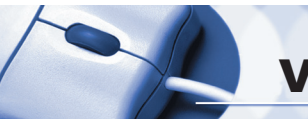


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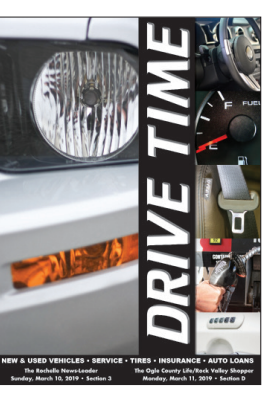
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## Clean energy Nuclear wants to coexist with wind, solar

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

**BYRON** – When people talk about renewable – or green – energy, wind and solar top the list.

Solar has been a very popular, and controversial, topic of conversation in Ogle County for the past year as farms and other land owners look to convert acreage into solar fields.

But there is a clean energy that is already in Ogle County and producing energy around the clock, and that is nuclear energy.

“We definitely call it clean air energy, because it’s carbon free,” said Paul Dempsey, communications manager of the Exelon’s Byron generating station.

Nuclear power may be forgotten by some, but it gen-

erates about half of the power in the state. And Dempsey said 92 percent of the carbon free energy comes from nuclear plants.

Capacity is another place where nuclear energy does well. While solar plants run at 25 percent and wind at about 35 percent, nuclear is 92 percent.

But nuclear power in the state has been fighting policies that Dempsey said are not favorable to the industry. He said the natural gas supply is up, which means electricity prices are down.

That, of course, is not sustainable for the industry. In the company’s annual filing in February, Exelon told the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is economic stress on some of its plants, including the Byron station.

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# Fundraiser to benefit no-kill animal shelter

**OREGON** – The Happy Doggy is proud to invite members of the public to “Change Their Luck!” a fundraiser event to help support Team PAWS Chicago: a charity racing and fundraising team benefiting PAWS CHICAGO, the Midwest’s largest No Kill humane animal shelter and Feeding America: one of America’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

This party will be taking place at Oak Lane of Oregon on Saturday, March 16th from 1-4 p.m. and it promises to be fun.

Change Their Luck is a party that will feature the following:

A meet and greet with adoptable dogs from local area pet rescues which include:

**Cause for Paws:** An all-breed rescue group made up of dedicated volunteers, who open their hearts and their homes to provide a safe haven for orphans coming from animal control, high-kill Shelters and owner surrender situations.

**Unbreakabull Bullies:** Unbreakabull Bullies is a group of almost 200 volunteers with 100 temporary caregiver homes and around 80 adoptable dogs. They are dedicated to the well-being of all breeds of dog including but not limited to the commonly bred Pit Bull. They specialize in

safe and responsible placement of all bully breeds but will help anything with 4 legs, including cats.

**4 Greyhound Racers:** A registered, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to finding caring, committed homes for retired racing greyhounds. They promote greyhound adoption by providing information to the public on what wonderful pets these retired athletes make.

Also on the day will be some of the best wine tasting, cooking inspiration and personal styling from:

Amanda Ellis from OneHope wine who is going to have a wine tasting taking place throughout the party. OneHope is a winery based out of Napa Valley and every bottle purchased helps to give back to the community through a variety of charities that they partner with.

Beth Abbott Shenberger from Pampered Chef is going to show new and classic kitchen tools to help make mealtime easier, healthier, and better. Pampered Chef has been around for over 38 years and will show new tools that can help you in the kitchen and 25 percent of your product purchase will go back to feeding local communities with Feeding America.

And Laura Nordstrom from Stella & Dot who will be showing the latest

styles in fashion and accessories. Laura is a fantastic personal stylist and is going to help attendees look fabulous at all of their Spring/Summer events.

Join us as we celebrate St. Patty’s Day. Your purchases at this fundraising party will benefit Team PAWS Chicago. So, come hang out for a taste of wine, some tasty food, and a showcase of summer fashion and accessories and shop for a cause.

In addition, Oak Lane will also have their bar open (cash bar). So those that don’t do wine have all sorts of other options available.

About The Happy Dog: The Happy Doggy is the one source for all things that make dogs and their humans happy. Happy Doggy is all about dogs and talks about anything from animal rescue and dogs available for adoption to topics that cover the best type of foods and toys for our furry best friends. The Happy Doggy started as a random idea one day that sparked into something that has provided such value to my life.

You can follow The Happy Doggy on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thehappydoggy> and find out more about the Change Their Luck fundraiser at <https://www.facebook.com/events/582217602295121/>

# NUCLEAR: Pays \$35 million in taxes

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The filing said the “increased signs of economic distress” on the plant could lead to it being closed by mid-2022.

This language is no different than that used by Exelon the past few years.

The hope is that there can be more nuclear-friendly

policies in the future.

Dempsey said that they want to see renewable energy sources grow in the state. But there also needs to be room for nuclear. He pointed out that when the Polar Vortex dropped temperatures in the area to record lows, the nuclear plants were running hard to keep up with demand.

In Illinois, Exelon has six plants with 11 total reactors. The Byron plant which has been operating since the 1980s, employs 800 people and pays \$35 million in taxes to a variety of taxing districts in Ogle County. Those include area schools, libraries, the Byron Forest Preserve District and the Oregon Park District.



# Women of the Moose to host dinner

**MOUNT NORRIS** – On March 16, Women of the Moose will be hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner from 5-8 p.m.

The dinner includes choice or corned beef or roast beef, cabbage, carrots, and salad and roll with pie and ice cream available. We also have a full bar to serve your favorite St. Patrick’s refreshments. This event is open to the public. Proceeds support local events and charities, Mooseheart Child and City School as well as Moosehaven retirement center.

If you are looking for other Mount Morris Moose events open to the public, come join us for Bingo starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday nights. It is also fried chicken night along with other grill items available. Come support the Mount Morris Moose Lodge and Family Center.

To learn more, check out [lodge1551.moosepages.org](http://lodge1551.moosepages.org).



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# Church celebrating birthday

**OREGON** – St. Paul Lutheran is having a birthday party on Sunday, March 17.

The church is celebrating 171 years as a congregation and everyone is invited to come and hear and help sing the commissioned anthem “We Are the People of God.”

Services start at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., with special “Coffee And...” between services where we will share memories, food and fellowship.

The church is located at 114 5th St. in Oregon. All are welcome to attend.

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)

# Deere site has new passport program

**GRAND DETOUR** – The John Deere Pavilion, John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum and the John Deere Historic Site recently launched a new passport program designed to help guests commemorate their trips to the attractions, as well as other John Deere locations, by collecting seals and stamps in their personal passport booklet. Participation in the program is completely free and visitors can earn gifts and discounts along the way.

“The passport is like opening a door to a new adventure and provides a fun and interactive way to visit and experience all we have to offer,” said Brigitte Tapscott, manager of the John Deere Attractions. “The John Deere Attractions and other Deere sites provide unique and exceptional experiences. We hope this inspires visitors to learn about each location and encourages more participation at our special events held throughout the year.”

Visitors can start their adventures at one of the three main John Deere Attraction locations which include: the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, Illinois; the John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum in Waterloo, Iowa and the John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour. Guests of all ages should ask for a passport at the visitor information desks.

When visiting an attraction for the first time, guests commemorate the experience by using a location-specific seal embosser. For special events, return visits to any of the three main attractions, and trips to other John Deere locations, visitors should ask Deere personnel to stamp their passport booklet.

Guests collecting all three embossed seals will earn a limited-edition John Deere hat. For every passport page visitors complete with unique stamps, participants earn a one-time, one-day-only discount of

20 percent on merchandise purchased at participating John Deere stores and the John Deere Historic Site gift shop. Some exclusions apply. When visitors complete the entire passport booklet, they receive a special commemorative hook, hand-forged by a blacksmith at the John Deere Historic Site.

“The final gift is quite unique and we believe it is something John Deere fans will enjoy,” Tapscott said. “Our team is excited to share this program with guests, and we can’t wait to award our travelers with some legendary gifts as our way of saying thanks for visiting John Deere!”

“The John Deere Historic Site is one of the most visited attractions in our four-county region and this innovative and fun passport program will add another reason for people to make our area a “must see” destination,” said Diane Bausman, executive director, Blackhawk Waterways CVB.



# Stillman Bank donates to United Way

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Stillman Bank was thrilled to present a check for \$16,473.11 to Alan Jones, Relationship Manager and Ogle County Director of United Way of Rock River Valley.

This monetary gift came from a variety of bank wide initiatives including Carnation Day, Casual Days, individual employee donations and a corporate contribution. Collective employee donations were up 8 percent compared

to last year.

“Numerous service organizations within our communities are in need of supplementary support. Agencies like United Way are helping provide the necessary funding that is vital to many individuals and families in our area,” said Marty Larson, Stillman Bank Chairman & CEO. “As a local community bank, we take pride in our employees’ commitment to contribute passionately to the

communities where we live and work.”

Over the past 20-plus years, Stillman Bank and its employees have contributed more than \$350,000 to United Way.

United Way of Ogle County, a sector of United Way of Rock River Valley, fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. For more information, go to [www.unitedwayrrv.org](http://www.unitedwayrrv.org) or call 815-968-5400.

## February Finds

Edie White presents checks from the money raised during the 7th annual February Finds Market to Sally Gray of the Mount Morris Work Group to help the costs for the Fountain restoration on the Mount Morris Campus (top photo), and Jim Kaywak representing the Mount Morris Moose Lodge (bottom). Each year a community organization is chosen along with the Mount Morris Moose Lodge. Thank you to everyone that attended this event.

## Museum open March 17

**DAVIS JUNCTION** – The Davis Junction Scott Twp. Historical Society Museum will be open Sunday, March 17 from 1-4 p.m.

This month they will be hosting the annual Antique Appraisal Fair. For a very nominal fee, Mr. Hachmeis-

ter from Hack’s Auction will appraise your antique or jewelry treasures. This is always a very interesting program. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Come and visit and see what’s new at the Museum. You are always welcome.

**Thank You**  
A big Thank You to everyone who sent cards and visited Verna Seymour at her 90th birthday open house.  
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# Obituaries

## Charlotte May Brown Joworski

**OREGON** – Charlotte May Brown Joworski, 98, lifelong Oregon resident, died Sunday, March 3, 2019 in Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris. Born May 4, 1920 on the Price Farm, south of Mt. Morris in Pine Creek Township, the fourth and last child to Elmer Walton and Ruth Marie Brown.



Her parents, Elmer and Ruth, and her three older siblings moved from Frederick, Maryland to Illinois in 1917, farming first on the Price Farm in Mt. Morris, then on the Bacon Farm off Pines Road near Oregon. During the summers, relatives from out east would come to stay with the family in Illinois. Charlotte studied piano as a young girl and was a member of the Oregon United Methodist Church. In May of 1933, she and Donald Reed were crowned May King and Queen of the sixth grade. Her mother crafted a dress from crepe paper. She attended the 1933 World's Fair with her father, driving from Oregon to Chicago.

She attended country school and graduated from Oregon High School in 1938, the first class to graduate from the new high school. She attended beauty college in Dixon after high school and was proprietor of her own salon above the National Clothing House in Oregon in the 1940's. She married

Stanley Thomas Joworski in 1942 and was married 43 years prior to his passing in 1984. She and Stan had antique shops in Oregon during the 1960's and '70's. They raised seven children together. She was a self-taught artist, painting landscapes, flowers and animals in oils. Charlotte was well-known for her beautiful handmade braided rugs and refinished furniture. She and Stan planted a large garden each spring, canning the produce. Charlotte was very patriotic and loved flying the American flag. She was an election judge in Oregon for over 20 years, working the local elections. She was a member of the La Grange-La Portage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her ancestral patriot John Wolfe, through her father's lineage, served in the Revolutionary War. Her great grandfather, Augustus Conrad, served in the Civil War.

Survived by daughters, Patricia Joworski of Brookfield, Gael (William) Briley of Amherstview, Toronto, Canada and Rebecca (Ricardo) Cortez of La Grange Park; sons, John Joworski of Oregon and James (Linda) Joworski of Geneva; grandchildren, Jennifer (Randy) Diehl of Dixon, Adam and Tyler Joworski of San Diego and El Cajon, Calif., Kipp and Carlos Cortez of Glendale Heights and River Forest and Teresa (Nick) Jordan of Palatine; and great grandchildren, Alyssa (Ryan) Mairs of Dixon and William and Elanor Jordan of Palatine.

Predeceased by her parents; husband, Stanley; daughter, Mary Ruth Martin; son, Thomas Edward Joworski; brother, James Brown; and sisters, Catherine Davis and Evelyn Smith.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 in Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at noon. Pastor Rodney Caldwell, Chaplain of Pinecrest Manor officiated. Memorials to Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris where she had lived since 2015. A special thank you to The Terrace Staff of Pinecrest who so lovingly took care of Charlotte these past years, and to all her friends and family who came to visit her over the years.

## Jane E. Jackson

**BYRON** – Jane E. Jackson, age 57, died on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 after a short illness. She was born in Rockford on July 27, 1961 the daughter of Arthur and Dorothy (Bontjes) Jackson.



Jane worked at the Blackhawk Steak Pit as a bartender and manager. She began working there when she was 18 years old where she has made many friends and touched many lives in her almost 40 years of work. Jane was an animal mom and loved and raised German shepherds and was also part of a German shepherd club. She was a diehard Elvis fan and also loved shopping in her spare time.

She is survived and missed by her mother, Dorothy of Byron; brothers, Paul Jackson of Byron, Jim Jackson of Byron, and Walter (Kristin) Jackson of Winnebago; and niece and nephew, Marilyn (Joe Helfrichs) Jackson and Travis Jackson. She will also be

missed by her beloved dog, Anja.

She is preceded in death by her father Arthur, brothers, Stephen and David, and nephew Stephen.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street in Byron, with the Pastor Randy Snider of Cornerstone Family Church officiating. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. A memorial fund is established in Jane's name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellholland-gale.com](http://www.farrellholland-gale.com).

## Mary Ada Kinsey

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Mary Ada (Brumbaugh Penner) Kinsey, 92, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2019 in Mt. Morris. She was born on Sept. 19, 1926 in Franklin, Pa., to the late John and Ada (Foor) Brumbaugh.



Mary was a graduate of Juniata College, class of 1947, and an elementary teacher for over 25 years.

She is preceded in death by husbands Elroy Penner and W. Forest Kinsey, step-daughter Sharon (Kinsey) Sitler, brothers Claude, Norman, and John Jr. Brumbaugh, and Freda Imogene (Brumbaugh Fridley) Rothmel.

She is survived by children, Dean (Emily) Penner of Bloomfield, Iowa, Sara (Robert) Morgan of Diamond Springs, Calif., Dale (Ntfombi) Penner of Muzini, Eswatini, and Susan (Toshio Nakajima) Penner

of Oregon; step-son, James Kinsey of Lake Odessa, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a great-great grandchild, and sister, Ruby TenBrink.

She will be greatly missed for her loving nature, immense care for others, and extreme selfless generosity. All are welcome to celebrate Mary's life at a memorial on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren (409 W. Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris), with a light reception to follow. Flowers, or donations to the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, may be sent to the church.

## Rogene L. Poppen

**FORRESTON** – Rogene L. Poppen, age 92, passed away on March 4, 2019 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Rogene was born on April 17, 1926 in Adeline, the daughter of Ernest and Rose (Horst) Hartje.



Rogene graduated from Forreston High School class of 1944, and she received a bachelor's degree in organ and piano from Carthage College in 1948. Rogene married Alfred V. Poppen on Sept. 29, 1951 in Forreston; and he preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1988.

Rogene was a piano teacher and she was the St. James Lutheran Church organist and choir director retiring in 2015. She was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston. Rogene is survived by

children: Ruth Ann (Kirstie Felland) Poppen, Wheeling, and Douglas (Leslie) Poppen, West Union, Iowa; grandchildren: Marcie (Loran Marceau) Poppen, Melissa (Nathan) Husman, Mindy Poppen, Samuel Poppen, and Lily Poppen; great grandchildren: Sawyer and Keandria Marceau; sister: Leona (Carl) Nelson, Mt. Morris; daughter in law:

Marta Poppen, Forreston; niece: Beth (John) Chase, Mt. Morris; nephews: David (Gretchen) Nelson, Mt. Morris, and Rick (Michelle) Nelson, Mt. Morris; and several great nieces and nephews.

Rogene is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Alfred; son: Mark.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston, with Rev. Karyn Kost officiating. Burial will be in West Grove Cemetery, Forreston. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 3-5 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris..

Memorials to St. James Lutheran Church and/or Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home.

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# Obituary

## Elizabeth A. Jacobson

**DAVIS JUNCTION** – Elizabeth A. Jacobson, 51, of Davis Junction, passed away on March 5, 2019. Born Sept. 5, 1967 in Rockford to Robert and Linda (Williams) Reed.



She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1985 and Beloit College in 1989 with a bachelor degree in Psychology. She worked at River Bluff Nursing Home and several day care centers. She was a special education paraprofessional at Monroe Center Elementary in Meridian School District. Elizabeth was a former member of First Free where she was active in the choir, Women's Bible studies, and Moms Day Out. She was a member of Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley, active in Sunday school, Women's Bible studies, and nursery volunteer. Elizabeth went on two mission trips to Romania to work in the baby hospitals for Heart to Heart Ministries.

She was actively involved with the Julia Hull Library, multiple book clubs, and has spent her whole life loving to read. Elizabeth actively worked in The Studio with her daughter, Grace, where they were involved with productions of The Lion King Jr., Alice in Wonderland, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. She was also involved with the Christian Youth Theatre and production of High School Musical. Elizabeth married Carl Jacobson on Dec. 5, 1998.

Survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Grace Linn; father, Robert Reed; sister, Rebecca (James) Groff;

nieces, Aubrey Elizabeth and Tianna Renee Groff and Lydia and Lorraine Robinson; nephew, Holden William Groff and Lars Jacobson and Leo Robinson; father-in-law, Howard Jacobson; sisters-in-law, Karen and Lisa Jacobson, and Martha (Mark) Robinson; aunt, Dorothy Smith, uncle, Kenneth (Mina) Williams; cousins, and lot of special friends. Predeceased by mother, Linda Reed and mother-in-law, Lois Jacobson; and beloved dog, Brady.

Special Thanks to Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley, Meridian School Dist. 205, Swedish American Hospital Oncology Dept. and Serenity Hospice and Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 S. IL Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061 in Elizabeth's memory.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at The Red Brick Church, 207 W. Roosevelt St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Visitation was on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Olson North Main Chapel, 2811 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 from 4-7 p.m. Family burial will take place in Willwood Burial Park. To share a memory or send an online condolence, visit [olsonfh.com](http://olsonfh.com).

## Crossroads Quilt Guild has meet and greet event March 18

**FORRESTON** – On March 18, Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will meet with a "Meet and Greet" from 6:30-7 p.m. with refreshments.

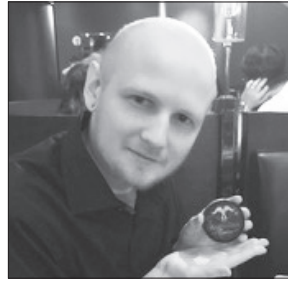
Beginning at 7 p.m. our program for the evening will be presented by Chelsy Jones of Athletico (Physical Therapy). She will be helping with stiffness, how to sit, how long, and to relieve the tension in our neck and shoulders after sitting all day at our sewing machines.

Guild meetings are held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, the third Monday of each month. Visitors are charged a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Deb at 779-348-1638 or Beth at 815-732-7808.

# Obituary

## Kyle A Johnson

**FREEPORT** – Kyle A Johnson a.k.a. Chefheisenburg to all his gaming buddies, was born on Aug. 1, 1996. He passed away after a long hard race with Ewing's Sarcoma on March 5, 2019. He faced his illness with dignity, bravery and a healthy dose of irritation like any gamer wanting to make it to the final circle.



dustries, a job he thoroughly enjoyed.

Kyle attended Mountain Home High School in Arkansas and completed High School in Byron graduating in 2014. Kyle attended college in Wausau Wisconsin for two years at U of W Marathon County. He returned to Illinois and began working at Pratt In-

Kyle had a passion for gaming from a very early age. He honed his skills for many years. Special thanks to Dayne Scmittel and Jarad Cutchall and everyone else in the international gaming community that helped him escape from his diagnosis for many happy hours.

Kyle is survived by his Mom Wendy Johnson and her partner Rich Burkinshaw who regarded Kyle as a son, his father Wayne Johnson, Warren and Lois Symonds his grandparents who he loved dearly and a gaggle of Aunts, Uncles and cousins too numerous to mention who supported us during this journey with many thoughts, prayers and boundless emotional support.

A viewing and visitation was held Sunday, March 10 from 3-5 p.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home 506 W Merchant Byron. Kyle was a casual guy so please dress casually. Also

feel free to put down on paper any memories you have of Kyle to leave at the visitation for family to read later.

In lieu of flowers Kyle would have wanted donations to the Nikolas Ritschel Foundation who supported him through the past two years with gaming equipment and a Las Vegas trip which we will have fond memories of forever. [nikolasritschelfoundation.org](http://nikolasritschelfoundation.org) or Nikolas Ritschel Foundation, 1915 Stratford Lane Rockford, IL 61107. Or for you gamers out there make a donation to the streamer of your choice in honor of Kyle.

## Polo Police report

**Feb. 20**  
TIME: 11:08 a.m.  
REPORT: Melissa A. Alumbaugh, 29, Sterling, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Alumbaugh was released on an I-bond.

**Feb. 21**  
TIME: 3:37 p.m.  
REPORT: Megan A. Fuentes, 39, Mount Morris, was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Fuentes was released on an I-bond.

**Feb. 26**  
TIME: 12:52 a.m.  
REPORT: Rebecca A. Hanson, 41,

Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Hanson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 8:07 p.m.  
REPORT: Nathan A. Wiegmann, 38, Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, no driver or passenger seat belts and Improper Left Turn. Wiegmann was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 8:07 p.m.  
REPORT: Daphne Kim Bone, 34, Polo, was arrested on an outstanding LaSalle County warrant. Bone was

transported to the Ogle County jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of Feb. 11 through Feb. 24, 2019

Citizen Complaints/Assist	25
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	3
Disturbance/Domestic	5
Fire/Medical Assist	13
Lock Out	8
911 Hang Up	3
Traffic Stops	17
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# Mount Morris group sponsoring bus trip to Chicago

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Ready for spring? How about putting the Encore! Mt. Morris-sponsored bus trip to Chicago, April 6, on your calendar?

Participants will ride to Chicago in a comfy charter bus (leave 8:30 a.m.), spend the morning shopping or taking a walking tour of the quaint Lincoln Park neighborhood (your choice), enjoy an informative tour and exploration time during the afternoon at the Art Institute, and conclude the day with a delicious dinner in the city before heading home (arrival by 8:30 p.m.)

Participants will enjoy the humor and knowledgeable commentary about Chicago history and other Chicago highlights from Howie Herman, trip host and former resident of Chicago. The trip fee is \$55 for children 14 and under. Seniors and students 15 and older pay \$69. All other adults, \$75. Fees cover all transportation, the entry into the Art Institute, and bus snacks. Meals in the city and other incidentals are not covered.

To sign up, click the Chicago Visit button at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com) or sign up at the Mount Morris Village Hall, 105 W Lincoln St. All reservations must be received by March 20 to confirm the bus reservation and group rate at the Art Institute. A minimum of 15 participants are needed for the trip to go. Gather your friends and enjoy a hosted trip to Chicago! Questions? [mollyb@encoremorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremorris.com)

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mount Morris into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com).



## Join Park District for 'Mamma Mia!' trip

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District is taking a trip to Oakbrook to visit the famous Drury Lane Theatre for a luncheon and show on Thursday, April 11.

What a great chance to get out of the house and make some fun memories!

Join us to see a live performance of Mamma Mia! The international mega-hit Mamma Mia uses the great-

est songs of ABBA to tell a hilarious story of marriage, family and finding where you belong, proving that in the end the winner takes it all. Come see why more than 54 million people worldwide have laughed and danced to this unforgettable jukebox musical.

The fee is \$70/Resident and \$84/Non-Resident.

We will meet at Nash Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. for departure.

The seated dining time is 11:30 a.m. and the performance time is at 1:30 p.m. The show will be 2 hour and 15 minutes with intermission. Estimated return time to Nash Recreation Center is 6 p.m.

Deadline to register is March 27. Tickets are limited! Registration can be done by phone, (815) 732-3101 or at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon.

Read about Ogle County history: aerial photos, towns, one-room-schools, rail-ways, maps, and much more: [www.historyoglecounty.info](http://www.historyoglecounty.info)

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Pictured here is Jim Wang, Vice President; Stillman Bank presenting the \$2,000 donation check to Jane McMillian, ARC Coordinator; The ARC of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties, Mariah Anast, Operations Assistant; Rockford Park District and members of the ProjectArt group.

## Stillman Bank supports ARC with donation

**ROCKFORD** – Stillman Bank recently ended their “Purchase with a Purpose” Debit Card campaign in which a \$1 donation was made to local charities with every Stillman Bank Debit Card transaction up to \$20,000.

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One of the 10 charities chosen to receive the funds from this campaign was The ARC of Winnebago, Boone, and Ogle Counties. The Arc of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties has been serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1966.

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# Oregon Park District plans for spring break fun

**OREGON** – Are you staying in town for Spring Break and want your child to still have a blast?

The Oregon Park District will keep your child safe, entertained, and busy with lots of fun adventures, swimming, games, crafts, and fun at the local parks.

This is a great opportunity for children to get out of the house and do something new each day alongside their peers. The park district staff emphasizes fun, peer interactions and personal growth.

Spring Break camp will provide daily themes, games, crafts and sports at Nash

Recreation Center. The program will run from Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29 with drop off as early at 6:15 a.m. and pick up as late as 6 p.m.

Register at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon by deadline of Monday, March 18. Fee is \$100/Resident for the full

week or \$120/Non-residents. If you want to send your child just for specific days, the fee is \$25/Resident and \$30/Non-resident. A 10 percent discount will be applied for additional siblings you enroll when your first child is enrolled at full price. For more information or questions call 815-732-3101.

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# Mount Morris Police

## Feb. 20

Citations were issued to Nicole Y. Wingert, 37, Dixon for suspended, revoked driver's license and for driving under the influence of alcohol. Wingert was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 21

Leia M. Thumann, 41, Mount Morris was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Thumann was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 22

Kendall Pelt, 46, Mount Morris was arrested for criminal trespass to vehicle. Pent was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 24

Michael J. Koczka, 29, Mount Morris was arrested for domestic battery. Koczka was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Michelle R. Smitherman was arrested for an outstanding Lee County warrant and for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Smitherman was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 25

Trisha E. Dempewolf, 32, homeless, was arrested for theft \$500 and under. Dempewolf

was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

A citation was issued to Timothy S. Kreighbaum, 51, Mount Morris for improper lane usage.

## Feb. 26

Christopher J. McLoud, 40, Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. McLoud was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 27

A citation was issued to Alexis J. Verel, 20, Tallahassee, Fla., for speeding.

## March 1

Heather L. Loso, 25, Mount Morris was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Loso was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

William E. Eckles, 36, Mount Morris was arrested for criminal trespass to vehicle and for retail theft. Eckles was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

## March 2

William E. Eckles, 36, Mount Morris was arrested for retail theft. Eckles was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

# Ogle County Sheriff

## March 5

Hope Thomes, 52 of Forreton, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County Warrant for Driving 15-20 MPH Over the Limit. Thomes posted the \$2,000/10 percent bond and will appear in court on 03/29/19 at 9 a.m.

At approximately 3:10 p.m., Ogle County Deputies, along with the Forreton Police dept and the Forreton EMS, responded to a disturbance at 8964 N. Adeline Road. After an investigation, Mark McGinn, 33 of La Porte Indiana, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. McGinn was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 10:47 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Rt. 26 near the intersection of Prairie Dell Rd. After further investigation Raheem Ashley, 19 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Ashley was also cited for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ashley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:43 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of IL Route 72 and IL Route 26 reference to a two-vehicle accident with three injuries. After investigation, Deputies learned a 2002 Hyundai driven by 34 year old Jason Marine of Rockford, was traveling southbound on IL Route 26 when a 2015 Jeep driven by 20 year old Paige Gallentine of Shannon, was stopped at the IL Route 72 stop sign intersection and pulled out in front of the Hyundai causing the accident. Marine and Gallentine were transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by EMS for minor injuries. Chandra Meier, 30 of Milledgeville was a passenger in the Hyundai and sustained more serious injuries but weren't life threatening. Meier was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by EMS. Gallentine was issued citations for Failure to Yield at Stop Intersection and a citation for Expired Registration. Marine was later arrested at the hospital by Freeport PD for a Stephen-

son County Warrant. Forreton EMS, Shannon EMS, and Freeport Rural EMS assisted with the accident.

## March 4

John B. Wells, 33 of Mt. Morris, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for D.U.I Court Sanctions. Wells has no bond and will appear in court on 03/05/19 at 1 p.m.

At approximately 11:40 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 6000 block of South Illinois Route 26. After investigation, Deputies placed John Wells, 33 of Mt Morris, under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Wells was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

## March 2

Marice D. Brown, 45, of Kewanee was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff at 3:56 p.m. on House road and Ridge road. Brown was arrested for two out of county warrants. Brown Has a Failure to Appear Warrant in Stark Co and in Henry Co. Brown currently has no charges for Ogle County.

At 5:08 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 3000 block of S Daysville Rd reference a crash. During the course of the investigation it was learned that William E Eckles of Mt. Morris, 36, was southbound on Daysville Rd when he left the roadway and crashed. Eckles was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving while license revoked. Eckles was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he remained in lieu of bond.

## March 1

The following were arrested for Ogle County Outstanding Warrants:

Rebekah Parker, 35, of Rockford for Computer Fraud. Parker has a bond of \$5,000/10 percent and will go to court on 03/04/19 at 1 p.m. Parker will remain in the Ogle County Jail.

Jaime Woods, 42, of Dixon for Failure to Appear. Woods has a bond of \$826 and will go to court on 03/04/19 at 1 p.m. Woods will remain in the Ogle County Jail.

Doug Carr, 49, of Oregon for Failure to Appear.

Carr has a bond of \$1,000 and will go to court on 03/04/19 at 1 p.m. Carr will remain in the Ogle County Jail.

Dalton Delhotal, 23, of Dixon for Failure to Appear. Delhotal has a bond of \$3156 and will go to court on 03/04/19 at 1 p.m. Delhotal will remain in the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 28

Christopher Shank, 52 of Winnebago, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear. Shank posted the \$175 full cash bond and was released with no further court dates.

At 11:15 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a one vehicle crash in the 8800 block of N. Main St. in Leaf River. After an investigation, it was determined that Broc Krigbaum, 22 of Leaf River, had driven his vehicle into the ditch. Krigbaum was arrested for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol. Krigbaum was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Gerardo Vidals, 45, of Rochelle was arrested for Operate Uninsured Vehicle. Vidals had a bond of \$2,000/10 percent and will go to court on 02/28/19 at 1 p.m. Vidals remains in the Ogle County Jail.

## Feb. 27

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County Warrants:

Daeshawn Eubanks, 19 of Aurora, for Resisting a Peace Officer. Eubanks posted the \$3,000/10 percent bond and will appear in court on 03/11/19 at 1 p.m.

Crysta Suttles-King, 26 of Rochelle, for Failure to Appear. Suttles-King posted the \$255 full cash bond and was released with no further court dates.

At 11:55 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Mulford and Base Line roads. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Kristine Wagner, 49 of Rockford for DUI. Wagner also received citations for Failure to Signal, Improper Lane Use, No Seat Belt, and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign. Wagner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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



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## Guitar for adults offered

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District has teamed up with Aireloom Music Studio to bring a new program geared toward adults.

Adult Beginner Guitar is for age 14 years and up.

Have you always wanted to learn to play? Here's your chance to begin learning.

Students can bring their own guitar or borrow one from Aireloom Studio. Learn basic picking and strumming patterns with the knowledgeable instruction from Aireloom Music. Mary Ley will stay after class has concluded for any questions.

Class will be in a small group set-

ting to allow you to learn quickly. Class will take place at Aireloom Music Studio, 122 S. Wesley Ave., Mt. Morris.

There are two class offerings. The first is on Thursday, April 4 from 6-7 p.m. with a registration deadline of March 28. The second class is on Thursday, April 11 from 6-7 p.m. with a registration deadline of April 4. The fee to attend is \$43/Resident and \$52/Non-Resident per class.

Register today at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth Street, Oregon or by phone, 815-732-3101.

## Music competition to be held in Oregon March 15

**OREGON** – Aireloom Music Studio presents the music competition, "Beware the Ides of March!"

The competition, for ages 14-24, will be held on March 15 at 6 p.m. at Scoops Secret Stache Event Room, 117 N. 4th St. in Oregon.

All young musicians are encouraged to register and the community is invited to come out to support the future of music in our area.

The two categories are: Soloists or duets and bands. Winners will be selected by

a panel of judges. There will be three prizes awarded for both categories:

1st place: Recording time at Aireloom's professional recording studio. (Valued at approximately \$400.) 2nd place: \$100 cash prize. 3rd place: \$50 cash prize.

All musicians will be given participation prizes donated by the sponsors. Musician registration by March 13 is required and the fee is \$10 per person.

Please email [aireloom-musicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:aireloom-musicstudio@gmail.com) for

details. Youth musicians can perform one to two songs, and one must be an original. We want to highlight all of the amazing, talented young musicians in our area and have some fun.

Please visit Aireloom Music Studio on Facebook or online at [aireloommusicstudio.com/events](http://aireloommusicstudio.com/events) for registration and ticket information. There are still some sponsorship opportunities available. Please reach out to the folks at Aireloom to see how you can help show your support.

## Lions hosting breakfast on March 16

**LEAF RIVER** –The next scheduled breakfast being served by the Leaf River Lions is March 16. The date had to be moved from the second week to the third week because of the Lions District Convention being held on March 8-9. The March 16 breakfast of fresh eggs, bacon, hash browns, with or without onions, and toast will be the menu.

Serving will be in the Bertolet Memorial building beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 10 a.m. The cost for the breakfast is children 4 and under free, ages 5 years to 12 years \$4 and Adult "one time through" will be \$6. If you want an "all you can eat" breakfast

the cost is \$8.

The April 20th breakfast will be with the Easter Bunny and be pancakes and waffles. There will also be strawberries with whipped cream, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes available. Don't miss the chance to have pictures with the Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg Hunt following the breakfast is Bertolet Park.

Proceeds from the breakfast will assist the Lions with Summer Daze activities as well as vision and hearing assistance. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and visit with many friends!

## District offers S.T.E.A.M. program

**OREGON**–The Oregon Park District is teaming up with the NIU Lorado Taft Educators to offer a S.T.E.A.M series of classes. S.T.E.A.M stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

S.T.E.A.M is poised to transform our economy in the 21st century. This movement is widely adopted by institutions, schools and individuals.

These classes fit your 3rd-8th graders schedule perfectly. The first class in the series, Our Impact on the Planet will take place on Wednesday, March 6 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This day is a noon dismissal for OCUSD students.

Have your student join the NIU Lorado Taft Educators in this engaging class to

extend their day. You may ask, why is it important to be aware of the impact we make on our planet? What can we do to lessen those impacts? If you're student is curious to know, have them come learn with us on how some of our everyday activities affect our planet! Even one person can have tremendous effect.

Students will participate in hands-on activities to help them understand the influences they have on the environment. See the impact on the water as we dissect the contents of an albatross bolus! There's even the possibility to put themselves in the shoes, or in this case, paws of an animal that's put-on display.

Class meets at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S.

5th Street, Oregon.

Fee is \$11/Residents and \$13/Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 27. Class is expected to fill so register today by stopping into Nash Recreation Center or by call 815-732-3101.

Future classes in this series include:

Monday, April 1 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Math in Nature  
Tuesday, April 2 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Building Bridges  
Wednesday, April 3 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Inspire!

Monday, April 22 3:30-5:30 p.m. – An Egg-tastic Adventure

Don't let your student miss this educational, interactive experience brought to you by the Oregon Park District and NIU Lorado Taft Educators. Sign up today!

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## Vandiver named to new post with Meridian schools

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – At the Thursday, March 7, Meridian Board meeting, Bryan Vandiver was approved to serve as the next director of buildings and grounds for Meridian CUSD 223.

MCUSD expected this to be a highly coveted position and used a hiring committee consisting of Board of Education members, administration, staff, and community members to help select the next leader of this department.

The district did have a number of qualified candidates apply for the position, but the interview team agreed that Vandiver brought a unique level of experience and know-how to the position.

Superintendent PJ Caposey said the difficulty and importance of the job by noting that many days the Director of Buildings and Grounds puts in the most hours and is the first-person on call when something goes awry in our buildings on a random Tues-



day night at 2 a.m.

“We needed to find someone reliable, someone who could lead, and someone who was going to take total own-

ership of our facilities,” Caposey said. “We are extremely confident that we have found that person in Bryan.”

Vandiver and his wife Linda are alumni, as are his two children, Jacob and Katelyn.

“I feel like I am coming full circle,” Vandiver said.

Vandiver previously managed the facilities at the Rockford airport for over 25 years and currently works in a similar capacity for Rockford YMCAs.

## Key Club students to host mobile pantry March 16

**BYRON** – Northern Illinois Food Bank’s Mobile Pantry Program provides food distribution to underserved areas, where there is little access to food assistance.

Byron High School Key Club and Byron Kiwanis are partnering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to help hungry families in Ogle County on Saturday, March 16. We are hosting a Mobile Food Pantry distribution from 10 a.m.-noon at the Byron Community Schools transportation lot (510 W. 7th St., Byron).

The Mobile Pantry truck has nine bays, six of which are refrigerated, and can hold up to 9,000 pounds of food. Every distribution includes frozen meat, a valuable source of protein, fresh produce, bread, and nutritious non-perishable items, as well as cleaning items when available. At each visit, about twenty

volunteers unload food from the bays and organize them on tables around the truck.

Clients from the community sign in and walk around the truck to select food that best meets their family’s nutritional needs. Each Mobile Pantry distribution visit lasts two hours and can provide nutritious food to as many as 300 families.

Generally Mobile Food Pantry “sponsors” pay a fee that is approximately half the cost of the visit and the remainder is subsidized by the Food Bank from donations from corporations and foundations. The Northern IL Food Bank is allowing the Byron Key Club to host without a financial sponsorship.

The Mobile Pantry program provides a dependable, efficient way to increase protein and other nutritious foods in the diets of low-income people needing food assistance.

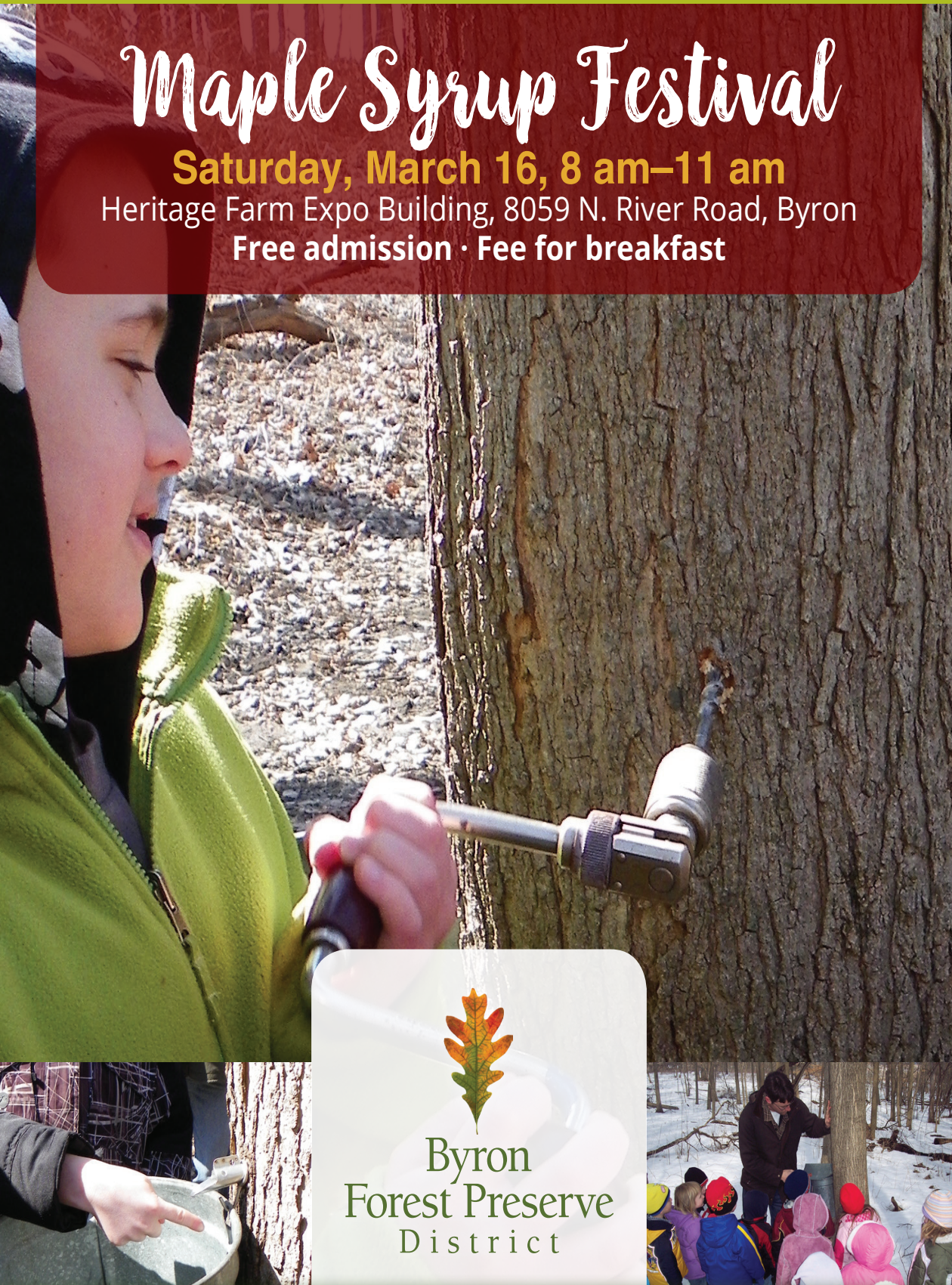
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## Annual supper March 14

**BAILEYVILLE** – The Baileyville Reformed Church will hold its annual soup supper on Thursday, March 14.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. The menu consists of chili, vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches, homemade pies, other desserts and drinks. Our basement is handicapped accessible. Carry outs will be available.

Donations will be appreciated for Mission Outreach.

## American Legion in Leaf River celebrating birthday

**LEAF RIVER** – The American Legion’s 100th Anniversary birthday party will be Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m., presented by Jerry Wickam Post #1148.

The events is open to all veterans, Auxiliary and family members. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service.

The event will be held at the Bertolet Memorial Building, 103 W. Second St., Leaf River.

## Performing Arts Guild scholarship forms available at Oregon High

**OREGON** – Scholarship applications for Performing Arts Guild are now available at the Oregon High School guidance office or can be downloaded from the website at: performingartsguild.com.

These scholarships are limited to individuals living in Mount Morris and Oregon or attending the Oregon School District. Applications are open to anyone interested in studying the arts. This includes, but is not limited to, performing, directing, teaching drama, music, visual arts, technical crafts, set design, etc.

Scholarship application deadline is April 30. Scholarships will be awarded at OHS Honors Night.

For more information: [www.byronforestpreserve.com](http://www.byronforestpreserve.com) | 815-234-8535

# Oregon Police report

## Feb. 25

At 8:44 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets involving a 2013 Buick driven by Debra S. Julian, 63, Oregon, and a 2013 Ford driven by Ronald W. Watts, 77, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 5:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Todd M. Decker, 53, Rockford, citations for improper overtaking on the right and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

## Feb. 26

At 12:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jose C. Martinez, 82, DeKalb, a citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 12:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Rico Richards, 39, Milwaukee, Wis., citations for no valid registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and failure to transfer title. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 1:00 p.m., Oregon Police, following the investigation of a disturbance that had occurred in the early morning hours of 2/24/19 in the 100 block of S. 4th Street, arrested Meg C. Moorehead, 25, Mt. Morris, for battery. Moorehead was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 5:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Marilyn A. Ramirez, 55, Mt. Morris, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

At 5:41 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jacob W. Diehl, 22, Oregon, a citation for no valid registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

At 6:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Gregory A. Helstrom, 62, Dixon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 6:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mat-

thew T. Modrzejewski, 28, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

## Feb. 27

At 3:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Victor J. Schwartz, 32, Oregon, citations for passing a school bus while loading or unloading and driving while license suspended. These violations occurred in the 1300 block of Koontz Place.

At 3:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Laine A. Painter, 55, Mt. Morris, citations for disobeying a traffic control device and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 10th Street.

At 8:22 p.m., Oregon Police issued Peter R. Ruef, 27, Machesney Park, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of E. Washington Street.

## Feb. 28

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Matthew A. McKenzie, 50, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bradley R. Larson, 69, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of W. Washington Street.

## March 1

At 3:34 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Nathan P. Hand, age 39, Chana, for driving while license suspended. Hand was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of Pines Road.

At 7:30 a.m., Oregon Police issued Mark A. Lindsey, 30, Kewanee, IL, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 5:18 p.m., Oregon Police arrested

Christopher A. Just, Jr., 27, Mt. Morris, for driving while license suspended. Just was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Just was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 8:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Victor J. Heather, 17, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 48 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert E. Lopez, III, 22, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

At 11:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued a civil citation to Jackie L. Crow, 27, Rock Falls, for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. A passenger in Crow's vehicle, a juvenile male aged 16, Rock Falls, was also issued civil citations for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. These violations occurred in the 1000 block of S. IL Route 2.

## March 2

At 4:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dane A. Camling, 34, Oregon, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

At 4:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Erin K. Fox, 30, Franklin Grove, citations for use of a cell phone while driving and no valid driver's license. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

## March 3

At 3:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nicholas D. Newman, age 23, Oregon, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Madison Street.

At 3:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Corey D. Harrison, age 42, Dixon, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

At 4:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Rose Marie Ann Gleiter, age 18, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:28 p.m., Oregon Police issued Isaac A. Blanchette, age 16, Dixon, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 6:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Logan P. Scott, age 18, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of S. 5th Street.

At 8:22 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amber J. Stoudt, age 38, Kings, IL, a citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

At 9:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Katarina M. Rice, age 26, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred at the intersection of Pines Road and IL Route 2.

At 10:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Daniel E. Olson, age 31, Byron, a citation for unlawful window tint. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

4 parking tickets and 31 verbal/written warnings were issued from 02/25/19 through 03/03/19.

## General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 02/25/19 through 03/03/19:

Checking a Subject/Vehicle	8
Citizen Complaints	2
Ordinance Violations	4
Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	5
Disturbance / Domestic	1
Assist EMS / Other Department	4
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911 Hang-up / Open Line	2
Traffic Stops	51

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Mon., March 11

**Crafting With Cathy: Tiny Bouquets**, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Byron Library. Enjoy an evening out with friends at the library creating tiny glass paper flower bouquets. All supplies will be provided; but if there is a specific template you would like to use, feel free to bring it.

## Tues., March 12

**Bread of Life food pantry and soup kitchen** has a distribution from 3-5 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley. For any questions

please call Bread of Life at 815-645-8872, Ext. 15. begin at 5 p.m.

## Fri., March 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., March 16

**Create-a-Card with Jessie**, 9:30 a.m. at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River. Whether you need cards for St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Easter, or any other Spring holiday, Jessie Ross can help with creative suggestions

and valuable pointers. She provides the know-how and we provide all the necessary supplies.

## Sun., March 17

The American Legion's 100th Anniversary birthday party will be at 1 p.m., presented by Jerry Wickam Post #1148. The events is open to all veterans, Auxiliary and family members. It will be held at the Bertolet Memorial Building, 103 W. Second St., Leaf River.

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [hjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:hjennings@oglecountylife.com).*

## Weds., March 13

**Computer Technology Center**, free one-on-one lab hours at the Rock River Center in Oregon from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This hour is for those looking for 1-on-1 assistance with computer questions. Anyone interested should call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to register for the lab hours.

## Thurs., March 14

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On March 30, 1855, in territorial Kansas' first election, some 5,000 "Border Ruffians" invade the territory from western Missouri and force the election of a pro-slavery legislature. Although the votes cast exceeded the number of eligible voters, Kansas Gov. Andrew Reeder reluctantly approved the election to prevent further bloodshed.

\* On March 28, 1915, the first American is killed eight months into the conflict that would become known as World War I. Leon Thrasher, a 31-year-old mining engineer and native of Massachusetts, drowned when a German submarine torpedoed the cargo-passenger ship Falaba off the coast of England.

\* On March 31, 1931, Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach, is killed in a plane crash near Bazaar, Kansas, at age 43. His players included All-American George "Gipper" Gip, the inspiration for Rockne's now-famous motivational line "Win one for the Gipper."

\* On March 25, 1958, boxer Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Carmen Basilio to regain the middleweight championship, the fifth and final title of his career. Robinson is considered by many to be the greatest prizefighter in history.

\* On March 26, 1969, a group called Women Strike for Peace demonstrates in Washington, D.C., in the first large antiwar protest since President Richard Nixon's inauguration in January. Criticism of Nixon's handling of the Vietnam War mounted steadily during his term in office.

\* On March 29, 1971, Lt. William Calley is found guilty of premeditated murder at My Lai by a U.S. Army court-martial. Calley, a platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre of 200 Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in Quang Ngai Province in March 1968.

\* On March 27, 1990, the U.S. government begins broadcasting TV programs into communist Cuba. TV Marti was conceived in the 1940s to beam news and propaganda throughout the world, particularly to communist nations.

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## Winter has turned us into shuffling mutants

I am pretty convinced that I have mutated.

I have never felt like this before, and when I look at myself in the mirror I seem somehow ... different.

The usual glow is gone. It has been replaced by pasty skin, sunken eyes and the dull smile of a person who couldn't spell IQ if you spotted him the I.

I wander around the house, bumping into furniture and saying I'm sorry. I eat, but nothing seems to have much taste. And I am always tired. As a matter of fact, I think tha...

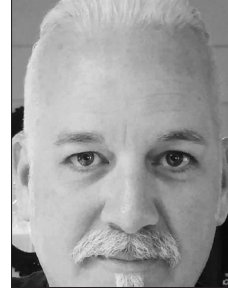
Sorry, I fell asleep for about 20 minutes there.

It has become clear that this cold, icy, unending winter has just about done me in.

I know I am not alone. I see you out there, shuffling around in giant winter coats, gloves and boots that appear to be three sizes too big. You hang your head so you don't have to make eye contact with the others slouching

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



around out there.

We deserve better than this. We deserve some warmth.

Seriously, this has been a winter to forget, and judging by most people I talk too, this is a pretty universal belief. That blast of cold air during the Arctic Vortex in January was just the beginning. We have spent much of the past couple of months in temperatures well below normal. Sure, we have had some

snow. But this has not really been an overwhelming snow season, I don't think. It has been the cold, and the ice.

Ah yes, the ice.

The ice turned me into a dancer and an ice skater. We have a long driveway, so when I take the trash down every Monday on garbage day, I have to walk that driveway.

Well, when your driveway is a sheet of ice, "walking" is not exactly what you do. First, you begin to slide on the ice in a way that no one would ever describe as graceful. If real life were the Olympics, you would receive a score of zero from a panel of scoffing judges.

Then, as you try to stop your slide, comes the dancing. Not cool dancing, of course. No one is doing the Hustle out there. It is more like a bee hive fell into my pants dancing. You eventually come to a stop - either still standing or rolling around on your back - but once you

manage to get up the whole routine starts again.

Use some salt, you say? Well, I tried. Apparently, every place that sells salt within a 100-mile radius was out. It took me weeks to finally find some ice melt.

I was able to get the ice melt down and finally, over days, chip and shovel the ice off of my driveway. When I took the trash out last week, I could actually walk normally. I almost cried tears of joy. It was still 25 degrees below normal, but at least I was in no danger of pulling a muscle or, even worse, breaking a bone.

As I write this, the weather is supposed to break soon. As you read this, it will probably be above freezing.

That means we will again be back to our upright, radiant selves soon. I can tell you, this is one spring and summer I am really going to enjoy.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*



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## Reader says recent jail letter requires response

**Dear Editor,**

(The recent) Letter to the Editor regarding new Ogle County Judicial Center Annex (jail) by Jim Barnes in the Ogle County Life really requires a response.

First, Jim and I have taken positions on many projects – sometimes in mutual support- sometimes diametrically opposed. Importantly, after the final outcome we have always remained friends.

In all of these cases there is never a question that Jim's position is heartfelt and sincere, but regarding his recent letter the facts take us in a totally different direction.

Following the points in the letter in order:  
Two business leaders voiced opposition.  
The vocal opposition was relatively short-

lived. Almost certainly subdued when the prohibitively high cost of their preferred alternatives became apparent.

Three hundred-thirty-six citizens signed a petition voicing opposition. We all know if you lay a petition on a countertop in a high traffic area it will garner a large number of signature – some from the referenced area – some from parts unknown. Also, it was widely noted that many of those signatures were obtained by persuasion. In any event, even if we count them all, Oregon population – 3,700 – divided by -336 – equals 9 percent. That really shouldn't guide the City in a process that also affects 52,000 citizens of the County.

At the end of the whole process there

were only four vocal opponents to the project. Since two of them were City Council Members the opposition was long and very costly to the project.

There was mention made of the residences "removed from the tax rolls." As long as there are other residences, or buildable lots, on the local market this is just a relocation of community assets. It is important for a City to maintain a business/institutional core surrounded by its residential neighborhoods.

Not addressed was the additional annual operating cost of \$1.2 Million to transport detainees for a remote/rural location. Not a price to be ignored. That cost is saved by the final design.

Also, deputy safety needs to be a concern. Enclosed passageways from cell to courtroom are the only safe way to handle high-profile detainees. In this day of vicious drug gangs and military grade weapons available on the street of any large city – deputies transporting members of this genre place their lives at risk.

When it comes time to exercise your right to vote – gauge your candidates on their overall performance. Certainly, don't condemn them for their strength to make a wise, well researched vote that will move Oregon forward – not leave it mired in the past.

Sincerely,  
**Ron Colson, Mount Morris**

## Woman's Club sends out party thanks

**Dear Editor,**

The Oregon's Woman's Club Card Party held on Feb. 15 was a huge success with 47 members and guests in attendance. It was a fun-filled afternoon with cards and various table games played. Delicious desserts, donated by several club members, were served and enjoyed by all.

Everyone in attendance was awarded a door prize which added to the fun! Several of our local merchants generously donated door prizes and we would like to give a very big thanks! They are as follows: Ace Hardware, Dairy Queen, Dos Amigos, Flower Patch, McDonald's, Merlin's, Serenity House,

Subway, Sunrise and Super Value. Their support is very much appreciated.

The event was made possible and organized by club member Sandie Chasm. A special thank you to Linda Arnold and Michelle Knodle, who assisted Sandie.

All of the proceeds of this event were donated to the Winning Wheels organization located in Prophetstown. This facility provides rehabilitation services to young adults who have neurological impairment. Support of Winning Wheels is a GFWC Illinois state project.

**Johanna Hahne, Oregon Woman's Club**

## Consumer protection changes could hurt military members

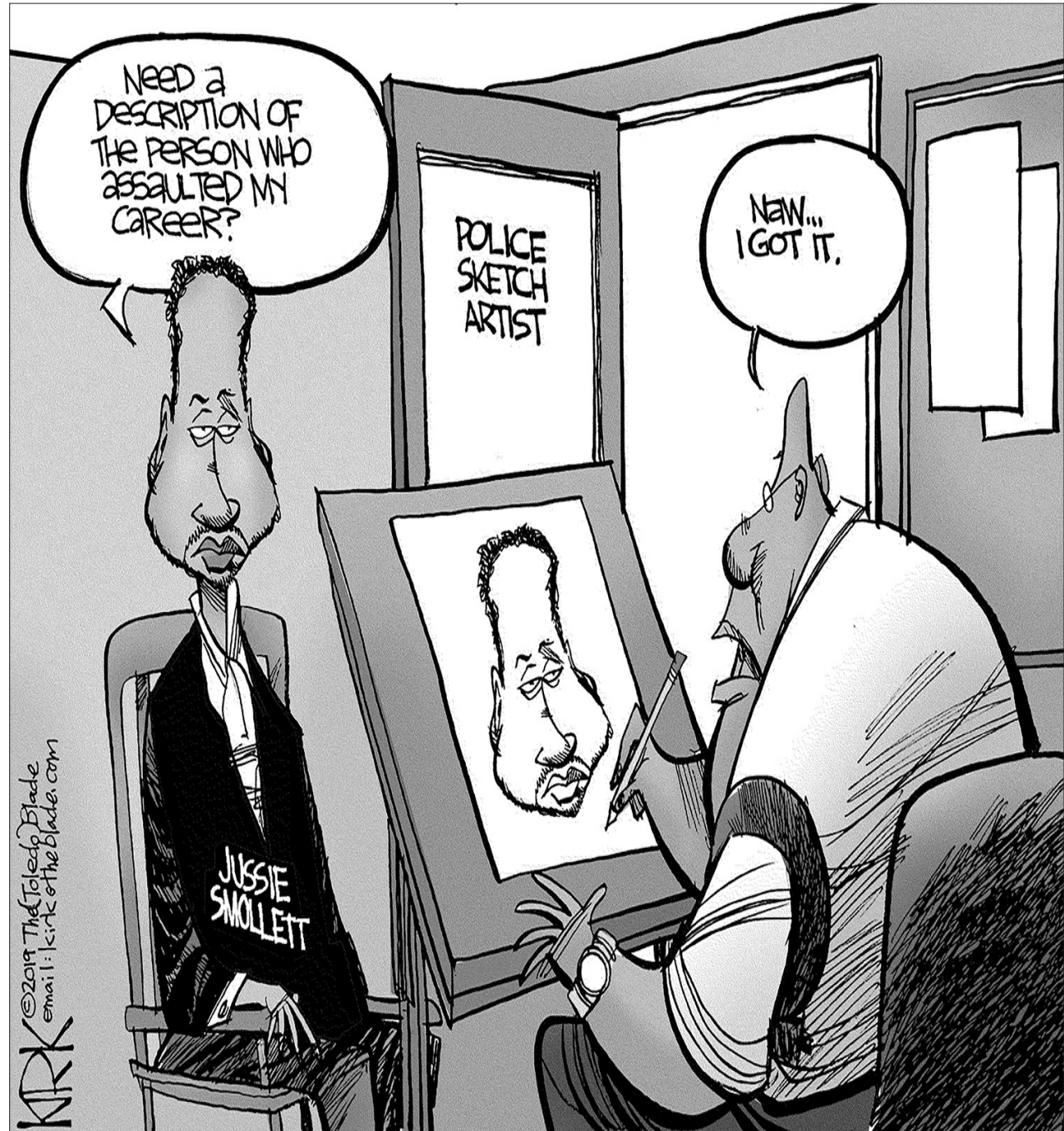
**Dear Editor,**

Recently the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau suspended checking financial firms for being in compliance with the Military Lending Act. This act protects members or our Armed Forces and their dependents from financial predators. Now such check cashing/car loan operations can set up shop near

military bases and charge whatever interest rate they see fit.

This needs to be controlled as they target our young military men and women and get them hopelessly in debt. Please contact your member of Congress and U.S. Senators to reverse this.

Sincerely,  
**Pam Farris, Rochelle**



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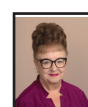
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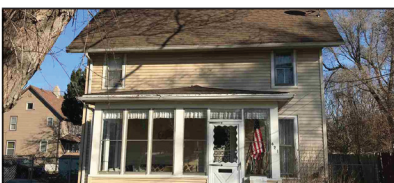
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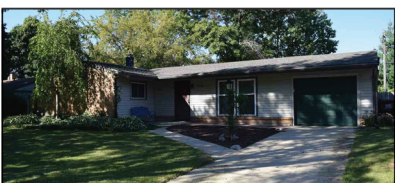
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**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. If you are in need, please join us for a snack, conversation and groceries to bring home. We meet at Valley Covenant Church on the corner of North Maple Street and Route 72, in Stillman Valley, on the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us from 3-5 p.m. and bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Winter reminder – We follow the Meridian School District closure calendar. If Meridian schools are closed, we are closed. Upcoming dates are March 12 and April 9. For any questions please call Bread of Life at 815-645-8872, Ext. 15.

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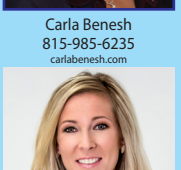
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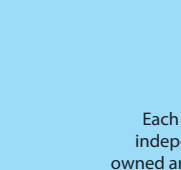
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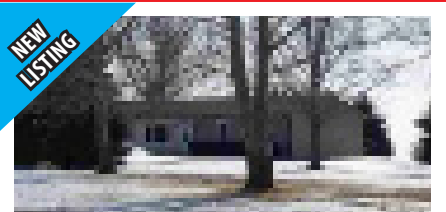


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# Eagles finish regular season 4-2 in conference

**MOUNT MORRIS** — The eighth grade girls basketball team of David L. Rahn Junior High concluded its weather-shortened regular season when the Eagles traveled to Meridian for two games on Feb. 26, hosted Ashton-Franklin Center on Feb. 27 and were guests of Winnebago on Feb. 28.

The Eagles were on the road to play Meridian for two games. The Eagles started the game slowly, trailing by four points after the first quarter. They stepped up their defense in the second quarter to lead at the break, 11-9. DLR owned the second half when their man press caused havoc for the Cardinals on their way to a 34-14 victory. Mariah Drake led all scorers with 12 points, followed by Hadley Lutz's 11. Reilee Suter added eight and Elizabeth Mois, three.

In the second game, the Eagles looked sharp as they ran their offense well. They held a 13-9 half time lead. DLR poured in 14 second-half points to claim their second win of the night, 27-11. Katelyn Bowers led the Eagles with eight points and Alyssa Mowry had six. Anna Withers added five while Madison Priller and Ava

Hackman each had four.

The following night, the Eagles were at home for a rescheduled contest with Ashton-Franklin Center. The Eagles once again stepped up their defensive effort to hold a huge 25-10 lead at the break. It was more of the same in the second half as the Raider's offense struggled. The Eagles were victorious, 44-12. Drake once again led DLR with 16 points and Mois dished in 12. Lutz added nine. Mowry and Hackman each had a basket and Priller sank a free throw.

The very next night, the Eagles were on the road to take on Winnebago. The Eagles struggled against the Indians' half-court trap. They were down at half-time, 25-6. DLR couldn't seem to put the ball in the basket in the second half as Winnebago pulled away, 47-10. Drake had six to lead DLR while Lutz and Mois each added two.

The Eagles conclude their regular season with a 4-2 conference record, good for third place. The Eagles will finish their season when they compete in the Route 72 Conference tournament on Saturday, March 2, in Pecatonica.

# Ogle County girls make first team All-Conference cheerleaders

**OREGON** — The 2018-19 Big Northern All-Conference cheerleaders were named recently, with four Ogle County girls making the First Team including Byron's Audrey Villa, Byron's Marlene Miranda, Stillman Valley's Mariah Rowe and Oregon's Grace Mongan.

The 2018-19 Big Northern All-Conference girls basketball players were named recently. Three Ogle County girls made the Second Team including Byron's Ralee

Corkran, Stillman Valley's Georgia Ballard and Oregon's Olivia Lambrigt-sen. Honorable Mentions included Byron's Izzy McKinley, Oregon's Ella Martin and Stillman Valley's Lexi Lichty.

The 2018-19 Big Northern All-Conference wrestlers were named recently, with Eight Ogle County boys earning First Team recognition including Tyler Elsbury (Byron), Peyton Lind (Byron), Colton Ingram (Byron), Jacob Milliman (Oregon),

Noah Paul (Oregon), Andrew Herbst (Oregon), Chase Clark (Oregon) and Mason Engelkens (Stillman Valley).

Second-Team winners include Blake Eder (Byron), Evan Walters (Byron), Jokiah Sewell (Oregon), Mason Gray (Stillman Valley) and Donavon Crumpacker (Stillman Valley). Honorable Mentions include Carson Wilsie (Byron), Zachary Crandall (Oregon) and Lucas Watson (Stillman Valley).

# Road Runners start up on March 11

**ROCKFORD** — The Rockford Road Runners (RRR) youth running club, the Rockford Wildcats, begins its 23rd year on Monday, March 11 with an open house at 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the YMCA Log Lodge, 200 Y Blvd.

Meet with Wildcat coaches, ask questions, join the team and bring your running shoes as there will be a short run at 5:30 p.m.

Rockford Wildcats is a free youth sports program for children of all abilities ages five and up with an interest in running. The program introduces children to the sport of running with an emphasis on having fun. The spring session is nine weeks, with practices three days, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Spring Session practices are held on the River Path. As part of the

Spring Session the team focuses on training for two goal races, the Heritage Run 2-mile on April 28 and the Gold Star Mission for the Fallen 3k on May 11.

The Rockford Wildcats is a free youth sports program that has worked with over 4,000 area children. For more information, schedule, and online registration visit [www.RockfordWildcats.org](http://www.RockfordWildcats.org)

RRR was organized Sept. 17, 1968 with the prime objective of promoting and encouraging running and walking and educating the public about their health benefits.

The club sponsors or conducts numerous races, educational activities and social events along with monthly newsletters, websites and recognition awards. Currently there are more than 500 individual members of the Rockford Road Runners.

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# Park District offering swim lessons

**OREGON** — Learn to swim this Spring at the Oregon Park District.

Morning, afternoon, evening and even Saturday classes are available. All classes start the week of April 1 and meet once a week for 8 weeks.

Registration deadline is March 19. Sign up today. No late registration will be taken and classes are filling fast. All classes are taught by certified Starfish Swim Instructors. Level 1-6 are for ages 3 and up. Starbabies are for ages 6 months to 3 years and a parent must get in the

water with them.

New this session is Adult Group Lessons on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Have you always wanted to swim but never learned? These lessons are geared towards beginners and intermediate swimmers looking to learn the basic skills. Students will work at their own pace to accomplish their swimming goals in a group setting.

Also check out our Angelfish Program for swimmers with disabilities or special needs get the assistance they need in our group les-

sons.

Private swim lessons are also available for 30 minutes of one-on one instruction. Students may choose to focus on specific skills or work on all the skills required to pass a swimming level.

Private lessons are for children and adults and are scheduled by the Aquatics Coordinator, Jena Wehmhofer, [jena@oregonpark.org](mailto:jena@oregonpark.org) or 815-732-3101.

Registration for swim lessons at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon or by phone 815-732-3101.



## Byron High School band receives Foundation Grant

**BYRON** – With the money the Byron High School Band received from the Byron Foundation, high school students in the Symphonic Band were able to learn about classical music from non-western cultures, and hear a performance by a professional musician from India on the Sitar and the Tabla drums.

The performer, Sandip Burman, tours with the World Music Foundation, whose primary purpose is to open minds through music, and encourage students to listen to and respect music from countries and cultures all over the world. During the performance, the students were required to sit on the floor in absolute silence, as a way of showing respect to the music and the performer. The performance on the Sitar, which is a 20-string instrument made from a pumpkin, was very complex and impressive.

After learning that the professional performer feels like he is still learning how to play the instrument and learning about how much he practiced, students then heard him perform on the Tabla drums. While the Sitar performance was amazing, the Tabla performance was even more impressive. The

speed with which the performer played and the variety of sounds that he was able to make on just two small drums was riveting. His hands were a blur and the complex sounds and rhythms were difficult for everyone to even comprehend. Students left the presentation intrigued and curious about these two instruments and wanting to hear and learn more.

The Byron High School Band would like to thank the Byron Foundation for awarding this grant.

The Byron Foundation, 501c3 non-profit, established in 1993, is an independent organization, founded to provide the Byron School educators access and opportunity to impact learning that empowers students and provides an enriched education beyond the district tax dollars. This volunteer team of parents, educators, and community members are committed to supporting children with unique experiences to help broaden their education, expose them to enriched opportunities and to cultivate leaders. We are a cohesive group of people with a mix of background and talent, with a shared vision.

The Board of Directors meets every 4-6 weeks, hosts two annual fund-

raisers, accepts and processes grants that average \$5,000 a year, and manages scholarship funds for other individuals and organizations. Over the past 25 years, over 40 community members have served as board members, raising funds and granting approximately \$155,000 to the Byron School staff for use in their classrooms.

We recognize and celebrate the history and value of the Foundation's work. The focus on long-term planning and sustainability has led to a recent partnership with Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the creation of a new Byron Foundation Endowment Fund. The Byron Foundation Endowment Fund establishes a financial reserve, provides a reliable source of income in perpetuity, and shows the solidity and permanence of The Byron Foundation in our community and our commitment to continued educational excellence in the Byron School District.

If you are inspired to give of your time and talents or a tax-deductible gift to the Byron Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact Byron Foundation President, Michelle Albert: Malbert6@comcast.net or 815-985-5102.

## Banks present retirement seminar

**BYRON** – In conjunction with Money Smart Week, Stillman Trust & Asset Management will be presenting “Are You Prepared? A Retirement Planning Seminar.”

There will be two sessions available. The first session will be held at the Rockford Public Library – East Branch, located at 6685 E. State St., on Tuesday, April 2 from 6-7 p.m. The second session will be held at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St. in Byron, on Thursday, April 4 from 6-7 p.m.

The seminar will be presented by Stillman Bank Vice President & Trust Officer, David Bogner; CTF, Trust Officer, Keith Akre; CFA, CFP® and Senior Vice

President, Jeffrey Hartle. This informative, no-obligation seminar will help provide answers to important questions regarding your retirement. Have you saved enough for a comfortable retirement? How long will your nest egg last? Where will your retirement money come from? What will your income and expenses be? Are you sufficiently covered for the unexpected? When should you begin drawing Social Security?

There is no cost to attend the seminar, but due to limited seating, please RSVP by April 1 by calling Stillman Bank at 815-332-8100 or email marketing@stillmanbank.com. For more information, visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

## Farm Bureau hosts market webinar

If you are looking for a marketing outlook heading into harvest season then look no further; you found it.

On March 25, the Ogle County Farm Bureau will host a webinar based market outlook with AgriVisor Senior Analyst Dale Durchholz. Dale prepares and edits the “Cash Strategist” for the Illinois Farm Bureau FarmWeek and Iowa Spokesman. He speaks at many Farm Bureau and other agriculture meetings as well as contributing to RFD Illinois and WILL radio.

Prior to joining AgriVisor, Dale had been a grain and/or livestock analyst for other companies including another producer market consulting firm and two

Chicago brokerage houses. At the latter, he headed their research operations.

The webinar begins at 7 p.m. Members can participate in the webinar by accessing the webinar from your home computer. In order to access from your computer, you will need to download specific software free from the internet, and use the webinar access code. To find instructions for downloading the software and to access the webinar link go to the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at [www.oglefb.org](http://www.oglefb.org).

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# Mount Morris Senior Center announces activities

## All are Welcome!

Events and Activities at the Mount Morris Senior Center are for everyone! Although most of our events cater to those who are over 50 years old all ages are invited. If you would like to RSVP for an activity or if you have any questions simply call 815-734-6335 and ask for Melissa. We are happy to help!

## Potluck

Join us for a potluck on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mount Morris Senior Center. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We will have a short program or activity with our meal. All are welcome!

## Living With Grief Class

We all have grief of some sort in our lives, and we all know others who are grieving. It is difficult to know what to say when someone passes away, and sometimes it is hard to imagine that life will go on without that person. Agrace Hospice will be at the Mount Morris Senior Center on Tuesday, March 19th to help us all learn more about grief and how to live with it. This class will take place at 6:00 pm and it is free. Snacks will be provided. Please call 815-734-6335 to sign up today.

## Hand Massage

Free Hand Massages will be offered by Crista from doTERRA essential oils on Monday, March 18 at 10:30 p.m. at the Mount Morris Senior Center. Call 815-734-6335 for an appointment or just stop by 9 East Front Street, Mt. Morris.

## Bingo and Birthday Party

Join us for a morning of fun and delicious food on Wednesday, March 20. Free Bingo starts at 10:30 a.m. and Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$6. This month we will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Peaches, Cake, and Ice Cream. Call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.



# 4-H Penny Carnival winners announced

**OREGON** – The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual 4-H Penny Carnival at the Oregon Coliseum on March 2.

Penny Carnival is much like a school fun fair, but features games dreamed up and designed by the 4-H clubs in the county. Ten of the counties fourteen clubs participated, dreaming up thirteen games, based on the theme “4-H... the Greatest Show on Earth” and encouraged the development of a wide range of game types.

Cash prizes were awarded to two clubs for games determined to be “Most Entertaining,” and two clubs for games determined to be “Most Creative.” Congratulations to all of the following:

**Most Entertaining:**

- Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club, Rochelle (Three Ring Circus)
- Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club, Polo (Plinko and Skeet ball)

**Most Creative:**

- Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club, Rochelle (Ring of Fire)
- Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club (Silly Seal)

Proceeds from the night will be divided equally among participating clubs. Many thanks to the hundreds of Ogle County families who attended.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. For more information, call Ogle County Extension at 815/732-2191 or visit Ogle County 4-H online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/>.

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# FFA alumni to accept tractor bids

**FORRESTON** – The Forreton FFA Alumni will be accepting sealed bids on a Massey Ferguson 1130 diesel tractor that has been refurbished by students.

The tractor is a late model 1964 that has 4700 hours and approximately 100 horsepower. It has updated features that were not available on early 1964 versions. Larry and Dawn Mathiot donated this tractor to the Forreton FFA Alumni. It was a part of the Robert and Joan LaBudde Trust of Cedar Creek Farms, Cedarville, Illinois.

The students and their supervisors made a variety of repairs and improvements on the tractor. Some of these features include:

- \* New front tires
- \* Rear tires in good condition with power adjust rims
- \* New engine clutch
- \* New PTO clutch
- \* Repaired 3 pt. hitch
- \* New alternator and regulator
- \* Original paint

Questions regarding this tractor may be directed to Rod Wichman at 815-275-5615. Photos of the 1130 are posted on the Forreton FFA Alumni's website at forretonffa-alumni.org. The website also contains a bid sheet that can be downloaded. The tractor will be available for viewing at the Forreton FFA Alumni Toy and Craft Show at Forreton High School on Saturday, March 9.

Sealed bids not using the form from the website should include the name of the bidder, the bidder's phone number and email, as well as the bid itself on a piece of paper. Bids may be sent to Mr. Wichman at 5841 S. Baileyville Rd., Baileyville, Ill., 61007. The bidding will be open until March 31. The Forreton FFA Alumni reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

# February Rotary Cash winners announced

February 2019 Rochelle Rotary Club's From the The Heart Cash Calendar winners

- Feb. 1 - Ryan Stevens, High Ridge, Missouri, \$25
- Feb. 2 - Rob & Angela Spartz, LeClaire, Iowa, \$250
- Feb. 3 - M. Joanne Kantner, DeKalb, \$50
- Feb. 4 - Tessa Sturgeon, New Albany, Indiana, \$25
- Feb. 5 - Mary Ellen Berg, Casselberry, Florida, \$25
- Feb. 6 - Renee Anders, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 7 - Clay Whelan, Dixon, \$25
- Feb. 8 - Jean Margheim, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 9 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 10 - Abby Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$50
- Feb. 11 - FTH event purchase, \$25
- Feb. 12 - Jody Pagles, Monroe Center, \$25
- Feb. 13 - Frank Hintzsche, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 14 - Samantha Garver, Rochelle, \$250
- Feb. 15 - Jeff McCluskey, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 16 - Scott Gilbert, Oregon, \$25
- Feb. 17 - Lisa Lee, Byron, \$50
- Feb. 16 - Scott Gilbert, Oregon, \$25
- Feb. 17 - Lisa Lee, Byron, \$50
- Feb. 18 - Jennah Mariani, Milwaukee, Wis., \$25
- Feb. 19 - Rob Prough, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 20 - RuDella Suter, Chana, \$25
- Feb. 21 - Danah Himes, Charleston, \$25
- Feb. 22 - Corrie Dyer, Sycamore, \$25
- Feb. 23 - Judy Harrison, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 24 - Rochelle Eye Care Center, \$50
- Feb. 25 - Diane May, Volo, \$25
- Feb. 26 - Hidden Timber Gardens, Chana, \$25
- Feb. 27 - Rita Heller, Rochelle, \$25
- Feb. 28 - Jacob Bigelow, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

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# Plan your vegetable garden early

**URBANA, Ill.** – If you're itching for homegrown tomatoes this year, now is the perfect time to plan your vegetable garden.

"Growing your own vegetables is a great way to save money at the grocery store, get some exercise, and teach kids where their produce comes from," said Gemini Bhalsod, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "For a successful vegetable garden, a little bit of planning can go a long way to tasty harvests."

Bhalsod suggests starting with a brainstorming session with family or neighbors – anyone you will be sharing produce with – to decide what plants to grow.

"Growing your favorite vegetables will ensure that you are excited to continue working in the garden all season long and that you can enjoy the 'fruits' of your labor when the time comes to harvest," she said.

Popular garden vegetables include peas, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, carrots, corn, and beets. Try and stick to disease-resistant varieties, or those with other interesting features.

Now that you have your list of vegetables, Bhalsod suggests making a chart that includes their planting requirements, such as dates and spacing needed to grow the vegetables adequately. This will help you stay organized and will help you decide where to place your plants in the garden.

If you don't have an already established garden, you will have to consider your site conditions. Most vegetables require 6 to 8 hours of full sun per day, so make sure you scope



your space to find the sunniest spot. Be sure to avoid areas under trees, or that are shaded by your house. Most popular vegetables, like tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, and corn, require full sun.

"If you have a shady area, don't worry! You can still grow root vegetables like carrots and beets and many leafy greens like spinach, chard, kale, and lettuce in a partial shade," Bhalsod said.

Choose a place where the ground is level and near a water source, if possible. Next, decide what size it will be.

"It is always okay to start small, with maybe one or two raised beds or containers, if you are new to gardening," Bhalsod said.

Consider how much space you have, what kinds of vegetables you want to grow, and how much time you anticipate having to maintain your garden.

Next, decide if you will be building raised beds or if you are planting directly in the soil.

"Raised beds can be beneficial because you can control the type of soil mix that is going to be used," Bhalsod said.

The soil needs to drain well, so Bhalsod suggests using a mix of 1:1:1 topsoil, compost, and a mineral component like perlite or vermiculite. If planting directly in the soil, consider a soil test for nutrient levels, pH, and, if you are concerned, heavy metals.

When establishing a new garden bed, gardeners will need to kill off existing vegetation before planting.

"One of the best ways to kill off existing weeds or turf is to smother them," Bhalsod said.

You can do this by layering wet cardboard or newspaper on the area you want to clear, being sure to weigh the pieces down to prevent light from penetrating. A downside is that you do have to wait a few months for the grass to die off. You can do this process directly in a raised bed too, and then put your soil mix on top to plant in. For quicker removal, a sod remover can also be used.

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# Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

## Spring soccer

Spring soccer returns to Oregon Park West in April. Deadline to register for U5 through U14 league is Tuesday, March 12. No late registrations will be accepted. Games are played in Oregon and Byron on Saturdays and practice will be held during the week. Practices begin the week of April 1 with games from April 6-May 11. For more information or to volunteer to coach contact [tina@oregonpark.org](mailto:tina@oregonpark.org).

## Baseball and softball

Baseball and Softball sign-ups have started at Nash Recreation Center for summer. Registration deadline for all programs is April 2. For more information visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).

## Sound of Music

Join us for a trip to Rockford's Coronado Theatre to see a Broadway performance of The Sound of Music on Tuesday, March 26! Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$71 per Resident and \$85 per Non-Resident. Price includes ticket and transportation. Transportation will depart Nash Recreation Center by 6pm. There are a limited number of tickets available. Deadline to register is March 11.

## KOTCD

Oregon School District has a half day on Friday, March 22. Sign up today for Kids Off the Couch. Pack a lunch and send your student to the Blackhawk Center ET room for an afternoon of crafts, games, swimming at Nash and activities. Participants can be picked up any time before 6pm. Registration fee is \$10/Resident and \$12/Non-Resident. All participants must be registered by Friday, March 15.

## Spring Break camp

Staying in town for Spring Break and want your child to still have a blast? We will keep your child safe, entertained, and busy with lots of fun adventures, swimming, games, crafts, and fun at the local parks. This is a great opportunity for children to get out of the house and do something new each day alongside their peers. We will emphasize fun, peer interactions, personal growth and have daily themes, games, crafts and sports at Nash Recreation Center.

Dates: Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29.

Fee: \$100 Resident/\$120 Non-Residents Full Program

\$25 Resident/Day \$30 Non-Resident/Day

Time: 6:15 a.m.-6 p.m. (drop off and pick up as you please)

Deadline: Monday, March 18

## Childcare service

Our childcare service is offered in the Children's Center at Nash! This wonderful program is offered every Monday-Thursday from 4:30-6:30 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 3:30-5:00 p.m. Come and go as you please. Drop in and give it a try!

## Timber + Tribe wood sign workshop

Paint a trendy horizontal wood sign (10" x 18") with a vertical wood pallet style. Choose your stain color, your paint color and your saying. Three choices available upon registration. This workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. All supplies are included in the fee. Beverages from Cork & Tap are at your own expense. Register through the Park District early as space is limited. Workshop fee is \$37/Resident or \$44/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 21.

## 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](mailto:debbie@oregonpark.org). Now is the time to think about spring planting, profiting from your garden, making homemade craft items, etc. to prepare for the summer market.

## Would you like to garden but don't have the space?

The Oregon Park District has 10 Community Garden plots available to rent (April-November) for only \$20/Resident or \$24/Non-Resident. The 4' x 8' raised beds are rented on a first come, first serve basis. The Community Garden is conveniently located at Veterans Park on South 10th Street. For more information or to rent a bed, contact the Oregon Park District at 815-732-3101.

## Pizza, brew and gaming day trip

Sign up through the Park District for a fun day in Davenport Saturday, April 15. Order delicious Wood Fire Pizza, Tour the Great River Brewery with samples and a pint, stop at Chocolate manor if you have a sweet tooth, and enjoy 3 fun hours of gaming at Rhythm City Casino. Trip fee is \$15/Resident and \$18/Non-Resident and includes transportation by van and brew tour. All meals, shopping and gaming are on your own.

## Starfish swimming lessons

Learn to swim this spring at the Oregon Park District! Lessons start the week of April 1 and meet once a week for 8 weeks. Registration March 4- March 19. Mark your calendars as no late registration will be taken and classes fill fast. All classes are taught by certified Starfish Swim Instructors. Level 1-6 are for ages 3 and up. Starbabies are for ages 6 months to 3 years and a parent must get in the water with them.

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## Senior of Distinction

Employees at Oregon High School are asked to nominate any senior who: displays qualities and talents we wish every student possessed and/or who have great grades and are involved in service to both school and community. For the month of January, Abbie Ring, was nominated and selected as the winner. "Abbie is consistently putting her best effort into her studies and is always an active participant in class. She sets an example for all of the other students in the room with her work ethic and motivation. She is the first student that comes to my mind when I think of "college-ready" seniors." – Gabriel Poser, OHS Science Department. Pictured: Presenting Abbie with an achievement award from Stillman Bank is Pat Donahue.

## Dean's List

### U of Colorado, Colorado Springs

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Makala Arn, who is the daughter of Kenton and Wendy Arn-Cronberg from Stillman Valley, earned Dean's List honor with a GPA above 3.75 during the 2018 fall semester at University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is studying Business emphasizing in Marketing. Her minor is American Sign Language (ASL).

### Drake University

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – The following local students have been named to the Dean's List at Drake University. This academic honor is achieved by earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2018 semester at Drake.

Local students include: Hunter Daws, of Forreston.

Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling more than 3,200 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from approximately 45 states and 42 countries. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through six colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa's capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact, and many service-learning endeavors, which channel the talent and energy of the Drake students toward meeting the needs of the community.

### University of Dubuque

**DUBUQUE, Iowa** – The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2018 Academic Dean's List.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

Byron, Jacob Heitter; Davis Junction, Marcus Bower; Mount Morris, Sarah Scott; Oregon, Stacia Burke; Polo, Hanna Blumhoff and Ethan Cai.

The University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. Founded in 1852, UD is home to over 2,300 students. Visit [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu).

## NWIL hosting American Woodcocks event

On three evenings – March 15, 20 and 26 – at 7 p.m., the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society invites all interested persons to the Elkhorn Creek Preserve to watch and listen for American Woodcocks performing their amazing courtship display. The "Sky Dance" is part ground-strutting, part zig-zagging flight, barely visible in the early evening sky. This visual display is accompanied by a repetitious vocal "peent" followed by twittering and chirping sounds made when the air rushes through primary flight feathers during the birds' descent.

Because the timing of the woodcocks' twilight display is an educated guess based on past years, participants should call the leader, Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3263, before the event to confirm that the birds are back and the weather is suitable. Carpooling will take place from the Harbor Freight (former Staples) lot at 1722 S. West Ave. in Freeport at 6:30pm or meet at Elkhorn Preserve, three miles southwest of Forreston in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Roads. The parking lot is off West Grove Road. For more information, visit the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society website at <http://www.nwilaudubon.org>.

# COMMUNITY MOMENTUM

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# LIFE

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# Must-haves for your Paddy's Day party

St. Patrick's Day is a festive occasion marked by parades, live music and, of course, the color green.

Many people look forward to Paddy's Day. That anticipation makes hosting a St. Patrick's Day party a big responsibility. In recognition of that, the following are some must-haves that hosts won't want to forget this St. Patrick's Day.

### Food

When it comes to St. Patrick's Day, cuisine, hosts should not overlook the importance of providing some staples that people have grown to expect on March 17. Corned beef and cabbage might not be the most authentic Irish meal, but it's become synonymous with St. Patrick's Day celebrations and therefore earned its place on your Paddy's Day menu. Hosts can start the day off right by whipping up a pre-parade traditional Irish breakfast, complete with eggs, Irish bacon, white and black pudding, and brown bread. Hosts need not feel beholden to cuisine exclusive to Ireland or those that have become synonymous with St. Patrick's Day, but making sure at least one such dish is available is guaranteed to

please your guests.

### Music

Music contributes greatly to the festive atmosphere on St. Patrick's Day.

If there are any musicians in your social circle, and particularly any fiddlers or pipers, enlist their services for the party. If live music isn't possible, arrange a playlist featuring some of the Emerald Isle's most popular performers, including The Dubliners, The Pogues, The Chieftains, and Christy Moore, among many others.

### Beer

For many revelers, St. Patrick's Day wouldn't be the same without Guinness, which is among Ireland's most famous exports. This world renowned and easily recognizable Irish dry stout traces its origins to 1758, when Arthur Guinness began creating it at his brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin. The black beer and its familiar white head instantly evoke images of Ireland for millions of people across the globe. While hosts outside of Ireland might not be able to find a keg of the black stuff for their Paddy's Day party, it is widely available



in cans.

### Fun

Part of the joy of St. Patrick's Day is letting your hair down.

Whether you can dance an Irish jig or not, don't hesitate to cut a rug and encourage others to join in the fun.

Hosts who set a lighthearted tone will ensure their guests follow suit, guaranteeing a fun time will be had by all.

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# Enjoy corned beef and cabbage this St. Patrick's Day

Corned beef and cabbage might not be a part of many people's diet regimens throughout the year. But come March 17, it's not uncommon to find people from all walks of life indulging in this beloved meal.

March 17 marks the celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Over the years, the day has also become a celebration of the Emerald Isle. Such celebrations tend to feature corned beef and cabbage, even though the dish may have little to do with Ireland (and even less to do with St. Patrick). The precise origins of the link between corned beef and St. Patrick's Day remain a topic of debate, but some historians say the corned beef enjoyed today can be traced to New York City's Irish immigrant population in the 19th and 20th centuries, who popularized a salted meat made from brisket that was then sold by Jewish butchers.

Regardless of the authenticity of its link to Ireland, corned beef is delicious and many modern Paddy's Day celebrants wouldn't think of going without it on March 17. Those who want to cook up their own can try this recipe for "Corned Beef and Cabbage" from Arthur Schwartz's "New York City Food" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang).

## Corned Beef and Cabbage

Serves 6 to 8

Cook a whole brisket with both sections together with all its fat. (You can trim off the fat after the meat is cooked.) Whole brisket and second-cut corned beef brisket are hard to find, but your supermarket should have first-cut corned beef vacuum-packed in plastic. Choose the fattiest piece in the case and treat it gently.

You can cook the cabbage and potatoes in the same water as the corned beef. Because the other vegetables need to be cooked in water that simmers more than the meat, scoop out water from the corned beef pot and cook the vegetables in a separate pot or pots.

- 1 4- to 5-pound corned beef brisket
- 1 teaspoon pickling spices
- 1 head cabbage
- 2 pounds boiling potatoes
- 6 to 8 small carrots (optional)
- Parsnips (optional)
- Turnips (optional)

Place the corned beef in a pot that holds at least 5 quarts of water. Cover completely with cold water. Place over high heat and bring to a simmer.

As soon as bubbles start to break on the surface of the water, adjust the heat so the water simmers very, very gently. With a slotted spoon, skim off the residue that accumulates on the surface. When the residue stops coming to the surface, add the pickling spices.

Continue to cook, with bubbles just gently breaking on the surface, for 3 to 4 hours, until fork tender.

The meat can be safely held in its water for about 2 hours; reheat gently.

Cook the vegetables until fork tender in separate pots of boiling fresh water or, especially for the cabbage, use some of the water in which the corned beef was cooked.

Slice the corned beef and serve with mustard and/or horseradish on a platter, surrounded with some of the vegetables or with vegetables in a separate bowl.



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# Oregon Library News

## Library news

We are both happy and sad to announce that Andy Dettman, our Library Director will be leaving OPL as of March 15. Andy and his wife have decided that it would be best if he returned to his role as a stay at home dad after having their 3rd child. Hilaree Lombardo, who has been with OPL for nearly a year, will be taking over as Director. Hilaree got her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois in 2016. Her husband is a High School administrator and they have two small children. We know that Hilaree will do a great job in her new role. So if you see them in the Library please be sure to congratulate her and wish him well.

## "The Journey to Mollie's War: WACS and WWII" by Cyndee Schaffer – Monday, March 11 and 1 p.m.

Cyndee Schaffer collaborated with her 91-year-old mother to write a book based on the letters that her mother sent home to her family while serving as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) in Europe during World War II. The award-winning *Mollie's War* (McFarland Publishers, 2010) is the result of that endeavor. Members of the Women's Army Corps (WACs) were the first women other than nurses to serve overseas in World War II. Drawing upon excerpts from Mollie's letters written home during the war, this presentation provides a romantic, yet frightful, glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history. This presentation details Mollie's experiences from basic training in Florida in October 1943 to the dramatic moment when the Statue of Liberty came into view upon her return in November 1945. Registration requested.

## Virtual field trip to Shedd Aquarium – Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

Join us at the Oregon Public Library for a live, virtual 50-minute interactive experience with Shedd Aquarium staff members. Witness how they feed the sharks, explore the wild reef habitat from behind the scenes and inside the shark habitat. For grades 3-6, limited spaces...registration required by March 6. Call 815-732-2724 for more information.

## It's that time – 2019 Summer Reading Program bookmark contest

Entry forms for the 2019 Summer Reading Program Bookmark Contest are now available at the library. The 2019 theme is *It's Showtime at Your Library!* Students in grades K-12 are eligible and entries will be accepted through March 29. New this year will be an adult category. Come by and pick up your entry form. All entries will be displayed at the Library in April and selected bookmarks will be duplicated and used during the 2019 Summer Reading Program.



## Library book clubs

The 2nd Wednesday Book Club (2WBC) meets Wednesday, March 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. The In-Between Book Club meets Wednesday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore and *Books on Tap* will meet at Cork N Tap on Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen and *First Love* by James Patterson. There will be no meeting in March.

## Lego Club (grades 2nd -7th)

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

## Afternoon movie – March 22 at 1 p.m.

Noon dismissal, so join us on Friday, March 22 for an afternoon movie! The movie will be *Ralph Breaks the Internet*, rated PG, beginning at 1 p.m. Bring something soft to sit on as the movie is shown in the Art Gallery.

## 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.

Family yoga – Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Families with children ages 4-18 are invited to participate in Family Yoga. Families with children with special needs encouraged to attend. Benefits of Yoga include reduced tension and anxiety, improved attention span and ability to concentrate, improved memory and enhanced emotional stability. Yoga mats provided, registration required.

## Story times

18-24 Months Story Time (9:30 a.m.) and Preschool (3-6 yrs. old) Story Time (10:30 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

*Bohemian Rhapsody* (Rated PG-13)

*At Eternity's Gate* (Rated PG-13)

*Robin Hood* (Rated PG-13)

*Westworld-Season One: The Maze* (Rated PG-13)

*A Star Is Born* (Rated R)

*Mary Queen Of Scots* (Rated R)

*The Sopranos-The Complete Third Season* (Rated R)

*Death Is Hard Work* by Khaled Khalifa (Fiction)

*Out Of The Dark* by Gregg Hurwitz (Fiction)

*At The Wolf's Table* by Rosella Postorino (Fiction)

*The Wartime Sisters* by Lynda Cohen Loigman (Fiction)

*The Dreamers* by Karen Thompson Walker (Large Print Fiction)

*Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova (Large Print Fiction)

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama (Large Print Biography)

*The Good Ones* by Jenn McKinlay (Paperback Romance)

*Lavender Blue* by Donna Kauffman (Paperback Romance)

*Robogenesis* by Daniel H. Wilson (Science Fiction)

*Black Leopard, Red Wolf* by Marlon James (Science Fiction)

*The City In The Middle Of The Night* by Charlie Jane Anders (Science Fiction)

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*Vigilance* by Robert Jackson Bennett (Science Fiction)

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# 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.

## Teen Program

After Hours Program  
Friday, March 15, 4-6 p.m.  
Pizza and Scavenger Hunt!  
Ages 13-18, Grades 6-12  
Registration Required

## Book Subscription Box Pickup

Saturday, March 16th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Pick up your Book Subscription Boxes for March

## Celebrate Earth Day

Monday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon.  
Celebrate Earth Day with a story and craft. We will make Circles of the Earth Bracelets and Layers of the Earth edible craft.

Ages 6-12  
Registration is required

## Adult Programs:

Pinterest Party  
Tuesday, April 2, 6.-7 p.m.  
Activity: Party Spring Wreath  
Registration is required for this program

Lifelong Learners Lecture Series  
Thursday, April 11, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
JFK & RFK Conspiracy Theories

Presenters: Rob Urish, Steve Erickson, Jim Brady  
Our founding fathers designed our constitution to effect political and social change by the ballot, not the gun. But, notwithstanding official reports, countless unanswered questions remain. For example, how many shots? (JFK). What happened with the girl in the polka dress? (RFK). Where did the shots originate? (MLK). Conspiracies? Join us for an hour -long discussion of these and many other questions.

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, March 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Selection: *Heartland* by Sarah Smarsh

## Friday Book Discussion @ the Library

Book and a Movie, allow 2 ½ hours  
Friday, March 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Selection: *Where the Heart Is* by Billie Letts

## New to the Collection

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

## Fiction

*The sapphire widow* by Dinah Jefferies

## Juvenile Non-fiction

Lunch Counter Sit-Ins: *How Photographs Helped Foster Peaceful Civil Rights Protests* by Danielle Smith-Llera

## DVD

*A Private War*

# Rock River Center announces upcoming activities, events

## NICOR Gas "Sharing" Program Available

NICOR Gas Sharing Program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150 percent of poverty level and less than 250 percent of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$2,529, 2-person household, \$3,429, 3-person household, \$4,329, etc.

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## WITS Fitness Brain Exercises in 2019

The University of Illinois Extension is returning to Rock River Center offering monthly Wits Fitness Brain Exercises Classes on the first Monday of every month. 2019 Brain Health Exercise classes are all new.

Join Extension Educator Karla Belzer as she continues to lead participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The monthly class will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Rock River Center, in Oregon. 2019 Class dates are: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Oct. 7, and Nov. 4.

There will not be a class in September or December. Each monthly class is free and open to the public! Registration is not required, but appreciated. To register call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252. Participants are welcome to join the class at any time.

For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-632-3611.

## Computer Technology Center, free one-on-one lab hours

March 13, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Instructor: Deb Julian)

This hour is for those looking for 1-on-1 assistance with computer questions.

All scheduled CTC classes and lab hours are free to attend and open to the public.

Anyone interested should call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to register for the lab hours.

Note: Registration is very important to ensure everyone's needs are met as space is limited.

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.

## Low Vision Group

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

# Locals earn honor at Quincy University

QUINCY – Quincy University released its Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 335 students received the honor during the Fall 2018 semester. A complete list of honorees is listed below: Forrester, Robert Devries; Oregon, Michaela Spanbauer; Rochelle, Mattie Hoinness and Julissa Quinonez.

Founded in 1860 by Franciscan friars, Quincy University ([www.quincy.edu](http://www.quincy.edu)) is a Catholic, co-educational, residential university offering undergraduate, graduate, and adult education programs that integrate liberal arts, active learning, practical experience, and Franciscan values. Quincy University's intercollegiate sports are members of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference for men and women.

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# Julia Hull Library News



*This month, our tweens (ages 10-12) celebrated Mardi Gras at the Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley)! We each made our own mask, decorated our own king "cake," and enjoyed games, madness, and loads of beads.*

## 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.

## Young Critics Book Club (YCBC)

Read Andrew Clements' Frindle, then join fellow young critics on Tuesday, March 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.

## Planning Your Greek Vacation

Opa! Let's head someplace sunny, warm and filled with adventure. Veteran European travelers, Joanna and Wayne, are back with tips for must-see sights, must-eat foods, and must know insights to make sure you get the most out of your Greek travels. Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Tween Scene: Terrible Fanfic

Are you a Marvel Fan? DC? Potterhead? Demigod? Star Wars Addict? Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m., tweens will embrace their personal fandom with a fast pace game that integrates their favorite characters to create new and hilarious stories. Can you create the story for a new Spiderman movie? What if he was the villain instead? Are you terrible at storytelling? Perfect! This will be a

night of terrible fanfiction, snacks, and offbeat fun. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Teen Crafternoon: Peep-O-Rama

Get creative with your peeps! Friday, April 12 after school (2:45-4:30 p.m.), make a diorama inspired by your favorite book or movie starring an all-marshmallow peep cast. Creations will be on display the following week for patron voting. The artist behind the diorama to win The People's Choice Award will get a prize! All supplies provided. Ages 13-18.

## Holiday Closings

The library will be closed Friday, April 19 for Good Friday; and Saturday, April 20 for Easter.

## Family Game Night

What's better than snacks, board games, and family fun? Join us Monday, April 22 at 6 p.m. for a screen-free evening filled with a variety of games for all ages. Families are welcome to bring favorite games from home as well. Snacks will be provided. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Planning Your Spanish Vacation

From Picasso to Gaudi, tapas to paella, ancient to modern: colorful, romantic Spain has it all. Veteran European travelers, Joanna and Wayne, will continue their travel series by sharing tips for must-see sights, must-eat foods, and must-know insights. Monday, April 29 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.



# 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.

## Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Cook Book Club meets!

You still have time to sign up for cookbook club! Come by the Library and choose a recipe to share with others in the club.

## Thursday, March 28 at 2-5 p.m. – Spring Break Gaming Day!

Bring the Family in and play our new games! We have lots to choose from including Ticket to Ride, Dragonwood, Labrynth, Gravity Maze and many of the classics!

## Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m. – The Library Tea Annual Fundraiser

Mark your calendars. The special guest speaker this year is Mark Twain and his lovely wife, Olivia Clemens. The library will have tickets on sale soon.

## Monday, April 8 at 5:45 p.m. – Lego Club Meets!

Bring a friend and build something cool with our Lego! For all ages!

## Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. – Cook Book Club meets!

April's Cookbook is 100 Days of Read Food On a Budget by Lisa Leake. Come take a look at the recipes and sign up!

## Friday, April 12 at 3 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Come join the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Staff as we say "Thank you!" to our volunteers! April 8 – 12 is Volunteer Appreciation Week and we couldn't do what we do at the Library without our wonderful Volunteers!



E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com).  
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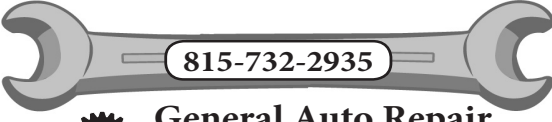

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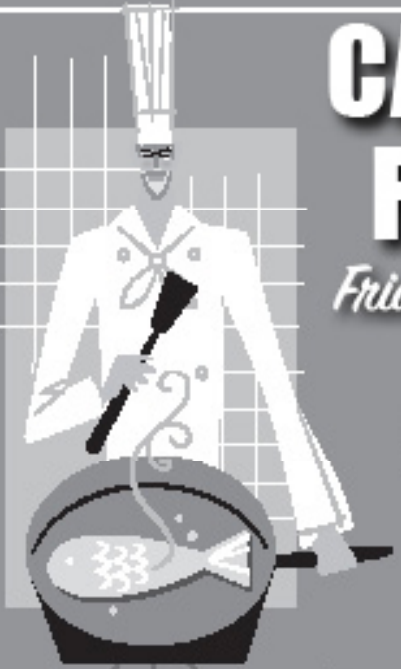
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# Medicare, Soc. Security event March 20

**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, March 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.



## Oregon Park District to offer art program

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District has teamed up with Oregon Elementary School Art Teacher Jordan DeWilde to offer a great new program for 8 year olds and up.

You won't want your student to miss out. Join DeWilde for Art in the Animal Kingdom.

Create artwork of different animals. Artists have always been inspired by nature and you will learn about some very famous artworks of animals. Create drawings, relief prints, and paintings to create different projects throughout the month.

Each week students will discover how artists like George Rodrigue, Franz Marc, Andy Warhol, and more were inspired by the animal kingdom, then create their own masterpieces. At the end of this class, they will take home all of their amazing artwork, including a painted canvas.

Classes are held at Oregon Elementary School in Mr. DeWilde's classroom each Tuesday and Thursday from April 2-April 30 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. No class will be held on April 18. The fee is \$33/Resident and \$40/Non-Resident. Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 26 at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon or complete registration over the phone by calling 815-732-3101.

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# Birth



## Avadikian's welcome daughter

Justin and Jessine Avadikian are proud to announce the birth of their daughter. Adley Jay Avadikian was born on Feb. 22, 2019 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital in Potsdam, New York.

Adley joins big brother Jeremiah, paternal grandparents, Kim and Catherine Avadikian of Potsdam, N.Y., maternal grandparents, Kayse Rushford and Scott Groenhagen and great-grandparents George and Rozann Groenhagen of Oregon.

# Bertolet Library News

### Create-a-Card with Jessie

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

Whether you need cards for St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Easter, or any other Spring holiday, Jessie Ross can help with creative suggestions and valuable pointers. She provides the know-how and we provide all the necessary supplies. Registration is not required for this program. Just stop in and start creating!

### E-Read Assistance

Wednesday, March 20, 4-6 p.m.

Need help downloading or navigating Axis360 so you can read anywhere on your smart phone, tablet, or other device? RAILS E-content specialist, Anna Behm, will be here to share tips and advice on getting the most from this electronic reader program, as well as answer any questions you may have.

### Annual Seed Swap

Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m.-noon

Frigid temperatures may have postponed it, but now is the time to think Spring with our 3rd Annual Seed Swap event! Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any gardening questions and envelopes will be provided for everyone to take home seeds that are exchanged. Please bring any fresh, well-labeled seeds you have to share with other attendees. This event is free and open to all area gardeners.

### 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 and also offers parents and caregivers a chance to socialize. Please join us!

New Adult Fiction includes: "The First Lady" by James Patterson and "Silent Night" by Danielle Steel.

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

# Byron Library News

### New Online Program Registration

The Byron library has a new way to register for programs! In addition to calling or registering in person, patrons can now register for programs online. Visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register yourself or your child for upcoming library programs.

### New Storytime Sessions

Spring sessions for our storytime classes begin in March! These classes fill up fast, so visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register your child. Baby Boogies: Tuesdays, beginning March 5 (no class March 26), 10-10:45 a.m. For children age birth-18 months, with caregiver. Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning March 6 (no class March 27-28), 9:30-10:15 a.m. For children age 18 months-3 years, with caregiver. Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning March 6 (no class March 27-28), 9:30-10:30 a.m. For children age 3-6 years.

### Library Madness

March 13-April 25

(no class March 27-28)

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays: Grades 3-5

Thursdays: Grades K-2

Art, science experiments, engineering challenges and LEGO building fun for grade school students. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register your child.

### Crafting With Cathy: Tiny Bouquets

Monday, March 11

6-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening out with friends at the library creating tiny glass paper flower bouquets. All supplies will be provided; but if there is a specific template you would like to use, feel free to bring it!

### Playdough Party

Tuesday, March 12

6-7 p.m.

Ages: 2-8 years, with caregiver

We're making playdough! Learn to make a few types of playdough and then create a pasta and playdough sculpture to take home (along with your leftover playdough).

### Chess Enthusiasts

Saturday, March 16

1-3 p.m.

Ages: 7 years and up

Come work on your chess strategy and learn a new move or two. Beginners welcome! Drop in program- no registration required.

### Card Creations for Kids

Tuesday, March 26

2:30-4 p.m.

Ages: 8 and up

Get creative and make some cards for family and friends. All materials are supplied.

### Library Dance Party

Monday, March 25

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. Drop in program- no registration required.

### Star Wars Escape Room

Wednesday, March 27, or

Friday, March 29

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

Ages: 8 and up.

While BB-8 was on a secret mission for the Resistance, the First Order found and abducted him. Luckily, he was able to send a distress signal the moment he was captured. The Resistance has been able to locate him in a small Corsucant junkyard. The First Order has set up 6 tricky codes that you will need to solve in order to unlock poor BB-8. Grab some friends or family members (ideal group size is 3-5 people) and register for a 45-minute time slot.

### Springtime in Paris: An Angel Treasures Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, March 27

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Bonjour! Enjoy the delights of a springtime afternoon in Paris right here in Byron! Enjoy some Parisian treats and a fun fashion show produced by Angel Treasures Resale Shops located in Winnebago and Mt. Morris. Angel Treasures supports the mission of Serenity Hospice. Sign up today for tea and an afternoon in Paris!

### Card Creations

Thursday, March 28

6-7:30 p.m.

Boost your creative side by making beautiful handmade greeting cards to give to your family and friends. The prep work is done, so all you have to do is join us and get creative. All materials are supplied. Visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Prairie State Legal: Know Your Rights presentation with one-on-one appointments to follow: How to Clear Your Criminal Record

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

1-1:20 p.m.

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

Please register for all programs by visiting [byron.evanced.info/signup](http://byron.evanced.info/signup) or by calling 815-234-5107.

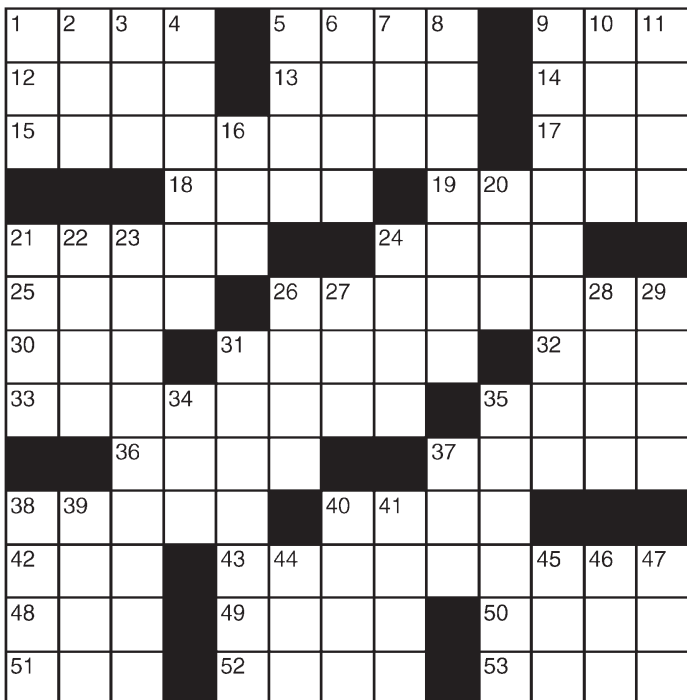
# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

## MAGIC MAZE ● ANDYS

### ACROSS

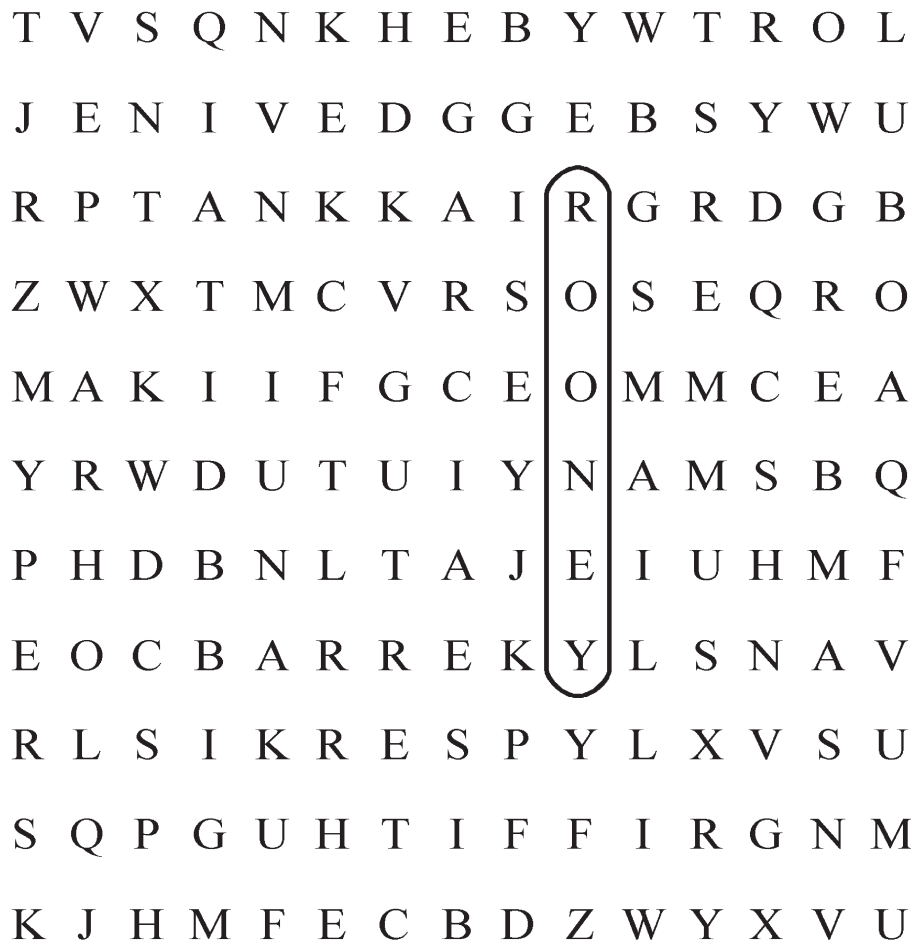
- 1 Hindu prince
- 5 Persian leader
- 9 Bigshot, for short
- 12 Verve
- 13 Horseback game
- 14 Tokyo's old name
- 15 Chamber of the heart
- 17 Born
- 18 Good-looking guy
- 19 Bandleader Xavier
- 21 Lucky roll of the dice
- 24 Arrived
- 25 Thing
- 26 Pots and pans and such



- 49 Cupid's alias
- 50 Family
- 51 — and don'ts
- 52 Transmitted
- 53 TV award
- 7 Every last bit
- 8 Cornmeal creation
- 9 With a — (forcefully)
- 10 Concept
- 11 Bard
- 16 Scoot
- 20 Coal diggers' org.
- 21 Bro and sis
- 22 Needle case
- 23 Feuds
- 24 Hit on the head
- 26 Burn somewhat
- 27 Lubricant
- 28 Bellow
- 29 Blunders
- 31 Dozens
- 34 First lady
- 35 Lead astray
- 37 Namely (Abbr.)
- 38 — over heels
- 39 Norway's capital
- 40 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 41 Leftovers
- 44 Before
- 45 Shade tree
- 46 Felon's flight
- 47 Whatever number

### DOWN

- 1 Cleric's address (Abbr.)
- 2 Brewery product
- 3 One of the Brady Bunch
- 4 Country song?
- 5 Rotate
- 6 Pawn



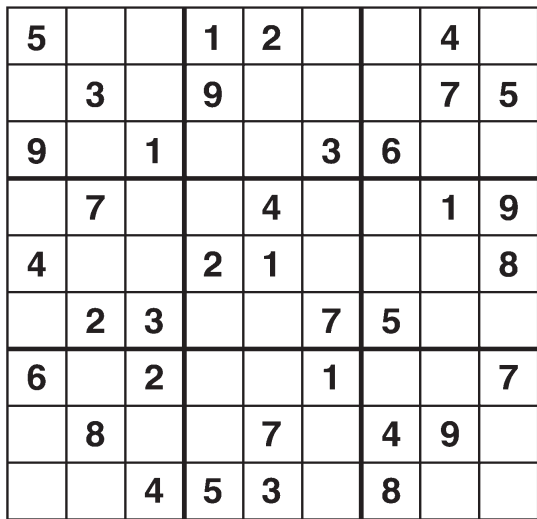
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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| Garcia   | Murray   | Rooney  | Van Slyke |
| Gibb     | Pettitte | Samberg | Williams  |
| Griffith | Reid     | Serkis  |           |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



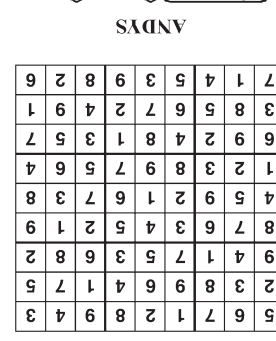
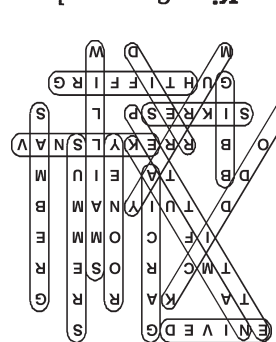
Differences: 1. Scarf is different. 2. Boots are higher. 3. Small shed is wider. 4. Puddle near sled is missing. 5. Snow is gone from window ledge. 6. Bush on left has been moved.



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# TV WEEKLY

**Tuesday, March 12, through Monday, March 18**

## Soap Opera Update

### THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Wyatt and Flo reminisced about their past relationship. Zoe planned a romantic evening for Xander. Wyatt invited Flo, Liam and Hope to dinner at his house. Xander tried to get more information out of Zoe about Reese. Flo and Hope immediately recognized each other. Wyatt was stunned to learn that Flo lied to him about having children. Zoe and Xander expressed their love for one another. Steffy told her mother that Hope was pushing Liam away and back into her arms. Zoe panicked when she saw a photo of Flo and Hope together online. Wracked with guilt, Flo encouraged Hope to try to have another child. Meanwhile, Hope was blown away that Flo was Wyatt's high school girlfriend and Phoebe's birth mother. Wait to See: Thomas returns from New York City.

### DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Rafe confronted Ted about making a play for his wife. Tripp hid Haley at the loft. Rex pressed Eric to persuade Sarah to accept his marriage proposal. Chloe found evidence that someone may be watching her. Marlena confronted John about Leo's paternity secret. Will and Sonny broke into Diana's hotel room to look for ammunition against Leo. Rex confronted a man with a gun who appeared to be stalking Chloe. Sarah was torn about what to do about Rex's proposal. Stefan told Chloe that he had feelings for her. Brady pressured Gabi to team up with him to take down Stefan. Jennifer was upset to learn that Jack was running for mayor. John broke into Diana's safe. Wait to See: Leo learns that John is his father.

### GENERAL HOSPITAL

Jason was very troubled. Meanwhile, Laura felt hopeful. Liz waited and waited. Drew received an interesting text. Kristina got the attention she craved. Jason sought out Julian. Curtis had some heartbreaking news. Kevin asked for help. Kim got an alarming phone call. Cameron was put on the spot. Ava was stunned at what she had learned. Jason was desperate to find Carly. Lulu reconciled her memories. Sonny received an ominous message. Kevin had everything mapped out. Jason was too late. Julian put Alexis through the wringer. Sam told Kristina about her interaction with Daisy. Liz had some enormous issues to overcome. Wait to See: Ava is a mess.

(See C-8)

Weekdays Daytime		Insight Communications Oregon-Byron Polo																			March 12, 2019						
		7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30		
WTTW	2	Curious	Wild	Nature	Pink	Go Luna	Tiger	Tiger	Sesame	Sesame	Splash	Dino	Tiger	Nature	Peg	Pink	Arthur	Go Luna	Nature	Wild	Wild	Odd	Odd	PBS NewsHour			
WREX	3 6	Today					Today Third Hour		Today With Kathie Lee & Hoda		The Doctors		13 News at Noon	Days of our Lives		Steve	Millionaire	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil		13 News at Five	Nightly News	13 News at Six	Wheel Fortune		
WTVO	4 5	Good Morning America					Live with Kelly and Ryan		The View		Rachael Ray		Strahan & Sara		General Hospital		The Dr. Oz Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Eyewitness	World News	Eyewitness	Ent. Tonight	
WIFR	5 3	CBS This Morning					Morning Blend	Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		23 News at Noon	Bold	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Pickler & Ben		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		23 News at Five	Evening News	23 News at Six	Last Man	
WQRF	6 12	Eyewitness		Eyewitness		Joyce	Paid	Hatchett	Judge	Judge Mathis		Divorce	Divorce	Paid	Paid	Face	Face	Maury		Mom	Mom	Two	Two	Theory	Theory		
CW	15	Paid	Paid	The Real		The 700 Club		The Dr. Oz Show		Dateline		Wendy Williams		Fam	Divorce	Caught	Caught	Jerry Springer		Jerry Springer		Fam	Fam	Fam	Mod		
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ESPN	7 24	Get Up					First Take			SportCtr		Varied Programs										SportsCenter	Basketball				
CNN	8 26	New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		At This Hour-Kate		Inside Politics		CNN Right Now		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Jake Tapper		Situation Room		Situation Room		E. B. OutFront			
CNBC	9	(5:00) Squawk Box		Squawk on the Street			Squawk Alley		Fast Money		The Exchange		Power Lunch		Closing Bell		Fast		Varied		Mad Money		Shark Tank				
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LIFE	12 22	The Closer		The Closer		The Closer		The Closer		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Varied Programs											
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DISN	23 28	Roads	PJ	Giganto	Puppy	Muppet	Vampir	Fancy	Vampir	PJ	PJ	Puppy	Puppy	Duck	Big City	Big City	Bizaard	Bizaard	Big City	Raven	Raven	Coop	Coop	Raven	Raven		
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USA	29 18	Chicago P.D.		Varied Programs										Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Varied Programs							
TNT	30 17	Charmed		Charmed		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Varied Programs													
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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				Spiritual	News	Varied	Daily Mass - Olam		
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Tuesday Evening March 12, 2019. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing their respective programs.

Wednesday Evening March 13, 2019. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing their respective programs.

Thursday Evening March 14, 2019. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing their respective programs.

Friday Evening March 15, 2019. Table with columns for time slots (7 PM to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) listing their respective programs.

Saturday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron (O) Polo

March 16, 2019

Table for Saturday Daytime (March 16, 2019) listing channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) and programs (Encore Program, Today (N), Good Morning America, etc.) with time slots from 7 AM to 6:30 PM.

Sunday Daytime

Insight Communications Oregon-Byron (O) Polo

March 17, 2019

Table for Sunday Daytime (March 17, 2019) listing channels (WTTW, WREX, WTVO, etc.) and programs (Encore Program, Think Big, Good Morning America, etc.) with time slots from 7 AM to 6:30 PM.

Table for Saturday Evening, March 16, 2019. Columns include channel, time slot (7 PM to 11:30 PM), and program titles. Includes channels like WTTW, WREX, WTVO, WIFR, WQRF, CW, WHA, WQPT, ESPN, CNN, CNBC, AMC, LIFE, WGN-A, NICK, DISN, FREE, A&E, USA, TNT, BET, PARMT, DISC, UNIV, HIST, BRAVO, HGTV, WTBS, FOXN, ANPL, TLC, TVLAND, COM, E!, HALL, MSNBC, FOOD, EWTN, FX, TRUTV, OXY.

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Soap Opera Update (From C-5). THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Lola was in need of a lifesaving liver donation. In court, Michael badgered Mariah with questions about Tessa, but Brittany stepped in so that Mariah could keep her secret. Phyllis then arrived, promising a disbelieving Nick that she would do everything she could to protect his family. Summer learned that she was a potential match for Lola's organ donation. Knowing what leverage that held, Summer told Kyle she was too scared to go through with the surgery. Nick insisted that his relationship with Phyllis was truly over. Wait to See: The Newman women await sentencing. Photo of William deVry as Julian on General Hospital. Photo Credit: ABC/Craig Sjodin.

E-mail news items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com



# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I was so sad to hear about Luke Perry's death. I watched "Beverly Hills 90210" every week with my roommates, and he was our favorite. I know he's on "Riverdale," but is there anything else he filmed before his passing? -- J.L.

**A:** Luke Perry's untimely death at age 52 from a stroke was quite shocking. He was engaged to be married and was in the midst of a career resurgence playing a father on The CW hit series "Riverdale." His only posthumous project is a big one, a role in the Quentin Tarantino film "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," due out this summer. Also starring Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and Margot Robbie, it's set in 1969 when actress Sharon Tate was murdered by the Manson Family.

Former "Celebrity Extra" columnist Cindy Elavsky interviewed Perry three times. During one conversation, she told him how much she loved this simple but profound line his character said in the "Goodnight for Justice" TV movies: "Every man is ordinary until he does an extraordinary thing." Perry replied to Elavsky: "The best things in life are simple. I've always been a fan of the simple things. It doesn't have to be complicated. It can be that simple, right there, just a thought that sticks in your mind. You've got to do something extraordinary at some point in your life."

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**Q:** Where have I seen the female lead in the new show "Whiskey Cavalier"? I haven't watched an episode -- I can't get past the ridiculous title -- but I've seen several commercials for it and she looks so familiar. -- G.R.

**A:** "Whiskey Cavalier" is a new series on ABC about an FBI agent and CIA operative who are opposites -- making for several funny moments and laying the groundwork for a future romance.

Scott Foley plays Will Chase, but his call sign as an agent is Whiskey Cavalier. Reportedly, the show was written to focus mainly on Foley's character, so that's why it's named after him. However, producer Bill Lawrence recently tweeted that when they cast Lauren Cohan as Frankie Trowbridge (who has a unique call sign of her own, Fiery Tribute), they already had a title, but then she was so good, they expanded her role.

The most likely place you've seen Cohan is in the hit series "Walking Dead," where she played Maggie since 2011.

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**Q:** Is this the last season for "Law & Order: SVU"? Has it been on longer than the original "Law & Order"? -- D.S.

**A:** The "SVU" spinoff is celebrating its 20th season, which puts it in a three-way tie with the original "Law & Order" and "Gunsmoke" as the longest running primetime dramas ever. Word is it will likely be renewed for one more year followed by the launch of a new franchise, "Law & Order: Hate Crimes."

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com)!

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# Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" (PG-13) -- In a follow-up to 2016's delightful delve into the Potterverse, the notorious wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Johnny Depp) escapes capture to continue building an empire of pure-blood followers, and magizoologist Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) is enlisted by a young professor Albus Dumbledore (Jude Law) to help in his recapture. Scamander's path leads through major players in his past (Zoe Kravitz as Leticia Lestrange) and present (the American gang from the original). It also journeys through another magical country; this time France. Although the characters are familiar, the storyline is overburdened with side stories.

"Green Book" (PG-13) -- This year's Oscar-winning best picture arrives on video this week. Mahershala Ali is Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class classical and jazz pianist who is black. Viggo Mortensen is Tony Lip, a street-tough Italian-American bruiser and bouncer from the Bronx. When Shirley embarks on a concert tour that will take him through the Deep South, he hires Lip as a driver and bodyguard. The two navigate the complex black travel experience with the help of the "Green Book," while their personal interactions -- each learning from and perhaps influencing the other -- as well as their experiences on the road fac-



ing both racism and decency will move you.

"Mortal Engines" (PG-13) -- In a steam-punk fantasy future, a cataclysmic war has ended all nation civilizations, and cities -- now mobile machines -- stalk down and absorb smaller settlements. Such is the case of Salzhaken, which is eaten by the gigantor megacity London and where a mysterious young woman named Hester Shaw (Hera Hilmar) is among the newly appropriated citizens. Shaw has a vendetta against London's Guild of His-

torians head Thaddeus Valentine (Hugo Weaving) and has plans to assassinate him. Young apprentice historian Tom Natsworthy (Robert Sheehan) and resistance leader Anna Fang (Jihae) become her allies. I was super-stoked for this after seeing previews, but it just fell way short. The visuals are there, but unfortunately, the story isn't.

## DOG OF THE WEEK

"London Fields" (R) -- American author Samson Young (Billy Bob Thornton) arrives in London searching for a character to

lead his next tale. Upper-crust and tightly wound Guy Clinch (Theo James) falls into an extramarital trap. Low-life hustler Keith Talent (Jim Sturgess) takes possessiveness to the next level, and Desirable Vampirella No. 1 Nicola Six (Amber Heard) leads them all on a merry chase. The twist is that she's a clairvoyant who sees her own death in one of the four aforementioned gents. It's tortured beyond the point of being repetitive. We get it. How sexy! How clever! How cool! When your movie trailer relies on a freeze frame of your lead's butt

in a backlit sheer dress, take the message about what kind of film experience you're getting into. At least it's truth in advertising.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STERLING )  
FEDERAL )2018  
BANK, )CH  
F.S.B., )99  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )

THE HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF ROBERT E. LONG, DECEASED, GERALD LONG A/K/A JERRY LONG, LINDA RAY, EVELYN BUSHLAND, PENNY PENNINGTON AND KIPP MEYERS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, Defendants. )  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO:  
PENNY PENNINGTON, 6242 Highway 22, Spruce Pine, AL 35585  
HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF ROBERT E. LONG, DECEASED  
Affidavits for Publication having been filed, because upon due inquiry you cannot be found so that process can be served upon you.

Notice is hereby given you, PENNY PENNINGTON AND HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF ROBERT E. LONG, DECEASED, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action was commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Case No. 2018 CH 99, by the Plaintiff Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B.

against you, in which the Complaint seeks foreclosure of a mortgage dated September 12, 2013 and recorded September 13, 2013 as Document No. 201307145 among the Land Records of Ogle County, Illinois, in which Plaintiff is the Mortgagee of certain real estate owned by Mortgagor, Robert E. Long (now Deceased), and that foreclosure of mortgage action is now pending in said Court. The current record title holder of the affected real estate is the Heirs at Law or Devises of Robert E. Long, and the property is described as follows:  
Legal Description: Lot 4 in Block 11 in the Original Town, now City of Oregon, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book F of Plats, page 21, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois, situated in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois.

Common Address: 205 N. 7th Street, Oregon, IL 61061  
Consequently, unless you PENNY PENNINGTON AND HEIRS AT LAW OR DEVEISEES OF ROBERT E. LONG, DECEASED, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061, on or before March 28, 2019, a default judgment may be entered against you at any time after that date, in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated, Oregon, Illinois, this 20th day of February, 2019.  
Ogle County Circuit Clerk Lisa A. Gabriel - ARDC 6196272  
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.  
Attorney for Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B.  
202 E. 5th Street | P.O. Box 400  
Sterling, IL 61081  
P: 815.625.8200  
gabriel@wmpj.com  
No. 0225 (Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11)

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In the )Case  
Matter )No.  
of: )2018  
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JAMES )  
MABREY, )  
a disabled )  
adult. )

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Kenneth Williams, defendant in the above-title action, that a Petition for Guardian of a Disabled Adult has been commenced in the circuit court of Ogle County by the petitioner therein, against you, praying for a plenary Order of Guardian of a Disabled Adult and Estate and other relief; that proper procedures according to law have been taken and said suit is still pending.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless you, Kenneth Williams, file your answer to the Petition for Guardian of a Disabled Adult in said suit or otherwise

make your appearance therein in the said court of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois held in the courthouse in the City of Oregon, County of Ogle, State of Illinois on or before the 21st day of March 2019, default may be entered against you after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Guardian of a Disabled Adult.  
Deborah S. Maas  
MAAS LEGAL, LLC  
P.O. Box 54  
Holcomb, Illinois 61043  
815.751.1809  
efile@debmaaslegal.com  
No. 0301 (Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the person owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Fowler Transport, 9647 White Tail Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.  
Dated: February 27, 2019  
Laura J. Cook,  
Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0305 (Mar. 11, 18, 25)

### PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Hearing ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Rockvale, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and

ending March 31, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Rockvale Townhall from and after 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 2019.

Notice is further given hereby that a public meeting on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be 7:30 p.m., March 18, 2019 at Rockvale Townhall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Rockvale Townhall at 7:30 p.m., March 18, 2019.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2019  
Jeff Tremble,  
Supervisor  
Karen Wolber, Clerk  
No. 0306 (Mar. 11)

### PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Hearing ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Rockvale, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Rockvale Townhall from and after 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 2019.

Notice is further given hereby that a public meeting on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be 7:30 p.m., March 18, 2019 at Rockvale Townhall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Rockvale Townhall at 7:30 p.m., March 18, 2019.  
Dated this 1st day of March, 2019  
Jeff Tremble,  
Supervisor  
Karen Wolber, Clerk  
No. 0307 (Mar. 11)

### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Rockvale in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at Rockvale Township Hall, 6057 IL Route 2 N. for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having

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Supervisors Report.  
Dated: March 1, 2019  
Karen Wolber, Clerk  
No. 0308 (Mar. 11)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the person owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Twinflower Criations, PO Box 321, Oregon, IL 61061 and Twinflower Creations, PO Box 321, Oregon, IL 61061.  
Dated: March 5, 2019  
Laura J. Cook,  
Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0313 (Mar. 11, 18, 25)

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The public is hereby advised that the following Utility Bill Lien Ordinance has been introduced and approved for publication by the Monroe Center Utility Association Board.

After publication, it may be finally adopted and become part of the Association's Ordinances. Comments may be directed in writing to MUA, P.O. Box 7, Monroe Center, IL 61052 or any interested person is invited to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Association on the 2nd day of April, 2019 at 6:30 o'clock PM at Monroe Center Fire Dept., 104 West St., Monroe Center, Illinois.

### Monroe Center Utility Association Utility Bill Lien Ordinance

A lien claim may be filed with the Recorder of Deeds in Oregon, Ogle County, Illinois by the Monroe Center Utility Association "MCUA," for any utility bill which remains unpaid for ninety (90) days after it has been rendered by MUA. The lien shall contain the name of the owner of the premises as shown on the real estate tax records of the Assessor's Office in Oregon, Ogle County, Illinois; the legal description of the premises served; the amount of the unpaid bill and any attorneys' fees and costs relating to the unpaid bill and lien; and a notice that the MUA claims a lien for this amount as well as for all charges for utility services, attorneys' fees, and costs subsequent to the period covered by the bill. Notice of the lien shall be mailed to the owner of such premises as shown on the real estate tax records of the Assessor's Office in Oregon, Ogle County, Illinois. Said lien shall remain and run with the property until paid in full.  
No. 0314 (Mar. 11, 18, 25)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing  
On Multi-Township Budget  
Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lafayette, Pine Rock & Taylor Multi-Township Assessment District, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, will be

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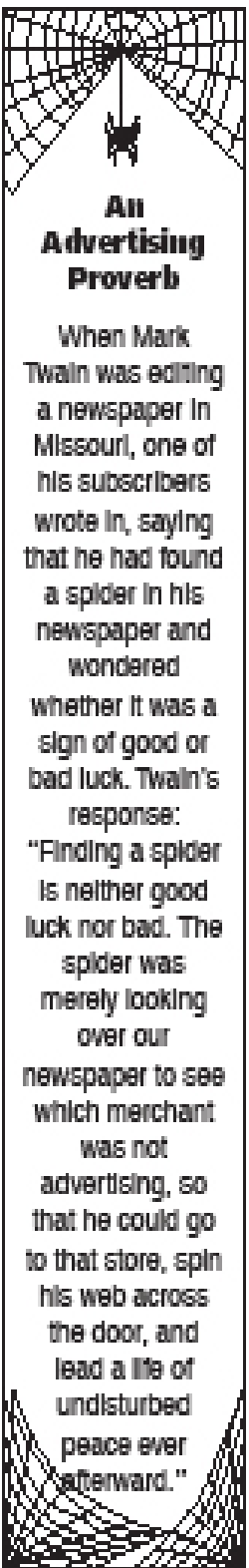
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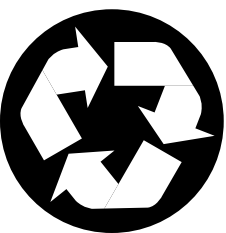


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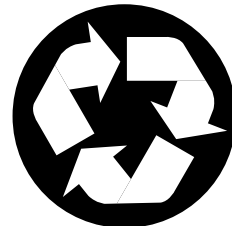
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# Factors that impact auto insurance premiums

**A**UTO insurance rates vary from person to person, even though it may seem like the offerings are the same. But no two drivers are the same, and certain factors may be affecting drivers' auto insurance premiums without the motorists even realizing it.

Automotive insurance provider State Farm says most insurance companies consider several factors when calculating the cost of car insurance. Recognizing which situations can increase or lower costs can help drivers get the best rates and coverage needed. Although it can be tempting to reduce the price of insurance by choosing lower amounts of coverage, there are other ways to make insurance more affordable.

• Move. Insurers typically look at where a

person lives when calculating rates. Those people who live in highly populated, urban areas likely will have higher premiums than others who live in more rural towns. That's because greater population density often translates into more people on the road — and a greater chance for insurance claims due to fender benders or theft. By moving, a person may be able to cut rates.

• Gender and age are factors. One can't step into a time machine, but it's helpful to know that growing a little older can lower insurance premiums. The financial advice source Money Crashers say that young men usually incur higher rates than young women because statistically men get into more accidents. However, as a person moves into his or her senior years, the roles

reverse. Older women may see higher rates than men the same age.

• Keep make and model in mind. The type of vehicle driven can affect insurance premiums. Certain insurance carriers will increase premiums on vehicles that are more susceptible to damage. Flashy sports cars or those that do not score as highly on vehicle safety ratings calculated by industry experts may result in high premiums. Vehicles that are desirable to car thieves also may cost more to insure. Researching vehicles prior to purchase and checking the rates for those cars or trucks with insurance companies can help keep costs low.

• Commuters may pay more. Individuals who use a car for business or frequent commuting may pay more than people who drive



Insurance rates are impacted by different factors, some of which vary between insurers.

less because statistically there is a greater risk for an accident, says State Farm. Reducing commute times can lower premiums.

• Tie the knot. Insure.com says married couples have been found to be less of a risk to insurance providers statistically than those who are single. A study

by the National Institutes of Health found that single drivers were twice as likely to be in an auto accident as married drivers. Combining policies also can help married people save.

• Follow the rules of the road. Drivers who have moving violations, drink and drive or engage in otherwise

risky behavior behind the wheel may see their rates soar.

Insurance companies weigh factors such as driving record, age, locality, and more when assessing premium costs. Drivers have some room to get lower rates by knowing the factors that determine their premiums.

## Tips for staying safe with keyless systems

**A**UTO manufacturers have long embraced technology that can streamline the automotive experience for drivers. For example, several years ago keyless entry and ignition systems were introduced, initially on high-end vehicles before they became standard on many other models.

Keyless entry systems require a fob, which sends a signal to the receiver inside the vehicle. The fob transmits a low-frequency code to the car's internal computer system, which engages the locks and will allow the driver to push a button on the dashboard or console to start the vehicles. The fob can be stashed away in a pocket or purse and still send the signal, which makes it convenient for drivers. Drivers with arthritis or hand injuries also may find keyless systems an asset.

Because fobs work on wireless systems, hackers potentially can intercept the fob-to-car signal. That enables a thief to not only open the vehicle's doors, but also to potentially drive away as well. Even though the fob/car security pairing is unique and can create billions of codes, researchers at Radboud University in the Netherlands and the University of Birmingham found that, by intercepting the wireless signal just twice, they could

narrow down the possible combinations from billions to just 200,000. After that, a computer can figure out the code in just half an hour and unlock the car. Potentially, a thief can gather car codes as drivers enter their vehicles during the day, then return later to steal a number of cars.

Thieves who purchase signal amplifiers also pose a threat. These amplifiers magnify the reach of the fob signal so that a vehicle owner can be in his or her house with the fob, but the thief can walk up to the car and open it — even if the fob is far enough away that it should not engage. One way to circumvent this is to buy a signal-blocking pouch that can hold the key fob. Also, an old-school steering wheel or gear shift lock is an effective way to provide another layer of protection.

Drivers also should be aware of their surroundings as they approach their vehicles. Thieves may count on keyless entry systems to be able to hop into a vehicle once the owner gets within range and drive away.

Vehicle technology thrives to make driving as convenient as possible, but some features also may make things more convenient for prospective thieves



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# Doing your research

**Y**OU should have a few different vehicles in mind when shopping for a new car. Creating a checklist with must-have features is a good way to keep track of the options you're looking for.

It may surprise you how similar vehicles like trucks, SUVs and sedans are between manufacturers. You can get a good idea of the different offerings by searching through used-car lots at your favorite dealership. Once you find a style that interests you, inspect new models.

While the cosmetics may look nearly the same, they can differ in innovative safety features, trim options

and warranties. Consider these tips from auto giants, Edmunds, when researching your next big purchase.

## Search used models first

You can learn a lot about a new model by researching ratings and reviews of an older generation. Take a look through the last few year versions of vehicles that you're interested in to see what actual owners have to say about their performance, safety and features.

Pay attention to the duration of a manufacturer warranty and investigate what types of issues people experience after the commitment is met. If



you notice expensive repairs being required on fairly new cars, you can save some headache by choosing a more reliable option.

## Visit the lot after hours

A stress-free way to gain a first-hand look at a vehicle is going

after a dealership has closed. Here, you can sneak a peek through the windshield and ensure the real thing is as attractive as the pic-

tures you saw online.

## Make a second visit during the week

The weekends are traditionally the busiest time for dealerships. By making a trip throughout the week, you should have more one-on-one time with a representative to have all your questions answered. Take your time with the test drive too. Try and travel down roadways similar to the ones you use frequent to get a good idea how it will perform during your daily journeys.

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# Buyers' guide to financing a vehicle

**T**HE price of the average car continues to rise. Analysts at Edmunds estimate the average transaction price of a new vehicle now hovers at roughly \$36,000. Few people can walk into a car dealership and pay such a price in cash, which means that savvy shoppers need to familiarize themselves with the financing process in order to get their dream rides.

In addition to finding the perfect car or truck, buyers must spend time researching the ideal way to pay for it. Car loans are key to the car-buying process. Too often shoppers wait until they're in the negotiating seat at the dealership before they even know what they can spend, and this can be a mistake. A poor financing deal hurts buyers over the long run and may lead to defaulting on the loan and dealing with the credit fallout that defaulting produces.

Vehicle financing is a step-by-step process that should begin long before consumers even pick out a car.

- Examine your spending and saving. Start by looking at your finances and establish a budget. How much cash do you have on hand for a down payment? Also, how much can you comfortably devote to a new car payment and requisite auto insurance? You can use automotive loan calculators to get a rough idea of what a particular car will cost you in terms of monthly payments.
- Know your credit standing. Great credit will give you financing leverage. Understand your credit score and which factors may be bringing it down. Resolve any issues well before you apply for financing so a bad score will not hurt you.
- Visit lenders. The financing deal offered by the dealership might not be the best price possible. You can

get preapproved/prequalified for an auto loan the same way you do for a home mortgage at banks and credit unions. This helps you secure the best interest rate possible. It also provides negotiating power. A preapproval letter puts you in the position as a stronger "cash buyer," states the financial resource NerdWallet.

• Set a firm buying price. Preapprovals and working with a third-party lender gives you a specific amount of money you know you can borrow. Use this as a tool to keep the negotiated price low because you cannot exceed your preapproved amount. It also may be a way to push dealership finance managers to contact their own captive lenders to try to beat the rate offered by your existing lender.

Work is needed to secure the best price on a new car, and that work begins long before visiting a dealership.

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# A teen's first vehicle

**W**HEN your teenager passes their driving test, you may find yourself tasked with finding a safe and reliable used vehicle. Luckily, in recent years, auto manufacturers have taken great strides in safety features, some even intended for new drivers.

Try not to become overwhelmed or stressed out when searching for an automobile. The experience should be cherished as it celebrates a huge milestone for your child, one they will likely remember forever. With a little research and proper planning, it can be a joyous journey you take together.

## Set Standards



Owning a vehicle is a big responsibility, especially for a teenager. Go over the basics of regular maintenance, driving expectations and rules you enforce. Children aren't the only ones required to be respon-

sible. Before buying a used car, make sure it is financially feasible. Set a budget for the vehicle and stick to it, especially if you will be making payments. Don't forget that a new addition to the garage will carry

expenses of insurance and registration fees.

## New vs. Used

While your teenager would surely love to own a vehicle right off the factory line, it probably isn't practical

or feasible for many budgets. So, if you think a used vehicle would make a better companion, here are some things to consider during your search.

**Research:** Take advantage of safety ratings and reviews of different models from trusted sources like the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

**Check its past:** If buying from a dealership, ask them for a copy of the vehicle's history report. If purchasing through a private party, you can find a report with the VIN. An inspection from a trusted mechanic should also be performed.

**Warranty:** Ask the dealership about available warranties. Usually, certified pre-owned vehicles will offer a

guarantee.

## Safety

### Features

Safety is first for teenage drivers. A sobering statistic from the American Academy of Pediatrics states teens make up seven percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes; 13 percent of those were distracted by cell phones at the time.

In addition to features like side airbags, crash avoidance technology and seat belt reminders, some vehicles use innovations to help parents set boundaries and monitor their teen driver's behavior. Ask your dealership about vehicles with software which allow you to choose a speed limit, mute audio and even receive a driving report card.



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# Consider maintenance costs

ONE of the most attractive benefits to buying a new car is the peace of mind from a manufacturer warranty. Keep in mind that a bumper-to-bumper guarantee doesn't include all repairs. Make sure you ask a salesman what is covered and plan to pay fees for components that aren't.

When planning to invest in a brand-new car, make sure your budget has room for more expensive maintenance and repairs.



## HID headlights

Do you remember when changing a headlight bulb could be performed quickly and inexpensively? That may not be the case for your brand-new vehicle.

The experts at Car and Driver say about 80 percent of the automotive market is using an upgraded bulb to light the way for drivers. High-intensity discharge bulbs rely on a

system of components to perform properly, unlike old-fashioned halogen bulbs which only needed a filament and a solid connection from the socket.

The improved lighting in many new vehicles requires a ballast to bump up voltage to create enough electricity to arc between two electrodes inside the bulb. The result is a brighter

light created with less energy, which keeps these lights burning longer than their predecessor.

According to the National Automotive Parts Association, HID bulbs will typically withstand 2,000 hours compared to 200-400 hours with a halogen bulb.

But these bulbs are considerably more expensive than their older

halogen counterparts.

## Synthetic oil changes

Many newer engines require lubrication from synthetic motor oils because of their better performance and efficiency. In some cases, these are double the price of conventional oil, and finding the specifications required

by manufacturers can be difficult. With a brand new car, you should plan for service at a qualified mechanic or dealership, as using the wrong oil can void your warranty and damage the engine. The good news is that newer cars need oil changes less frequently than older cars.

## electronics

When you sit in the driver's seat of a potential vehicle, it's easy to be blown away by all the bells and whistles. Each one of these components likely relies on a sensor to perform.

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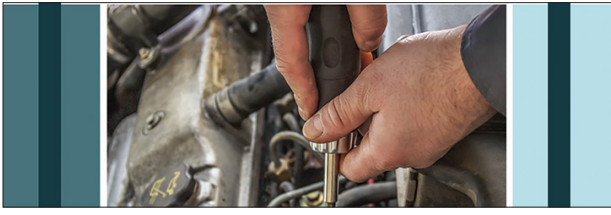
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## Develop a vehicle maintenance schedule

**T**HE oft-sudden expense of vehicle repairs can throw monthly budgets into disarray. Maintaining a routine service schedule is one way for drivers to keep repair costs down.

The online automotive resources Edmunds.com says many car owners do not adequately prepare for scheduled maintenance, and may not give maintenance a thought until it's too late. The first step drivers take upon purchasing a new or preowned vehicle should be to familiarize themselves with the vehicle's owner's manual, which is filled with valuable information and likely includes maintenance interval recommendations.

Next, drivers should learn about their vehicle, which is particularly relevant when buying a preowned vehicle. Getting to know how the car or truck rides, as well as any sounds it may make, can provide drivers with a solid foundation they can then use to keep their cars running strong.

Routine service typically includes tire rotation, oil changes and topping off of fluids. So just how long between service appointments can a car go? Here are some generalized estimates.

• **Oil change:** Oil chemistry and engine technology have improved so much that most cars can go well beyond the once-recommended 3,000 mile interval between oil changes. Now many vehicle manufacturers recommend between 5,000 and 10,000 miles

between changes, advises Edmunds. Drivers should err on the side of caution if they do a lot of stop-and-go driving and short trips. Other drivers may want to invest in vehicles that have oil change maintenance minders built in. A light or countdown will come on the dashboard, indicating when the oil has reached the end of its usefulness.

• **Tire rotation:** Rotating tires helps prolong the life of the tires and alleviates uneven tread and wear. During the rotation, each tire is removed and relocated to a different position to ensure that all the tires will wear evenly. Michelin Tires states that tires should be rotated around every six months, or between 6,000 and 8,000 miles.

• **Vehicle fluids:** Your best bet is to see what the manufacturer recommends in regard to fluids such as transmission fluid, differential oil, brake fluids, coolant, etc. Some transmissions need regular maintenance, while others can go 150,000 miles between changes, according to the vehicle information site The Drive.

Coolant typically can last 100,000 miles. For these types of changes, it may be best to go to a mechanic or service center familiar with your make and model rather than a quick-lube center, as knowing when to drain and refill can be more complicated.

Service schedules can be designed to adhere to manufacturers' recommendations and drivers' personal preferences.

# Avoid the upside down

**O**WING more than your car is worth can cripple your financial stability if something goes wrong. When setting a budget for a used vehicle, it's important to be honest with what you can afford. Don't allow yourself to make a bad decision based on features or the luxury of a model on the lot.

Here are some tips to keep yourself out of negative equity from America's Debt Help Organization.

### Using a trade in

If you are already making payments on your vehicle, using it as a trade-in can throw you into an undesirable situation. Many auto dealers make claims they will pay off a loan and get you in the car of your dreams. Sounds



enticing, right?

Most of the time, this promotion means a dealer will pay the difference of what is owed versus the value of a vehicle. The price they pay will roll over into a new loan, possibly with a higher interest rate. While some circumstances may lower your monthly payment, adding negative equity onto another loan will put you in deeper debt.

If you are in a situation where a purchase is

a necessity, you should consider selling the vehicle to a private party rather than trading. Keep in mind, if there is still a balance on your obligations, you must be prepared to make up the difference out of pocket.

### Avoiding the situation

The best way to avoid becoming upside down is by purchasing a used vehicle that makes sense

financially. According to the ADHO, these are the most common ways people find themselves in trouble with their loans.

Inadequate research: Make sure to find out the cost of similar models of the vehicle you are considering. You may find an option without extravagant features for a smaller price.

No down payment: Vehicles depreciate at a staggering pace; about 50 percent by its third year. You should prepare to have a significant down payment ready so the payments can keep pace with the devaluation.

Unneeded options: The sunroof or convertible top may seem like a necessary option for your used car, but features can significantly impact a vehicle's asking price.

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# Check Reliability Ratings

**W**HEN you're creating a used-car checklist, don't forget to add reliability to the must-have section. You can take advantage of many resources to ensure the next vehicle you add to your garage won't let you down.

Once you have a few different models in mind, check out their ratings from trusted sources like Consumer Reports and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Both do a good job reporting and testing for safety, performance and features. If you find a certain generation of vehicle is more apt to mechanical problems or recalls, you can avoid a financial disaster by crossing it off your list.

When looking for reliability and the function

of vehicle, pay special attention to these factors.

## Electronic problems

Modern vehicles require a complex system of electronics to relay important information from drivetrain elements to the computer. With all the innovative features and safety warnings comes the opportunity for these expensive parts to fail.

In a time where nearly every component is connected to the electrical system, diagnosing problems and correcting the issue can be labor intensive. Keep in mind, these repairs may also require knowledge from specialized mechanics at dealerships as an independent shop may not have the training for the complex solution.



## Engine and Transmission

Once you buy a vehicle outside of its manufacturer warranty, expensive drivetrain components become your responsibility. Here are a few ways Consumer Reports rates engine and

transmission reliability when declaring a vehicle's performance.

**Minor engine:** Tests for computer performance, mounts, leaks or knocking tendencies.

**Major engine:** Includes rebuilds or replacement, cylinder head integrity and

timing chains or belts.

**Minor transmission:** Looks at gear selectors and linkage issues, leaks, sensors and slipping.

**Major transmission:** Analyzes rebuilds or replacement and the torque converter performance.

When researching re-

liability issues, be sure to determine when these problems begin to show themselves. If a used vehicle is approaching the mileage that issues are common, it's best to consider a different model.

## Recalls

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a recall is issued when the group or a manufacturer determines that a vehicle, equipment, car seat or tire creates an unreasonable safety risk of failure to meet minimum safety standards.

Before investing in a used vehicle, research the recalls it has been involved in and be sure problems have been resolved. Enter a VIN into a tool at safecar.gov to get a breakdown on a car's history.

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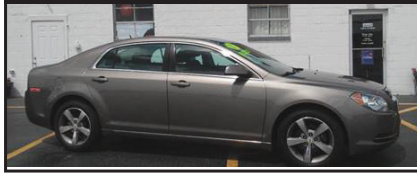
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