and clogging of the arteries.

• **Eat healthy fats.** When eating, choose polyunsaturated and unsaturated fats and avoid trans fats as much as possible. Trans fats increase one's risk of developing heart disease by clogging arteries and raising LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. Read food labels before buying anything at the store.

• **Keep your mouth clean.** Studies show that bacteria in the mouth involved in the development of gum disease can travel to the bloodstream and cause an elevation in C-reactive protein, a marker for blood vessel inflammation. Brush and floss twice daily, and be sure to schedule rou-



time dental cleanings.

• **Get adequate shut-eye.** Ensuring adequate sleep can improve heart health. One study found that young and middle-age adults who regularly slept seven hours a night had less calcium in

their arteries (a sign of early heart disease) compared to those who slept five hours or less or those who slept nine hours or more.

• **Adopt healthy eating habits.** Changes to diet, including eating more fruits,

vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, can help you lose and maintain a healthy weight, improve cholesterol levels and reduce blood pressure — leading to a healthier heart.

• **Embrace physical activ-**

ity. Regular moderate exercise is great for the heart. It can occur at the gym, playing with the kids or even taking the stairs at work.

A healthy heart begins with daily habits that promote long-term heart health.

Watch for discounts available to over 50 crowd

Many people may not look forward to the day they turn 50, but cracking the half century mark can have its perks. Many retailers and businesses offer discounts to men and women over 50, and the following are just a few ways that people who have turned the big 5-0 might be able to save some money.

• **Movie tickets:** The cost of going to the movies has skyrocketed in recent years, as today's theaters now offer an array of amenities and, thanks to bigger screens and better technology, a better viewing experience than the theaters the over-50 crowd grew up visiting. While film lovers may need to wait until they turn 60 to cash in on discount movie tickets, many chain movie theaters offer discounted tickets to older patrons.

• **Travel:** Men and women over 50 may be able to save substantial amounts of money on travel simply by typing in their birthdays when purchasing tickets or planning trips. For example, men and women over the age of 62 are eligible to receive a 15 percent discount on the lowest available rail fare on most Amtrak trains.

• **Ancestry:** As men and women age, many begin to develop a greater interest in their heritage. Those who join AARP (membership is available to men and women who are 50 or older) can receive a 30 percent discount on an Ancestry World Explorer membership in the first year they're members.

• **Auto rentals:** AARP members also are eligible to save up to 30 percent on base rates for vehicle rentals at Avis. The discounts are applicable at participating locations in both the United States and Canada.

• **Hotels:** Men and women over 50 may have extra time on their hands once their kids go off to college and then begin careers and families of their own. Many such adults use that extra free time to travel, which requires staying in hotels. Many hotels offer discounted rates to travelers over the age of 50, and such discounts may make it more affordable to book directly through hotel websites instead of using popular travel sites where rates tend to fluctuate by the minute.

• **Dining:** Of course, many restaurants offer early bird specials for patrons who want to eat a little bit earlier than guests typically arrive for dinner. However, many chain restaurants also offer discounts to senior diners regardless of when they arrive. Such discounts are sometimes even applicable to both food and beverages.

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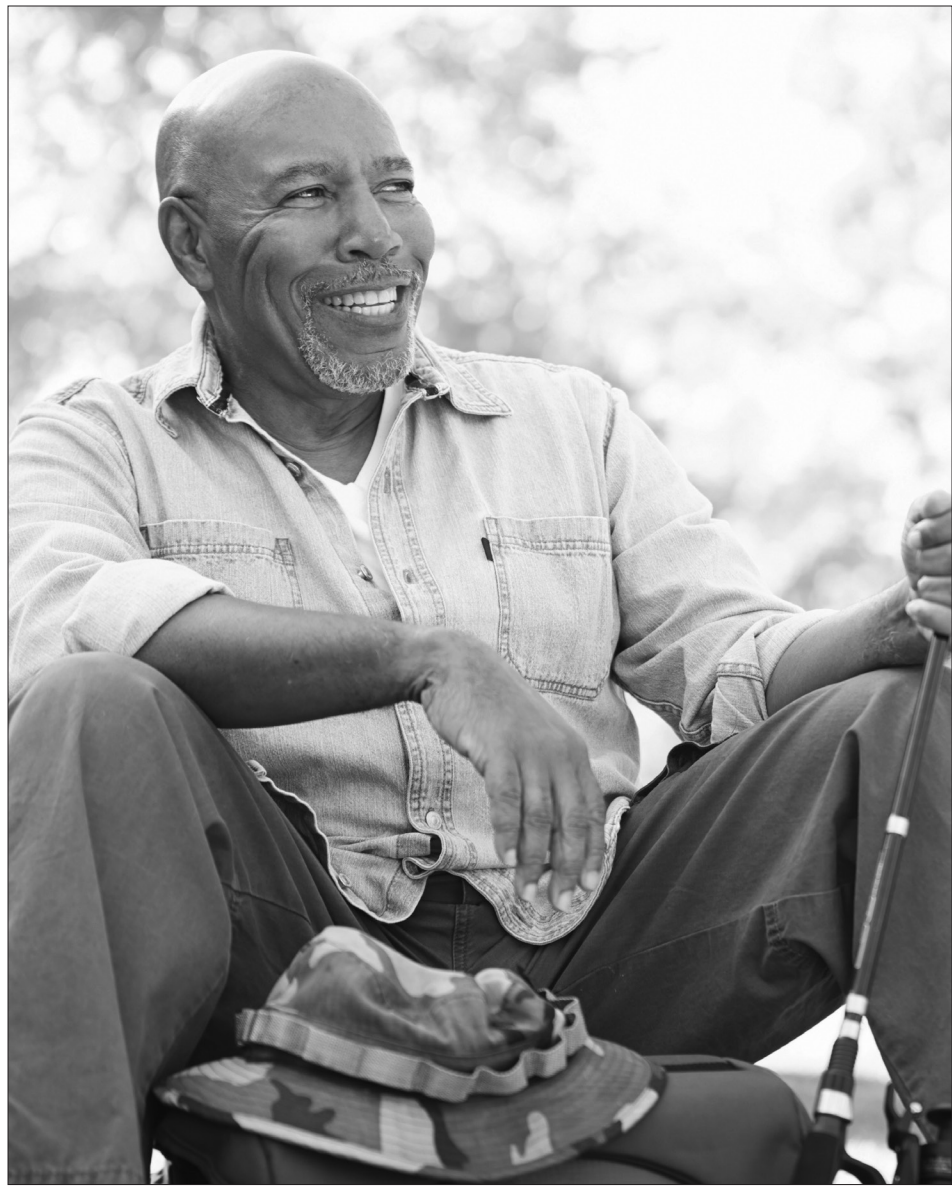
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Retired? Now is the time to live your best life

Americans dream of retirement — time to sleep in, take naps, finally do gardening or projects or take trips. We imagine retirement offering all the opportunities working 40 hours a week detracts from. And you should definitely take time for all the relaxing you want, then find ways to fill those hours and allow you to enjoy your post-work life.

MarketWatch has a few suggestions for making the most of your senior years.

Get a Job or Volunteer

OK, maybe this isn't your first stop. But a post-retirement job may give you the opportunity to try something new and perhaps less stressful, or working a part-time position in something fun. It also provides additional income, which many Americans would benefit from during their retirement years.

Volunteering also is a great way to be involved in your community. Libraries, schools, museums, hospitals and nonprofits are always looking for volunteers. You could even use your expertise acquired from working to help out a small business.

Find (Or Rediscover) a New Sport or Hobby

A pickup basketball game after a long day of work when you work at home can be exhausting. A pickup game without that long day of work can be energizing and a lot of fun. Learn to golf, go fishing or boating, play tennis, go biking, join a team (check out the National Senior Games Association if you want some real competition) or reacquaint yourself with the local gym or hiking or walking trails. Regardless of your level of fitness, you can find some sport or exercise that fits.

Retirement is also a great time to find a new hobby. If you've always been interested in cooking but never had much time to experiment, now you do. Take up gardening, learn to play the piano, take dance lessons or take up painting.

Travel

These might be jetsetting trips to Europe, Asia or Australia; or weekend trips to the local national parks, the cities around you, or visiting friends and family throughout the country. It could even be packing up a camper and driving the country, exploring the nooks and crannies of the United States that tourists often overlook.

Why not use the freedom of retirement to scratch the travel itch?

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Make sure to stay sharp, live a healthy lifestyle

Staying healthy and sharp as you get older will contribute to living a longer, more fulfilling life. While many of the habits that keep you healthier in your earlier decades will continue to serve you well as you get older, seniors need to be careful with high-impact exercises and should be aware of different risks.

Eat Right

The AARP actually suggests eating like you have diabetes — don't eat after 7 p.m.; get rid of the bottom bun when eating hamburgers or other sandwiches; keep nuts in your bag or glove compartment so you have something healthy to snack; use mashed avocado in place of mayonnaise on sandwiches and use whole wheat bread; and replace noodles with quinoa or barley. Talk to your doctor about the number of calories you should be eating daily.

Find the Right Exercises

As long as you're able to do it, brisk walking remains a great way to burn calories, get your heart rate up and keep your muscles and joints ac-

tive. It's not the only exercise that's low impact and good for seniors, though. AARP suggests tai chi — a form of martial arts that combines slow, graceful movements and meditation that been connected to a variety of health and fitness benefits. The biggest of those benefits is the exercise's ability to improve balance and prevent falls. A 2015 study also found tai chi can help seniors avoid osteoarthritis.

Tai chi, as with all exercise, can help reduce stress as well as give you more energy for the rest of your activities.

Keep your Brain Sharp

Memory slowing down is a normal effect of age. According to Healthbeat, a publication of Harvard Medical School, using the brain is critical to keep your memory sharp.

Use all of your senses; repeat or write down information you want to retain; continue learning, either through classes, books, online programs, going to museums or joining a book club; or make a mnemonic device to help you remember things.

Work With Your Doctor

As you age, your risk of Alzheimer's and dementia increases, as does the risk

for cancer, arthritis and many other conditions. Talk to your doctor about changes in your body or symptoms related to depression or other mental



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Become a Road Scholar

Retired and ready for your next adventure? Look no further than Road Scholar, a nonprofit organization that offers travel, educational opportunities and other experiences for seniors.

The program, started in 1975 as Elderhostel, offers more than 5,500 learning adventures, taking scholars on trips to 150 countries throughout the world, with the aim of educating, introducing people to each other and to different cultures.

These trips are planned with different levels of fitness, finances and experience in mind, with the organization planning the itineraries. Each trip is staffed by faculty experts who take scholars to the usual and not-so-usual attractions of a city or region and let them experience the food, history, customs and lifestyle. Trips are available for solo travelers, couples or groups, and the cost includes lodging, many meals, gratuities and group transportation. On international trips,

the organization takes care of airfare as well.

If you're ready to explore the world, Road Scholar offers nature hikes through Costa Rica, a maritime journey in Croatia and Slovenia, or hiking through the Canadian Rockies or Cinque Terre, Italy. For the more historically minded, explore the Caribbean island of Martinique or visit Cuba or the Chesapeake Islands in Maryland.

If you want to stay closer to home or take a less expensive trip, learn about the ecology of the Channel Islands National Park off the coast of California or go on a five-day rejuvenation retreat.

Or, if you want to make Road Scholar an intergenerational experience, check out Grandparent Journeys, which allow you to take your grandchildren with you to swim with sea life in Mexico, go back in time at Colonial Williamsburg or explore the many facets of Paris. There are trips suitable for children as young as 4 years old.



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Tips for living with low vision

Visual impairment affects people of all ages and all walks of life. The American Foundation for the Blind defines visual impairment, often referred to as “low vision,” as any vision problem that is severe enough to affect an individual’s ability to carry out the tasks of everyday living. Millions of people have some degree of visual impairment that requires corrective lenses, and some still struggle even while wearing glasses or contact lenses.

People with low vision can experience difficulty performing daily activities, such as cooking, shopping, reading, watching television, and more. Some practical solutions can help people address changes in their vision.

- Use more light. After about age 60, many people require additional light to perform most indoor tasks as well as outdoor activities. After age 60, the pupil no longer opens as widely as it once did, which affects the amount of light that reaches the retina, where vision processing occurs. Brighten areas of the kitchen, garage, crafting table, and other areas where fine details are examined.
- Rely on darker contrasts. Contrasting colors can make it easier to see edges and lines of demarcation. For example, use a dark tablecloth and white dishes to see table settings and food more clearly.
- Label items. Bold-colored labels or those of different shapes can help set items apart when reading containers or boxes becomes challenging.
- Use filters and shields. Certain devices, such as lens filters and shields, can reduce glare and improve vision. Individuals also can invest in shields for their computers or tablet screens to reduce glare.
- Choose “large print” formats. At local booksellers, seek books that are available in large print. This makes it easier to enjoy reading.
- Switch bulbs at home. The eye care resource All About Vision suggests swapping fluorescent and incandescent light bulbs with warm-toned LED bulbs. These bulbs emit less blue light and can be more comforting with reduced glare.

• Invest in adaptive devices. Large-button phones with speed dial, large-print calendars, watches that speak the time, and digital home assistant devices also can help men and women overcome vision loss.

Low vision impacts daily living, but there are ways to counter the effects of impaired vision.

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What people need to know about Medicare

Medicare is a federal health insurance plan that working Americans pay into through payroll taxes. It is a valuable benefit, as most Americans' health insurance is tied to their jobs, thus leaving a hole when workers retire, but enrolling in and navigating the program can be a daunting task.

The AARP has a Medicare Question and Answer Tool to walk people through the plans Medicare offers, what health care coverage you need and can afford, and the timeline you should expect as you are signing up.

Basics of Medicare

At age 65, Americans are eligible for Medicare. There are four parts:

- Part A (hospital): Helps pay for the cost of hospital stays and time in short-term skilled nursing facilities, hospice and home health services.

- Part B (medical): Helps pay for doctors, outpatient and preventive care and certain medical equipment.

- Part C (Medicare Advantage): An alternative

coverage option that puts all your Medicare benefits into one plan.

- Part D: Helps cover the cost of outpatient prescription drugs.

If you or your spouse have earned a minimum of 40 work credits through paying Medicare payroll taxes, you won't pay monthly premiums for Part A insurance. Work credits aren't necessary for Part B or D services, though there is a monthly premium for those.

Like traditional health insurance, Medicare does not cover all health care costs. Plans have different deductibles, premiums and copays. Your income also may be a factor on how much you pay.

How to Sign Up For Medicare

Even after paying payroll taxes and turning 65, most Americans still must apply for Medicare. The initial enrollment period lasts for seven months, with the fourth month being the month you turn 65. You should sign up during this period



if you have no other health insurance or have insurance you bought yourself; you have retiree benefits from a former employer; you have COBRA coverage or veter-

ans' benefits; or you're in a nonmarital relationship and covered by their insurance. If you enroll before your 65th birthday, your coverage begins on the first day if the

month you turn 65. If you enroll after, there is a delay.

A special enrollment period is available for people who have health insurance past the initial period and al-

lows them to delay enrolling in Part B until their previous coverage ends. There are also exceptions for expatriates or people who are covered through a spouse's insurance.

Be sure to know the Social Security basics

Most Americans who work pay into Social Security, which is designed to help people save for retirement.

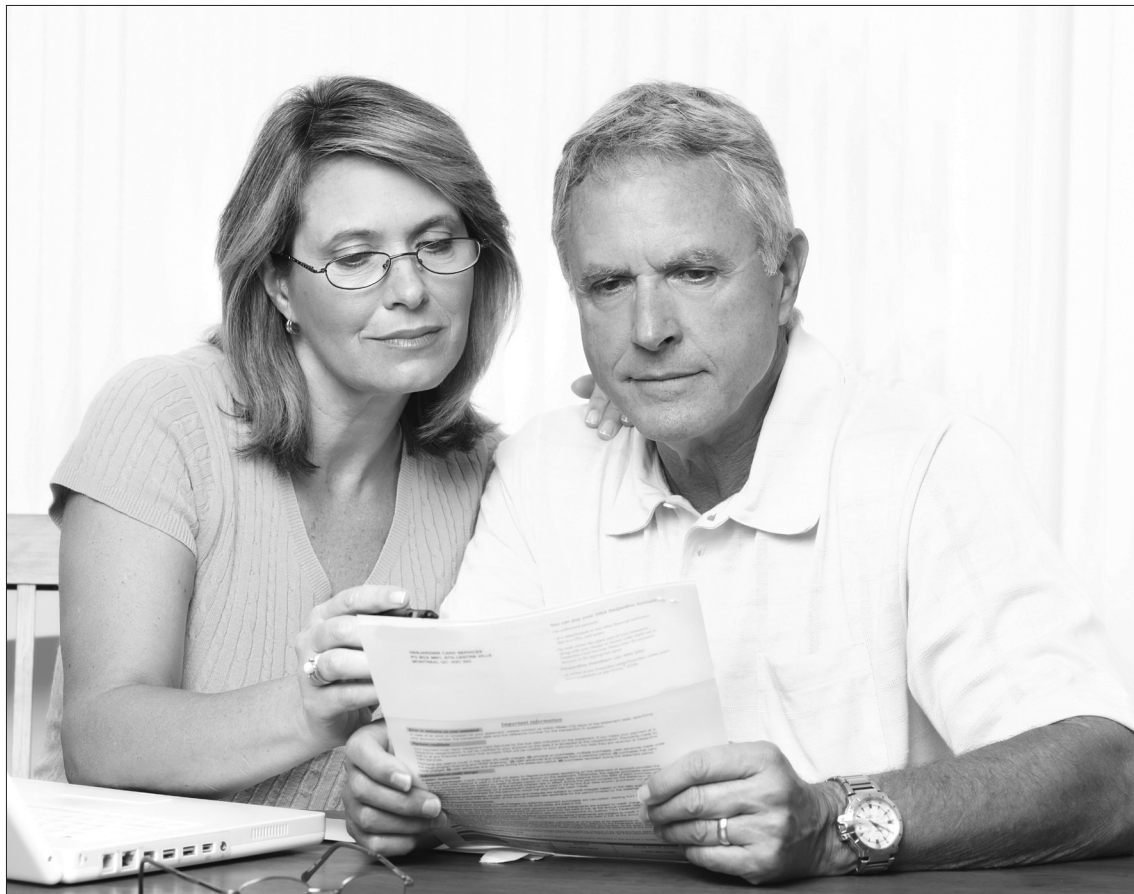
The payment is automatic, but applying for benefits takes some time and effort — and lots of paperwork.

The U.S. Social Security Administration's website, www.ssa.gov, has a retirement estimator that helps users estimate their monthly benefits, learn their full retirement age and make informed decisions about the process.

When Should I Get Social Security?

Workers who have paid into Social Security can get retirement benefits as early as 62 years old, but they will see reduced benefits if they cash in before full retirement age, which for most people is 66. Waiting until 70 to start benefits will result in increased benefits.

The SSA recommends applying for benefits four months before you want those benefits to begin. You may want to do this even if you are still working when you reach full retirement age; it could mean more money for you. If earnings for the prior year are



higher than one of the years used to compute your benefit, the SSA will redo that calculation and make the increase retroactive to

January the year after you earned the higher way. This could result in higher survivors benefits as well.

If you receive benefits while working, the amount you get may be reduced depending on your income.

What Paperwork Do I Need?

To apply, you need your Social Security number, birth certificate, W-2 forms or self-employment returns for the previous year, military discharge papers, if applicable, and birth certificates and Social Security numbers for your spouse and children who are applying for benefits. The need for records doesn't end when you're receiving your benefits. Notify the SSA if you move, get married or divorced, change your name, adopt a child, have a change in citizenship status or start receiving a pension.

What Benefits Can My Family Get?

If your spouse or child qualify, they may receive a monthly payment up to half of your full retirement benefit. This will not cut your benefit amount.

Children may qualify if they are minors, full-time high school students who are 18 or 19 or have a disability that started before age 22. Spouses who have not paid into Social Security also may be eligible if they have reached full retirement age.

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Some benefits of growing older

Many people are quick to think of growing older in a negative light. Although there certainly are some negative side effects of aging that one may wish to avoid, people may find that the benefits of growing older outweigh the negatives.

Seniors are a rapidly growing segment of the population. In the United States, the Administration on Aging states that the older population — persons 65 years or older — numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available). Statistics Canada reports that, in July 2015, estimates indicated that there were more persons aged 65 years and older in Canada than children aged 0 to 14 years for the first time in the country's history. Nearly one

in six Canadians (16.1%) was at least 65 years old.

With so many people living longer, it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old.

- **Higher self-esteem:** The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness.

- **Financial perks:** Seniors are entitled to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other

entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Discounts are available through an array of venues if one speaks up. Seniors also can enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on resorts, plane tickets and more. The U.S. National Park Service offers citizens age 62 and older lifetime passes to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites for just \$10 in person (\$20 online or via mail).

- **Reasoning and problem-solving skills:** Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both hemispheres of their brains simultaneously — something called bilateralization. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing

jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts at navigating, juggling multiple aircrafts simultaneously and avoiding collisions.

- **Less stress:** As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

Growing older may involve gray hair or wrinkling skin, but there are many positive things associated with aging.

This is the perfect time to downsize your life

A three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch house with a sprawling yard makes sense for families with kids and a dog and bikes and extra cars.

For empty-nesters, though, that big, beautiful house often just becomes a list of Saturday morning chores — mowing the yard, cleaning more bathrooms than you use on a regular basis and vacuuming bedrooms that no one is sleeping in but are filled up with old belongings you think about getting rid of but haven't.

Retirement offers a good opportunity to downsize the house into something more manageable and less expensive. Kiplinger talked to experts about the questions to ask yourself and priorities to consider as you're looking for a new place.

Consider What You Want

Do you just want a smaller space? Or is locating closer to amenities or in a certain area your top priority? You may want to consider a townhouse or condominium or other property with a homeowner's association to lessen the amount of upkeep you're responsible for. If you want to spend less on a mortgage, you may have to compromise on location or amenities. Knowing what's most important will make shopping easier.

Consider Your Timeline

If you've been in the same house for 30 years, you've likely accumulated 30 years of stuff. Give yourself a reasonable timeline to pack, purge and clean your house to get it ready for sale. You

should also look at the real estate market in your area and the area to which you're relocating. If you hit a market slump, it could be worth waiting to see if the value of your home will increase. Talk to a Realtor about how much it will cost you to sell and then buy a new home.

Look into Adult Communities

Active-adult or continuing-care retirement communities may be the right step. These offer lots of amenities and more of a community feel. CCRCs provide assisted living and skilled-nursing facilities. These offer different payment methods, such as simply paying for rent and then paying out-of-pocket for other care as needed or contracts with an upfront fee for lifetime care.

Did you know?

Retirement can seem like it will never come for young professionals.

But time can be a sieve, and retirement age can arrive in the blink of an eye.

Young adults who have not planned accordingly for retirement can find themselves in financial straits at a point in their lives when they want to kick back and enjoy themselves.

Financial experts from Money, CNN and The Motley Fool advise that financially solvent people should begin saving aggressively for their retirements early on.

Ideally people should start saving in their 20s when they first leave school and begin their careers.

The sooner one saves, the more time money has to grow.

Vanguard says that the person who saves \$4,500 per year over a career spanning 45 years can reach a goal of having more than \$1 million in savings by the time he or she retires.

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